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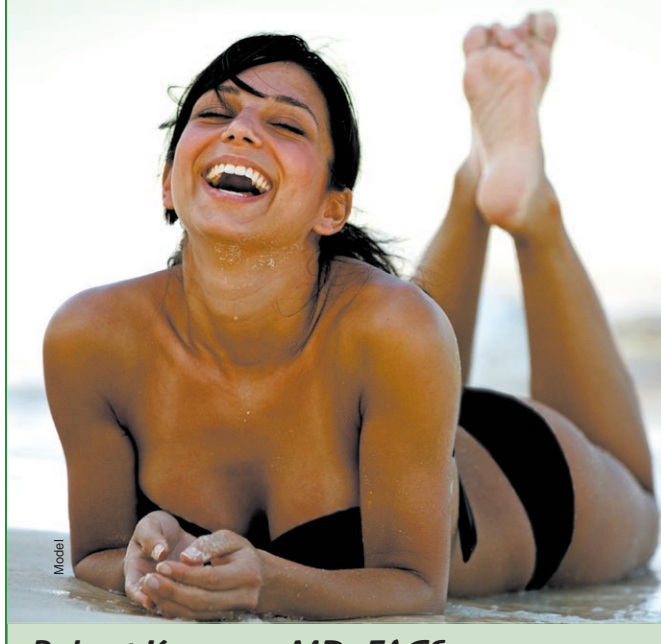

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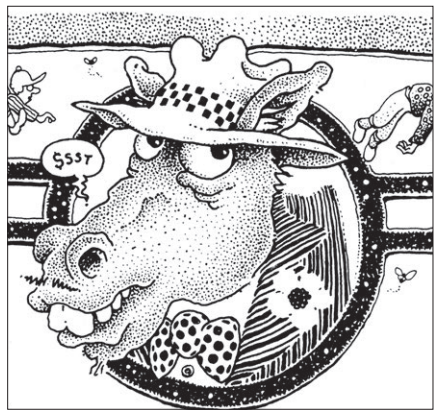

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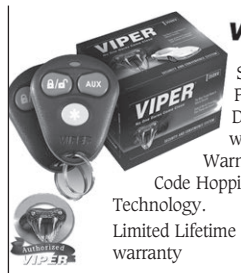

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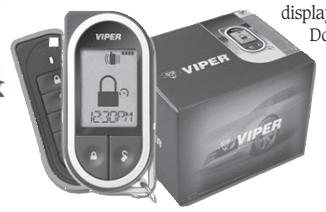

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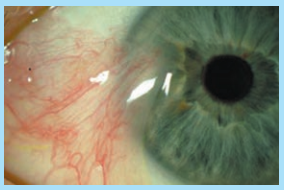

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UNDER THE RADAR

Sing sing State attorney general and Democratic gubernatorial hopeful **Jerry Brown** dispatched a news release last week touting a $549,000 grant his office had made to the California Arts Council, using some of the money paid by five compact disc distributors and three retailers to settle a price-fixing case in 2002. "The grants support performances and events in 43 of the state's 58 counties, reaching an estimated audience of 200,000," according to the release, which quoted Brown as saying, "The Attorney General's office is proud to be part of providing these cultural events that bring people together to experience all types of music. It's affordable because of our ability to provide discounted tickets, and these performances are a testament to the incredible richness and diversity of the state's music." A link was provided to the arts council's website, giving a list of the "free and discounted performances," which include a concert for schoolchildren by a Mexican-American singer in the Napa Valley; the California Autoharp Gathering in Raisin City; traditional Hmong musical performances in Visalia and Merced; the symphony orchestra in San Luis Obispo; and Bryan Fry and His Band at the Mammoth Lakes Art Center.



Colibrí

San Diego, on the other hand, got nothing. Instead, the website lists five performances by the guitar duo **Colibrí**, staged by a nonprofit outfit by the name of Guitars in the Classroom, with the note "Guitars in the Classroom is based in San Diego: the events on this page take place in Northern California." Venues of the performances, from late April through the end of this month, include the Reach Academy and Place@Prescott, both elementary schools in Oakland, where Brown used to be mayor and still lives in a residential loft with his wife and political guru, ex–Jack in the Box board member **Anne Gust**.

Guitars in the Classroom executive director **Jessica Baron** says her organization, which operates so-called song-based instruction programs nationally, fashioned its application for the grant money to fund concerts by the San Francisco Bay–based Colibrí, targeting English-language learners who attend schools in Oakland and other poor Bay Area neighborhoods. Given the right talent and some more grant money, she says, "We'd love to do something like that in San Diego." She adds that the group applied for a federal grant earlier this month in conjunction with the San Diego Unified School District. "If we get funding, we will see a lot more going on all throughout San Diego County with GITC."

Robinson's hood Lobbyist and lawyer **Paul Robinson** has been appointed by Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** to the governing board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, replacing another lawyer and lobbyist, **John Davies**, who quietly quit in March due to unspecified potential "conflict-of-interest concerns" related to his downtown law firm Allen Matkins. The well-wired Davies, who is spearheading the campaign for Proposition D, the strong-mayor measure favored by Mayor **Jerry Sanders**, is a close friend and confidant of ex-mayor and former governor **Pete Wilson**, whom he served in a variety of governmental positions. So did the 63-year-old Robinson, who was one of Wilson's top city hall aides in the late 1970s. Robinson's firm, Hecht Solberg Robinson Goldberg & Bagley, is registered at city hall to represent a host of high-powered special interests, including the San Diego State University Research Foundation, SeaWorld, Sunroad Enterprises, Vulcan Materials, Garden Communities, and Qualcomm.

According to the law firm's most recent disclosure form, filed April 22 and covering the first three months of this year, Robinson negotiated the purchase of a "fee interest of Mariner's Cove" on West Point Loma Boulevard from the City on behalf of AIMCO, the largest owner and operator of apartment houses in the country. Robinson also negotiated a lease at the City-owned Brown Field for Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc., and handled lease and purchase negotiations regarding City-owned land at 8110 Balboa Avenue on behalf of **Samuel J. Kahn**, son of the late development magnate **Irvin Kahn**, who became infamous for his Teamsters union ties in the 1960s. … Now that Customs chief **Alan Bersin** has taken his lumps for failing to file the proper disclosures of his domestic workers, another San Diegan is coming up to bat for the Obama administration. Architect **Milford Wayne Donaldson**, who specializes in historic preservation projects and currently is the State Historic Preservation Officer, has been named chairman of the president's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Donaldson's past projects have not all been controversy-free. He was a consultant to the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's modernist add-on to downtown's Santa Fe Depot, which a few critics labeled a desecration.



Milford Donaldson

— Matt Potter

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Out of Prison, Living in Luxury

By Don Bauder

Banks and companies commit massive fraud at will. Until recently, regulators have just looked the other way. Corporate lobbyists have greased the palms of politicians of both parties, who have passed legislation sheltering plutocratic thievery. The fleeced shareholder has little redress.

San Diegan Bill Lerach — once the most-feared lawyer in America — has been complaining about this for years, and he's been right. He and other class-action lawyers stepped in when government wouldn't pursue wrongdoing, but now they have been hog-tied.

But Lerach, who recently emerged from an almost two-year stretch in prison, is greatly responsible for this rigged game. As an attorney who filed hundreds of class-action suits against corporations, he became a bigger fraudster than a lot of the companies he was pursuing. First, he filed many dubious suits, rejoicing when 90 percent of the companies decided to settle for millions of dollars rather than spend the time and money fighting. That stratagem wasn't illegal, but it was grossly unethical — the classic shakedown. Companies

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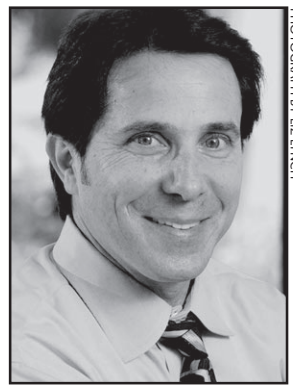

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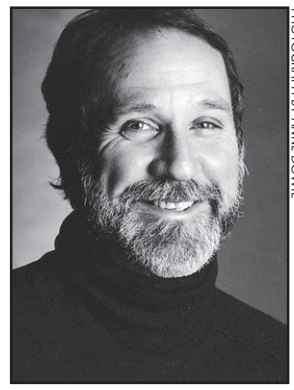

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***Circle of Greed,* coauthored by Carl Cannon (left) and Patrick Dillon (right), "too sympathetic to Lerach."**

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Defendants' Lost Voices

By Dorian Hargrove

On March 23, after deliberating for 40 minutes, a jury emerged from the jury room inside the courthouse in Vista. The 12 members had reached a verdict. As they filed into the jury box, the defendant, Michael Shields, stood beside his attorney, David Boertje. Shields's heart pounded as the foreman announced the verdict: not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. It was a quick and easy end to a long and difficult year.

It started on the evening of February 25, 2009, when Shields, a licensed mortgage broker and full-time college student, was driving his red Jeep Liberty southeast on Barnard Drive in Oceanside after attending guitar class at MiraCosta College. According to Shields, as he approached a man on a bicycle — later identified as Martin Rios — Rios wove from the bike lane into the middle of the road. Shields passed him on the right. Moments later, Shields looked in his rearview mirror and saw Rios making an obscene hand gesture. Shields turned right on College Boulevard and got into the left-hand turn lane at the intersection of College and Vista Way. Traffic was backed up at the light, and Shields began inching forward. He glanced in his rearview mirror and saw Rios approaching on the driver's side. As Rios pedaled past the Jeep, he spit on the windshield, slapped the hood, then raised his right leg to kick the fender. But, Shields said, he kicked too late and missed, losing his balance and causing the bike to fall in front of the car, toward the center of the vehicle. Shields jerked the steering wheel to the left, avoiding Rios but running over the bike's rear tire.



Michael Shields was nearly convicted after taped interview with Oceanside police went missing.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Shields's attorney David Boertje "couldn't believe it" when district attorney tried to exclude audio tapes.

Shields got out of his vehicle and Rios ran up to him. At that time, a man pulled up on a motorcycle. He, too, was aggressive toward Shields. The man asked Rios if he was all right. Shields said he heard the man call Rios "Martin." The witness then asked what Shields did for a living. Shields said that he was a broker, and the man said, "You hear that, Martin?"

Oceanside police officer J. Dominique arrived on the scene at 5:58 p.m. According to the police report, Officer Dominique interviewed Rios first. Rios complained of pain in his right shoulder. The police report indicated that he had an eight-inch-by-four-inch "scrape" on his left thigh.

Both Rios and the witness, Trevor Hudson, claimed Shields intentionally ran Rios down. Rios said that after the spitting incident, Shields became angry and punched the gas, running Rios over, dragging him across two lanes of traffic and over the center divider.

Shields told Dominique that the man on the bicycle had fallen and Shields had swerved out of the way, hitting the bike but not the man.

After interviewing the three men, the officer determined that "Shields had used his vehicle as a weapon." He arrested Shields for assault with a deadly weapon and transported him to the Oceanside Police Department in handcuffs.

After being processed, Shields waived his Miranda rights and sat down with Officer Dominique to give a recorded audio statement. He described the events, and he said that after the collision, a man on a motorcycle pulled up and immediately turned to Rios and said, "Martin, are you okay?" In the recorded audio statement Shields said he "thought that was weird," that the witness knew Martin's name.

Shields said that before

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STRINGERS

North What?

Meeting Discusses Ideas to Add Park Space

North Park — **The North Park Community Plan Update Advisory Committee (CPUAC) held a meeting at Garfield Elementary School auditorium on May 19.**



Not enough parks in North Park

The meeting became quite animated when staff tried to explain the City's concept of "park equivalencies" making up for the 150+ acres that North Park "should have" but cannot be provided. A number of tiny plots of land were identified as potential sites for additional "open space," but together they were a drop in the bucket compared to the deficit required by current code.

Because Balboa Park is near North Park, several options of using some of NP's $2,000,000 of "park" money (received from permit fees over the years) to enhance Balboa Park were mentioned, but many saw this as a City money grab instead.

Other ideas proposed were conversion of alleys into "linear art-walking trails," getting access to local schoolyards after school hours, and providing community garden plots.

By Don Leichtling
Friday, May 21

Members Only

Stringer Kicked Out of Community Meeting

Pacific Beach — **I attended a Friends of Kate Sessions meeting at the Soledad Club on May 18 after receiving an email invitation. This community meeting addresses community, crime, and quality-of-life issues in the Kate Sessions Park neighborhood.**

I'd attended with the intention of giving my "Friends" an opportunity to share their side of the story regarding the 24-hour alcohol-ban proposal, having been informed that board member Richard Kiser felt my previous issue-related article, "Wake Up, Speak Up," was a bit "one-sided." But things did not go as I'd hoped.

Kiser began to address me before the meeting began. At one point he introduced me as "Carolyn…the writer notorious for changing the facts." Kiser didn't identify any fact(s) I'd "changed."

"You can't videotape people if they don't want to be videotaped," said a board member. "In a public meeting?" I asked. "This is a board meeting," said a member.

"We have our board meetings every third Tuesday of the month. It's the third Tuesday of the month, and we're requesting you do not videotape," said a female board member who then phoned the police.



SDPD: "It's a civil issue. Not much we can do."

I then phoned the police to make sure they were coming, as I wanted to share my experience with them.

"These people are out of control," said a community member. "Power-hungry,

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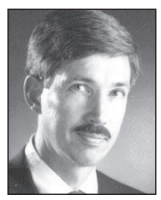

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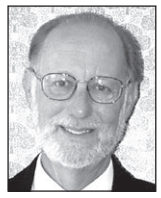

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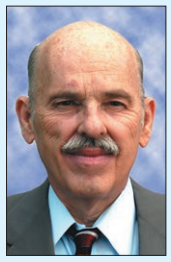

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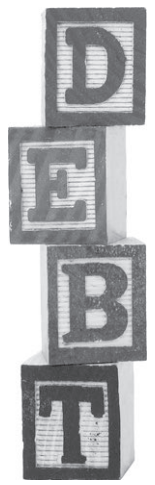

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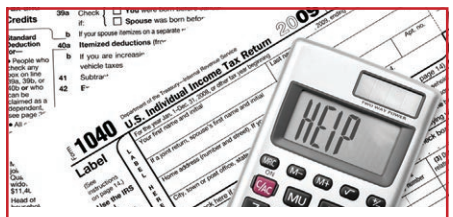

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called it getting "Lerached." Second, Lerach and his firms paid fat kickbacks to shifty characters to become plaintiffs in those lawsuits. That *was* illegal, landing Lerach in prison.

Now he is out, residing comfortably in one of the county's most luxurious spreads, a cliffside villa in La Jolla. He is worth an estimated $700 million. The government made him pay a mere $7.5 million for his crimes. The profane, volatile, bullying Scotch guzzler and work addict — now on his fourth marriage — can no longer practice law but is preparing to teach a course at the University of California Irvine School of Law.

Lerach and his onetime partner, New York lawyer Melvyn Weiss (who also went to prison), prided themselves on being populists working assiduously for the little guy. But their own words and deeds belie that claim. An excellent new book, *Circle of Greed,* by former San Diegans Patrick Dillon and Carl Cannon, quotes Weiss in the early years of the two lawyers' careers: "Thank God for greed," said Weiss over drinks. "Let's hope it's a growth industry."

According to the *New York Times,* Lerach boasted at another time, "We're no angels. We're driven by the profit motive just like everyone else.… Am I in it for the money? Yes." While Lerach and Weiss raked in as much as $16 million a year, the investors they claimed to champion brought in, on average, about 15 cents on the dollar, according to *Fortune* magazine. So much for populism.

The New York–based law firm was named Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach. The San Diego–based western branch was headed by Lerach. But the hotheaded Lerach and the older, more measured Weiss were doomed to split. They did. In 1994, Lerach founded a San Diego law firm. He is no longer there, of course.

Full disclosure: Dillon and Cannon worked at the *San Diego Union* during a short time when I was there. I knew them but not well. And throughout my career at the *Union, Union-Tribune*, and the *Reader*, I was more critical of Lerach than the authors: I feared that his scorched-earth approach would lead to legislation that tied the hands of all securities lawyers representing fleeced investors. It did. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which some called the "Get Lerach Act," restrained the lawyers suing on behalf of aggrieved shareholders. As a columnist, I very reluctantly favored the legislation — only because of Lerach's depredations.

Circle of Greed began as a collaboration between Dillon and Lerach. But as the Justice Department pursued Lerach's illegal activities, the book was put on the shelf. Dillon recruited his friend Cannon, and ten years later, they completed a book about Lerach, not one coauthored by him. He has said the authors were fair. Although I think the book is too sympathetic to Lerach in parts, it *is* tough on him, and it is essential reading for those wanting to understand the rampant fraud of the era, including that committed by Lerach, Weiss, and their cronies. "Bill Lerach was no monster, but he had indeed gone after fraud by committing fraud," write the authors.

Lerach and his team would monitor stock movements. If one stock stumbled, they would check to see if management had made bullish projections and insiders had sold some shares. Bingo! Lawsuit. The natural target was Silicon Valley tech firms, whose stocks were volatile and whose scientific advances often did not pan out. Lawsuit in hand, Lerach and his minions would launch the infamous "race to the courthouse." The first law firm to file a suit would often become lead counsel, thus controlling the suit and being in line to get 30 percent of the winnings.

"The race to the courthouse was unseemly — no question about that," admits Lerach.

The 1995 act was designed in part to thwart that unsavory race. Lead plaintiffs' selection would be based upon the clients' stake in the investment — not on who filed first. And the suits had to be more carefully drawn up. The act also barred shareholders from buying stock specifically so they could sue. Milberg Weiss had been paying such professional plaintiffs under the table, thereby elbowing out other law firms in the race.

This game was supposed to end in 1995, but Milberg Weiss's main bribe recipient kept gathering loot until 1999, taking 10 percent of the attorney fees — a grossly illegal arrangement because plaintiffs in a class action getting a kickback have an incentive to settle the case, thereby cheating fellow plaintiffs.

As it turned out, Milberg Weiss had chosen the wrong people to be paid plaintiffs. One was Dr. Steven Cooperman, a defrocked ophthalmologist with a heavy debt load resulting from his taste for high living. He had posh homes in Los Angeles and Connecticut; he was hardly the tatterdemalion client Lerach claimed to represent. After a spending spree, Cooperman faked a theft of

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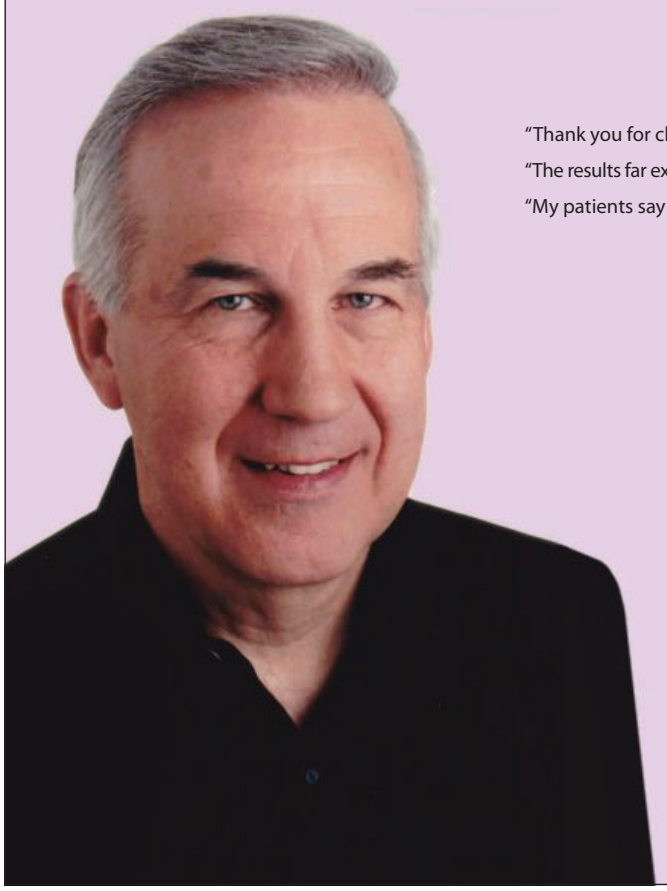

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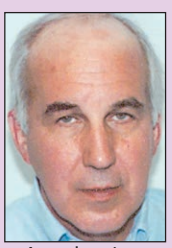
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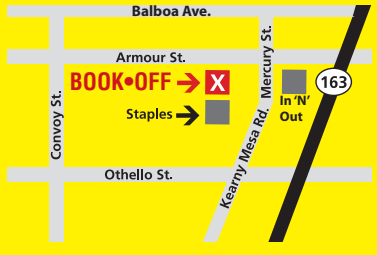

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a Monet and Picasso from his home. He got $17.5 million of insurance for the two paintings — far more than he had paid for them. But eventually the paintings showed up, the feigned theft was revealed, Cooperman went to the slammer and, to get a reduced sentence, sang — on Milberg Weiss and, specifically, Lerach, who had arranged the payments at a lunch meeting at a tony L.A. restaurant.

Another paid plaintiff was Seymour Lazar, an eccentric retiree in Palm Springs. He had collected $2.4 million in kickbacks from Milberg Weiss. Like Cooperman, he had bought little pieces of many companies so he could jump to the courthouse on command as an aggrieved investor.

Lerach and Weiss initially resisted the government's investigation, insisting it was politically motivated, but Lerach finally capitulated, followed by Weiss. "I did a lot of stuff," Lerach confided to a friend, according to the book.

Lerach insists that he was responsible for few frivolous suits. His foes "exaggerated the small amount of abuse present," he says, but he would get a strong argument from companies such as Hewlett-Packard that spent bundles of money getting Lerached. He points to his successful suits, such as the $7 billion recovered in Enron, which came well after the 1995 legislation. And there is no arguing the point: Lerach was a brilliant legal strategist. He just fouled his own nest.

"The book is not so much about the lawyers but about the business of the law," says Dillon. And it's a tawdry business.

"It's a pretty inefficient system for making investors whole," says Cannon. It was inefficient when Lerach rose to prominence, and unfortunately, it still is.■

Lost voices

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he was hauled off to the detention facility in Vista, Officer Dominique told him not to worry, that the case would go nowhere.

Officer Dominique was wrong. Shields was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a felony. The one thing that went nowhere was a copy of the recorded interview conducted by Officer Dominique. That recording wouldn't surface for 13 months, until two days before Shields's trial began.

During those 13 months, Shields often asked his lawyer, David Boertje, about the recording. Shields assured him that the witness and the victim were friends. How else would the witness have known Rios's name that day? Despite Shields's queries, there was no evidence of the recorded statement and there was no mention of it in the police report, as is required.

Shields attended preliminary hearings and learned that if convicted he could face up to four years in prison. In the following months, he became depressed. He developed a bleeding ulcer. Most mornings he awoke to a guttural, dry cough that caused him to run to the toilet to vomit blood. His marriage of eight years began to fall apart. He spent all the money he had saved for his first semester at the University of California San Diego. He contemplated fleeing to Costa Rica. He dropped 30 pounds. The depression became so severe that one month before trial, Shields found himself researching suicide on the internet. One morning he opened a bottle of Vicodin and stuffed a handful of pills into his mouth. He held a glass of water in his hand. Instead of chugging the water and the pills, he spit them out into the sink.

As the trial neared, the district attorney's office offered a plea bargain: a one-year mandatory prison sentence and the felony charge on Shields's record would be lowered to a misdemeanor after three years.

On March 31, outside a coffee shop in Linda Vista, Shields and David Boertje sat down to talk about the case. Animated and visibly upset, Shields discussed his depression, the toll the case had taken on him, both personally and financially, and the decision not to take the plea bargain.

"I almost took the plea to avoid a very scary prison sentence," said Shields. "I stuck to my guns against the advice of my parents and attorney. They all said the risk is too great. I knew I was innocent."

Two days before the trial began, Boertje said, he received news from deputy district attorney Elisabeth Silva that a notation in an evidence log saying "audio CD" had been discovered. Silva told Boertje that she didn't know what was on the audio CD.

"The recorded statement should have been something that was disclosed immediately," Boertje said. "In the report, there was no mention of a recorded statement, no mention that they had the tape."

"Before they released the recording, it was basically my word against the Oceanside police," interjected Shields. "Who is the jury going to believe, the police officer or the 'baby punching' criminal?"

At 8:30 on the morning of March 15, the first day of the trial, Boertje went to the district attorney's office, located one floor above the courtroom in the North County Regional Center, to listen to the audio CD. He confirmed that it was Shields's missing statement. Silva asked Boertje if his client would like to reschedule the trial. He said no.

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took the stand. During cross-examination, Boertje asked him about the audio statement. Deputy district attorney Silva objected. The lawyers and judge met in a sidebar. Silva indicated that she was filing a motion to exclude the recorded statement from evidence.

"I couldn't believe it," said Boertje. "I said, 'First off, you didn't give [the recorded statement] to me until yesterday, and now you don't want the jury to hear what my client said right after the incident?' There was no basis to exclude it."

The judge allowed the statement to be used in court. A week later, Shields was exonerated.

"The judge in my case was completely outraged at the district attorney," Shields wrote to the *Reader* on March 23, the day of his acquittal. "[He] scolded the District Attorney and asked her why the audio statement was disclosed the day of trial. [Silva] claimed that she 'read the police officer the riot act.'… My audio statement was crucial evidence that proved I was innocent."

Shields, however, is not the only person arrested in Oceanside whose recorded interview has disappeared. In April 2009, two months after Officer Dominique interrogated Shields, Oceanside police officer Damon Smith testified in court that he had failed to submit into evidence a recorded statement with the defendant in a domestic violence case.

Five months later, the San Diego County district attorney's office released 37 undisclosed recorded statements that Smith had conducted during a period of almost four years.

Oceanside resident Woody Higdon has followed the Officer Smith matter. Higdon, who is middle-aged, worked as a police officer in Santa Ana and Garden Grove for three years. Currently a government watchdog, he is well known around Oceanside's council chambers and police department. He speaks at city council meetings about corruption in Oceanside's police department. He has submitted criminal misconduct complaints to the district attorney's office, the Oceanside Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation about the handling of the Officer Smith situation. Higdon says the fact that two Oceanside police officers have failed to log recorded statements into evidence shows that a departmental policy failure exists in both the Oceanside Police Department and the district attorney's office, which has not addressed the situation by charging Officer Smith or Officer Dominique for obstruction of justice and evidence tampering.

"Nothing has happened," says Higdon. "I never got a follow-up from the district attorney's office or the police department.

"Now we know from the Shields case of another officer hiding audiotapes. The officer finds out that this man was not the suspect but the victim, and the tape goes missing for a year while the district attorney's office pressures this guy to cop out to a lesser offence. They were about to put an innocent man in prison for assault with a deadly weapon. That's felony obstruction of justice and evidence tampering, not to mention falsification of an official police report."

Higdon says he plans to file a criminal misconduct complaint against Officer Dominique.

Paul Levikow, spokesperson for the San Diego County district attorney's office, says that no charges will be filed against either Officer Smith or Officer Dominique for the incidents.

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"These aren't criminal," said Levikow during an April 23 phone interview. "The responsibility lands on the prosecutor to turn over all evidence. If there's evidence out there that the prosecutor doesn't know about, it is incumbent upon the prosecutor; that's how it works.

"We took the corrective action with Smith," Levikow continued. "We notified all the defense attorneys and allowed them the chance to file an appropriate motion. Just because he had recordings that he didn't turn over doesn't mean that they were germane to the case or that they affected the outcome."

Asked if the district attorney's office had discussed the matter with the Oceanside Police Department, Levikow responded, "We probably reminded them that anytime you record a defendant in a criminal case that it is discoverable."

In an April 13 email, Sergeant Jeff Brandt of the Oceanside Police Department said, "Oceanside Police Department has policies and procedures in place with the handling of evidence in criminal cases. The Oceanside Police Department reviewed these policies and procedures with every member after an isolated incident was discovered regarding the way recorded statements were being handled.

"In regards to the [Shields] case," Sergeant Brandt continued, "the recorded statement, along with all the other evidence was placed into the Evidence Locker by the officer at the time of the incident pursuant to departmental policy. Apparently, while the tape-recorded statements had been properly placed into Evidence, due to an isolated clerical oversight, the recorded statement was subsequently not sent to Court along with the other evidence in the case. This oversight had nothing to do with the officer's handling of the evidence."

After spending over $17,000 on bail, legal fees, private investigators, and accident reconstruction specialists, Shields isn't satisfied with the excuse provided by the Oceanside Police Department. "What happened to me could happen to anyone. This needs to go public, and I'm shocked that I'm not the only one that has intentionally had their recorded statement buried. If I had pled guilty, the Oceanside Police Department would have completely gotten away with this.

"For over one year, the Oceanside Police Department buried my recorded audio statement and denied that I ever gave one," said Shields, his voice beginning to quiver. "I almost lost my marriage. I thought about suicide every day." ■

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self-appointed volunteers who don't want the public knowing…how they push things through to suit their own agenda. This has been going on for years. Good for you for exposing it."

I explained what had happened to the SDPD upon their arrival. "It's a civil issue," an officer told me. "Not much we can do. If you feel your civil rights have been violated, you should contact an attorney. But that doesn't change the outcome today."

By Carolyn Grace Matteo
Thursday, May 20

Comments

1. What was it that Tip O'Neill said? Oh, yeah. Something about all politics being local. This is so typical of the crap that infests San Diego, the very people that run this meeting want to run all of San Diego, and they want to do it THEIR way, and damn-it-all, they don't want the public knowing about it (unless that's to their advantage, of course). This was listed as a public meeting and Kiser ran you out of it.

The Soledad Club's non-profit status should be changed if it pretends to hold public meetings and then tosses out members of the press.

By refriedgringo
Thursday, May 20

Hill, Please

Hang Glider Appeals to City for Training Hill

Torrey Pines — **Thirty-five-year hang-gliding veteran William Armstrong appeared before the San Diego City Council on May 18 to request that the council consider creating a training hill at the city-owned Glider Port in Torrey Pines.**

"We don't have a training hill for hang gliding safely anywhere in San Diego," said Armstrong. "Years ago, a small hill was constructed, and people were able to learn how to fly hang gliders from that little hill as a groundschool experience. We can no longer do that."

According to Armstrong, the lack of a training hill has restricted the ability of instructors to put together a proper curriculum to teach new students.

"Until we understand that if we don't do something about improving the site for everyone concerned…all people coming out there are going to be missing a tremendous opportunity," Armstrong added.

By Nathaniel Uy
Wednesday, May 19

Juke and Jive

Two Fence-Jumpers Interrupt Pads Game

East Village — **On May 17, the Padres squared off against their divisional opponents, the San Francisco Giants. In the top of the ninth inning, Padres pitcher Heath Bell took the mound in hopes of scoring a save with his team up 3 to 1.**

After facing the first batter, a young man jumped over the right-field wall and ran onto the field. The fan then took off his shirt and gunned it for center field. Immediately,

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four on-field security agents descended upon him. The fan juked and jived, evading capture for a few moments before he was tackled and subdued.

Heath Bell shook off the distraction and went to work on the second batter only to be disrupted again as the right-field wall was breached by another young man. The second man followed the first with a little more success at evasion, but he was ultimately subdued and zipped-tied instead of cuffed. The second offender fought back, however, and was carried off the field by the four security guards.

Both fans were ejected and arrested for trespassing. Now they will face the possibility of being permanently banned from Petco Park, the typical penalty imposed for running onto a Major League Baseball field.

Heath Bell did secure a save for the Padres, and baseball fans got a little more show for their money.

By Thomas Jarboe
Wednesday, May 19

Condo Excitement

Bayfront Plan Gets Support…and Protest

Chula Vista — On May 18, the San Diego Port Commission, the Chula Vista City Council, the Chula Vista Planning Commission, and the Chula Vista Redevelopment Agency met to approve the Bayfront environmental impact report and amended Bayfront Master Plan. The amended plan calls for 1500 condominiums, hotel and retail space, and parklands.

Chula Vista's main street, Third Avenue, has been in decline. Adam Sparks, owner of the Third Avenue restaurant Mangia Italiano, expressed the hope that this project will have a huge impact on business and income in the area.

There were also speakers who protested aspects of the plan. Peter Watry of Crossroads II addressed the issue of park space. He lamented the loss of a 35-acre park and spoke about the problems associated with the most recent changes to the park plan.

Jackie Lancaster, president of Save Our Bayfront, said the Bayfront plan will "deny residents access to the shoreline…. Every inch of the waterfront will be owned by condo owners, yacht owners, and hotel owners, and they won't want us in their area."

Because the plan now will go to the California Coastal Commission for approval, Lancaster held up a sign with the Coastal Commission's phone number (619-767-2370) and urged people to call.

By Susan Luzzaro
Saturday, May 22

Tag, You're It

Graffiti Prevention Program Nabs Teen

Vista — The City of Vista has worked hard to abate graffiti. In 2008, the city hired artists to paint murals along the Sprinter light rail corridor as a way to deter taggers from leaving their marks on buildings, city vehicles, and utility boxes.

From March 2009 to February 2010, 13 suspected taggers have been arrested and charged with graffiti-related offenses.

"As of February 2010, the City has been awarded more than $140,000 in restitution by the courts," writes Vista spokesperson Andrea McCullough in a May 21 email. "Several more cases are currently going through the court system."

McCullough estimates that the city spends close to $200,000 per year on graffiti removal.

That dollar figure might decrease this year. At 10:45 a.m. on May 20, San Diego sheriffs served a search warrant at the Vista home of a suspected juvenile graffiti artist. In the house, deputies found "100 items of evidence relating to graffiti."

In addition to the evidence that they found, deputies seized several digital images of underage girls posing half nude with graffiti art covering their bodies and sex tapes of the juvenile suspect engaging in sexual acts with a 15-year-old.

Deputy sheriffs booked the teen into San Diego's juvenile detention facility on 86 counts of felony vandalism and one count of manufacturing child pornography.

By Dorian Hargrove
Saturday, May 22

Prison State

SD County Jails Reviewed by Grand Jury

San Diego — On May 18, the San Diego County Grand Jury handed down its verdict on San Diego County's public jails as part of the annual review mandated by the California penal code. After inspections at seven adult penitentiaries, five juvenile facilities, and one emergency shelter for children, the grand jury issued a handful of recommendations.

One recommendation passed on to the probation department was to "immediately replace" the bunk beds at Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility in favor of "platform-style" single beds, or "safety beds." The report indicates that since July 2009, nine juvenile inmates have attempted suicide by hanging themselves from the bunk beds.

The grand jury also gave suggestions for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to upgrade the existing video surveillance equipment in all but one of its facilities. According to the report, George Bailey Detention Facility, near Otay Mesa, is the only facility that has sufficient video equipment.

In addition, the grand jury recommended that the county seal the doors shut on Las Colinas Women's Detention Facility in Santee and expedite the construction bidding process to build a new prison. Las Colinas is the only jail in the county that the grand jury considered to be overcrowded.

Overall, despite the recommendations, the grand jury report found the county's jails are properly staffed and "run-

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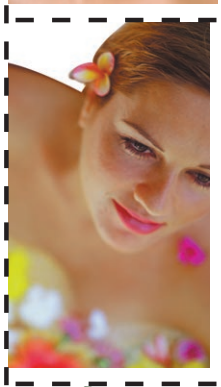

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By Dorian Hargrove
Wednesday, May 19

Coronado, Not San Diego

Arizonans Reacting to SD Boycott?

Coronado — **On May 17, a male caller to Chip Franklin's morning show on AM 600 claimed that the Hotel del Coronado was losing reservations from Arizona residents unhappy with the City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District's boycott of Arizona due to their new immigration law.**

I spoke with a Hotel Del reservation agent named Jessica, and she confirmed that they have had some cancellations from Arizona because of the boycott, but agents point out that the hotel is in the City of Coronado, not San Diego. She said reservations agents at the Del were surprised at San Diego mayor Jerry Sanders's pronouncement against Arizona.

"We are all against the boycott," said Jessica. "And we still have a lot of guests from Arizona. They love us. It hasn't really hurt us at all."

By Ken Harrison
Tuesday, May 18

He Said, He Said

Investigator Calls for Thompson to Resign

Chula Vista — **On Tuesday, May 11, Derrick Roach spoke to the Chula Vista City Council during public comments. After introducing himself as a private investigator, Roach called for the immediate resignation of councilmember Mitch Thompson for unlawful activities. Thompson is an interim councilmember who was appointed to fill John McCann's seat when McCann was sent to Iraq.**

Roach asserted that while Thompson sat on the planning commission, he purchased two pieces of property and owned a total of four properties within 500 feet of Chula Vista's redevelopment area. Roach said Thompson failed to disclose his purchases and had financially benefited from votes he participated in while sitting on the planning commission

In a telephone interview, Thompson said, "I have never voted on anything for which I got any financial gain whatsoever. And this is nothing but Chicago-style politics in Chula Vista. It's political thuggery."

Regarding one property that was near a redevelopment zone, Thompson said, "This property is never going to be developed. How am I getting financial gain if I own this one-bedroom condo near Fourth and H? The change in the rezoning we voted on was to put a school into the Gateway building. How am I gaining from that?"

Thompson believes "these accusations are coming from the John McCann/Russ Hall faction of the Republican Party. This guy [Roach] is very close to them." Russ Hall was narrowly defeated as Chula Vista councilman in 2008. "When I got appointed, there was this whole thing about Russ Hall because he was the next highest vote-getter. John McCann was saying his seat had to go to someone who was politically aligned with him."

In 2009, Roach was the private investigator who retrieved ACORN (Association of Community Organization for Reform Now) documents out of a Dumpster behind ACORN's San Diego office. Roach is quoted in a November 2009 *Union-Tribune* article as saying he went to the Dumpster on a "whim," that it was "divine intervention." Roach is currently running as a Republican in the 79th District. He did not return my phone call.

By Susan Luzzaro
Tuesday, May 18

Revolution at Hand?

SD Political Group Takes to the Streets

Downtown — **During Friday's lunch hour, a group of about 30 demonstrators organized by the San Diego Coffee Party took to the streets of downtown, carrying signs and occasionally bursting into chants. They gathered at the park outside Horton Plaza and walked to regional offices of a handful of banks, stopping outside of Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Chase, and finally Citibank.**



Demonstrators shouted disturbing statistics about the banking industry.

Led by nattily attired pseudo-bankers, the demonstrators shouted disturbing statistics about the banking industry and handed out leaflets detailing their claims. Reception of the group was generally upbeat, as high-fives were exchanged with Greenpeace solicitors, cheers received from passersby and honks provided by cars (and one enthusiastic truck driver). The only negative encounters involved an angry cabbie and a security guard for Citibank who attempted to chase off the group.

The Coffee Party formed in recent months as a response to the Tea Party, calling for many of the same reforms but pledging to do so in a different way: "We encourage deliberation guided by reason amongst the many viewpoints held by our members. We see our diversity as a strength, not a weakness..." (from *coffeepartyusa.com*).

By Dave Rice
Saturday, May 22

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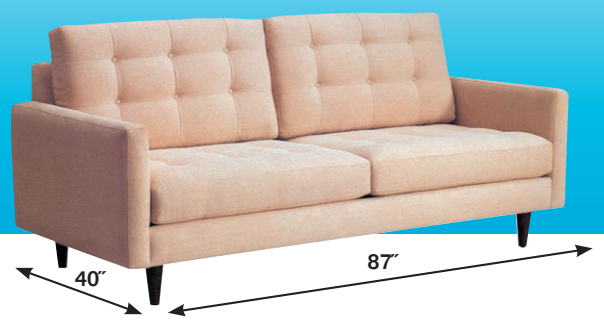

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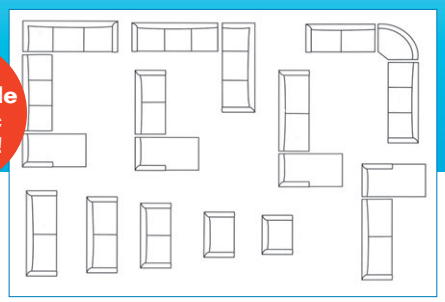

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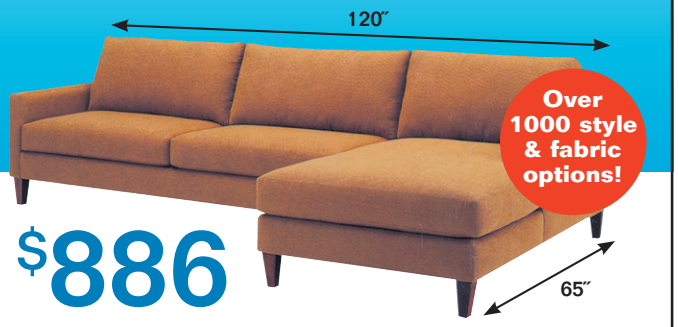

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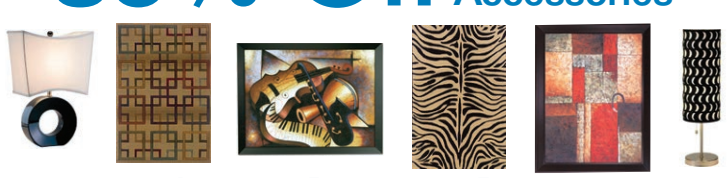

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What about a little peace and quiet?

By Elaine Stenz-Hullerbach

GUEST EDITORIAL

It is generally recognized as bad form to have one's name appear in the newspaper outside of announcements regarding birth, matrimony, and death. Exceptions may be made, however, in the case of citizens such as Ellen Browning Scripps, whose largesse and vision gave rise to such fine institutions as the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Scripps Hospital, and the La Jolla Women's Club. And it is in on behalf of Ms. Scripps that I myself am condescending to air my views in such a public forum. History will be my judge.

In the debate surrounding the presence of seals at the La Jolla Children's Pool, which owes its very existence to Ms. Scripps's extraordinary generosity and dedication, much has been made of Scripps's clear statement that she wanted "the children of La Jolla to have primary claim" to the rather uterine space inside the pool's seawall.

Ms. Scripps was a gentle, generous soul whose heart went out to the less fortunate — among whose numbers we must certainly count those gawky, half-formed creatures known as children. And for this, she is to be commended. But the Children's Pool opened in 1931, and the sad fact is that La Jolla now is not La Jolla then. Times have changed. Today, Jews are permitted to buy real estate. The idiotic sketches of local eccentric Theodor Geisel are sold as fine art in the galleries along Prospect Street. I could go on.

The plain fact is that today, nobody in La Jolla has any children, and for good reason. They're clumsy, and tacky, and they make loud, inappropriate noises at garment fittings. And even those few children who do by unhappy accident find themselves living here have almost certainly not attended any public beach since the days of Tom Wolfe's ridiculous bit of reportage in *The Pump House Gang* — let alone a public beach that offers neither an opportunity to surf nor a suitable line-of-sight barrier to protect them from leering commoners on the cliffs above.

It is clear that there is simply no one to make the "primary claim" that Ms. Scripps sought to honor. In light of this, mightn't we do better to let the seals have the run of the place? Perhaps, then, those awful activists would stop turning our coastline into some kind of tawdry political staging ground. And at least the seals won't try to buy in La Jolla Shores.

Elaine Stenz-Hullerbach is a member of the La Jolla Women's Club.



Better seals than "clumsy, tacky" children, says La Jolla doyenne.

CHUB SCRUB

I Love a Clean and Trim San Diego to Spearhead First Annual Beach Beautification Effort; Weekend-Long Drive Seeks to Remove "Unsightly Fatties" from Tourist-Friendly Stretches of San Diego Coastline

"People can see cellulite at home."

MISS MISSION BEACH BIKINI RACK, MISSION BEACH, SAN DIEGO (AP) — Citing the successful beach cleanup program currently being run through the coordinated efforts of the Surfrider Foundation San Diego County Chapter and San Diego Coastkeepers, the environmentally conscious group I Love A Clean and Trim San Diego today inaugurated a program to make San Diego beaches an even more attractive option to landlocked tourists seeking a view of the ocean — and of a little well-toned (and well-tanned) skin to boot.

"Being environmentally conscious isn't just about decreasing toxins in our landfills and protecting San Diego's complex and fragile ecological web," said ILACATSD president Eileen Brennan. "It's also about creating welcoming environments for the migratory — and profligate — species that visit our shores, whether they're Bald Ohioans, Red-Necked Nebraskans, or even just Common Zonies. And a beach that's covered with pasty lumps of rippling belly fat isn't anybody's idea of a welcoming environment. That's why we're bringing the Bring Back Bathing Beauties and Boffo Beefcake (BBBBBB) pogrom, er, program to San Diego's increasingly thigh-heavy beaches."





Local enviros want to see more of this at the beach (left); okay in Oceanside — not in La Jolla (right)

Okay in Oceanside, NOT in La Jolla

After presenting reporters with a disturbing iPad slideshow of overweight-to-obese sunbathers littering beaches from Del Mar to Imperial Beach, Brennan outlined the plan's three stages. Stage one involved the relocation of overweight locals to less-frequented parts of the San Diego coastline, "places like Oceanside and that one really nasty part of Mission Bay." Stage two: "There, the fatties will be given the opportunity to participate in exercise regimens and diet-modification plans with an eye toward stage three: the eventual release of these rehabilitated beachgoers into the wonderful world of San Diego fun in the sun!"

The BBBBBB program is being funded in part by the California Board of Tourism, which is encouraging residents of Flyover Country "to help make California the [fiscally] Golden State once again," according to board PR man Greg Early. "We want to make California's beaches a national destination, a place where fantasies come to life, like Disneyland," he continued. "We want to offer visitors a kind of living *Baywatch*. Barring that, the least we can do is not put them off their feed."

But the Animal Protection and Rescue League, already embroiled in the battle to "preserve La Jolla's Children's Pool Harbor Seal Community," expressed concern over the program even before it began. "The Marine Mammal Protection Act was put in place to prevent exactly this kind of forced relocation in the name of convenience," said APRL spokeswoman Clarice Rosenblum. "Just because these magnificent beasts don't fit some out-of-state hick's vision of 'Southern California Beach Beautiful' is no reason to drive them out of their chosen habitats. They were here first, after all. They have rights."

However, when notified that the roly-poly beach denizens in question were, in fact, not marine mammals but humans, Rosenblum replied, "Oh. My bad. Go ahead and move 'em, then. Friggin' tubbos."

LETTERS

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CORRECTION

In a letter last week titled "Where's the Okra?" the writer referred to remarks that Naomi Wise had made about Indigo Grill in her April 29 restaurant review. It was Indigo Café, not Indigo Grill, that Wise wrote about.

Frankie? Frankie Who?

No doubt that KPBS coddles certain establishment business and political pooh-bahs. It obviously, too, has a bias against the *Reader,* which I and certainly many other readers of the *Reader* would like to see fleshed out in an article. But c'mon: quoting someone using a posting moniker of "Frankie" slamming KPBS to buttress your point is very poor journalistic practice ("Under the Radar," May 20). For all anyone knows, "Frankie" could be a *Reader* employee, a fed-up KPBS employee, or even Matt Potter himself. The point is, we don't know. The right thing is to do a legitimate story or opinion piece on the many shortcomings of KPBS news coverage. I'm sure there are lots of credible sources. It would be an educational piece for many, many people.

Jon Komats
via email

Triple Play

Bravo and kudos to three wonderful articles (May13)— David Adler's "Northing Normal," Donald Breese's "Old Men in Chula Vista," and Carl E. Krueger's "Baklava for Breakfast." All were beautifully written, engaging, and captivating. Best of all, they expressed the humanity of the writers and the people they dealt with. The best *Reader* ever!

Anne Schraff
Spring Valley

Just Do It

Re "Don't Look Down" (Cover Story, May 6). Thanks for the great article. All three of my children took Mr. Benjamin's class; in fact, every one of my children's friends attended Mr. Benjamin's class. It was just something you did, like going to school.

Lori Wyman
via email

College? Students? Costs? Phooey!

The writer Joe Deegan failed to point out that the tuition price is far below the price of an apartment or other shared living in San Diego or what is used on consumer goods ("A Low-Budget Way to Higher Education," "City Lights," May 6). The overcrowding for extra dollars drives the prices up and crowds out the quality of life in San Diego. The university students spend too little on an education. The university model is broken. There are still way too many subjects and programs that needed to be cut out from empire-building staff as of 30 years ago. The cost to the taxpayers is about triple what the students pay for an education each year.

And college students spend far too much on their consumer toys, fun, expensive food, beasty products, clothes, and Club Med–type services at campuses for their own gratification. Eighty-five percent do not belong in or need any four-year university education, much of which is advanced babysitting for lifetime staff employment. It's an outdated model that needed changing 40 years ago.

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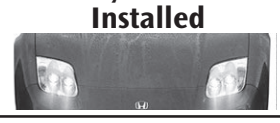

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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty-Five Years Ago

I was walking around humming that old song about jumping down and turning around and picking a bale of cotton and it made me wonder — just how much cotton is that? And what about a bale of hay?

A bale of cotton means 480 pounds of the stuff. And a standard bale of hay weighs in at 210 pounds.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice, May 29, 1975*

Thirty Years Ago

I worked in a fast-food drive-thru for awhile. One time this guy tried to grab off my wedding ring when I handed out his burger.

Sylvia Cooper, Unemployed, East San Diego

— OFF THE CUFF: **"WHAT ABOUT YOUR TEMPORARY JOBS?"** *Lin Jakary, May 29, 1980*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Okay, get out your notebooks. This here is lecture time. Wrestling Goes Mainstream. An outcome that is vile, it's loathsome, it may even cause cancer — don't laugh, this is *serious*.

I've been watching the shit since 1956, actually earlier; have *followed* it since around '56 — more or less continuously. Some multi-year gaps here & there, sure, but also some great big hunks of uninterrupted focus, bigger than for 2/3 the things in my life. I've been to it live at least 200 times in various cities, or let's say 175–180.... Wrestling was the first sport (by any definition) that *meant* anything to me.

— **"THE LAST WRESTLING PIECE,"** *Richard Meltzer, May 30, 1985*

Twenty Years Ago

As an early and steadfast fan of their parents, I want to like Wilson Phillips and their recording debut. But the first flush-of-love concerns of young women do not of themselves engage me, and because the songs on *Wilson Phillips* almost never rise above the thematic and musical levels to which only other women at the same stage of social development can relate — the trio apparently inherited the singing skills and physical attributes of their moms and none of the songwriting genius of their respective dads — I am not enthralled.

— RECORD REVIEWS, *John D'Agostino, May 31, 1990*

Fifteen Years Ago

I'd forgotten what a repellent piece of architecture Jack Murphy Stadium is. The facility has a Bulgarian workers' resort ambiance, complete with chipped-cement staircases.

I buy two tepid, tasteless hot dogs and a cup of the worst coffee I've ever had. Down here in basement land one is surrounded by cement floors, walls, and ceilings. The feel is East Coast subway. The cement roof leaks, pools of gray liquid dot the floor.

This is just backdrop, although admittedly a bad one. The theater is out there on the field. Assemble an exciting winning team, and no one will care about this human-hating stadium or the wretched food or the $4.50 beer.

— SPORTING BOX: **"AMNESTY FOR THE PADRES,"** *Patrick Daugherty, May 25, 1995*



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Music for Bare Skin

"I remember one dancer who always wanted to [dance to] Joni Mitchell."

'People put stuff in your drinks," said Angela, a topless dancer with bigger tits and Patton breasts. "It happened to me once, and I wasn't sure if it was me, but I could tell something happened."

"I don't know what they're thinking," said DJ James Call. "They're not gonna get [the dancers] out of here."

In his 17 years at Pure Platinum (formerly Dirty Val's), Call has negotiated abusive patrons, nervous dancers, and changes in musical tastes.

Today Call plays metal. On CDs. But it wasn't always that way. From 1978 to 1985 he played keyboards in the Penetrators, the proto-punk band that helped to create the San Diego aftermath of punk.

"We were thinking that heavy metal was dying, over-the-hill dinosaur rock. We thought we were the Next Big Thing. We played a gig with what was then Mickey Ratt (later Ratt). They made fun of us for being punk-rock new wavers, and we made fun of them for being a heavy metal hair band. Here was San Diego saying we were the Next Big Thing, but they were on to get huge."

Call's DJ career began in 1985. He outlasted countless dancers and other DJs.

"Some things have changed and some haven't. It used to be there were four girls during the day and maybe ten at night. Now those numbers have tripled."

The dancers perform in rotation, each performing in two songs at a time. "I call them girls. I know it's not terribly PC, but nobody seems to worry about it around here."

INTERVIEW
KEN LEIGHTON

Call plays "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gees as one of his so-called break songs. A break song fills time between dancers. "I'm stretching tonight, playing a lot of Bee Gees and Donna Summer. A lot of dancers, they are going to be with them one time or another and not be here."

Call looks busy even on this slow night. "Dancers come in and pick the songs, or they leave it up to me. Some don't know the artist or even the song title. I have to guess. Some of the girls are more musically astute.

"Jewel is popular right now," who brought in a CD by the 90s singer/songwriter Jeff Buckley. "I listen to a lot of different music. I am the only dancer I know of [who dances to] Jeff Buckley. I idolize him. He's incredible." Emily also works at a high school and goes to college. "I do this to help pay for school."

Call says some of the dancers need to understand that "guy music" works best in a strip club. "Sometimes I'll try and talk a dancer out of doing a particular song. If you have a room full of people who are all hopped up after Tupac and Old Dirty Bastard, you probably don't want to follow it with Sarah McLachlan.... I remember one dancer who always wanted to [dance to] Joni Mitchell. The guys started looking around and getting real antsy."

After 17 years of helping young ladies take it off, Call's what's-a-number one on the Topless Top 40.

"Dream Weaver," maybe," he said of the 1975 hit by Gary Wright.

"Aerosmith is probably the group that has lasted the longest, getting the most plays year in and year out with songs like 'Dream On,' 'Walk This Way,' 'Come Together,' and 'Back in the Saddle.'"

I ask Call if the ultimate burlesque song, "The Stripper" by David Rose, ever gets played.

"It happens. I played it more in the last year than in the previous eight years."

Call tells me that in the early '80s Bob Seger, Adam Ant, Howard Jones, and Culture Club were big. "In the mid-'80s you had your heavy metal/spandex bands like Poison, Guns N' Roses, and Motley Crüe. In the late '80s Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam were popular. Then you had your chicks who would bring in Guns n' Roses, Jane Division, and Sisters of Mercy. The management would have problems with them. The girls were too dark for them. But my observation is the guys loved them. The [Goth antagonist] were made up to the nut. They looked like real live porn actresses. In the '90s Grunt Day, Rancid, and Offspring came on strong. Sublime is still big here."

Call says Jimmy Top 40 jackpoint when he turns on his mike at Pure Platinum.

"There were periods of time when the business wasn't what management wanted it to be. And there was pressure from the top to bring things up. Every once in a while they take a hard look at what the DJs are doing and think maybe their can change business by firing a DJ or getting [the] best dancers in audition and talk to [the] chicks who would bring in Guns n' Roses, Jane Division, and Sisters of Mercy. The management would have problems with them. The girls were too dark for them. But my observation is the guys loved them. The [Goth antagonist] were made up to the nut. They looked like real live porn actresses. In the '90s Grunt Day, Rancid, and Offspring came on strong. Sublime is still big here."

James Call and dancer

San Diego *Reader*, May 25, 2000

Ten Years Ago

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— **"MUSIC FOR BARE SKIN,"** *Ken Leighton, May 25, 2000*

Five Years Ago

A tattoo addiction has left 20 percent of my body covered with subcutaneous ink. Depictions of water, cherry blossoms, a green demon, and an octopus cascade down my arms.

When I was eight, I saw a tiny red devil tattoo on my dad's left bicep. That devil might have been no bigger than a golf ball, but he couldn't have made a larger impression.

— **"GOT SOME SKIN LEFT?"** *Ollie, May 26, 2005*

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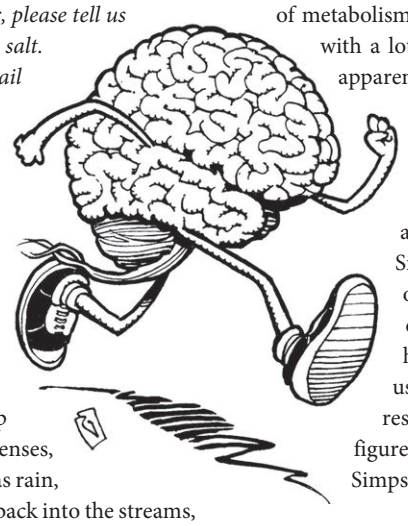
STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hey, Matt:
My son and I were at the beach and he suddenly asked me a question that I couldn't answer. I figured maybe you could. So, to make my son (and me) a little smarter, please tell us why the ocean tastes like salt.
— Dad and Son, via email



You'll be ready to take on the neighborhood when I'm through with you. Schedule a block party, then knock 'em silly with all these facts: water on our planet travels in a great, huge circle; it evaporates from wet places, goes up into the sky and condenses, then comes back down as rain, which runs off the land back into the streams, lakes, rivers, and oceans, where it evaporates again. Okay so far? So, anyway, rain is slightly acid, even without our help, and as it falls into lakes and streams it erodes rocks and strips off ions of various mineral salts, including sodium chloride (table salt). Eventually most of the rainfall ends up in the oceans. Most of the mineral ions are sucked up in the evaporation, but some is left to build up the seafloor. And most of the sodium chloride just sits there in the ocean making things taste salty.

Another source of chloride is the volcanic vents in the ocean floor, which spew hydrochloric acid. Most of the sodium comes from the rocks.

This process has been going on for eons. So, why doesn't the ocean just taste saltier and saltier? Enough of the sodium chloride is used to build the sea floor to balance out what is dumped into the ocean from our rivers. The water you taste in a stream is the same water that ends up in the ocean, it's just that it's been evaporated in the ocean. I don't know how old your son is, so you might have to simplify things a little. But the elves and I are happy you're both a lot smarter. That's our goal.

Matt:
I've got to lose some weight, but I really don't like exercise very much. But I know we burn up some calories just walking around and stuff so I thought maybe I could make up a new diet that lets you stay in bed but think real hard about stuff and burn up calories that way. Do you know how many calories we burn up when we think? Has anybody ever figured that out? It takes energy to think, so it must use up some calories. If it's enough then you could probably stay in bed and lose some of your beer gut. Help me with this.
— Wayne B. via email

Crack a Bud and take a trip with us to the land of metabolism, Wayne. Some scientists with a lot of time on their hands, apparently, actually have figured out how many calories our brains burn. Now, there might be a difference if you're thinking about whether Jessica Simpson is sort of a skank or the skankiest of all or doing calculus in your head. I know the scientists used a lot of mice in their research, so I'd guess we can figure it was more at the Jessica Simpson end of the scale.

Consider mice under ane sthesia. Whatever is going on in their rodent brains burns only 6 or 7 calories an hour. Whipping out their calculators, the science guys figured that just keeping yourself conscious, with no muscle movement, will burn about 240 calories in 24 hours. But if you want your Thinking Man's Diet to involve heavy-duty brain activity, we can add a puny 5 calories an hour to that. Assuming you can concentrate that hard for that long. Why am I suspicious? Anyway, one group of researchers found that smart people burn more brain calories than idiots do. Why are we not surprised? And thinking about something deep or difficult requires more calories, but not enough to help you with your diet plan, Wayne.

Another bit of wisdom we can pluck from the busy science-guy brains is that gray-matter activity consumes only about 20 percent of our daily calorie intake, and most of that is required for automatic processes of walking around and seeing. So, our brain muscles just aren't good candidates for weight-loss exercise.

But, hey, Wayne, crack another cold one. I have some other ideas that might help. Shooting pool takes 160 calories an hour. Laughing? Forty an hour. Passionate kissing? About 20 calories a minute. If you can sleep for 24 hours, you will have burned about 1800 calories, your basic calorie requirement, assuming you're about 150 pounds. Some science guys have different figures for these activities, based on their own research, but this is a nice average for you. We'll leave you with this: I hate to tromp on someone's dream, but you might want to rethink your diet scheme. But then consider all the calories you'll burn while you do it.

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SportingBox
BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

There's No Place Like Home



Floyd Landis

You've read that recent San Diego county resident and convicted dope cheater Floyd Landis announced — by way of e-mails to sponsors, media, and sports officials — that he used banned drugs during his cycling career. So did, he claimed, Lance Armstrong, three-time Tour of California champion Levi Leipheimer, and five-time national time-trial champion David Zabriskie.

His was a premeditated accusation — excuse me, a premeditated confession meant to screw the Tour of California, which refused to invite his minor-league team (Bahati Foundation Pro Cycling) to this year's race. Landis aimed to cause maximum damage to the tour and selected riders by publicizing his allegations in the middle of the event. His revelations were not about coming clean, easing his conscious, or whistle-blowing.

But, as any cop will tell you, justice is a messy business. So, the fact that Landis admitted his guilt while ratting out at least 16 former friends, colleagues, and teammates doesn't mean that what he said about them was untrue. In fact, given pro cycling's history, you'd have to give the points and take the true side of the proposition.

But, it's one thing to admit guilt (Landis is already banished from Bike World; he literally has nothing left to lose there) and another to actively sic cops on aforementioned former friends, colleagues, and teammates. The AP and *Wall Street Journal* report that Landis is cooperating with the Food and Drug Administration's criminal investigations unit and has met with FDA special agent Jeff Novitzky, who made his bones as the lead investigator in the BALCO (Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative) case.

Tour of California race director Andrew Messick, who was interviewed here a few weeks back, said Landis told him, "I've been living a lie. I can't sleep at night. I have to ease my burden, so I've got to tell the truth about what I've done."

Yes, truly nauseating in that special, smarmy, self-serving way, but that part didn't get to me. It doesn't bother me that he lied about doping. Doesn't bother me that he appealed and appealed his doping conviction. That's what money and lawyers are for. You can understand. He'd seen everyone else dope. He wanted money and fame no less than they. So he cheated. And he got caught. It's only normal human hypocrisy to become jealous of other cheaters as they sail on undisturbed.

Even trying to bring former friends and colleagues down is within the range of normal human misbehavior. The far end of the range, perhaps, but an accepted part of the human experience. What does bother me — and I'm amazed so few have written about this — is how Landis lied to his fans and admirers.

Do you remember the Floyd Fairness Fund? Go over to YouTube and run a search. The first hit is a March 2007 video of Floyd talking about his fairness fund. The parts of the video that interest me are shots of him at what looks to be a restaurant. He's standing in a makeshift holding area talking to two women. You hear him being introduced, "All of you, welcome the 2006 Tour de France champion, Floyd Landis!" He straightens his shoulders and walks toward bright lights and sustained applause. Landis has his "I'm innocent" spiel memorized, he has his foundation executive director there, he has his foundation chairman there, he's posing for pictures, he's signing autographs, he's working the room.

This is personal. It's the lying to the people standing right in front of you and lying one person at a time that fascinates. Reports say Landis raised $1 million to $2 million. How many bike shops, shopping malls, county fairs, restaurants, neighborhood pubs, book signings, festivals, and fairs did he pass through? How many? 1000? 2000? He lied at every one of them. How many media interviews — 500, 1000, 5000? Years of it. You'd have to be crazy to do that.

But, on the other hand, there are a lot of crazy people out there. So, that didn't get to me although it was a near miss. What got me were two incidents.

First, allowing his mother to talk to the press and tout his innocence. Second, holding a benefit for himself at the Ephrata (Pennsylvania) Performing Arts Center. This was his hometown crowd. He drew 300 people that day. Many were boyhood friends and neighbors. And he lied to them. And he took their money. He didn't need to do that. The continent is filled with shopping centers; he didn't have to go back home and take money from those who were closest to him and had supported him no matter what.

Compared to that, betraying cycling friends is nothing.

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Beatrice's daughter wants cornrows. Beatrice doesn't know how to do cornrows, and at this stage in life, she isn't up for learning. So, she came to me for info.

"I'm African; we don't 'learn' braiding," said Mimi at Braids Plus in La Mesa (619-589-0774). "We just look at our mom and our aunties doing it, and one day we wake up and we do it. I'm 55 now, and I've been braiding since I was a kid."



Mimi says the most popular style today is microbraiding. "Many, many individual braids. They cost **$150** to **$180** and take about seven hours. We leave the ends out — so you should brush the ends before you go to bed — and tie the base so that it does not tangle." Cornrows are also popular. "We can make them going straight back or we can put in a zigzag design. They usually take three and a half to four hours and cost **$85**. The only maintenance you need is to put oil on your scalp once a week."

MC at Braids for Less in University Heights (619-704-5993) tells me, "People get braids because they want to keep their hair natural — without relaxers — and because they want ease of care. African-Americans, Caucasians, old and young — they all get braids. I've given braids to an 18-month-old. Children usually get cornrows, which takes about an hour and costs **$60**. If you want a design, like a zigzag, it takes longer and costs **$75**."



MC also mentions box braids. "They're bigger than microbraids. With microbraids you braid in human hair, but with box braids you use synthetic hair, for price reasons. Box braids take six to eight hours, and prices start at **$160**. We also do what are called invisible braids. They're like microbraids, but as you're braiding you take the extension out. Some people call them tree braids. You see the way a tree looks, with branches coming out of it? That's how an invisible braid looks. From far away it looks like a weave, but when you're up close you can see little strands of braid in the extension. It takes six to eight hours and costs **$250**."

Amanda at Hair Extension Connection in Pacific Beach (858-483-4247; *hairextensionconnection.com*) started out braiding 15 years ago. But, she says, "I don't do the individual braids, like microbraids, anymore — it's so strenuous on your hands. What I do now are weaves, and cornrow braiding is part of that service. I'll use a small amount of synthetic hair to hold a cornrow braid flat to the head, and then I'll sew human hair onto that braid to create an extension. I'll do the cornrows in tracks; most people get three or four tracks, and the average track costs **$50** and takes about 30 minutes."

Amanda says that braiding and extensions both "attempt to add length and volume to the hair and get away from the rigorous routine of having to style your own hair. With braids, you don't have to do much — no combing, no curling, just shampoo. Maintenance is the same for both human and synthetic hair, though you do have to be careful with human hair. When it gets wet, it tends to slip a bit."

Amanda begins the braiding process by "separating the client's hair out. Then you make a twist. At the same time, you separate out the extension hair so that you can twist it into the client's hair. It's all done at the same time, as if you're braiding together two pieces of rope. And it gets twisted so tightly that the hair and the extension hold together. With synthetic hair, you can braid it all the way down and then dip the end into boiling water, and the braid will not come undone. With human hair, you can't do that — you just braid it down and leave the ends. There's nothing you can do to keep it from unraveling eventually unless you use some kind of adhesive."

People usually get their braids redone, she says, when new growth starts to come in under the braid. "If you're African American, your hair is curly. After a couple of months you start to have a small afro, only there are braids on top of it."

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Raising The Bar

by Barbarella

Why don't you slip out of those wet clothes and into a dry martini? — Robert Benchley

"M and H. This must be it," I said, stopping before an unlit gray door on which the peel-and-stick, mailbox-style letters were affixed. There was no handle. David tried pushing, but that didn't work. The street, located at the edge of New York City's Chinatown, was dark and devoid of people; steam rose from imperceptible gaps in the sidewalk; a puff of muggy air carried the stench of wet dishrags and emptied-out grease traps from nearby restaurants. I wrinkled my nose at David. "Karen wasn't kidding when she said this place was understated."

A man emerged from the shadows, reached over my shoulder to point out the small buzzer to the left of the door, and hustled off, our words of thanks falling on his back as he disappeared into the darkness. I pressed the button. A moment later, the door buzzed and we pulled it open to find an attractive young woman poking her head through thick velvet curtains. The woman correctly guessed our names and led us inside.

"That bourbon drink was way better than this one," David said. "But I do like this booth." His hand wandered around on my thigh.

Despite the darkness outside, it still took a while for my eyes to adjust to the murky interior. The space was roughly the size and shape of a school bus. We cozied into our circular booth, the backs of which rose well over our shoulders, providing plenty of privacy for roaming hands (probably why my friend had told me the bar was a great "closer" for dates).

"What are you in the mood for?" asked the woman.

We'd known in advance that Milk & Honey didn't do menus — part of its "charm." It was safe to assume vodka wasn't an option; bartenders at these Golden Age of Cocktails clubs consider the clear liquor pedestrian at best, inferior at worst. While dining out with my aunts in Brooklyn Heights a few nights earlier, I'd tried and liked a simple classic, the sherry cobbler. I asked for something similar to that; David ordered a "boozy" bourbon drink.

"So? How's it stack up?" I asked, once we were sipping in the dim light of the one small candle on our table.

As a professional artist and amateur chef, it was only natural for David to be drawn to cocktails — the consummate merger of craft and consumption. In San Diego, he favors libations at the Tractor Room and Starlite. In New Orleans, he was on a mission to locate the best Sazerac; when we found ourselves being served by the legendary bartender Chris McMillian, David exhibited the reverence and awe of an aspiring actor meeting Johnny Depp. The last time we trod the streets of New York, David had discovered the Pegu Club — a paragon of mixology where bartenders singe thin strips of orange peel over a small flame, and cocktails are chilled by perfectly square, slow-melting ice cubes. Now that we were back in the city for a few days, David was intent on comparing the skills of Pegu's mixologists with those of its many offshoots.

Milk & Honey is one of the trendy new speakeasy-styled bars (such as Prohibition and Noble Experiment in San Diego), where hard liquor is served in a dark place that's hard to find and even harder to get into.

Harkening back to the days when men wore hats and alcohol was as illicit and exhilarating as a woman in lingerie, most "speakeasies" share a list of rules right out of a Fred Astaire movie. At Milk & Honey, the list was posted in the bathroom: No name-dropping; No hooting, hollering, or even being loud; No fighting, play fighting, or even talking about fighting; "Gentlemen" are to remove their hats; "Gentlemen" are not to introduce themselves to "ladies" (but "ladies" are free to make the first move); and more rules, all along the lines of "don't be a dick," phrased in more genteel words.

"I preferred my bourbon drink at Death & Company," David said, referring to the speakeasy-ish bar in the East Village ("ish" because it wasn't hard to find or get into, but the romantic ambiance, virtuoso bartender, and no-standing policy fit the bill). Choosing to overlook the elaborate menu, David had asked the bartender to make whatever he wanted, using Black Maple Hill bourbon — an uncommon favorite of David's that he had spied on the shelf, nestled behind bottles of better-known brands. "That bourbon drink was way better than this one," David said. "But I do like this booth." His hand wandered around on my thigh.

"Reminds me of our first date," I said. "Only less...you know." I tapped on his hand to remind him how unslutty I had been. Our date had been at Nunu's, the neighborhood bar bordering Hillcrest and Banker's Hill. Nunu's was my stomping ground for a while, back when "strong and cheap" took precedence over "complex and well-crafted."

"My God, I think I ordered a vodka collins, something really sweet and sour," I said with a grimace. David chuckled.

"Do you think people are here for the exclusivity as much as for the drinks?" I asked. David shrugged. "I mean, think about it — we had to know someone who'd already been here to get the unlisted number for this place, and then go through an elaborate dance of text mes-



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saging. Don't you think that's part of the appeal? Everyone wants to be an insider."

"We didn't have to know anyone to get into Prohibition," David said, referring to the pseudo-underground bar in the Gaslamp where we'd joined my sisters to listen to live jazz a few months ago.

"Yeah, but we did have to get our name on the list before seven. I like the planned aspect. It means people go there with intent — they don't just end up there," I said.

Our server emerged from the inky ether beyond our booth and set a plate on the table. I had to hold the candle close to make out the bar's trademark strawberries, whipped cream, and honey. I dragged the fruit through the honey and brought it to my lips. "Mmm," I said. "I didn't even know they served food." I used my finger to taste the cream. "This is a straight-up invitation to be naughty, you know."

"I'm liking this place more and more," David said, earning a playful pinch from me.

"You're going to have to learn how to make that sherry cobbler thing when we get home," I said. I licked honey from my finger and looked up at David. In the faint flicker, I could just barely make out his dimples as he smiled. "But don't make it all the time, I don't want to turn into a lush." I felt him nodding, understanding, and accepting my demand.

Intoxicated on a carnal trifecta of alcohol, sugar, and fondling, I craned my neck and smiled invitingly. Forgetting talk of clubs and cocktails, David kissed me in our dark corner. ■

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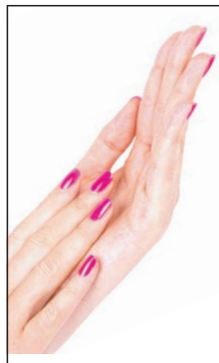

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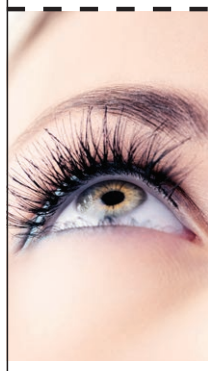

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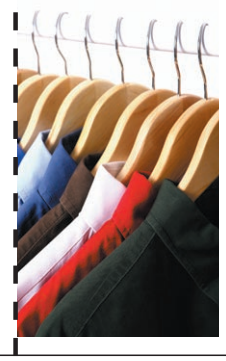

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doyens of the tony enclave moan that streets are constantly clogged with beat-up old pickup trucks hauling the boats to and from the launch site.

It's not clear whether Mayor Jerry Sanders has ever paddled a kayak, but apparently, a local kayak tour company knows what it takes to float Jerry's boat — and keep it afloat — courtesy of the "strong mayor" system of governance that comes up for renewal, and permanency, in the upcoming June election.

On June 9, San Diegans, including some who've snagged lucrative kayak-operation concessions from the city, will determine, via Proposition D, whether the strong (some would say "strong-arm") mayor model of municipal rule will continue after the initial five-year trial period ends at the close of 2010. The Mayor, along with his kindred-spirit politicos and business cronies, have made their preferences clear, proffering arguments in favor via the "Strong Mayor Council Institute" — a downtown cluster of behind-the-scenes influence-peddlers who say that their "mission is to serve as a resource for communities engaged in a civic debate over their governing structure."

Sanders wasn't always on board, though; when cheerleaders for the über-mayor scheme first gathered forces in 2004, the mayor, along with councilwoman Donna Frye (who continues to oppose it), was on record in opposition to the change. At the time, San Diego was administered under the aegis of the city-manager framework — in place for about 70 years — one in which the mayor served as a member of the city council. Against the backdrop of the pension crisis (which has persisted during Sanders's tenure) — as well as assorted scandals, both large and small — voters, by a slim 51–49 percent margin, chose to implement the

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Influence

pulling the puppet strings



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Mayor Jerry Sanders

In days of yore, the king and his retinue resided in a magnificent castle on the top of the hill, while the peasants below groveled to stave off starvation. Look at San Diego today. The downtown luxuriates while the neighborhoods and the infrastructure rot, and maintenance is ignored. Downtown sparkles while the potholes deepen. Because the real-estate establishment controls most of the politicians, taxpayers' money continues to be steered downtown.

Now, the king and his courtiers want to put a moat around that glistening downtown in the form of Proposition D, or the strong-mayor initiative, on the ballot June 8. The downtown overlords say it will provide more accountability in San Diego government. Actually, it will guarantee that there will be *less* accountability, and even more power concentrated in the hands of the royalty. More deals would be made in secret.

To get an idea of how this downtown group operates, go to the ballot arguments. Five people, including Mayor Jerry Sanders, urge a "yes" vote. One is Adrian Kwiatkowski, listed as past president of Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council. However, Kwiatkowski, a lobbyist employed by the Monger Co., gets paid for stumping for Prop. D. In a moonlighting venture, Kwiatkowski has a for-profit company, the Strong Mayor–Council Institute that proselytizes for centralization of mayoral power all around the country, including in ailing cities such as San Diego, Las Vegas, and Fort Myers, Florida.

On its website, the institute says it is "a United Generic Corporation enterprise." So what is that? "That is an error;

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it should not be on the website," snaps Kwiatkowski, explaining that the company was once set up for tax purposes. State records show its status as "suspended." When questioned, the lawyer who set up United Generic, John W. Howard, initially couldn't remember or find anything about it. "The only corporation we formed for Adrian was the Better Government Association," says Howard.

Hmm...the Better Government Association, once headed by corporate welfare booster George Mitrovich, was set up to push the strong-mayor concept not long after the century's turn. John Moores, then major Padres owner, and Malin Burnham, real estate mogul, tossed in $50,000 for a study of the idea. Mitrovich pledged to raise money to reimburse them. Howard (after finally remembering United Generic) recalls that he was involved in those early days of the strong-mayor movement, along with Mitrovich (not surprisingly, a Howard client), Kwiatkowski, Moores, Burnham, and other downtown kingpins.

So, with all his involvement, why did Kwiatkowski only list his Peñasquitos bona fides on the ballot argument? "Anybody can sign a ballot argument," he huffs. But, says Councilmember Donna Frye, an opponent of the measure, "He [Kwiatkowski] is a lobbyist for Prop. D," raking in money at the job. That should be disclosed.

In 2004, the downtown royalty was horrified. Frye was elected mayor on a write-in vote. That meant the first strong mayor would be Frye, an enemy of the monarchy, which then successfully challenged her victory in court. The first to file suit to negate her election: John Howard. Surprised? (Howard claimed he was doing so on principle.)

On January 1, 2006, the city began a five-year test of the strong-mayor idea. The test expires December 31, and the backers want to make it permanent. A new council district would be added, costing a million dollars a year. The number of votes needed to override a mayoral veto will go from five to six — a daunting two-thirds vote. The mayor may attend council meetings but can't vote. Frye says that makes the mayor more remote from and less accountable to voters.

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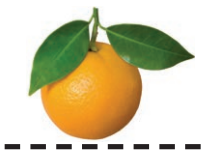

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mayor-centric system currently in place.

Proponents of the new order claim that it promotes greater efficiency and that San Diego has outgrown the city-manager construct, noting that it's most prevalent in smaller cities. However, critics of the strong-mayor approach (including Frye) claim that, since its implementation in January 2006, the modern way to run a metropolis has led to an imperious, autocratic style of leadership in which a virtual moat renders the mayor's office unapproachable. The end result, some say, is drastically reduced responsiveness to constituents' concerns and a loss of political accountability. As June 9 approaches, Sanders and his cadre — San Diego insiders all — are making concerted efforts to maintain their influence.

A major player in the push for permanency is the Monger Group, a downtown consulting firm headed by Jack Monger. Monger's Adrian Kwiatkowski (who, along with the namesake principal, is a lobbyist registered with the city) is president of the institute, as well as deputy campaign manager of San Diegans for Accountability at City Hall. Having cowritten the official ballot argument in favor of Proposition D, he's continuing his fervent advocacy as election time approaches. As it



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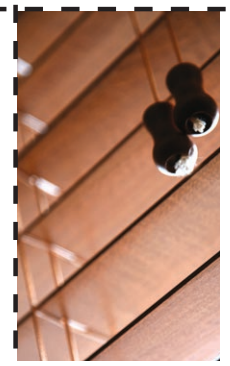

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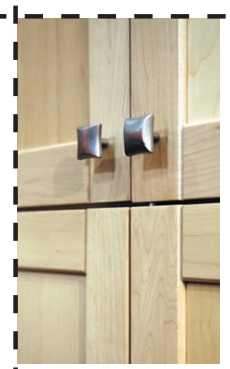

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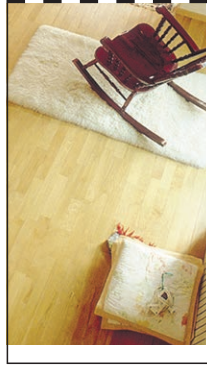

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mental period, accountability has diminished, says Frye. "With the strong-mayor form of governance, I do not have a strong remedy if the mayor's office doesn't give me information," she says. She has had to use a legal summons to force a mayor's representative to respond to her, file suit against the city to compel it to use honest ballot statements, and file a public records act request to get information.

The strong-mayor experiment has been a complete flop, claims Norma Damashek, president of the League of Women Voters. There still is no comprehensive plan to save San Diego from bankruptcy. Mayor Sanders has removed those who dared to be ethical. Rick Reynolds and Lance Wade refused to erase public records and were fired. City Auditor John Torell departed, complaining that Sanders's minions did not "foster or encourage contrary opinions" and didn't respect independence of an auditor. Bill Sheffler was removed from the pension board because he was an independent voice. Ronne Froman was the mayor's chief operating officer; she was asked to do an investigation of the infamous Sunroad scandal. She resigned, and Jo Anne SawyerKnoll, of the purported Office of Ethics and Integrity, did a pathetic whitewash.

"The strong-mayor idea is a government that deals more with politics than with efficient management," says Damashek. "Everything that goes out to the public is tightly controlled. What do they want to make sure the public doesn't know? The financial/fiscal reality. They want the trophy projects downtown, but the city is rotting and crumbling on the inside."

That's true of city government, too. Employees are fearful of retribution, says Frye. Damashek says that despite the tight control of information released to the public, the structure is loose on the inside — "each department doing its own thing." The mayor's only interest is his public image.

Meanwhile, the budget, pension, and capital improvements deficits spiral out of control. Pension and retiree payments will eat up 22 percent of the annual budget this year, says Damashek, but the independent budget analyst, who reports to the council, can't get timely information from the mayor's office. A mayor who doesn't have to attend public meetings has much less direct contact with constituents. He or she can flash smiles during the election campaign and then retreat to the back rooms for decision-making — with the downtown real-estate overlords pulling the puppet strings.■

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The Monger Group's curious interest in kayaks began in late 2008 when San Diego Bike & Kayak Tours approached them, seeking a strategy to best position themselves in a nascent licensing process for kayak tour operators. Owners Marcella Di Michieli and Nick Bauman, who'd scrapped and clawed their way to a dominant place in the La Jolla Cove world of small boats, sea caves, and tourists, were worried: for the first time, the City of San Diego was poised to cap the number of kayak tours and rentals. To Di Michieli and Baumann, who'd commanded a fleet at the Cove since 2004, this signaled the specter of diluted market share and lost revenues.

Di Michieli says, "Vaughn Woods is the nastiest man I've ever met."

Pressure to regulate the previously laissez-faire activity of kayaking 'round the Cove has as its genesis the complaints of other La Jollans, some of whom have voiced their dyspepsia via the La Jolla Shores Association, which labels itself a "democratic volunteer organization…whose primary purpose is community issues as they relate to the protection and enhancement of the unique characteristics of the La Jolla Shores area." Although kayak tour and rental companies have operated out of Avenida de la Playa since the late 1980s, there seems to be general agreement among locals that kayak-linked community issues have arisen largely during the past decade. Traffic, for one, has become increasingly annoying to the doyens of the tony



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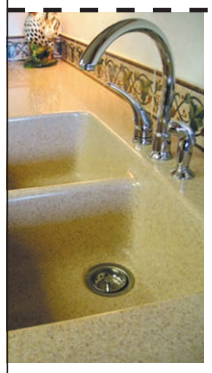

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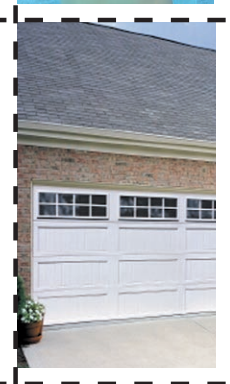

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enclave, who moan that nearby streets are constantly clogged with beat-up old pickup trucks hauling the boats to and from the launch site. The affluent seasiders also lament that pedestrians are in danger of being injured or frightened by protruding paddles on the sidewalks — not to mention being overtaken by bikes. And, of course, the kayakers create noise, take "their" parking spaces, and deposit unsightly sand on the main drag, Avenida de la Playa. Jim Heaton, the Association's chairman at the time of the "request for proposals" process, states that, since Di Michieli and Bauman set up shop, "There's been a distinct shift in the tenor of the kayak business on the street; in the past, all the owners knew and worked with each other. It was less competitive, more congenial. Most of them were La Jolla natives."

Perhaps the most outspoken of the kayak detractors is Vaughn Woods, whose eponymous financial-services firm sits next to San Diego Bike & Kayak. Woods — who seems to epitomize the touchiness among folks who ply their trade in this affluent pocket — lives directly above his business, just as Di Michieli and Bauman live above theirs. Although the neighborhood had been zoned for mixed use (retail and residential) long before Woods set up shop, he claims that the entrance of Di Michieli and Baumann, less than a year after his own move to La Jolla, sparked a sea change that has not only hurt his business but rendered the neighborhood "unlivable."

Woods, who charges the upstarts with being "unschooled in community consensus building," spouts a litany of sins allegedly committed by the duo. To begin with, he says, they "run a high-volume operation in a small space," clogging the sidewalks with rowdy kayakers who block the entrance to his business. Woods fumes: "Their customers lean their backpacks against my property and throw their cigarette butts and cans into my planters. They're even grinding away the posts on my building. They also track sand on the sidewalk. It's a health hazard because it's slippery and gets into my carpet. They peer into my windows. I've had to send my employees out to tell them to kindly move along."

Marcella Di Michieli — energetic and voluble — begs to differ. "Vaughn Woods is the nastiest man I've ever met; he yells at our customers and sprays them with his hose; he sent me a psychotic email. Sand? Hey, it's the beach — what does he expect? It's sandy, it's crowded, traffic is bad. We all knew that coming in; but in a small, popular beach area, it would be that way even *without* the kayaks. But we try to be good neighbors." Bill Whitney, who owns several buildings on the "kayak strip," comes down squarely on the side of San Diego Bike & Kayak, saying, "None of this would happen if Vaughn Woods complied with the local codes himself. He's a hypocrite, someone who lives in a glass house." Di Michieli also points to extensive community service performed by her outfit, including kayak tours for Southeast San Diego schoolchildren, whose visit to the Shores, claims Di Michieli, triggered a "derogatory racial comment" by Mary Coakley of the Shores Association. (Coakley didn't return calls for the story.)

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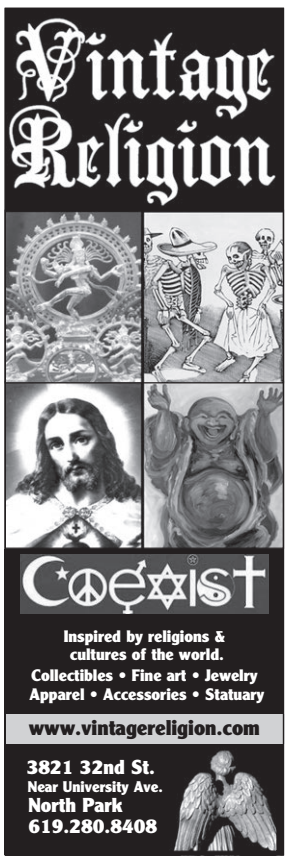
It could be argued that Di Michieli, a former triathlete, entered the kayak district (along with low-profile boyfriend Bauman) with a level of funding and marketing savvy not seen before in the once–quasi-bucolic storefronts of Avenida de la Playa. (Woods, for one, complains of San Diego Bike & Kayak's "mass marketing.") By all accounts (even from their foes), San Diego Bike & Kayak, bankrolled by Di Michieli's father, Lorenzo Di Michieli, made an immediate splash in a business and neighborhood where newcomers (aside from tourists who spend money but leave quickly) are treated warily at best. Di Michieli says her company's impact has been a positive one, punctuated by her enthusiasm for the niche trade. "It's a privilege to be here. I love the business and I love the area. The Cove is a special place and a tremendous resource." (The launch site at the foot of Avenida de la Playa is the only such facility within San Diego proper.) But she's dismayed at what she sees as venomously petty attitudes. "Everyone's throwing darts at us. Maybe they















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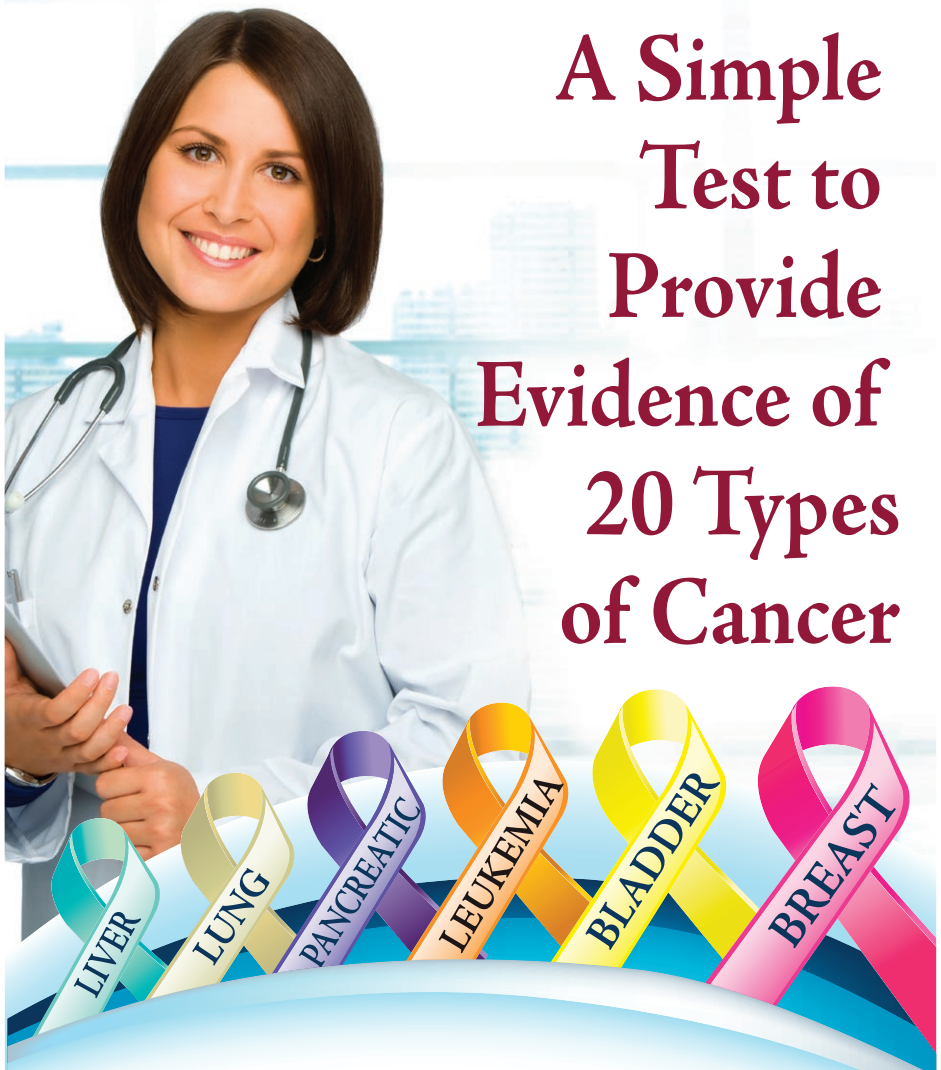

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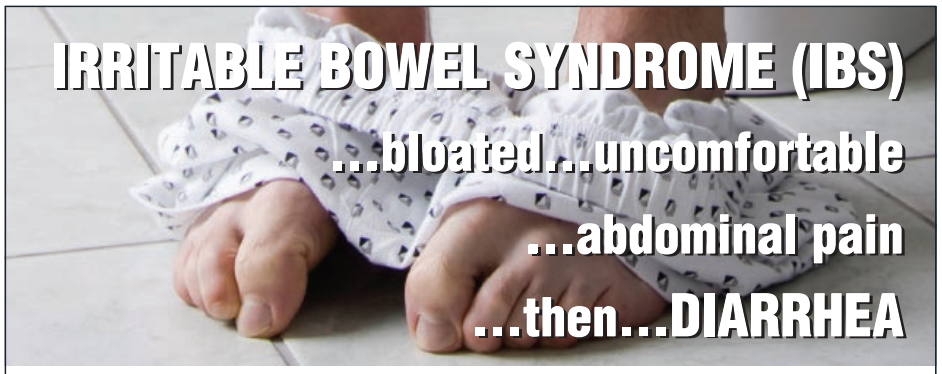

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I asked Di Michieli about the competition, many of whom are husband-and-wife teams: how much of the animosity has emanated from San Diego Bike & Kayak's rivals versus from the ranks of the community at large? She replied, "This is a cutthroat business." Conversely, Di Michieli maintains that there's a palpable level of collegiality and cooperation among Shores kayak operators. Some of the other owners with whom I spoke expressed similar sentiments, albeit with an air of circumspection.

Sharon Luscomb says, "It's a tough business on this street." Luscomb, coowner with husband Michael of La Jolla Kayak, says that her company and Di Michieli's — referred to at times as the "big two" — are allies. She allows that San Diego Bike & Kayak, sporting hard-charging, younger owners without kids, is less of a "mom and pop" business.

Jennifer Kleck, owner of Aqua Adventures and La Jolla Sea (Cave) Kayaks, says that, unlike San Diego Bike & Kayak, she isn't trying to expand her business, preferring instead to keep it at a sustainable level. Nonetheless, Kleck, who functions not just as an owner but as a certifier of kayak guides (she trains guides for all the Shores kayak concerns), says that she's on friendly terms with Di Michieli and the other local boat bosses. Similar sentiments were echoed by Angela Harrell, coowner with husband David Teafatiller of Hike Bike & Kayak. According to Harrell, Di Michieli and Bauman are more driven than their rivals. "The business is all

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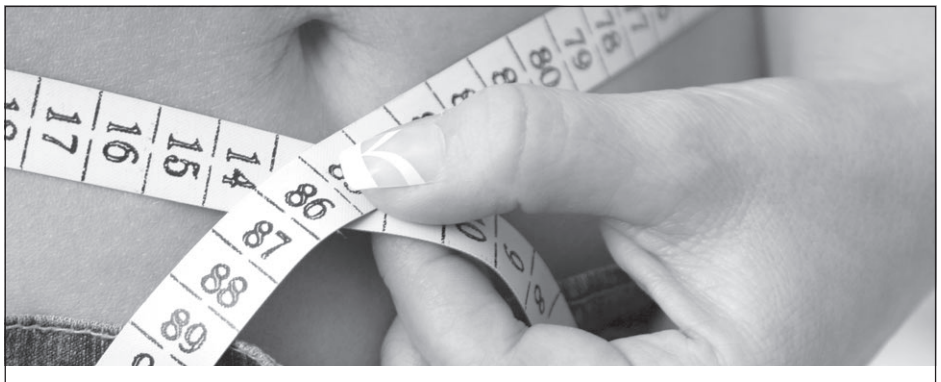

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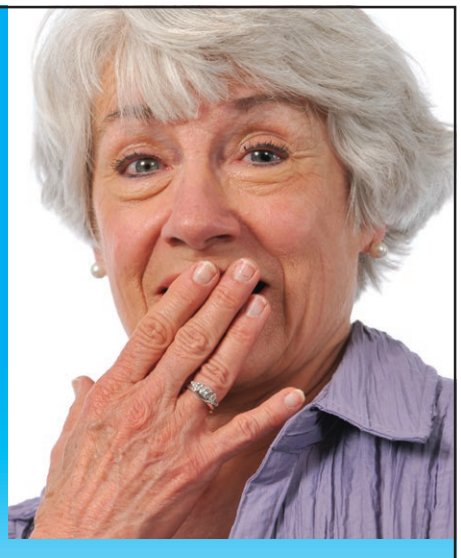

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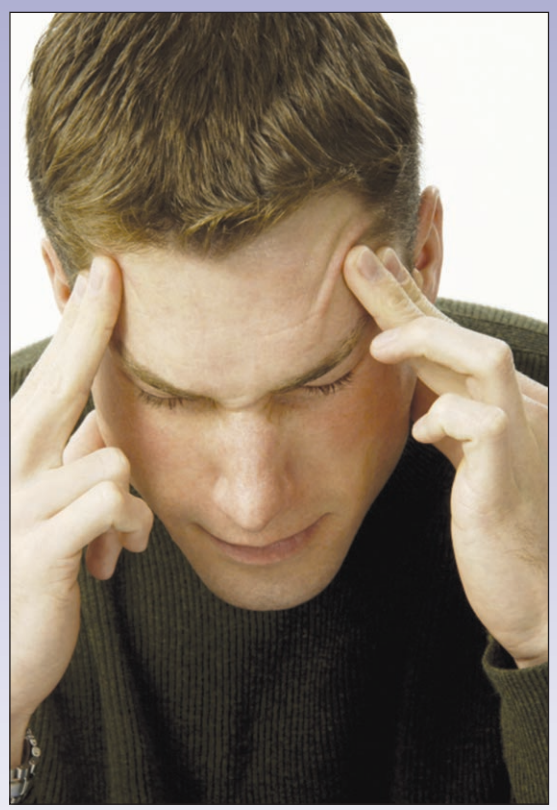

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In an arena in which consensus is scarce at best, the kayak companies with whom I spoke didn't dispute — notwithstanding the city's mixed motives — that safety, notably as it relates to kayak congestion in the water, has become a legitimate and growing issue. For its part, the City of San Diego, seeing not only the chance to concoct a new regulatory scheme, but a golden opportunity to extract fees for its coffers, was eager to help — and the sacro-

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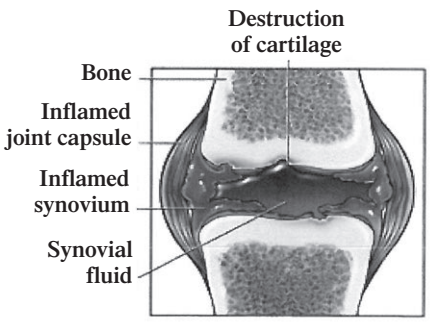

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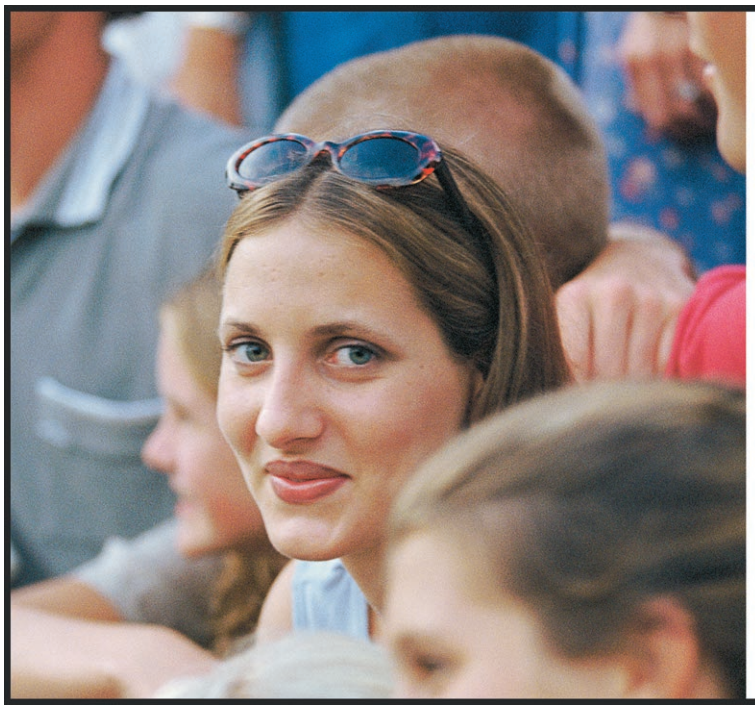

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sanct, virtually unassailable cause of safety was (as it so often is when new laws are imposed) the perfect backdrop. In the fall of 2008, a gaggle of bureaucrats — employees from Lifeguard Services, Park and Recreation Department, and Real Estate Assets — were assembled to put together a system for licensing the boatmen and allocating time slots among the tour companies, including San Diego Bike & Kayak. What followed was a bidding process in which kayak tour operators were invited to submit proposals — known in public-sector contracting parlance as RFPs, or requests for proposals. The aim, according to the City, was to make the waters safer by reducing the number of kayaks allowed at any given time; the "worthiest" operators would be granted the time slots deemed most favorable, with a cap on the number of weekend tours.

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Woods wrote to the city, carping that the proposal process "legitimizes the ability of San Diego Bike & Kayak to disrupt...my business."

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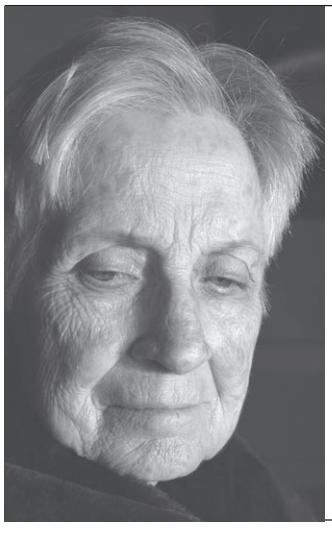

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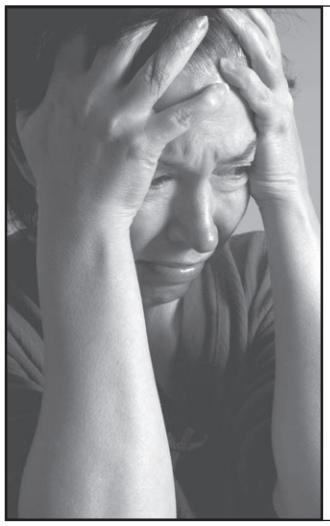

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to the hurdle posed by the "requests for proposal" process stood out. After extensive coaching from the Monger Group, San Diego Bike & Kayak submitted its paperwork on October 14, 2008. It was a thick, slick, and comprehensive sheaf of documents, nearly 200 pages long, which addressed the criteria with an eerie precision. (Curiously, page 44 of the submittal notes that "Nicholas Bauman…gained much of his kayak industry expertise by managing La Jolla Kayak while its owner was incarcerated.") The other applicants apparently found the City's requirements to be inchoate; their requests for proposal documentation was by comparison brief, informal, homemade, perhaps even amateurish. At the conclusion of the labyrinthine machinations — after the copiers had cooled and the paper cuts had healed — six tour companies, culled from a group of ten applicants, were ultimately awarded concessions. By mid-December, the city's panel — utilizing criteria which included "responsiveness; professional experience; operating plans; financial capability; safety standards; and community service" — had reached its decision: San Diego Bike & Kayak had come in first.

"It appears that San Diego Bike & Kayak is being rewarded for bad behavior."

Within weeks, charges of unfairness found their way to the mayor's office. On January 9, 2009, Di Michieli and Bauman filed a protest, writing that the 15-tour cap imposed on all six vendors "would result in an improper reallocation of existing market share." They also complained bitterly that OEX's award of ten tour times was "disproportionately large" because OEX had been, in recent years, the smallest tour operator on the block.

Next, Vaughn Woods, in a document styled as a "Business Owner/Resident RFP Appeal," wrote to the City, carping, "The … RFP legitimizes the ability of San Diego Bike & Kayak to disrupt… my business." Not to be outdone, La Jolla Shores Association muckety-mucks Heaton and Coakley (the latter as chair of the Parks and Beaches Committee) weighed in, sending an impassioned letter to Sanders's office that complained that the city had made its selections "without consideration of the length of time businesses have been in existence or community service they have provided." The Association also decried the fact that La Jolla Surf Systems had been shut out and that "outside opportunists" — kayak operators without existing storefront operations in the neighborhood, or even worse, those lacking certain ill-defined historical ties to the town elders — were horning in on the action. Scolding the City for awarding slots to Aqua Adventures and La Jolla Sea Kayaks, Heaton and Coakley reserved their harshest brickbats for the top-dog status accorded to Di Michieli and Bauman, stating, "It appears that San Diego Bike & Kayak is being rewarded for bad behavior."

However, despite their winning proposal, the principals of San Diego Bike & Kayak

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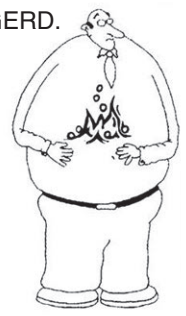

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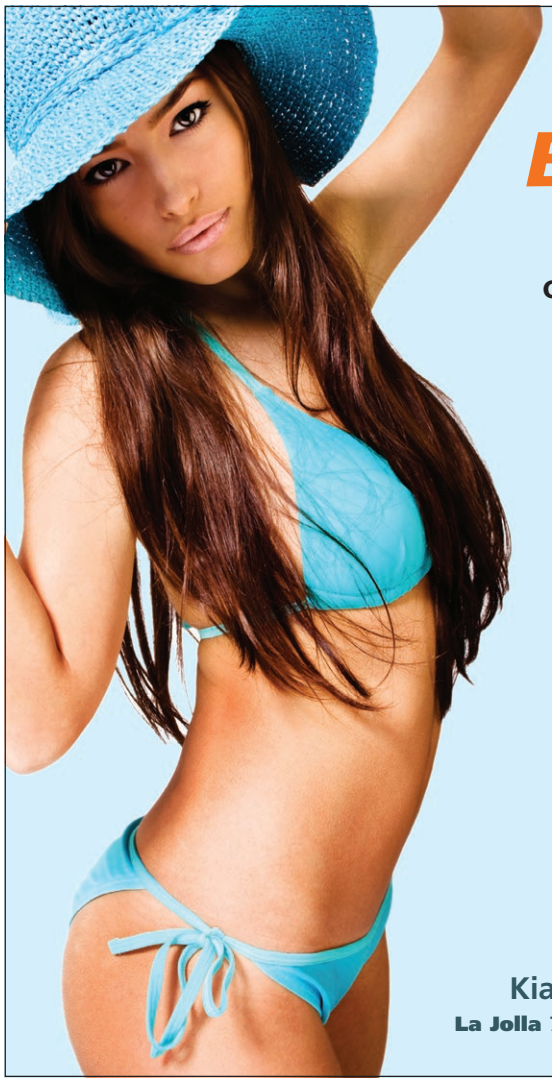

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weren't exactly overjoyed; Di Michieli and Bauman viewed their win as a pyrrhic victory at best, claiming that the net result of the process would — as they'd feared — boil down to a drastic diminution of their market share. Before they signed the licensing agreement, Di Michieli and Baumann, working both directly and through Jack Monger, continued to beseech the City for better terms. They requested numerous modifications to the terms of the concession, looking for ways to preserve the market edge they'd built. The City, they felt, didn't understand the kayak business. They'd incorrectly delineated prime and nonprime times for the kayak tours, granting San Diego Bike & Kayak a number of unusable slots.

Along the way, Jack Monger pulled out all the stops. On March 6, 2009, he emailed David Sandoval, deputy director of the City's Real Estate Assets Department. "Our client is absolutely distraught." Fairly demanding a personal meeting, Monger stated, "It's time for a conversation involving April McCusker (of Real Estate Assets), San Diego Bike & Kayak, you, and me." Three days later, Sandoval replied: "I see no valid reason for a meeting."

Whatever their merit or the standing of their authors to lodge them, the protests were brushed aside by Sanders's office, who utilized gatekeeper Stephen Lew, director of community outreach, to quash criticism. On April 1, 2009, their attempts to secure a better deal rebuffed, San Diego Bike & Kayak entered into a contract with the City for a one-year term, which has subsequently been renewed for 2010–2011.

As it happens, San Diego Bike & Kayak donated $2500 to the strong-mayor campaign in 2009. Was the modest contribution an attempt to grease the skids? Di Michieli, although admitting that her company had never contributed to a political campaign before, denies the connection. She maintains that "We've always been interested in politics."

When I asked Jack Monger whether his firm had recommended that his client throw a few kayak bucks to the strong-mayor campaign, he said, "I don't remember whose idea it was." When I asked Monger why San Diego Bike & Kayak chose to make this their first — and only, to date — mon-

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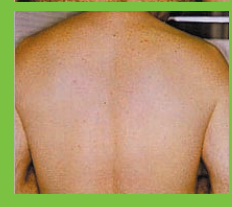

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etary contribution to a political cause, he snapped, "My client just likes good government."

Good government apparently makes good friends. Curiously, the mayor, the Mongers, and San Diego Bike & Kayak keep popping up together — as they did in the January 15, 2010 online edition of *San Diego Metro Magazine*, where Sanders and San Diego Bike & Kayak were dubbed, along with a handful of others, "Metro Movers 2010." After expressing their gratitude to cosponsor Monger (along with the misnamed law firm, "Hicks," Fletcher & Mack), the *Metro* mavens went on to laud the honorees. Praising the kayak company as "one of the few businesses to support" the City's regulatory efforts at the Shores, they wrote, "San Diego Bike & Kayak has become the role model for how a business that operates in public areas can be very successful while at the same time being mindful of how their activities impact the surrounding residents." About Sanders, they gushed: "[His] steady, determined demeanor…has helped him resolve so many important issues over the past six years." And the *Metro* folks brought out their crystal ball, stating that Sanders's "strong public-approval rating is likely to result in voters making the strong-mayor form of government permanent when the issue comes before them in June, 2010."

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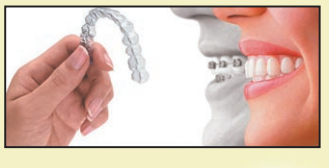

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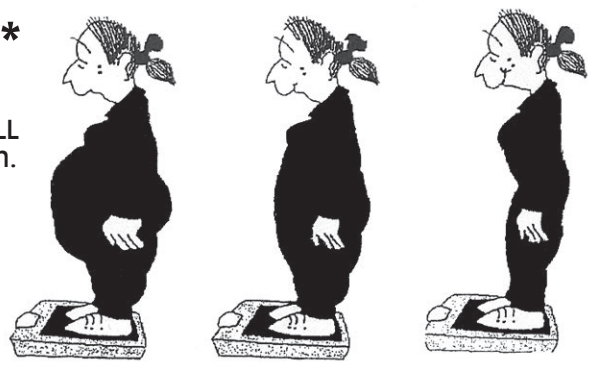

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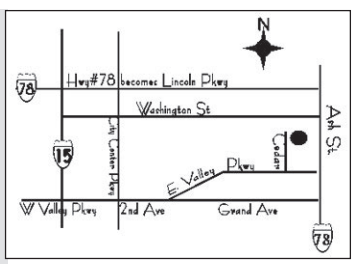

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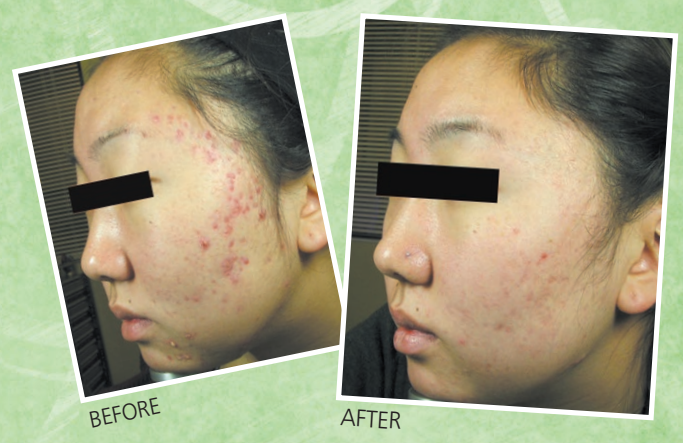

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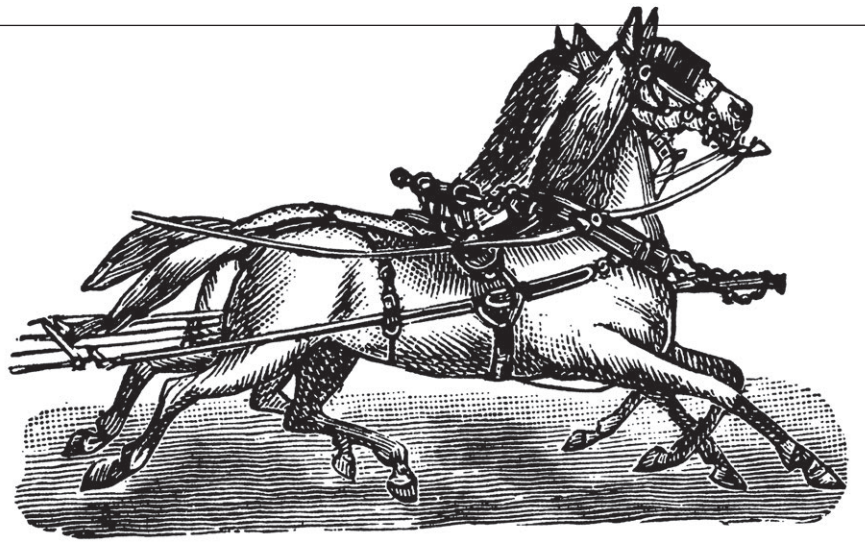

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He had to be in his mid-70s. Gnarled wrinkles suggested at least that. But he might have been older. Whenever asked his age, Harrison would reply "Seventy-six next New Years." And people believed him,

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"He was a fluent talker," writes Catherine M. Wood, "but not about himself, unless encouraged by a little whiskey."

In one bourbon-laced version, Harrison said he was born a slave. By his teenage years, he had toiled so hard, and been fed so little, he stopped growing and remained small of stature. When he was 16, he and several other slaves were put up for auction.

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No one bought him. As friends went off to the fields in chains, he crept toward the nearby Mississippi River, keeping low in the high grass. He slid into the roiling brown current and floated downstream. He slept in the fuel bunker of a sidewheel steamer and snuck onto farms at night, stealing food — "best I ever et" — set out for the dogs. He eventually came west.

The sober version: Lysander Utt left his plantation in Westfield, Virginia, and headed for gold country in 1849. With him he took "one healthy Negro man slave," Nathan Harrison. They joined a covered-wagon caravan at Independence, Missouri. After fording rivers, climbing mountains, and braving deserts, they came to El Pueblo de Los Angeles — a smattering of dirt-caked, one-story

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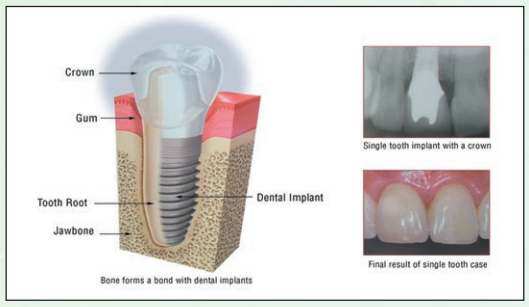

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adobes — on Christmas Eve. Then they went north to the goldfields near Auburn.

Like the majority of those infected with luster-dust fever, Utt didn't make a dime. He and Harrison moved south to today's Anaheim/Tustin area, where Utt opened a trading post.

When California sought statehood in 1849, a key question at the first Constitutional Convention was: should it be a free or a slave state? A handful of the 48 delegates at Colton Hall, in Monterey, argued for "slavery extension" — even for splitting California in two, the northern half "free." Though many did so begrudgingly, all delegates adopted the resolution: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, unless for punishment of crimes, shall ever be tolerated."

California became the 31st state on September 9, 1850. Around that time, Utt gave Harrison his freedom.

In 1909, when it was first minted, W.C. Fink recalled giving Harrison a bright Lincoln penny and telling him what the president did for the slaves. "I know about Abe Lincoln," Harrison replied. "I had my freedom long before that."

Accounts vary about what he did with his liberty. Among them: he was a woodcutter for many years at San Gabriel Mission; no, he helped carve the road out of Tejon Pass (and drove an ox team as part of the first wagon train). In either case, Harrison grew to hate Los Angeles, which he called "the Pueblo" to the end of his days. Whenever he was there, he slept far from town. "They was killing people every night," he told his neighbor Louis Salmons. "They had a sign: '[N-word] don't let the sun set.' "

Harrison found the same conditions in San Diego. "When I came to the country, no Indian was allowed to speak to the priest without taking off his hat. Mexicans about the same. The Indians were treated like slaves."

He landed a job at Louis Rose's store. The town's first Jewish settler, Rose "never shut his hospitable doors" to anyone (*Herald*). He had a tortoise, called Chili, so large children could ride on its back. One day, Rose had to leave for business; he'd be away maybe two or three weeks. He told Harrison to mind the store, and also Chili, which Harrison dubbed "the turkle." (He liked to rename: he called Escondido "Skundido.")

"I was glad to get shed of him," said Harrison. "Didn't want my throat cut."

The tortoise ran away, as it did at every opportunity. Unable to leave the premises, Harrison fretted about how Rose would take the loss. When Rose returned, he organized a posse. They went due south and found Chili at La Presa (across from today's Sweetwater Dam), on his way to the Gulf of California. Rose never complained to Harrison (who called Rose "the finest white man I ever knew"), but this incident may have been a turning point. Harrison and the idea of full-time employment parted company.

Attitudes in town may also have driven Harrison to his high place of solitude. Judson Ames, editor of the *Herald*, urged dividing California, and most townspeople favored the "slavery extension" (in the 1864 presidential election, 180 San Diegans voted for General George McLellan, 51 for Lincoln).

Harrison moved north. He befriended the natives at Pala and Rincon — and may have married a woman from the La Jolla Reservation. During the summer and fall, he worked as a sheepherder up in Doane Valley, sometimes baking bread for the shepherds, often hunting the mountain lions, for 11 dollars a hide, that threatened the flocks. "I killed 27 cats in one month," he boasted, so many that no one wanted the hides.

Then he had another turning point. He and two dogs were herding sheep in Doane Valley. Harrison grew tired, says W.C. Fink, of being alone. "I told those dogs to take good care of the sheep." He rolled up his bedding, packed his grub, and went down to Pauma Rancheria, where the sheep's owner couldn't trespass. Harrison laid low for a spell and participated in the tribal dances.

In 1867, Major C.E. Utt, son of the man who'd brought Harrison to California, purchased the Agua Tibia Ranch. For the rest of his life, Harrison had a sanctuary at the native-built, adobe house on a western spur of Palomar. He could bathe in the nearby sulphur spring and enjoy the largest figs in the county.

Around this time, Harrison abandoned a claim he had at Rincon and began homesteading near the spring, halfway up Palomar. Eventually, he built a 12-foot-square, unventilated cabin of thick, mud-chinked



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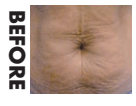







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rocks and shake roof. He lived off the land, wild game and herb. A friend wrote, he "knew every trail, every tree, every stream." He also knew how to avoid poison oak and scorpions, and where the rattlers had their dens.

Those who regarded him as "lazy Uncle Nate" misread the man. Along with hunting mountain lions, when he first came to Palomar, he said, there were so many bears "you could hear 'em poppin' their teeth." Harrison and others hunted them, and "grizzlies too. They was darn hard on hogs."

He loved to recall the time he saw one and was unarmed. "I was riding the pinto horse. Bear was coming up the trail and looked at us good. Then he went down the trail. I was glad he went."

In 1900, a road-construction crew camped near Harrison's cabin. As they sat around the campfire, a worker, pretending to read a newspaper, invented a lurid tale about a fleeing murderer headed their way. Harrison jumped up and ran to the cabin. Amid giggles that they'd fooled the old man, Harrison returned, sat down, and laid a shotgun across his lap. "Had a stranger appeared at that time," writes Catherine Wood, "Nate surely would have taken a shot at him."

Because Harrison knew every inch of the mountain, a rumor claimed he knew where to find gold — even had a pile stashed away. A visitor going to Julian, allegedly "hunting a railroad," needed a place to stay for the night. Harrison put him up and gave him two blankets. The man, who "snored like 60," arose the next morning and asked Harrison if he believed in dreams.

"No," said Harrison. The man recalled one about a "fortune coming from the ground." Then he produced "letters and papers" announcing rich veins in the mountains. Harrison just shook his head. The man rode off, none the wiser.

"I was glad to get shed of him," said Harrison. "I didn't want that sort of a fellow around. Didn't want my throat cut."

A rumor of wealth may have killed Joseph Smith, Harrison's rival for first non-native on Palomar. The six-foot-four, former sea captain came to the mountain in 1852. He built a four-room adobe, raised horses and hogs, and supposedly had a large sum hidden in his milk house. In 1868, a young, barefooted deserter from a British ship befriended Smith. One day, while Smith was repairing a beehive, the youth shot through a window and killed him. A search party tracked the boy down. They brought him back to Smith's house. "Know him?" they asked, pulling a canvas tarp from the body.

When he first came to Palomar, he said, "There were so many bears, you could hear 'em poppin' their teeth."

The boy confessed. Twenty-five men took him to a nearby live oak and draped a noose around his neck. Instead of putting him on a horse and scaring it from under him, they chose a much more painful "stand-up hanging." Someone looped the rope around a branch and all 25 pulled it. When the boy was six feet off the ground, they cinched it down and watched him squirm to death. Harrison was one of them.

Until 1901, Palomar was called Smith Mountain. For decades, Harrison was the water bearer of the west grade. He lived off the land, tips from travelers, and gifts from neighbors: flour, butchered meat, sugar, and tobacco for his short-stemmed pipe. A favorite was Louis Salmons's annual Christmas present, a bottle of Scotch, which Harrison promised to sip till sundown. Whenever he saw Salmons, Harrison always asked, "When's Christmas?"

In time, it became difficult to estimate what Harrison had accumulated more of: befriended travelers or tall tales. Salmons, who called himself just a "second-rate liar," loathed the hogwash. "You go on down to So-and-So's ranch, ask some of the liars down there about Uncle Nate. They raise the best liars on Palomar."

In 1920, the stories converge.

No one had seen Harrison for some time. Someone visited him (accounts vary) and found Harrison so wracked with rheumatism he could barely move. "His clothing was in tatters and he had little to eat. Rats and mice were making sad havoc with his bedding" (*Union*). Ed Quinlan and others drove Harrison to the San Diego County Home for the Aged. "As he was seated in the automobile," wrote the *Union,* "he waved a last salute to the trees and rocks of the rugged mountainside."

"They put him in

an institution," said Salmons. "They meant well. It was the only thing to do. But we all believe he must have thought he was being carried back to slavery.

"Some of us would visit him," Salmons added, "and he would beg to be taken back to Palomar."

Harrison died October 10, 1920. He was buried in an unmarked grave at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

In 1924, over 100 friends witnessed the dedication of a bronze plaque placed in a granite monument where Harrison greeted thirsty travelers.

In 1972, Ed Diaz, member of the National African-American Historical Society, discovered that Harrison's grave at Mt. Hope was unmarked. Diaz appealed for donations and on July 23, 1972, Reverend George Walker Smith dedicated a marble gravestone to the "slave turned pioneer." For his text, Smith chose Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help."

— Jeff Smith

QUOTATIONS:

1. Marion F. Beckler: Palomar "is in no sense a mountain peak. It is a mountain range, a rolling plateau."

2. W.C. Fink: "He wrote his name with an X, voted the Republican Party; his memory retained everything; he repeated the tales in the exact words he used before."

3. Abel M. Davis (quoting Mary Connaghan Newell): "Endearing himself to thousands of visitors over a period of more than 70 years, [Harrison] was literally 'the man by the side of the road — watching the world go by.' "

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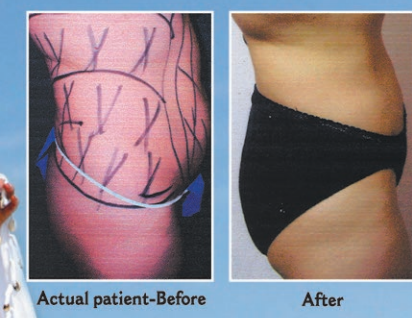

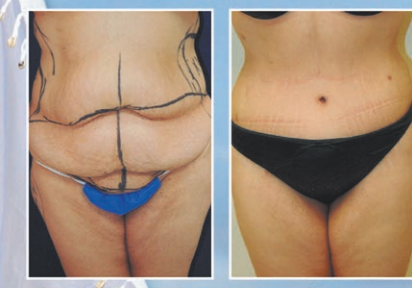

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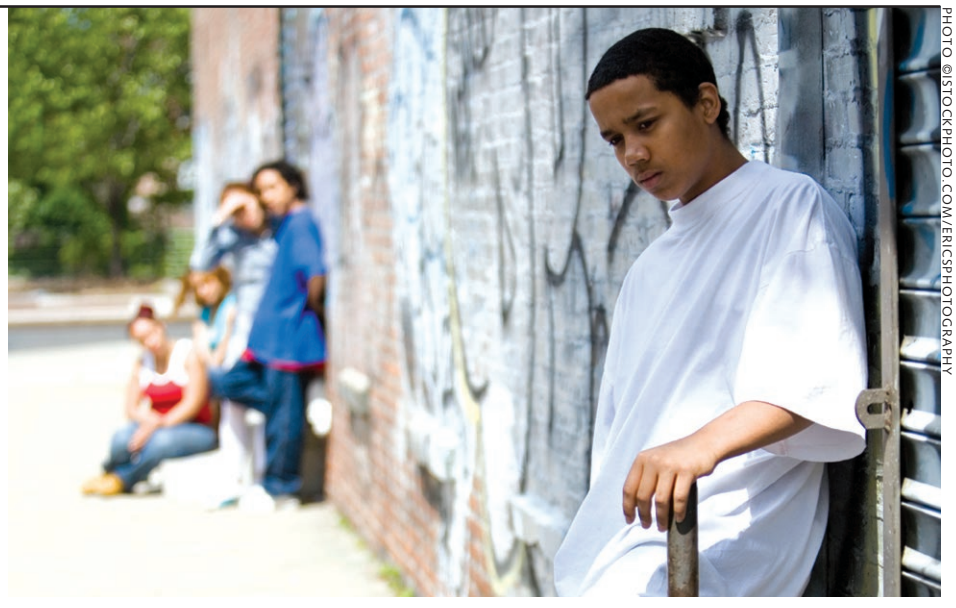

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I don't know where I live. I may know my street address: my city, my zip code, the color of my house and its location relative to the other houses on my block. I don't know what neighborhood I live in.



Author: Evelyn Sandoval
Neighborhood: City Heights/North Park
Age: 22
Occupation: Case Manager

Editor's note: This is the winner of April's $100 third-place prize for our monthly neighborhood-essay contest.

Deadline for the next contest is May 31, midnight.

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Most would say I live in the "ghetto" or "hood" or bad part of San Diego. I don't see it like this. Actually, until recently, I didn't realize that the young black men who hang out on the street corners at night might be up to no good. I used to think these boys were hanging out with friends. Go figure. I do tend to be rather naïve. I don't see how my neighborhood is considered to be a bad neighborhood. Besides the horrible traffic that accumulates on University and constant sirens (from the nearby PD and FD stations), there really are no major incidents that occur in my little section of San Diego. I rather enjoy this neighborhood.

I have lived in Cherokee Point, North Park, City Heights, and what the *Union-Tribune* recently called City Heights West. I live in no man's land. When asked where I live, I answer depending on the person. If it's a student from my alma mater (I still can't believe I graduated from a university at times), I ask if they know Mid City Naz. If asked by a stranger — a coworker or such — I say east of North Park. Most people know where North Park is nowadays (dang hipsters!). And sometimes I say City Heights or west thereof. This is for the few people that actually know where it's located. These are my favorite people — if they like City Heights.

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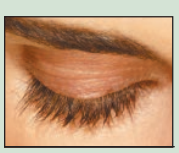

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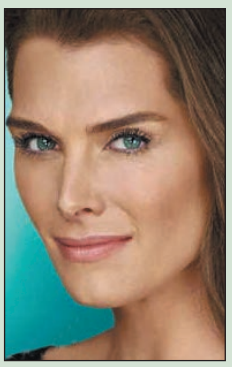

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There's the liquor store on my corner that has existed longer than I've lived here and gone through more owners and employees than I can remember. Speaking of alcohol, there are at least three liquor stores in my area but only one bar. One lonely, seedy bar that caters to the Spanish-speaking population. I have yet to dare to venture in there. Say what you will, but I am wary of strange older Mexican men.

I may not know where I live, but I sure do know where I come from. I come from an area less developed than City Heights — Price Charities hasn't arrived. I come from an area more diverse than North Park — although I have noticed more yuppies and hipsters. I come from an area where I'm not afraid to walk outside at night and alone — in rather frumpy and scandalous pajamas, I might add. I come from a place I love. I come from home.

I may not be a "true" City Heights resident. I never attended any of the schools nearby. I may not be a true North Park resident. I rather dislike the development and growth that has occurred recently. I may share a zip code with one and a love for diversity with another, but I know where my home is. I live in North Cherokee Heights. I live in San Diego. I live in Southern California. I live on Earth.■

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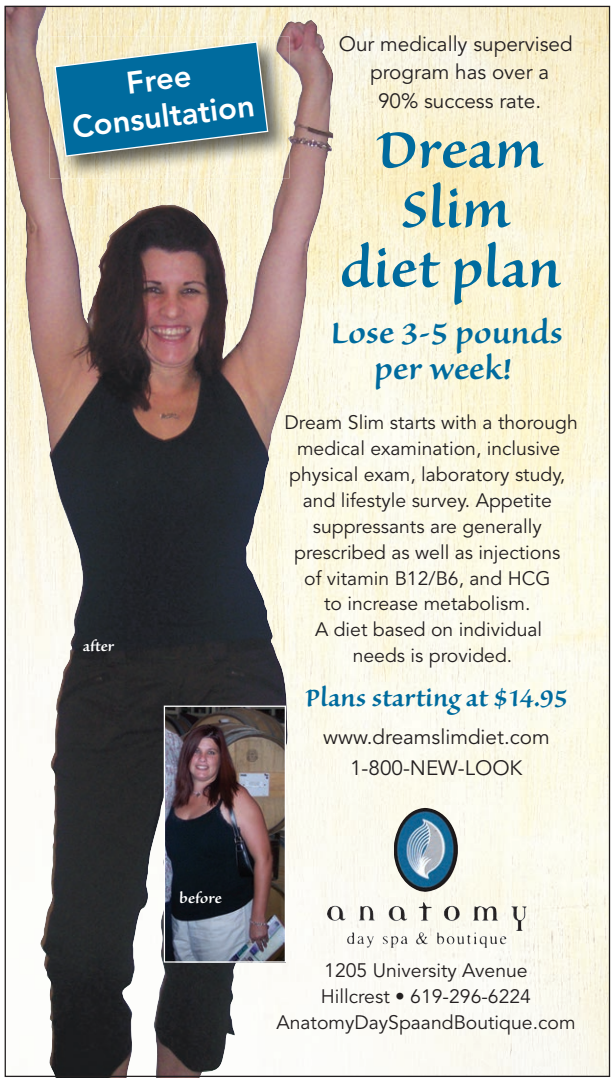

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How the Jetsons showed me my brother was in heaven

My brother Jeff decided to end his life with a shotgun in early 2008, in a motel room at a ski resort in upstate New York. In the spirit of keeping this brief, I will gloss over him by saying that he was the most remarkable person I ever met in my life. He lived balls-out and fearless, trying to make it in New York as an actor. He was never rich when it came to money but had an abundance of friends and dreams. He was such a great actor that he fooled everyone in the family until the very last moment, his pain and anguish never revealed until after he decided to end it…

What brought all this up was the recent suicide of my friend Michael on Christmas Day in San Diego — like Jeff, it was a shock. It always is, to family and friends, because we see them only from the outside; we see their humor and charm and what they decide to show us. Michael was



out celebrating with friends at the Ye Ould Sod, singing karaoke and drinking. He said goodbye around 1:00 a.m. and drove home. Michael updated his Facebook status, saying:

"This is a long time coming, please don't blame yourself."

He then jumped off the 805 overpass to his death.

I figure my brother was probably bi-polar, like Mike. I say this because when Mike was happy, he was the most charming, charismatic, outgoing person you'd ever seen. He'd graduated from Berkeley and was working at the Wild Animal Park, following his passion for animals. My brother Jeff was the same. He starred as Joey in the Dinner Theatre production of *Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding*, and appeared in a number of plays, and won numerous awards from Actors Alliance. Both these kids, they were on the right track and following where their hearts, not their wallets, took them.

> I don't subscribe to the hippie-looking guy who died and started moving rocks and makes water into wine.

With my brother, the pendulum always swung. It caused him great amounts of regret, sorrow, and guilt over the friends he'd lost in high

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The moment of Jeff's death, my mother was walking the aisles of a grocery store and suddenly stopped. "I can't describe it," she said. "I just felt empty. I left my cart in the aisle full of groceries, drove home, and laid on the couch…I have never felt so empty."

Jeff's girlfriend Mel, who had just received a goodbye text, frantically tried to reach him on his cell phone. Her dog leapt from the couch and began barking at an empty corner in her room; he circled repeatedly and went on barking at the empty corner. Mel put him outside and continued dialing. At the same time, a friend of Jeff's in San Diego was thinking of him and had a strange feeling, and at that moment the light bulb above Mel, the one she used to read with, blew out.

I should stop here and explain that I was an atheist and didn't believe in a higher power. I didn't then and still don't subscribe to the hippie-looking guy who died and started moving rocks and makes water into wine, nor the guy up above who hates gays, tells preachers not to get married, wants you to always donate to him, and created earth in just under a week. I think it's a crock. I also don't believe in ghosts or the tooth fairy. In fact, when my brother died, I was at a local bar pounding back a few beers. A good friend of mine was telling me about his past depression and that he had once been suicidal.

"See, I just don't get that," I said. "How can you want to just quit? I hate weak people, life is hard for everyone, you just got to power through it, know what I mean? We don't have it that bad. Hell, imagine life in India or Nigeria, for poor people who are suffering, yet they still find strength to go on…Stop being such a puss!"

I won't go into more detail about that day because I have it surrounded by a 50-foot wall that is guarded 24/7 by ninjas and SEAL teams and surrounded by a moat with alligators. Anytime I mentally try to go there, I am forced back by the guards and told to leave the area. It is a good safeguard, and I often wonder if other survivors of suicide loss do this as well.

After Jeff died, my mother began receiving all sorts of signs. Books about mediums and spirit guides that Jeff had bought her years ago started appearing all around the house. Everyone in the family began to have dreams with him in them, where he was reassuring us that he was okay. I have never had dreams so vivid that they made me question which reality was true. I felt that he was alive in those dreams and that we were having long conversations.

Mel's bra would come unhooked while walking down the street, and she swore it was Jeff.

In other strange news: Mel's bra would come unhooked while walking down the street, and she swore it was Jeff. My radio and car alarm would go off randomly, either while I was driving or just sitting in the car.

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This was all written off by me as random bulls**t. I put no stock in poltergeists or Jeff having a bit of fun from the other side. It would be easy to think that it was him and that he was in a better place than the alternative, which I saw as nothingness. My greatest fear was that my brother had simply ceased to exist, that he wasn't in heaven or hell, just…gone.

My mother asked my brother for understanding and help. She sought to find a trustworthy medium who would be able to help her get answers as to the WHY.

One afternoon my mother came home to find her roommate Mike and his friend Joe drunk, high, and passed out in the living room.

She made them coffee and got them on their feet, so they could sober up a bit. They had been out partying the night before in downtown Chicago. Mike's friend got up from the couch and asked my mother, "Do you have a son named Jeff?"

"Yes," she said.

"He says he is real sorry for what he did, but that he is where he is supposed to be."

"Excuse me? How did you know my son Jeff?"

"He is telling me that he is really sorry, so so sorry for how he did it, but that he was in so much pain, and now he is happy and where he is supposed to be. You are where you're supposed to be and so is he. Look, I got a killer headache. Do you mind if I get some Advil or somethin'?"

Unbeknownst to Mike or my mother, Joe was a medium. He claimed he'd been bombarded all day and night by Jeff, who wanted to talk to my mother. Joe said that he'd always had the gift, that it was a nuisance at times, and that he got high a lot to dull his senses. He described what Jeff looked like and how he took his life. When relaying the messages, he spoke in a way similar to Jeff's speech pattern. Neither Mike nor my mother had ever told this man anything about Jeff.

Joe took his Advil and headed out the door. He said goodbye to my mom and promised to call Mike again and have another "guys' night." He asked Jeff to p*ss off and leave him alone and then he probably went back downtown to get smashed.

Later on in the week, a coworker of my mom's returned from a healing session with her therapist — with a message from Jeff. Kim had been seeing a healer/therapist about trying to get pregnant. Doctors told her that it was impossible after her miscarriage, and that's when she found Beverly. Beverly started the session by asking how she was. Kim said that she was feeling good but that a friend had recently lost her son.

"Does his name start with a J?…Jeff… Tell your friend that he comes and speaks with me all the time and that I would love to meet her."

My mom went to meet Beverly, and there began the road to our recovery.

On Beverly's advice, I decided to ask for a sign from my brother. I went to Target and purchased two scented candles and taped a baby picture of Jeff to one of them. I closed my window and door and lit the candle. My house at the time was a real dump and had no AC or heater, so no air was coming into my bedroom. I asked Jeff to put out the candle I had lit for him. In the past, being a smartass, I'd asked him to make my car hover, or for me to win the lottery, but this time I took it seriously and really tried to reach out. I focused all my energy on that flame and begged Jeff to put it out.

*Jeff, please. I need you to come down and put this candle out. I don't know of any other signs or whatever that you can do to convince me that you're still here, unless you can make a car fly into my f**king window. I need you to do this for me. I know — I KNOW! — that logically, with my window closed, and the door closed, that this thing will burn down to the bottom. I've burned candles before and all of them have burned to nothingness. But this time…show me you found the way out of the darkness and put this candle out.*

I asked that question for a good hour, focusing on the candle, telling Jeff that this was his one chance to help me out and show me that we don't disappear, that *he* didn't disappear. I eventually got tired and told Jeff I was going to sleep. I passed out with the candle still lit. When I woke the next morning, I'd forgotten about the whole ordeal. I got dressed and grabbed my keys and only then noticed that the candle had gone out sometime in the night. It was half-size, pretty much what it had been when I fell asleep.

Sure, this wasn't a spiritual two-by-four to the head to utterly and totally convince me that Jeff was still around — but it helped. I mean, isn't there an entire holiday celebrated around the fact that some super old lamp or oil burned for eight days, when it was only supposed to last for a day? Spirits aren't always obvious about this stuff. I think they like to mess with us and test our faith.

What finally did it for me, though, were the words "*Eep opp ork AH AH*!" During a session with Beverly, she told my mother to relay a message to Jeff's girlfriend Mel: "*Eep opp ork AH AH*." Beverly talks like my brother when she channels him; she calls me "dude" and talks smack in the exact speech patterns Jeff would have used; she knows things that only Jeff would know. Well, neither my mother nor Beverly knew what those words meant, but when I later listened to the audiotape of their session, I knew exactly.

Beverly talks like my brother when she channels him; she calls me "dude" and talks smack.

"*Eep opp ork AH AH*!" was from a *Jetsons* episode, one I'd seen with my brother back in the day. In the episode, Judy Jetson wins a date with Jet Screamer, and he sings this song for her. The words mean "I love you" in space talk. I called Mel to give her Jeff's message. She blew us all away by revealing that for the past year she's been learning to say "I love you" in every language in the world. Jeff knew this at the time of his death and was now saying it to her from space.

I don't fear death, nor do I fear a whole lot. I've poured out one of the most tragic events in my life to you, and chances are we have never met. But I don't care…because those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter.

Be happy and chase your dreams.■

— Frank Wells

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Off the Cuff ("What's your favorite day of the year?")
Published May 19

By antigeekess 11:48 p.m., May 19, 2010

Today!!! :)

No, wait… That's Winnie the Pooh…

I don't have a favorite day. They all suck.

Crasher
Published May 19

By antigeekess 7 p.m., May 20, 2010

Cats are the original vigilantes. They could teach the CIA a thing or two about covert operations.

Some people call it passive-aggressive. I call it "Stealthy Justice." Oh yeah.

Cover Story
Published May 19

By This_Place_Is_Dead_ Anyways 7:45 p.m., May 20, 2010

great story and insight into what these families go through for our freedoms.

Blurt ("Posthumous Bangs")
Published May 19

By zsazsazsa 10:53 p.m., May 20, 2010

"I came from a spic suburb full of Mexicans that eat tacos all the time," WTF?? Why is this in here?? How does that relate to the story?

By jayallen 9:07 a.m., May 21, 2010

There is so much story behind Bangs' local-centric history that it was a daunting challenge to distill into a 300 word Blurt. As such, the choices of what to include were deliberate and considered at length -

Bangs himself and his contemporaries and associates have literally written books' worth of material about his Diego days. My challenge was to distill into a handful of words demonstrating to both the uninitiated and those in the know just how epically stream-of-consciousness he was, in the way he spoke, wrote, and lived.

With only space for a couple of quotes, and only one of them from Bangs himself, the quote I chose seemed to best reflect his often-aberrant and brutal way of expressing himself. The story is about Bangs growing up in SD, and that's exactly how Bangs felt about his adoptive hometown - tho dead all these years, the self-revealing way he spoke still clearly pisses people off.

Yet more evidence of how great a writer he really was —-

By refriedgringo 9:22 a.m., May 21, 2010

I thought it was appropriate. Bangs was a very "in your face" writer on purpose, that quote was indicative of his style. A lot of people thought he was an a-hole, but really, it was a case of proving that he wasn't a kiss-ass. He probably wrote more negative reviews in Rolling Stone in the few years he worked for them than anyone in the history of the magazine.

May 21, 2010

You must be new here, zsazsazsa. Standard practice for the Reader. Cute, huh? Oh, wait, no — engaging.

By missy 11:49 a.m., May 21, 2010

A better quote is found in Bangs' description of Grossmont College: "High school with cigarettes." So great.

By jayallen 12:05 p.m., May 21, 2010

That IS a good quote! About his junior college days, anyway - I was more interested in what he said about the neighborhood where he grew up. For anyone interested in further reading, I highly recommend this 7-13-2000 Reader cover feature, My High School Days with Lester Bangs — http://www.jimdero.com/Bangs/Bangs%20Houghton.htm

By zsazsazsa 4:09 p.m., May 21, 2010

Gee, I wonder what Bangs would have said if he came from a black neighborhood? Would his aberrant quotes be included in this article as well?? It's not Lester Bangs that pisses me off, it's reading a publication that I've read on a regular basis for years (and have been featured in as well) and seeing an article that referred to Mexicans as spics. Am I missing something??

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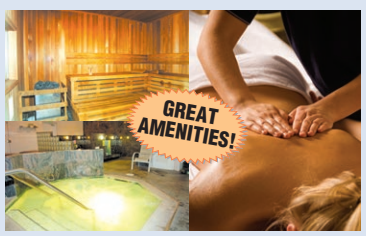

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See **CLASSICAL MUSIC**, page 73.

Friday | 28



TALES FOR TAILS

Children can hone their oratory skills by reading to guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, and sometimes dogs and cats through this animal program with the San Diego Humane Society's Pet-Assisted Therapy Program for kids in grades one to six.
See **FOR KIDS**, page 74.

STAR WARS IN CONCERT

Head to the San Diego Sports Arena to experience John Williams's scores from the famous films. A symphony orchestra and choir perform the music to clips from all six movies, displayed on a large screen. Anthony Daniels (you know, C-3PO) provides live narration.
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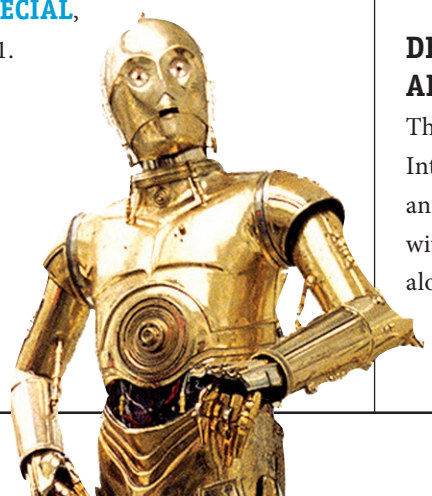

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OBSERVE!

What's going on up there? The Palomar Observatory is offering one-hour guided tours covering history and current scientific research with a special emphasis on the 200-inch Hale telescope. Tours do not include viewing through the Hale; visitors may take free, self-guided visits to the big telescope daily during open hours.
See **SPECIAL**, page 72.

READY TO RUBIK!

Puzzle pros converge for the fifth annual Rubik's Cube Competition at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Enter to compete, or just come to watch cube masters tackle a series of hurdles such as solving the puzzle in less than 30 seconds or lining up the cube while blindfolded.
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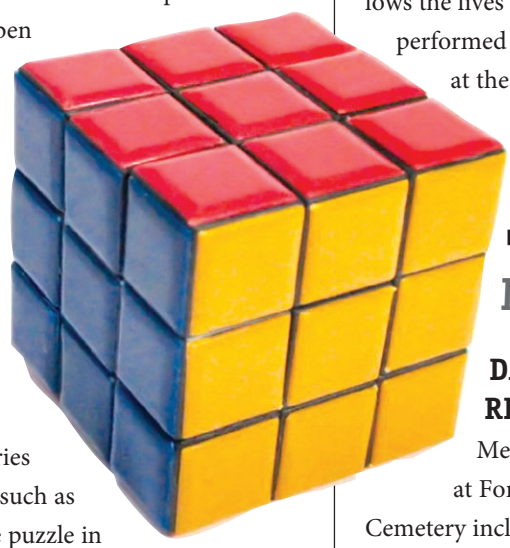

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DELICIOUS IN ANY LANGUAGE

The House of Pacific Relations International Cottages hosts the 30th annual Ethnic Food Fair at Balboa Park with food from over 32 nations for sale, along with native costumes, ethnic music, songs, and dancing.
See **SPECIAL**, page 72.



TUESDAY, JUNE 1: TANGO ON THE BEACH

THE HOT L BALTIMORE

The missing *E* in the Hotel Baltimore's neon marquee is a portent of things to come for its guests. This slice-of-life comedy-drama by Lanford Wilson follows the lives of a dozen characters as performed by the Sullivan Players at the Swedenborg Hall in University Heights.
See **THEATER**, page 115.

Monday | 31

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day ceremonies at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery include music by the U.S. Marine Corps Band, a wreath tribute, a cannon-and-rifle salute, bagpipe music, and speeches and readings to commemorate those who have died in service to their country. Brigadier General Ronald L. Bailey is the keynote speaker.
See **SPECIAL**, page 72.

KAWA SERVED

This traditional drink made from the roots of the kawa pepper plant will be offered during a reception for photographic images of Polynesian tattoo and body art. Images are from *The Polynesian Tattoo Today* by Tricia Allen, who will be available to sign books.
See **SPECIAL**, page 71.

Tuesday | 1

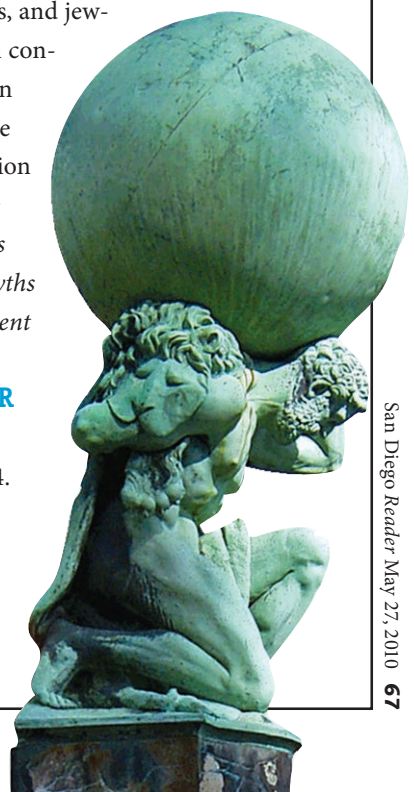
TANGO ON THE BEACH

Krista Ann teaches Argentine tango classes at the Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre. Classes focus on the basics: walking, embrace, basic figures, floor craft, and dance etiquette. No partner or experience required.
See **DANCE**, page 74.

Wednesday | 2

(HEROIC) TEEN ART CAFÉ

Teen artists are invited to the San Diego Museum of Art to meet other teen artists and create their own art "inspired by the statues, reliefs, vases, bronzes, and jewelry" in conjunction with the exhibition *Heroes: Mortals and Myths of Ancient Greece.*
See **FOR KIDS**, page 74.



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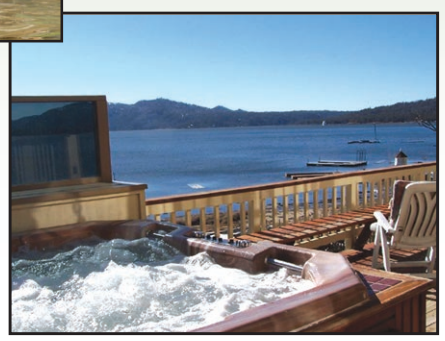

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Eight kilometers of concrete stairs

Mount Huang, Anhui Province, China

By Maria Romano

Having two weeks to kill in China, my group of friends and I decided to brave a train/backpacking trip from Shanghai to Huangshan National Park in Anhui province. We took an overnight regional train (about $10) to Huangshan City, where it's easy to catch a truck/bus to the foot of the mountain.

I had no idea what to expect from a national park in China. I had no idea the "hiking" to the peak of Mount Huang (Huangshan, or Yellow Mountain) would actually be eight kilometers of concrete stairs going straight up. I also didn't know that for about $15 there was a funicular that would have saved me the intense cardio workout and awkward passings of porters carrying twice their weight to and from the luxury hotels on the peak.

If I had known these things, however, I still would have braved the six-hour climb with my backpack crushing me — because the higher you climb, the more surreal and beautiful Huangshan becomes. You know the medieval Ming paintings of mountain peaks and pointing pines that disappear into floating clouds? That, but real.

Glacier National Park, Montana

By Sarah Robinson

There are few national parks that can compare to Glacier in the northwest corner of Montana. The national park, with 13 campgrounds and over 700 miles of hiking trails, has the same feel as New Zealand — untouched, massive, overwhelming natural beauty everywhere.

From huge peaks to endless rivers, from glacier lakes to, of course, glaciers, it's hard to choose where to begin. The park is accessible to everyone, with strenuous hikes as well as short, easy walks around the lakes with mountain-



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ous reflections.

I suggest Grinnell Glacier as a see-it-all hike. You begin at the Many Glacier Hotel and can either take a short ferry ride across the Swift Current Lake, then get out and walk for five minutes to the next ferry across Lake Josephine, or you can take the flat two-mile walk along

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Other Adventures



anaisabel: Shoe-shining in Kusadasi, Turkey



pyaarnalini: I took this at a little coffee shop on our day tour to Mt. Tambourine, Australia



Peace: In North Carolina at the annual Native American festival on Native American Day in the capital city of Raleigh



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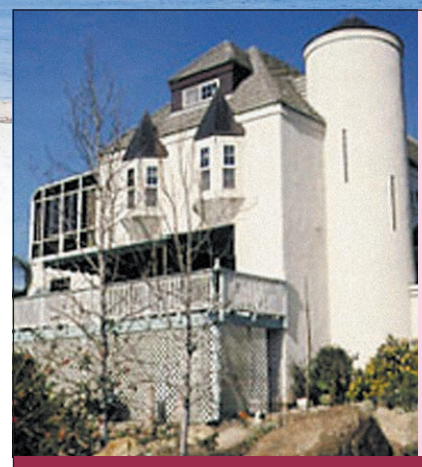

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"June Gloom," the generally dreary, overcast, late spring weather along San Diego's coastline, has already begun and could intensify next month. Occasionally, the low clouds will stick around for several days. This is usually triggered by a "*Catalina* eddy," in which moist marine air drawn inland from the area around Santa Catalina Island forms low clouds over a wide area. In the absence of Catalina eddy conditions, San Diego's inland areas, at least, experience plenty of midday and afternoon sunshine.

Spring Wildflowers may have largely dried up in most areas of San Diego County, but in the cooler coastal enclaves such as Cabrillo National Monument and Torrey Pines State Reserve several kinds remain. Look for paintbrush, purple nightshade, coreopsis, sea fig, popcorn flower, and red monkey flower, among others.

Oleander, a consistent spring/summer bloomer widely planted in front- and backyards throughout the county, is putting on a fine show in the medians of certain area thoroughfares and freeways, especially Interstate 5 in North County. Alternating white, pink, and red bands flash by the traveler, with an occasional splash of out-of-sequence color, perhaps a subtle attention-getter designed to keep sleepy drivers awake. Most gardeners are aware of oleander's toxic characteristics; all parts are poisonous if ingested.

May Ends with evenings well-illuminated by moonlight. On Thursday, May 27, the full moon rises over the mountains just before sunset, spends the whole night arcing from east to west across the sky, and finally sets over the ocean near dawn on Sunday. Only during full phase does the moon truly "rule the night." Some folk names for the May full moon are "hare moon," "merry moon," "flower moon," and "moon when the ponies shed."

Grunion Runs are predicted to occur during the late evening hours (generally after 10pm and before 1am), following the nocturnal high tide, May 28 through 30. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. During the months of April and May, grunion are protected and may not be taken by fishers through any means. Open season for grunion starts in June, and from then until the end of summer, the fish can be collected in reasonable numbers using the hands only (fishing licence needed for persons 16 years of age and older). For more information, visit *dfg.ca.gov/marine/grunionschedule.asp*.

"All Things Native in Nature" Hike with trail guide naturalist to identify and admire plants, reptiles, birds, bugs. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 29, 9:30am; Sunday, May 30, 9:30am; Wednesday, June 2, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Basic Birding Tom Troy leads basic birding program with emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Directions: 760-967-6915. Saturday, May 29, 8:30am; free. Buena Vista Audubon Society Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy. (CARLSBAD)

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)

Experience a Grunion Run Grunion run program hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum (which doesn't take place at museum). Presentation on grunion, followed by "opportunity to witness grunion eggs hatch before your eyes." Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Friday, May 28, 9pm; Saturday, May 29, 9:30pm; $12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

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

MULHOLLAND RIDGE

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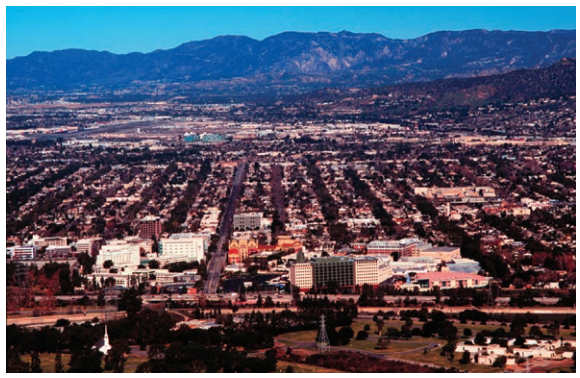


San Fernando Valley from Mulholland Ridge

Los Angeles's scenic and storied Mulholland Drive/Highway skims across the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains from the Hollywood Hills all the way to Ventura County. If Mulholland were ever extended farther eastward from its eastern end, it would probably snake along the sharply defined ridge between Mount Lee and Mount Chapel in Griffith Park. But for now, and probably forever, the phenomenal views both north and south from this ridge remain the privilege of self-propelled travelers only. For the purpose of this hike description, these self-propelled travelers include only those on foot (or paw, in the case of dogs). Mountain biking is not allowed on the dirt roads and trails of Griffith Park.

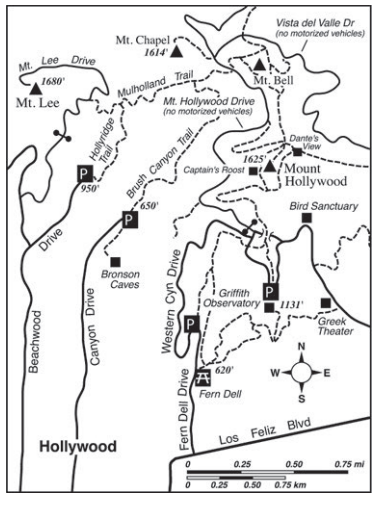
To get to the starting point, drive into Hollywood using the Hollywood Freeway (U.S. 101). From Franklin Avenue, a half mile east of the Hollywood Freeway, turn north on Canyon Drive. Follow Canyon Drive all the way to its far end. There's room for parking in a small lot here or back a little way alongside Canyon Drive itself.

Nearby — just east and possibly worth a side trip at some point — lie Bronson Caves, which are the remnants of quarrying operations during the early 20th Century. The excavations were later used as an outdoor set for plenty of Hollywood film and television productions, including the 1960s television series Batman.

Our hike, however, starts at the end of Canyon Drive and proceeds past a gate onto the dirt-road extension of Canyon Drive, which climbs steadily up the east slope of a ravine known as Brush Canyon (or, alternately, Bronson Canyon). After 1.1 miles (and 600 feet of elevation gain) you come to an intersection of a fire road known as the Mulholland Trail (Mulholland Highway on some older maps). Turn right and continue climbing a little until you reach the paved-but-closed-to-auto-traffic Mount Hollywood Drive. Make a sharp left there, walk on pavement for another 0.2 mile, and then cut left on the wide path going up along the southeast slope of Mount Chapel. The path leads to a water tank just north of the peak itself, and you can improvise a route to the 1614-foot summit. You've gained about 1000 feet of elevation to get here, and a great view is one reward for that effort.

On Mount Chapel you almost feel like you're flying as you gaze a thousand feet down on the Hollywood foothills to the south and the tidy green spaces of Forest Lawn Memorial Park to the north. When you're satisfied with the complete view, return to Mount Hollywood Drive and head back the same way you came.

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



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both lakes.

The Grinnell Glacier Trail ascends amazing mountains with views throughout the entire hike. You'll see glacier waterfalls spilling from one glacier lake into the next, wildflowers everywhere (in the spring), and wildlife (if you're lucky) that ranges from grizzly bears to mountain goats. It's a steep six miles with 1600 feet gained in elevation.

You can fly into Kalispell, Montana, just outside of Glacier National Park, and rent a car right there at the world's smallest airport. Drive through Going into the Sun Road once in Glacier Park, and don't forget to bring your bear spray!



Life is difficult for the average Cuban.

Americans in Cuba?

By Paul Todd

It's easier than you might think for Americans to get to Cuba. There are several points of departure — one of the best is Cancun, Mexico, offering daily flights to Havana.

With an abundance of tour operators willing to book airfare and hotel and arrange the special visa needed for Americans, it could not be easier for Americans to defy the State Department and visit one of the last true Communist countries. Prices range between $400 and $600 for three-night/four-day packages.

If you go, there are several things to be aware of: tourists from Europe and the Americas flock to Havana and the beaches in droves. Even with the lively tourist trade, basic accommodations are all one can expect. Consider yourself lucky if the shower has warm water and pressure. If the bed does not have springs popping, you've hit the jackpot.

The tourist areas of Havana are thriving with constant renovation. The city's architecture rivals Buenos Aires or many European cities (although not as well maintained). The true pleasures here are the cigars, rum, music, and artwork. That's correct: the art in Cuba is thriving. These artists have little chance of showing their work outside Cuba. The savvy tourist can pick up some true gems for as little as $30.

Non-tourist areas are where life in Cuba shows its grit. With generations of the same family living in crumbling buildings, life is difficult for the average Cuban. Fifty years of no paint or any repairs of significance have taken their toll. These areas are accessible to tourists, and any taxi driver will be happy to give you a tour. If you're lucky, they may even take you inside for a glimpse of daily life — of course, a small tip will be expected.

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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)

Feathered Friends Learn "five simple techniques" for identifying birds — in the wild and in your backyard — during Birding Basics class. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 29, 1pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Herb Walk Learn to identify plants, shrubs of López Canyon with Will Bowen. See plants like bush monkey flower, black sage, chia. Find out how plants here were used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, Anglo-American settlers. 858-484-3219. Sunday, May 30, 5pm; free. Peñasquitos west-end staging area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Memorial Day at Mount Hope Take a moderately paced jaunt around one of SD's earliest cemeteries. Walk over lawns and knolls, noting burial sites of famous folk — Horton, Marston, Sessions. You may stay for ceremony by Sons of Civil War Veterans in memory of Civil War's 620,000 dead. Meet group at visitor center. 619-231-7463. Monday, May 31, noon; free. Mount Hope Cemetery, 3751 Market Street. (MOUNT HOPE)

Rediscover Escondido Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, June 1, 6pm; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Tour del Día Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 29, 10am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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"All About the Artist" Reception for exhibit of work by painter Jorge Reinoza, photographer Baptiste Rutko, painter Roberto Mariani, photographer Ali Abu-Rahma. Singer-songwriter Steph Johnson performs. 619-701-1669. Friday, May 28, 6pm. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Enrique Experienced" Original art show includes 12 multimedia pieces "inspired by an outlandish Enrique Limon tale." Artists include Dark Vomit/Kelly Hutchison, Gustaf Rooth, Bret J. Barrett. Music by four DJs, mandolin performance from the Burning of Rome's Adam Traub, wine tastings from Carruth Cellars, Viva Pops popsicles, more. Mama's Kitchen benefits from $5 entry fee. 619-846-7180. Saturday, May 29, 7pm; 21 and up. Glashaus Artist Collective Warehouse, 1815 Main Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"Star Wars in Concert" Enjoy John Williams's scores from the films, performed by symphony orchestra and choir, with clips from all six movies displayed on a large screen. Anthony Daniels, who played and voiced C3PO in every film, provides live narration. 800-745-3000. Friday, May 28, 7pm; $35-$75. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Kawa Served! This traditional drink offered during reception for photographic exhibition of images of Polynesian tattoo and body art. Images are from *The Polynesian Tattoo Today* by Tricia Allen, who will be on hand to sign books. See exhibit through Friday, July 30. 510-802-2155. Monday, May 31, 6pm; free. Vinaka Cafe, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #211. (CARLSBAD)

American Heritage Car Show The 13th annual car show promises 200 domestic and imported pre-1974 vehicles displayed on lawn. Vendors, pancake breakfast, awards, tours of Escondido History Center. Spectators: free; exhibitors: $25 per vehicle. 760-743-8207. Saturday, May 29, 9am. Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

Book Sale Used book sale with half-off prices. 619-463-9819. Saturday, May 29, 10am; free. Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway. (LEMON GROVE)

Celebrating 114 Years! Opening weekend of camp season festival includes activities, lectures, demonstrations. Walk a labyrinth, visit artisan booths, have a psychic reading or have your aura photographed. Be part of annual Chili, Cornbread, and



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Brownie Cook-Off (call for details). Tickets: $1 each; $5 for six. 760-745-9176. Saturday, May 29, 10am. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle. (ESCONDIDO)

Consider Saturn Consider the planet and take "digital tour" of night sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show, then view real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Wednesday, June 2, 7pm and 8pm; $9-$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Day of Remembrance Memorial Day ceremonies include music by U.S. Marine Corps Band, wreath tribute, speeches, cannon and rifle salute, bagpipe music, readings. Keynote speaker is Brigadier General Ron Bailey. 619-553-2084 x4000. Monday, May 31, 8:45am; free. Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Cabrillo Memorial Drive. (POINT LOMA)

Delicious in any Language House of Pacific Relations-International Cottages host 30th annual Ethnic Food Fair with food from over 32 nations (for sale), along with native costumes, ethnic music, songs, dancing. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 30, 10am; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Doggie Café Take your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. One dog per human handler. Donation: $10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. Friday, May 28, 6pm.San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

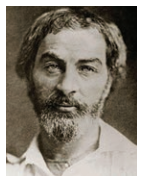
Rhyme & Verse
—Two poems by Walt Whitman

Reconciliation

Word over all, beautiful as the sky,
Beautiful that war and all its deeds of carnage must in time
be utterly lost,
That the hands of the sisters Death and Night incessantly
softly wash again, and ever again, this soil'd world;
For my enemy is dead, a man divine as myself is dead,
I look where he lies white-faced and still in the coffin—
I draw near,
Bend down and touch lightly with my lips the white face
in the coffin.

When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer

When I heard the learn'd astronomer,
When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me,
When I was shown the charts and the diagrams, to add, divide, and
measure them,
When I sitting heard the astronomer where he lectured with much
applause in the lecture-room,
How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,
Till rising and gliding out I wander'd off by myself,
In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,
Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.



Like Abraham Lincoln, Walt Whitman understood that genuine reconciliation after the Civil War was the only way to heal the nation. More essentially, Whitman appears to have been a man in love with all existence and spiritually incapable of ego-centered hatreds and resentments. During his lifetime many of his admirers felt that he was as great a spiritual teacher as he was a master of poetry. His friend, Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke, believed that "something of that spiritual elevation can still be seen" in this photograph. It was probably taken in 1854 by the photographer Gabriel Harrison. Born in 1819, Walt Whitman died on May 31, 1892.

Find Roga with Jewish Yoga Join the circle at the yurt, find roga (tranquility) in "Shinroga — a… new form of meditation and spiritual experience rooted in Jewish and Buddhist heritage and wisdom." You don't have to be Jewish or Buddhist, just possess "an open mind and caring soul." Donation. 858-717-5551. Tuesday, June 1, 11am. Yoga Swami, 912 South Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

Intuitive Fest Psychic Fair Psychics, tarot, energy clearing, runes; all services are 15 minutes for $15. 760-721-2110. Saturday, May 29, 10am. Kindred Journeys, 510 N. Coast Hwy. #101A. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

Memorial Day Parade Celebrate Memorial Day and Kensington's 100th anniversary with a parade between Palisades and Adams Avenue. Monday, May 31, 10:30am; free. Marlborough Drive at Palisades Road. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

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

Observe! One-hour guided tours covering history and current scientific research of the observatory offered, with special emphasis on the 200-inch Hale Telescope. Tours do not include viewing through Hale Telescope. (Visitors may take free, self-guided visits to the 200-inch telescope daily during open hours.) 760-742-2119. Saturdays, 11:30am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sundays, 11:30am, 1pm and 2:30pm; through Sunday, October 31; $8. 6 and up. Palomar Observatory, 35899 Canfield Road. (PALA)

Peace Fair "In response to the rising tide of violence in our community, a group of middle school students" has formed "a violence-prevention group known as Survivors of Violence." Group hosts booths by "peace-building organizations" during spring open house. 619-750-3467. Thursday, May 27, 6pm; free. La Presa Mid-

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Ready to Rubik! "Puzzle pros converge" for fifth annual Rubik's Cube Competition. Enter to compete, or just watch "cube masters" tackle a series of hurdles such as solving the puzzle in less than 30 seconds, or while blindfolded. 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 29, 9:30am; $8-$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Santee Street Fair Enjoy day with live bands and entertainment, rides, 300 food and vendor booths. 619-449-6572. Saturday, May 29, 10am; free. Santee Trolley Square Town Center, 9884 Mission Gorge Road. (SANTEE)

Fall of the Roman Empire Why did Rome decline? Gain an understanding with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 27, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Unwind and Laugh Exercise your humor and creativity with "variety of lively interactive exercises from the world of improvisation" to give your funny bone a workout. Led by Jacquie Lowell. 858-581-0050. Wednesday, June 2, 7pm; $20. 14 and up. Friendship Senior Center, 4425 Bannock Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

Valley Center Western Days 2010 Festivities begin on Friday with Honorary Mayor race and rodeo. Saturday's events include pancake breakfast, parade, entertainment, vendors, exhibits, mechanical bull, live music, carnival, rodeo, more. Sunday begins with breakfast, includes activities, entertainment. 760-749-8472. Friday, May 28, 5pm; Saturday, May 29, 10am; Sunday, May 30, 9am. Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"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. Thursday, May 27, 7pm; Friday, May 28, 7pm; $1-$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert Civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, May 30, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

DANCE

Argentine Tango New six-week session of lessons with Colette Hebert begins in studio 106. First class free any Monday or Wednesday. Fee: $15 per class, or pay $10 per class when registering for 12-lesson session. 514-726-5567. Monday, May 31, 7pm. Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade, 2650 Truxtun Rd., Suite 108. (POINT LOMA)

Belly Dance Show with Fire and Sword Dancers Marianna and Lucia perform. 619-702-8087. Friday, May 28, 7pm; $19. Avo's Mediterranean Cuisine, 1153 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Blurred Borders Dance Festival Annual cross-cultural dance event was created to foster artistic exchange and pollination of local, national, and international artists. See work by Susana Szperling, collaborative dance theater LIVE, the PGK Project, Patricia Rincon Dance Collective. 619-886-7924. Friday, May 28, 8pm; Saturday, May 29, 8pm; $10-$20. Saville Theatre at San Diego City College, 14th and C Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Jane Austen Evening of Dance Regency dress very much admired during San Diego English Country Dancers event. Guest caller Robert Moir hails from England. Live music by Off the Cuff. 858-676-9731. Saturday, May 29, 8pm; $8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Learn to Clog Expect "a great workout and tons of fun" during classes. Beginners: 6pm; easy level: 6:45pm; intermediates: 7:30pm. Tap shoes not required. 619-729-3102. Mondays, 6pm; $3. Balboa Park Recital Hall, 2130 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

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Passion and Beauty of Dance Eveoke Dance Theatre performs for Free First Wednesdays series. Seats are first-come, first-served, available one hour prior to curtain. 800-988-4253. Wednesday, June 2, 4pm and 7pm; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Pick of the Lizard Martha Wild calls to music by this band during contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30pm; dances taught and called to live music 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, May 28, 7:30pm; $7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

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)

Tangralaa Argentine Tango Milonga Evening begins with "absolute beginner tango class" taught by Joe Chepetsky (8pm); milonga dance party follows (8:30pm). Nuevo tango DJ, host: Chepetsky. 858-560-4372. Friday, May 28, 8pm; $10. Infinity Dance Sport Center, 4428 Convoy Street #288. (KEARNY MESA)

FILM

Le Moustache See Emmanuel Carrere's "Kafkaesque reflection on identity and perception" when it's showcased for Film Forum. In French with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, June 2, 6:30pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus Sunday Matinee series features Terry Gilliam's 2009 fantasy starring Heath Ledger (who died one-third of the way through filming), Johnny Depp, Jude Law, Colin Farrell, Christopher Plummer, Lily Cole, Tom Waits. 619-236-5800. Sunday, May 30, 2pm; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

FOOD & DRINK

"Fish! Facts" Appetizer reception features Cooks Confab chefs, guest chefs, short lecture, screening of documentary *End of the Line,* examining "effects of the global love affair with fish as food." Proceeds benefit Slow Food Urban San Diego. 619-994-1931. Tuesday, June 1, 6:30pm; $15. Fibonacci's Campus Pointe Bistro by Waters, 10300 Campus Point Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Basic Cooking 101 Get the skinny on kitchen safety, sanitation, kitchen equipment, stocking and managing supplies, reading recipes, measuring, basic chopping and cutting. Recommended for beginners. Registration: 858-964-8513. Wednesday, June 2, 6:30pm; $35. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

Flavors of Provence "Classic French Dishes" cooking series continues with coquilles Saint Jacques, halibut en papel with beurre blanc sauce, ratatouille, apple tart. Registration: 858-964-8513. Wednesday, June 2, 6:30pm; $45. RB Classic Cooking, 1291 Simpson Way, Suite H. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

"Everyone's an Artist" Young Audiences of San Diego "Family Arts and Literacy" series concludes for season with visual artists helping families create art based on *Harold and the Purple Crayon* and *The Tin Forest.* Each family receives a book to take home. 619-282-7599 x114. Thursday, May 27, 6:30pm; free. Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Tales for Tails" Animal program with San Diego Humane Society's Pet-Assisted Therapy Program for those in grades 1-6. Children hone skills by reading to guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, sometimes dogs and cats. Program offered fourth Friday each month. 858-581-9935. Friday, May 28, 4pm; free. 6 and up. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

(Heroic) Teen Art Café Teen artists invited to meet other teen artists, take part in art-making activities in conjunction with "Heroes: Mortals and Myths of Ancient Greece" exhibition. 619-232-7931. Wednesday, June 2, 6pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Maxfield's Time-Traveling Flea Circus Follow the inventor back in time and enjoy show with variety of puppets and "Victorian-style toy theater" during Old Fashioned Kite Flying Players production. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, June 2, 10am and 11:30am; $3-$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Just for Kids Naturalist DJ Summers leads easy, one-hour hike for children (and their parents). Craft session at picnic area follows. Bring a snack if you want. 760-839-4680. Monday, May 31, 10am; free. Daley Ranch— La Honda trailhead, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Look at Me — Self Portraits "Art Explorations" program for families with children 5-12 years old. Participants engage in studio activities inspired by museum's collections. 619-232-7931. Wednesdays, 1:30pm; through Wednesday, June 30, free. 5 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Slow and Steady Enjoy the tale of *The Tortoise and the Hare* when Gaston's Puppets entertain. 619-544-9203. Thursday, May 27, 10am and 11:30am; Friday, May 28, 10am and 11:30am; Saturday, May 29, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, May 30, 11am; $3-$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

GALLERIES

"Art About War" Opening reception for exhibition by 17 artists on subject of war. Through Friday, June 11. Viewing appointments: 619-602-6192. Saturday, May 29, noon; free. Brokers Building Gallery, 402 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Conflicted Harmony" Opening reception for Michael Carini's "You Can't Save Me from Myself" and "Translation" by Jesse Kerr. Closes Saturday, June 19. 858-792-9685. Saturday, May 29, 6pm; free. Project X: Art, 320 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Visual Variations" Reception for exhibition of work by Jeffrey R. Brosbe, Dana Levine, Caroline Morse, Gwen Nobil, John Valois. Closes Sunday, June 6. 858-459-1196. Saturday, May 29, 4pm; free. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, Suite B. (LA JOLLA)

It's Summer C-Note Time! Event and sale begins with preview days, May 28 and 29 (10am-4pm). "C-Note Night" is May 29 (5pm), when original artwork is available for $100, $200, or $300. Pieces are replaced as they're sold. Exhibit closes Sunday, June 13. 619-236-0011. Friday, May 28, 10am; Saturday, May 29, 10am and 5pm; free-$3. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"Growing Pains" VAMP (visual art, music, performance) presents "tales from under the bleachers, stories, songs, and more about being ripped kicking and screaming into the adult world through the thorny brush of puberty." Music by Fam Royal Crew. 619-284-6784. Thursday, May 27, 8:30pm; free. 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

"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 28, 8pm; Saturday, May 29, 1pm, 4pm and 8pm; Sunday, May 30, 1pm and 4pm; $7-$14. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

"Humor with an Asian Twist" Syndicated humor writer Wayne Chan shares stories from his new book, *The Problem With Being Perfect.* "Book features colorful stories of Asian culture coming from an American standpoint." 858-848-5709. Thursday, May 27, 6:30pm; free. Bay Books, 1029 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

"Pot Comic" San Diego native Doug Benson entertains. He is creator/star of documentary *Super High Me.* 619-299-2583. Friday, May 28, 8pm; $20. 21 and up. House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Viaggio Enjoy an "inspiring journey to a surreal world" when iL CiRCo presents a "captivating story of daring to dream" with circus arts and performers. 619-595-0300. Wednesday, June 2, 7:30pm; $39-$52. Anthology, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Brew Ha-Ha Coffee and Comedy Night Performers include Sarah Burford, headliners Tony Calabrese and Chris "Zoo Man" Clobber. 619-922-9057. Saturday, May 29, 7pm; free. 17 and up. Twiggs Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Dance with Joy Alexander Gourevitch and Freilachs plan concert for 17th annual Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. 760-643-5100. Sunday, May 30, 3:30pm; free. Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Avenue. (VISTA)

Environmental Thriller Author Tom Miller discusses, signs *The Wave.* If spurred by an earthquake or volcano, could Mauna Loa volcano collapse and unleash a 2000-foot wave over Hawaii? 760-529-0106. Saturday, May 29, 2pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Oceanside, 2615 Vista Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Family Connections Tour Allison DuBois, inspiration for the *Medium* television series, offers "a way for guests to reunite and reconnect with family members who have passed on." 619-239-4500. Wednesday, June 2, 7pm; $95-$150. 8 and up. Westin Gaslamp Quarter, 910 Broadway Circle. (DOWNTOWN)

Gaslamp Comedy Show Mal Hall hosts stand-up comedy show with performances by Geoff Keith, headliner Michael Kost. 619-338-9300. Thursday, May 27, 7:30pm and 10:30pm; $10. 21 and up. Tipsy Crow, 770 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Klezmer Sunday Alexander Gourevitch and Freilachs "will make you dance with joy" during concert for 17th annual Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. 760-753-7376. Sunday, May 30, 1:30pm; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Lucas Davenport Returns John Sandford visits to discuss, sign *Storm Prey,* his 20th *Prey* series book. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, June 2, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Memorial Day at Mingei Take in performance of American piano tunes including ragtime, music by Fats Waller and George Gershwin, traditional songs, popular standards (1-3pm). 619-239-0003. Monday, May 31, 10am; $4-$7. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Oasis Writers Read Poetry reading by local poets published in OASIS journals for 2008 and 2009. *Oasis Journal 2009* is eighth consecutive annual anthology of short fiction, short nonfiction, poetry by writers over 50. All ages. 858-581-9935. Saturday, May 29, 11:30am; free. Clairemont Library, 2920 Burgener Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

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

Play, Lounge, Laugh Happy Hour with "favorite games" such as dominoes, Twister, Uno (6pm); standup comedy with host D'Sean Ross, Fahim Anwar, Cocoa Brown (9pm). Dancing after show. Free admission until 7:30pm; $20 afterward. 888-316-0722. Friday, May 28, 6pm; 21 and up. Rock Bottom Brewery, 401 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Stress-Free Tuesdays Comedy show by R.T. Steckel and Josh Mullins, host Byron Bowers. No cover before 7:30pm. 888-316-0722. Tuesday, June 1, 7pm; free-$5. 21 and up. U-31, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Upright Citizens Brigade Tourco This sketch comedy troupe "that birthed improv legends Amy Poehler and Horatio Sanz" takes stage for ArtPower performance. 858-534-TIXS. Tuesday, June 1, 9pm; $10-$12. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Wild Card Comedy Show Entertainment by comedians Bryan Cooper, Mal Hall, Chris Moss, T.K., "rock comedy musical act." 619-231-0011. Friday, May 28, 7:30pm; $15. 21 and up. On Broadway Event Center, 615 Broadway Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

LECTURES

"An Asian State of Mind" Local Asian-American authors speak on writing, Asian American identity and pursuing your dreams. Participants: Virginia S. Loh (*The Jade Dragon*), Wayne Chan (*The Problem With Being Perfect*), Giovanna Pang-Garcia (*Why Chinese Women Are Not Broke: Real Life Stories and Proven Keys for Success*), Ray M. Wong (*Chicken Soup* contributor). 858-552-1668 or 619-441-5988. Saturday, May 29, 11am; free. Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

"An Evening with Adrian Noble" Noble discusses "his approach to the perennial issues of performing Shakespeare sprinkled with anecdotes drawn from his several decades of directing experience and answer questions from the audience." He is artistic director of Globe's 2010 Shakespeare Festival, author of *How to Do Shakespeare.* Lecture followed by book signing. Required reservations: 619-23-GLOBE. Wednesday, June 2, 7pm; free. Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way. (BALBOA PARK)

"Change Is Constant" Learn how bacteria sense and adapt to their surroundings when Terry Bird discusses study of microbiology for "Coffee, Culture, and Conversation" program. 619-239-2001. Tuesday, June 1, 4pm; free. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Science of Forgiveness" Sandi Dolbee, former *Union-*







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Tribune religion and ethics editor who attended University of Cambridge to study religion and science, discusses her project on the science of forgiveness. "Forgiveness is good for you — literally." 619-466-4163. Sunday, May 30, 9:30am; free. 12 and up. La Mesa First United Methodist Church, 4690 Palm Avenue. (LA MESA)

"Social Mobility in Mexico" Miguel Székely Pardo, former Undersecretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Ministry of Social Development in Mexico, draws on his expertise in development economics and research on poverty, inequality, savings distribution in Mexico for lecture. Reception follows. 858-822-6756. Tuesday, June 1, 4:30pm; free. Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

"The New Resistance to Arizona Racism" "Fighting Back Against SB 1070" is topic for speakers Lei-Chala Wilson of NAACP San Diego, Estela de los Rios from Center for Social Advocacy, and South Bay Ministries for Unitarian-Universalist Church director Mar Cardenas. 619-865-0621. Thursday, May 27, 6pm; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Up for Discussion: Mara De Luca" "Cerca Series" artist De Luca was asked to select a single reference material that strongly influenced her work in some way. Based on her selection — Emile de Antonio's 1973 film *Painters Painting* — De Luca leads informal discussion about her chosen resource, its relationship to her work currently on view. View the film in advance to participate in discussion; film screened on a loop, 11am-4pm on 29th. 858-454-3541. Saturday, May 29, 4pm; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Héroïnes Françaises, 1940–1945 Monique Saigal, Pomona College professor of romance languages and literature, discusses her book, subtitled *Courage, Force et Ingéniosité*. Author will share ties between stories of French women who served in the Resistance and her experiences as a Jewish child hidden in a Catholic family during World War II. Lecture in English. RSVP: 858-550-0144. Sunday, May 30, 7pm; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Bring Your Camera and Questions Learn pet photography techniques from professional photographer Jen Petit. Topics range from technical, including camera choices and lighting strategies, to artistic methods. Fee includes materials, light snacks, refreshments. Class for people only. Registration: 619-243-3424. Friday, May 28, 6:30pm; $12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Downtown Sound Bites *About San Diego*'s Ken Kramer talks about his inspiration for the radio show, its challenging aspects, future programming during program sponsored by Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC). Bring questions, lunch. Event is in Downtown Information Center, at Horton Plaza above CVS/pharmacy. 619-235-2222. Tuesday, June 1, noon; free. Westfield Horton Plaza, 324 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

For Inquisitive Minds! What common denominators exist between artist and neuroscientist? Artist Roman De Salvo and neuroscientist Dr. V.S. Ramachandran (director of UCSD's Center for Brain and Cognition) offer "unrehearsed and unscripted conversation," with topics emerging as evening progresses for Bronowski Art and Science Forum. 858-442-3030. Thursday, May 27, 6:30pm; free. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Health Disparities and Reform The second annual Asian and Pacific Islander Community Health Forum includes look at health disparities among APIs and an overview of past year's research addressing local community needs. RSVP: 619-477-4451 x623. Thursday, May 27, 9am; free. San Diego County Health Building, 3851 Rosecrans Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Japanese Metalwork Kazuo Kuwabara, proprietor of the Oriental Treasure Box, shares his scholarship and experience in this field during lecture sponsored by Asian Arts Council. 619-543-9810. Thursday, May 27, 10:30am; free-$10. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Processes of Past, Outlook for Future Alejandro Pisanty, professor at National Autonomous University of Mexico, focuses on "The Gordian Knots of the Telecommunications and IT Sectors in Mexico." Reception follows. 858-822-6756. Thursday, May 27, 4:30pm; free. UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego's Pleistocene Mammals View actual fossils, recently unearthed in coastal San Diego, from Ice Age sediments during class led by Kesler Randall. Learn about additional fossils from the region, see fleshed-out artistic reconstructions. 619-255-0203. Thursday, May 27, 6:30pm; $15-$20. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Secrets of Improvisation Comedy Divulged! Upright Citizens Brigade Tourco hosts workshop before show (9pm at Loft). Fee includes workshop and show. 858-534-8497. Tuesday, June 1, 6:30pm; $18. Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Seldom Seen: Fritz Werner Museum library manager James Grebl "introduces an amazing and unknown artist." Through archived scrapbooks, original watercolors and drawings, learn about this artist's career from his beginnings in Austria at turn of 20th Century to his journey to Southern California. 619-232-7931. Thursday, May 27, 7pm; $5. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

"Friday Night Live" American Wrestling Alliance presents tag team match with Todd Chandler and Tommy Wilson taking on AWA Continental Champion Threat and Aerial Star. Card includes bout between Matt Twizted and Angel Santos, many others.



619-569-0356. Friday, May 28, 7pm; $10-$13. Unity Lodge, 3366 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Elfin Forest Bicycle Ride San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for scenic 70-mile adventure. 858-277-7494. Sunday, May 30, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Full-Moon Paddle on Mission Bay Gain introduction to kayaking and enjoy scenic nighttime tour of one of San Diego's most beautiful playgrounds. Fee includes equipment, paddling instruction. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Thursday, May 27, 7pm; $20-$65. 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Legends of Summer Meet AVP champions Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos, NCAA basketball players, professional basketball trainers, fencing champions, Olympic and professional Irish soccer players, *futsal* experts, high school coaches during event. Enjoy sports demonstrations, games and contests, camp previews. 760-943-2260. Thursday, May 27, 6pm; free. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Montezuma to Mimmo's Join Knickerbikers bicyclists for 25-mile ride starting in Target parking lot. Route heads up Montezuma, past SDSU, heads west through Hillcrest, to lunch at Mimmo's Italian Village in Little Italy (bring money). 858-243-4662. Saturday, May 29, 9:30am. Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

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. Thursday, May 27, 3:35pm; $10-$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Pads versus Mets New York Mets in town for baseball against the San Diego Padres. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Monday, May 31, 7:05pm; Tuesday, June 1, 7:05pm; Wednesday, June 2, 3:35pm; $10-$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Region One Arabian Horse Show Arabian breed equestrian show. 858-794-1171. Wednesday, June 2, 8am; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Showpark County 2 Horse Show Equestrian competition. 858-481-9085. Saturday, May 29, 8am; Sunday, May 30, 8am; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

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

Washington in San Diego Baseball action with San Diego Padres taking on Washington Nationals. Games broadcast on radio station XX Sports Radio (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5555. Friday, May 28, 7:05pm; Saturday, May 29, 5:35pm; Sunday, May 30, 1:05pm; $10-$63. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Western Days Stampede Rodeo 2010 See bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, and more on Friday and Saturday ($15). Barrel racing all day Sunday (free). 760-749-8472. Friday, May 28, 7pm; Saturday, May 29, 4pm; Sunday, May 30, 2pm. Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road. (VALLEY CENTER)









Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center "As Good as One Thousand Words," this year's juried photography and digital art exhibit, was judged by Joe Nalven. Exhibit entries came from across county, with both traditional photography and digital images. Closes Saturday, June 19.

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

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

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

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

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

Centro Cultural Tijuana Center includes Museo de las Californias, cultural and artistic exhibits. "Buda Guanyin: Treasures of Compassion" continues through December. Currently screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *Vamos a la Luna* and *India, El Reino del Tigre.* 011-52-664-687-9650. Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. 404 Third Ave., 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum "The Way We Learned: Education in the South Bay" illustrates history of buildings, campuses, and people attending school through photographs, artifacts, school annuals, student memorabilia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Knox House Museum See how Amaziah Knox established a hotel serving drovers, miners, teamsters on their way through the valley. Museum offers display of historical photographs of El Cajon valley, furnishings of the time period (1879-1912) including a pump organ, roll-top desk, wood-burning cast-iron stove, furniture brought around tip of South America, a Thomas Edison phonograph, ice box, Hoosier cabinet, bed warmer, clothing, children's toys. Museum is open on first Saturday of month (12:30-3:15pm); and second Saturday of month (11am-1:15pm). 280 North Magnolia Ave., 619-444-3800. (EL CAJON)

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

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

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown View four new exhibitions — "Ruben Ochoa," "Lærke Lauta," "Cerca Series: Lael Corbin," and "Cerca Series: Mara De Luca." Each artist contributes new commissions made specifically for

this show. Ochoa creates "sculptural installations that radically intervene into the existing built environment, and applies common construction materials to sculptural ends," as well as photography, public interventions, sculptures. Lauta has developed "an immersive installation" featuring two works presented as a diptych: *Floating Female* and *The Accident.*

Corbin's piece turns Strauss Gallery "into a makeshift airplane hanger"; visitors find workbenches topped with partially constructed objects and the skeleton and shell of an experimental aircraft. De Luca's long-term project *Stations* (2006-2007) will be on view for first time, together with a site-specific altarpiece triptych. All close on Sunday, June 20. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

Artist of May is Marcos Ramírez "ERRE," whose *Toy an Horse* is a two-headed wooden horse originally created to sit on U.S.-Mexico border for inSITE '97, with one head pointing north, the other pointing south. 200 West Island Ave., 619-233-8792. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

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

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

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

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









Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

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

San Diego Automotive Museum "Datsun/Nissan: The American Story," opening Friday, May 28, chronicles "how a man began his career in the automotive industry and his role in the acceptance of the Datsun and Nissan brands in the United States." See racing films, advertising materials, other memorabilia chronicling "this great story." Vehicles from earliest Datsuns to more recent Nissan models on display. Closes Monday, September 27.

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

San Diego Hall of Champions Ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum is dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement. 2131 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego History Center "Faces of the Frontier: Photographic Portraits from the American West, 1845-1924" presents portraits in four general themes: land, exploration, discord, possibilities. Exhibit organized by the National Portrait Gallery includes more than 100 photographs of leaders, statesmen, soldiers, activists, laborers, criminals, entertainers including Sitting Bull, Kit Carson, George Custer, Geronimo, Jesse James, Annie Oakley, Theodore Roosevelt, Brigham Young. Closes Sunday, June 6.

"Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building. 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

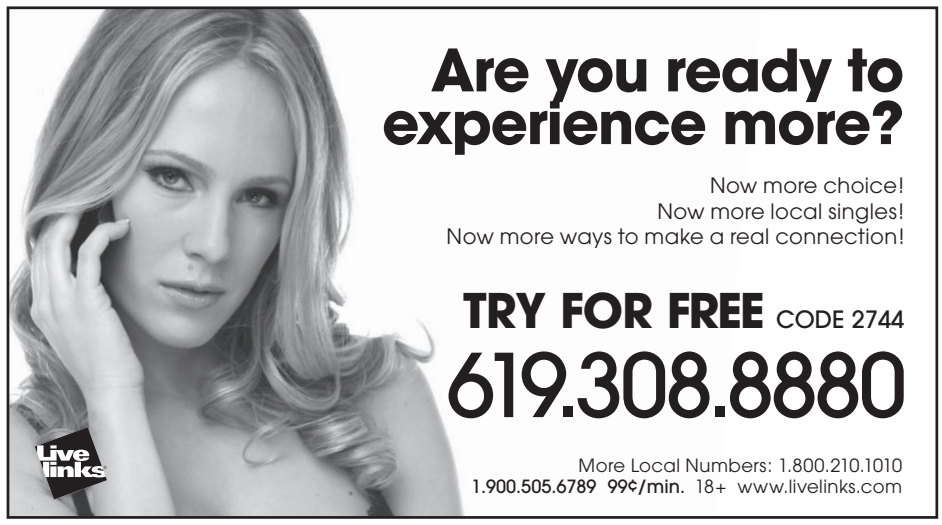
San Diego Maritime Museum "New Treasures from the Lost Galleon, San Felipe 1573-1576" continues through December. More than three centuries after *San Felipe* was lost, her wreck site was identified, excavated by a Mexican and American archaeological team. Porcelain fragments from wreck are exhibited, along with intact porcelains (not from the wreck), shown for comparison.

Over 40 miniature ships, some 200 years old, on display in "Masterpieces in Miniature," through May. "San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna-fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India,* the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley,* and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea.* The HMS *Surprise,* used in film *Master and Commander,* is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick.

Also open for touring: the USS *Dolphin,* also known as the "world's deepest-diving submarine"; and a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Dr., 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve Nature center's building is a "green" facility made from recycled materials, using solar panels, irrigated roof plants, recycled water. Facility features an array of interactive exhibits exploring the natural and cultural history of the San Elijo Lagoon, one of the few remaining coastal wetlands in our area. Guided nature walks offered every Saturday (10-11am). 2710 Manchester Ave., 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)



SINGLES







The Maine Event

King's Fish House's announcement of its May–June Maine lobster event (ending July 4) set the gears spinning: I realized that my last review was eight years ago — pleasant memories, but high time for a revisit. It may be a chain (a small one, with a dozen restaurants plus a few classy spin-offs like Michelin-starred Water Grill), but even chains change, depending on who's in their kitchens.

King's features a rotating menu of regional specialties along with their regular charbroiled, fried, sautéed, and skewered seafood, with the menu changing daily to reflect the fresh catch. With the Lobster Fest, of course, the focus is New England. As a kid on the East Coast, Maine lobster was probably the first adult food I fell in love with, at age eight, and I still find it more tender and flavorful than our local spinies, good as those are. (Mama, don't let your kids eat off kiddie menus. Get 'em started young on lobster so they can eat you into bankruptcy before they're teenagers.) King's has come up with multiple ways to show it off, from sushi to steamed to New England clambake. Aside from the lobster roll sandwiches (a waste of good lobster, what with all the bottled mayo), I meant to try as many as possible.

If you've never been to King's and don't know what it looks like, it's a cornucopia of kitsch. The giant restaurant, seating 400, is broken into a festive-looking bar famed for its graffiti, a main dining room, an indoor patio, an outdoor patio, and who knows what else. (I think somewhere there's a sushi bar, somewhere an oyster bar.) The decor is sort of crab-shack-with-gigantism, sporting large and amusing old-timey-looking signage (old-fashioned typefaces and graphic images and sepia tones) and photos of patrons on the walls. The large sign for the new(ish) sushi offerings is as bright and garish as a poster for a samurai movie. Fortunately, between the ample spacing of the booths and tables and whatever they're using for soundproofing, it's not noisy inside, just lively, with a faint background soundtrack that seems to be mostly '40s mellow jazz.



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"They seem to have slid toward sloppiness, and overlooking seafood."

DINING REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

We began with a cup of lobster bisque, with bits of lobster and pleasant little buttered croutons made from the excellent house sourdough bread we'd enjoyed while waiting for our orders. The soup's texture was heavy, but the lobster flavor was quite dim, hinting at roux-thickened milk rather than cream to finish the broth. Lynne's fine-tuned palate picked up a little smokiness — not from the fast browning of the lobster shells that is the standard start of a bisque, but from something alien. Retasting, I detected a faint smoky bitterness, along with a graininess at the bottom of the bowl — a taste remembered from my ex's earliest stabs at gumbo, hence likely some slightly burned roux-flour.

A "crunchy lobster roll" (a full-size party roll with about six pieces) was our venture into the house sushi. The coating over the rice was crunchy indeed but sticky and heavily sweetened with eel sauce, with a core of lobster meat at the center of the rice. The pieces rapidly turned into what Ben called "deconstructed lobster roll." That is, fingers or chopsticks, they fell apart after the first bite — probably a flaw in the rice, which had lost its stickiness. (Either it was cooked too long earlier and had started to dry out or the mixture of rice to condiments was off.) "Now you see why Japanese sushi chefs have to spend years mastering rice before they're allowed to touch fish," I said. As for the lobster deviled eggs, they were regular deviled eggs (and not particularly good ones) topped by a few bites of lobster. Big deal.

Taking a break from all lobster, all the time, we enjoyed a cold seafood platter. I hoped it would resemble the extraordinary platter served at King's' Royal Brasserie in the Gaslamp (before King's reshaped and degraded it into Lou & Mickey's steak joint), a fabulous array that

King's Fish House
★★ ½ (Fair)

825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230 (additional locations in Carlsbad and Otay Ranch), *kingsfishhouse.com*

HOURS: Sunday–Monday 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday till 10:00 p.m., weekends till 11:00 p.m.
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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: In-season non-endangered seafood cooked American-style, including regional specialties, plus sushi, and a few nonmaritime selections. Conventional but well-chosen, affordable wine list (plenty by the glass) and four sakes. Full bar with fun cocktails.
PICK HITS: Raw oysters; cold seafood platter; New England clambake; sides of grilled zucchini, corn on the cob, parsleyed new potatoes. Other reasonable bets: Caesar salad, wild Mexican shrimp cocktail, cioppino, charbroiled wild Mexican jumbo shrimp, possibly garlic mashed potatoes, white bean and salmon soup, bread pudding.
NEED TO KNOW: Informal, family-friendly atmosphere (but not too noisy); kiddie menu available, plus numerous appetizers kids can enjoy as entrées (e.g., popcorn shrimp, coconut shrimp, fish tacos, sushi). Three vegetarian (two vegan) pastas. Free corkage. Patio dining (outdoor or roofed).

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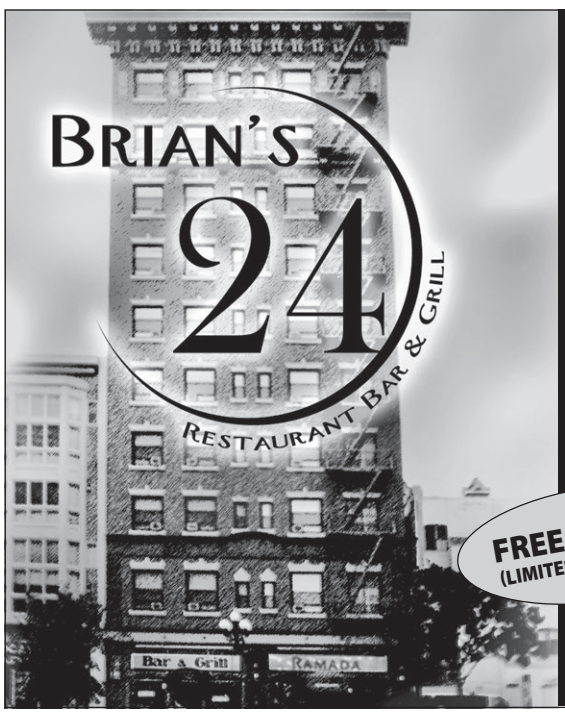

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even included little in-shell periwinkles speared atop tall, thin skewers, as though Vlad the Impaler had invaded the seas. This one is much less elaborate, if only half the price. It's still good eating, with delicious raw clams and oysters, a few small, salty Dungeness crab claws, and shell-on shrimp. Dips include a tangy red-wine vinaigrette along with a cocktail sauce with horseradish, Tabasco sauce, and lemons on the side. (Mark amended ours — to fiery.) All that was missing was an actual teaspoon or two, for mixing up and spooning out the dips.

The lobsters come whole on large platters, with a card on the table to instruct eaters in the techniques of crustacean dissection. We got the requisite claw-crackers and lobster forks, but the implement I missed were small kitchen shears, which would have helped to separate the edible from the inedible sections of the thorax without knocking things around in the struggle on our platter-crowded table. They're not normal seafood implements in restaurants, but then, most restaurant lobsters I've eaten have been split and/or partly cut up — or else served on normal-size plates.

We ordered one 1½-pound steamed lobster straight up with drawn butter and a 1¼-pounder in the New England clambake. Both lobsters were disappointing by dint of slight overcooking that toughened the flesh. This was *not* the lobster of childhood Easter vacations on Cape Ann, with flesh so soft it seemed to melt into the warm butter.

The clambake, however, was charming, with clams, mussels, delicious parsleyed red potatoes, and amazingly sweet and scrumptious corn on the cob. (Where did they get that, months before corn season?) The salty cooking liquid came in a bowl and also had spilled onto the plate. It's great for dipping into with that good house bread. Both lobsters' thoraxes held not only tomalley, so fresh it tasted nearly sweet, but also great, gooey gloops of black lobster roe. (I have to admit, it's been so many years since I ate a female Maine lobster of reproductive age, I'd forgotten that the roe is black, soft, and globular. Amid my tablemates' jokes about offshore oil spills, I had to ask the waitress to verify that it was indeed roe.)

My curiosity was piqued by "New Orleans BBQ Shrimp." What that means in New Orleans has nothing to do with "Q," but is instead large, shell-on Gulf shrimp sautéed in a mixture of butter, olive oil, copious garlic, thyme, paprika, and cayenne, served with a side of garlic bread (with variations, of course, from one restaurant to another). It's wonderful, and pretty easy to cook.

Alas, poor NOLA. Not only do they have long-standing problems of poverty, crime, government corruption, bad cops, hot sticky summers, regular hurricanes, and now an oil spill, but the Crescent City is also a victim (ever since Paul Prudhomme hit the boards and popularized the cuisine) of numberless restaurants nationwide misrepresenting its unique and precious cuisine. And for a town famed for its food and reliant on tourism, this is a grievous misdeed. When restaurants pass off bad versions of NOLA food, it gives people the wrong idea — i.e., that the food is nothing special, not worth traveling for. That's why I stomp so hard on bad attempts at its cuisine.

So, King's NOLA BBQ Shrimp: "This is abominable," said Mark, who tasted it first. King's idea of the dish was to douse it in actual barbecue sauce, and a wretched one at that — sweet and tomatoey. The small shrimp were overcooked until shriveled. A blob of dryish rice was dumped into the center, along with a raft of whole scallions. The scallions were fitting (better, though, if they had been chopped), but the rest was not only inauthentic but inedible. It was nearly as appalling a desecration of art as Botticelli's *Venus* amended with graffiti.

Our other entrée choice was a featured house favorite of macadamia-coated halibut with orange-ginger butter sauce. This bore no resemblance to the lush version at Peohe's (with a Frangelico sauce) — it was just dull and overcooked. Eight years ago, overcooking finfish (but not shellfish) was a problem here; this indicates that the problem has worsened. Combined with the shriveled shrimp, it undermined my previous faith in the restaurant.

Not only does the kitchen seem less careful in cooking than at my meal eight years ago, but the company's gotten stingier with diner perks. Prices have barely increased, but back then, any entrée brought a choice of soup or salad along with vegetable side dishes. I still remember the deliciousness of the flawless Caesar salad and the minestrone-like soulfulness of the white bean soup with hot-smoked salmon. Well, now, if you want your Caesar or fishy minestrone, you'll have to buy it. You do get a choice of "sidekicks" on some of the entrées (on others, such as the abominable rice with BBQ shrimp, a side is part of the standard plating). "These items are 'farm-raised,'" says the intro to the Sidekicks section of the menu — well, pray tell, how else are veggies grown?

Our favorite side was grilled zucchini. Glazed carrots and sautéed fresh spinach were both okay. "Homemade" macaroni and cheese involves a combination of cream cheese and cheddar, but since my last meal (when I liked it), the balance seems to have tipped toward the cream cheese, or maybe a milder cheddar, into a heavy, gluey blandness. If you're going to eat at King's, consider the garlic mash, which was terrific eight years ago (but don't blame me if it's gone wrong by now — I didn't try it this time), the unwreckable baked potato, and, of course, the corn. The coleslaw at the previous visit tasted as if it came from a bad mom 'n' pop deli, awash with ordinary dressing. And don't even think about the jasmine rice, now a two-time loser. (I haven't tried the warm potato salad, fries, or garden vegetables.) The parsleyed new potatoes may be very good, assuming they're the same as those that came with the clambake. But I'd happily sacrifice two Sidekicks for a small Caesar.

We really couldn't handle dessert after that much food, not even the seasonal strawberry shortcake. (Lynne was craving the Big Easy's foie gras with crepes Suzette for her dessert and may have sneaked over there after dinner for a fix.) Last time, King's offered a fine "lighter than air" bread pudding and a wonderfully tangy key lime pie — but with the passage of time, there are no guarantees. Nor are there any guarantees that King's other locations (such as those in Carlsbad and Otay Ranch) perform the same as the main local branch in Mission Valley. They seem to have slid toward sloppiness, and overcooking seafood (sometimes a little, sometimes quite a lot) is, to me, a sign of deep disrespect for our overfished oceans. And us. ■


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"Darned right," says Mark. He's the airline pilot sipping a Stone Levitation.

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"Life's too short to drink crappy beers," says Todd. He's sipping on his Allagash Black, a dangerous-looking high-octane brew from Maine. But most of the 27 microbrewskis on tap behind the bar we're sitting at are from San Diego County.

I mention this to Todd. "But of course," he says, putting his tulip-shaped glass down and taking a forkful of jalapeño mac and cheese ($7). "Do you realize that San Diego has more breweries than any county in the United States? We have 33!"

"For sure," says this wax-mustached younger guy behind the counter. "That's how I got interested in all this." Turns out he's the owner of the joint. Arsalun Tafazoli. All of 27 years old. "I was at the beerfest in Munich, and I noticed that three of the ten beers voted top in the world [on *ratebeer.com*, which claims to be the world's biggest beer contest] came from San Diego craft breweries. Alesmith, Port, and Stone. Yet you never hear about them here."

"Classic," I mumble. "Prophets in their own town. Never appreciated."

"Darned right," says Mark. He's the airline pilot to my left, sipping a Stone Levitation, the "best beer I've had all night."

"When I came back to San Diego," says Arsalun, "I wanted to create a craft-beer place that was less fanatical, less single-minded, where you could also eat. Basic food like burgers, but made better."

Rule Number 1 here: no Bud Lights, and please, no ketchup, so the cook's flavorings can come through. A burger joint with no ketchup? That's gotta be asking for trouble. The right to splot ketchup's in the Constitution, isn't it? "It's okay for you to bring your own, if you have to," Arsalun says.

This place has been around for a while: My friend Naomi reviewed it a couple of years ago. Mostly, I remember that her posse's favorite dish was the steak tartare (read: raw) appetizer and that they couldn't hear themselves think for the blast of music. But the fact is, each time I've passed by, I've yearned to come in and try their burgers and beers, just 'cause it looks so damned cozy through the big plate-glass windows. Tonight, I couldn't hold off. And looks like I came in at the right time. Got the last seat left at the counter.

And I guess they did something about the music. It's there, but not the blare. Mark the airline pilot is reading the *New York Times*, sipping his Stone Levitation and snacking on a long plate of olives and almonds ("marinated olives, oven-roasted almonds, citrus zest, and herbs/cherry peppers, $5," says the menu).

"How is it?" I ask.

"You should really try this beer. I'm from Chicago, and that's a beer city. But this is outstanding."

Trouble is, tonight I can't drink. Have to work, dammit. So I order a Coke. At least it's Mexican Coke, made the old-fashioned way, with cane sugar. And, yes, it has that sweeter, cleaner flavor.

Food? Hmm… Checking the menu. It's so danged interesting. 'Specially the "smalls." They look the size my wallet would approve of. The "pink salted deviled eggs" with "artichoke mousse and paprika dust" are $6; the steak tartare — which I've had a thing for ever since Carla forced some down my gullet one night in TJ in 1999 — comes with capers, onion, and a roasted pepper "rémoulade" (mayo-mustard-anchovy mix, I think), for $8. And I'm kinda desperate for the chorizo corn dog with mustard-seed aioli and smoked-chipotle aioli ($9). In the "mains," I should probably go for the Neighborhood Burger, the flagship item, which looks delicious with a half-pound slab of ground beef, caramelized onions, "blue Gruyère" cheese (whatever that is), and "pepper greens" (whatever they are). It's $10.

But then they have things like poached black mussels ($9), "apple wallie" salad ($9), beer-marinated beef ribs ($14), and even a PB&J stack with three jellies ($8).

About this time Kristen brings out a long plate of steak tacos with different sauces ($10) for Mark. "Not bad," he says, munching into the first. "Not out of this world, but good, tender."

I decide it's got to be a burger. That means we're down to the Neighborhood ($10), the 777 (with spinach and béarnaise sauce) ($11), the spicy Cajun ($10), the vegetarian beet burger ($10), and the mushroom marsala ($11). I choose the mushroom marsala, because it sounds like it'll be a little sweet. And medium-rare.

"I always grind my beef the moment before I cook a burger at home," says Mark. "There's a night-and-day difference in flavor."

"We grind our meat here too," says Arsalun. "Fresh, every day."

Mine arrives quickly, with plenty of pink in the middle of the whopping patty and a layer of sliced mushrooms, all in a roll that has a great crispy outside. The meat is beautifully fresh-tasting. Yet, for 11 buckeroos, it's a bit plain. I'm wishing I'd gone for the Neighborhood, after all, with those caramelized onions.

Still, we're happy campers here tonight. The conversation's good. Todd and Mark exchange high-falutin' insights on the brewskis they're trying. Kristen's plying them with samples in little tall glasses. Arsalun's popping in and out of the conversation.

"Bet your parents are proud of you, running your own business at age 27," I say.

"Are you kidding?" he says. "I was at UCSD, headed for law, when I decided to go for this. My mom said, 'If you do, I'll never speak to you again.' And she didn't, for a year and a half."

"Wow," says Mark. "See? A prophet in his own town."■



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"For 11 buckeroos, it's a bit plain."

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Alpine

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

Baja

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

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

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

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

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

Banker's Hill

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

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

Bay Park

Bay Park Fish Company 4121 Ashton St., Bay Park, 619-276-3474. Go big (surf 'n' turf can cost you thirty-plus) or small: a filling seafood stew or the panko-crusted halibut tacos go for $10. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive.

Borrego Springs

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

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

Cardiff

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

Carlsbad

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

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

Carmel Valley

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. Organic grocery chain with prepared foods to go. Best deals at the hot case are usually the daily specials, like vegan seitan stew (a low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's jerk turkey in fig sauce. Inexpensive to moderate.

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

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

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

Chollas View

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

Chula Vista

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

Miguel's Cocina 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Additional locations in Coronado and Point Loma. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are luscious. Great for kids. Moderate.

City Heights

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

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

College Area

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

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

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

Coronado

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

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

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

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

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

Del Mar

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

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

Downtown

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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









moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

East Village

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

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

Lotus Thai 906 Market St., East Village, 619-595-0115. Also 3761 Sixth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. The chefs are from northwest Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a zestiness, a love of strong citruses and herbs — evokes the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Low-moderate.

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

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

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

El Cajon

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

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

Hammurabi Family Restaurant 401 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-401-3200. This Chaldean eatery in Iraqi-rich El Cajon offers exotica like stuffed honeycombs and intestines, along with comforting kebabs, marinated lamb shank, crushed wheat pie stuffed with beef, and baklava. Inexpensive to expensive.

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. By day, the fare centers on fresh Chinese dim sum (finger food) offered by cart and by menu. At night, multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a pan-Asian panoply. Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées).

Encinitas

Bubby's Gelato 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. Sandwiches include intriguing Mediterranean combinations. Gelati are twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs and feature bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First St., Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. Huge menu highlighted by Vietnamese house specialties and seafood also includes a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes. Moderate.

Potato Shack Café 120 W. I St., Encinitas, 760-436-1282. You'll find generosity here, of the North County-hang-loose-surfer kind. You can split a plate for no charge, get bottomless coffees, endless fries (French or "American cottage fries"), "manhole-cover size" pancakes (weighing as much as their name implies), good pork chop breakfasts, great lunch burgers, and huge trees to sit under.

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. The focus is vegan and vegetarian, but they've added fish and a garlicky chicken pizza. Most popular item: falafel burger (made of garbanzo beans) on a bun with melted cheese. Inexpensive.

Swami's Café 1163 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. There are standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black-bean burrito, but the emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-489-6420. Omelets are light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, potato casseroles, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Dr., Escondido, 760-746-1444. The margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food is a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. A pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. Inexpensive to moderate.

Golden Hill

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St., Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. Also 2121 El Cajon Blvd., North Park, 619-294-9417. Real New York pizza, with just-right sauce and crusts thin enough to fold in a V and eat on the run. Better yet: get a whole pie to enjoy at leisure. Neighborhood delivery available. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Aladdin's Mediterranean Restaurant 1220 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. Also 5420 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Clairemont, 858-573-0000. Middle-Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma,* etc.). Hillcrest branch offers more authentic Lebanese flavors. Inexpensive to moderate.

Café on Park 3831 Park Bl., Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. The place looks trendy, but don't expect PC food. Plates overflow with hearty American fodder. Breakfast especially popular, with huge elaborate scrambles and the prize plate of '49er miners who struck gold: the Hangtown Fry, marinated oysters in scrambled eggs. Moderate.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is both the boast and the cuisine, including Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, steamed veggie basket, and 11 types of burger (including salmon). Open early to midnight, daily. Inexpensive.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Quick service until 2:30am from a huge menu of vaguely Szechuan-Mandarin fare. Consider fried pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage, curry-tinged Singapore-style rice noodles, shrimp with lobster sauce, scallion ginger chicken. Inexpensive.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. Kazumi's simple but imaginative rolls are distinctively seasoned to flatter the particular fish's flavor. For families, the Ultimate Boat is a huge, encyclopedic platter of sushi, *gyoza,* assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. Witty staffers treat you like dinner guests. Start with chicken or shrimp *b'stila* in cinnamon-dusted phyllo. Lamb Tagine with honey, nuts, and fruit and Chicken Tagine with olives and lemon are standouts. Moderate.

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Ortega's Bistro 141 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the Baja Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling. Fun margarita variations. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive).

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime-grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Moderate to very expensive.

Imperial Beach

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. The fish 'n' chips dish is generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo is a good value. Inexpensive.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Serious gastronomy, low price. Weekend breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Creative dinner fare varies nightly. Inexpensive to moderate.

Julian

Jeremy's on the Hill 4354 Highway 78, Julian, 760-765-1587. What a surprise — out here, an ambitious, sophisticated, but well-priced, chef-owned, California-fusion eatery, with dishes like brie and mango quesadilla, mushroom burgers, and bison steaks. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kearny Mesa

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Ave., Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by Yankee flying aces, offering classic American fare and mighty cocktails. Moderate.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. Pass by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and go straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious Japanese chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like a sweet-bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing noodle soups, but there are more elegant house specialties, including the "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. Inexpensive to moderate.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. Try the Korean BBQ marinated short ribs or thick marbled slices of sirloin, which come with a bevy of small accompaniment dishes. Adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). Moderate.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Local Chinese come here for Shanghai seafood dishes or clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Open to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate.

Spice House Café 9035 Clairemont Mesa Bl., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1028. Greek-American cuisine, mainly. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or tangy tomato sauce, but some guys find relief with the Hangover Omelet. Other choices: Portuguese sausage with three eggs and the Italian sausage frittata. Inexpensive.

La Jolla

Adobe el Restaurante 9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-550-1000. California-Mediterranean creative seasonal dishes with local produce and something for every taste. Moderately expensive.

La Jolla Rancherita 7404 La Jolla Bl., La Jolla, 858-459-5877. When local spiny lobsters are in season (typically from late October to about February), here's one place that does them right. The juicy critters come with two melted-butter dips, tart coleslaw, and comforting mashed potatoes. Moderate.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl St., La Jolla, 858-454-2500. A dramatic Moroccan restaurant with tented ceilings and low-banquette "sheik" seating offers five-course prix fixe dinners with superb lentil soup, salad, chicken-filled phyllo pie, entrée, and orange-flower perfumed almond baklava. Best entrées: lamb with honey (when available), chicken with olives, duck. Moderate.

Roppongi 875 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-5252. Gorgeous interior, large, heated street patio, Euro-Asian fusion menu with tapas and sushi as well as entrées. The treats of any size add up to expensive.

The Shores Restaurant 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. The hotel restaurant with close-up sea views serves "Neighborhood American Cuisine" with a fun wine list. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive happy-hours bites 4 to 6pm

Sky Room La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-551-3744. After renovation in 2007, Sky Room is now modern, sleek, and quietly chic, with a simplified menu of California cuisine and slightly lower (still steep) prices. The romantic, panoramic view remains, of course. Expensive.

La Mesa

Himalayan Cuisine 7918 El Cajon Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-2503. Nepalese-Indian-Tibetan food, ranging from high-country exotica to steam-table buffet clichés — but subtly different from standard Punjabi renditions. Worth the detour: Tibetan momos (steamed dumplings) resembling fine dim sum, stuffed with beautifully seasoned lean lamb or gentle greens. Also: Nepalese samosas. Inexpensive.

Jitters Coffee 8201 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-460-4800. This small corner café is a local morning favorite. Flyin' Hawaiian waffle has macadamias, chocolate, banana syrup, whipped cream, but "plain" standards like the breakfast burrito are plain good. Lunches offer homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads. Inexpensive.

Lemon Grove

Charley's Famous Hamburgers 8213 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. An old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebabs. Inexpensive.

Leucadia

La Especial Norte 604 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. It's famed for superb soups — the Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the eggplant soup includes airy little croutons of puffed *relleno* batter. Inexpensive.

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 N. Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. Standard but generous breakfast and lunch fare in an old-time atmosphere has kept the place humming since the 1950s. Specials named after local characters. Inexpensive.

Lincoln Park

Magnolias 342 Euclid Ave., Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. Soul food from Louisiana: the fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Low-moderate.

Linda Vista

Bull's Smokin' BBQ 1127 W. Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-276-2855. Genuine BBQ, tender meats, and poultry dry-rubbed with spices, smoked over mesquite-applewood chips, lightly sauced. (Order at the counter.) Masterpiece dish: dark, spicy, filé gumbo, served with a spectacularly moist jalapeño-spiked corn muffin. Patio seating. Moderate.

Little Italy

Fabrison's Crêperie and Boutique 1425 India St., Little Italy, 619-955-8834. Unexpected in Little Italy, but this café has a good French vibe — as much a social center (even offering free French lessons) as an eatery. It's mostly sandwiches and crêpes for breakfast and lunch. Try Alison's Special pesto crêpe. Inexpensive.

Pappalecco 1602 State St., Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Copy of a café in Pisa that three brothers created there, and now here. Meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. One delicious combo: the Rustico, varied Italian cold cuts with pungent goat cheese and bread. Inexpensive to moderate.

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India St., Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. Succulent veal is expertly grilled, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are zesty. Moderate.

Logan Heights

La Fachada 20 25th St., Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. Open until 3am (and 24 hours on weekends), this restaurant serves both Mexican and Anglo food. Good Western omelet breakfast, great Mexican seafood soups, and fun outdoor eating evenings until 11 pm. Inexpensive.



Free Thai entrée

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

Taste of Thai
Del Mar: 15770 San Andres Dr. 858-793-9695
Hillcrest: 527 University Ave. 619-291-7525
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



$7.99 Indian lunch buffet

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

Village Indian Cuisine
San Diego: 9187 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. 858-874-3663
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free NY style deli entrée

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

Elijah's Restaurant
La Jolla: 8861 Villa La Jolla Dr. 858-455-1461
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free 12" cheese pizza

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

Pizza Pronto
La Jolla: 7556 Fay Ave. 888-895-5606
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Lunch $5.99* Lunch $6.99 Dinner $8.99**

All-You-Can-Eat
*Seniors. ** Adults. Lunch Mon.-Fri. Limit up to 4 people per coupon. Not valid with any other discount. Clairemont location only.

VIP Oriental Buffet
5541 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (In Madison Sq. Plaza, west of 805) 858-571-8473
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Extreme Pizza

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

Extreme Pizza
La Jolla: 834 Kline St. 866-264-0533
Pt. Loma: 3555 Rosecrans #114 866-243-9746
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off

Buy one entrée at regular price and get a second entrée of equal or lesser value for half off! Not valid with any other offers. One coupon per table.
Sun.-Thur. 11 am-9 pm
Fri.-Sat. 11 am-10 pm

Lai Thai
National City: 1430 E. Plaza Blvd., Suite E10 (Close to 805, near IHOP) 619-474-5546
LaiThaiRestaurant.com
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free mini yogurt

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

Paradise Yogurt
Mission Valley: 5664 Mission Center Rd. • 619-295-9648
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



10% off entire bill, anytime

Not valid with any other offer.

Bangin' Burgers
San Diego: 7070 Miramar Rd. 858-578-8000
www.bangin-burgers.com
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Two sushi rolls $7.25

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

Jump Tokyo Sushi House
Mission Valley: 10450 Friars Rd. Ste. R • 619-280-4043
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free burrito

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

Los Primos
Visit **losprimosmexicanfood.com** to find a location near you!
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Thai dinner for two $20

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

Basil Thai
College: 5157 College Ave. 619-582-THAI
La Mesa: 8680 Navajo Rd. #104 619-460-THAI
Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Italian dinner for two $16.95

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Thai entrée

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Mexican entrée

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free sushi roll

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



$5 off Mexican cuisine

Any check over $25.
Some restrictions.

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free breakfast, lunch or dinner

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free entrée

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Italian entrée

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free smoked BBQ sandwich

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Italian entrée

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off any entrée

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free frozen yogurt

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free taco

With purchase of $5 or more. Not to be combined with any special offers or coupons. Extras not included. Limit one coupon per customer.

Sombrero Mexican Food
Visit **www.sombreromex.com** to find a location near you!

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Japanese entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value. One per party/table. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Sushi Fun
Santee: 8790 Cuyamaca St., Ste. K
619-562-5151

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free steak, chicken or gyro wrap

With purchase of wrap and two drinks.

Spinners Fresh Mediterranean
El Cajon: 2654 Jamacha Rd.
Ste. 101 • www.ilovespinners.com

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



10% off catering

Not valid with any other offer or discount.

Rally's Burgers
El Cajon: 1216 E. Main St.
877-758-9837

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free frozen yogurt

Purchase 8 oz. or more frozen yogurt and receive 8 oz. free. Not valid with any other offer. Some restrictions.

16 premium flavors. Over 60 toppings.

Crave Yogurt
San Carlos: 8680 Navajo Rd.
619-337-7888

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free torta or quesadilla

With purchase of entrée and two drinks. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per customer.

La Torta Café Mexican Deli
La Mesa: 8356 Allison Ave.
619-741-6230

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free American entrée

With purchase of regular-priced entrée of equal or greater value and two drinks. Valid Mon.-Thurs. Max value $10. Not valid with specials. Dine-in only.

Ranch House Restaurant
Santee: 11510 Woodside Ave.
619-448-2087

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



$11.99 large one-topping

(Original thin crust only.) Additional fee for thick crust. Not valid with other offers, promos or discounts. Dine-in, carry-out or delivery. $20 minimum purchase for free delivery. Limited delivery area and hours. Some restrictions.

Round Table Pizza
La Mesa: 8032 La Mesa Blvd.
619-462-8800

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Mexican entrée

With purchase of another entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. One coupon per table. Present coupon before ordering. Some restrictions.

Casa Nueva
Santee: 10757 Woodside Ave.
619-258-5557

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Greek entrée

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

Taste of Athens
El Cajon: 1784 Main St.
619-447-0886

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free frozen yogurt

Buy one frozen yogurt for $3.50 or more and get a free yogurt valued up to $3.50. Limit one coupon per party. Not valid with any other offers.

Self-serve. Over 60 toppings and 12 premium flavors.

Penguin Yogurt Factory
Santee: 9621 Mission Gorge Rd.
619-562-1879

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Mexican entrée

With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Max discount $7.95. Valid Monday-Thursday. One coupon per customer. Some restrictions.

Hacienda Casa Blanca
El Cajon: 700 N. Johnson
619-442-9827

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. The specialty is fruits — in drinks, salads, and combos like *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber dusted with cayenne). Also meat sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs. Inexpensive.

Mira Mesa

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Rd., Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families coming for the all-you-can-eat buffet of Punjabi and Gujarati specialties, including aloo curry, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), *bengan bartha* (eggplant), and sensational Asian-mango desserts. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

The Mission Café and Coffee House 3795 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Eco-conscious breakfasts and lunches. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Familiar comfort fare, like the Southwest burger (avocado, Jack cheese, and salsa) or the Monte Cristo sandwich. Owner does magic card tricks around 6pm some evenings. Inexpensive.

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India St., Mission Hills, 619-299-0333. The deep-fried taquitos are their top-selling item. But try Burrito Indio, a wheat tortilla stuffed with marinated zucchini, corn, beans, onions, cheese, and tomato, and the potato burrito, another good vegetarian choice. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Better yet, breakfast around the clock. Inexpensive to moderate.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-298-1866. Also Escondido, Pacific Beach, Fashion Valley, Chula Vista. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with Angus top sirloins. Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

The Barbecue Pit 920 E. Plaza Bl., National City, 619-477-2244. Rustic timber, knotty pine, animal heads on the walls, and meats cooked true Southern BBQ style, over oak. Inexpensive.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Ave., National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Many are very good — marinated baby octopuses, mussels topped with melted cheese, roast beef au jus. Plus groaning salad bars, adequate sushi. Inexpensive.

North Park

Best Cheesesteak. Hands down.
EDDIE'S Philadelphia Steaks/Hoagies Burgers
3501 30th Street, North Park
Eddiesphilly.com • 619-296-6325

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-295-0156. Now, as in the '30s, chicken pie comes with chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert. Inexpensive.

Sea Rocket Bistro 3382 30th St., North Park, 619-255-7049. It's easy being green with a menu of sustainable, mainly local seafood and produce. Sea urchin bisque and grilled fresh sardines are top picks, along with plump, seared Baja scallops, and any dish with Carlsbad mussels. Noisy room. Moderate.

Urban Solace 3823 30th St., North Park, 619-295-6464. American comfort food with a faint Southern accent, including, sweet potato fries, a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and rare is reasonably safe). Great "bluegrass brunches" with live music. Moderate.

Zensei Sushi 3396 30th St., North Park, 619-546-6171. The sushi is well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The party rolls (like Stuffed Tomato or Honeymooners) may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Moderate.

Ocean Beach

Roots 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-9000. Tiny vegan-organic eatery offers crunchy wraps like the Thai Peanut and the Arti (artichoke hearts, feta cheese). Interesting sandwiches include portobello mushroom with tomato and provolone on ciabatta or the Avo (avocado, onion, and tomato). Inexpensive to moderate.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. Lunchtime specials give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo like chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice. Other specials include *yaki soba, champon* noodle soup, and the chicken bowl. Inexpensive.

Oceanside

Azafran 1001 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-435-0005. Cuban cuisine. Try the house-baked breads, the tender roast pork with garlicky *mojo* sauce, or the traditional Cuban pressed sandwich oozing ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles. Inexpensive.

Hill Street Cafe & Gallery 524 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in O'side, including Cajun chicken for lunch and breakfasts of tofu/spinach scramble and *pan perdu* (to us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Regional Mexican Specialties!
El Agave Tequileria
2304 San Diego Ave. Old Town
(619) 220-0692
elagave.com

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

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs St., Old Town, 619-295-2343. The culinary pick hits of all the Americas including superb Chilean empanadas and *pastel de choclo* corn pudding, Peru's herbal *seco de cordero* meat stew, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal.* Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. Classy Chinese all-you-can-eatarama offers great surf 'n' turf possibilities, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or crab and roast duck. Or choose mayonnaise mussels or caramel-y Japanese charcoal-grilled eel *(unagi)* on rice. Inexpensive.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Dr., Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Right on the boardwalk with sea view, the prime rib, surf 'n' turf, and tournedos are fine. To beat the big prices, try the beach burger or seared ahi Caesar salad. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive.

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

Point Loma

Tender Greens 2400 Historic Decatur Rd., Point Loma, 619-226-6254. This "healthy food" chain features great soups, desserts, and local, organic produce served cafeteria style with or without mesquite-grilled natural beef, free-range chicken, or local tuna in salads or ciabatta sandwiches. Inexpensive.

Ramona

Kountry Kitchen Ramona 826 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-3200. They still open at 5am for the farmers. Try the Italian Sausage breakfast, a sausage with a rich, sharp flavor, with eggs and hash browns. Or the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausage or bacon. Inexpensive.



Free entrée

With purchase of an entrée of equal or greater value and two beverages. Dine-in only. Not valid with any other offer.

Fresh ground burgers, specialty pizzas, steaks, seafood and pastas.

The Bullpen Bar & Grill
Encinitas: 149 S. El Camino Real
760-635-9020

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free order of four deep-fried spring rolls

With any purchase of $20 or more. Dine-in only. Can't be combined with any other offer.

Pho Nam Long
Santee: 9828 N. Magnolia Ave.
619-448-8888

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off pasta, pizza, or entrée

With purchase of one of equal or greater value and two beverages. Some restrictions.

D'Lish
Chula Vista: 386 East "H" St.
619-585-1371

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



$15 off upscale Mexican cuisine

With minimum purchase of $40 in the dining room area. One per table. Some restrictions.

Romesco
Bonita: 4346 Bonita Rd.
619-475-8627

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Two Sunday champagne brunches $20.95

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

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Asian-Pacific entrée

Buy one regular entrée, get the second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. With purchase of two drinks. Excludes lunch specials, salads, wraps and sushi. Some restrictions.

Ono's Cafe
Bonita: 4154 Bonita Rd.
619-470-ONOS

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



$10 off dinner

Buy 2 entrées and 2 beverages, get $10 off. One coupon per customer. Not valid on holidays or with any other offers.

Café La Maze Steakhouse
National City: 1441 Highland Ave.
619-474-3222

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free Mexican entrée

When you purchase one of equal or greater value. Monday thru Wednesday only. One coupon per table. Some restrictions.

Jalisco Café
Bonita: 4026 Bonita Rd.
619-267-7855

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free pizza

When you purchase one pizza. Dine-in only. One coupon per table. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Some restrictions.

The Brewhouse at Eastlake
Chula Vista: 871 Showroom Place
619-656-BREW (2739)

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Chinese entrée

Buy one entrée at regular price, get a second of equal or lesser value at 50% off. Not valid on party trays, lunch menu, dinner combinations or family dinner. Some restrictions.

Panda Chef
Chula Vista: 2260 Otay Lakes Rd. #104 • 619-421-7777

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



Free pasta dish

Buy one pasta dish and two drinks, get one pasta dish free. Dine-in and take-out only. Excludes other offers.

Big Red Pizza
Carlsbad: 7740 El Camino Real Ste. F • 760-635-9000

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR



50% off Nigiri & Sushi rolls

23 nigiri and 36 sushi rolls to choose from.

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

Expires 6-17-10 • Coupon code: G1FSDR

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The Long Ride Last May, former WWE wrestler and El Cajon resident Chuck Palumbo teamed up with *The Horse Backstreet Choppers* magazine for an eight-day cross-country charity ride from San Diego to Rockingham, North Carolina.

Palumbo spent ten weeks building the chopper he would ride across the country at his CP Kustoms shop in La Mesa.



EX-WRESTLER PALUMBO RIDES FOR THE FALLEN

A week before his departure, Vet Fest drew about 500 people out to a rented warehouse at Jackson and Navajo in San Carlos for the unveiling of the bike, an opportunity to buy $25 raffle tickets to win the bike, and a show by Palumbo's classic-rock cover band Three Spoke Wheel.

The ride was inspired by Palumbo's younger brother Chris, a helicopter pilot who was gunned down in Iraq and awarded a Silver Star upon his return to the U.S.

Palumbo rode 500 miles a day, stopping in Cottonwood, Arizona, to sell raffle tickets at the two-day Smoke Out West rally. Three Spoke Wheel joined him a few days later in Nashville to play a benefit show. "Every stop along the way we picked up a new rider," Palumbo says. He left San Diego with four riders. A week later he rolled up to the Smoke Out East rally in Rockingham with a gang of 69 riders.

A railroad worker from West Virginia won Palumbo's custom chopper. He had bought one raffle ticket. "It was a pretty rewarding moment after all the work I put into [the bike] and then riding across the country on it," says Palumbo. "The guy who won the bike deserved it. He was a blue-collar guy. It worked out well."

A documentary of the trip will be released this summer. *Every 60 Miles*, titled after the frequency that Palumbo had to refuel his small chopper tank, will feature an original soundtrack by Palumbo and his guitar teacher Greg Vaughan (Danyavaad). "When you're riding a bike without rear suspension, you need to stop every 60 miles anyways."

Palumbo is gearing up to make the long ride again this summer. His shop won't be giving away a bike this year, but he will be selling merchandise along the way and donating the proceeds to Fueled by the Fallen, a charity for veterans. Three Spoke Wheel will be following in a van and playing shows along the way.

Palumbo's send-off party is June 12 at the Greek Sombrero on Highway 94 in Jamul.

— Chad Deal

Attack!! Retreats "We're leaving San Diego to live in Austin, Texas," says singer-guitarist Ivan Tamayo of the Attack!!, an electro-dance-punk trio with two guitarists and a drummer. "San Diego just has no love for local music. There are so many people that talk about supporting local music, yet I don't see it."

Formed in 2008, the band played their first gig at L.A.'s Viper Room, self-releasing their debut single "Dancefloor" the following year. "The cost of living was also a big factor in leaving," says Tamayo, who grew up in Ensenada and formerly played with Kiss Me Katelynn and Suspect Jones. "I've been in San Diego for 29 years, Mitch [Scott, guitar] for at least 10 years, and Bryan [Famous, drums] has been here for 4 years. Austin has a love for what we have to offer.... People in San Diego just want DJs, reggae, and soft indie folk rock."

Tamayo cites one particularly unpleasant gig at the Ken Club. "The other two bands canceled, and the sound guy reeked of weed and did not know how to mike us or put vocals into my monitor mix without feedback. He even dozed off during the set."

Also saying goodbye is Carlsbad metalcore band Destroy the Runner, which announced an "indefinite hiatus" last week. According to a group statement, "We have sought to maintain musical integrity and honesty within all facets of our functioning and unfortunately are not able to do so at this point in time.



MAYBE THE SOUNDMEN ARE BETTER IN AUSTIN (THE ATTACK!!)

"Keep on the lookout for a softer, more experimental project with Nick Maldonado [guitar], Duane Reed [guitar, vocals], Marc Kohlbry [drums], Jeremiah Crespo [bass], and several others called Other Mountains. Also check out Chapter 14 with Chad Ackerman [vocals] and Tanner Sparks [bass, vocals]."

After two albums and two EPs, Nautical Disaster is splitting up. The split comes shortly after female bassist Jaye Furlonger left the band, just as their second album *Amantes Amentes* was released, featuring cover art that appears to depict a mostly nude female being paper-trained like a puppy.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Have Drum Will Travel Gabe Serbian is in the center of San Diego's hardcore punk scene. The Golden Hill denizen drums for post-punk experimentalists the Locust, screams for Black Flag–inspired hardcore roots enthusiasts Rats Eyes, and works the bar at Casbah. But Serbian's time in San Diego

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Saturday, May 29 etix
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Thursday, May 27
THE 383's

Friday, May 28
COUNTER LAUNCH
DESPITE ATROPHY
BREAK THE CHAIN

Sunday, May 30 • Afton presents
GK • TEN BOYS
D'POITT • GRANZLAM
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Thursday, June 10
THE MONT
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MAK T • JANKY RED
THE BEAT KNOX • MEACH B

Friday, June 11 • Sean Healy presents
NSD MURS • EL VUH 7m etix

Saturday, June 12 etix
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IN EVERY BREATH
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Thursday, June 17
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Friday, June 18
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Thursday, June 24
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DEADBOLT
(CD release)
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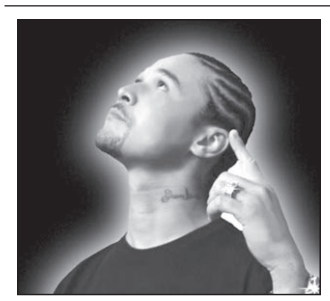

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is limited. He is often touring with the Locust or Rats Eyes or, as he was for the past three weeks, playing drums for Miami breakcore DJ (and former contributor for industrial-metal band Skinny Puppy) Otto von Schirach on a tour through Europe.

"The tour began on April 23 at this crummy holiday resort in the United Kingdom called Camber Sands," Serbian wrote in a May 8 email midway through the tour. "Our first show was at five in the morning at this crazy three-day rave called Bang Face. My favorite part was walking around all the crazy ravers' rooms and watching all the bullshit."

Bang Face was the first time that the two appeared on the same stage together since 2006, when von Schirach opened for the Locust during a European tour. While on tour, von Schirach asked Serbian if he would play live drums for his freaktronic tracks. Serbian agreed.



IT'S ON! BUSY DRUMS VS. B THEMES

"It was pretty awesome, I would play brutal drums to tweaked versions of '80s sitcom theme songs," recalled Serbian.

Earlier this year, four years removed from that 2006 invite, Serbian received an email from von Schirach, who asked if he wanted to join him for a three-week trek overseas. A few weeks later, the two took the stage at Camber Sands Resort without any rehearsals.

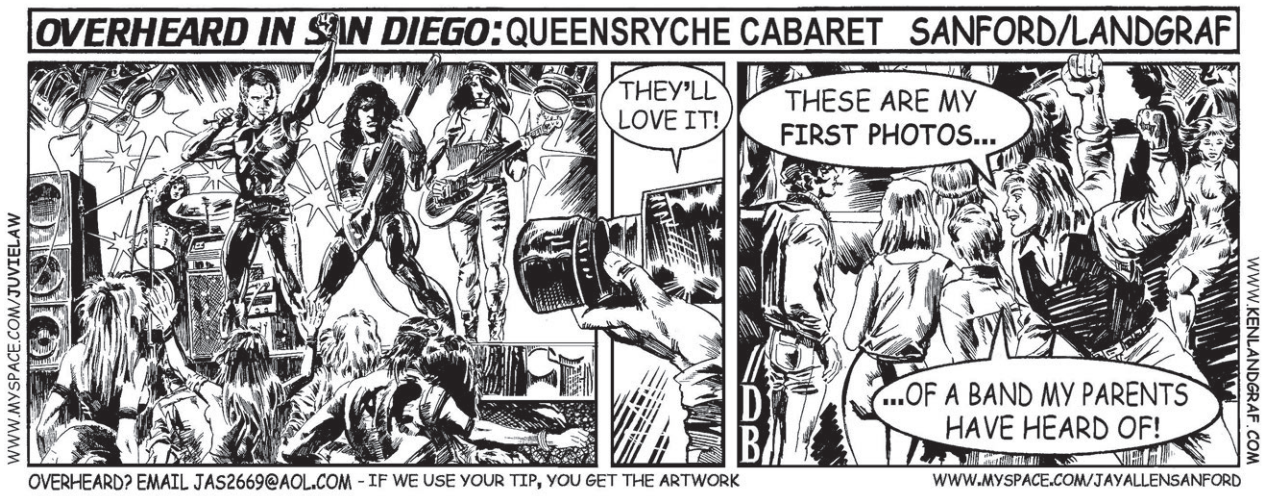
"We just went for it. It's been a challenge to pull it off, especially when he plays songs I've never heard. I'm not straying from my drum style at all, so it's a good mashup; busy drums to Otto's diverse, strange dance music."

After Bang Face, Serbian and von Shirach toured across the U.K. and Europe. And despite missing his dog Lady and favored hometown burritos, the drummer managed to let loose for what he considered his favorite show of the tour.

"We played a pretty big show in Brussels for my birthday with some friends from San Diego called Narrows. It ruled. They brought a cake out to me onstage, and the entire club of 700 people sang happy birthday to me."

Serbian is now back in San Diego and will be onstage with Rats Eyes when they open for the Melvins at the Casbah on June 1.

— *Dorian Hargrove*



P.B.'s Summer Anthem. "I'm originally from Philly, but I had moved to Sweden to be with a Swedish girl I met," says singer-songwriter Jesse LaMonaca. "I lived there for about a year and put a band together and was just starting to get things going when, unfortunately, things fell apart. As often happens with love...I was forced to leave everything I had in Sweden. I came to San Diego with just my guitar and some clothes."



AMERICAN SOULMEN DIME NOVELS ADOPT P.B.

After LaMonaca's 2007 arrival in Pacific Beach, he founded an Americana soul outfit, the Dime Novels. "P.B. recently served as a shooting locale for our newest video," says LaMonaca. "It's part of our push to make our single 'Left Coast Sunshine' the 2010 P.B. summer anthem.... The song is available online as a free download, and the video is on YouTube. We shot it ourselves with a local outfit called Flicker Fusion Video."

Jesse LaMonaca and the Dime Novels' debut album *Until the Stars Came Out* will be celebrated with a release party at downtown's Marble Room on Friday, June 4. "The venue's theme is that of an early-1900s brothel, so we hope to have an attractive female flamenco dancer for a surprise show in between our sets," says LaMonaca.

"We'll be playing the album in its entirety from start to finish, and then we'll have a secret guest artist do a small set. For our second set, we'll cover some old-school soul faves of ours, like 'Ain't Too Proud to Beg,' 'Try a Little Tenderness,' 'Hold On I'm Coming,' and maybe some Band of Horses or Bon Iver to mix it up a bit."

The Marble Room bill also includes Cactus Bob and Brian Holwerda of Blackout Party.

— *Jay Allen Sanford*

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club crawler — This Week In Music

Thursday 27

Anybody else have a "Canada bands" category in your iTunes? It's a time-saver for how far *that* full spectrum flings, from the bubblegum of New Pornographers to the mad-cow meat of **Frog Eyes**. Fronted by the phlegmatic, idiosyncratic Carey Mercer, Frog Eyes is a punk-informed art-rock act that, though not as listenable as the others on the deconstructionist end of the deal up there — Destroyer, Wolf Parade, Sunset Rubdown — which is not to say those bands are, y'know, universally listenable — impresses the most, IMHO, for their ambitious reach and organic art-making. I just got *Paul's Tomb*, so I can't really speak to that, except to say that it's immediately meatier, beatier, bigger, and bouncier than my idea of status quo FE, such as *Golden River* or perhaps the better entry point, *Tears of the Valedictorian*. At Casbah with Dead Oceans labelmates **Mt. St. Helens Vietnam Band**, these'd be the mind-expanding sets to catch Thursday night.... If you like your mind right where it's at, check out jazz-n-blues pianist **Mose Allison** down the road at Anthology. Dude's 82 and touring behind his new(!) ANTI- disc *The Way of the World*.... In the stupid-fun category, you got Miami's reggaeton rapper **Pitbull** rocking the mic at the Sports Arena behind his first full-Spanish raps, *Armando*...Silver Lake standouts, the indie-pop trio **Pepper Rabbit**, hop into Beauty Bar...and Tom DeLonge's **Angels and Airwaves** join like-minded Los Angelinos **Say Anything** at House of Blues for one heavy dose of high-fructose power-pop.

Friday 28

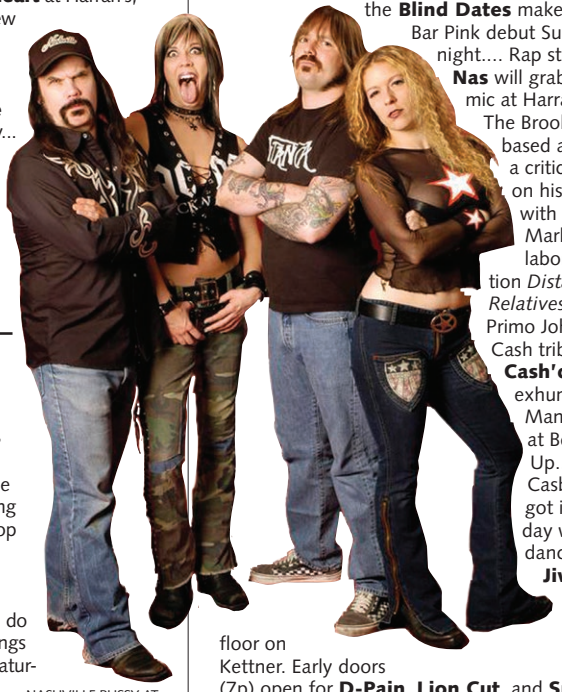
Need a night of canned beer and old-timey pop music — we're talking ukes and washboards — then take a trip with Oaktown's **Tippy Canoe** (aka Michele Kappel-Stone) at Tin Can Ale House. She's on a West Coast swing behind her last thing, *Parasols and Pekingese,* a collection that "ranges from juke-joint rocking and smoldering blues-waltz numbers to calypso uke-jazz." **Behind the Wagon** and **Low Volts** (Tim Lowman from Blackout Party) share the Banker's Hill bill.... English electro-drenched fuzz-pop five-piece **Spectrum** will close out their U.S. dates at Soda Bar Friday night. They've got a lot in common with Crocodiles, if you like. Check the Space takes from *War Sucks*: *myspace.com/spectrumofficialpage*. The geographically if not exactly sonically apropos pair of **Heavy Hawaii** and **Pearl Harbor** will go first.... "Reggae had sex with metal, punk got in the mix, and ska videotaped it all. Then out pooped the **Expendables**." That domestic brew and **Tomorrows Bad Seeds** belly up to Belly Up.... Else: San Dago mainstays the **Farmers** bring the barroom rock to Bay Park supper club Tio Leo's...Ann and Nancy Wilson will have **Heart** at Harrah's, rolling in their new disc, *Red Velvet Car*...Scottish funk-n-blues dudes **Average White Band** land at Anthology... and electro-industrial duo **My Life With the Thrill Kill Kult** will be building gothbots at Beauty Bar.



TIPPY CANOE AT TIN CAN ALE HOUSE

Saturday 29

Up in LJ, the Ché Café stages Brooklyn-via-here indie experimentalists **Boomsnake** with Portland's avant-pop four-piece the **Hosannas**. **Superhumanoids** (L.A.), and locals **Snuffaluffagus** share this kill bill. The Snuff's super-interesting-sounding *Brazil Wood Poetry* is due to drop digitally via Wizard Spit in June. Keep your ears peeled.... If you need it loud and lewd Saturday night, then Brick by Brick should do the trick, as the Bay Park bar brings in the Parental Advisory Tour, featuring Atlanta band **Nashville Pussy**, Grammy-nominated comedy rockers **Green Jellÿ**, metal spoofs **Psychostick**, and banshee rockers the **Riot Brides**. SD country skrunks the **Screamin YeeHaws** will set the stage.... Rock and roll never looked so good. Ruby Room fills an eclectic rock-roll bill for their RRNLSG anniversary thing, with **Brian Holwerda** (Blackout Party), **Ghetto Blaster**, **Die Sabotage**, and them "white suburban psychos" **Lord Howler**.... Minimalist drum-n-bass duo **Dabbers** meets maximilist post-punk nonet **Kata** at Bar Pink. According to their Space, "Kata plays Godspeed You! Black Emperor meets Neurosis-style epics." There're no "epic" tunes up on the site yet, so normally I'd roll my eyes, but the list of players in this beast begs to differ. Check it out: *myspace.com/kataband*.



NASHVILLE PUSSY AT BAR PINK

Sunday 30

You think you really know **Gary Wilson**. San Diego's '70s might-have-been and present-day cult musician/performance artist was reborn for the new millennium and in '08 released his fourth collection, *Lisa Wants to Talk to You*, which *Spin* said "blurs the line between stalker and genius" with "chintzy synths" and "creepy," "trembling" tales. Wilson's new group the **Blind Dates** makes their Bar Pink debut Sunday night.... Rap star-actor **Nas** will grab the mic at Harrah's. The Brooklyn-based artist has a critical hit on his hands with Damian Marley collaboration *Distant Relatives*.... Primo Johnny Cash tribbers **Cash'd Out** exhume the Man in Black at Belly Up.... And Casbah's got its three-day weekend dance deal **Jivewire** filling the floor on Kettner. Early doors (7p) open for **D-Pain**, **Lion Cut**, and **Smile Now Cry Later**, while Stamp1 slaps together one of his **Free*Stars** things in the Atari. And, yea, Lucha Libre's rolling in free late-night bites.

Monday 31

Dilly of a Memorial Day double bill at Tin Can Monday night, as Portland big band **Monarques** bring their sprawling pop thing *In Your Love (aka Knowing You)* to town behind up-and-coming SD-via-Jalisco indie-pop duo **Marquez!**... SanFran "goth-folk" femme fatale **Emily Jane White** joins the **Brothers Grimm** at Soda Bar.



MONARQUES AT TIN CAN ALE HOUSE

Tuesday 1

Seattle's sludge-metallurgists the **Melvins** will celebrate today's release of their 18th record in 23 years, *The Bride Screamed Murder*, at Casbah with local hardcore throwbacks **Rats Eyes** and L.A.'s superbadmuthas **Totimoshi**. Check this trio out, metalhead: *myspace.com/totimoshi*.... Soda Bar sets up Aussie punx **X** with Seattle noiseniks **A Frames**. X is celebrating 30 years since the release (and new reissue) of *X-aspirations* with their first U.S. tour. Locals **Christmas Island** and **Nude Boy** will set the stage.... *Boom boom out go the lights!* When Canadian guitarist and '70s radio staple **Pat Travers** takes the Ramona Main Stage.

Wednesday 2

Soda Bar gets humpnight right, staging a Woodsist mini-fest with the label's lo-fi namesake **Woods** and SanFran band the **Fresh & Onlys**. The big Woodsist t'do is June 15 at the Echoplex in L.A. The beautiful one is June 12 at the Henry Miller Museum in Big Sur. Check out these bills: *woodsist.blogspot.com*. Real Estate, Kurt Vile, Nodzzz, Abe Vigoda...c'mon! Who's drivin'?!.... Real quik with the rest of your humpnight highlights: electronicat **Neon Indian** plugz in at Casbah...**Da Bears** and **D/Wolves** play the Ché with Bloomington's terrific math-punk trio **Good Luck**...and the **iLCiRCo** troupe kicks off a four-night show of slo-mo acrobatics at Anthology. So close you can smell them.



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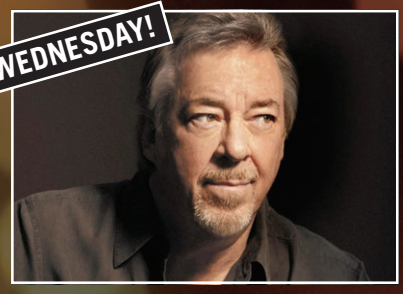

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Thursday, August 5 • 7:30
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AIR SUPPLY

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"I made a 60-minute video of my original music, set to footage from the original *Twilight Zone* and subtitled with the writings of Friedrich Nietzsche," says Grant Clarkson of his jazz-rock DVD *Ever So Much Fun*. The electric/acoustic bassist named the visual operetta after a line in the 1960 *Zone* episode "The After Hours," with Anne Francis as a department-store shopper who discovers that (spoiler alert) she is a mannequin.

"Being a lifelong *Twilight Zone* fan, I decided to put in a few little bits of dialogue from various other episodes into the songs," says Clarkson. "All the bits of spoken word fit into this two-act play I was working on, telling a *Zone*-ish kind of time-travel story. But who wants to produce a play? Why not just put *Zone* footage against the music and see how it fits?"

As Clarkson matched music to video on his computer ("I used iMovie; it was a bitch"), the one-time philosophy student had another inspiration.

"Why not have Nietzsche's writings as subtitles for the narrative? His big idea of eternal recurrence is central to this story. Basically, it's the idea that all your life and all your choices will repeat over and over again…because of this, all your creative contributions to the universe are, in a sense, indestructible."

The resulting 18-track music video unfolds its sci-fi narrative using scenes from several dozen *Twilight Zone*s, opening to the strains of "Come Wander with Me," a tune central to one well-regarded episode of the series. The DVD cover was provided by Anne Francis herself, inscribed with her line from "The After Hours" that serves as the project title.

Ever So Much Fun is available at *filmbaby.com/films/3380*.

DESCRIBE YOUR MUSIC.
"I do ridiculously long instrumental cuts, usually starting with improvising on drums and bass, and then I attempt to be a 'composer' by rounding it out from there."

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?
1. "Christian McBride."
2. "Tierney Sutton."
3. "Diana Krall."
4. "The original cast recording of *West Side Story*."
5. "Some Bernard Herrmann scores from Alfred Hitchcock movies."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS?
1. "Cabrillo National Monument."
2. "The Park Manor."

WHAT WOULD YOUR GRADE-SCHOOL TEACHER SAY ABOUT YOU?
"That I stared out the window a lot and seemed mildly contemptuous of their authority."

WHAT SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE?
"Any tune that embraced melancholy and confusion in some pathetically romantic and grandiose way."



Grant Clarkson: "As he was punching me in the face..."

BEST BASSIST: JACO PASTORIUS OR STANLEY CLARKE?
"I got turned on to both of them on the same day by the high school jazz-band elders, back when I was a stupid punk. Gotta say Stanley — he seems to let more daylight in. I couldn't relate to Jaco's dark East Coast bebop tone."

POOREST YOU'VE EVER BEEN?
"Fresh out of grad school I was living in Ocean Beach, trying to make it work with gigs. I felt sorry for myself and was pissed at the world, so all I did was write bad poetry and practice playing."

YOUR CELEB LOOKALIKE?
"Somebody once told me I look like Eric Stoltz."

HAVE YOU BEEN A CRIME VICTIM?
"Once, outside San Francisco, a friend and I were delivering a grandfather clock to his uncle's house in Marin. We stopped to use a pay phone, and some dude tried to mug me while I was sitting in our van. He had 'Satan' tattooed across his shoulderblades and smelled like he just drank a whole bottle of whiskey. As he was punching me in the face, some stranger came out of nowhere and clocked him in the back of the head with a baseball bat, and we got away. I still think that stranger with the bat was some kind of angel."

BIGGEST REGRET?
"If I were to do it all over again, I would have sought out better mentors and training in my 20s."

THREE THINGS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT GRANT CLARKSON?
1. "I don't like being out in the sun."
2. "I've sold off all my old music collection on Amazon and now rely on jazz and classical radio so as not to get stuck on what has already influenced me."
3. "I look up everything on YouTube."▪

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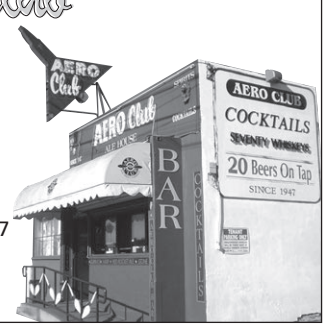

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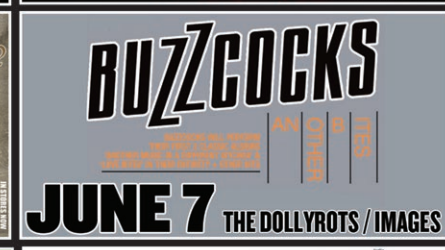

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Saturday and Sunday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — Jane Monheit. Traditional jazz. $29-$37.

Bar Leucadian: 1542 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.
Saturday, 9:30pm — Samz Jam. Blues/soul/rock. Free.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.
Thursday, 10pm — Stealing Love Jones. Alternative/indie/rock.
Saturday, 10pm — The Dabbers. With Kata. Rock/hip-hop/alternative.
Sunday, 10pm — Gary Wilson. Experimental/indie/rock.
Monday, 10pm — The Styletones. Funk/soul.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
Thursday — Longstay. With Arrows and Pepper Rabbit. Rock/pop.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Friday, 9pm — The Expendables. With Tomorrows Bad Seeds. Reggae/rock. $20-$22.
Sunday — Cash'd Out. A tribute to Johnny Cash. Country/covers/rock.
Tuesday — Miike Snow. Indie pop/electropop. $15-$18.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave., North Park, 619-239-8836.
Friday, 7pm — Dirty Sweet. With the Apes of Wrath. Rock.
Wednesday, 7pm — The Terell Stafford Quartet. Featuring jazz trumpeter Gerald Clayton.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Friday — Sofa Kings. With Grandview and Break the Chain. Rock.
Saturday, 8pm — Nashville Pussy. Punk/rock/psychobilly. $15.

Capri Blu: 10436 Craftsman Way, Rancho Bernardo, 858-673-5100.
Saturday, 7pm — Keith Jacobson. Jazz saxophone. Free.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday — Frog Eyes. With Mt. St. Helen's Vietnam Band. Rock/experimental. $8-$10.
Friday, 8:30pm — Blackout Party. With Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Country/folk/rock. $10.
Saturday — Get Back Loretta. With Or, the Whale; Swim Party; New Archaic. Alternative/indie/rock.
Tuesday — The Melvins. With Totimoshi. Rock/metal. $18.
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Neon Indian. Laptop music/chillwave. $15.

Cheers: 2475 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-0270.
Friday and Saturday, 9pm — Myron and the Kyniptionz. Blues/soul/rock. Free.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Dr., UCSD, 858-534-2311.
Saturday, 8pm — Boomsnake. With Hosannas, Superhumanoids, and Snuffaluffagus. Visual/breakbeat/minimalist. $6.
Wednesday, 8pm — Good Luck. With Doctor Bird, Da Bears, and D/Wolves. Rock. $6.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers. Rock.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, *Saturday* — FX5.

Don's Cocktail Lounge: 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon, 619-443-2444.
Friday and Saturday, 8:30pm — Stone Wolf. Rock.

Downtown Café: 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687.
Thursday — Chet and the Committee. Open blues jam. Free.

Gaslamp Quarter: *Saturday*, 12:30pm — Smooth Jazz 98.1 Jazz Festival. With Peter White, Brian Culbertson, Mindi Abair, more. *kifm.com* or 877-772-5425. $29. 21 and up.

The Harp: 4935 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-0168.
Sunday, 8pm — Full Moon Fever. Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers tribute.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100.
Friday, 9pm — Heart. Rock. $40.
Sunday — NAS. With Damian Marley. Hip-hop/reggae.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
Thursday, 8pm — Angels & Airwaves. With Say Anything. Alternative/rock. $30-$32.
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Sunday — Aubrey Fay. Smooth jazz.
Monday, 7pm — The Burnsville Blues Band. Blues/rock.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Boz Scaggs. Rock/soul/blues. $65.

Java Joe's at Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-9360.
Thursday, 8pm — Gregory Page. Acoustic/alternative.
Friday, 8:30pm — The Smart Brothers. Acoustic/blues/soul.
Saturday, 8pm — Randi Driscoll. Pop/rock.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Happy Ron's Open Mike. All types of acts welcome.

La Jolla Shores Hotel: 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 866-392-8762.
Sunday, 3pm — Sabira Woolley and Island Fever. Latin/reggae/world. Free.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
Friday, 9pm — Ramekega. Alternative/rock/pop.

Main Tap Tavern: 518 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-749-6333.
Friday, 9pm — Full Moon Fever. Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers tribute.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641.
Friday and Saturday, 9pm — Tommy Budd's Windy City. Rock/covers. Free. 21 and up.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280.
Friday — 4-Way Street. Rock.

Pannikin Coffee & Tea: 2670 Via de la Valle, Suite A230, Del Mar, 858-481-8007.
Friday, 8pm — Mark Lopez and Tony Taravella. Jazz guitar. Free.

Patrick's II: 428 F St., Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday, 9pm — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock.
Friday, 9pm — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz.
Sunday, 9pm — Chet and the Committee. Blues.
Monday, 9pm — Missy Andersen. Blues/soul/funk.
Tuesday, 9pm — Jeff Moore & the Witch Doctors. Blues/rock.
Wednesday, 9pm — Blue Largo. Blues/soul/swing.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
Friday — Tower of Power. With Brenton Wood. Soul/funk/R&B.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.
Thursday — Inhale. Reggae.
Friday — Flock of '80s. Covers/pop/rock.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., Normal Heights, 619-284-3323.
Saturday — The Drowning Men. Alternative/rock.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Some songs sound weird until you listen to them more closely and realize that neither the words nor the music is all that interesting. Some songs sound sort of unremarkable until you find that the words are about something stranger than what you thought they were about or that the guitar part is trickier than you realized. And then there are some songs that start off sounding kind of weird and just get weirder, thornier, and more interesting the more you listen to them.

British Columbia's Frog Eyes specialize in that last category. Bandleader Carey Mercer apparently idolizes oddballs such as Scott Walker and Captain Beefheart but has a lot to say himself — Frog Eyes have released nine albums since 2002. Still, Mercer is apparently determined not to make it easy to tell what he's going on about. He sings in a voice that alternates between quavering and keening, moping and whooping. His band — which includes wife Melanie Campbell, Megan Boddy, Michael Rak, and Ryan Beattie — starts with relatively straightforward roots-rock elements and pulls them in disorienting directions to keep up with Mercer. (Think Nick Cave, Tom Waits, or bands trying to keep up with a raving street lunatic.) Then there are Mercer's lyrics, which are even more oblique than his song titles suggest — not an easy task when you write titles like "Caravan Breakers, They Prey on the Weak and the Old" and "The Fox Speaks to his Wife, Who Is Not Quite Sure." So you know that digging into this stuff is not going to be easy, but if you're up for it, you'll find it rewarding.



FROG EYES

FROG EYES: THE CASBAH, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 8:30 P.M. 619-232-4355. $8; $10 DAY OF SHOW.

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Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St., Ramona, 760-789-7008.
Thursday, 7pm — Goatwhore. Metal. $15.
Friday, 7pm — HeXeN. Metal. $13.
Tuesday — Pat Travers. With West Coast Bandits, Lizardfish, Circa Now. Rock. $20.
Wednesday, 7pm — Mutiny Within. With Threat Signal. Metal. $13.

Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
Friday, 9pm — Foo U. Rock.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372.
Saturday — Brian Halwerda. With Ghetto Blaster, Die Sabotage, Lord Howler. Rock.

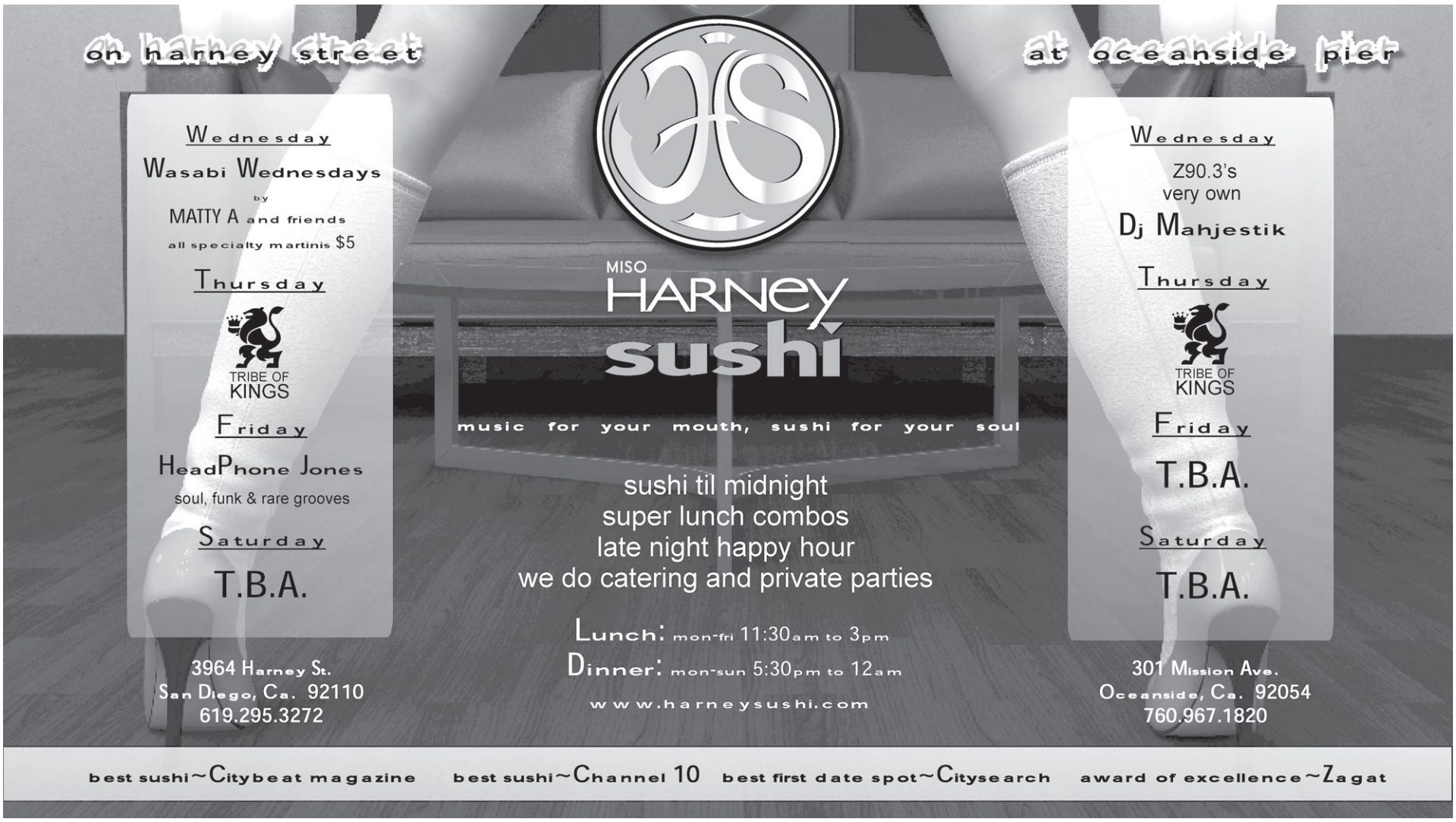
San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171.
Thursday, 8pm — Pitbull. Hip-hop/reggaeton.

Santee Street Fair: 100 RiverView Parkway, Santee.
Saturday, 10am — Entertainment, rides, food, vendor booths, crafts, beer & wine garden. Bands include Lindsey Spurlock, the Corvettes, Outta-Sync, and Rockola.

Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Rd., San Carlos, 619-465-1730.
Saturday, 9pm — Ramshackle. Rock. Free.

Soda Bar: 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-255-7224.
Saturday — Red Hand. With DOT and Monkeys in Space. Rock. $5.
Monday — Emily Jane White. Dark folk/rock. With Brothers Grimm. $5.
Tuesday — X. With Christmas Island and Nude Boy. Punk/rock. $8.
Wednesday — The Woods. With Fresh & Onlys and Heavy Hawaii. Garage rock. $8.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
Saturday, 7pm — 3OH!3 & Cobra Starship. Electropop/rock/alternative.
Sunday, 6pm — Cute Is What We Aim For. With Friday Night Boys, the Bigger Lights, and Down With Webster. Rock/pop. $13.

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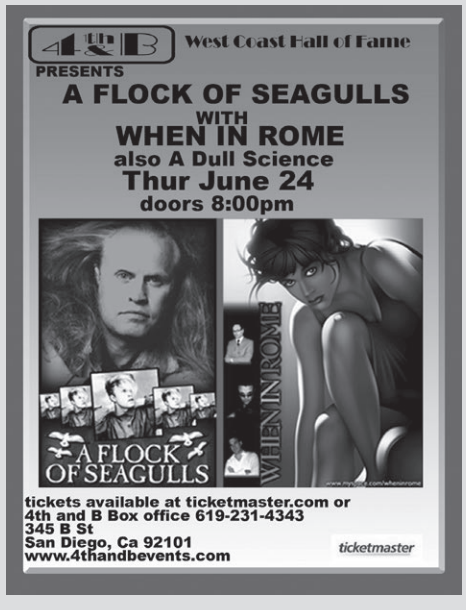
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George Benson . . . . . AUG 13
Los Lonely Boys . . . . . AUG 15
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July 18 — The Tannahill Weavers.
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August 13 — Hot Club of Cowtown.
August 14 — Chris Smither.
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September 10 — Jesse Winchester.
September 11 — David Wilcox.
September 19 — Eliza Gilkyson.
September 24 — Christine Lavin.
September 27 — Slaid Cleaves.
September 29 — Po' Girl.
October 23, *October 24* — John Sebastian.

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June 17 — Wang Chung.
June 18 — Tierney Sutton, Hubert Laws, & Larry Koonse.
June 23, *June 24* — Keiko Matsui.
June 25 — Oleta Adams.
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July 31 — Atomic Punks.
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August 17 — Xavier Rudd.
August 19 — The Dirty Dozen Brass Band.
October 8 — Super Diamond.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-3474.
June 16 — Venice.
July 21 — Shawn Mullins.
August 18 — Steve Poltz.
September 21 — The Tommy Castro Band.

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June 11 — The Sadies.
June 13 — Tortoise.
June 14 — The Dragons.
June 17 — Local H.
June 18 — El Vez.
June 19 — Athlete.
June 25 — Dave Gonzalez.
June 26 — Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects.
June 29 — Damien Jurado.
June 30 — Saint Vitus.
July 1 — Dead Meadow.
July 2 — The Dum Dum Girls.
July 11 — Bad Astronaut.
July 21 — Maps and Atlases.
July 29 — The Night Marchers.
August 3 — The Fruit Bats.
August 8 — Tokyo Police Club.
September 12 — The Clientele.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In 1985, in Aberdeen, Washington, Kurt Cobain headed a band named Fecal Matter. He was 18. Some of the members of that band (Dale Crover, Buzz Osborne, and Mike Dillard) were also in a fledgling group called the Melvins, a band that Cobain was known to think highly of. A year earlier he had auditioned to be the Melvins' new lead guitarist but didn't make the cut. Instead, the band helped Cobain record his first demo. The inevitable disbanding of Fecal Matter a few months later proved to be a pivotal event in rock history. Right after that the Melvins launched their own recording career in earnest, and the strange and sad story that was Nirvana began to take shape.



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Cobain was the best songwriter of the two bands, but the Melvins made a place where Nirvana — and grunge in general — could grow outward from its crude beginnings. The Melvins' own influences (the Who, Black Sabbath, and Jerry Lee Lewis) are present in the sound of every band from Aberdeen to Seattle. They were the musical ground zero for a generation of rockers, and to this day the Melvins are still grinding it out as if they never got word that sludge/grunge croaked years ago. I don't think they care.

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June 13 — Sting.
June 17 — Country Throwdown 2010.
July 7 — Lilith Fair.
July 9 — Kings of Leon.
July 16 — Vicente Fernandez.
July 17 — Slightly Stoopid.
July 24 — Elton John.
August 7 — Toby Keith.
August 8 — Limp Bizkit.
August 10 — Vans Warped Tour.
August 15 — Christina Aguilera.
August 20 — The Dave Matthews Band.
August 25 — John Mayer.
August 29 — American Carnage Tour.
September 2 — Green Day.
September 25 — The Jonas Brothers.
September 28 — Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers.
October 9 — Jack Johnson.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1161.
June 11 — Sammy Hagar.
June 12 — Paul Rodgers.
June 15 — Jeremy Camp.
June 16 — Dennis DeYoung.
June 17 — Donna Summer.
June 18 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
June 23 — Kenny Loggins.
June 24 — Switchfoot.
June 25 — Julio Iglesias.
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June 29 — Uncle Kracker.
June 30 — Lonestar.
July 4 — Joan Jett and the Blackhearts.

Dizzy's: Harbor Club Towers, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
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July 25 — The Double Bass Summit.
August 26 — Joshua White.
September 15 — Bill Evans Tribute.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
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June 5 — Wickhauser.
June 12 — Full Moon Fever.
June 25 — Safety Orange.
June 26 — Lethal Rejection.

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June 26 — Vietnamese Concert.
July 10 — Yes and Peter Frampton.
July 17 — Gladys Knight and Smokey Robinson.
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August 14 — B.B. King and Buddy Guy.
August 28 — Huey Lewis & the News.
September 4 — David Gray and Ray Lamontagne.
September 10 — Gary Allan.
September 26 — Willie Nelson.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583.
June 7 — The Buzzcocks.
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 Heat.
August 21 — Wolfmother.
August 22 — Cyndi Lauper.
September 15 — The Adicts.
September 18 — Hanson.
October 2 — Kamelot.
October 11 — The Script.

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June 3 — Jonny Lang.
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June 26 — Jesse Cook.
July 6 — Colbie Caillat.
July 9 — Chris Botti.
July 11 — Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra.
July 14 — The Gipsy Kings.
July 18 — Jamie Cullum.
July 21 — Jackson Browne.
July 24 — The Barenaked Ladies.
July 25 — Lyle Lovett.
July 28 — Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo.
July 31 — Boney James.
August 5 — Michael McDonald.
August 6 — Ringo Starr & his All Starr Band.
August 11 — Joan Baez.
August 12 — Creedence Clearwater Revisited.
August 13 — Dave Koz & Jonathan Butler.
August 16 — Rodrigo y Gabriela.
August 19 — Chicago.
August 22 — Crowded House.
August 25 — Chris Isaak.
August 29 — Three Dog Night.
September 8 — The Doobie Brothers.
September 9 — Sheryl Crow.
September 10 — The Beach Boys.
September 11 — Air Supply.
September 16 — Tower of Power.
September 17 — The Fab Four.
October 1 — Keali'i Reichel.
October 3 — America.

The Marble Room: 535 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-702-5595.
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Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947.
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June 10 — The Buick Wilson Band.
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June 12 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
June 13 — Delta Heat.
June 14 — Shelle Blue.
June 15 — The Bayou Brothers.
June 16 — Burnsville Blues.
June 18 — The Fremonts.
June 19 — Dennis Jones.
June 20 — Blue Largo.
June 21 — Chet Cannon & the Committee.
June 24, *June 25* — Papa's Garage.
June 28 — Missy Andersen.

Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819.
June 11 — The Temptations.
June 25 — The Backstreet Boys.
July 9 — The Steve Miller Band.
July 15 — The Gipsy Kings.
July 30 — Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo.
August 11, *August 13* — Billy Idol.

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July 21 — Alejandro Sanz.
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December 1 — André Rieu.

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July 2 — Mammoth Life.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662.
June 9 — Good Old War.
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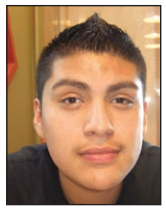
as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: The Kneehighs
Song: "Eyes Wide Open" (from *sdreader.com/mp3*)
Heard by: Angel Martinez, Southeast San Diego


Angel

It was a pretty smooth track. It had a nice beat. I haven't heard that type of music before. It's kind of like rap but it's too smooth to be called that. He was rapping about life in the 'hood and how the only way out of that lifestyle was through God. He was a good rapper. His timing was good. It's just that the stuff he was talking about was kind of wack. I don't see that having popularity or radio airplay. It needed more bad words and more talk about sex and drugs — typical stuff in the rap industry. I like stuff like Jay-Z that has fresh beats and good lyrics. On a scale of 1 to 10, I'd give that song a 5.

Artist: Thrillrazr
Song: "Whiskey and a Hard Drug" (from *sdreader.com/mp3*)
Heard by: Frankie Moreno, North Park


Frankie

It's a song a lot of people can relate to. He was singing about how every time he feels low, he just wants to drink whiskey and get high again. It kind of reminded me of bands like Seether or Killswitch Engage — hardcore. They sounded pretty decent. I would definitely go to one of their shows. As far as them getting popular, anybody can have commercial success; it's all about the amount of money and time you put into getting yourself known. When I hear that song, I just picture a regular guy living day-to-day, drinking and smoking. I'd give that song an 8 out of 10.

Artist: Hershel Abram
Song: "Chocolate Love Part 2" (from *sdreader.com/mp3*)
Heard by: Warren Brown, Mission Hills


Warren

I thought it was all right. I'm not really an R&B fan, but it's got a good hook. I listen to a lot of rock, indie, electronic, and folk. I like the lead parts of the hook and the verses. The chorus was repetitive — touching, kissing, loving, or something — but I was more drawn to the rhythm section. I could see that as a rock song, but it was an R&B song. I think it could be played on the radio and people would like it. It's got a catchy hook, and that's what people are looking for. That would be a good song for gettin' down...or a downtown club. Personally, I'd give that song a 3 out of 10, but for an R&B song, I'd give it a 6.

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Music Reviews from Our Readers

Paul Weller: Wake Up the Nation

CD Review
by Robert Duffy



Modfather came of age in '77 punk campaign.

Modfather Paul Weller's influences since the Jam, the Style Council, and his solo output have been eclectic in taste but consistent in quality — from the Who to the Modern Jazz Quartet to Steve Winwood. No one could've predicted that for his ninth solo album he'd come off sounding like '70s Bowie!

Opening track "Moonshine" could be the flipside of "Suffragette City." Next is the title track, a foot-stomping rocker that slams into the modern world — "Get your face off of Facebook and turn off your phone." New single "No Tears to Cry" leans toward the blue-eyed ballad soul of the Walker Brothers. "Fast Car/Slow Traffic" sounds like Bowie doing the Clash. "In Amsterdam" is a waltzy fairground-organ-driven instrumental.

Some notable guests contribute to the record: Bev Bevan (the Move/E.L.O.) picks up the sticks for "Moonshine" and My Bloody Valentine's Kevin Shields sprinkles his magic guitar dust all over "7&3 Is the Striker's Name." Most surprising is Weller's former bandmate from the Jam, Bruce Foxton. The duo reunite here for "Fast Car/Slow Traffic" and "She Speaks."

I can't think of anyone who came of age during the '77 punk campaign who is still making records as fresh and vital as this.

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists: The Brutalist Bricks

CD Review
by Rollo Cabeza

"When the café doors exploded, I reacted to... reacted to you," sings Ted Leo in his nasal-core croon over James Canty's distorted guitar strum before the drums, a loping bass line, and Leo's triple-time guitar strum explode into the bouncing punk anthem "The Mighty Sparrow." The tune is a strong start to *The Brutalist Bricks*... maybe too strong.



Nasal-core crooner's heavy-handed politicking

The following cuts lack that punch. In tunes such as "Mourning In America," "Ativan Eyes," and "The Stick," the hooks are hard to find and Leo's politicking can be heavy-handed: "Of the long manipulated and the willfully dumb, you better watch what you ask for, cause someday it might just come."

Just when you think the punchy indie-punk anthems are gone, though, a song like "Even Heroes Have to Die" dials it back in with choppy guitar riffs and Leo's snappy vox. Or, on "Bottled Up in Cork," where Leo starts out singing about a United Nations resolution — "Who believed it would be solved in a day? Nobody walked out of that building on the eight of May..." — before stripping things down to an acoustic riff and basic drumbeat and lyrics about traveling through Europe trying to shed the embarrassment of the Bush era.

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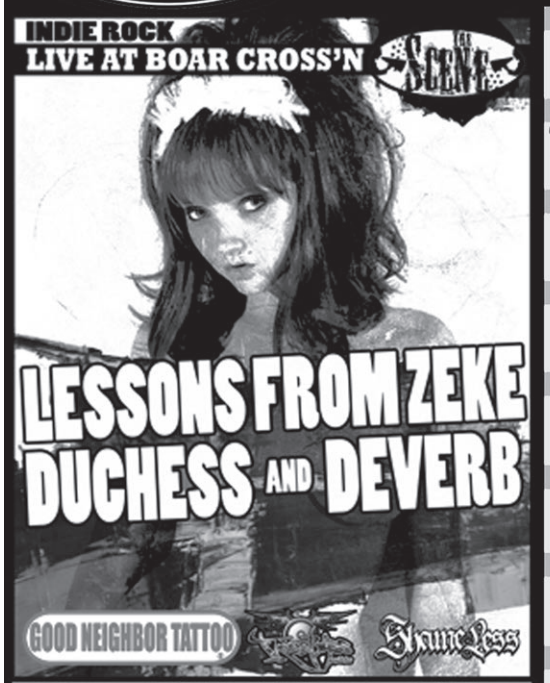

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Primal Duality

Concert Review
by Wate Charles

"We're going to space," Primitive Noyes' guitarist says. "Will you come to space with us?" The bassist puts a bow to her strings, coaxing ethereal groans and harmonics through a delay pedal. The layered sound collage is grounded by poignant beats, which swell and fade with the guitars. Conjures Experimental Aircraft, Theta Wave State, Tristeza, Sonic Youth circa *Evol*, Seefeel.

The name, an occult nod to primal duality, best describes the live experience. One senses the invocation of an alternate reality, ephemeral imaginings animating the Void. The noise builds, somewhere a universe reaches full expression, vibrations (that's all we are) eclipse everything, unify, absolve. With the twist of a delay knob it all disappears, slurped back into the Source with a resolute blip. Nothing.



"I'm in love. I need you!"

The Paddle Boat plays a tight set of jazz-informed rockabilly tango. Lilting harmonies, an array of auxiliary percussion, sweet-toned hollow-body guitar.

Vegas' Twin Brother sounds like Thom Yorke got over whatever the hell's been irking him and wrote a birthday album for his girlfriend.

Space Nature oozes Iggy Pop. The audience tears off the guitarist's shirt and the frontman shouts into dual mics, "I'm in love. I need you!" The kids, they shimmy and shake.

Concert: Primitive Noyes, the Paddle Boat, Twin Brother, Space Nature
Date: April 30
Venue: Tin Can Ale House
Seats: standing

Frugging

Concert Review
by Mary Leary

If pop-rock is the accusation, L.A.-based Lemon Sun is guilty of rock, a.k.a. serious dance-hall chops. Promptly sifting through the crowd to clamber onstage, the nattily clad five-piece dives into on-a-dime rhythms and the jubilant guitar jangle of '60s 45s. Sounding rather like the Human Beinz (of "Nobody But Me" fame), the Suns resonate with every upbeat hit you ever loved but not exactly like any, probably because the sound is informed by nearly every lyric-leaning rock and punk strand that's followed — not to mention deal-with-the-devil songwriting.



Deal-with-devil songsmiths, Lemon Sun

Constantly animated lead vox Rob Kolar, whose steady tenor has just enough sandpaper to coax easy identification, could be a slightly less emotive/fluid Julian Casablancas. Guitarist/backing vox Patrick O'Connor adds his share of heat, as does keyboardist/backing vox John Rogers.

Here's another illustration of the dying tendency of San Diegans to stand stock-still and vacant-eyed before monster ensembles. By the time the Suns slam into "Touch the Lightning," from the new album, at least half the audience is frugging into each other's elbows or vigorously tapping feet.

Concert: Lemon Sun
Date: April 30
Venue: Bar Pink
Seats: up front; left of center

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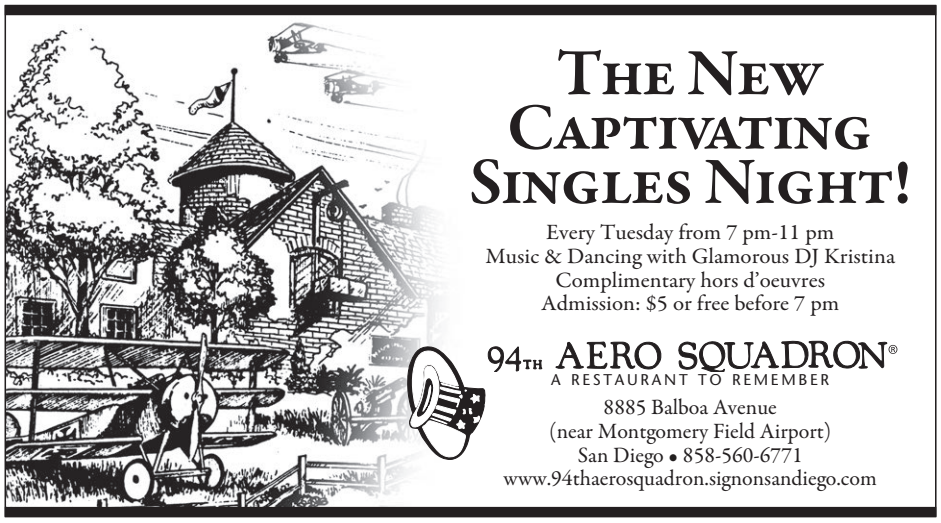





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Bice: *Every day*, 5-6:30pm: $5 house wine, wells, draft Moretti.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar: *Every day*, 2-6pm: $3 Buster's pale ale, amber; $3.50 mai tai, margarita, Long Island Iced Tea.

Café Sevilla: *Monday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. *Tuesday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. *Wednesday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. *Thursday, Sunday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita. *Friday-Saturday*, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato.

Candelas: *Every day*, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2 price.

Currant: *Every day*, 4-7pm:, 10pm-midnight: $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.

Funky Garcia's Mexican Restaurant: *Every day*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks; $1.50 carne asada and pollo asado tacos.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, house wine, wells. Appetizer specials.

La Gran Tapa: *Tuesday-Thursday*, 5-7pm: $3 cask wine, sangria, draft.

Horton's Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $3 drafts, $5 wells, $6 house wine, $7 margaritas/cosmos; $7 potato skins/mozzarella sticks; $7.50 nachos grande/buffalo wings.

House of Blues: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $2 drafts, $3 wells & wines, $4 martinis, 1/2-off select appetizers.

Jsix: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: 1/2-price wine by the glass, $2 off bottle & draft, including local brews.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3.50 beer.

The Local: *Monday*, 4pm-close: $3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. $6 burgers. *Tuesday*, 4pm-close: $3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. $2.50 chicken/steak tacos. *Wednesday*, 4pm-close: $10 big pitchers. $2 BBQ pork sliders. *Thursday*, 4pm-close: $3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. $3 lobster tacos. *Friday*, 3-7pm: $1 off wells, wine, drafts. *Saturday*, 8-10pm: $5 premium liquors.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. $5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

O'Brothers: *Every day*, 3:30-6:30pm: $3 bottled beer, $5 glass of wine. $7 sliders with fries.

Ocean Room and Lounge: *Every day*, 4-6pm, 9pm-midnight: $3 drafts, $4 house wine, $6 martinis. 1/2-off sushi, $1.50 oyster shooters, $5 crab cakes, popcorn shrimp, calamari, spring rolls.

Patrick's II: *Every day*, 10am-8pm: $2.50 bottle beer, $3 wells, Bud Light pints, $4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; $1 hot sake, $2 domestics, $3 wells, imports, $4 specialty cocktails and wine, $5 Kirin with sake.

Rock Bottom Brewery: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: $3.50 pints, wells, house wine, $4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3.50 margaritas. $4 Long Islands. $3-$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $5 house wine, wells, $7 Christopher's Cuvee. Noon-9pm: tasting flights.

Stage Saloon: *Every day*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Tabule: *Monday-Friday*, 5-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-6pm: 1/2-off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks two-for-one.

Tivoli Bar: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off pitchers, $.50 off liquor.

Tom Ham's Lighthouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 house wine, domestic/import.

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

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, edamame, $.99.

Hotel Indigo: *Every day*, 5-8pm: $4 domestic & local bottles, wells, wines.

Jewel Box: *Wednesday*, 6pm-2am: $5 Jäger bombs; happy hour all night w/military ID. *Thursday*, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. $3.75 calls.

Lotus Thai: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $3 draft beers, $5 select wines, large Singha beers, all Han Soju cocktails. Traditional Thai appetizers.

Phi Bistro: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: $4 domestic bottle 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.

EL CAJON

Blarney Stone Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $.50 off all drinks.

Calypso: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2.75 bottled beer (12 oz.), $3.75 beer (22 oz.), $7.50 pitcher.

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2.50 domestic beer, $3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, $5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

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.

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.

When in Rome: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: Two-for-one all wine by the glass.













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Brigantine: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 3:30-7pm: $1 off draft beer, $4.75 house margarita, $5 red wine, $7 Krista vodka cosmo, $7.50 margarita.

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday*, 5:30-7:30pm: $5 for five wine tastings.

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

FALLBROOK

Aqua Terra: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3 domestic, $9 pitcher; $4 imported, $12 pitcher; $1/2-off sushi rolls (no sushi on Monday).

GOLDEN HILL

Turf Supper Club: *Friday-Sunday*, noon-4pm: $1 off all beer/wine/spirits. $5 lunch: 1/2-lb. burger, chicken sandwich, or two Louisiana hot links + chips.

GRANTVILLE

Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 pints. $4 wells, house margaritas.

HILLCREST

The Alibi: *Every day*, all day: $3 dipper, wells.

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.

Nami: *Every day*, 5-7:30pm: 1/2-off sake, beer, $3 house wine. 1/2-off sushi rolls, appetizers.

Lotus Thai: *Every day*, 5-7pm: $3 draft beers, $5 select wines, large Singha beers, all Han Soju cocktails. Traditional Thai appetizers.

IMPERIAL BEACH

Baja Oyster Bar: *Monday-Thursday*, All day: $.99 fish tacos. 3-6pm: Two-for-one domestic bottle, discounted special roll.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: $2.50 house wine, $2.75 Bud Light 16 oz. on tap, $9 pitchers, $3 wells, $3.25 margaritas. Free buffet. *Saturday-Sunday*, all night: 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestic bottled beer, $3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

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.

KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

Beauty Bar: *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7 pm: $5 wine. $6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

The Kensington Club: *Every day*, 10am-6pm: $2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $5 fine wine.

LA JOLLA

Aloha Sushi Hawaiian Grille: *Every day*, 4-6:30pm: $2.50 small sake, $4 large sake, $1.95 select hand rolls, $3 cucumber roll, $3.50 California, spicy tuna, veggie roll.

Beaumont's: *Every day*, 4-6pm: $3 draft, well; $5 Cabernet, Chardonnay. Special prices on margarita, sangria, wine cooler.

Bird Rock Pizza & Sports: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: $3 pint, $12 pitcher; $7.50 pint with appetizer, $15 pitcher with appetizer. *Saturday-Sunday*, all day: $3 pint, $12 pitcher; $7.50 pint with appetizer, $15 pitcher with appetizer.

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.

Extreme Pizza: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $3 premium beer.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: $3.50 beer.

La Jolla Brew House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $3 wells, house drafts. $4 house wine. $5 premiums.

Lupi Italian Restaurant: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 5-7pm: $3-$5 martinis, beer, wine. Free doggie treats.

The Melting Pot: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off cheese fondue, salads, chocolate fondue.

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.

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.

LA MESA

Anthony's Fish Grotto: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $1 off drafts, house wine, margaritas, appetizers.

Brigantine: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $4 pint, single wells, house-blended margarita, glass of CA sparkling wine; $5 glass of Mezzacorona Chardonnay, glass of Rosemount Cabernet Shiraz; $6.50 double wells.

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.

Tarroz Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: $2.50 domestic beer, tequila shots, $3 imported beer, $4 premium drafts.

LAKESIDE

Coo Coo Club: *Monday-Friday*, 6-8pm: $2.75 wells, domestic bottles, drafts.

LEUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2.75 wells, $2.50 beer of the month, shot special.

LINCOLN PARK

L & L Hawaiian BBQ at Market Creek Plaza: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $2 domestic drafts. $1 off appetizers. *Sunday*, all day: $1 drafts. $1 tacos & wings.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: *Every day*, 3-6pm: $2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

The Morena Club: *Every day*, 2-7pm: $2 domestic drafts, $2.50 wells and domestic bottles.

Tio Leo's: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 wells, domestic drafts. $4 margarita (keep shaker).



















HAPPY HOUR

LITTLE ITALY

Fat City Steakhouse: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $2 drafts, $3 wells, $4 wine. 1/2-off appetizers.

Puerto la Boca: *Every day*, 4:30-7:30pm: $3 house wine, $3.50 drafts, wells, $6 house martini. 30% off appetizers.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: $1 off pints, $2 off tall beers.

Desi N' Friends Bar and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 2-7pm: $2 wells, domestic beers. 11pm-midnight: $3 drafts.

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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.

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.

The Filling Station: *Monday*, 7pm-close: $4 margaritas. *Tuesday*, 7pm-close: $2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, 7pm-close: $3.50 premium drafts. *Thursday*, 7pm-close: $2 wells, domestic beers, $6 domestic pitchers. *Saturday*, noon-7pm: $3 mimosas. *Sunday*, noon-7pm: $3 Bloody Marys.

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Guava Beach Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: Two-for-one cocktails, beer, shots.

Sandbar Sports Grill: *Monday-Thursday*, 4-7pm: $2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, $1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, $3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. *Friday*, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday*, 2-7pm: $.50 off beer. *Wednesday*, 2-7pm: $4 drafts, $3 bottles.

Bar Dynamite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: $2 domestics bottles and drafts, $3 wells. Free food from Lucha Libre Taco Shop.

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MISSION VALLEY

Adam's Steak & Eggs: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-7pm: Double well drinks, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Every day*, 3-7pm: $3 drafts, $5 wells, $6 glasses of wine, $7 house cocktails.

Camel's Breath Inn: *Monday-Thursday*, 10am-6pm: $2.75 domestic bottles, $3 wells.

NATIONAL CITY

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $2 off domestic pitchers, $3.50 wells.

Miyako Japanese Restaurant: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: Sapporo pints $1.99, large bottles $2.99, pitchers $6.99. Hot sake $1.75. California roll $2.50, spicy tuna/Philly roll $3.50, Japanese-style chicken bites $3.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: $3 draft, Bloody Mary; $5 you-call-it; $6 Jayne's Gastropub fare.

Bourbon Street: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: $3 domestic pitchers, $4 well drinks, $5 imported pitchers.

Triple Crown Pub: *Saturday*, noon-5pm: $1 off all pints, $2 off beer pitchers. *Sunday*, noon-2am: $1 off all pints, $2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Lips Restaurant: *Sunday*, all night: Industry Night, $3.50 wells, $5.50 calls, 25% off entrées & appetizers. Must show employee ID or pay stub.

The Office: *Every day*, 5-8pm: Two-for-one price on all drinks.

Splash: *Tuesday*, all day: 1/2-price wine. *Wednesday, Sunday*, all day: $3 select wine and beer. *Thursday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: $3 select wine and beer.

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.

OCEAN BEACH

Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: $2 wells, domestic pints. $4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: $3 domestic beer, $5 wine.

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: $3.50 wells. $1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

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 Jäger bombs, Long Islands, Jameson. $2 off all pitchers, $1 off drafts & wells.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, $5 specialty cocktails.

Pier View Pub: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: $1 off drafts, $2 off pitchers.

OLD TOWN

Alamo Mexican Cafe: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: 1/2-price drinks, food specials.

Fred's Mexican Cafe Old Town: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-7pm: $3 12-oz. house margaritas, $5 20-oz. house margaritas, $2.50 14-oz. domestic drafts, $3.50 20-oz. domestic drafts.

PACIFIC BEACH

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.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, $6 pitchers.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 3-7pm: $2 wells, house wine. $3 imports, microbrews. $2 off all drafts.

Moray's Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: $2.50 drafts, $3.50 wells, $4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: $4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins.

Pacific Beach Ale House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $3 drafts, wells, house wines. 1/2-price appetizers.

Sinbad Café: *Every day*, 4-8pm: $1.50 drafts, $2 wells, shots, $2.50 imports. 11am-8pm: $12-$15 hookahs.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday*, 5-7pm: $3 cask wine, sangria, draft. $3 tapas selection.

POINT LOMA

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: *Every day*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off all drinks & menu items (excludes holiday/concert nights).

Paradise Lounge and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: $2.50 well drinks, domestic bottles; $6.50 domestic pitchers. 8-9:30am: 1/2-off breakfast.

The Pearl: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: $3 beer, $4 wells, $5 wines.

POWAY

Kaminski's BBQ & Sports Bar: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: $1 off all wells, drafts, bottles, wine.

RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS

Deli Stop Sports Pub: *Every day*, 4pm-7pm: $1 off all beer; $3 Corona, $3 wine; $1 off all appetizers.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Press Box Sports Lounge: *Monday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. $4 martinis. *Tuesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. $3 you-call-its. *Wednesday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. 1/2-off wine bottles. *Thursday-Friday*, 4-7pm, 10pm-midnight: $1 off wells, all drafts. *Saturday*, all day: $3 mimosas & Bloody Marys.

SAN MARCOS

Cow Shed Bar and Grill: *Monday, Wednesday-Sunday*, 4-7pm: $3 domestic. $3.50-$4 wells. *Tuesday*, 4pm-2am: $3 domestic. $3.50-$4 wells.

TIERRASANTA

Bud's Louisiana Café: *Tuesday-Friday*, 1-2:30pm, 4:30-6pm: 1/2-price wine and beer.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Cheers: *Monday-Friday*, 11am-7pm: $2.50 domestic bottles. $3 single wells. $3.50 domestic drafts.

VALLEY CENTER

Casa Reveles Mexican & Seafood Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: $2 domestic. $3 imports, wells. Discounted appetizers.

VISTA

Jumping Bean Cafe & Mexicali Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: $2 domestic, imports, $2.75 margaritas, $3 wells, microbrews, $4 Leaping Horse wine. 3-5pm: $1.50 chicken or carnitas street tacos.

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THEATER REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

Playwright Matthew Lopez discovered a surprising parallel in U.S. history. On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee signed the documents of surrender at the Appomattox Court House; on the 12th, the Army of Northern Virginia disbanded. Though fighting continued in some areas, this breakup officially ended the Civil War. On Good Friday, April 14, John Wilkes Booth assassinated Abraham Lincoln, who died the next day. Lopez discovered that the Jewish Passover took place the same week that the Civil War ended.

Like the Jews leaving Egypt thousands of years earlier, African-American slaves were set free. And in both instances, liberation didn't happen overnight. Lopez concentrates on a period of transition that continues to this day.

Caleb De Leon, a Southern Jew who fought for the Confederacy, comes home to a plantation in ruins. Hobbled by a week-old wound, he can find few traces of his past, save for old Simon. The former slave remains faithful to the family and guards the charred mansion against intruders.

Young John, a black man the same age as Caleb, is torn between heading north or staying behind until the De Leon patriarch gives his former slaves promised money. In the meantime, John pilfers abandoned houses. Part of his freedom, he's convinced, means changing the usage of words: what used to be "stealing," he says, is now "discovering" (as the play proceeds, Old Globe costume designer Denitsa D. Bliznakova adds a witty touch: John's "discovered" duds escalate from Tobacco Road grit to haute Antebellum couture).

Simon and John adopted their owner's faith. They are Jews who, in effect, have been set free twice: with Moses and then again with Lincoln. The gap between the two puzzles them. "The Bible says that Jews cannot enslave Jews," says Simon, who wants to celebrate Seder — the ritual meal commemorating the Exodus — on the Sabbath. According to Leviticus, a Hebrew "servant" can only serve six years and leave "for nothing" on the seventh. So, Simon asks, "Were we Jews, or were we slaves?"

The latter and, as the title suggests, brutalized ones at that. If the black Jews didn't do as they were told, they went straight to "the whipping man." Simon and John have the scars to prove that, in the De Leon family, racism trumped religion.

The Whipping Man has an insight into history and all the makings for riveting theater. But it is not a well-crafted play. It begins with a boffo effect: gangrene is eating Caleb's leg; Simon must amputate it with found implements and whiskey for anesthetic. High drama: after which the script devolves into exposition and lengthy discussions (the lighting, approximating candles, darkens the stage for long periods and contributes to the sense of immobility). Revelations brew beneath the surface but arrive late in a hasty, almost afterthought-like conclusion.

There's a pattern here. Each new work at the Globe this year has had a weak script: the libretto for *The Whisper House*, hailed by its creators as "the musical of the future," was a train



The Whipping Man: **The former slave remains loyal to the family.**

The Whipping Man *by Matthew Lopez*
Old Globe Theatre, *Balboa Park*
Directed by Giovanna Sardelli; *cast: Avery Glymph, Charlie Robinson, Mark J. Sullivan; scenic design, Robert Mark Morgan; costumes, Denitsa D. Bliznakova; lighting, Lap Chi Chu; sound, Jill B.C. Du Boff*
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wreck; *Alive and Well*, also about the Civil War, was only half a play that dwindled into set-piece speeches and a comfy resolution. And now the relatively new *Whipping Man* (performed elsewhere but "revised" for this production) is, like the others, a fairly interesting concept but far from fully realized.

A few years back, the Globe had one of America's finest play doctors. Jerry Patch had nurtured 100 world premieres (most at the South Coast Rep), including two Pulitzer prize winners: Margaret Edson's *Wit* and Donald Marglies's *Dinner with Friends*. Patch was so talented he could handle the toughest job of all: turn a flimsy or mediocre script into something at least passable. Patch went to the Manhattan Theatre Club — and took his stable of top American playwrights with him. Patch's absence raises the question: at the Old Globe, who's minding the text?

The play requires rain and cannon-like thunder. Sound designer Jill B.C. Du Boff (the name a soundscape in itself) struts the new White Theatre's ear-thumping capabilities. Director Giovanna Sardelli's staging, however, favors the north wall of the in-the-round theater. And though she stresses physical movement, having Caleb stuck in one spot for most of two acts doesn't help her efforts.

Avery Glymph's John has the most range, and Glymph makes the most of it, from sly humor to flashing anger, beneath which he creates an innocence quickly becoming experienced. Underwritten Caleb is the play's dartboard, growing more and more evil. Mark J. Sullivan, whether screaming in pain or anger, rarely rises above rant. Though he had trouble with his lines (and slowed scenes down) the night I saw the show, Charlie Robinson gave old Simon a dearly earned stability, marbled with wisdom, as when he tells John, "You don't lose your faith by askin'. You lose your faith by not askin'." ■

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 THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH MAY 29.

Brigadoon
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CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 NORTH ESCONDIDO BLVD., ESCONDIDO. 760-839-4438. 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 30.

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 THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 30.

Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will
Patio Playhouse Community Theatre stages the black comedy about bickering siblings reunited at their Texas home as their father lies on his deathbed. Brian Weissman directed.
PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVE., ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 20.

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Footloose: The Musical
Welk Resorts Theatre stages the musical based on a real-life event: a small town in Oklahoma banned rock music and dancing. Well, not for long…
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUNDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 27.

Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune
Terrence McNally's humble pair — a waitress and a short-order cook — have so much in common they could be twins. All signs urge them to bond. Trouble is, gung ho Johnny's running on fast forward, and Frankie's backpeddling like mad (she'll stay for the credits— i.e., the one-night stand— but may choose not to see this movie again). Can the couple last? Do we, as Johnny swears, have "just one moment to connect"? McNally keeps several possibilities open, though bringing on Debussy's limpid "Clair de Lune" at just the right instant tends to tip the scales. The play 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. Though their characters are far apart, Jeffrey Jones and Deanna Driscoll function as one being: he charging, she retreating (though not completely). Both create tiny gaps in their characters: Jones deftly leaves a tiny doubt about Johnny's sincerity; Driscoll, just as deftly, gives reluctant Frankie a smidge of hope.
Critic's pick.
ION THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 619-600-5020. 4PM AND 7:30PM SUNDAY, 7:30PM MONDAY, 7:30PM TUESDAY, 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 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.

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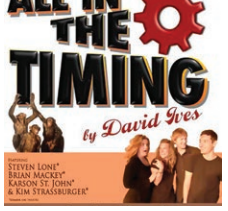

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But she's so in the moment, she yanks you right back in. You forget technique and watch, to my mind, one of the two finest solo performances— along with Jefferson Mays in *I Am My Own Wife*— San Diego has seen in decades.
Critic's pick.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 30.

The Hot L Baltimore
The missing *E* in the Hotel Baltimore's neon marquee is a portent of things to come. The once-classy, medium-sized hotel is now a flophouse scheduled for demolition. Lanford Wilson's slice-of-life comedy-drama (1973) follows the lives of a dozen characters, many of whom will have no place to go. One expects, in plays of this sort, to see the denizens band together and beat city hall. Wilson's bittersweet script looks back on an era when such feats— and the well-made plays depicting them— were still possible, but are no more (it also anticipates the homeless, ten years before they had a name). The Sullivan Players production has some rough edges — timing of the intricate dialogue, in particular — but hits the play's emotional core: various reactions to the threat of uprooting. Anne Sermon and Devlin play contrasting prostitutes, volatile Suzy and chipper April, to good effect. Roxanne Hoffert's tough-talking Jackie and Jennie Olson's Girl (she hasn't decided on a name yet) energize their scenes. Kevin Six, Timothy Carr, Michael Bova, also contribute. Tim Simoneau's seedy set and Sheila Rosen's array of costumes, from ersatz to humble, create the proper look.
Worth a try.
SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 7PM FRIDAY, 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, 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 JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH MAY 29.

King John
The book on Shakespeare's history play: he wrote it when quite young (1587 or '89), and it doesn't compare with his later works. True, but guess what? Although the script's herky-jerky and hardcore declamatory (when in doubt, SHOUT!), it's also quite playable, as proved by the Intrepid Shakespeare Company's current offering. Codirectors Sean Cox and Christy Yael relocated the King's reign (late 12th, early 13th Century) to today, so the questions of commodity and legitimacy take on a postpostmodern tinge (i.e., what "borrowed authority" makes a king a king?). The actors need to curb excesses and speak the lines, first and foremost, to communicate. As John, the "most unkingly of kings," Tom Hall implodes before our eyes. Sean Cox's Bastard moves from outsider to insider, observer to agent, Cox supplying a rich palette of emotions. Wendy Waddell does a fine turn as Cardinal Pandulph, smooth of voice, manipulative as Machiavelli. Savvy Scopelletti gives tormented Constance all the right notes. Danny Campbell, Glynn Beddington, Eddie Yaroch also contribute. *King John* runs in repertory with *The Taming of the Shrew.*
Worth a try.
THEATRE, INC., 899 C ST., EAST VILLAGE. 619-216-3016. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 6.

Master Harold and the Boys
San Diego Actors Theatre and Vagabond Theatre (T.J. Johnson's newly formed company) present site-specific staged readings of Athol Fugard's drama about institutionalized racism. Patricia Elmore Costa directed. 858-268-4494.
O'BRIEN'S BOULANGERIE/BAKERY, 2628 DEL MAR HEIGHTS RD., DEL MAR. 7PM TUESDAY.

Moscow
Diversionary Theatre's production feels like the early stage 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. Curtains and a stagelike floor suggest a theater, so they decide to perform Chekhov's *Three Sisters* as a musical. It will give them "structure," one says, possibly even a way out. What follows is just sketchy and predictable. A tight three-piece backup group accompanies the performers but can't do much with Maury R. McIntyre's songs, which unfold like variations on one melody. Neither can the actors, whose roles barely qualify as types. For most of the play Kevin Koppman-Gue's Luke is just angry, John Whitley's Jon's the wise explainer, and Angelo D'Agostino's Matt's the waverer. They perform on a minimalist set with minimal results.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BLVD., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAY, THROUGH MAY 30.

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MYSTERY CAFÉ, 505 KALMIA ST., BANKER'S HILL. 619-544-1664. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, 7:30PM SATURDAYS, OPEN-ENDED RUN.

Not Now Darling
Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Ray Cooney and John Chapman's British farce about partners in an exclusive fur salon: one is innocent, upstanding; the other's a philanderer. Michael Harvey directed.
SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 10455 POMERADO RD., SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH JUNE 26.

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LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-544-1000. 7:30PM WEDNESDAY.

The Whipping Man
The Old Globe Theatre presents the West Coast premiere of Matthew Lopez's Civil War drama. A Jewish Confederate soldier returns to his childhood home, but it's occupied by his former slaves, preparing a Passover Seder. Giovanna Sardelli directed.
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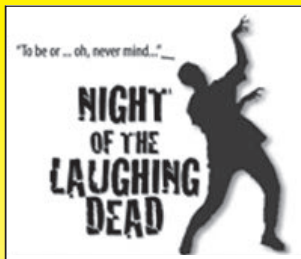

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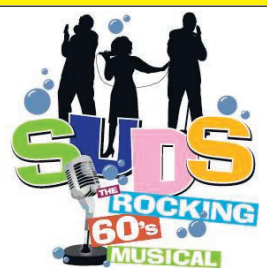

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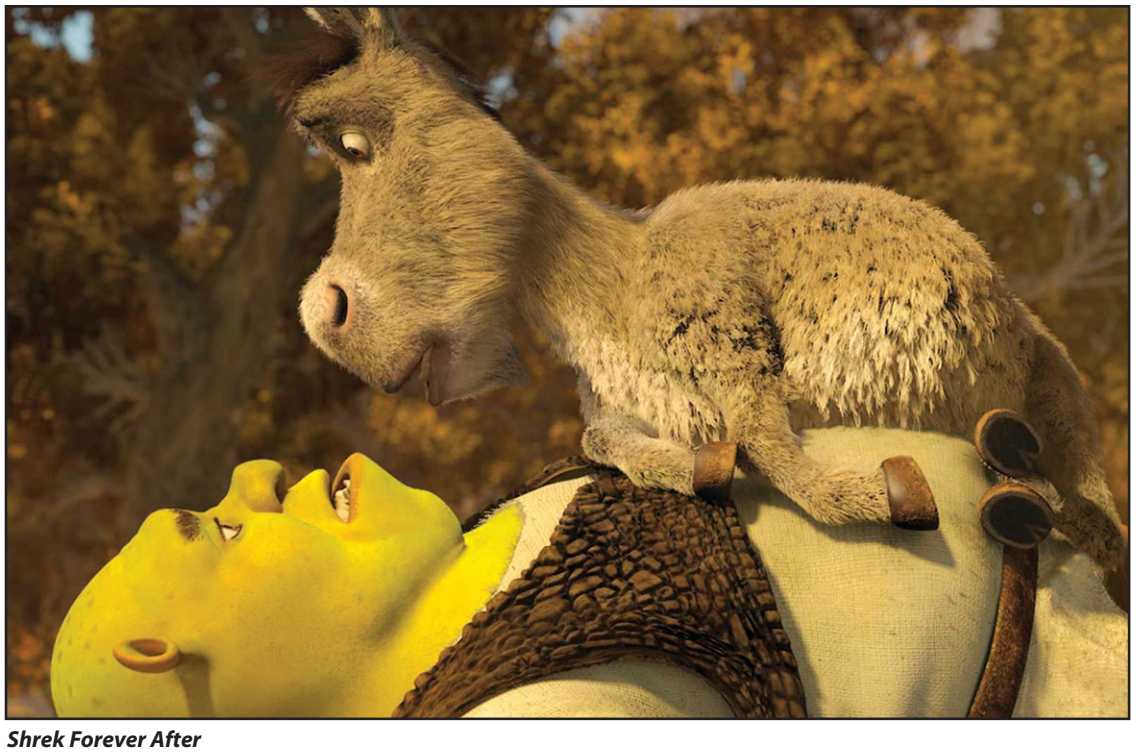
Behind the Times

The plot premise demonstrates that no contrivance will be deemed too extreme.

MOVIE REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Summer got started without me. Let's see what I've missed. *Iron Man 2,* to take the first thing first, serves a sequel's purpose; it gives the sheep somewhere to go and get clipped. No one can reasonably complain about Don Cheadle taking over the supporting part of Col. "Rhodey" Rhodes from Terrence Howard (otherwise same principal cast and director, Jon Favreau), and Scarlett Johansson ingratiatingly prostitutes herself to prove that with the aid of computer manipulation she could be a martial-arts star, and a toothpick-chewing, Russian-accented Mickey Rourke cuts a menacing figure as the anti-Iron Man, wielding lightning-bolt laser bullwhips from both hands, and Sam Rockwell's self-caricaturing corporate villain matches or exceeds the facetiousness of Robert Downey, Jr.'s fey superhero, here behaving almost as badly as Will Smith's in *Hancock,* letting his swollen ego run away with him: "I have successfully privatized world peace." The rapid-fire, often overlapping, and half-clever dialogue (by *Tropic Thunder* scriptwriter Justin Theroux) provides better entertainment than the hardware and the pyrotechnics, and any effort at all in that department is gratifying for its gratuitousness.

Robin Hood, the fifth collaboration between director Ridley Scott and leading man Russell Crowe (*Body of Lies, American Gangster, A Good Year, Gladiator,* count 'em), traditionally set near "the turn of the 12th Century," more exactly A.D. 1199, or in other words nearer the turn of the 13th Century, won't satisfy your craving for the legend, but perhaps your craving, if any, for Dark Age dreariness, savage combat (shot in that skittery long-lens style that looks as if the film has slipped its sprockets), and egalitarian bombast. It takes two and a quarter hours for the hero to be branded an outlaw — as well as for the sun to break through the clouds — and by then the movie is over ("And so the legend begins"), giving it the onerous and ominous feel of only Part One. More simply, the narrative feels padded, dillydallying, ill-framed; in a word, a "prequel," although all the familiar names are already present and accounted for, Friar Tuck, Little John, Will Scarlet, Alan A'Dayle, the Sheriff of Nottingham, and of course Marian, none of whom has much to do apart from the last one, who is now no maid but instead a war widow (a misguided Middle Eastern campaign, for timely relevance) and at the climax a comrade in arms, a proto-Joan of Arc, like Guinevere in the *King Arthur* of 2004. (The Age of Chivalry evidently ended before it commenced.) For all the scrupulously researched fidelity to period in the heaviness of costumes, crudeness of artifacts, grubbiness of hygiene, and so forth, the movie is sanctimoniously progressive in all political, social, sexual matters, a slight case of schizophrenia. At around the



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two-hour mark, the music swells and Robin leads a cavalry charge to the rescue, slashing French invaders right and left, to give you a fleeting whiff of a swashbuckler, and there are stalwart performances from Cate Blanchett as the precocious Marian, Max von Sydow as her blind father-in-law, and Eileen Atkins as Eleanor of Aquitaine, suffering mother of the dastardly King John.

Only for promotional purposes, on posters and billboards and elsewhere, is the fourth installment in the *Shrek* franchise called *Shrek: The Final Chapter*. The promise in that title would have been the best thing about the movie, if such a promise could be trusted from one manifestly committed to continuation rather than cessation. At all events, the title on screen, *Shrek Forever After,* carries a very different promise, which is quite the worst thing about the movie: Shrek neverending, Shrek everlasting, Shrek eternal. On my so-called sabbatical in the summer of 2007, I spared myself *Shrek the Third*. I could and should have spared myself the fourth, and I hereby resolve to spare myself forever after. The plot premise demonstrates that no contrivance, no convolution, no contortion, will be deemed too extreme. Bored with the routine of family life, nostalgic for the good old days of fearful ogredom, Shrek enters a Faustian contract with Rumpelstiltskin that transports him into an alternative universe where none of the old characters knows him anymore: back, dishearteningly, to square one. (The plumped-up Puss 'n Boots, short of a promise to desist, is by default the best thing about the movie.) But the parallel universe proves to be no less infected by the illusion-shattering, fantasy-deflating smartypantsism — anachronistic idioms, allusions, pop songs, and so on — that ruled and ruined the earlier installments. The appurtenances of 3-D scarcely seem worth the extra three dollars for the glasses, maybe worth another thirty or forty cents.

Mother and Child, outside the mainstream, is a passable soap opera passed off as high and heavy drama. Writer-director Rodrigo García, who charted nine different and differing women in *Nine Lives,* has here cut down to a mere three. The connection between two of them is immediately clear, mother and child, more exactly the biological mother who at birth gave up the child for adoption thirty-seven years back. Both of these are individualized and unidealized women, two well-defended independents, the older one (Annette Bening) a prickly, persnickety, hypercritical physical therapist who does not make friends easily, or even conversation, and the younger one (Naomi Watts), her mother's daughter even though they have never known one another, a self-possessed, icy, blunt, upwardly mobile attorney — "I'm not in the sisterhood. I'm my own person" — with a penchant for reckless provocation. (Really, though, shouldn't there be some follow-up if she's going to slip off her panties in her neighbor's apartment and stow them in the dresser drawer of his pregnant wife?) The third one, a childless married African-American, has no apparent connection to the others, and although we may be confident that this storyline will sooner or later tie in, it feels in the meantime to be a bit of a drag, a third wheel, not least because the character is the most conventional and least intriguing: a tight-wound woman (Kerry Washington) whose sole fault is her overeagerness to adopt, given that the biological option isn't open to her. To spend our time trying to guess how and when the tie-in will come is to trivialize the movie. Which is to say, it trivializes itself. ■

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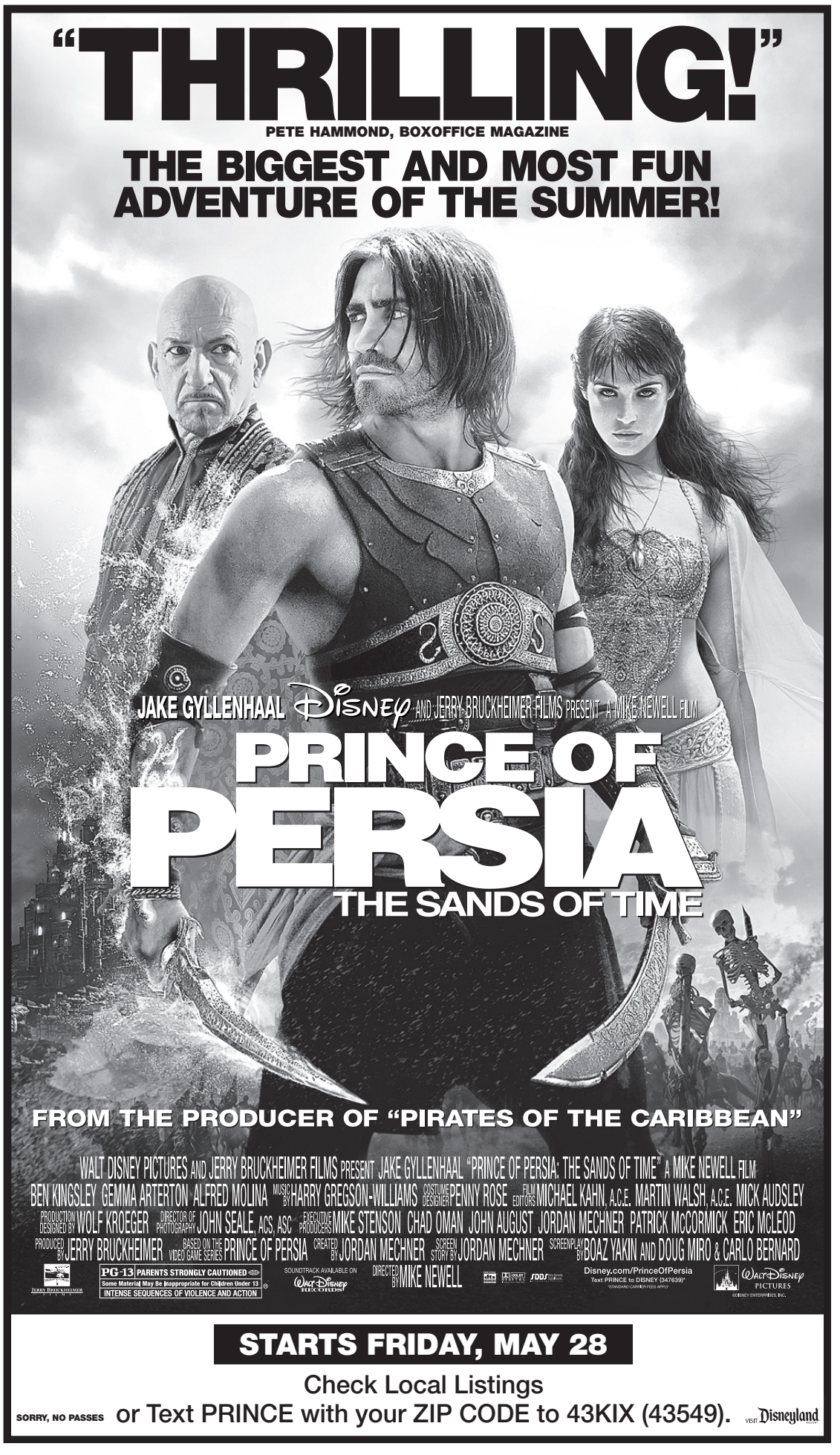
Babies — A kind of nature documentary that looks at the human species the way another documentary might look at apes: a human-nature documentary, if you like. The French filmmaker Thomas Balmès follows four newborns from far-flung corners of the globe — a Namibian, a Mongolian, a Japanese, an American — 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; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)



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The Back-Up Plan — Jennifer Lopez, artificially inseminated and pregnant with twins before she meets Mr. Right, stands out as a pearl among pebbles. Her hair and makeup (in the part of a pet-shop proprietor) are a wonder to behold, and are indeed beheld with tunnel vision and starry eyes by director Alan Poul and photographer Xavier Pérez Grobet. Her charm is unmissable if not irresistible, her talent as well-honed as it is narrow. And her biggest laugh, for sheer incongruity, comes when she explains how she knows the new man is The One: "He's very real." More truthfully, he's very ideal, a masculine accessory — second-tier Australian actor Alex O'Loughlin, a composite of Matthew McConaughey (torso) and Jon Stewart (head) — who will never compete for the spotlight, will mold himself into a devoted slave, will put up with nuttiness of any degree or duration, and will afterwards Always Be There For Her, like a favorite handbag. Not everything, needless to say, is roses: "I miss my old ass," the star plays up to, or rather down to, her fans: "It was kinda like this, but way hotter." Too, the public childbirth attended by members of the Single Mothers and Proud support group — not the heroine's childbirth but that of one of the pebbly supporting players — adds something new to the annals of parturition on screen, namely an unparalleled element of demonic possession. (The bowel movement has been paralleled, thank you.) Even outside of that, the movie achieves a level of biological repugnance to rival Ingmar Bergman, except with a sense of humor. A crude one. 2010.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Casino Jack and the United States of Money — Alex Gibney's documentary on the disgraced D.C. lobbyist Jack Abramoff.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/28)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)



***Survival of the Dead* — The process of elimination is drudgery.**

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)

Date Night — A hedged bet, marital comedy *cum* action thriller, with a "boring" New Jersey couple enlivening their stale marriage by getting themselves mistaken for high-stakes blackmailers. Tina Fey will never in her lifetime use up the eternal gratitude she earned for her role in the 2008 presidential campaign (the *faux* Palin), and her intelligence intermittently peeks through the constant crassness, if only by stark contrast. Steve Carell, not so smartly, armors himself in protective irony, sort of like Jack Lemmon in quotation marks when we want Jack Lemmon straight. He never for an instant lets us feel that after the adventure is over, he'll be obliged to return to suburbia. A parade of familiar faces, amounting almost to a "stellar" cast, substitutes to some extent for the dearth of laughs: Mark Wahlberg, Mark Ruffalo, Kristen Wiig, Taraji P. Henson, Ray Liotta, William Fichtner, James Franco, Mila Kunis, and, as himself, Will.i.am. Directed by Shawn Levy. 2010.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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 mutton-chopped French émigré who operated a vintage clothing store in L.A., became an obsessive amateur videographer, trained his camera in particular on the activities of guerrilla artists, turned himself into one of them under the moniker of Mr. Brain Wash, and ostensibly edited his footage into an unreleasable mess, at which point Banksy ostensibly took over the project, utilizing and supplementing Guetta's footage, whipping it into the present shape. We must keep saying "ostensibly" because — well, who knows? Anonymity is not a trustworthy persona for a documentarist, especially one with a prior reputation, a prior rap sheet, as a prankster. (Nor does the irony-dripping narration delivered by Rhys Ifans inspire much confidence.) Whatever the provenance or purpose, we have here a lot of footage of street artists in action, poor in quality but sufficient in quantity to enable us to gauge the range of cleverness, and to think our worst thoughts about the impact of money and hype in the art world. "Anthropologically, sociologically," remarks street artist Shepard Fairey, a/k/a Space Invader, who could be talking about the film itself, "it's a fascinating thing to observe." Artistically, aesthetically, it's a confounding thing. 2010.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Homegrown adaptation by Niels Arden Oplev of the international best-seller by Stieg Larsson, from the Scandinavian wave of detective novels. The movie, like the book, is long: two and a half hours with almost half an hour of anti- or post-climax. In the early going, it juggles two separate cases and two separate investigators, a Leftist muckraking journalist (Michael Nyqvist, with his Richard Burtonish full-moon cratered face) and a security-firm computer geek (Noomi Rapace, a sort of young Claire Bloom) who sports two nose rings, numerous ear piercings, a Goth hairdo and wardrobe, and of course the titular tattoo over her entire back. Eventually the two investigators team up on the sketchier and shakier of the cases: the forty-year-old disappearance and presumed murder of a teenage girl whose body, on a sealed-off island, was never recovered. Mystery fans' alarm bells will begin ringing even before the girl's favorite uncle explains how she was in the habit of giving him an annual framed botanical and how he has continued annually to receive an anonymous framed botanical which he theorizes has been sent tauntingly by her killer. Kooky theory. Perhaps our indignity over the multiple revelations of ugly sexual violence is hoped to blind us to the shoddy plotting and the plodding development. (That, and perhaps also the cracklingly crisp photography.) But the would-be "touching" ending will be soured by the unasked question of how many women were raped, tortured, and murdered over those forty years so that we could have a touching ending. 2009.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Good Heart — A bad-hearted barkeep (Brian Cox) takes under his wing a homeless failed suicide (Paul Dano), to pass along his knowledge of the business and his hostility to his fellow man. A collection of unamusing and unconvincing crotchets in a bloodless sallow image. Written and directed by Dagur Kári. 2010.
● (GASLAMP 15, FROM 5/28)

Harry Brown — Michael Caine as a vengeful vigilante, with Emily Mortimer and Iain Glen, directed by Daniel Barber.
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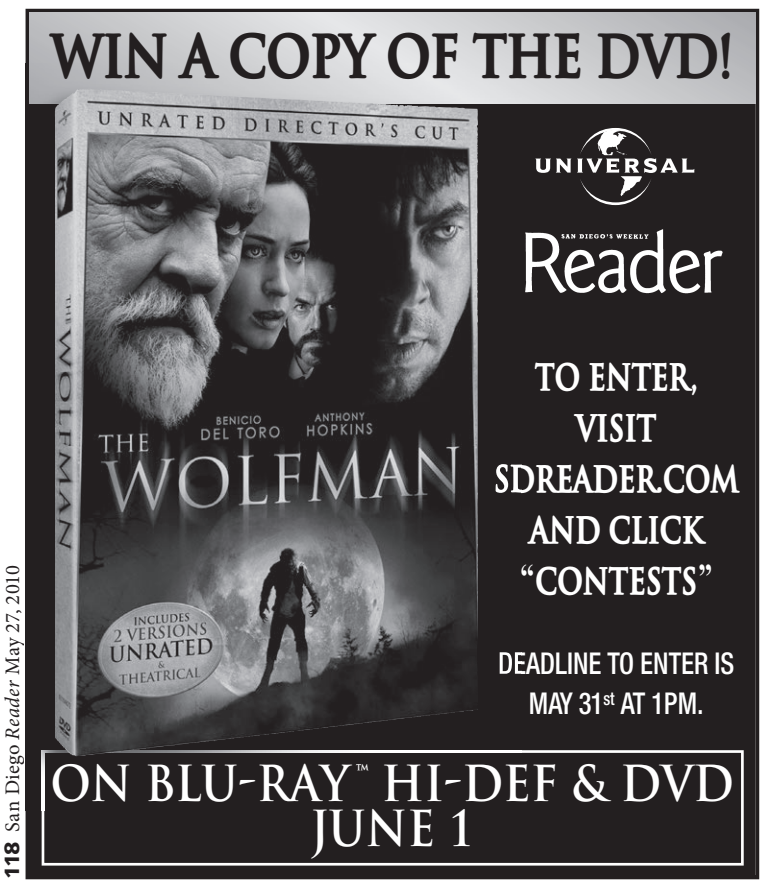

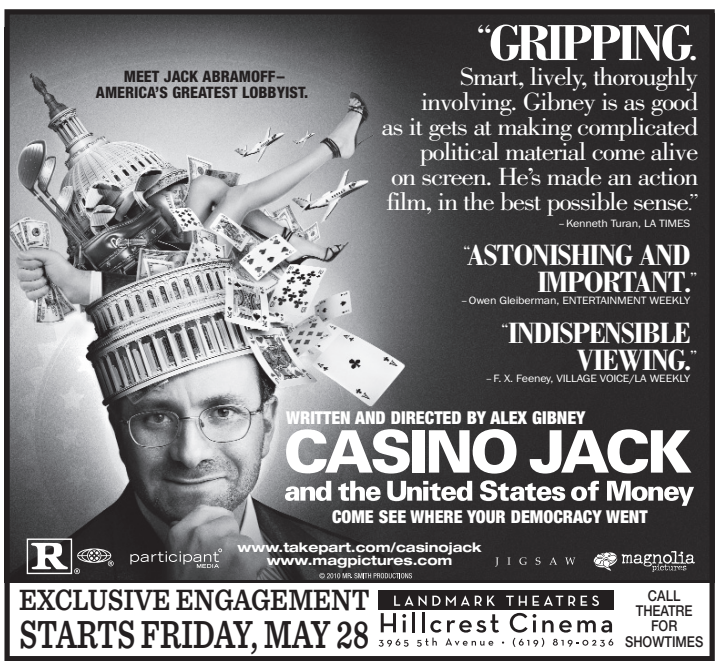

Hot Tub Time Machine — Guy-jinks involving three middle-aged buddies and a nephew who, for R&R, repair to a rundown mountain resort, the playground of their salad days, where a malfunctioning hot tub transports them magically (as opposed to science-fictionally) back to 1986. They still look middle-aged to us and themselves, but everyone else sees them as their younger selves, excepting the already young nephew, who looks no younger. So we get all the raunch and all the grossness of guy comedy, and all the slobby appearance in photography and set design, plus all the irrationalities of time travel into the bargain. And what sense does it make for one time traveller to tell the dwellers in 1986 that "John Lennon gets shot"? John Lennon got shot six years earlier. With John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke, Chevy Chase, Crispin Glover, and Lizzy Caplan; directed by Steve Pink. 2010.
● (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; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12)

Iron Man 2 — Reviewed this issue. With Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Scarlett Johansson, Don Cheadle, Sam Rockwell, and Mickey Rourke; directed by Jon Favreau.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Kick-Ass — Alias *Smart-Ass*, a black comedy marking another advance in the decadence and self-consciousness of superhero mythologies. The central premise of a teenage comic-book geek (Aaron Johnson) donning a green wet suit with ropy yellow trim to act out his crime-fighting fantasies, prosaically dubbing himself Kick-Ass for the purpose, is not as original as the script makes believe — "How come nobody's ever tried to be a superhero?" — although the current generation of fanboys (were they known as fanboys before the current generation?) could not be expected to remember a thing like *Nunzio*, dated 1978. (Things like *Blankman* and *Unbreakable* are not so dust-covered.) Such a premise cannot stay for long in touch with "reality," and soon the teen sex comedy — "My only superpower was being invisible to girls" — crosses paths with a *Death Wish* revenge story, and a "real" superhero surfaces: Big Daddy in a Batsuit knockoff (Nicolas Cage) and his bred-from-the-cradle prepubescent sidekick, the raccoon-masked, purple-haired Hit Girl (Chloe Grace Moretz, who steals the show from her elders), together pressing a private vendetta against a Manhattan druglord (the tritely cast Mark Strong). You might say that the film deconstructs and then reconstructs the superhero fantasy, or anyway you might say it if those words are in your vocabulary. And if truly gory and nasty and ugly violence does not drag down or perhaps even boosts up your high spirits (consider Tarantino a test case), you are fairly well guaranteed to get at least a little kick out of it. Directed by Matthew Vaughn. 2010.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 plantation-bred blueblood. Along the way, she sulks, she sasses, she flounces off in countless huffs, she cries, she laughs, she kisses, she sings along to the car radio, she tries on girly dresses for a wedding at which we never meet either the bride or the groom, and she plays a piano solo at her father's funeral so stirringly as to summon up an invisible orchestra in accompaniment. Altogether, she proves herself a perfectly adequate actress for a piece of dreck. As an example for the girls of America, her level, declarative, strong, sour speaking voice is surely preferable to the generational epidemic of wee, high, squeaky, helium-filled voices. Her hunched shoulders, giving her body the appearance of hanging on a coat hook, are another matter. With Liam Hemsworth, Greg Kinnear, Bobby Coleman, and Kelly Preston; directed by Julie Anne Robinson. 2010.
● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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 Little Traitor — An unlikely friendship on the cusp of Israeli statehood, with Ido Port and Alfred Molina, written and directed by Lynn Roth.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/28)

MacGruber — *SNL* skit torturously stretched out and unrestrainedly pottied up. (A villain named von Cunth. Hence, "Fuck you, Cunth," etc.) In the result, the original models (TV's *MacGyver* primarily, but *Rambo, Commando*, and cousins) are invariably funnier than the spoof. Will

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Mother and Child — Reviewed this issue. With Annette Bening, Naomi Watts, Kerry Washington, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jimmy Smits; written and directed by Rodrigo García.
★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.
★ (LA JOLLA 12)

OSS 117: Lost in Rio — Nothing much to add to *OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies* — the Bondian swinging superspy as sexist xenophobe — perhaps even a little something to subtract in color and style, but a different exotic locale, a later period (the twist, miniskirts, hippies), a new focus of satire (anti-Semitism), and the same overall fond mockery. With Jean Dujardin, Louise Monot, Rudiger Vogler; directed by Michel Hazanavicius. 2009.
★★ (KEN, THROUGH 5/27)

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 you feel alive. With Catherine Keener, Oliver Platt, Rebecca Hall, Amanda Peet, Sarah Steele, and Ann Morgan Guilbert. 2010.
★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time — Video-game adaptation with Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton, Ben Kingsley, and Alfred Molina, directed by Mike Newell.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/28)

Princess Kaiulani — Stiffly enacted history lesson, common knowledge in the fiftieth state of the union, news to the other forty-nine, to do with the Victorian-era heir to the Hawaiian throne who witnessed the foreign takeover of her nation. The tragedy is compounded by its utter dullness. With Q'orianka Kilcher, Shaun Evans, Barry Pepper, and Will Patton; written and directed by Marc Forby. 2010.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 5/28)

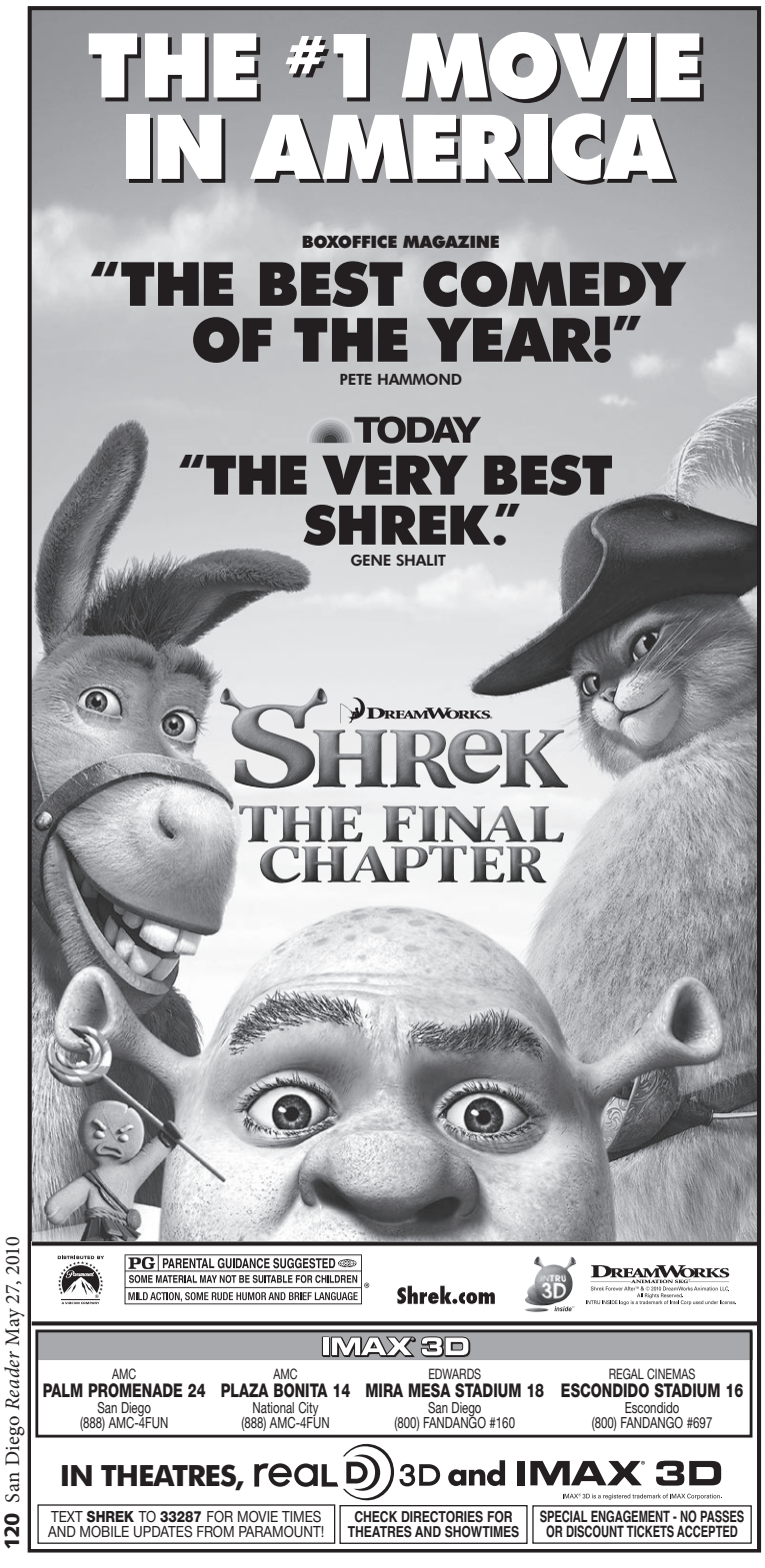
Robin Hood — Reviewed this issue. With Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett, Mark Strong, and William Hurt; directed by Ridley Scott.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

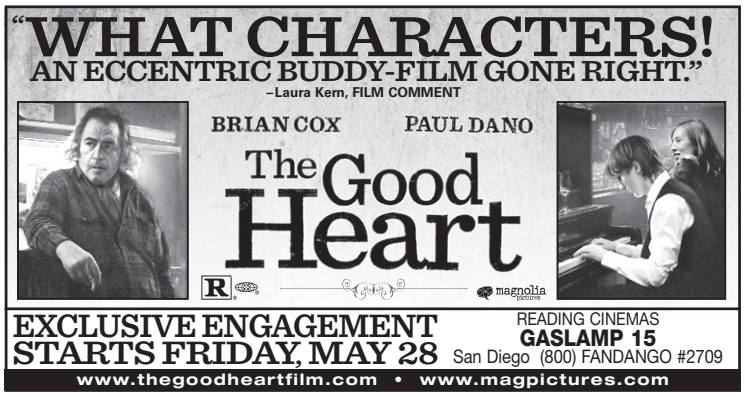
The Secret in Their Eyes — From Argentina, an old-fashioned slick manipulative commercial entertainment that took home the Oscar for foreign film. Firm-footed, smooth-surfaced, it centers on a retired public prosecutor struggling to write a novel on a nagging twenty-year-old case, the rape and murder of a newlywed schoolteacher. Generating suspense partly through its coyness as to the outcome of that case, the film shuttles between two time zones, then and now, plainly signalling the period by way of the relative blackness or grayness of the beard and hair of the leading man, Ricardo Darín, a masterly underplayer, a shrewd economizer, a dignified sublimator, once you get past his constant look of acid indigestion. In addition to Darín's tormented hero, the film is filled with well-drawn characters: his alluring but seemingly unattainable new boss (Soledad Villamil), still at work — now a judge — and still alluring twenty-odd years after the murder case; his erratic alcoholic colleague; the sarcastic tyrannical department head; the self-aggrandizing policeman; the obsessed husband of the victim; and, when at length he turns up, the hateful perpetrator. The sturdy storyline braids together a number of complementary strands — the unravelling of a mystery, for starters, with flashes of psychological and philosophical insight worthy of Simenon; political corruption (but of course) and abuse of power; unrequited love; the regrets of advanced age — en route to a satisfying if unsurprising surprise ending. Directed by Juan José Campanella. 2009.
★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Sex and the City 2 — Carrie and Company (Sarah Jessica Parker and Kristin Davis, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon) return to the big screen, directed by Michael Patrick King.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Shrek Forever After — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy, and Antonio Banderas; directed by Mike Mitchell.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Survival of the Dead — More zombies from George Romero. Enough already. Too many already. A hexalogy, now. (*Night... Dawn... Day... Land... Diary....*) The island retreat off the coast of Delaware, overrun with "deadheads," offers no strategic advantage to a squad of AWOL soldiers caught between feuding clans of Irish-Americans; and the process of elimination is drudgery. Alan Van Sprang, Kenneth Welsh, Kathleen Munroe, Devon Bostick, Athena Karkanis. 2010.
★ (KEN, FROM 5/28)





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MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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(Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (800-326-3264 #2704)
City Island (PG-13); **Date Night** (PG-13); **Iron Man 2** (PG-13); **Letters to Juliet** (PG); **MacGruber** (R); **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13); **Robin Hood** (PG-13); **Sex and the City 2** (R); **Shrek Forever After** (PG)

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (800-326-3264 #2722)
Babies (PG); **Iron Man 2** (PG-13); **Letters to Juliet** (PG); **MacGruber** (R); **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13); **Robin Hood** (PG-13); **Sex and the City 2** (R); **Shrek Forever After** (PG)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (800-326-3264 #2709)
Babies (PG); **Death at a Funeral** (R); **The Good Heart** (R); **The Good, the Bad, the Weird** (Not Rated); **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R); **Kites** (Not Rated); **MacGruber** (R); **Mother and Child** (R); **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13); **Robin Hood** (PG-13); **Sex and the City 2** (R)

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
City Island (PG-13); **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13); **Date Night** (PG-13); **Iron Man 2** (PG-13); **Just Wright** (PG); **Kick-Ass** (R); **Letters to Juliet** (PG); **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R); **Princess Kaiulani** (PG); **Shrek Forever After** (PG)

KENSINGTON

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
George A. Romero's Survival of the Dead (R) Fri.: (5:00), 7:15, 9:30, 12:00 midnight; Sat.-Mon.: (2:45), 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Tue.-Thu.: (5:00), 7:15, 9:30; **Repo! The Genetic Opera** (R) Sat.: 12:00 midnight

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (888-262-4386)
How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2; Letters to Juliet; MacGruber; Oceans; Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time; Robin Hood; Sex and the City 2; Shrek Forever After

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
The Little Traitor (NR) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (1:30), 7:20; Sat.-Mon.: (10:50), 1:30, 7:20; Director Lynn Roth Sat., 05/29/10 & Sun., 05/30/10; **Mother and Child** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (4:00), 9:30; Sat.-Sun.: (4:00), 9:45 Mon.: (4:00), 9:30; **Babies** (PG) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (1:10. 3:10. 5:10), 7:30, 9:40; Sat.-Mon.: (11:00), 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40; **City Island** (PG-13) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (1:40; 4:20), 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Mon.: (10:40), 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; **The Secret in Their Eyes** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (1:20, 4:10), 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Mon.: (10:30), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

MISSION HILLS

Cinema under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Sabrina Thu.-Sat. 8:30

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (888-262-4386)
How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2; Just Wright; Letters to Juliet; MacGruber; Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time; Robin Hood; The Secret in Their Eyes; Sex and the City 2; Shrek Forever After

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15; **Sex and the City 2** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:00; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. & Sun.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (888-262-4386)
Babies; Date Night; How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2; Just Wright; Letters to Juliet; MacGruber; Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time; Robin Hood; Sex and the City 2; Shrek Forever After

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Harry Brown (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (1:55, 4:25), 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Mon.: (10:55), 1:55, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; No 7:10 pm show Thu., 06/03/10; **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (NR) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (1:45, 4:55), 8:15; Sat. & Sun.: (10:35), 1:45, 4:55, 8:15; **Casino Jack and the United States of Money** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (1:30, 4:15), 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Mon.: (10:45), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Exit through the Gift Shop** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (2:25, 4:45), 7:30, 10:15; Sat.-Mon.: (11:15), 2:25, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Please Give** (R) Fri., Tue.-Thu.: (2:15, 4:35), 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Mon.: (11:05), 2:15, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Call theater for program information.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information.

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (800-326-3264 #2710)
Iron Man 2 (PG-13); **Letters to Juliet** (PG); **MacGruber** (R); **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13); **Robin Hood** (PG-13); **Sex and the City 2** (R); **Shrek Forever After** (PG)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 10:50, 1:10, 2:00, 4:10, 4:55) 7:20, 7:55, 10:20, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 10:50, 1:10, 2:00) 4:10, 4:55, 7:20, 7:55, 10:20, 10:55; **Just Wright** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55) 6:55; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri. (10:40, 1:20, 4:00) 6:35, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:20) 4:00, 6:35, 9:15; **MacGruber** (R) Fri. (4:30) 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 4:30, 9:40; **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) Fri. (10:25, 11:00, 11:25, 1:15, 1:50, 2:20, 4:05, 4:40, 5:15) 7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 11:00, 11:25, 1:15, 1:50, 2:20) 4:05, 4:40, 5:15, 7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 2:05) 6:40, 9:55; **Sex and the City 2** (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15; **Shrek Forever After** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 11:30, 1:05, 2:25, 3:55, 4:50) 6:15, 7:15, 9:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 11:30, 1:05, 2:25, 3:55) 4:50, 6:15, 7:15, 9:10, 9:50; **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 11:10, 12:35, 1:35, 2:55, 4:20, 5:20) 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 11:10, 12:35, 1:35, 2:55) 4:20, 5:20, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Iron Man 2 (PG-13); **The Last Song** (PG); **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13); **Shrek Forever After** (PG)



SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:00, 12:45, 1:45, 4:00), 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu.: (11:00, 12:45, 1:45, 4:00), 4:30, 7:00, 7:30; **Sex and the City 2** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00, 11:00; Mon.-Thu.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00; **MacGruber** (R) Fri.-Thu.: (11:00, 3:30), 8:15; **Shrek Forever After** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu.: (12:30, 2:45), 5:30, 7:45; **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; **Just Wright** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu.: (12:15, 2:30), 4:45, 7:15; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:45, 3:15), 7:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu.: (11:45, 3:15), 7:00; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:15, 1:00, 2:15), 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (11:15, 1:00, 2:15), 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am; **A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (1:15), 5:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (1:15), 5:45

Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway (at Olympic) (888-262-4386)
How to Train Your Dragon; Iron Man 2; Letters to Juliet; MacGruber; Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time; Robin Hood; Sex and the City 2; Shrek Forever After

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (888-262-4386)
The Back-Up Plan; Date Night; Furry Vengeance; Iron Man 2; Just Wright; Kick-Ass; Letters to Juliet; MacGruber; A Nightmare on Elm Street; Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time; Robin Hood; Sex and the City 2; Shrek Forever After

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra del Rey (off East H Street) (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information.

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14
3030 Plaza Bonita Road (888-262-4386)
Iron Man 2 (PG-13); **Just Wright** (PG); **Letters to Juliet** (PG); **MacGruber** (R); **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R); **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13); **Robin Hood** (PG-13); **Sex and the City 2** (R); **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)

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Mon: (11:15, 2:00), 4:45, 7:30; Tue.-Thu.: 4:45, 7:30; **Sex and the City 2** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Mon.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; Tue.-Thu.: 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.: (11:15, 1:30, 3:45), 6:00, 8:15; Tue.-Thu.: (3:45), 6:00, 8:15; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (12:30, 4:00), 7:15, 10:15; Mon.: (12:30, 4:00), 7:15; Tue.-Thu.: (4:00), 7:15; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 3:30), 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.: (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 3:30), 4:30, 7:45; Tue.-Thu.: (3:30), 4:30, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

MacGruber (R) Fri. & Sat.: (11:15, 1:30, **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:15, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (11:15, 2:15), 5:15, 8:00; **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (D-BOX) (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15; **Sex and the City 2** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 11:00 , 1:00, 2:00, 4:00), 5:00, 7:00, 8:00; **MacGruber** (R) Fri.-Sun.: 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu.: 7:45 pm; **Shrek Forever After** (PG) Fri.-Thu.: (10:30, 12:45, 3:00), 5:30; **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30), 4:45, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30), 4:45, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. & Sun.: (12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 12:30, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (10:45, 1:45), 4:45, 7:45; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 W. San Marcos Boulevard (at Old California Walk) (800-326-3264)
Call theater for program information.

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Iron Man 2 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:50, 4:50) 7:15, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50; **Just Wright** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45) 10:25; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **MacGruber** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30) 10:20; **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:30, 12:10, 1:35, 2:15, 3:00, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40) 7:10, 7:40, 8:20, 10:00, 11:05; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 12:40, 1:20, 3:40, 4:20) 6:40, 7:20, 9:40, 10:50; **Sex and the City 2** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 1:10, 3:10, 3:50, 4:30) 6:25, 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00; **Shrek Forever After** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:05, 3:35) 6:05, 8:35; **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 12:05, 12:35, 2:05, 2:35, 3:05, 4:35, 5:05, 5:35) 7:35, 8:05, 10:05, 10:35 Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35, 4:05) 6:35, 9:00 Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35, 4:05) 6:35, 9:00

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu.: (10:15, 1:15), 4:15, 7:15; **Sex and the City 2** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00), 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00), 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; **MacGruber** (R) Fri.-Sun.: (11:30), 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (11:30); **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) Fri.-Sun.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30), 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu.: (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30), 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15; **Letters to Juliet** (PG) Fri.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. & Sun.: (12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (10:15, 12:45, 3:15), 5:45, 8:15; **Robin Hood** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu.: (10:30, 1:30), 4:30, 7:30; **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu.: (11:00, 2:00), 5:00, 8:00; **Barbie in a Mermaid Tale** (G) Sat. & Sun.: 10:30 am

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

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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)

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Oceanside 16
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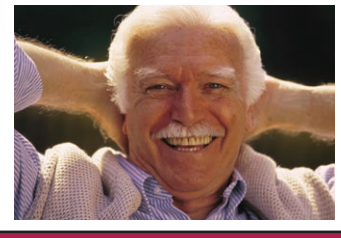

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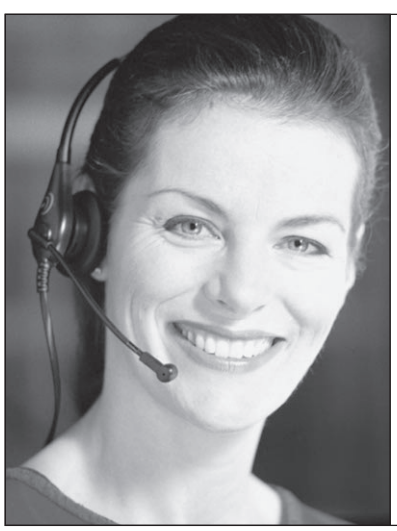

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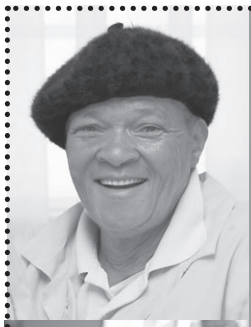

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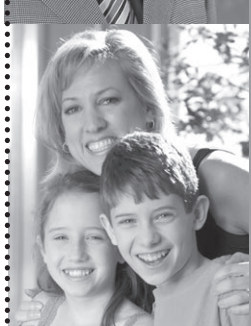

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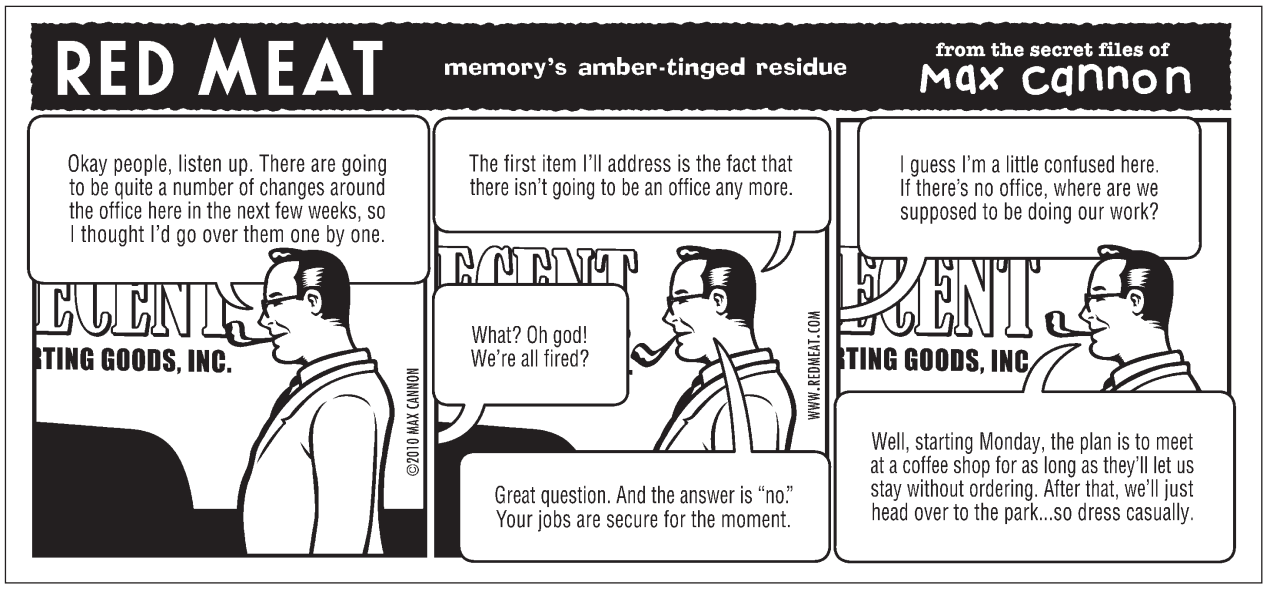

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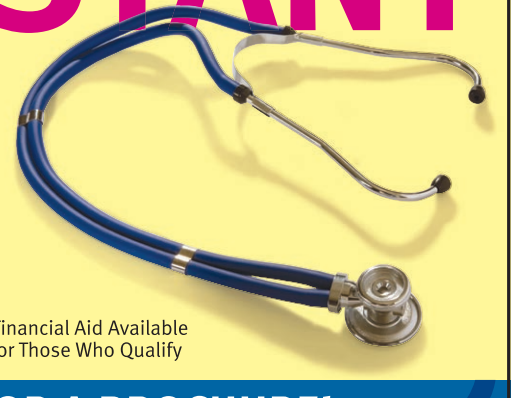

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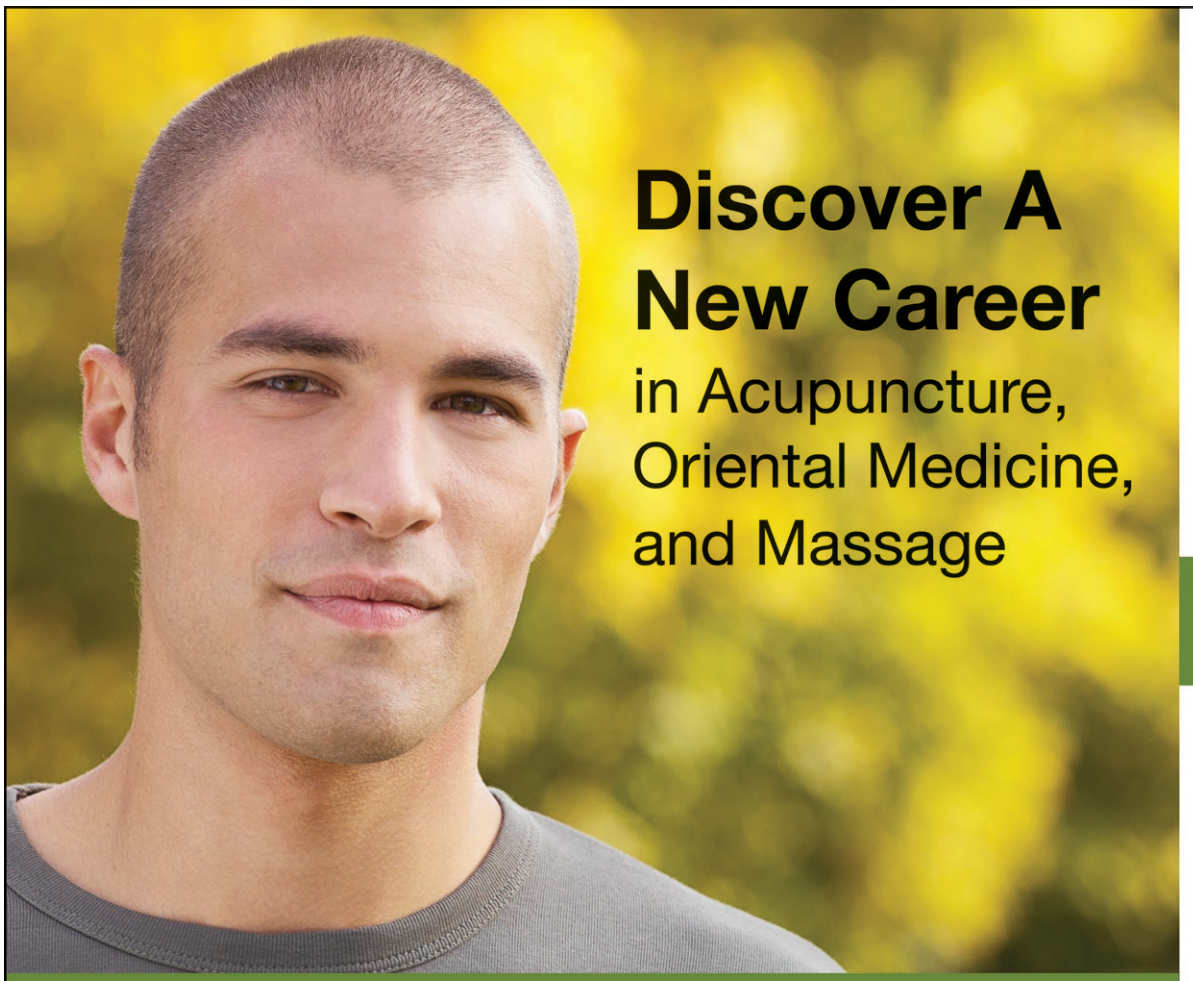

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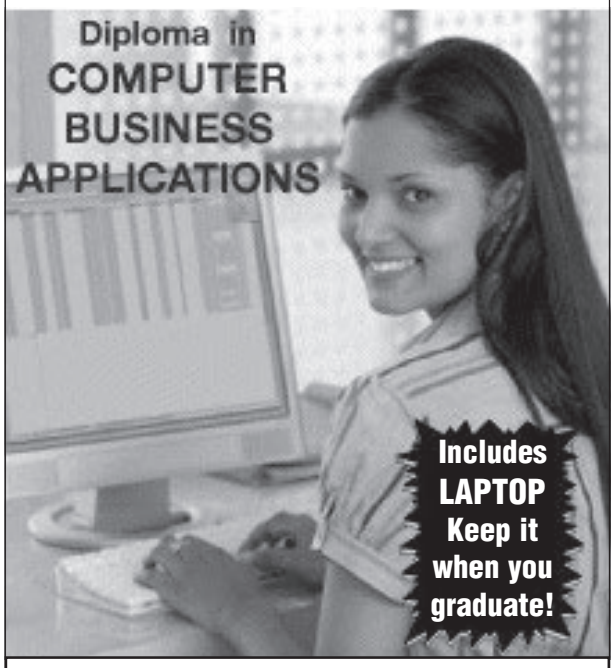

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Christy Dunn
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Well, it depends on the location. If I'm at work, yes. If I'm at an event like this [Adams Avenue Roots Festival], then no. If it's directed at me? Yes! I'm an education manager; I work with kids and animals, so it wouldn't be appropriate. At church? That would be odd, wouldn't it?



Rebbeca Robinson
Resource Teacher
Imperial Beach

I think it depends on the way it's said. Every single word can be used in the wrong context. For me it's about being a good person. I can say any word with an asterisk in it and in the right situation it's going to be okay. I actually have a really cool boss who says a lot of bad words, but he's not calling people names. He's just using expletives like you would any other word.



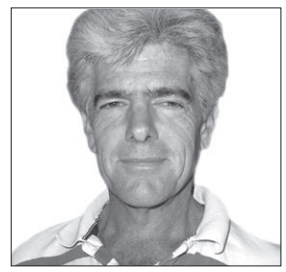
Claire Young
Yoga Instructor
Normal Heights

No, not at all. I love it! I've got the worst potty mouth on the face of the planet. I'm from Chicago. and when I moved here I had to confront that people are more conservative here. Back in the Midwest, people are dropping F-bombs all the time…it was just part of our self-expression. And when I moved, I'm, like, "Oh, I'm offending people." As a matter of fact, on one of my first dates, I slipped and I said the F-word, and I was, like, "Is that all right?" He was totally cool with it. He was trying to be on good behavior too. He was saying "fricking" this and "frickin'" that. I was, like, *oh, God, he's one of these well-mannered conservative guys. Even though he's cute, I just can't hang.* Then, finally, he let one rip, and I was, like, *Yes!*



Cynthia Winkelman
Technician
Milford, Ohio

I actually just had this issue at work. I finally got fed up with this guy. I mean, everybody swears at work, but this guy is just vulgar and profane. He likes to tell dirty stories from movies he's seen. He's deaf in one ear, so he's shouting, he's not talking. And, yes, I do find it offensive. I just think it's an inappropriate place. We ended up having a conversation at work about it. It's a shop, so at one time it typically would just be guys on the floor; there weren't a lot of women. Now it's about 50/50. It came down to, do you have to worry about offending another person at work? Do they have the right to be offended because you swear? They totally turned it around into "We're not saying something wrong; it's wrong to be offended by what we say."



Scott Johnston
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The Plains, Virginia

It bothers me when it becomes a substitute for all adjectives and all adverbs. If you can't think of anything to say other than that... It becomes a universal word for all range of applications and becomes pretty meaningless. If you drop a bowling ball on your foot or fall off a ladder or something, then, okay, yeah, a blue streak is a good thing; it's appropriate. But if you can't think of anything more creative or more descriptive, it's a pretty weak excuse for vocabulary.



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It depends on the context [in which] it's being used. I mean, I don't like it when children swear. It just kind of makes me feel old. And I especially don't like it when it's, like, a new formation of words, like the word shiz-nit. I know that's kind of old, but still it's unacceptable to me. Yes, I do use profanity, but I'm just careful about where. I'll say everything except, like, "G" dammit, for religious reasons.

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CHIHUAHUA. Rescued 1-year-old female. Amy is 5 pounds, gets along well with people, dogs. Loves cuddling, sitting on laps. Shy. See her: www.dogswithoutborders.org, "Adoptable Dogs." Los Angeles area.

COCKER SPANIEL, PUREBRED. Rescued male. Very sweet, gets along with cats. Donald Trump is 6 years old, well-behaved, easy going, gets along with everyone. Shots current, house trained. Los Angeles area. See him: www.dogswithoutborders.org, "Adoptable Dogs."

DACHSHUND/JACK RUSSELL terrier?/ Chihuahua? mix. Rescued. Shannon is young, friendly, loves people, gets along well with other dogs. Well behaved, happy. Spayed, house trained, has shots. See her at www.dogswithoutborders.org, "Adoptable Dogs." Los Angeles area.

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KITTENS/CATS. La Mesa Petco. 8501 Fletcher Parkway, 91942. Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm; Sunday until 7pm. Fee includes spaying/neutering, vaccination, microchip, defleaing, more. Photos/ locations: www.rescuehouse.org.

KITTENS/CATS. La Costa Petco. 3239 Camino De Los Coches, 92009. Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm; Sunday until 7pm. Interact with kitties Saturday 9am-1pm; Sunday 10am-2pm; most weekday evenings. Fee includes spaying/neutering, vaccination, microchip, more. Photos/ locations: www.rescuehouse.org.

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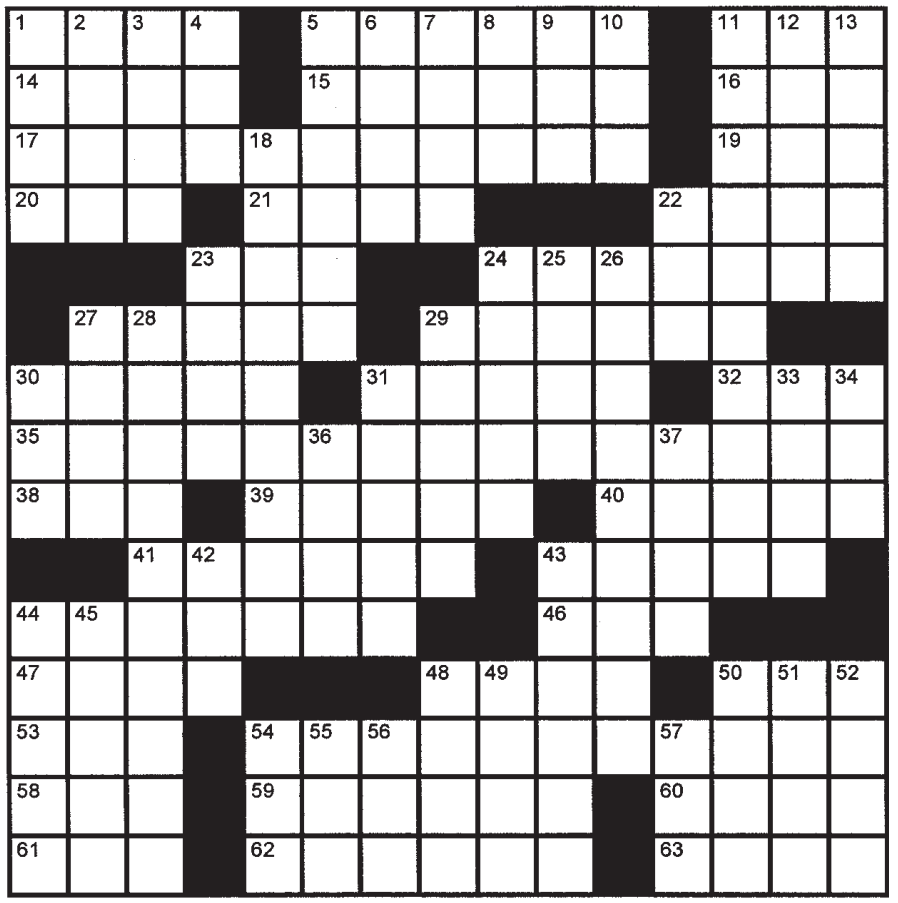
3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
4) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

Across

1. 2000 presidential election concern
5. For the time being
11. Pampering, briefly
14. Stir (up)
15. Maxim, e.g.
16. Sneaky laugh
17. How to tell a Roman emperor you agree with him?
19. Got fed up?
20. Payroll deduction
21. Lubricates
22. You can bank on them
23. "Saving Grace" network
24. Computer input
27. United Nations sights
29. Hillary Clinton, nee ____
30. Coral ridges
31. Spasm
32. Oral health org.
35. Read a famous passage from "Hamlet"?
38. TV forensic drama
39. Keats' "____ a Nightingale"
40. Two foursomes
41. Con ____
43. "This is ____!"
44. Carves
46. Wall St. hire
47. Knucklehead
48. A fifth of MMMX
50. I followers
53. 2002 Winter Olympics host: Abbr.
54. What a person writing "Mississippi" cannot be?
58. "You get the idea": Abbr.
59. End of a school address
60. ____ Major
61. PBS funder
62. Dodges
63. Heart of the matter

Down

1. Political suffix
2. Informal greeting
3. The "A" in A-Rod
4. Universal Human Rights Mo.
5. Woven strands
6. Fidel Castro's brother
7. Las Vegas figures
8. Texter's "I didn't need to hear all that!"
9. ____ de vie
10. '60s R&B group Booker T. & the ____
11. "Ouch!"
12. "I'll do it"
13. Where the heart is
18. Unlikely champions
22. Org. providing jumps
23. President who became a Supreme Court justice
24. Back: Prefix
25. "A line is ____ that went for a walk": Paul Klee
26. 1937 novel subtitled "There and Back Again"
27. Actress Tina and others
28. Exec who mused "People want economy and they will pay any price to get it"
29. Butler of fiction
30. VCR button
31. Head lock
33. "Say Say Say," say
34. Baryshnikov's former co.
36. Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
37. S. Amer. land
42. Kid
43. Very good grade
44. "A Doll's House" playwright
45. Nick at movie night
48. Went platinum?
49. Area ____
50. Ryan of "Star Trek: Voyager"
51. It's often planted
52. 180 is its max. score
54. Dutch city ESE of Utrecht
55. Co. offering a Buddy List
56. Poker legend Ungar
57. Put the squeeze on?



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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 6. *Create your own happiness!*
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 6. *The Padres are still (barely) leading the N.L. West.*
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 6. *Remembering Brandy — an extra special dog.*
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 6. *What a wonderful world!*
Kaye Benton, San Diego, 6. *No more stadiums downtown!!!*
Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 6. *Go Padres!*
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 6. *It's time for a vacation.*
Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 6. *Solve responsibly.*
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. *A true fully lived life includes some battle scars.*
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 6. *"Pork chops are good, bacon is good"*
Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 6. *What kind of chicken farm is this?*
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 6. *Amuse me, John!*
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 6. *Whenever thinking happens big ideas follow. Let's start thinking!*
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 6. *All politicians hate us.*
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 6. *They're Heeeeere!*
George Jackson, Oceanside, 6. *I don't have to read the law; Arizona's wrong!*
George Elam, Vista, 6. *Got the drywall all hung. Yes!!*
☛ **Richard Hutchings, Santee, 6.** *How about play down down play!*
Sue Janisch, Escondido, 6. *Love these puzzles.*
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 6. *Happy Belated Birthday Al — love you*
Ron Meyer, Santee, 6. *Happy Birthday Dad. Love Cindy and Ron.*
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6. *Wake up! The future is slipping from our grasp…*
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 6. *Boo Yah!*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 6. *Please remember my name come election day.*
John Pertle, Santee, 6. *Christ offered himself to God on behalf of our sins.*
Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 6. *Nicht kitze.*
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 6. *Last week ten t-shirts randomly awarded. I even got one.*
☛ **Norman Williams, San Diego, 6.** *What da fuss?*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. *Jan…*
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 5. *Go Habs*
Bruce Campbell, Portland, OR, 5. *Without compassion we're just tree dwellers.*
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 5. *Nyeh.*
Leslie Chase, Campo, 5. *Hi office friends Jan, Tam and Mark!*
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 5. *Nice shirt — Thanks. Smile. Look up. It's nice outside — yea!*
Vince Cuseo, San Marcos, 5. *Fat kids always win at see-saw*
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 5. *What still no shirt?*
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 5. *Obama is too bright for some people.*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 5. *Keep bicycling daily.*
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 5. *Bruins really chocked!*
Carolyn Foley, Carlsbad, 5. *Pretty tricky. Thanks for the T.*
Jacque Glick, El Cajon, 5. *Go Pardes.*
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 5. *Go Twins!*
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 5. *Nobama*
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 5. *Love you Larry, Thank our military past and present.*
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 5. *A big Happy Birthday to my Mom!*
Jim Odell, Vista, 5. *I wuz robbed!*
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 5. *65 across is me.*
John Pilch, San Carlos, 5. *Help LMPP get a new playground at LakeMurrayPark.org*
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 5. *A message!*
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 5. *I'm going to be lost without "Lost". Best show ever.*
Don Romero, La Mesa, 5. *Come home to me soon sweet Mei Ling.*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 5. *Bring back beer in the sand, Happy Memorial Day!*
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 5. *Daphne and Erik are married!*
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 5. *Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece Tori! I love you.*
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 5. *Scissor Fight!*
Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 5. *If money talks, what does it say?*
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 4. *Love ya, Al!*
Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 4. *Hi to Carol N. and Carol W.*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner**

Alice Bryant, Mission Hills, 4. *Census work is hard — be nice, be counted — it's not a plot!*
Irvin C. Gavidor, Golden Hill, 4. *INDIA INK PAPERS now in Hillcrest. Come on by!*
Marie Grace, College Area, 4. *Conratulations Kaitlin!*
Billy Horton, Santee, 4. *Padres are #1*
Drew Lettington, Mission Hills, 4. *Happy 81/2 birthday Phoebe!*
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 4. *Hi kids!*
Dawn Metrisin, San Diego, 4. *So sick of political ads!*
Mary Page, Encinitas, 4. *Walk more, drive less.*
Burr Passenheim, Linda Vista, 4. *Prosecute illegal alien employers.*
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 4. *A pair?! We're ecstatic for you.*
Robin Serfass, Leucadia, 4. *The wild, the innocent and the E Street shuffle.*
Michael Sheridan, San Diego, 4. *Arigato Takata*
Carly Stone, San Diego, 4. *C'est la vie!*
Ernest Verano, Downtown, 4. *Help the poor!*
Eric Accorsi, El Cajon, 3. *No matter where you go, there you are.*
Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 3. *Still kicking and being kicked.*
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 3. *Going to North Park.*
Rick Chambless, San Diego, 3. *How about them Yankees!*
☛ **Walter Deegan, San Diego, 3.** *Happy birthday Cheryl...and Karen.*
Mike Deliman, Santee, 3. *Karen and Katrina luv red skittles!*
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 3. *Respect Memorial Day... no floatopics.*
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 3. *Texas here I come! Pooh you're my heart and soul.*
Rhona Fulling, San Diego, 3. *Get Well, Betty.*
Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 3. *Intolerance is the lazy person's way to self-esteem.*
W. Hodgson, Escondido, 3. *Last week: no mistakes...*
Linda Morris, Encanto, 3. *OMG-Sherilynn's coming to town!*
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 3. *Happy roadtrip SF, Portland Columbia Sonora Yosemite...*
Chris Van Haften, Murrieta, 3. *Summer vacation, here we come!*
☛ **Dave Weim, San Diego, 3.** *I think I solved it!*
Shawna Bowling, Vista, 2. *Happy 10th birthday to my nephew, Jace Roberts!*
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Cournoyer, Chula Vista, 2. *Congratulations Kevin, John Hopkins.*
Margarite Daniel, Vista, 2. *Happy 9th birthday Sophia!*
☛ **Andrea Duncan, Valley Center, 2.** *Bounce Boxer / Ditch Davis*
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 2. *Here I am again!*
Chad Griffith, Poway, 2. *15 minutes could save you 15%. Call Geico now.*
☛ **Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 2.** *The Holy Ghost over the "bent world" broods.*
Ron Hootman, Santee, 2. *Hoot 101 "Been a long time, lonely, lonely days and nites."*
Wayne Lund, Poway, 2. *Who is John Galt?*
☛ **Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 2.** *I sometimes mix up my adverbs and adjectives!*
Michael May, San Diego, 2. *No Obama in 2012!*
Edward J Swain, Downtown, 2. *A fronte praecipitium at ergo lup!*
☛ **Zona Wahrenbrock, San Diego, 2.** *Fun!*
Powell Caulder, San Diego, 1. *I love my family!*
William Emerton, Oceanside, 1. *Go Lakers!*
☛ **Jeana Flowers, Ocean Beach, 1.** *Marcus, thanks a million! You're one handed avenger.*
Howard Haber, San Diego, 1. *Extreme Pizza rocks!*
Carmen Jacobo, Clairemont, 1. *Way to go Padres!*
Emily Marie, North Park, 1. *We did it bb!*
Marcus Rounds, North Park, 1. *Snuggles! Let's all snuggle, yes, let's.*
Jon Schlude, Mission Valley, 1. *Member me?*
Bev Shannon, Spring Valley, 1. *Shalom*

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2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to: Sudoku@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 10 *Reader* T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

EASY:

	8	5	1					
6				8	7			
	4	7	3		2			
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					5	4	3	

MEDIUM:

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	6			2			3	
		2	1				8	5
	7		3		2	5	6	8
			6					
					8		2	1

HARD:

	1			9		4		
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	6		1				3	9
				6		3		
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3	2				9		5	
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		6		8			9	

EVIL:

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		1		2	9			
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We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: _____

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

EASY:

8	6	7	9	1	4	5	3	2
3	4	5	8	2	6	7	1	9
1	9	2	3	7	5	6	8	4
6	8	9	5	3	2	4	7	1
5	7	1	6	4	9	8	2	3
4	2	3	7	8	1	9	6	5
2	1	6	4	9	8	3	5	7
9	3	8	1	5	7	2	4	6
7	5	4	2	6	3	1	9	8

MEDIUM:

3	1	8	6	7	4	9	2	5
9	4	2	1	5	8	7	6	3
6	5	7	3	9	2	8	4	1
5	6	1	2	8	3	4	9	7
7	2	9	5	4	1	6	3	8
4	8	3	9	6	7	1	5	2
2	3	4	8	1	9	5	7	6
8	7	6	4	3	5	2	1	9
1	9	5	7	2	6	3	8	4

HARD:

6	7	8	5	4	1	2	9	3
5	4	3	9	2	7	8	6	1
2	9	1	3	6	8	7	5	4
3	5	2	4	7	6	9	1	8
4	1	9	8	5	2	3	7	6
8	6	7	1	3	9	5	4	2
1	2	6	7	9	3	4	8	5
9	3	5	6	8	4	1	2	7
7	8	4	2	1	5	6	3	9

EVIL:

4	3	9	5	2	1	7	8	6
2	8	6	4	7	3	5	9	1
1	7	5	8	6	9	3	2	4
8	2	4	3	5	6	1	7	9
6	9	3	7	1	2	4	5	8
7	5	1	9	8	4	2	6	3
3	1	8	2	9	7	6	4	5
9	4	2	6	3	5	8	1	7
5	6	7	1	4	8	9	3	2

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

EASY:

Don Bowman, Santee, 6. *Have 5-gal., 3-gal. pails, need only 4-gals. water. Jack/Jill*

John Pertle, Santee, 6. *Believe in Jesus, recieve the free gift of God's righteousness.*

Terry Thomas, Chula Vista, 6. *Be water smart every day.*

Sebastian Certik, Bonita, 4. *Hi mom.*

Erin Nogle, Ocean Beach, 4. *Happy Memorial day. Go Padres #1.*

Stuart A. Young, San Diego, 4. *Summer has arrived :^) Happy end of semester.*

Ellen Bourne, San Carlos, 3. *Took my harp to the party. No one asked me to play.*

Teddy Moore, Santee, 3. *Thanks grandpa.*

Pauline O'Malley, Point Loma, 3. *Phillip, I love you, pray you are in a better...*

☛ **Jason Kron, Lakeside, 2.** *Happy birthday to me. 29 again.*

☛ **Rory Drewett, Clairmont, 1.** *Yippee!*

Ann Grundzinski, San Diego, 1. *Life is good!*

Matthew Kelly, La Jolla, 1. *Go Bombers!*

David Matheny, San Diego, 1. *Elmer Fudd says "very quite I'm looking for Steve Crock"*

Christi Payne, Carlsbad, 1. *Engaged 4/29/10 Jessica Payne and Spc. Sean Hunts.*

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1. *Wait for me!*

Dave Wein, Chula Vista, 1. *Easy was hard*

MEDIUM:

Linda Bible, El Cajon, 6. *Please don't drink and drive this Memorial Day weekend.*

Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 6. *May gray, go away!*

Willam Stiewig, Vallejo, 6. *When are you coming up?*

Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 5. *A special tribute to my dad on Memorial day!*

Todd Wilkins, San Diego, 5. *We live and die under the same moon.*

☛ **Manny Faria, Point Loma, 4.** *We're finally done getting our furniture! I love you, baby!*

Vicki Flora, Bonita, 4. *Hi Sebastian!*

☛ **Roy Bartolome, San Diego, 3.** *They told 'em don't you ever come around here...*

Paul Boland, Bay Park, 3. *The sun is shining.*

Rick Rotsch, Ocean Beach, 3. *Pay it forward saves peoples lives.*

Bill Calderwood, Clairemont, 2. *Fed's listen to AZ!*

Ann Gammon, Santa Clara, 2. *Easier than airplane or pool.*

Harvy Mozer, La Mesa, 2. *Quo Vadis?*

Juli Richardson, Chula Vista, 2. *Don't take any wooden nicknames.*

Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 1. *I'm on a roll… Just need my t-shirt...*

Michelle Gerona, Chula Vista, 1. *Congrats Rachelle Kaaihue! Happy Memorial day!*

Jay Jones, Bay Park, 1. *Jimmy Jones, Happy Birthday. I love you, Dad!*

Josie Ranches, San Diego, 1. *Go Padres.*

Duane D Tremaine, E. Village, 1. *And stoop to fix them up with worn out tools.*

HARD:

Wayne Ameele, Peñasquitos, 6. *Have a great Memorial day weekend!*

Nel Cristobal, Chula Vista, 6. *Happy confirmation to my daughter and son.*

Amada Garcia, Chula Vista, 6. *Radio Catolica 1240AM.*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6. *Rise up! And fight — it may be our one chance!*

Skully, San Diego, 6. *Get better soon Steve! We all love you big bunches!*

Mandy Smith, Boulevard, 6. *Listen to Michael Seth Smith on myspace.*

Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 5. *Lots of laws, no... , why not?*

A.T. Certik, Bonita, 4. *Alles Affenscheisse!*

Genevieve Coleman, San Diego, 4. *Don't ask a question you can't answer yourself.*

John Gaughen, North Park, 4. *Good luck on finals Ava.*

David Tomasin, San Diego, 4. *Maybe I'll never get evil!*

Ed Rull, San Diego, 2. *Memorial Day weekend is here!*

Kelly Sakoi, San Diego, 2. *Happy...*

E. Salvador, Spring Valley, 2. *Don't flex muscles you don't have, you'll hurt yourself.*

☛ **Steve Schorr, Encinitas, 2.** *Back from B.C.*

☛ **Andrew Tohmc, La Jolla, 2.** *You keep...*

EVIL:

Joe Arbusto, Rancho Peñasquitos, 6. *Mother earth is at it's most critical time in history!*

Bliss Beedle, Encinitas, 6. *Good wishes without end.*

Loren Boyer, El Cajon, 6. *Hello, Fresh and Easy. I need an escort! Grocery store?*

Jorge Castro, Alpine, 6. *Easy does it.*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. *Think my jokes stink? Get a sense of smell.*

Larry Clark, Clairemont, 6. *Baby boomers. We're just like you, only smarter and richer.*

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 6. *P, you have to memorize those geometric formulas!*

Roger Doughman, San Diego, 6. *Colossians 3:16*

Jane Flammang, Encinitas, 6. *Does the Tin Fork know about the Tin Fish?*

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 6. *Harder please!*

Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 6. *Enjoy your Memorial Day Weekend! TQM Mija!!*

J. Gorman, UTC, 6. *Good Grief!*

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 6. *How was the beer Chuck?*

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 6. *Trying Chinese brainstorms this week too.*

Joan Hubert, Clairmont, 6. *6 Feet under.*

Jim Hurley, San Diego, 6. *(Eraser) size does matter.*

Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 6. *Freedom isn't free- thank a vet.*

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 6. *I'm in Anaheim next week, back on Thursday for evil.*

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Roy E. Leeper, Chula Vista, 6. *Thank you Dr. Parker UCSD.*
Stuart Lester, Santee, 6. *The best thing about getting old is golf!*
Gary Lorenc, Encinitas, 6. *If I said it was easy, would you belive me?*
☛ **Julio Magno, San Diego, 6.** *I have nothing to say.*
Bruce Ness, Mira Mesa, 6. *Does Mary Bently still play dominoes? Please call.*
Jerry Noser, Bankers Hill, 6. *It's a way to kill time!*
Lee Overholser, San Diego, 6. *Keep on truckin!*
Charles Reader, Del Mar Heights, 6. *Dave Ramsey says- cash is king, debt is dumb.*
Charles Rion, Allied Gardens, 6. *Dogs are cool!*
David Schwartz, Clairemont, 6. *One and done on the CA bar exam. Huzza!*
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 6. *Thanks for the t-shirt, go Padres!*
Marv Simcox, San Diego, 6. *You get the government you deserve!*
Susan Williams, North Park, 6. *Recycle light bulbs, batteries at Home Depot! Stand for less.*
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 6. *Calderon should shut up and clean up his own backyard.*
Mark Xitco, San Diego, 6. *Yo Bubba!*
Alford Claiborne, Encanto, 5. *May is kool!*
Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 5. *I hope you get in trouble for that! Question everything!*
Rich Dudka, Escondido, 5. *Make good assumptions.*
Michelle Dutra, Serra Mesa, 5. *Good luck metro dancers.*
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 5. *Ride your bike all the time.*
Geoff Hill, South Park, 5. *Ignorance is ubiquitos.*
Jacqueline Jordan, San Diego, 5. *Thanks for the t-shirt!*
Karen Maegley, Sorrento Mesa, 5. *Socialism will kill the American dream and Happy Birthday Chuck!*
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 5. *Michael Panther for DA. We have smaller fish to fry.*
Art Spencer, Oceanside, 5. *Thanks in advance for the t-shirt!*
Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 5. *Save gas- bicycle.*
Tess C. Sutton, San Diego, 5. *Love you C!*
Bill Black, La Jolla, 4. *Enforce federal immigration laws. They are tougher than Arizona laws.*
Christine Hennes, San Diego, 4. *This must be the place.*
Andy Ngo, Vista, 4. *Have a great time in Nola Caroline!!*
Tom Norris, Santee, 4. *Come and support troop 347 at the Santee Street Fair!*
Joe Selig, San Diego, 4. *Food!*
Larry Terbell, Golden Hill, 4. *The US has seventy precent of the world's lawyers. Why so...*
Bing, Little Italy, 3. *Let the good times roll! Thx for the t-shirt.*
Cheryl Deegan, Scripps Ranch, 3. *Happy birthday Karen!*
George Elam, Vista, 3. *Great game Jared Dudley. We're watching!*
Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 3. *Hello San Diego!*
David Eddleman, Oceanside, 2. *Dukkha.*
Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 2. *Got it this week, Lynda!*
☛ **Danny Green, Chula Vista, 2.** *Erin, Daniel, Mom, Dad, Debi, Christy, I love you!*
David Holbo, San Carlos, 2. *Get well, Tom K.*
Alain R Sanchez, Chula Vista, 2. *Me gustas mucho pekosita!*
☛ **Rem Whilden, Carlsbad, 2.** *Aishiteru.*
Teresa Ahmu, El Cajon, 1. *Love my granddaughter Maddie!*
Penny Munro, Leucidia, 1. *Yesterday is the best day of you previous life!*
David Bruce, Hillcrest, 1. *Meet Mee Shim San Diego's finest artist!*
Lauren De los Santos, San Diego, 1. *I love you Derick, Deejay and...*
Obie Fox, Escondido, 1. *Whats up to all my friends in esco...*
☛ **Mary Gordon, Escondido, 1.** *Mary your yard looks great!*
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 1. *This wasn't as evil.*
Deirdre Oakley, Spring Valley, 1. *Victor and Kathy Gutierrez- best parents ever!*
Chang Qing Su, San Carlos, 1. *I love May flower.*
Terry Retief, Vista, 1. *Eat your way to health.*
Cheryl Severtson, La Mesa, 1. *My first try at your puzzles. Thanks*
Carolyn Woodbury, Chula Vista, 1. *Recycle more- give used items to charity.*

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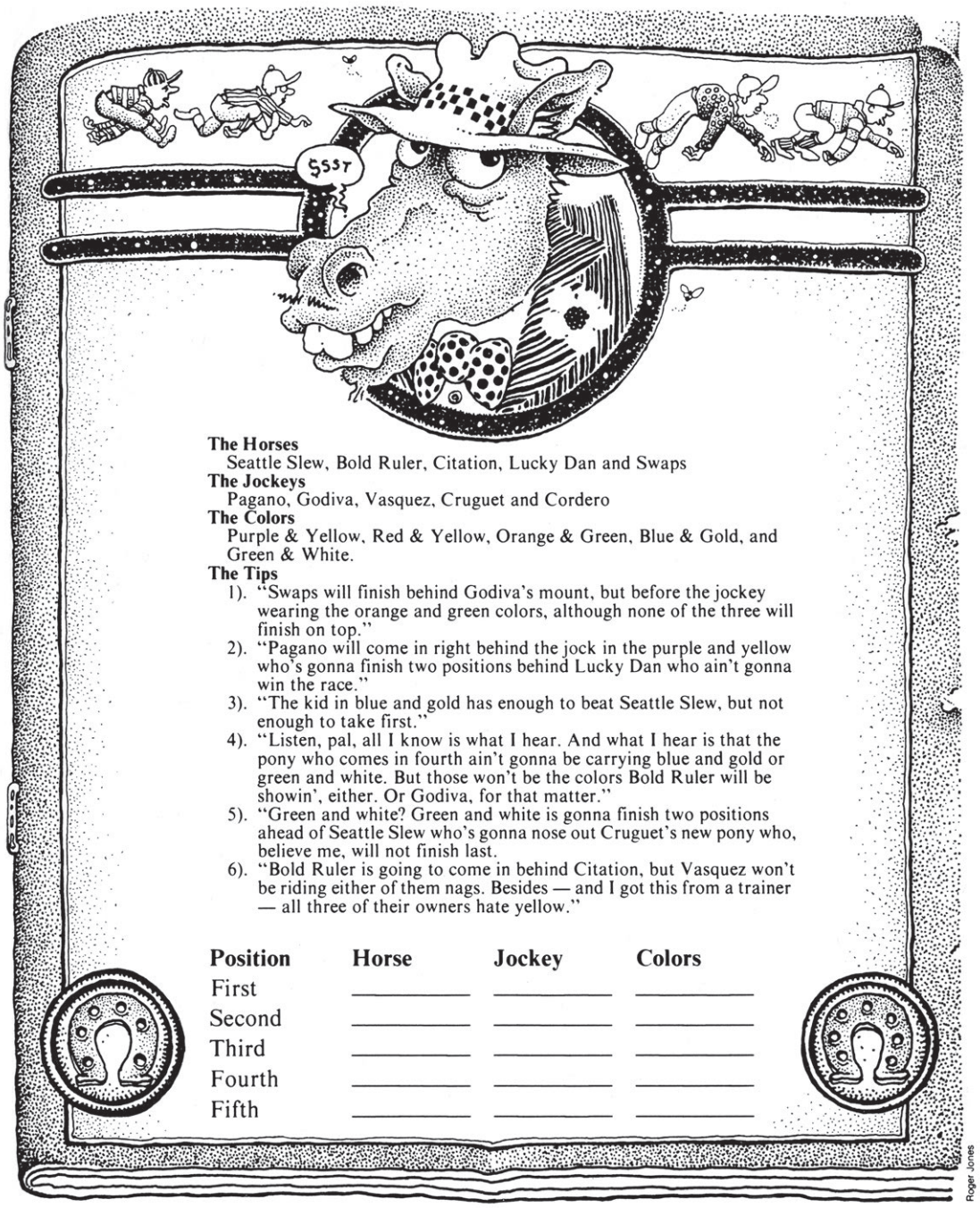

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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20 bamboo (two stalks)
15 rain (falling from cloud under heaven)
10 dragon
14 horse
6 door or gate
17 man
1 woman
5 thicket (three trees)
13 moon
19 field
18 feather (two of them)
21 mountain
12 early (the sun coming over the horizon)
4 good or love (woman and child)
3 rat
7 day (man with out-stretched arms, head touching heaven)
11 wine
16 sun
8 bright (sun and moon)
9 toad
2 tree or wood

BRAINSTORM PUZZLES:

RULES OF THE GAME

1) Submit one completed puzzle to the Reader each week for entry into another contest! We keep track of each puzzle you successfully complete and the results are posted online at sandiegoreader.com. But your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

2) Be one of the first 125 people who submit the correct answers to one of the puzzles and we will print your name in the paper along with your brief message (10 words or less, no URLs or phone numbers). Entries must include a message. This is a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate text.

3) The puzzle-contest ranking, shown online and in the paper, will begin anew every three months. Complete the journey four times a year!

4) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803 or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy or scanned and e-mailed to: Puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by e-mail must be attached in JPG format, 800 by 800 pixels, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed.

5) 10 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!

6) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.

7) Late entries will not be considered.

8) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.

9) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ **indicates T-shirt winner.**

Ed Barno, San Diego, 6. *Ah…*

Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 6. *Sadly, I realized my future passed me by.*

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 6. *No more 24 boohoo!*

Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 6. *What?! My tattoo's not dragon wind, it's frog breath! Bummer!*

Conway Redding, La Mesa, 6. *Some of them look like what they represent, others less...*

Joe Arbusto, San Diego, 5. *3-Stooges: BP, Transocean, Halliburton would be funny, but so…*

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 5. *Yu betcha!*

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 5. *Another big Happy Birthday to my dad!*

Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 5. *A message!*

Michael Carchidi, Chula Vista, 4. *An ancient, venerable culture-unique in the world.*

Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 4. *Good fortune without end.*

Ted Scafidi, San Diego, 4. *How do you say "uncle" in Chinese?*

Mike Barry, Pine Valley, 3. *Go wooodin!*

Harry Chiou, Mira Mesa, 3. *This is easy!*

Don Larson, San Diego, 3. *A picture is worth 1,000 words.*

John Strauch, San Diego, 3. *Hiked La Cima Trail to Rattlesnake Benchmark 5407.*

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 2. *Get a clue-*

Paula Davis, Spring Valley, 2. *Wo buhui hanyu!*

Juanito Gerardo, Mira Mesa, 2. *Stay on top, Padres!*

Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 2. *Congratulations Victor on your 77 point Scrabble word!*

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 2. *Thanks Mits!*

George Saunders, Chula Vista, 2. *O the wonders of the internet.*

Janette Tucker, Ocean Beach, 2. *Summer vacation? Call The Critter Sitter!*

Ernest Verano, Downtown, 2. *We need housing for the poor. We have enough housing…*

Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 2. *Chicken lover.*

☛ **Chris Bernardo, Encinitas, 1.** *Read the Tao Te Ching.*

Felix E. Charfauros, San Diego, 1. *I hope to make the list with this puzzle…*

Cindy Fisher, San Clemente, 1. *You should have done this one, Lynda!*

☛ **Ludivico Estrada, National City, 1.** *Reminds me of Kanji characters.*

David L. Heppard, San Diego, 1. *Listen to Dylan (Bob).*

Zdenek Hostomsky, La Jolla, 1. *The evil sudoku was too easy this week so I…*

H. Leung, San Diego, 1. *Chinese is my 1st language.*

Elidia Mancilla, San Diego, 1. *Can u have more Brainstoms like this one more often?*

Hiroshi Miyazaki, San Diego, 1. *What's up Glenn?*

Tim Parrott, Carlsbad, 1. *Doodle doodle dee wubba, wulba wubba!*

Debbie Schultz, El Cajon, 1. *Ah…!*

Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 1. *Hu's on first.*

☛ **Joel Spector, Clairemont, 1.** *Some of these meanings were confusing.*

Paul Stroud, San Diego, 1. *Plaza Doughnuts, Morena Blvd.*

☛ **Richard Watson, National City, 1.** *It's easy if you know Chinese.*

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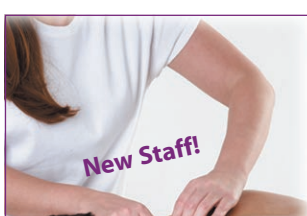



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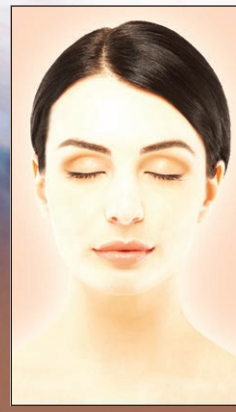

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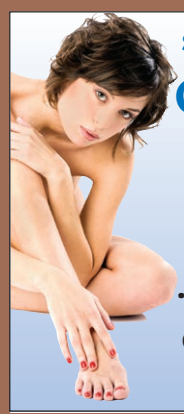

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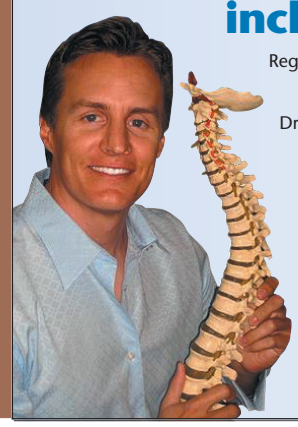

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Spiritual Dowsing Certification Course. Friday, June 4, through Sunday, June 6. Harness the power of your Super Conscious mind in finding answers and shifting energies! This three-day hands-on intensive program will prepare you to perform a professional-level dowsing session for clients, or simply for your own deep inner work. Cost $399. Indigo Village, 1054 2nd St., Suite B, Encinitas 92024. To reserve your space and for all other inquiries contact Colleen Campbell, 760-445-0166, 949-677-5169. http://www.outlines.bluesunenergetics.net/SDC.pdf.

Heal Your Body, Get Fit, Clear the Mind of Stress. Thursday, May 27, Tuesday, June 1. 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.

Reiki Introduction & Attunement Workshop. Reiki (pronounced: Ray-kee) is a form of spiritual healing and practice for the treatment of physical, emotional, mental and spiritual diseases. Seminar includes First Degree Attunement Training with Certificate. Topics covered: Reiki history and lineage. What is Reiki. Uses and benefits. Current trends and use in holistic and allopathic medical fields and scientific findings. Difference between treatments and attunements. Symbols involved. How to give a treatment. The attunement process and different levels of training. Attunement Level I given. Admission $38. 2040 India St., San Diego 92101. R. D. Alchemy Natural Products, Regina, 619-825-6078, www.rdalchemy.com.

Time-Tested Techniques. Tuesday, June 1, 7:30pm. Weekly meditation classes led by Sujantra McKeever, taught to him by his teacher Sri Chinmoy. "Techniques are simple and effective." Free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue, San Diego 92116. 619-640-4438.

Animal Communication and Energy Reading. Friday, May 28, 6–8pm. Animal Communicator and Energy Reader Sindi Somers of Wild and Tame Wellness and Communications will be at the San Diego Humane Society's Doggie Café. She will offer mini-readings and animal communication sessions for open donations. All proceeds will be given to the San Diego Humane Society to support their mission. Friendly, leashed dogs at least four months old and up-to-date on all vaccines, including rabies, are invited to attend with their people. One dog per person, please. $10 suggested donation for Doggie Café event. R.S.V.P. online at www.sdhumane.org or by calling 619-299-7012 ext. 2230. San Diego Humane Society, 5500 Gaines Street, San Diego 92110.

Art. Life. Yoga. Yoga classes led by Shelby Lafrinere. Yoga Fusion for mixed levels on Wednesdays; expect "vinyasa class full of surprises." On Sundays: mixed-level vinyasa class (1:15pm); and mixed-level vinyasa class incorporating "more in-depth meditation and/or pranayama" (breathing practices). Bring a mat if possible. $10. 2637 University Avenue, San Diego 91104. 858-354-6294.

Messages with Love from the Other Side. Thursday, May 27. Clairvoyant medium readings by psychic medium Reverend Roby Warren, who will "connect with loved ones who have crossed over to the other side." Requested donation: $15. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 5820 Oberlin Drive #108, San Diego 92121, 858-320-0090.

Restorative Vinyasa Yoga. Wednesday, June 2, 7:15-8:30pm. Yogaworks Instructor: Julie Quinn O'Brien. Our Restorative Vinyasa class features deep breathing with Vinyasa-style postures and movement. Beginning with breath, the class moves into strength and endurance postures building heat and gaining flexibility. It is completed with a calming 10-minute Savasana. Bring a yoga mat, towel and water. Mats are available for purchase. Walk-ins accepted, however space is very limited. We suggest you call ahead to reserve space. $15 per class. 2040 India Street, San Diego 92101. 619-825-6078.

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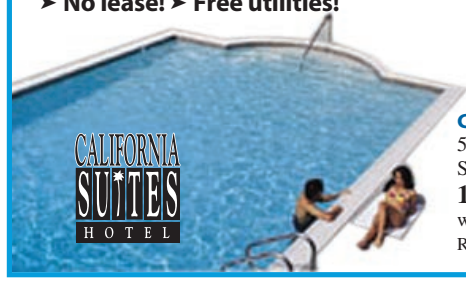

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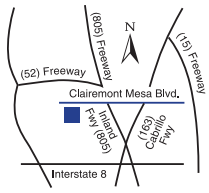

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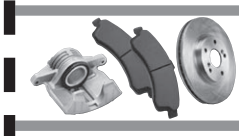

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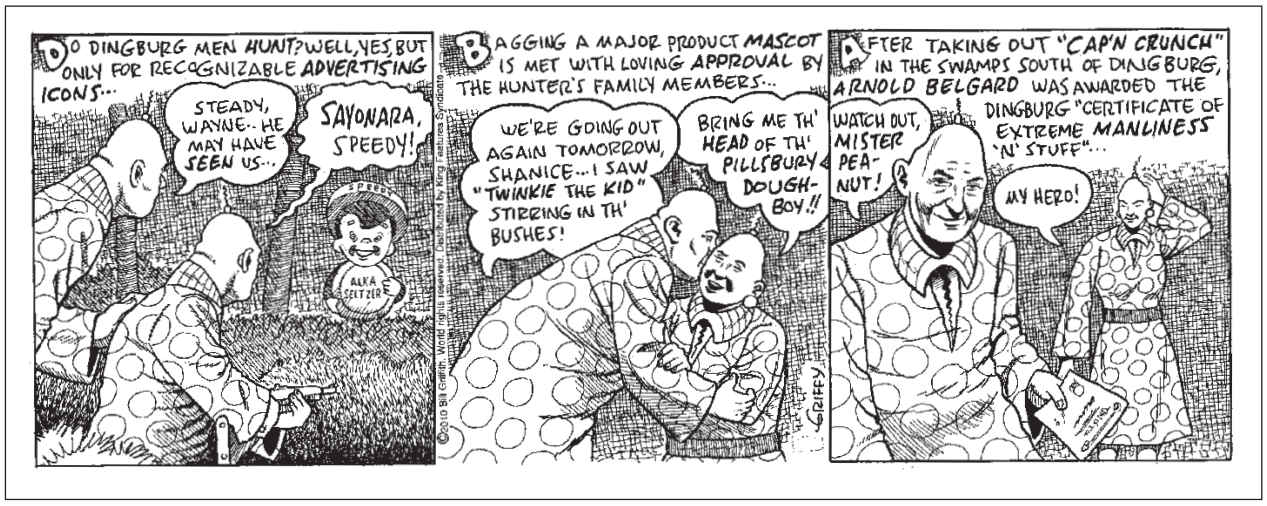

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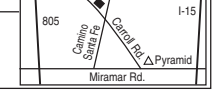

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LEAD STORY

– Blair Fowler, 16, delights her frenzied fans as a "haul queen," inspirationally "shopping for glory" by tearing through stores and then displaying and describing her purchases on internet videos. A March *Times of London* dispatch from Los Angeles noted Fowler's acclaim "for her ability to deliver a high-pitched ten-minute lecture on the merits of skinny versus low-riding jeans, apparently without drawing breath." According to *The Times,* at least 100,000 "haul" videos are available on YouTube, mostly from "amateurs." Fowler's videos, though, have been viewed 75 million times by "haul" wannabes (mostly teenage girls).

Leading Economic Indicators

– *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in April reported on the University of Houston business school's contract to have student papers uploaded to "teaching assistants" (mostly residing in India, Singapore, and Malaysia), who read them, mark them up, and offer constructive advice. UH professor Lori Whisenant, who initiated the university's contract with the firm EduMetry, said she is generally pleased with the results.

– The spa Ten Thousand Waves near Santa Fe, N.M., is only the latest U.S. facility to offer as a "signature" treatment the "Japanese Nightingale Facial," supposedly used for centuries by Japanese geisha for skin rejuvenation. Nightingale droppings are dried and sanitized, then spiced with oils and used as a face scrubber.

– Jimmy Choo stores in New York City quickly sold out of their new, blinking, women's shoes with five-inch heels, which light up with every step taken, at $2495 a pair (although the unrechargeable battery dies after about 100 uses).

– The Florida Legislature, sensing a need to jump-start business in the faltering yacht industry, reduced the sales tax. Rather than tax the entire selling price, tax would be levied on only the first $300,000 (for example, giving a beleaguered yacht buyer a $42,000 cut on the overall price of a $1 million boat).

Abnormal Science

– Child-Bearing, Explained: Virginia state legislator Bob Marshall, speaking in February in opposition to state funding for Planned Parenthood, said the organization is partly responsible for the number of disabled children in America. According to the Old Testament, he said, being forced to bear a disabled child is punishment for the mother's having earlier aborted her first-born. "[W]hen you abort the first-born...nature takes its vengeance on the subsequent children." Said Marshall, the organization ought to call itself "Planned Barrenhood."

– When stroke victims recover, they have sometimes acquired bizarre obsessions, like one by David Stopher of North Tynesdale, England, who found himself unable to say no to salespeople. According to a March *Daily Mail* report, the biggest beneficiary of Stopher's condition has been the wireless telephone network (known as "3"), whose marketers had signed Stopher up for six different phones and plans at the same time (and paid all on time until his brothers stepped in to persuade 3 to restructure the account).

– Researchers from Royal Roads University in Canada reported last year that the large, carnivorous pitcher plants of Borneo prefer to eat insects and spiders, but where those are in short supply, as in the Philippines highlands, the pitchers have grown to a size accommodating an alternative source of the nitrogen they need. The pitchers have "learned" that if they produce copious amounts of nectar, it will attract the tiny-mouse-sized tree shrew to harvest it, and the shrews, trapped inside the plant, will leave droppings directly on the spot most advantageous for the pitcher to consume them. Said professor Charles Clarke, discovery of the arrangement "totally blew us away."

The Aristocrats!

– Steven Plank, 52, was arrested in Port St. Lucie, Fla., in March after a spat with his disabled father, who had apparently used the stove out of turn to boil some potatoes. According to police, Plank dumped the pot of water on his dad, then grabbed the urine cup hanging on dad's walker and dumped that on him, too.

– Jacoby Laquan Smith, 33, was charged with beating up his quadruple-amputee girlfriend in St. Paul, Minn., in March because, he said, she had blocked his view of the television. The girlfriend, 28, who lost both hands and part of both legs from a childhood illness, fought back, punching Smith and dumping her bedpan on him. Said Smith, of his frequent fights with her, "She'll swing, push me down, and choke me with her nubs."

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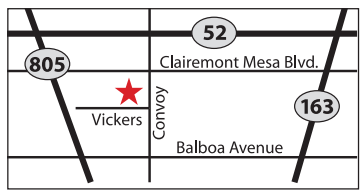

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Orhan Pamuk (b. 1952) is a Turkish novelist and winter of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature — the first to be awarded to a Turk. He is also an English professor at Columbia University, where he teaches comparative literature and writing. A work of non-fiction, Istanbul: Memories of the City *is framed by many of the same concerns that emerge from his novels — including the culture clash of East and West and of religious tradition and secular modernism.*



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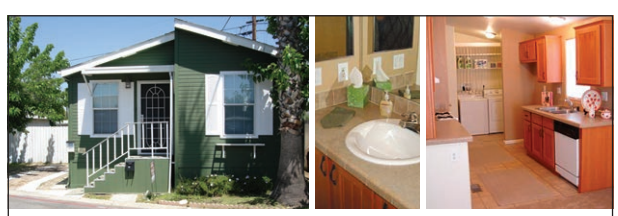

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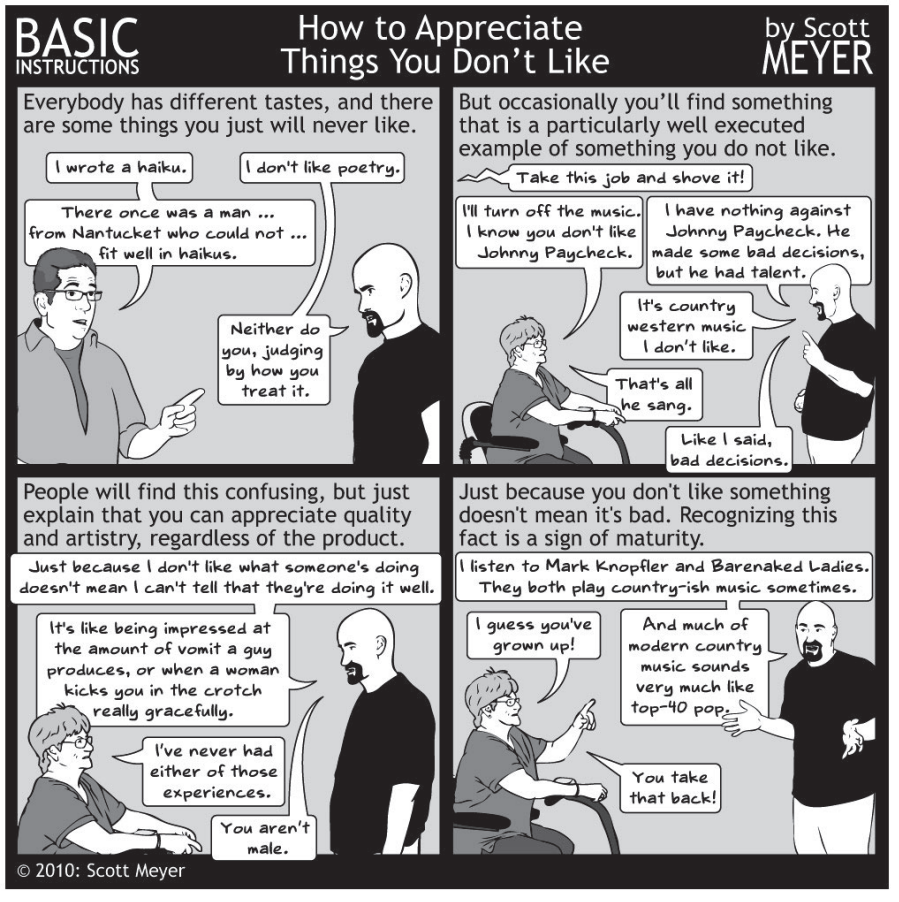

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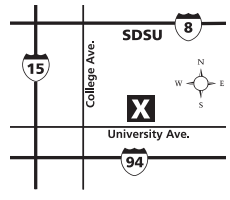

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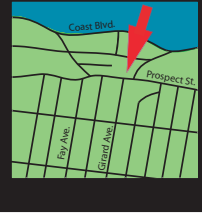

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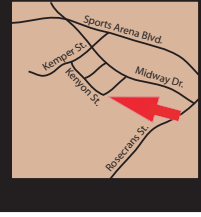

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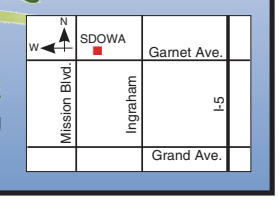

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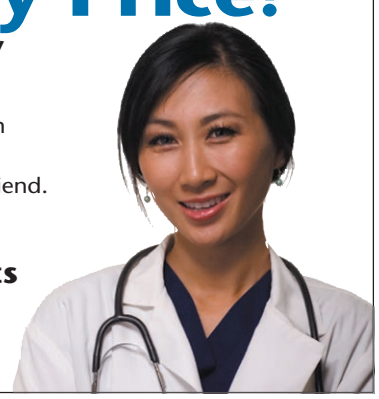

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