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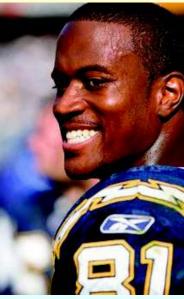
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Bancroft's new dig

Rupert Murdoch has made his \$5 billion bid for Dow Jones, publisher of Barrons and the Wall Street Journal, all eyes are turning to Rancho Santa Fe, where **Hugh Bancroft III** — one of about 35 Bancroft family heirs to the media empire — has a house. And it's not just any house. A year ago last December, Bancroft, 56, paid \$2.6 million for the Via del Charro home of ex-congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, currently serving an eight-year prison term for accepting bribes from defense contractors. Cunningham and his wife **Nancy** had to forfeit most of the proceeds of the sale to the federal government as part of his plea bargain with prosecutors. Bancroft's primary residence is a much larger house, for which he paid \$5.9 million in 1998, that he owns nearby on La Valle Plateada.

Bancroft isn't the only member of his clan to cotton to the eucalyptus-lined drives of Rancho Santa Fe and other North County environs. His late sister Bettina "Billie" Bancroft, a former Dow Jones director and world champion rider and Morgan horse breeder who died of lung cancer in May 1996 at age 55, lived in Rancho Santa Fe, as did their mother Bettina Gray — a noted photographer and founder of the America's Cup of Hang Gliding, according to one obituary — who died in 1998 at 83. Another of Billie's brothers, William Liscomb III, a pilot and builder of experimental aircraft, lives in San Marcos, and Billie's daughter, Elisabeth Chelberg, another world-famous horsewoman, once lived in Rancho Santa Fe as well as down the road in a house on the beach in Del Mar.

Billie and Hugh are great-grandchildren of **Clarence W. Barron**, who bought Dow Jones in



Clarence W. Barro

1902 from cofounder **Charles H. Dow**. A decade ago, Chelberg joined with cousin **William** "**Billy" Cox** to force management changes at Dow Jones in order to bolster the flagging stock price, but they had only limited success. So far the Bancroft family, which has voting control over the company, has spurned

Murdoch's \$60-a-share takeover offer, with one member quoted as saying, "Without the *Wall Street Journal*, we're just another rich family," but the Australian-born media magnate has vowed to keep up the pressure. ... In another, less stellar part of the newspaper-publishing galaxy, county property



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tax records show that **David Copley** has become sole owner of Foxhill, the grand manor on La Jolla's Country Club Drive that was the home of his late mother **Helen**

and stepfather **James**. The transfer was recorded on April 11, which happened to be the same day that David's \$380 million deal to sell Helen's seven Midwest daily newspapers to the GateHouse media chain became final. According to the deed, Copley as an individual was granted the house by the Helen K. Copley Revocable Trust 1983, of which he is a trustee, as are Copley Press CEO **Chuck Patrick** and La Jolla lawyer **Karl ZoBell**. Copley, who has for years lived down the hill in a complex of remodeled mini-mansions he fashioned into a compound he calls Foxhole, has reportedly been using Foxhill for parties.

Meanwhile, his 164-foot yacht *Happy Days* was most recently sighted on April 27 pulling into Horta Marina on the Azores island of Faial, according to the website *yachtspotter.com*. The posh craft is apparently in spring transit, making its way back across the Atlantic to the Mediterranean from the Caribbean, where it spent the winter, after cruising the French Riviera last summer.

If it's Nanjing, it must be Susan Davis Congresswoman **Susan Davis**, who's been racking up plenty of international frequent-flier



Susan Davis

miles courtesy of the Aspen Institute, a Washington, D.C., think tank sponsored by a host of unidentified special interests, is at it once again. This time she took a weeklong jaunt to China with 20 other members of Congress to study "U.S.-China Relations."

According to an itinerary filed with the House of Representatives, the junk-eteers departed Washington March 31 and made stops in Shanghai, Nanjing, and Beijing before returning to the capital on April 8. Davis was along for the ride, according to the filing, because she's a member of the Armed Services and Education committees and "represents the San Diego area, which is very active in trans-Pacific trade with China."

Some highlights of the journey, according to the itinerary: "A visit to the Shanghai Museum will expose Members to historical and cultural sites that offer a richer view and deeper understanding of China," and "A visit to the Forbidden City.... This site illustrates the long history and nature of the Chinese government that we relate to today. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage site." The tour group also was scheduled to pay a visit to Beijing's Tiananmen Square, "the site of 1989 pro-democracy demonstration."

Aspen listed the travel expenses it paid for each member of the tour at \$11,795, plus \$1915 for lodging, \$680 for meals, and \$125 for visa and emergency health insurance. Davis's prior Aspen Institute trips have included a \$7036 "No Child Left Behind" conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this February; a \$4630 five-day trip to Kraków, Poland, last August to discuss "U.S.-Russia-Europe Relations"; and a "U.S. Policy in Latin America" meeting near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, last May costing \$3175 for lodging and \$2025 for meals.

— Matt Potter

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Kearny Mesa: Next Boom?

By Don Bauder

an Diego wants to build up, not out. Single-family detached homes will become historical artifacts. High-rises will

mushroom out of the ground. But will it work? The infrastructure to support the population growth doesn't exist. Highways are clogged, and widening them will only spur more development and lead to more road rage. Transit is far

tion, it is aiming to turn Montgomery Field over to developers of high-rises. Here are questions San Diegans must ask: What's the Sanders time line? Three years? Ten? Does the City have the water and sewer systems to support such a pro-



behind the curve. Water and sewer systems are ancient. Shouldn't developers leave town until San Diego rebuilds its infrastructure?

Not according to the Sanders administration. Without ques-

ject? Will traffic tie-ups paralyze an area that is already a driver's nightmare? Will the City try to use tax increment financing — disingenuously declaring the area blighted? Will the development be res-

idential? Commercial? A combination of the two? Should the City be repairing the antique sewer and water systems downtown before it embarks on more expansions elsewhere?

If Montgomery is developed, will land values in the surrounding Kearny Mesa area soar? Will Kearny Mesa homeowners join the cabal of developers, media, bankers, retailers, and chamber of commerce cheerleaders pressuring and bankrolling politicians into approving more development? Will Montgomery be a financial flop for city coffers as the conversion of the Naval Training Center has been? Will the Montgomery project be an economic drain like downtown — that is, the City subsidizes condominiums, which are then inordinately purchased by people who spend only a small part of the year in San Diego, contributing little to the economy?

One argument is that selling Montgomery would help the City through its financial crisis. Early this year, the San Diego Institute for Policy Research, a think tank run by former mayoral candidate Steven Francis, asked 503 randomly selected San Diegans how they would prefer to deal with the crisis: would they sell off assets or raise taxes? A full

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Now We Live Nowhere

By Ernie Grimm

bel and Zulma Muñoz stand at the north end of Playas de Tijuana, where the international border fence meets the

Pacific Ocean. The area was once an international park, the pet project of First Lady Pat Nixon, who envisioned a place where people of both nations could enjoy a day at the beach together. It was a nice idea rendered impossible by political reality. And now the border fence bisects the park and stretches 200 feet out into the Pacific, marking the far norththe wall stands as a physical embodiment of the United States immigration laws that mandated their February 22 deportation. Now they find themselves in a Mexico they don't recognize, separated from their source of income, their house, and their three American-born children.

Abel and Zulma met in Tijuana in the late 1980s. She



Muñoz children

west extremity of Latin America.

It seems fitting that Abel and Zulma be here on the fringe of this country they grew up in, separated by 12 feet of steel from the country they called home for 171/2 years. To them,

was a short, pretty, fair-skinned teenager from Chihuahua. Tall, handsome, and four years older, Abel hailed from the state of Veracruz. The two were married, and in 1989, Zulma gave birth to a son they named after

his father. The joy Abelito's birth brought the Muñozes was soon replaced with worries about his health. In a high, singsong voice, Zulma, now 37, recalls, "When he was nine months old, he spent two weeks in a clinic here in Tijuana. The diagnosis was pneumonia. But when they delivered the baby back to us, he was still very sick. He was only nine months old at the time. So we went to several doctors to get another opinion, because it was clear he couldn't breathe correctly." The diagnosis kept com-

ing back as pneumonia, but pneumonia treatments were not helping Baby Abel. "A friend of ours worked in a medical clinic in San Diego. She suggested that our baby could get better care over there." Zulma waves her hand northward. "Because my father had a green card, I asked him and my mom to accompany our baby and our friend. I remember it was a Sunday around 9:00 at night. Around midnight, my mom called me and said, 'Prepare yourself, because the hospital is going to give you a letter to allow you to cross the border. The baby is very ill."

Abel and Zulma crossed the border on Halloween of 1989 and joined their baby at Children's Hospital. Zulma's voice quavers, and her deep brown eyes well up with tears as she recalls. "The baby was in intensive care when we got there and connected to medical apparatus. The diagnosis was he had a tumor in his chest and leukemia. We ended up



staying with the baby until he died on December 7, 1989, at Children's Hospital. At that time, I was three months pregnant with my daughter Leslie."

After taking a silent moment to compose herself, Zulma continues."The doctors were very interested in Abelito's case, but unfortunately, by the time they were able to see him in San Diego, it was too late. Everything was too advanced. But they wanted me to stay in the U.S. so they could check the baby [in utero] to see if she had leukemia like Baby Abel had. That's how we started our life over there. My husband, in less than a month, got work. And we were able to go forward because my husband did several jobs."

For the first seven years, Abel worked as a butcher at a carnicería and picked up odd remodeling and construction jobs where he could. From the carnicería, he moved into landscaping, and finally into electrical work. At first, Abel worked with a false Social Security number. Later, he obtained a taxpayer identification number from the Internal Revenue Service. The Muñozes lived in apartments in Paradise Valley, then Southcrest before buying a house in Ocean View in 1996. Forced to sell in 2004 because of new school construction, they bought a new house in Lomita. It was during the time of the move that Abel decided to try to legalize his residency in the United States. "A friend of mine showed me his green card," he recalls. "And this man had been put in jail for fraud. Since a lawyer had helped this other person who had been in jail for fraud get a green card, we thought for us who have never done anything wrong it wouldn't be a problem. It would be easier."

Abel and Zulma contacted the lawyer the friend had used, Murray Hilts, whose offices are on Meade Avenue in North Park. According to the Muñozes, Hilts "gave us a lot of reassurance" that because they'd had no legal trouble and because they had three children — Leslie, Marcos, and Adilene, now 17, 13, and 9, respectively — who were American citizens, they should have no trouble obtaining green cards. "He told us the legal application should take about two years," Zulma says. "The first year, we gave them all the papers and submitted everything from

the time we had been living in the U.S. After that, we started getting court appointments. We had three hearings in the immigration court. At the third hearing, we were denied the permit to remain as legal residents. And we were told we'd have to leave the country. We appealed. After six months we got another answer. It was the same: denied. We appealed again, to the Ninth Circuit, and the answer was the same: denied. The letter arrived December 6, 2006. We took it to our lawyer and asked what we could do. He said, 'Nothing. All we can do is wait for January and see if there's a reform in the law.' And he told us another letter would come telling us what date we had to leave. That letter never arrived."

Instead, on February 22, between 7:30 and 7:40 in the evening, Zulma responded to a knock at the door. When she opened it, she was greeted by 15 to 20 immigration and customs agents. "A lot of them had flashlights," she recalls, "and their hands were on their weapons. They spoke to me in Spanish. First they said they had an order from immigration to take us away, and they showed me the order. Then they asked, 'Is your husband here?' I said, 'No, my husband's not here."

Leslie and Adilene Muñoz Die were upstairs when agents e arrived. Marcos, who was down-stairs, ran upstairs to tell them. Reached by phone, Leslie recalls, "My brother came upstairs" and told me that immigration was downstairs. So I ran down-



International border fence

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61.8 percent said selling assets such as Montgomery would be their first (37.7 percent) or second (24.1 percent) choice. Only 12 percent opposed this stratagem, although many financial experts warn that selling off juicy assets to skate past a crisis is self-destructive in the long run. Raising taxes was the first or second choice of only 44.7 percent of those polled.

Erik Bruvold, president of the think tank, says it's time for the City to consider shedding assets such as Montgomery. Francis says the City, owner of the 500-plus acres, is in effect subsidizing the airport users a dubious practice, he says,

when the land is quite valuable.

I'm glad he brought up that word "subsidy." It's what feeds San Diego developers. The downtown ballpark deal was a massive subsidy for developers, as was the conversion of the Naval Training Center

to residences. The bottom line is that Mayor Jerry Sanders was put in office by developers, and they want to reap their expected benefits. "San Diego is a developer's wet dream," says Steve Erie, political science professor at the Univer-

sity of California, San Diego. Historically, there has been a snug relationship between the City's politicians and developers. Too often, particularly in redevelopment projects, "The public bears the cost and the developer gets the profits," says Murtaza Baxamusa, director of research and policy with the Center on Policy Initiatives.

"What we know is that normally in San Diego, all developments are subsidized by the general taxpayers," says Jim Mills, former president pro tem of the California Senate.

"Throughout the county, the developers are the dominant interest," says Michael Shames, executive director of Utility Consumers' Action Network.

Does San Diego have the infrastructure to support a Montgomery project? Shames says there should be no problem with electric power, telecommunications, or sewer and water. While many sewer pipes and mains downtown date back to the 19th Century, "The sewer and water mains in the Montgomery Field and Kearny Mesa area are relatively new. Most of the infrastructure is paid for by the developer. They will be hooking into mains that are already there. However, the highway system in that area is gridlocked. There is no high-speed or light rail."

"Gridlocked" may be a euphemism."It's next to impossible to get to Montgomery Field now," says Erie. "Coming in off 805, it is a field sobriety test. I was stone-cold sober at the time, and I had to make U-turns off 805 to get to Montgomery, and it will get worse if there are going to be nineto-five corporate jobs centers there" or multistory homes.

Bruvold, president of Francis's think tank, insists traffic won't be that big a problem. "Remember, Kearny Mesa was designed and planned as home to our [then] biggest employer, General Dynamics. It is served by three major freeways - 52, 163, and 805 - and several major arterials. Probably no other area in the county has the kind of infrastructure that could accommodate higher intensities of use," he says.

How will the new development be financed? Declaring the area blighted, and then using tax increment financing, is the usual route. "It is not a blighted area; it would be a misuse of redevelopment,

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but the City has to have the means to provide a good deal of the money for public services, because the developers won't pick up the full cost of developing," says activist Norma Damashek.

Redevelopment should be for "low-income, neglected areas," says Baxamusa of the Center on Policy Initiatives. Taking "a prime piece of real estate and converting it to redevelopment" subsidizes developers at the public's expense.

The City will probably go for "redevelopment and tax increment financing," says Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego. "The record is mixed, but just because there have been problems in the past doesn't mean they will screw it up again. Perhaps they have learned something."

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Would out-of-towners buy second and third homes at Montgomery and then spend little time and money in San Diego, as has happened downtown? Gin doubts it. "Downtown you could tell a story: walking to the Gaslamp, access to the harbor. Kearny Mesa is less attractive," he says.

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At one point, 30 to 40 percent of downtown condos were purchased by speculators or out-of-towners, including Zonies and snowbirds, Europeans, Asians, and Mexicans. "Living and walking around downtown, I note all the highrise condos that I know are completely sold out, but only about one-third of them are ever lit up at night," says Kelly Cunningham, economist for the San Diego Institute for Policy Research. The City gets little in sales taxes, but these parttime residents pay property taxes while not using many public sector services, says Cunningham.

He favors Montgomery development but concedes that the City has let the infrastructure go to hell: "As a downtown resident enduring weak water flows and occasional disruptions, I agree that it would be nice to see failing sewer and water pipes repaired, especially with all the property taxes paid by us downtown residents."

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Like all others interviewed, he doubts that Montgomery will be a rerun of downtown redevelopment: homes will probably be sold mainly to those living in San Diego full-time.

But one thing is almost certain: the Montgomery project will be sold to the public as affordable housing. "They say they will build workforce housing, but they never do," says Damashek.

The big question: will pilots and environmentalists block the project in court? Some are working on it now. ■





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We live nowhere

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stairs, and I saw a bunch of agents. Five in the kitchen, another 5 in the dining room, another 5 in the living room. There were more than 15 agents inside the house. It was shocking. Plus, they closed the whole street and searched the whole house like they were looking for some criminals."

As agents searched for him in the house, Abel, who had been out shopping, returned. Zulma remembers, "They immediately took his driver's license and put him in handcuffs and put him into a car."

"It was all done so unjustly," Leslie recalls. "Not only did they not let my dad come in, they wouldn't let us go out to say good-bye to him."

Zulma begins to cry again. "As they were taking us away, the kids were hanging on to me. They didn't want me to leave. I told them, 'We're going to be okay.' It's very sad. They don't care about the pain they're causing to children and families. I know they're doing their job, but it's a heartless job. I understand when they arrest people who are criminals and send them back. That's okay. But we're just hardworking people trying to make a living and get ahead and raise a family. We're a very united family. Abel has always provided everything, even if he had to work two or three jobs. I worked a few hours every week for the school district. I've always gotten involved in school things for my kids. I've always been there for my kids, and they need me."

After being held separately for four hours or so, the Muñozes were brought to the border and released into Mexico at 1:30 a.m., February 23. Seventeen and a half years had passed since the last time they were in their native country. They stayed, and continue to stay, with Zulma's mother in Soler neighborhood, just west of downtown Tijuana. The next day, they woke to a Tijuana far different from the one they remembered. "After 17 years," Abel says, "it's all different. It's another world. And now we're not from over there," he nods northward, "and we're not from over here either."

Now familia Muñoz straddles the international border. Mom and Dad live in Tijuana, where they're trying to make money by selling hot food at the weekly flea market in Zulma's mother's neighborhood. Meanwhile, their children continue to live in their Lomita house during the week and see their parents in Tijuana on weekends. Though under the supervision of an aunt, it's Leslie, a junior at Morse High School, who acts as primary caretaker during the week. "I have the whole responsibility to myself," she says, her voice choking on tears. "I have to be in charge of the bills. We're trying to rent our house, and I have to be in charge of appointments and showing the house to whoever comes. I have to be in charge of my sister and my brother to make sure they have what they need. I have to be in charge of groceries. Every-

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Murray Hilts did not return phone calls. ■











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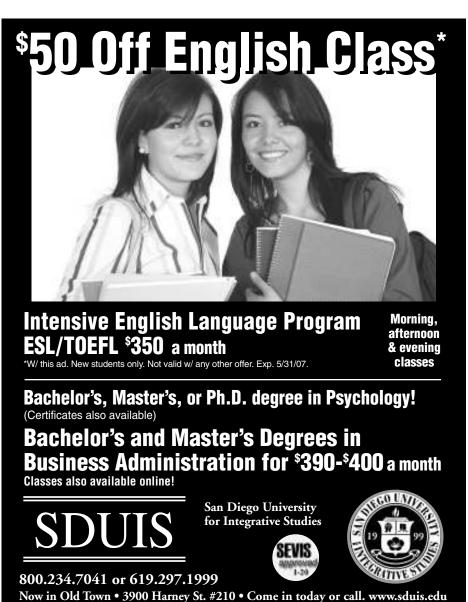
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Strictly Academic

Re "How a Shack Grew" (Feature Story, May 3). While this story is reprinted from 1998, it still contains factual errors regarding UCSD's inception. UCSD held its first classes in 1959, not in 1960, as is purported several times throughout the article, including on the first page of the article (page 54), where it states in large font to the center right of the page, "UCSD actually had its beginnings much earlier than its 1960 founding." It was not founded in 1960 but in 1959 as UC La Jolla; they were forced to change it to UC San Diego the following year through the efforts of La Jolla residents. Please inform your readers that writer Susan Vaughn (whose byline says she is from Los Angeles) erred on a very easily found piece of information about my alma mater.

> Mark Rafferty via e-mail

While the University of Cal-

ifornia's regents approved the establishment of the university in 1959, and some documents give 1959 as the official date of the university's founding, UCSD's website states that the first graduate students were enrolled in 1960 and the first undergraduate program began in 1964. — Editor

Woe Is Us!

What a shock it was to learn that that most sagacious and erudite of film critics, Duncan Shepherd, will be abandoning his post this summer (Movie Review, May 3). Woe indeed to the filmgoers of San Diego. Whatever shall we do without his wisdom and guidance? How will we know the turds from the treasures without his refined tastes? We could go to a movie and enjoy it, then find out months later how it actually sucked. Think of the embarrassment! A whole season without his obscure references and exacting standards. Oh well.

Hey, I know a wino that lives under a bush not far from my house. Says he knows a lot about movies. Maybe he could fill in while Mr. Shepherd is otherwise occupied.

David A. Lathrap Pacific Beach

The Donkey Takes Offense

In your May 3 issue, Don Bauder equates the bureaucrats at city hall with a burro, which is also known in the U.S. as a donkey ("Bumptious Burro-crats," "City Lights"). I think that comparing the civil servants in San Diego to a donkey (aka jackass) is an underhanded and demeaning comparison.

My daughter has two donkeys. They are both great animals that have proven to be intelligent, loyal, honest, understanding, and helpful.

I think that Mr. Bauder's comparison of these great animals to city bureaucrats is a disgusting comparison that is blatantly unfair to the entire burro/donkey species. As Mark Twain said, "Concerning the difference between man and the jackass: some observers hold that there isn't any. But this wrongs the jackass."

Gene Myers via e-mail

She's One Angry Artist

The article was subtitled "A world of flakes, hooligans and sharks" ("Indie Music," Cover Story, April 26). You forgot angry women who illogically hate all men because of an inappropriate act taken with them when they were younger. I'm not justifying the aforementioned violation, but to hate all men afterwards? It appears to be a requirement for women in indie music.

Let us look at Danielle LoPresti, for example. Molested as a young girl: check. Bitterness towards all men: check. Provocative dress in order to set up men for a vitriolic spewing of sexist bile: check. Talent: well,

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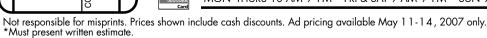
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Sir Alice (whom, according to Bernie Taupin, all the young girls love):
Every time I go into a large warehouse-like store, I see and hear birds flitting and twittering about among the rafters. They've never seemed too disturbed about it, so neither have I, until I encountered another little flock at Home Depot yesterday and actually put a little thought into it. Assuming the birds don't usually think to get out the way they came in through the loading docks, and assuming they have nothing to eat, they just eventually just die and plummet into the stacks of plastic lawn chairs and electric fireplaces. If this is happening at every Home Depot across the country, do they have some sort of company policy to catch or chase out the critters? I've never heard of anyone complaining to management about being crapped on either, but it must happen occasionally.

— Self-Appointed Voice of the Home Depot Sparrows

Usually, we human beans don't expect much out of birds. I mean, not much in the way of deep thinking or cool moves. Too bad, because they have more in their repertoires than flying around and pooping on your car. Luckily, the elves have a direct line to a Home Depot insider, who confirms that the stores are accidental aviaries. But there's no corporate goon squad with pellet guns picking them off the rafters. The birds fly in, they fly out, probably via the same route. Even if a bird bumbled into the riding-mower section and headed for a perch in the rafters, away from people, it could tell by light, air currents, and just the general ambience of the place where the exits were.

But suppose you're right. All warehouse stores are chock full of trapped and dying birds. Big problem? No way. The second most common form of warehouse wildlife after birds is cats. Feral cats in the rafters. Noticed by employees but not much by customers. Talk about being pooped on....

But, back to this bird-brain stuff. If you're truly the voice of the humble sparrow, then you'd better read up on some of their accomplishments. Specifically, this tale (true) from, um, New Zealand, as I recall. At a gas station there was a small indoor restaurant, and the door would open automatically when a customer broke a light beam. Birds quickly learned that there were plenty of good eats on the floor if they zipped in while the door was open. Eventually, when business was slow, I guess, the birds learned how to fly through the light beam and open the door themselves. One bird even figured out that if he sat on the light-beam post and stuck his head down in just the right spot in front of the fixture, the doors would open. Worked the same way from the inside out. So, don't underestimate the brain power of your average bird.

Hey, Matt:

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Why do Porsches have the ignition switch on the left-hand side?

— Nein E. Levin, the net

Because Porsches kicked butt on the sports-car circuit back in the day. Lots of stories float around about this seeming anomaly, but the Porsche folks claim it's a holdover from the annual 24-hour endurance race, in Le Mans, France, one of the premier events in Europe. It started in 1923 and still continues today, run on an eight-and-a-half-mile course that's part permanent oval, part city streets blocked off for the event. Until the 1970s, the race began in a unique way. Instead of the familiar Indy-type start, where cars take a lap before the flag's dropped, Le Mans entrants parked their cars at the edge of the track and gathered on the other side. The race began with all the drivers running across the track, hopping into their cars, starting them up, and roaring off. A so-called "Le Mans start."

The story goes that the ignition was on the left so the driver could simultaneously start the car with his left hand and shift into first gear with his right, somehow saving a few seconds. Why this was so important in an endurance race isn't really clear. The left-hand ignition was carried over into Porsche production cars as a reminder of Porsche supremacy at Le Mans. In a production car this might have some practicality, since the old manual throttles were in the center of the dashboard, right of the steering wheel, so on a cold day you could adjust the choke with one hand and crank the engine with the other.

Porsche wasn't the only car with this feature. The Pontiac LeMans/GTO had it, Land Cruisers, Land Rovers, Ford trucks, the old Olds. Mostly in the 1960s. By the way, production Porsches for England, Australia, and other right-hand-drive countries had the ignition to the right of the steering wheel. Go figure.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

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want to know about their hats." "Well, yeah," the male voice trails off, rolls down the hill and slides into a dark, smelly bog. Silence. Now comes a wheezingout breath, followed by, "There are plenty of

Dennis has called me on his give-away cell phone to announce that he is at the Kentucky Derby. Dennis is a realtor in Santee and, as far as I know, in his 47 years of life, has never attended a race at Del Mar or any other track. He does not follow horses in horse media, nor squander money from the cozy of his living room by way of credit card, telephone, or subscription to TVG.

But, Dennis has had a vision of attending the Kentucky Derby since before he could read. One does not want to know more, although I will say his desire has been percolating for so long, has been so constant, that his wife did not raise end-of-marriage issues when he announced this was going to be the year.

I ask, a little louder this time, "What do they look like? The hats."

Dennis is thinking. More thinking. "They're big. Big brims. A lot of the hats have big brims. Made out of straw, sort of, but a better thread count. And different colors."

This isn't working. "What's the queen wearing?"

"Queen?"

"The old woman surrounded by every kind of cop they make." Silence. "The Queen of Great Britain and Defender of the Faith. That queen.'

"Î didn't know she was here." Silence. "Why on earth is she at the derby?"

I groan. "You're right, forget her. Have you seen O.J.?"

"O.J. SIMPSON IS HERE!

Did you watch the Masters this year? I had it on as I went about the weekend, in and out of the living room, back and forth from my desk, where I was preparing to pay my yearly protection money to the federal government. I remember thinking, This is the worst I've seen Tiger play. He looked awful, at least when I was watching. Seemed like every time I looked in he was blowing putts, finding sand traps, burrowing into the rough. He finished Thursday and Saturday by scoring bogies on his last two holes and shot par on Sunday, the money day. From the little I saw, it was an ugly four days of golf.

He finished tied for second.

Woods is having another Woods year. He's played six tournaments and won three. He won the Wachovia Championship in Charlotte on Sunday at 13 under par, the lowest score in the event's five-year history. Good enough for \$1 million and change, good enough to make him number one in the FedEx Cup standings, number one in the World Golf Ranking, and the PGA Tour money leader. Not bad, considering he's played in 6 tournaments while his competitors have played 12, which, when you think about it, is a dead-on metaphor about where he stands in relation to the rest of golf world.

Someone else who lives in his own metaphor is Roger Clemens. The man has invented a new baseball season. It's called, June. July, August, and September. Clemens will get \$19 million for four months' work with the Yankees and will be allowed to go home to Houston on days he isn't pitching. The man is a minimalist. Show up, pitch, go home. No truck with media, teammates, fans, or owner. He'll wave the Yankee pennant from his couch.

I can't remember the first time I saw alcohol in a locker room. I know it was during the early '80s. It must have been at the Padres or the 49ers or the L.A. Raiders. But, I do remember what I thought: Now, this is more like it.

Time passes. Nowadays, company grog is rare, but rarer still (and unlamented by the public, I might add) is the end of free meals for the working press. Shocking, how well they used to feed us.

This is the long way around to St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Josh Hancock's stupid death (he ran into a parked tow truck). In terms of driving drunk, doing 68 mph in a 55 mph zone is not above average, although he made up for that by not wearing a seat belt, having twice the legal alcohol limit in his blood, possessing marijuana, and talking on his cell phone whilst ramming a big truck.

What you probably haven't read is that Hancock got drunk the old-fashioned way, at a local bar, Mike Shannon's Steaks and Seafood. He was offered a cab ride home and turned it

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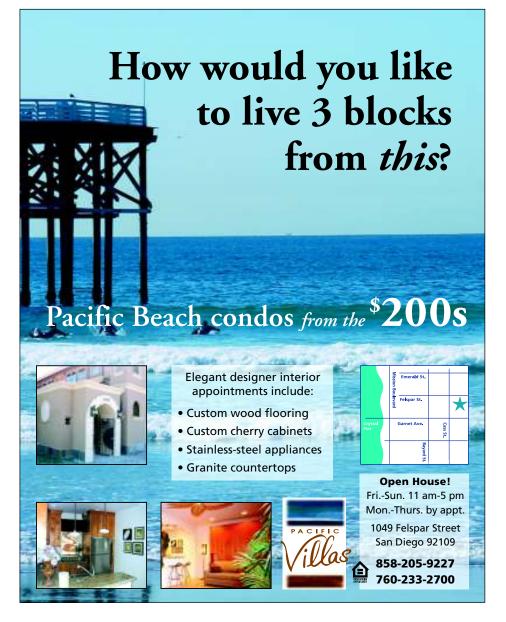


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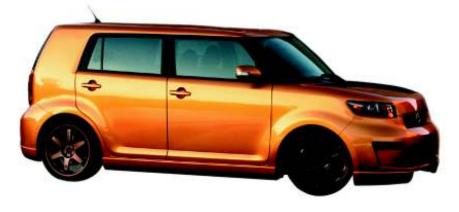


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Denomination: nondenominational Address: 7686-B Miramar Road, Miramar, no phone

Founded locally: 2003

Senior pastor: Josh Hotsenpiller

Congregation size: over 300

Staff size: 3 full-time, 6 part-time

Sunday school enrollment: none; 15 in chil-

Annual budget: about \$275,000

Weekly giving: about \$6500

Singles program: no

Dress: varies widely - jeans, shorts, skirts, button-downs

Diversity: mostly Caucasian Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

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"My brother doesn't go to church," said Pastor Josh Hotsenpiller before the service. "We came from this 'perfect Christian family'"

Dad was a Baptist pastor — "and my brother rejected the church. I wanted to start a church that my brother would come to." Something a little more inviting.

A gleaming, inverted silver trashcan served as the pulpit for Sunday's service at Existence. The gleam matched the one coming off the scarred steel cross hanging behind it. "Character under Construction" read the titles on the projector screens, the words artfully incorporated into a blueprint. The Killers played over the sound system before the service, but that gave way to the house band, which included a cello and a guitarist who could approximate Rick Springfield or the Replacements as the song required.

After the opening set, Teaching Pastor Shawn Kennedy gave the announcements, praising the recent

couples' hike and service trips to Mexico and elsewhere. He also invited inquiries about baptism. "We see baptism as an outward symbol of an inward commitment that you made to Christ. As we said last week, we'll dunk you in 20-degree water; it's going to be awesome." Then, in an offhanded bit of self-consciousness: "Okay, so that was a joke that bombed."

As he began his sermon, Hotsenpiller prayed "that anything the enemy may be doing to distract us...we pray that you would bind him, so that we can hear you and be ministered to today." Then he recounted a recent prayer of his own: "'Lord, I don't know what you want me to speak about. I'm tired, I'm frustrated — can you just tell me?' And God was, like, 'Your character stinks.' And I'm, like, 'Yeah, I know, but what do you want me to speak about?' [Laughter.] 'I want you to speak on character. 'Nah, let's not do that right now, because mine stinks." A few days of prayer later, Hotsenpiller had a nine-week series ready, based on the acronym CHARACTER —

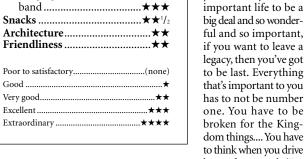
a device he found a trifle embarrassing, "but it just came out so good."

First up: C — caring for other people. But first, a general word about character and its shaping: "My prayer is that God will do some things in our life that are bigger and greater than we can do alone.... Sometimes...for us to be able to have character that looks like God, we've got to go in and...pull out all these things that make up who we are but didn't look like the Lord." He cited Ephesians: "Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desire.... Be made new in the attitude of your minds," and "put on a new self created to be like God in true righteousness and

Hotsenpiller took as his text Mark 9. Following the Transfiguration, Jesus didn't answer Peter's suggestion to "forget the whole world" and build shelters on the mountain. He rebuked the disciples (who failed to drive out the spirit possessing the boy) for their

faithlessness. He tried to teach the man struggling to believe. And he taught the disciples who argued about which of them were the greatest. "This was an entire day based on self. Everybody said, 'Let everything be about me.'" The parallels to God's actions in contemporary lives were easily noted.

"Most of us in this room are in our 20s. I get this call all the time: 'Oh, gosh, if my life doesn't work out just perfectly right now, my whole future is going to be messed up!' If you want your soimportant life to be a big deal and so wonderful and so important, if you want to leave a legacy, then you've got to be last. Everything that's important to you has to not be number one. You have to be broken for the Kingdom things.... You have to think when you drive home from work, 'Do



I really care at all?' The first step of character is all about rejecting you and picking up someone else."

Communion followed. "Today, Communion for us is all about a day that our Creator said, 'The world is not all about me.' If the Creator can die for sinners, then I can, too."

What happens when we die?

"We stand before the Lord," said Hotsenpiller, "and depending on our response to the Gospel, He either welcomes us into heaven and says, 'Right on,' or He says, 'Man, you know, we didn't connect. I made it clear to you, and the Gospel was clear to you, and you rejected it. So, you're going to spend eternity apart from me.' The Bible speaks of it as hell, which we kind of depict as this dark, dungeon-y, burning-fire place; but, really, what I think the Bible is alluding to is that it's separation from God forever, which is worse than that, probably."

— Matthew Lickona

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Everybody in our little coffee klatch knew that Suzy was going to leave her husband. It had been coming for years. So maybe that's why, on the day she finally broke the news, the conversation centered more around Lissa's claim that feng shui had changed her life for the better. Marital frustrations we all

understood, but feng shui? Really? Best friend Bernice started bringing up snake oil and mystic hokum. I promised to call an expert and report back.

Cathleen McCandless (www. sandiegofengshui.com) is an author, teacher, and feng shui expert with 17 years

of experience in the field. We started with the basics. "The core of feng shui," she said, "is the study of the environment and how it affects people. It's like environmental psychology. It's not a superstition, and it's not a religion. When people say, 'I don't believe in feng shui,' I want to laugh, because it's not a choice. You either feel good in your environment or you don't. The primary goal of true feng shui is to create a space that feels as good as it looks — to please not

just the eye, but all the senses, and at a really core level. There's a misconception that you need all these gadgets — talismans, Chinese symbols — to make your life improve. That's just ridiculous."

What you need, said McCandless, is a little understanding of human history. "We went from an agrarian society to an industrial society within the past 100 years. If you look at postwar architecture, you can see they kind of threw the baby out with the bathwater. They just built boxes and stuck people in them. Then, in the early '60s, you had these weird situations occurring, people experiencing fatigue and having different physical and emotional responses. People attribute much of that to environment. Now, there's this swing back to, 'What is it that makes a human being comfortable in their

"For instance, when offered a booth or a table at a restaurant, most people take a booth. This is because human beings are always scoping their environment for safety; we do it intuitively. There's an unspoken,

egalitarian situation: in a booth, everybody has their back protected. And when you're protected, you feel safe, and you relax."

When it comes to applying feng shui to a house, McCandless starts by focusing on design elements. "A

client will say to me, 'I've decorated; I've spent money, but it doesn't feel right." Feng shui allows you to go into a space and change elements. Yesterday, I went into a house, and the person had no greenery, no plants of any kind. Scientific studies prove that people are soothed by images of nature. Why do we bring flowers to sick people? It's healing for them. We lived outdoors for much longer than we've lived indoors, and our experience in a manmade, artificial environment needs to have elements of nature in it. One of the reasons the generic, Dilbert-style office doesn't feel good is that they've stripped the environment of every-

"The primary goal of true feng shui is to create a space that feels as good as it looks."

thing that could feel good to a human."

People don't like sharp, pointy things pointed at them, either. That's why, said McCandless, "Being pointed at is rude in every culture in the world. Remember how Sleeping Beauty's castle was surrounded by all those thorns? It's to keep people away. It's good to avoid architecture, furniture, plants, and even artwork that has a lot of sharp angles." Hard, shiny surfaces can also be unwelcoming. "Some people incorporate a lot of them into their homes: travertine or tile floors, leather couches, glass tables. The room isn't warm or cozy. I might suggest something to balance the room, something with texture, like

On a more general level, she said, "Feng shui uses five elements" — wood, fire, earth, metal, and water. "They're the same five elements used in Chinese medicine. Each element corresponds to a color, a shape, and an attribute. When the elements are balanced — through color, shape, or material — then the room feels

better. You need to take in tex-

tures, particular shapes, and actual materials such as wood or metal in order to balance things. The house I did vesterday had a lot of heavy wood — flooring and furniture. The home felt dark and heavy. In feng shui, metal cuts wood, the way a saw would literally cut a piece of wood. The attributes of metal are white,

silver, or gold. So for a house with a heavy wood element, we bring in those metal colors: cream or white. I try not to have my clients spend a lot of money, so I suggested just taking the brown pillows off the couch and putting on some cream pillows."

A more expensive but elemental furniture fix: the dining room table. "If people are considering buying one, and if their dining room can accommodate it, I suggest a round table. When people are at a long, rectangular table — say, at Thanksgiving — what happens is that you end up with party one and party two. The people who are on the same side of the table have no eye contact with each other, and people at one end can't talk to people at the other end. Plus, there's a hierarchy—the 'head of the table' thing.

But at a round table, everybody can see each other and talk to each other, and there is no hierarchy. I tell families with children, 'If you want your kids to talk to you and each other at the end of the day around a meal, put everyone at a round table. The family will relax and open up.' And my clients tell me it really works.

And as feng shui has permeated the culture, said McCandless, her work has moved outside the home to projects as large as masterplanned communities — "the way the streets are laid out. I've done dental offices, mom-andpop stores, Fortune 500 companies — all with an eye toward creating an environment that

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by Barbarella

Guardian Angel

If Uncle Gerry can help you in any way, you know the number

— Uncle Gerry

think it's stupid to assign so much significance to last words, those final utterances of a dying man. As if his impending death adds an unprecedented depth to his sentiments. Stupid. And, yet, after I spoke into the phone — "Uncle Gerry? It's me. It's Barb" — and pressed the receiver so hard against my ear it hurt, my entire body ached with the need to

Uncle Gerry had
the man up against
the wall by the
throat and
shoulder when the
guy choked out the
words, "I'm a
cop!"

ached with the need to hear one word, any word. I heard his voice as he half-gasped, half-moaned — "Aaaaaahhh." He made this sound twice. I almost said "I love you," but there wasn't time. Marcia was back on the phone. "I'll be up all night if you want to call later," she said.

I removed the phone from my ear and glared at it as if it were somehow responsible for the sounds I'd just heard. I slid from

my chair, onto my knees, and crawled from my desk to the drawers on the other side of the room. Silent, determined, I opened and searched the drawers, one by one, irritated by the steady stream of tears that blurred my vision. I finally found it between two folders, the 3- by 5-inch index card yellowed along the edges, creased down the middle from where it had once been folded. I held it in my hands, away from my face to protect it from getting wet, and began to read the handwritten words. Halfway through, when I reached the part that read, "I thought no one would ever cry over me," I made a tortured noise, not unlike the one I'd heard on the phone, and surrendered my body to convulsions, wails, and whimpers.

Uncle Gerry died in his sleep, eight hours after I tried to speak with him. For the rest of the day, I sat in my reading chair, my legs pulled in tight, my arms wrapped around my shoulders, rocking back and forth. My emotions vacillated between despair and puzzlement. When I wasn't sobbing, I wondered why I was taking it so hard — I never even met him in person.

My dad's cousin Gerry was drafted and sent off to Vietnam when he was still a teenager. While there, he was exposed to Agent Orange, an herbicide that was used to disintegrate the jungle — a toxic chemical substance that was later proven to cause a barrage of maladies in anyone unfortunate enough to have come into contact with it. People said it was the war that made him crazy. Could be. But I think it had more to do with what happened after he got back. Not the day he found his grandmother dead in the bathtub of her Brooklyn apartment and, with my grandfather's help, brought her body to the morgue. No, not that day; I am told he handled the situation like a man who'd grown used to carrying the dead. That was nothing compared to the bombshell dropped at the funeral. Gerry's dad, the man who was supposed to have died in the Korean War, which was the lie told to

Gerry to spare him the truth — that he and his mother had been abandoned — materialized to pay his respects.

All of this happened before I was born. During my formative years, Uncle Gerry was just a guy who called once a week to talk to my dad or to check on my mother when my dad was temporarily stationed in some other Navy town. I was in high school the first time he called to speak with me. It was a few days after I'd hinted to my mom that something had happened to me, something involving a boy I knew, and, no, it wasn't "rape," I told her, "not really." She was hysterical for details, and I made her promise not to tell my father. She was quick to agree, probably because Dad had a lot on the line, a military job and a family to take care of, all of which would be lost if he did something stupid. Helpless and angry, Mom told Uncle Gerry, the family's protector-from-afar who had regularly insisted that should anything happen to her or any of her girls, she go to him instead of the police.

I didn't know why he was calling for me. We chatted about life, about school and stuff. Uncle Gerry was funny, he appreciated my irreverence, and that first day, we spoke for almost an hour. An underlying hint of a smile was evident in his tone and his laugh, a surprising gravelly giggle in contrast to his sonorous voice,



was infectious. At the end of the conversation, his motives became clear. "Give me a name, Barb." I pretended not to know what he was talking about. "Come on, honey. I don't even need a full name. Just a first name, a nickname even. Where he hangs out. That will do." I pleaded ignorance and ended the phone call.

A few days later, Uncle Gerry called again. This time, he chatted with Mom for a few minutes before asking for me. Again, we spoke at length about life in general, mostly about how lucky I was to have my dad for a father — Dad represented everything Uncle Gerry had ever wanted to be. "Listen, honey," Uncle Gerry coaxed me, "I'm not looking to whack the kid, just to smack him, you know, send him to a hospital for a few weeks. He won't even know what hit him. Come on, now. Give me his name."

I never did.

The knowledge that I could, with a word, punish someone who had wronged me gave me a sense of empowerment. After a year, Uncle Gerry stopped asking me for a name. Instead, at the end of each of our talks, he'd say, "Anyone giving you a hard time? Hmm? You tell Uncle Gerry if anybody

fucks with you, and I'll take care of it."

Uncle Gerry was a

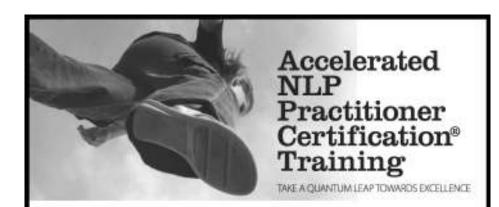
tough guy. He was known

in New York as "Do Daly," the bouncer at many clubs, the guy who did the dirty work to collect money owed to the Hells Angels. He was big, over six feet tall and muscle thick. He had his mother's liquid- blue eyes and jet-black hair, which he wore to his shoulders. He was a champion of women in a misogynistmeets-Don Quixote way. Uncle Gerry didn't think before he punched, especially if a woman's honor was at stake. Nearly every one of his arrest stories begins with, "This guy was harassing a lady in a bar." He had broken every bone in his hands countless times beating men unconscious. Once he was arrested for assaulting a police officer in a bar. Uncle Gerry had the man up against the wall by the throat and shoulder when the guy choked out the words, "I'm a cop!" My uncle's defense to the judge was, "Your honor, this man was being very rude to the young lady." When the judge asked Uncle Gerry what he should do with him, Uncle Gerry responded, "Your honor, I believe a severe verbal reprimand is in order." And that's all he got. Uncle Gerry was also a charmer.

Since that first phone call over a decade ago, my Uncle Gerry and I spoke regularly. We sent each other cards, pictures; sometimes he'd send me money. He told me how wonderful my father was, had always been. He confessed to me his fear that he would not be forgiven for his sins, to which I'd say, "I don't believe in Hell." At some point during every conversation, he would tell me how much he loved me. How much fun he had talking to me.

In recent years, Uncle Gerry's tiny Latina wife, Marcia, nursed her giant husband as his body deteriorated like the foliage in that jungle 40 years ago. When she spoke with my father a few hours after Uncle Gerry was no more, Marcia said, "Who will protect me now?" As if she hadn't realized he'd become an invalid.

Uncle Gerry was my glass box to break in case of emergency. Just knowing he existed made me feel safe. The offer stood — if I wanted someone, anyone, out of my life, all I had to do was make one phone call, no questions asked. I like to think that, in a fatherly way, Uncle Gerry was proud of me for never having taken him up on it. ■



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The Secret World of the Nose

Andrea Kane is new to San Diego: the Navy has stationed her husband here, and they've landed in Imperial Beach. While he serves, she's become an aromatherapist and a perfumer. Locally, she's already making a name for herself by creating and marketing organic creams, lotions, and blends, pomades and balms. Kane and I are sitting side by side on a black vinyl couch in a coffee shop in Imperial Beach. I've found her because I need an expert to guide me into the world of olfaction, the odoriferous, the redolent, the aromatic. Kane is 34, wears a denim skirt, a silver-flecked black cotton shirt layered over a white T-shirt, and a fragrance. Whoa, what's that? I blurt, getting some creamy, warm waft from her hair. That hair is short braids, like sticks of cinnamon, that dangle on her forehead and flop when her raucous laugh jars them. "That," she giggles, "is me. That's my blend." She won't say what it's made of, only that she's working on it. "It's just a fragrance; it has no therapeutic benefits." Except, I think, to attract my notice of it as an enticing smell. I also detected, entering the café, a whiff of patchouli oil, an odor that, for me, signals strange. Kane says, yes, that's her too, a scent so strong that it tarries in the air several minutes after the person has passed.

In her mixes, Kane uses essential oils, distinctive volatile compounds produced by plants. A volatile compound carries a scent — the plant's essence into the air. She says that "each aroma sets off a different physiological effect in the person who wears it or the person who smells it. For example, I have a new collection; it's all heart scents — floral, rose, tuberose. When I put it on, I feel the effect — calm, relaxed." New research on essential oils, she says, is showing that certain ones can reduce blood pressure and others can increase it.

Kane got into aromatherapy when her mother, a cancer patient, refused chemotherapy and relied on aromas to help endure the pain. "She lived with me the last month of her life and took no drugs at all. Instead, she took a mixture of cedarwood, frankincense, and sandalwood. I would rub it on her head, and she would inhale it." An essen-

tial oil applied on your body goes into your bloodstream, and you'll continue to inhale it, as will others. "She was in a tremendous amount of pain — maybe the smell helped balance her and she moved to a different zone. The doctors were amazed." On difficult days, Kane makes "an aroma vessel," a



Andrea Kane

necklace sachet that helps defuse her stress.

Personal fragrances emanate only around one's personal space. Public smells are something else. Their origins are legion — from dump to church altar to ozone lingering after rain. I ask Kane, who's lived all over the world, what smells she remembers from other places. New York City, she says, is acrid from trash, urine, and feces, yet redolent of pasta, garlic, and Indian food. Hawaii wafts floral scents on warm, soft breezes. Some streets in Florence, Italy, smell of coffee, cigarettes, and Roberto Cavalli perfume. The Moulin Rouge in Paris

is pungent with greasy food and sweaty body odors, a sensuous combination. Miami holds a spicy memory while San Francisco reeks of unwashed street people. The stink of the Big Apple was, at first, repulsive. But, Kane says, the nose adapts, and soon it's not too bad.

So what about Imperial Beach,

I ask. What's its smell?

She smiles her way through some serious nasal pondering. Finally, she says, "Gray."

Gray?

"Gray and a bit grimy."

You realize, I say, that gray and grimy are not exactly smells. Grimy may contain the oily scent of

mechanics working on cars in a closed garage. But gray, hey, that's not a smell.

"I know," she counters. "But that's it. Gray and a little grimy."

No sea? No salt? No seaweed? No fish?

"Nope. None of that. There's no other scent here. No floral. I don't smell trees. There are no trees. There's no homeless people. No outside smell. It just smells gray."

Later, walking down Seacoast Drive, I get a rush of spice from the aptly named Aroma Thai. But that smell isn't local; its pungency could be anywhere on the commercial planet. I don't expect all of San Diego to have a particular scent. But then I didn't expect Imperial Beach to be missing an odor either. What's a missing scent smell like? I walk farther down the boulevard, then sense Kane is right. It does smell gray, sort of flat, a bit winter woolen, damped down, maybe. I smell very little beach in this beach town.



Don Robinson

On days when onshore breezes are strong, salt and seaweed smells remind us of how close to the ocean we are. But wind and proximity are everything. Most

days, the cliffs near La Jolla Cove *stink* of cormorant and pelican poop, just as the Pine Hill Egg Ranch, east of Ramona, nauseates with the stench of bulldozer-mounded chicken manure. Odor's trinity is source, concentration, and dispersal, with the ripest smells coming from decaying organic matter. To get close to hometown olfaction, I need to hunt up the smells, their sources, and the noses who know them.

Our noses recognize and recall 10,000 different odors. Two scientists, Richard Axel and Linda Buck, who were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2004, have studied this encyclopedic acumen of the olfactory system. The nose, they found, is regulated by nearly 1000 different genes (about 3 percent of our total); what's more, smell may be the most heavily coded of the five senses. The nose's genetic abundance is, most scientists believe, a holdover from our animal past. Back when, our noses to the ground, we relied on smell for survival. Once we got off all fours, we traded smell and taste for sight and hearing. Sight and hearing are now primary to our beings. Our arts are visual and auditory, not olfactory and gustatory. Smell, as Helen Keller said, is the fallen angel.

How does our olfactory system work? First, there must be a source, say, an apple pie baking. The pie emits volatile scent molecules. We pick them up via receptors in our noses. About 50 million receptors crowd onto 2.5 square centimeters of the mucuscoated olfactory epithelium in each nostril. (Animal abilities to smell are



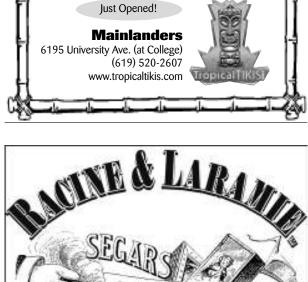


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astounding: the dog's olfactory epithelium, for instance, is 40 times larger than ours.) From the epithelium, electric signals travel to the olfactory bulb, which, like a relay station, disperses the signals to different brain regions. One region is the limbic system, the Grand Central Station of emotion and motivation, where emotions attach to smells. Say you smelled apple pie baking at your grandmother's when you were three. Today when you smell an apple pie baking, you might be transported to her kitchen. You may even associate the smell with your grandmother herself, a childhood memory of security and love, spiced by a single odor.

The science of smell is far more developed than the language we use to describe smells. Consider how many words there are for crayon colors but how difficult it is to name odors. Smell shelves a meager stock of nouns: odor, scent, aroma, fragrance, perfume, bouquet, stench, stink, fetor; and a few general adjectives: redolent, pungent, acrid, aromatic, perfumed, cloying, stinking, musty, frowzy, fruity, rancid, putrid, rank, foul, reeking, sweet, noisome. Since we have few precise descriptors for all 10,000 smells, we often identify them by origin. Hence, on a golf course we say, that's the smell of newmown grass, or at an Arco station, that's the smell of gasoline. My elderly neighbor was a smoker and a widower who cooked for himself. Entering his home, I was repulsed by the smell - fried chicken and cigarettes. No precise word for that caustic mix exists. Yet when I state the combination and you imagine a closed-up house, holding grease and Marlboros for years, everyone knows it's a stench.

Moreover, language gets closer to meaning via connotation. In our smell words, we note how some of them buddy up to taste—fruity, rancid, sweet. Also, a metaphor can be animated by smell, *I smell a rat*, as can other figures

of speech, such as *He stank* to high heaven. Or how about Juliet's calling Romeo's name from the balcony: What's in a name? That which we call a rose/ By any other name would smell as sweet. Language's adaptability to the figurative

shows that the olfactory glossary is not impoverished.

One of the most powerful aromas comes from freshly ground coffee. Almost nothing negative arises with this smell. I think of a brew as

early independence, when at college I discovered a coffeehouse with live folk music and poetry readings and I felt centered, free, myself. Lots of workers get a sharpened focus from their midafternoon java: Hey, this job's not so bad after all. There's the solitude and unhurriedness that a good book and a cup of coffee bring. We don't linger with food in our culture — we stuff it in — but we like to sip and nurse, smell our coffee mugs.

On the coffee farms of

the world's temperate climates, the coffee bean is picked as a red berry, whose skin, after drying, falls away and exposes a green bean. Before they're bought, these beans go through a smelling-and-tasting process called "cupping." To learn

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how the nose is used in cupping and roasting coffee, I look up a buyer and a roaster at Caffé Calabria in North Park. Michelle Greisgraber is typical of most smell employees: she had no talent per se with nose or tongue (the two are linked in coffee sampling) that led her to this profession; rather, her skill was acquired through a demanding schedule two years as a coffee sampler who taste- and smelltested eight hours a day.

Greisgraber, wide-eyed from daily cupping, is an attractive young woman who likes to pull, twist, and drape her long straight hair over her right shoulder. Before she buys any coffee, she tests, or cups, a sample: she's looking for defects that the green bean may have contracted between the time it was harvested and the time it arrived in the café. For example, she says "hidy" coffee has picked up "condensation in the bag and tastes like a sweaty, dirty horse." Coffee can



Jesse Fox

start fermenting. Or it can become "baggy," tasting of the burlap bag it was shipped in.

Before we cup, Greisgraber takes a palmful of Sumatran and Colombian green beans, which have no smell (when it's picked, coffee smells like "sweet grass," she says); she roasts them in a small rotating barrel over a gas fire for eight minutes. At twominute intervals, she describes the change from endothermic (taking on the heat, the first half of the roast) to exothermic (giving off the heat, the second half). During the first two-minute phase, the beans lose their moisture, brighten up, and smell like burning grass; in the second phase, they continue losing water and take on a "muffin" smell, which she calls "a bit irritating"; in the third phase, the beans crack, stretch, brown, and exude what Greisgraber calls "coffee's sweet odor"; in the fourth phase, the well-roasted, embrowned beans

start to smoke, put out heat, and reach "that full coffee smell."

Greisgraber cups up to four times a day with four cups on the table each time, testing for taste, smell, consistency. The roasting done, she grinds the beans, spoons the grounds into shot glasses, covers them with 200-degree water, and lets them steep until they form a crust. The aroma is

exotic. "Before the ground coffee is wet, it has a fragrance. Once it's wet, it has an aroma, and you can actually smell it off the steam." Sure enough, the wet coffee grounds smell richer than the ground coffee. To release the aroma, Greisgraber plunges a spoon through the crust and breathes in. It smells, she says, "sweet, chocolaty, fullbodied" — all hallmarks of a good cup of joe. She smells the other glasses, checking for consistency. Next she scoops up a sample and slurps it "aggressively" into her mouth. She washes the coffee across her tongue — "swish it around and chew it a little bit"—and holds it several seconds before spitting it

I do as she does. The smell is sweet and chocolaty; the grains run over my tongue, tasting bitter (I'm a cream-and-sugar man), though caramelized effect, the sugary bite of a just-roasted bean, is potent. The best part is the lingering; it sticks in my mouth that day and well into the wide-awake, work-filled evening. What does she like about our brew?"Low acidity, smooth body, long-lingering after-

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taste that's sweet; it's a well-balanced and a well-roasted coffee." (A bad bean would produce coffee with no character. It would be "hollow," or absent of flavor. Worst would be to brew

just roasted a decaf blend. The tray's mechanical cooling arms stir the freshroasted coffee beans. Fox grabs a few, cracks one under his nose, and inhales. I crack a bean too, and we

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tainted coffee, although you'd smell its bagginess or hidiness in the roasting or grinding stages.)

Jesse Fox has been the master roaster at Caffé Calabria for nearly four years. Fox is dressed in black, wears rectangle glasses (2000's style), and sports sideburns that look like combs. One arm is covered with multicolored tattoos. He's quite animated, but not in a coffee-wired way. Rather, he's skin-wired, it seems, from plunging his hands into plastic-lined garbage cans full of roasted beans and cupping handfuls to his nose. "For the olfactory," he tells me, "I'd say the Colombian is our most aromatic coffee. As soon as the lid comes off, you can smell it. Coffee tends to get a little brighter three, four days after it's roasted."

Fox says that roasting breaks down "the surface tension on the bean. The oils come out, and the aroma comes out even more." We stand beside one of two giant batch dryers, or barrels, that turn and roast the coffee at an even 500 degrees. As in the sample roasting process, the beans change color from green to yellow to tan to darker tones (mahogany, chestnut) and, about two-thirds through the 16-minute roast, begin to pop. When the 20-pound lot is done, Fox tilts the barrel up and releases the beans — a long sliding cheeeee — into a cooling tray. This afternoon, he's nod at each other: a nice aroma. It's not, of course, as potent as the odor from a freshly ground bean.

"At the end of the roast, those lipids and starches

eventually turn into sugars, what we're trying to caramelize in the end. It produces that uniquely homogenized coffee smell." A coffee roasted about 12 minutes, an Italian roast, turns dark and oily; roasted to 15 minutes, it's a French roast, when the caramelized parts burn a bit and the bean is smoky flavored. Fox says that Starbucks is known for its "burnt taste," what he calls a "charred coffee. It has a smoky aroma, a smoky taste; there's no flavor, no varietal characteristic." He says that Starbucks and Peet's (known for its "syrupy" coffee that's twicebrewed) rush the process with their automated roasting systems. "If you force it, you end up not developing the coffee on the inside, on the molecular level. It's









like putting a steak on a grill that's 500 degrees; you'll sear it on the outside, while the inside is still red."

Fox calls what he does

Fox calls what he does at Calabria "an Old World



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operation. We use sight, smell, and sound as we go." During roasting, he pulls out a "tryer" from the barrel, a long sampling arm in which he can see and smell the beans' evolving constitution.

I have always thought of coffee as bitter; to roasters, it's sweet. Fox says the sweet is "not like milk chocolate but baker's cocoa, the unsweetened sort." The taste-aroma comes from the variety's locale, one that combines temperature and altitude: hot and moist Sumatra or the drier regions of Africa that produce lemony-tasting and puckery-smelling coffee. Fox hopes that the Calabria cup of joe possesses "flavor over robustness," which the many local restaurants that feature their blends also want. "We're going for that full city roast: more flavor, more body, more caffeine."

One recent afternoon I meet up with spice chef Don Robinson of Pacific Beach's San Diego Coffee, Tea and



Michelle Greisgraber

Spice Company. He lays out a dozen spice packs for us to smell. At 54, Robinson has a face from a Jimmy Cagney movie — a boxer's

face, a tad pressed-in, a tad roughed-up but angelically so. His nose, at least outwardly, seems worn from years of inhalation. He wants me to try his blend, Desert Blackberry Rub. Its main ingredient, roasted garlic, is blended with sea salt, basil, oregano, lemon oil, citric acid, hot chili powder from New Mexico, and blackberry extract. Robinson opens the Ziploc plastic bag, the size of a shirt pocket, then plunges his nose in and whiffs with fervor. He calls the blend "kind of tart, a mellow, garlicky flavor with herbs in the background. I'd sprinkle this on salmon or pork, and the flavor will permeate the fish as you cook it for an hour or so."

Robinson's Kona Supreme has coffee, rosemary, cocoa, orange, onion, minced garlic, and canola oil to blend the flavors. "It's got a great taste, and the smell"—he cracks the pack open and inhales deeply— "is a rosemary murky flavor with coffee and orange in the background." How did he create this blend? He walked into a restaurant in Seattle (a wolf in another wolf's lair), caught a whiff of a coffee seasoning, and started imagining his new concoction. "I've been thinking - wondering — about it for six

months. I wanted to make a coffee-flavored seasoning, not to put in coffee, but for salmon or chicken. It's not really the taste of coffee; that sits off to the side. The coffee flavor helps accentuate the other spices. I know what the spices and flavors do when they integrate with each other." The different flavors, he says, taken together "create a new experience, as they tantalize different parts of your tongue."

In Robinson's blending room, he shows me his work space with a wave of his hand. I see boxes of spices stacked to the ceiling (the staples: granulated garlic, black pepper, seven kinds of paprika) and a table whose wood surface is lined with knife cuts. He says sales to restaurants and companies like food-distribution giant Sysco are booming; he hustles to keep up with orders, giving cooks "an edge. They're always looking for something different." He does three different barbecue sauces with



"different notes" of celery, paprika, brown sugar, and salt. Sauces and blends should sit for 24 hours before they're used; then they can sit for two to three years, holding their flavor.

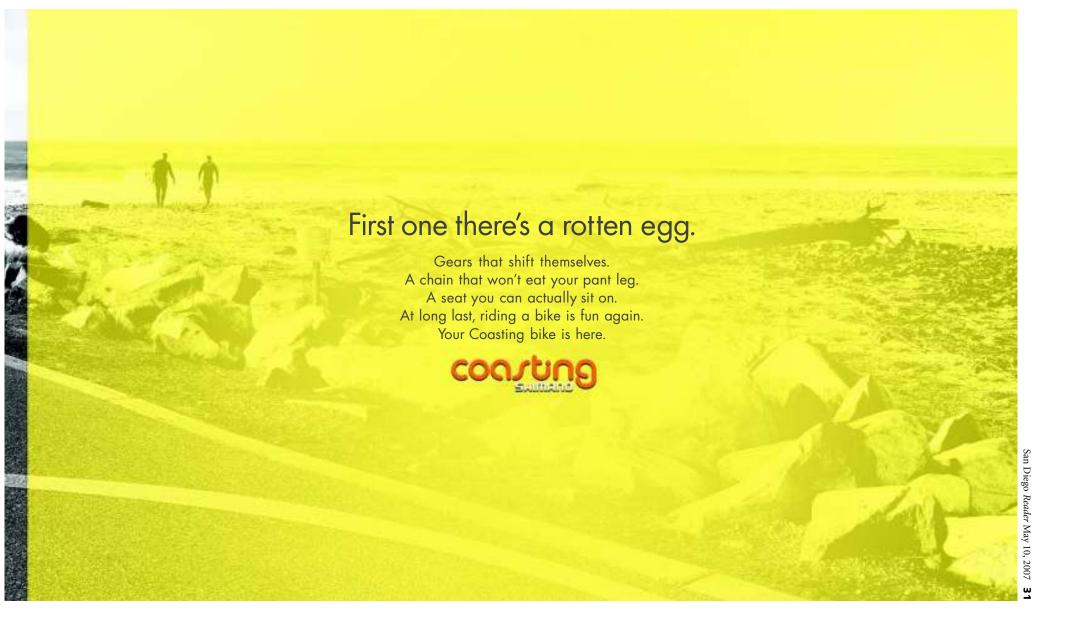
In the storeroom, Robinson unveils alphabetized boxes of "product," spices and blends, all with the San Diego Coffee, Tea and Spice logo, in 6pound, 24-ounce, or 6ounce plastic jars, each sealed shut. Robinson delightedly rips open one seal after another — "How's this?" I sniff. "Isn't that nice," a statement more than a question. Anise; arrowroot; California bay leaf (6 ounces for \$45, bought from Northern California; the drying process holds in volatile oils, and the leaves smell like a forest); granulated roasted garlic; Robinson's Italian Herb Blend (basil, thyme, savory, rosemary); lemon peel powder; and so on, over 50 spices and blends.

Robinson thinks in smell and taste. Cooking









and blending for 30 years, he's had lots of practice. He imagines coffee and rosemary and garlic, their smells and tastes, the way a painter imagines colors and hues or a writer stories and words. It's best to think in terms of smell and taste, he says, for they're bound together. Our taste buds detect only sweet, sour, salty, bitter, or umami, the so-called savory effect. When a substance is in the mouth. its odor travels to the nose via the nasopharynx, a connecting passageway at the back of the throat. Once the brain processes the taste and smell, a flavor profile is created. This profile is what characterizes food before, during, and after it's eaten.

Although the ingredients are listed on his blend packs, Robinson guards the formulas. Chefs at the Poseidon and Donovan's, to whom he sells in bulk, have told him that his Kona

Dave Van Ommering

Supreme is "incredibly good," especially on T-bone steaks. He says he can smell any spice blend, go to his

kitchen, and reproduce it. "I can come real close." He's got a Mediterranean sea salt that, he says, he copied from a smell he detected at Point Loma Seafoods.

Robinson opens a packet of bay leaves that he cured and cracks a leaf between us. Later, he crushes some Mexican oregano (the Mexican variety goes on

tacos; the Greek, on pizza) and spreads it liberally across his palm. He cups his hand and inhales the grass-green patch. Then he rubs it between his hands to release the aroma into the air. When I leave, we shake hands, and I smell that oregano and a hint of bay leaf for hours.

Where there's manure, there's stench. No one knows this better than brothers Dave and Rob, who run the Van Ommering Dairy, a 500-cow farm they inherited from their Dutch immigrant parents. But when I ask Dave, a lanky, convivial man who rushes about on his four-by-four, how he stands the noxious scent of fresh dung, which already has my nostrils flaring, he laughs and says, "What smell?" It used to be that dairy farmers who kept cows in corrals would shovel out the poop for compost or spread it on fields; or,







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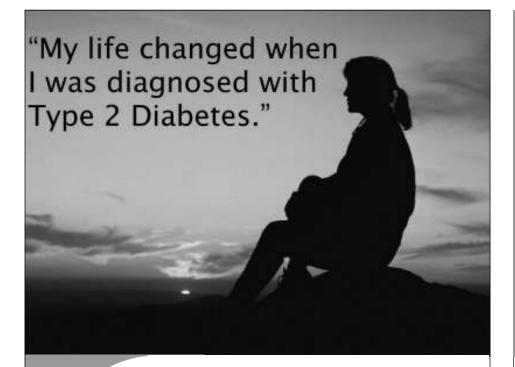


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when cows fed on grass, their hooves would work the manure into the ground, fertilizing the pasture. But all that's changed — at least at the Van Ommerings'. The poop from their Holsteins is vacuumed up three times a day and fed into a manure digester. The digester produces methane gas, which is burned to supply the farm's electricity and heat, cutting their SDG&E bill in half.

The whole production is shown to me one recent bright morning, when glare and heat and the smell are particularly nagging. Usually, Dave says, there's a nice breeze coasting through El Monte Valley, dispersing or transporting the stink. Their Lakeside farm is a terraced assemblage of homes (where Dave's and Rob's families live), ponds, pens, stalls, a milking barn, outbuildings for feed and

machinery, and new dwelling units where, after a day spent eating and being milked, the cows sleep 12 to 14 hours under misters and fans while lying comfortably on mounded waterbeds. On the top terrace sits the digester, a 30,000-gallon, 14-foot-deep concrete tank into which fresh manure is constantly cycled. The tank is covered by a canvas sail that billows up from the pressure of the

Dave details the digester's process. Methane, an odorless gas, is a by-product of decaying organic matter. "Cow manure," he says, "has a higher potential for methane than, say, leaves or grass." As microbes digest organic matter, they produce methane and carbon dioxide. Both Dave and Rob say that they are used to the smell: they've adapted to it just as people in Los Angeles have adapted to pollution or the guy who works with chlorine all day seldom detects it.

Dave likens raw manure

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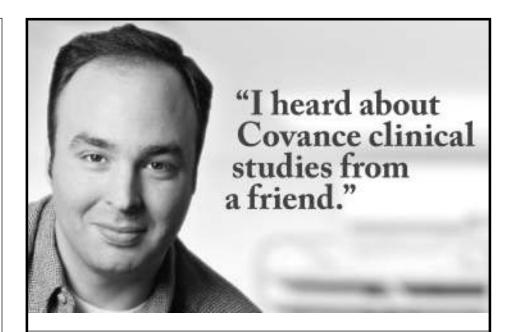
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TO QUALIFY:

- You must be at least 18 years old
- You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder
- You must be experiencing symptoms of depression

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AT NO COST:

- Monitoring of biopolar and depressive symptoms
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to "pudding." He says it's filtered of clumps and made very "liquidy." Over four days, the manure slowly crosses the digester's length and, as it goes, the gas "is sucked off." At the end, the remaining dark green slop dribbles over a weir, or dam, and collects in a third tank before it goes through a separator — solids go one way, liquids another. The fluids are placed in a holding lagoon, where they're later used to irrigate the farm's fields of Sudan grass. The solids are dry, like a fluffy peat, with a barely discernible loamy scent —



the organic compounds in dirt, that lusty smell of earth, are gone. The peat is bought by farmers and gardeners.

In the morning, the cows walk through a pen and onto a wide, grooved sidewalk; there, each pushes

the fiber-rich almond hulls are pithy; the protein-rich cottonseed is woolly. The cow's large nostrils detect, while their sticky tongues pull out, the sweetest parts of the feed. As they eat, they poop. Eat, poop, rest —

ONE STUDY SAYS THAT CINNAMON AND PEPPERMINT SMELLS IN CARS LESSEN ROAD RAGE.

her head through a stanchion to get to the feed. Dairy cows eat a high-protein, high-fiber, high-fat diet, "better than what humans" consume, Dave says. The diet increases the amount of milk the Van Ommering cows produce, some 3750 gallons every day. Feed odors are distinct: the corn smells like dry cardboard; the alfalfa hay is ambrosial; the mix of barley and mill run is sweet;

they are great efficient digesting and milk-producing machines.

Later, I ride the tractor with Garrett, Rob's teenage son. The tractor pulls a vacuum trailer that just fits the sidewalk, where the cows' feces have piled. On the trailer's undercarriage is a set of "wings" that scrape the manure and guide it to the vacuum. Needless to say, any stirring up of the waste makes the air reek.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you or someone you know suffer from forgetfulness?

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If you have hypertension, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study. This study is testing the effectiveness of an investigational drug in patients with high blood pressure and a thickened heart wall.

We are looking for 18-80-year-old volunteers who have high blood pressure to participate in this research study. Qualified participants will be asked to make up to 19 morning clinic visits over a 14-month time period. All study-related medical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication are provided to qualified patients at no cost.

For more information, please contact: 619-229-3909



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Insomnia Research Study

Affiliated Research Institute is currently accepting participants, 18 years of age and older, for an insomnia research study involving an investigational medication for insomnia

Did you know...

- Primary insomnia occurs in up to 10% of adults and 25% of elderly adults.
- Insomnia causes significant impairment in work, social, and daily functions.

We are looking for patients who:

- Have difficulty maintaining sleep Have difficulty falling back asleep once awakened
- Are 18 years of age and older
 Feel non-refreshed after sleep and tired during the day

Qualified participants will receive study-related physical exams, laboratory tests and investigational medication at no charge. Qualified participants will also receive compensation for time and travel.

To learn more about this research study or to schedule an appointment with our staff, call us today:

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Depression Study

If you are one of the 15 million adults affected by depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research trial of a new depression medication now being studied.

You may be eligible for the study if:

- You are between the ages of 18 and 70
- You are experiencing symptoms of depression

All qualified participants will receive study-related care and study medication for up to 8 weeks at no cost.

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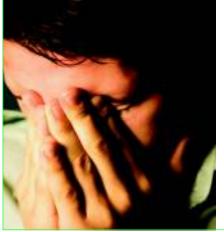
Bipolar?

Affiliated Research Institute is currently looking for men and women diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and unhappy with their current medications due to unpleasant side effects and/or weight gain. Patients suffering from bipolar disorder must be currently experiencing a major depressive episode and be willing to change their current medications. All necessary office visits, medical evaluations and study medication will be provided at no cost to qualified patients.

For more information about this study, please contact:

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Anxiety Study

Signs and Symptoms:

- Experiencing persistent worry?Having difficulty sleeping?
- Feeling restless, irritable, or tense? · Having difficulty concentrating?

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, you may be suffering from Anxiety.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for people with Anxiety. If you qualify, you may be eligible to participate in a study testing the effectiveness of an investigational drug for the treatment of Anxiety at no cost to you.

If you would like additional information regarding this study and are between the ages of 18 and 65, please contact:

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Is your Schizophrenia medication making you heavy?

If you have been diagnosed with schizophrenia and would like to participate in a study that monitors weight, you might consider participating in a medical research study that is studying an investigational drug for schizophrenia.

You may qualify if you are:

- · Diagnosed with schizophrenia · Between 18 and 65 years old
- · Have taken Zyprexa (Olanzapine) or Risperdal (Risperidone) for the past 3 months
- Have not been hospitalized for schizophrenia in the past 3 months

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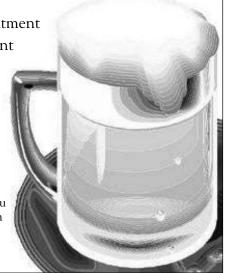
• Heavy drinkers seeking treatment

• Drinkers with depression seeking treatment



For more information and to find out if you can earn compensation for participating in one of these studies, contact:

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With a full tank, Garrett aims its poop-shooter at the waste vat beside the digester. In the vat, the stench loosed by the splashing clumps is gag-inducing, at least to this city slicker. I pull back violently, while Garrett, in ball cap, longsleeve shirt, long pants, and gloves, stands near the putrid pool and, when prompted, shouts that he "likes the smell." Having spent his 18 years on the farm, "It's like a reminder of the home atmosphere," he says. I inch closer, peer into the vat, and espy tiny bubbles, methane escaping to the surface. Earlier Dave had said that this concentration "smells awful, but that's actually good because it means the gas potential is very high." More stink, more

gas, more savings. Suddenly,

as if I still don't get it, a chunk of wet manure flies out of the vat and heads straight for my pant leg —

piled couches, opaque linen curtains, and a video above the bar of a blue sky with scattered clouds rushing by—calls a "multisensory experience" in accommodations. The marketing

THERE'S NO END TO THE REFINEMENT OR THE **ABILITIES OF PEOPLE TO** SMELL, WHETHER IT'S A SPICE CHEF OR A SCOTCH WHISKEY CONNOISSEUR.

The perfume industry's latest gambit is scent branding. It's part of what Leah Corradino of the W hotel on B Street — a glitzy bou-

tique hotel with pillow-

that's just been "styled," the new word for "made up," by housekeeping. The room clicks to life when we walk in — TV, music, and smell greet us. When the room's finished, the maid sprays a citron mist, which is subtle, a bit muted, but lasts. It smells "fresh," Corradino says. Does it have a name? "No, it doesn't have a name that we put out there for press and media. It's just part of the style department." It has no cleaningagent smell: no odor of ammonia or vinegar. "It's not exclusive to the W," she says, "but I've never smelled it anywhere else. The idea is that with smell, it evokes a greater and deeper mem-

ory." Given a good stay, the

scent will secure the mem-

manager shows me a room

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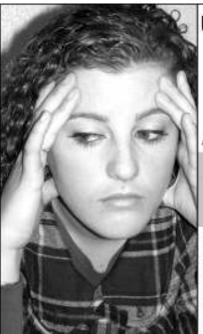
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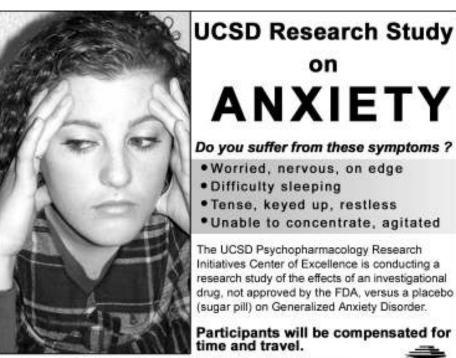
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Frequent heartburn symptoms? Can't sleep without a recliner? Unable to enjoy the foods you love?

If so, you may qualify as a volunteer in a clinical research study of an investigational medication for heartburn and GERD.

Qualified participants will receive study-related office visits, study medication or placebo, lab work, and procedures at no cost. Compensation for time and travel may also be available.

Medical Associates Research Group 858-277-7177



ory. Given a lousy stay, the scent will secure that, too.

Smells are found in many Mission Valley businesses. At the Sony Style store in Fashion Valley, an electric diffuser, the Scent-Wave, streams out a spicy, citrusy blend. The Sheraton's lobby diffuser perfumes the room with a vanilla and lavender aroma. called the Sheraton Signature Scent. Next door at the Marvin K. Brown Cadillac dealer, longtime sales consultant Marsh Pilkington opens up a brand-new Escalade for a whiff of that new-car smell. "The smells in the vehicle are a blend of new leather and new wood, mahogany." Pilkington says it's that "brand-new leather smell, which is just like a new leather jacket." The Escalade, Cadillac's biggest seller, runs \$66,000, with GPS navigation, OnStar security, heated and cooled cup holders. He says the new-car odor is not a big selling feature, though its presence is part of the "emotion" of the purchase. "People are enticed by it." Factory-fresh cars smell of volatile organic compounds: chemicals in adhesives, sealers, carpet, and vinyl that outgas into the air. A few studies contend that outgassing may be a respiratory hazard: in tests, dozens of volatile organic compounds have been found, among them, known carcinogens; however, quick degradation makes toxic levels hard to establish. Car washes sell a spray called Lane's New Car Scent, an odor mimicking expensive leather uphol-

In some Japanese companies, scent is used to stimulate worker efficiency. Through the controlled release of certain aromas, workers make fewer errors and report less fatigue. One study says that cinnamon and peppermint smells in cars lessen road rage. Highend candles scent the air of countless women's dress shops. A customer is not supposed to be able to describe the odor. The air should feel invigorated, not necessarily scented. In creating commercial environ-

stery, luxury in a can.

ments — lighting, music, spatial architecture — a business risks faking its authenticity with a cloying odor and pissing off the

On the eastern slopes of Mount Palomar is San Diego's wine country. A key to growing grapevines is well-drained soil, which, at around 3400 feet, the

area has in abundance. The lack of rain is not a big concern: there's water 60 feet below ground here at the headwaters of the San Luis Rev River. A few vineyards, along Highway 79, northwest of Warner Springs, contour the hills of Sunshine Summit. One is Shadow Mountain Vineyards and Winery, the pride of Alex and Pam McGeary. They've owned the "fam-

ily estate-style business" since 1990, when they bought the vineyard from a second-generation Italian family of vintners. Some of the vines — dormant in winter (when they're

RESEARCH STUDIES

There is hope...

Pacific Sleep Medicine Research Centers offer hope, and help, for patients who suffer from a wide range of medical conditions. Transportation may be provided to qualified participants, and all participants receive compassionate care by our physicians and our team of healthcare professionals.



Do you have trouble falling or staying asleep?

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is participating in a national research study of individuals who regularly have trouble falling asleep or awake and unable to get back to sleep.

Interested participants must: ■ Be 18 - 64 years of age ■ Have trouble falling or staying asleep for at least 1 month

Study related care is provided at no charge, including a physical exam and investigational medication

Qualified participants could be compensated up to \$1,350 for participation in this study.

Trouble staying asleep?

Don't feel rested when you wake up?

A research study is currently being conducted by Pacific Sleep Medicine For individuals who are experiencing sleep problems throughout the night.

If you are at least 18 years old, you can be considered to participate in a clinical research trial on insomnia.

Study related care is provided at no charge to participants. This includes a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services, and study medication.

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Pacific Sleep Medicine Services



Frustrated with Type 2 Diabetes?

Are you taking metformin/glucophage, exercising and eating healthy? If you are doing everything right to control your diabetes...

And your blood sugar level is still too high, we may have an option

Local physicians are conducting a research study of an investigational medication for Type 2 Diabetes.

If you qualify, you will receive all study-related care and medication at no cost.

Qualified participants could be compensated for time and travel.

Insomnia

Sleepless Nights Exhausted Days

A clinical research study for insomnia is now underway. Doctors are enrolling patients in a study of an investigational drug for insomnia.



To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

- Be 18-64 years of age
 Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than 3 months

Study participation includes, at no charge:

- Study visits with a medical professional
- Investigational study drug Study procedures and tests

Qualified participants could receive compensation for incidental

For more information on these and other clinical studies, call (toll-free):

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DO YOU HAVE TYPE 2 DIABETES?

If the answer is yes, Profil Institute for Clinical Research invites you to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational medication for people with Type 2 diabetes. You may qualify for this study if you:

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- * are overweight
- have Type 2 diabetes and not using insulin to control your diabetes

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and to see if you qualify:

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PERIODS

...Too Long?

...Too Heavy?

...Too Frequent?

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To possibly qualify:

- Be at least 18 years or older
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- Not presently on oral contraception or willing to go off

Participants may receive:

- Exam and consultation by a board-certified physician
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- Compensation up to \$1150 for your time and travel

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pruned) and fast-growing from April bloom to September harvest — are 63 years old.

With 20 acres of grapes, Shadow Mountain makes 1800 cases of wine per year. So says Alex, the viticulturist, an expert, as is his wife, at the tastes and smells of wine production before and after bottling. In late winter, Alex shows me the bare vines, which will soon flower and smell "wonderful." The scents follow the "ripening curve" of the growing season: grapes "need enough sugar in the vine to soften the seed and the skin. That's where you get aromatic expression during fermentation, because the sugar is fermenting into wine and carbon dioxide gas, the two by-products. Good fermentation and the development of alcohol draws out mineral characteristics of the skin, which also roll into aromatic expression."

Alex irrigates modestly during the winter; he adds small portions of fertilizer "so the energy goes into the cane and the leaf." In summer, he waters a bit more and manages the vine canopy to shield the grapes from sunburn, balancing photosynthesis and shade during the season's hot days. Watering and fertilizing too much or at the wrong time can make a fetid wine (as we'll smell in one of his vats). Alex takes me to the production pad, where grapes have been fermenting in large tanks since last fall. During the harvest, or crush, stems are removed from the picked grapes. In the tank, seeds and pulp are "fermented cold," at 40 degrees. "By cold fermentation I preserve aromatic and taste qualities, which is their freshness," he says.

First up is a batch of viognier, a white grape from southern France that Alex has grown at Shadow Mountain without fertilizer. At the bottom of the tank is a large spigot that he opens to fill our glasses; we twirl the wine, warming it up in the bowl-shaped glass and releasing its aroma. The first thing we smell is yeast and bentonite, a clay he has placed in the vat to attract particles and help clarify the wine. As the wine warms, the smell begins "to explode with aromatic qualities." What does he smell?"We're going to swim through a couple things.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Are you sad due to bipolar disorder? There might be hope. We are seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for the treatment of depression due to bipolar disorder. To qualify: You must be at least 18 years old You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder You must be experiencing symptoms of depression Qualified participants will receive at no cost: Monitoring of bipolar and depressive symptoms Medical lab exams Study medication To learn more, please call: CNRI - San Diego • 858-566-8222



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You may qualify for this study if:

- You have Type 2 diabetes
- You are age 25 or older
- You are NOT taking insulin
- You are using oral medication or using diet and exercise to control your diabetes

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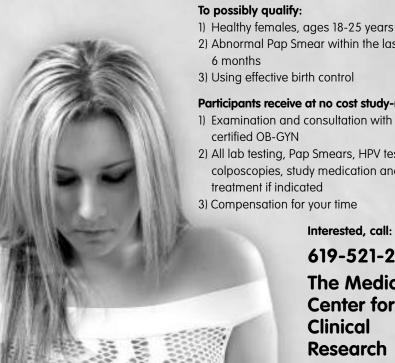
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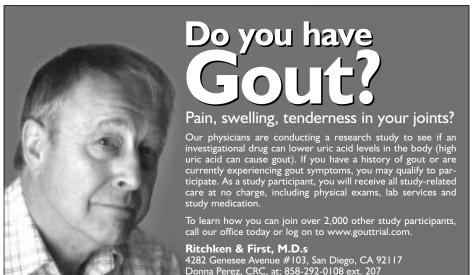
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Beyond the yeast, I smell fruit. The fruit we're smelling is the viognier, a warm-climate variety." He spots alcohol, adhering to and dripping down the sides of the glass. He buries his nose in the goblet and breathes deeply. "It's releasing aroma with the more air we inject." Alex takes a quick taste, swirls it in the mouth, then spits it out. "It's tart but not overly tart. It's not grapefruit or citrusy. This wine is mildly aromatic. At this stage, I'm thinking, once it's filtered, it's not going to be a big rosebud in the nose. So I'm bringing in 5 percent chenin blanc to round it out and give it

This wine, he says, has a strong fruitiness (it "goes with shellfish"), but the flavor "is still hiding in there. It's like I'm searching for the taste on my palate, as if I'm going into a forest and going around every tree to hunt down the quality I want it to have." As his "work in progress" ages, Alex taste- and smell-tests regularly, making written and mental notes. At 60, he has a long palate memory, "built up through much repetition" of tasting the wines he's made. He wonders whether this "not-sotropical" wine would benefit from oak chips, a fermentation seasoning he

some depth."

Our second batch is sauvignon blanc, a dry table wine. This one he's hoping to rescue. He bought the grapes from a vintner hobbyist whose wife wanted the vines in the yard for landscaping. Trouble was, the man had fertilized the plants throughout the growing season; when Alex crushed the grapes, "They smelled like shit." Now, when he opens the spigot,

first tree in the forest. There's a long finish to this wine; it's not drying up. It's not bitter, sour, acidic. But it has a heaviness on the front side," which he hopes to tone down or, with enough babying, remove.

In the Shadow Mountain wine cellar, Pam joins us. She lays out seven of their bottles and a glass for me to evaluate smells and tastes; Pam and her sensing ability, learned and

SMELL AND EMOTION MUST INCLUDE TIME AND PLACE; THEY CO-EXIST, REIN-FORCE EACH OTHER, AND, AT TIMES, LINK OTHERWISE INCOMPARABLE EXPERIENCES.

we both recoil a couple of inches. I get the odor of dirty laundry, while Alex says it's the smell of "sweaty leather." He continues. "This is like my problem child. If you get beyond all the garbage in the way, there are tropical qualities in this wine." We swirl, then taste. "The fermentation is clean; the flavor lingers on my palate and it's not displeasing. Everything foul about it is right in the front" of the tongue. "Get beyond that

innate, will steer me. As she decants each wine, she compares the scent to fruits. She begins with the white, a 2005 viognier. "I get peach and apricot in this viognier," she says. "I get it slightly on the nose. Remember, with aromas in wine, we're talking subtle."We proceed: she compares while I smell and (can't help but) concur. Her palate savvy comes from years of discussing wine with enthusiasts at this counter. One comment

RESEARCH STUDIES



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Seeking Patients for a Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes

Dr. Robert R. Henry and his associates at the VA Medical Center are looking for Type 2 diabetic volunteers to take part in a research study to determine if the use of different glucose meters significantly lowers HbA1c.

Participants Will: ■ Attend eight study visits ■ Be randomly assigned to one of two glucose meters

Inclusion Criteria: ■18 years or older ■ Have been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes for at least 3 months but no more than 15 years ■ Have a stable regimen for at least 3 months ■ No history of anemia, serious chronic disease, or severe hypoglycemia ■ No use of insulin ■ A1c to be 6.5–9.4

Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$200.

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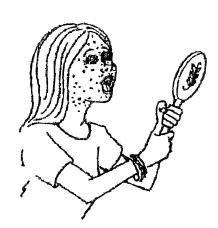
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may tell her that a person's palate is educated or abused. How does one abuse the palate? Smoking and hot pizza or soup burn the mouth, while too much jalapeño or horseradish could disable (temporarily) the nose.

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And with that, I'm tipsy and agreeable and quizzical as to how the oak came out basil, how a grape smell crosses over to a currant cousin, how the hot summers of inland San Diego County ripen the flavors of red wine so that the foods they complement will taste better — the mystery persists, though my unlettered nose is becoming more sensitive, more knowing, and, best of all, more carnal.

For four decades, first at Yale and, since 1994, at the Chemosensory Perception Lab at UCSD, Dr. William S. Cain has been testing and thinking about smell. He's in the autumn of his career; his gray-going-grayer hair and beard testify to age, while an office walled small by journals and binders says his interests remain active. Cain is a professor of surgery — not a nose surgeon but a



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researcher and evaluator of what nose surgeons (otolaryngologists) fix when they operate. His lab's several grad students study people, not animals. They test responses to smell, occasionally working with the frustrated few who have smell disorders or have lost smell. Of all topics we discuss, Cain seems most engrossed by the link between memory and smell.

Cain's voice is brash and bottom-heavy, the room-filling presence of a radio DJ. His interests spring not from "any inherent olfactory ability," he says. His mother had a "good sense of smell," while his is "well educated. And if you think about it, it can get infinitely well educated. There's no end to the refinement or the abilities of people to smell; whether it's a spice chef or a scotch whiskey connoisseur. There's always another layer of sophistication you can achieve."

The chemosensory lab's website states that Cain and his colleagues study "how people perceive flavors," "how people discriminate, identify, and remember aromas and fragrances," and how people react to "indoor air pollution, sick building syndrome, and chemical sensitivity." In one of Cain's labs, an array of cones discharges randomized and very low concentrations of

a scent from which a subject takes a two-second whiff. For their inhalation, people earn up to \$100 a day.

Targeting workplaces and homes, the lab measures odors and particles commonly found in the air. "We live in an equilibrium with our environment," Cain says. "We have all these agents that play a role. A pertinent example. You come to see me for an evaluation. You have a headache and you've lost your sense of smell over the last six months. And yet it unpredictably comes back every few weeks, and then from nothing you can suddenly smell things. Then we get into your history; you may have allergies, which may set up a cycle that leads to true anosmia," or the loss of smell. "Allergens can cause changes in the upper airwaves that promote upper respiratory infections, from acute to chronic, and become chronic sinusitis, which you may battle all your life."

Cain sees a lot of patients who are devastated by losing smell. Trauma is often a cause: a blow to the head knocks out the nerve function between the olfactory bulb and the brain. What happens when a person is disabled from smelling? Unsafe vulnerabilities arise: you can't smell smoke, spoiled food, or the odor additive in gas. Without a telltale aroma, neither steak nor strawberries have appeal. People suffer embarrassment by losing their smell. Cain says he counseled a woman whose coworker complained one day about a rancid odor coming from near the woman's desk. The woman couldn't smell it. When he found the source — vomit in a wastebasket — she was ashamed; she hadn't known it was there. Another patient, a dog-washer who lost his smeller, said that without it he couldn't tell if the dog was clean.

"All things connected with motherhood," Cain says, "can stand the use of a good sense of smell," espe-

cially the scent of a baby's scalp. New mothers in his office break down at having lost the sense, even temporarily. Surgery may help, but it can't solve all cases. Between 6 and 15 million Americans have a smell disorder. And only 10 to 15 percent of those have been diagnosed: doctors are not educated enough about loss of smell. Patients end up in Cain's office as a last resort.

The link between smell and memory for Cain is complicated enough to need a story. In New Haven, where he taught environmental health at Yale, he would get cash from an ATM whose vestibule smelled like a room in Florida that he went to

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every year for a professional conference. The latter smell "had something to do with the salt air and the humid climate; it was a balmy Florida smell." Usually he presented a paper at the conference, so there was some expectation about addressing his peers. But the conference was always pleasurable: "I loved being in Florida and being at the conference with colleagues." He says that the first time he went to Florida, the stimulation of the conference and its attendant emotion may have gotten "processed" in terms of the Florida balm. But later in New Haven, every time he would open the door to the ATM, he would feel transported to Florida, "including the visual imagery." What was going on? Cain is not completely clear, but he believes it's two things: a chemical in the ATM vestibule that was also in the conference room in Florida (maybe a cleaning

agent), and the brain's tying

the two times and places together through emotion.

"It's a matter of interpretation," Cain says. "Yes, there's an agent in the two places. But more important there's a connection between the emotion and the imagery, which are both important parts of the story, so to speak." Cain calls smell a form of contextual learning, which happens on an unconscious level.

Could it be that when Cain entered the ATM vestibule, he triggered a rush of anticipation similar to his Florida experience? Maybe getting out \$300 meant he was going shopping for something he wanted, a bit of expectancy he associated with the Florida hotel room?

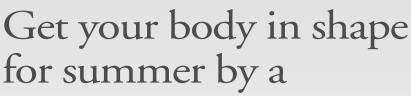
In an e-mail, Cain says no. "What's important about odor-evoked memories is that there needs to be no reward or punishment when the odor brings back the past. So the \$300 of your example is not necessary.

The memory provides the original feeling, which was expectation but also anxiety. I never understood why I had a kind of pre-meeting anxiety in connection with the place where the meeting was going to be held."

More than 30 years ago I dallied with a woman in San Francisco. The moment I met her, I felt she was the strangest woman I had ever known: her living by astrological signs and wearing patchouli confirmed it. Today when I smell patchouli, my "odor memory" is, as Cain says, "not recalled but...triggered by re-smelling." The smell has a character, deeply familiar and exotic. In fact, anyone wearing patchouli oil in the range of my nose becomes strange (in a bad way too, because my dalliance with that woman ended in confusion). Another way to say this is, the smell of patchouli I always find to be strangely familiar.

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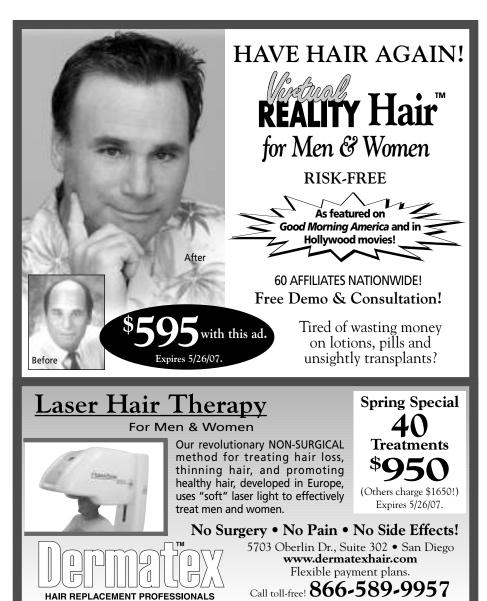
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been in her late 50s. An aged, would-be Paloma Picasso. A quasi-bruja. A painter who didn't paint anymore, just drank rot-gut gallon bottles of Cribari burgundy. She chainsmoked Delicados. Her speech was laced with insults, and her insults were laced with words like "bureaucrat," "Nixon," and "cochino." Like the building inspector, who

would come around once in a while.

Corsica wore baggy black cotton trousers and men's shirts, from which she had torn the collars. When she was watering — clippings planted in coffee cans, the bougainvillea, the morning glories — she wore big boots with broken zippers. The sailor thought she looked like a Communist.

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Also living in the house were dark, nubile girls: Corsica's 17-year-old daughter Citlali, and Citlali's friend Barbara Korn. They would wash Corsica's white Rambler on the dirt road leading to the house, wearing halter tops and shorts and long boots. Lali had a Mexican blouse stitched with flowers that the sailor liked. In the evening, the sailors would see the girls leaving the house in mini-skirts or shifts that stopped at the tops of their thighs, their long hair swinging.

The two sailors invited Citlali and Barbara over for "wine and talk." Citlali and Barbara told them about Corsica and about Citlali's younger brother Tlaloc. Corsica had named her children after gods. The sailors did their best to impress the girls and to appear sophisticated and artistic. The sailors and the girls spent the entire night talking and getting very, very drunk. They paired off toward

Citlali took the sailor over to her house one night to listen to records. Cher records, all of them. The ceiling in Citlali's room was very low. The sailor kept hitting his head on it. The entire house was crazy like that. Beaded curtains in doorways. Potted plants hanging from bolts that jutted out of the unfinished walls. They weren't walls at all, just the wooden framing; if you leaned against any of the walls, you would be in another

were jammed with Corsica's junk. Pieces of colored glass. Gris-gris. Cheap Mexican bric-a-brac. All of it full of meaning, full of Corsica's stories.

Corsica would sit at a table in the front room, drinking and talking in English and Spanish. The sailor and Corsica would talk about religion and painting. She had this idea about men, this

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room. Everything in the house was painted olive green (there were gallons of olive green paint, where did they get it all?) streaked over with black for what Corsica called an "erusticated effect." Their furniture, mostly theatrical props from the Old Globe, included a bookcase with book spines painted on plywood. The sailor felt comfortable and scared in the place. It was like a doll's house. Spaces in the unfinished walls

idea of machismo. She idolized Gregg Dumas, a local TV personality.

The sailor used to ask her why she didn't paint anymore. She would say that part of her life was over. Her life had been destroyed, she would say. "If I hadn't had these children. If I had been able to stay down there...." Meanwhile, she'd be drinking the whole time. He wanted her to be sort of a mentor, tell him what the tricks were,

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When Corsica drank, she was very bitter about life. She would show the sailor her scrapbook of newspaper clippings and magazine articles: Corsica, hair long and black, leaning coyly against David Siqueiros's shoulder or arm-in-arm with Diego Rivera. She had looked just like Frida Kahlo when she was young. She seemed to know a lot about the personal life of Luis Buñuel.

Corsica had lived in Mexico City when her children were born. There were pictures of her with a baby Citlali and a baby Tlaloc sucking sweets in Chapultepec Park. The sailor was enchanted. Corsica told him about a famous matador. who had fathered Citlali and Tlaloc. He was a philanderer, and they never wed, or he

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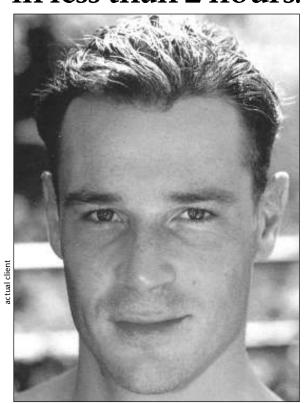
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was killed in the bullring, depending on Corsica's mood. It seemed Corsica's life in Mexico City had been a triumph, and the sailor felt that he could bring that back to her, to Citlali. Corsica told him he was the sort of man she used to hang around with in Mexico City. He was flattered. He wanted to be a part of her mystery.

The real mystery was that Corsica looked like a WASP. Pale grey eyes. Pink skin. But she hid it beneath layers of makeup and heavy jewelry. She had an accent, on and off. When Mexican friends would come over, she insisted on speaking only Spanish. But she spoke Castilian Spanish. The sailor suspected her name was fraudulent — and Tlaloc preferred to be called Johnny—but you did not question Corsica because she would get angry.

He wanted, so badly, to be a part of Corsica's exoticism. They called him "Juanito." He fell in love with Corsica. But she was too old, and he didn't feel he had much of a chance, being pure gringo, which she was always

going on about. The thing was that Corsica's skin was so rough, and full of crags and crevices, and she'd get nasty and scream about Nixon and gringos. He wanted a happy Corsica, but the closest he could get was her daughter.

Corsica told him, drunk, in the kitchen, that the best a woman could do was screw a man over. And a person

The sailor began to spend time at Corsica's house with Citlali. They would watch the Cher show; it was like religion to Citlali. Barbara and the sailors thought it was funny, the way Citlali would whisper "Cher" under her breath as the woman appeared on the screen. Corsica's son Tlaloc would

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without a vice, you can't trust him. She wanted "her girls" — Citlali and Barbara — to be whores. She said it. Just like that. That way, they could make money off men but not be tied down. They could be wild. He remembered books he'd read, about the romance of living life to the fullest. He took everything Corsica said and fit it into his romantic

disappear. He didn't spend a lot of time at the house. He was popular at school. He had a drum set that he would play really loud. He was always getting yelled at by the neighbors. They lived on food stamps and food commodities. Corsica had a job downtown, and the sailor would go down with her, spending his time at the library and walking the streets

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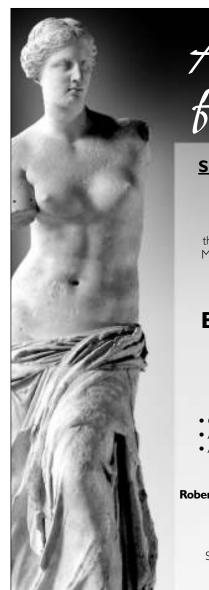
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The sailor went to Yuma with Lali and Barbara. They went to the Yuma prison and bought a paperback book on it, which they took turns reading aloud in the car. They saw the Colorado River. They used to go to La Jolla Cove. They had a rubber dinghy. The sailor and Tlaloc would go out in the boat while Lali sat on the sand reading books.

The sailor and Citlali didn't talk much; they made out. Eventually, the sailor gave Citlali his virginity. He had been saving himself. He hadn't wanted to waste it on some whore in Pensacola. He wanted to give it up to the

right girl. He thought he had found her. It was very romantic for him. She had this new white dress. They made love all night. He wondered how it was he was able to keep going. The next day he bought her some earrings. Then he bought her an earring tree and a whole lot of other earrings. He felt wonderful the whole day. He felt like telling everyone. He felt like calling his parents and telling them he was going to get married.

The sailor moved his easel and brushes and canvases over and started painting on Corsica's veranda. Soon he moved in with them. Barbara moved in with the sailor's friend. The sailor was happy with the simplicity of things, happy at how simple this happiness was. He was loved in Corsica's house. He was in love with Citlali; the next step seemed logical. It seemed the fulfillment of all his dreams: it reeked of romance and exoticism. There was a civil ceremony in National City.

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ing healthier food for the family and better wine for Corsica. Corsica had this idea that he would be the rich American who would take care of all their needs and problems.

Corsica and Lali wanted him to buy a house for them to live in together. While he was at work, Corsica would drive her car around and look at places. Once, she told him she had found a wonderful place. It was a very hot day, the hottest day he remembers of his life, when Corsica drove them out to the house. It was a barren bungalow on a dirt bluff in Golden Hill. You could see Southeast and the Tijuana bullring. The realtors were there, talking VA loans and termites and shorings. He had no intention of buying the house. He was completely frightened of spending 25 years of his life paying for

something, of spending 25 years in this house. He told them so. Corsica was disgusted with him, and Lali was brokenhearted.

He and Lali took an apartment. A deluxe Huffman building, with a parking lot, and a swimming pool, and piped-in music. You couldn't turn down the music's volume all the way. You would hear this faint country-western twang whatever you did. He ended up removing the fixture and cutting the wires. He couldn't stand it. But Citlali liked it. Citlali wanted the sailor to talk with her the way he had talked with her mother. She asked him about religion. He told her everything he knew about it, hoping to disillusion her. She wanted to be saved. He told her to go back to high school and get her diploma. But she wanted to be saved. He took her to a

Baptist church. He showed her what it was. He expected her to be disenchanted with it. He wanted her to hear sermons and the boring of church; instead there were rock concerts and speeches about the anti-Christ: Kissinger one week, Brezhnev the next. Citlali wanted to go up front and be saved. She insisted he go up with her. He did. He figured, how could this be bad for her? He had things he believed in; he should let her have such things. She got really caught up in it. She bought things from the Marantha gift shop. Banners, stationary. Soon the apartment was full of it. He couldn't say anything, because he'd led her to it. He discovered that other sailors from the photo lab went there too. The sailor and Citlali began to socialize with these Navy men outside the church. But the whole idea of Christian fellowship revolted

him. And every week a different anti-Christ. He quit going to the church.

Corsica had grown bitter towards him since he'd refused to buy the house. He feared he had become just another man to her. When he saw her, they weren't able to talk the way they used to. She was more drunk than ever. Tlaloc had moved out.

He discovered Lali was more American than he wanted her to be. She wanted to live like an American. Started calling herself Susan. Idolized Sonny and Cher. Read movie magazines. Wanted to drive a Camaro with an Indian painted on the door. They moved again. Lali desperately wanted a child. The doctors said she couldn't have children. Ovarian cyst. It was swelling and obstructing her fallopian tubes. She would clip pictures of beautiful children from magazines and put them in a scrapbook. She picked their child out — it had to be a cross between the two of them, black hair from her and his blue eyes. The little girl on the blue Northern bathroom tissue package. She would only buy that kind of bathroom tissue. She would save the wrappers.

The sailor's parents — Minnesota Lutherans came out to meet the bride. Citlali later told the sailor that his father had Frenchkissed her when they met. He couldn't believe it. But suddenly he could see the picture of Citlali forcing her tongue into his father's mouth. His father had said nothing when Corsica said she was a pagan, that she had named her kids after pagan gods. His parents just smiled at all of it, those effervescent grins they could not remove. Lutherans don't talk, they

wait until they get home, and then they pray and simmer.

His brother came to visit, his little brother Paul, to see the Pacific Ocean. Before leaving, Paul asked to see the sailor alone. Paul told him he thought Citlali was a slut. The sailor slapped him, hard. But it didn't seem worth bringing up with Citlali. Things would get better, he was sure.

He came home from work, another hot day. The windows were open and he heard a phone conversation. Lali was talking to a sailor she once knew. Telling him how excited she would be to see him. "I can get away from him on a Friday night. I can say I'm going to my mom's," she said. He went in and told Lali to hang up. He was angry and jealous. She said she was going to see the man anyway. The sailor told her to get out. She left in a couple

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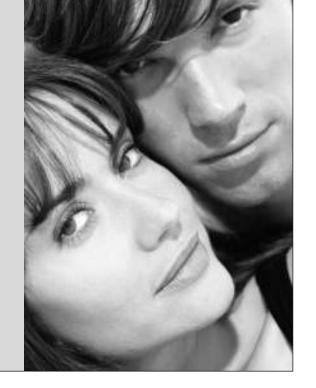
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When he came back, his

Navy stint was over. He was disillusioned with life. He got into therapy. He got back with his Navy buddy. The buddy told him things he hadn't known, things Barbara would tell him after the sailor and Citlali had gone off together. He found out that Barbara and Citlali used to go to the USO to meet sailors. And make money. That Corsica was born Mary Smith in Columbus, Ohio, and had gone to Mexico City in the

He ran info Citlali five years later. It was at a shopping mall, and she had a man with her. An overweight man

with long hair. Citlali had remarried. The sailor had been married and divorced again. Citlali asked him, "Do you still believe in Our Savior?" He said no and that he thought maybe he never had. She said Corsica had died of cancer. He felt very bad. That woman, with all her makeshift ideas, he had thought was going to live forever, but she just turned to dust. Citlali lifted up her dress, right there in the shopping mail, to show him the scars from her operation. She was so proud of it. "I can have babies now," she said. ■

- Mary Lang

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we'll see about that later.

There is a reason why indie music has the smattering of a following that it does: the music sucks. Who on earth wants to hear songs about child molestation, slavery (about which I am certain Danielle is clueless), racism, unrealistic body image (she certainly seems to be wrapped around the axle about that - much like a hot chick who dresses in spandex at the gym, then visually or verbally excoriates any male who happens to look her way), the "foibles of the record industry," and above all else,

In 1982 Todd Rundgren released an album whose title seems to describe this paradigm, called *The Ever Popular Tortured Artist Effect*. Danielle is the quintessential self-tortured artist, wrapped in skin-tight clothing with just enough of an elitist's sneer. A study in hypocrisy, self-loathing,

bitterness, and the mutual exclusivity that fuels her anger.

I hope you don't blow your brains out behind your anger, Danielle, or anyone else's, for that matter. I would suggest you seek therapeutic intervention as soon as possible.

> Peter J. Fonte Mira Mesa

Get Out Of The '70s

Brian Carver's "As I Hear It" last week (April 26) had the most way-out-there comment from Dale of Clairemont about local upand-coming rock singer JAC. Has he even been to a JAC show? I (and a lot of people) have, and JAC is one of the most incredible singers and performers San Diego has put out in a long time. I may be half Dale's age, but dude needs to put down the pipe and get himself out of the '70s! Who hangs out "in the basement watching TV" in San Diego but old losers that live in Clairemont? JAC music isn't even for him and his generation anyway. Can't understand why Brian asked a fiftysomething hippie to listen to one of the best rock singers in this town???

JAC fan via e-mail

Neanderthal Fashion

Hi! I have been reading the *Reader* for a while now, and I have been very impressed so far with all of the information that it gives about life here in San Diego.

I was reading the recent issue (April 19), and I was hugely disappointed to see the cover article/picture saying how "cool" San Diego is, with a female model wearing a dead animal over her shoulder. That is not cool! I think that most San Diegans would agree with me on that one. We are not in the Stone Age anymore, and fur is just not needed. Over 50,000 foxes die each year in the United States just for their fur, and that's not counting the other types of animals sadly raised for

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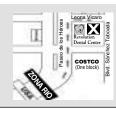
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> Meggan Anderson San Diego

Big Girl Advice

My comment is in regards to all who have written in to complain of the cover of the April 19 issue, "Cool San Diego." Many may not have agreed with the depiction of an animal being used as a statement of fashion; however, since this is a free publication, and a free country as well (journalists can report whatever they feel; you don't have to read it), I suggest that they take that lil o' finger and turn the page and move on to a *more* suitable article if they find a certain article offensive. I think these individuals should save their "menial" complaints for a magazine or publication they may have actually paid for (\$4.00 average for a bunch of ads). Maybe then they wouldn't sound so petty. We as a society have too many other things to worry about than to worry about a cover pic.

And I'm willing to bet that not one of these individuals has ever even attended an animal rights function nor really fought for the cause that they're so adamant about. It's so many of them out there quick to judge and complain but can't back up anything they supposedly feel so, so strongly

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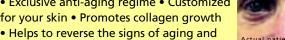




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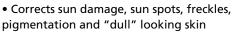


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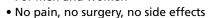
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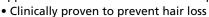
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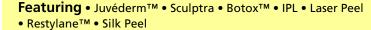
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about! Give me a break!

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Lisa B. via e-mail

Comments from Reader Website

Movie Review Published May 2

Posted by Mabbish on 05/2/07, 1:36 p.m. Enjoy your well-earned sabbatical, but, please, do you give up the game for good I will be most distressed, as I've come to rely upon your unfailingly more or less — good advice and sound judgment these past, oh, thirty years or so. Ever since you described Eraserhead as leaving a feeling with the viewer akin to that felt when stepping on a snail with bare feet. I rushed to the theater, saw the film, felt the feeling, and as was hooked. Do return at some point. Cheers, etc.

not enjoy it too much. If

Posted by James Thomas on 05/2/07, 6:47 p.m.

Two years ago I suggested (begged?) that Duncan piece together a book or compilation of his reviews; he replied there wasn't enough of a clamoring. Now he's taking off for months, albeit deservedly so. You have a legion of loyal readers who can't get enough of your observations and writing in general, Duncan. Don't forget about us.

Posted by mike on 05/3/07, 4:23 p.m.

To take the long view is surely part of a critic's job, though someone once said you should only make a judgment on a movie either one day or fifty years after it's released. Let's hope we won't have to wait that long. A deserved sabbatical either way. If one could make a

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suggestion, The Films of Alejandro Jodorowsky are on DVD this week for the first time. But come back soon!

Posted by Melanie Stultz-Backus on 05/3/07, 6:05 p.m.

It was wonderful and new; it was Arcadia... Christina Stead Dear Duncan Shepherd, Please accept homage from a former student (Science Fiction Films, 1972). I savor your reviews for their reversals of the commonplace; the pleasures of your style reveal themselves in your sardonic, apt puns, and an archness that is often, and oddly, tender. You wrote in Debt of how Manny Farber went about working in his classes, "the better to assist students in seeing what was in front of their faces...and to disabuse them of the absurd notion that a film is all of a piece, all on a level, quantifiable, rankable, fileable." Your best writing responds to those lessons, in its patterns of "unkempt activity" that provoke sight. Mr. Farber once remarked that you are a "natural writer"; please know that we hope for your natural art to return to its Arcadia after you have gone forward eating your own boundaries, if I may be excused for borrowing a phrase.

Posted by cosmo vitelli on 05/4/07, 8:58 a.m.

The ending made me gasp — "If I don't get to write about the new Coen Brothers movie, I couldn't care less." Duncan is clearly a burnt slice of melba toast. And I sure can't blame him. I hope this time off recharges his batteries and his writerly energies....but somehow, I doubt it.

Posted by dakolodenko on 05/4/07, 9:24 p.m.

I am going to lose money because of this. For the last 27 years I have saved so much by concentrating my movie money on Duncan's recommendations. I would've missed Cold Heaven if it weren't for Duncan. I am willing to pay if it means you get a break, Shepherd, but you better hurry up and get back to sifting through all this crap for us — I'm not equipped with the fortitude to do it myself.

Posted by ZonaDave on 05/5/07, 8:53 p.m.

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Roam-O-Rama **Published May 2**

Posted by Chris on 05/2/07, 11:29 p.m.

Great trail. The overgrowth on downhill stretch into Harper Creek can make the going a little slow, but the diverse terrain (beautiful meadows, groves, and the Harper Creek canyon) makes this an interesting hike. Keep an eye out for wild turkeys on the East Side Trail.

T.G.I.F. **Published May 2**

Posted by Mark Martin

Nice column again, John. I didn't know about all the music in your family. Interesting thoughts about psychology and music, too. Synchonicity, again, because I was listening to one of my favorite old tunes, "St. James Infirmary," by Louis Armstrong, Cab Calloway, and the late lamented Buddy Blue. Each of them gave a different emotional core to the tune — I like Buddy Blue's best. But I am depressive so and so. Funny bit about musicians being maudlin. I keep expecting to see Jimmy Page singing Abba tunes,

weeping. So would I, but

on 05/2/07, 11:48 a.m.

for different reasons. Hang in there, pal....

City Lights, by Don **Bauder Published May 2**

Posted by Citizens For A Better Veterans Home on 05/2/07, 6:08 p.m.

As a Dale Akiki supporter, UCSD Kindergarten critic, "Puke" Cunningham victim, abused military veteran, and some one whom has not had ONE Letter To The Editor printed in the Copley Press in two decades: Go Mike Go, punch 'em, kick 'em, bite 'em! I just love it when I am contacted by [an often female and or ethnic young adult] personal or phone UnionTrib subscription solicitator. After a couple of minutes they often admit that they did not know the back ground of the politically charged media mafia. I often end up asking them that if I send them money, - can they assure me that I will NOT get the Union Tribune! The Copley Press [and local FBI] have known of gross failures, including out right corruption, in awkward detail about "Puke" Cunningham and local, state [CALVETS/ CDVA], national programs for abused veterans since the mid 1990s!

Posted by Keith H. on

05/2/07, 11:07 p.m.

Don: Took your advice from a previous Reader column. Cancelled my subscription to the U-T. When they asked why, I told them because they blast Aguirre and are in cahoots with all the other crooks in this town. Sure hope someone is tabulating why people are canceling.

Posted by Bonnie Russell on 05/3/07, 6:40 p.m.

I am not surprised the Union Tribune won't cover the courts, (SanDiego-Judges.com) but then or the general con of Family Court. (FamilyLaw-Courts.com) but then, The Reader won't either. In

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fact, San Diego media absolutely won't cover the one court most used by the public most often, because the truth seems to be that all San Diego media doesn't give a darn about children. It's just that simple. So the Reader shouldn't throw

Don Bauder replies: I agree the family courts should be investigated. It's a question of having the horsepower to take on the task.

Best Buys Published April 25

Posted by Shield Me!! on 05/5/07, 9:42 a.m.

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cay from my bedroom window, or I could plant something that would grow taller than 6'. I planted Tecoma capensis, a.k.a. Cape Honeysuckle, and have never regreted it. It's a beautiful dark green all year, and its abundant orange flowers draw huge numbers of hummingbirds most of the year. (By the way, did the nursery employee tell you that Duranta berries are poisonous?)

Sheep and Goats Published April 25

Posted by The Hays Fam-

ily on 04/30/07, 2:08 p.m. We attended and served at this church for 8 years. Pastor Jones's way of preaching will guide your heart in the right direction if you give the church a chance. Get involved in this very down to earth church!

Cover Story Published April 25

Posted by Austin Powers on 04/30/07, 4:26 p.m. As a working musician, I am not surprised by the treatment Danielle received at the hands of industry types. Having 5 sisters and a

daughter I have a great deal of empathy for women who are demeaned or harrassed. However, the author(s) seem to act like they have a monopoly on crappy experiences in the music industry. The San Diego "Indie" fest was one of our own industry letdowns. See, bands have to pay to submit applications for the chance to play at the festival. Needless to say, we submitted to the event because it was in our hometown. Even though we tour frequently, have been on local radio, are signed to an indie lable and have won nu-

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merous awards we weren't chosen. That in itself is O.K. — that's life in the entertainment field. But to read endless complaints coming from someone who makes bands pay to apply to play doesn't evoke a lot of sympathy from someone who gave them cash. To me they are just another promoter who will be the source of a demeaning message in one form or another. Such is life in the music biz. I can't

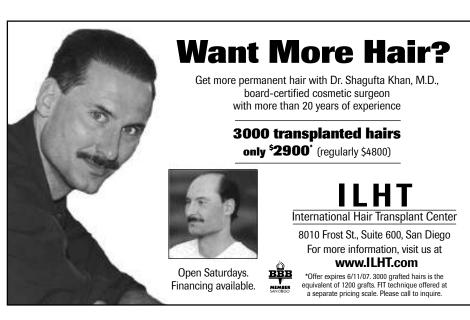
sign my name because it might affect my bandmates and chances for future work.

Posted by Chris Klich on 05/1/07, 12:09 a.m.

I'm a musician who has appeared at both last year's Indie Fest and this year's. I've always told my fans that this is the best-organized festival I have ever seen (in my 26 years of performing, both in San Diego and throughout the United

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n Europe, if you go to a fancy dinner party and talk about how the Chinese have slitty eyes and are loud, chances are you would not be invited back," says Andrei S. Markovits, author of *Uncouth Nation: Why Europe Dislikes America.* "But at the same dinner party no one would think twice about someone saying Yanks are dumb, fat, ugly, uncouth, and on and on. It's a form of prejudice [they] tout."

On Wednesday, May 16, Markovits, a professor of comparative politics and German studies at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, will lecture on "Understanding

LOCAL EVENTS the Rise of Anti-Americanism in Europe" at UCSD. Markovits argues that, in Europe, the word

"American" is often used pejoratively, or

"whenever you want to say that something is bad, cheap, uncouth, inauthentic, artificial, but yet also dangerous. What makes it so threatening is that there is a certain form of attractiveness to it; it's alluring. You hate it, and you know it's cheap, and yet somehow you can't quite resist. It's seductive, like pornography."

Markovits stresses that negative sentiments and views of America are driven not only by what America does but by what America

"is." In his article "Western Europe's America Problem" written for *The Chronicle of*

Higher Education, Markovits explains that in the German language, amerikanische Bedingungen, or "American conditions," almost always refers to something "at once negative and threatening."

Markovits continues, "In Britain, 'Americanization' and 'American-style' also have an almost exclusively negative connotation — often with the adjective 'creeping' as a telling modifier in front: 'the creeping Americanization of the car's feel for the road,' 'the cult of guns fueled by creeping Americanization through violent films,'" and so on.

The professor's research revealed that the concept of Americanization connotes "every kind of deterioration in the European world of work." American terms such as "flexibility," "mobility," and "working vacation" have become pervasive in the European business culture. "Yet, rarely, if ever,"

writes Markovits, "have I read anything about a purported 'Japanization' or — of increasing relevance — 'Chinazation' of European work life."

According to Markovits, America has become the face of globalization and modernization, ideologies that represent a potential future for a Europe characterized by homogenization. "Europe in many ways is much more modern than America. The fear is not based in reality; it's an identity issue. If you use a

euro, does that mean you are less German? Greeks and Finns do not feel European, but



they feel European towards something else, and what is the something else? America. Emotionally, their identity is that they are 'not American.'"

European politicians often exhibit disdain for Americanization. "The best example is the debate about the EU constitution in France, where both sides argued using the concept of Americanization. Chirac wanted the EU constitution to pass because only a strong EU could confront America. Those who were anti-EU said all French should vote against it because the EU would be too much like America."

Markovits says that Europeans abhor Americanization in matters of morality ("America's being the purveyor of the death penalty and of religious fundamentalism, as opposed to Europe's having abolished the death penalty and adhering to an enlightened secularism"), work ethics, sports, schools, and holidays (e.g., American children celebrate Halloween instead of All Saints Day and birthdays rather than "name days"). "It's seen as an intrusion of American commercialism taking over."

After writing an article in *Spiegel Spezial* praising the American college system and its student evaluation of teachers, Markovits received angry letters from German col-

leagues, one of whom wrote, "We are not, thank God, in America, where universities are just upgraded [secondary] schools." Markovits writes that at a lecture given in 2002, German sociologist Erwin K. Scheuch called for "blocking any attempt to introduce American course credits to German institutions and decried the introduction of performance-oriented salaries, which he said would destroy Germany's 'collegial structures."

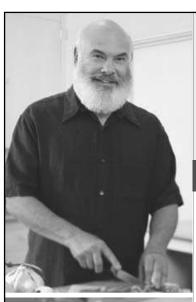
Markovits says, "What matters to me on a personal level is that I don't like any kind of prejudice, even against the strong or seemingly strong. In the *New Statesman*, an important British journal, a reviewer said [anti-Americanism] is the only prejudice in Europe which is totally open and even laudable."

— Barbarella

Lecture: "Understanding the Rise of Anti-Americanism in Europe" Wednesday, May 16 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Robinson Auditorium UCSD Main Campus La Jolla Cost: Free Info: 858-822-5297 or http://iicas.ucsd.edu/



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Los Dandys plan Mother's Day celebration, Thursday, May 10, 8 p.m., at Camino Real Hotel in Zona Río. Tickets: \$45, \$50, include dinner. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

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Soneros de Tesechoacan, Son Chimbica, music from Veracruz may be heard Friday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Multiforo ICBC in Zona Río (Avenida Centenario #10151).

MANDANCE San Diego State University, Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12.

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

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\$5 U.S. 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

Lux Boreal Dance Company celebrates fifth anniversary with concert, Friday, May 11, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636, (TUUANA)

Spring TMF MX Series Cordero Round 6 takes place Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. Routes, details: 011-52-661-612-2525. (TECATE)

Sun and Science Festival with astronomy lectures, scientific and technological projects on display at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río) on Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. 011-52-664-687-9636. Free, (TUUANA)

The Fast and the Furious, car show and concert with music by El Gran Silencio at Monumental Bullring by the Sea, Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, noon-9 p.m. 011-52-664-324-0505. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Motocross Championships slated for Saturday, May 12, 4 p.m., at Plaza Calafia. 011-52-664-608-2718, (MEXICALI)

Amanda Miguel and Diego Verdaguer in Concert, Saturday, May 12, 7 and 10:30 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

The Drama El Cazador de Gringos presented by Mexicali a Secas Company, Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Chico Elizalde in Concert. Saturday, May 12, 11 p.m., at Palenque in Parque Morelos, Tickets: \$10-\$40 U.S. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

Sixth Annual International Half Marathon, Sunday, May 13, starting at 8 a.m. at Sullivan Sports Field (Avenida Diamante). For those 16 and older. Free. 011-52-646-176-4445 or 011-52-646-177-0744. (ENSENADA)

Flowering Vineyards Fiesta Enjoy family fair with games, regional foods, wine, music, winery tours at new Paralelo Winery in Guadalupe Valley, Sunday, May 13, noon-5 p.m. Tickets: \$2 children, \$10 adults (includes wine tasting). Suggested reservations: 011-52646-152-1800, 011-52-646-178-3038. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Lobster Lunch and shopping tour hosted by Baja California Tours, Wednesday, May 16. The \$79 fee includes transportation, lobster feast in Puerto Nuevo, shopping in Rosarito Beach, Reservations: 858-454-7166, (ROSARITO BEACH, PUERTO NUEVO)

"Kiliwa, Indian Languages in **Extinction"** — commentary provided by Arnulfo Estrada, Lilia Tercero, Alejandro Paván on Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636.

OUTDOORS

Lavender in Bloom, the Lavender Fields open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting April 25. Meet on the main gift shop porch for "Walk and Talk" tours at 10:30 a.m. Free. 12460 Keys Creek Road. 760-742-1489. (VALLEY CENTER)

Mule Deer by the dozens continue to roam through the 25,000acre Cuyamaca Rancho State Park,

where the smoldering landscape of October 2003 has given way to thriving shrubbery and some saplings of pine and oak amid the blackened tree trunks. Take an early-morning drive down Highway 79 through the park, and you'll likely spot deer on or near the road.

Rabbit and Rodent population is peaking in the canyons and hillsides of coastal San Diego County. In many neighborhoods, car headlights illuminate the rear ends of scampering cottontail rabbits making raids on succulent garden vegetation. On the fringes of suburbia, sleek covotes are sometimes spotted slinking about in pursuit of rodents and rabbits, or easierto-catch fare — house cats.

Wild Rose, a California native, is in bloom in San Diego County's foothills and mountains. In moist, lowland areas and along small watercourses, wild rose shows off small, fluorescent-pink flowers. By June and July, the rose bloom will reach the Laguna Mountains, where the plant grows in abundance in shady locales.

Search for Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing parties planned (weather permitting) Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, 8-10 p.m., in MiraCosta College baseball field (One Barnard Drive). Free. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6506. (OCEANSIDE)

Stargazing Night at Wright's Field, Friday, May 11, 8:30 p.m. at 2001 Tavern Road. Free. 619-722-

Tracking Walks for beginners and intermediates hosted by San Diego Tracking Team, Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House (take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house). Learn to track animals, discover their en-

vironments. Wear shoes that are good in mud. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Trail Repair Work at Paso Picacho in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Explore Newly Renovated Kumeyaay Lake area, Old Mission Dam, and grasslands grinding rocks when trail guide leads outing, Saturday, May 12, 8:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park at Kumeyaay Campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281 (SAN CARLOS)

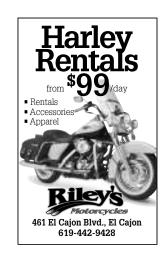
Expert Birders from San Diego Field Ornithologists lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, May 12, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

"International Migratory Bird Day and Endangered Species Day" celebrated Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Spotlight is on endangered California Least Tern, a summer migrant to Tijuana Estuary and San Diego. Day begins with bird walk, followed by talk by local biologist Robert Patton. Day ends with open house featuring bird crafts, mock bird banding, human-sized migration game. Free. 619-575-3614. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)

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Get Out and Walk! Enjoy open space, native plants, and animals during guided nature hikes in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, May 12, 13, and 16, 9:30–11 a.m. Find park at One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free, 619-668-3281, (SAN CARLOS)

Cabrillo Dubbed It San Miguel and tiki-style hotels were rampant in 1950s - explore Point Loma during Urban Safari walking tour led by Patty Fares, Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (POINT LOMA)

Native Plants of Tecolote Canyon, what plants were here before we were? How did original natives use them? California Native Plant Society offers guided tour focusing on common local native plants, Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-501-3789. (CLAIREMONT)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including May 12. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations:

Cute Chicks on the Beach! (Snowy plover chicks, that is.) "Help protect the endangered Western snowy plovers during nesting - volunteer orientation is Saturday, May 12, noon-4 p.m., at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free.

Nature Hike along trail to historic Sickler Mill planned Saturday, May 12, 1 p.m., at Wilderness Gardens Preserve (14209 Highway 76, ten miles east of I-15). See wildflowers. 760-742-1631. Parking fee: \$3. (PALA)

619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Where's Iron Mountain? Find out during strenuous hike led by Canyoneers, Sunday, May 13, 8 a.m. Steady uphill climb heads through "exceptional native vegetation"; at summit trail junction, choose to return (3 miles round trip) or continue to summit (6.5 miles round trip). Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (POWAY)

Mother's Day Hike on Cougar Pass hosted by Rick Paul on Sunday, May 13. "Occasionally strenuous" four-mile hike in Daley Ranch starts at 9 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Free. Reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Wildflower Hike planned Sunday, May 13, 9 a.m., in Santa Ysabel Preserve (found on Farmer Road, one mile north of Volcan Mountain Preserve). Parking: \$3. 760-765-4098. (JULIAN)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays

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Highest Tide this month, measuring +6.7 feet, occurs on Wednesday, May 16, at 9:21 p.m. Lowest tide of the month, measuring -1.7 feet, occurs on Thursday, May 17, at the inconvenient hour of 4:27 a.m. For early-morning exploration of normally inaccessible

coastal areas (like the La Jolla Caves or various tidepools), you might try low tide the following day (Friday, the 18th). On that morning a -1.6 foot tide happens at 5:17 a.m., not long before sunrise.

DANCE

Jitterbug Basics taught during beginner-friendly dances on Fridays, May 11 and 18, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Open dancing follows lesson at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1.619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mandance," presented by Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater, Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, 8 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Concert boasts choreography, dancing by "male members of our community" including Eric Geiger, Bradley Lundberg, Daniel Marshall, John Diaz, Joe Alter,

Marcos Duran. \$20 general. 619-225-1803. (SDSU)

Faculty Dance Concert, boasting original choreography by Palomar College's dance faculty, May 11–13, in Howard Brubeck Theatre on campus (1140 West Mission Road). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Balanchine" presented by City Ballet of San Diego to close its season, May 11–13, at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). The historic Balanchine ballets *Agon, Divertimento No. 15*, and *Serenade* will be performed. Curtain rises at 8 pm. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. \$39–\$49.

Stretch, Tone, Strengthen Body and spirit using tools of bellydance, yoga, qi gong, during oneday bellydance workshop for all levels, Saturday, May 12, 1 p.m., at Ginseng Yoga (2985 Beech Street). \$15 in advance, \$20 at door; mother/daughter duo workshop plus two hip scarves, \$80. 619-338-YOGA. (SOUTH PARK)

The More the Merrier! Sit in with community band making music for contradance with calling by JoAnn Koppany, Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. Predance music jam: 6–7:30 p.m. 619-594-6828. (NORTH PARK)

"The Myth Project II," site-specific dance-theater events presented by Sushi Performance and Visual Art and Patricia Rincon Dance Collective on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, 7 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Expect "a fresh, new work about Latinos living in the U.S. using elements of theater, circus, dance, and sound to explore the many facets of a rich

cultural social history." \$15 general. 619-234-8466. (ENCINITAS)

Hustle Club Party, Saturday, May 12, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Melody Cochran leads hustle workshop for intermediates, 7–8 p.m. (\$15), followed by dance (\$7). 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Fusion-Style Bellydancing with live drumming by Sarasvati Modern Tribal, Saturday, May 12, 9 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). All ages. Free admission. 619-265-7287. (COLLEGE AREA)

Sunday Zapateado, Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances from different states of Mexico each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Take in dances from Puebla, Mexico, on Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

English Country Dancing with calling by Ellen and Pat, piano accompaniment by Kathleen, Sun-

day, May 13, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Country Two-Step and Line Dancing with Luis Sumaya, Wednesdays, 7:30–10:30 p.m., in Mission Room (upstairs at Mission Valley Resort Hotel, 875 Hotel Circle South). \$8. 619-985-5168. (MISSION VALLEY)

FILM

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps: Giants of Nature, Hurricane on the Bayou, Everest, Coral Reef Adventure.* "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Beard* (6 p.m.) and *Space Station* (7 p.m.) on May 4. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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Cinema under the Stars season begins with screenings of *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*, Thursday–Saturday, May 10–12, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Next up: Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere in *Chicago*, May 17–19. \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Mars Underground," chronicling life of aerospace scientist Robert Zubrin, screens for Mars Society, Friday, May 11, 7 p.m., in lecture hall at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in museum admission. 619-723-3456. (DOWNTOWN)

The Korean Film *Welcome to Dongmakgol* screens for Heritage Language Program Film Festival, Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m., in room 4301 of Applied Physics and Mathematics Building at UCSD's Muir College. Free. 858-534-0693. In Korean with English subtitles. (LA JOLLA)

The "Brash and Bawdy" Israeli Film *Late Marriage* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. In Georgian and Hebrew with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The International Coffee Trade and effects on its farmers examined in 2006 documentary film *Black Gold*, screening for Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization and San Diego Activist at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street) on Monday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. Discussion follows. Free. 619-225-1083 (OCEAN PEOCH)

"Ye Wonz Maibel" and *Red White Blue November* screen for Changing Face of San Diego series, Wednesday, May 16, 6 p.m., at Malcolm X Branch Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

"Surfing for Life," this 2000 documentary "offers a totally fresh look at successful aging," profiling ten legendary surfers in their seventh, eighth, ninth decades. Catch the flick during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, May 16, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with "behind-the-scenes features." Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

New Works by Television and Film Students at San Diego State University showcased on Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at SDSU. Program includes fiction, documentary, animation, music videos, experimental works. \$10 tickets include "veggie-friendly" barbecue at 5:30 p.m. outside theater. 619-594-1375. (SDSU)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps, Hurricane on the Bayou, Everest, Coral Reef Adventure.* "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *The Living Sea* (6 p.m.) and *Antarctica* (7 p.m.) on May 11. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Conversations with the Curator: Transactions," Stephanie Hanor leads tour of "TRANSactions," Thursday, May 10, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San

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"Young Art 2007: Exploring Color," Nikki Oder, San Diego Museum of Art's "Young Art" coordinator, leads tours of exhibition with approximately 150 works created by kindergarten-12th grade San Diego students on May 10 and 13. Insight gallery tours begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The Historical Significance of Panorama Drive in the development of University Heights is focus when Alex Bevil, historian and New School of Architecture and Design adjunct professor, speaks Thursday, May 10, from 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church (3993 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"The Rebel Years of the Pre-Raphaelites, 1848-1855" presented by Ruth Capelle, CSU Fullerton professor emeritus of art history, Friday, May 11, for docent guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10, 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy sponsored by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Carlsbad Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Follow-up tour of genealogy division at library, Monday, May 14, 7 p.m. Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

Butterfly Encounter, learn about San Diego butterflies and the monarch program, Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$8 adults, \$2 children. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Book Publishing 1-2-3" is topic when book editor Laurie Gibson speaks Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m., at Mission Valley Library

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ROAM-()-RAMA

he San Gabriel Wilderness harbors deer, bighorn sheep, black bears, and mountain lions — facts that hint at the quality of the wilderness experience you can get there. Only one trail stabs deeply into the corrugated heart of this area: the Devils Canyon Trail. It leads you to a clear, cascading stream fringed by a green ribbon of vegetation hidden in the crease of a 2000-foot-deep canyon. There you can splash around in shallow pools, fish for trout, or trek farther down the canyon to visit the upper lip of a waterfall.

From Interstate 210 in La Canada-Flintridge (near Glendale), drive up Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2) for 27 miles to the Devils Canyon trailhead. The well-



marked trailhead is three miles past the Charlton Flats Picnic Area. If you reach the turnoff for the Chilao Visitor Center, you have gone about 200 yards too far. Be sure to post a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car.

The zigzagging descent on the Devils Canvon Trail takes you across slopes clothed alternately in chaparral and mixed conifer forest. By 1.5 miles you reach a branch

of what will soon become a trickling stream one of the several tributaries that contribute to Devils Canyon's ample springtime flow. The deeply shaded trail leads to the main canyon after a total of 2.6 miles. (Be sure to mark this spot or take note of surrounding landmarks so you can recognize this place when it's time to head back up the trail.) Downstream a bit farther is the site of a former trail camp on a flat terrace west of the Devils Canyon stream. In accordance with the philosophy of returning designated wilderness areas to as natural a condition as possible, this former trail camp has had its stoves and tables removed by the Forest Service.

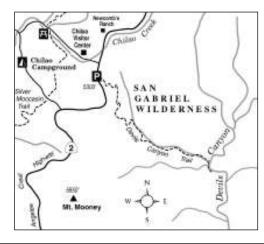
Heading downstream, you can have some real fun, but only if you're surefooted. You follow a fairly distinct path in places; otherwise you boulder-hop and wade in the stream itself. Mini-cascades feed pools three- to four-feet deep harboring elusive brook trout. Water-loving alders and sycamores cluster along the stream, while patriarchal live oaks and bigcone Douglas-firs stand on higher and drier benches and slopes. Watch for poison oak as the canvon walls narrow; and keep an eye out for a silvery, two-tier waterfall at the mouth of a side canyon coming in from the east, nearly two miles down from the campsite

Beyond the two-tier fall, 0.4 mile of rock scrambling and wading takes you to a constriction in the canyon where water slides down a sheer incline some 20 vertical feet. You've come five miles from the trailhead and you've lost 2100 feet of elevation — as far as you can go without technical climbing gear. Hopefully you'll have plenty of energy left, because the hike back out is entirely uphill

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Paper Bag Hatmaking led by origami maven (and "Paper Transformed" curator) V'Ann Cornelius, Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Mingei International Museum -North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. Included in admission. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

"Benefits of Home Ownership" addressed during workshop by Amber Anderson of California Equities, Saturday, May 12, noon, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

Internet Safety for parents and guardians presented by officers Dan Pearce and Fred Baclagan of C.A.T.C.H. Team, Saturday, May 12, 1 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street), Free, 619-527-3405. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

"Pitching Your Children's Book to Agents" is topic for literary agent Stefanie Von Borstel, of Full Circle Literary, when Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators meets Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m., in room 106A of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). \$9. 858-485-8151. (LINDA VISTA)

hand-held miniature loom to fill with lavender buds during class led by Nadine Spier, Sunday, May 13, noon, at Lavender Fields (12460 Kevs Creek Road). Ages 16 and up. \$25 includes all materials, use of

loom. Registration: 760-944-9369.

(VALLEY CENTER)

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"Hospice - Is It the Right Choice for You?" is subject when Hemlock Society gathers, Sunday, May 13, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (at Vermont Street and Vermont Way). Free.

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"Ladies of Laos" presented Deborah McClintock when Palomar Handweavers' Guild meets Monday, May 14, 9:30 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church (845 Chestnut Street). Visit weavers of Hua Phan province in northern Laos, travel to villages outside city of Sam Neua, explore supplementary weft production methods of weavers, learn about vertical heddle pattern equipment. Free.

McClintock leads "Laos Mini Workshop" following meeting, 12:30-4 p.m. "Workshop is great for beginners." \$45. 760-749-4903.

"Listening to Artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe" is subject for docent-led tour of "Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe" planned for 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, May 14. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Secrets of Being a **Professional Songwriter:** What Every Aspiring Songwriter Needs to Know to Be Successful" divulged by Nashville-based singersongwriter Nancy Moran when San Diego Nashville Songwriters Association gathers on Monday, May 14. Meeting at 7 p.m. follows dinner at 5 p.m. at Bob Duffy Music (16405 Summer Sage Road). \$35 fee includes nosh. Reservations: 858-487-1859 or 619-884-

"Healthy Soils Equal Healthy Gardens," according to horticulturist Gisele Schoniger, who addresses San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, May 14, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Building microbial life in soil can yield positive changes in the garden. Plant forum follows. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Dance Class led by Frank Lazzaro and Mariela, Monday, May 14, at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Drumming at 6 p.m.; bellydance to live drumming, 7–8 p.m. \$12 per hour class. 760-703-1487. (BALBOA PARK)

"Eating Well in an Era of Industrialized Health" is topic for nutrition and health public forum, Tuesday, May 15, 5:30 p.m., at Manchester Grand Hyatt (1 Market Place). Speakers include Dr. Andrew Weil on "The Optimum Diet," David Wallinga presenting "Healthy Food in Health Care: Making Change Happen"; "Connecting the Dots: Health and Agricultural Policy" by Michael Pollan (The Omnivore's Dilemma), Daniel Imhoff (Food Fight: The Citizen's Guide to a Food and Farm Bill), Scotty Johnson (Defenders of Wildlife). \$20. 520-626-4893.

"Global Warming: Where Do We Go from Here?" Michael Oppenheimer speaks for "Global Climate Change: Perspectives and Solutions" lecture series, Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

"Innovative Irrigation Systems for Native Plant Restoration" examined by David Bainbridge when California Native Plant Society gathers Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. He's author of A Guide for Desert and Dryland Restoration, and he'll discuss ecology of desert plants, techniques for restoring degraded arid regions. Free. 916-447-2677. (BALBOA PARK)

The Walkability of Quarry Falls discussed during bimonthly Brown Bag forum hosted by Walk-SanDiego, Wednesday, May 16, noon, at Downtown Information Center CCDC (225 Broadway). Free. 858-483-7078. (DOWNTOWN)

Cooking Up Cancer Prevention Cancer Project's Tracy Childs teaches cooking class on "Replacing Meat," emphasizing cancer prevention and survival, Wednesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m. at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. Registration: 858-679-9148. (MIRA MESA)

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"Acrylic Exploration" led by Chris Cozen — artist, Golden Acrylics Company representative — Wednesday, May 16, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Demonstration/lecture includes history of acrylics, practical and techniques, samples, literature packet with handpainted color charts. \$10. Registration: 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Understanding the Rise of Anti-Americanism in Europe" is subject when Andrei S. Markovits speaks Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD. Markovits is author of many books and articles and the Karl W. Deutsch Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"Report on a Recent Trip to the Renowned Latter Day Saints Family History Library in Salt Lake City" presented by Fred Spong for British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Thursday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., at LDS Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-583-8352. (MISSION VALLEY)

Animal Cruelty Lecture — what can you do for an abused or neglected animal? Find out when Sergeant Shari Olson presents lecture, Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Lecture covers animal-related laws and what kind of action can be taken to help victims of animal abuse. \$10 fee includes materials, light snacks. Registration: 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

Award-Winning Journalist, Writer Adam Gopnik speaks Friday, June 8, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$5. 619-696-1966.

IN PERSON

Debut Novelist Susan Diamond signs, discusses *What Goes Around*, Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"The Latin Jazz Experience" is illuminated in concerts on Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Expect full big band with three Latin percussionists. \$10 general. 760-757-2121 x6434. (OCEANSIDE)

"Ladies' Night Out" presented by Palomar Women's Chorus, Thursday, May 10, 8 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Listen for "folk music and Broadway show tunes with a light Latin flavor." \$5. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Spring Music Festival — Celebrating Our Seniors," concert featuring music department ensembles, Friday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Fairport Convention entertains for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 11 (\$22). Jesse Winchester takes the stage on Thursday, May 17 (\$25). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Freestyle Open-Mike Nights, every Friday, 9–10:30 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). All ages. Free. 619-265-7287. (COLLEGE AREA)

Mysterious Galaxy Celebrates 14th Birthday with bash and festivities on Saturday, May 12. Galaxy owner and suspense author Jeffrey J. Mariotte kicks off day with signing, discussion of *Missing White Girl* at 11 a.m. Authors visiting, signing include Susan Hubbard (noon), Charlaine Harris (1 p.m.), Marshall Karp (2 p.m.), Lee Martinez (3 p.m.). Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Stricken with Brain Cancer two years ago, Eric Galvez shares his story and his book *Reversal: When a Therapist Becomes a Patient,* Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Traditional Folklorico Mexicano Dancers and mariachi performances planned for Mother's Day celebration, Saturday, May 12, noon, at Memorial Bowl (373 Park Way). Free. 619-691-5083. (CHULA VISTA)

Shoe Designer Steve Madden appears with Julissa Bermudez from BET to sign autographs, debut his new dress line, Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m., at Nordstrom Fashion Valley. 619-295-4441 x1400. (MISSION VALLEY)

Author Luauna Stines signs *A Mother's Story* on Saturday, May 12, noon, at Loaves and Fishes Christian Store (510 Hacienda Drive suite 108; 760-758-1902). Final signing is Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m., at Escondido Christian Center (927 Idaho Avenue, 760-745-0505). Free. 760-789-6207. (ESCONDIDO, VISTA)

John Taylor and Hamewith play Scottish music and other tunes in concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, May 12, 7 p.m., at Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY) Golden Boys — Frankie Avalon, Fabian, and Bobby Rydell hit stage on Saturday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets start at \$30, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

"Sing Into Spring," MiraCosta College's North Coast Concert Chorale, Chamber Chorale, and Frequency perform all kinds of music in concerts May 12 and 13. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Mira-Costa College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Embrace the Past, Ignite the Future, first "worldly" contemporary music festival hosted by San Diego Museum of Man, Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m.—midnight. Entertainment by Bitter Sweet, Dr. Das of Asian Dub Foundation, Janaka Selecta, Rupa and the April Fishes, Sukhawat Ali Kahn, Riffat Sultana; food from over a dozen caterers, restaurants. Tickets: \$50 in advance, \$60 at door. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)



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Four Bitchin' Babes take stage on May 12 and 13 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Concerts by these singer-songwriters begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$38. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

New Comedy Show opens Saturday, May 12, 9 p.m., in Green Room at Twiggs (4590 Park Boulevard). \$3. 619-987-3710. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Berkeley Breathed Draws Your Mother! The Pulitzer Prize-winning author/comic strip artist reads and signs Mars Needs Moms, Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Breathed "will sketch your family's favorite mother in each book purchased." Free admission. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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performs for Second Sunday series, Sunday, May 13, 3 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Annual Mayor's Concert presented for final mini-concert of the season, Monday, May 14, noon, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN

Broadcaster, Author, Actress,

TV talk-show host, and SDSU adjunct professor Kathi Diamant discusses her book, Kafka's Last Love, Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m., at University Heights Library (4193 Park Boulevard). Diamant will chronicle how she came to write the book, experiences that resulted. Admission free. Requested reservations: 619-692-4912.

Busy on 14th? Diamant will also discuss her book on Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (1330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, RANCHO

Candid Conversation on Culture New York Times columnist Frank

Rich discusses his new book, The Greatest Story Ever Sold, on Monday, May 14, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium, Rich's book is described as "chronicle of the collusion between mainstream media and the White House following the attacks of 9/11." Tickets for this ArtPower event are \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Open-Mike Poetry Readings, Monday, May 14, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free, 619-296-0616, (NORTH PARK)

Palomar Jazz Ensembles led by Gunnar Biggs play big-band jazz, Monday, May 14, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Final Qualifiers planned during San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, May 14, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Competitors: \$5, donation for spectators. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

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China Expert and former deputy assistant secretary of state Susan Shirk will discuss, sign China: Fragile Superpower, Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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Renowned New Orleans Musician, songwriter, record producer Allen Toussaint plans concert on Tuesday, May 15, 8 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Toussaint is in Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, was nominated for Grammy in 2007 (with Elvis Costello). Local musician A.J. Croce will also perform. Tickets: \$35, \$38 in advance; \$38, \$41 at door. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

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Open-Microphone opportunities to sing, dance, read offered third Wednesday of the month, including May 16, 7:30-9 p.m., at Curio Caffe (2505 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-696-8699. (HILLCREST)

Wednesday Open-Mike Night hosted by Ted Friedman, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at Vinbladh's Swedish Cafe (4651 Park Boulevard). All ages, Free, 619-269-4620. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Luncheon of the Boating Party" discussed, signed by author Susan Vreeland, Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., at Simic Galleries (1205 Prospect Street). Event sponsored by Warwick's includes art exhibition, appearance by Emmanuel Renoir (great-grandson of Pierre-August Renoir), presentation by Vreeland. Free. 858-454-

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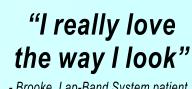
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Jazz and Blues Concert with Blue Largo, Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). Wine and hors d'oeuvres, viewing of "Four San Diego Sculptors." \$15. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Contemporary and Classic Band Literature promised when Palomar Concert Band performs, Thursday, May 17, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Salsa Heat, Funk Moves, Punk Chutzpah" — Kokolo performs "wicked Afrobeat" music, Thursday, May 17, 8 p.m., at WorldBeat Cultural Center (2100

Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$10 advance. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

"Persian Girls: A Memoir" discussed by author Nahid Rachlin, Friday, May 25, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Rachlin "has spent her career writing novels about hidden Iran." Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

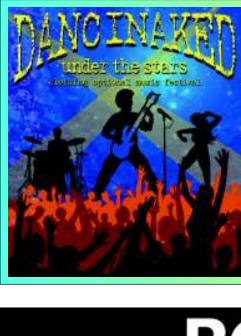
SPORTS

Showpark Ranch and Coast Classic continues through Sunday, May 13, with competition from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Top horse and rider combinations jump extreme obstacles in \$50,000 Mary's Tack & Feed Grand Prix, on Saturday, May 12, 4:30 p.m. North San Diego County riders competing include Hap Hansen, Mandy Porter, Olympian Ali Nilforushan. Admission is free. 949-443-1843, (DEL MAR)

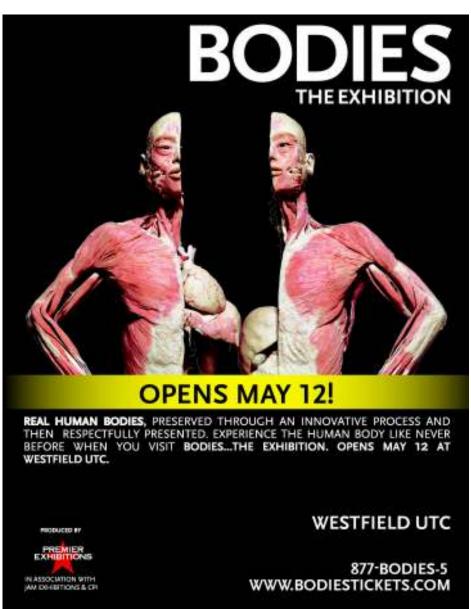
San Diego Padres are in Atlanta to play the Braves, Thursday, May 10, 10:05 a.m. Pads return to Petco Park to host St. Louis Cardinals, May 11-13, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Home stand continues against Cincinnati Reds, Monday-Wednesday, May 14-16, 7:05 p.m. Tickets: \$8-\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Explore New Streets of North County with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, May 12. Expect some hills and rollers, but the 50-mile ride will be moderately paced." Join up with group at 8:30 a.m. at La Costa Boulevard











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park and ride (on northeast side of I-5). Lunch along way; bring money. 619-255-2890. (LA COSTA)

Kayak Surfing Lesson hosted by Liquid Fusion Kayaks, Saturday, May 12, starting at 9:30 a.m. at La Jolla Shores boat launch, paddle to instruction site. Bring your kayak; rentals available nearby. Free. Required reservations: 619-992-6602. (LA JOLLA)

Mission Bay Kayak Tour for families, Saturday, May 12, starting at 10 a.m. at Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Participants must be two or older, able to swim. \$25. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

San Diego Stallions Football Team holds tryouts, Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m., Linda Vista

Recreation Center (7064 Levant Street). Fee: \$40 (new players only). 858-427-6195. (LINDA VISTA)

Sprint Cars, Dwarfs, Modifieds,

street stocks, pony stocks, factory stocks compete at Barona Speedway beginning Saturday, May 12. Gates teens, \$2 for those 7-12, free for kids

open at 1 p.m., racing starts at 5 p.m. Racing continues May 26, June 16. Admission: \$10 general, \$5 6 and younger. Track is located 5.8 miles north of Barona Casino on Wildcat Canvon Road, 619-669-1303, (LAKESIDE)

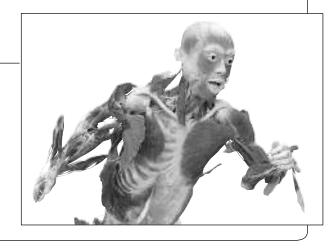
Carlsbad Flower Fields Bike Ride planned by Sierra Club cyclists on Sunday, May 13. Route (about 45 miles) goes through Rancho Santa Fe area to fields, returns along coast; moderate hills. peppy pace. About 45 mi. Meet at 8:30 a.m. behind Barnes and Noble Bookstore (in Del Mar Highlands shopping center, at corner of Del Mar Heights and El Camino Real). Bring a snack. Free. 858-623-0628.

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

WHAT LIES BENEATH

Bodies...the Exhibition, May 12-August 26, University Towne Centre.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Ride the Fallbrook Hills with San Diego Bicycle Society riders on Sunday, May 13. The 75-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at Third

and C). Bring money for deli lunch, 619-561-3846, (ENCINITAS)

Mother's Day Paddle, kayaking tour of La Jolla sea caves hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sun-

day, May 13. Tours last approximately two hours, begin at 9:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4 p.m. \$45 fee includes gear. Reservations: 858-551-9510, (LA JOLLA)



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35th Annual Spring Senior Hard Courts Tennis Championships,

May 14-20 at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club (2000 Spindrift Drive). Competition is in both singles and doubles; age categories are 50 and over, 60 and over, 70 and over, 80 and over, and 90 and over. Tournament for men is conducted at same time and attracts primarilv local players. Women's events are National Championship events attracting "the best players from all over the country in each age group." Admission, parking are free. 858-551-4616. (LA JOLLA)

Sun and Surf Quarterhorse **Show** runs Thursday-Sunday, May 17–20, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-354-4069, (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

Ranunculus Rainbows, the Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 13.

Visitors stroll pathways through fields 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Admission: \$9 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 for children 3-10. Exit I-5 at Palomar Airport Road, head east for two blocks, turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352.

Del Mar Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival, May 10-12, Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Wide variety of supplies, notions, techniques for sewing, quilting, needle arts, embossing, more. Workshops, seminars, demonstrations. 858-793-555.







Oaxacan Weaver Sergio Martinez brings his loom and collection of tapestries and rugs to Fiesta Imports (7720-E El Camino Real), May 10–13. Reception is at 4 p.m. on Thursday, with open house on Sunday (11 a.m.–4 p.m.). Weaving demonstrations each day. Free. 760-942-8842. (LA COSTA)

Surfrider Foundation Art Gala celebrating coastal environment is Thursday, May 10, 6–10 p.m., at Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Along with the art, World Surfing Champion Shaun Tomson will sign copies of *Surfer's Code*. Tickets: \$75 per person, \$140 per couple. Reservations: 858-792-9940. (DEL MAR)

"Who Lost Iraq — Myths of the Iraq War" revealed, discussed when P&R Discussion group meets Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

Cruisin' Grand, held every Friday through September 28, 5–9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom, vintage, classic cars and trucks participate in cruise loop running down Grand Avenue and back up Second Avenue. Poway Cruisers showcased on May 11. Free viewing, 760-745-8877. (ESCONDIDO)

Leucadia Nights, this afterhours "walkabout" along Leucadia's historic Highway 101 promises new shops, new restaurants to try, nightlife, variety of music, classic car show, surf movies, drumming circle — Friday, May 11, 6–9 p.m. Events take place on Highway 101 between La Costa Avenue and Encinitas Boulevard. Free. 760-436-2320. (LEUCADIA)

"San Diego: Heart and Soul" gets underway with reception, silent auction, Friday, May 11, 6 p.m., at Subtext (680 West Beech Street #1). Group photography exhibit with work by over 25 artists benefits Monarch School. 619-876-0664. Show closes Monday, May 28. (DOWNTOWN)

Cosmic Celebration, explore, celebrate "this wondrous evolving universe and our place in it" with Cosmos group, Friday, May 11, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Free. 619-263-2165. (HILLCREST)

What Lies Beneath? "Bodies...the Exhibition" features more than 250 "real, whole, and partial human body specimens...dis-

sected and preserved," providing up-close looks inside skeletal, muscular, reproductive, respiratory, circulatory, other human body systems. Many whole-body specimens "are dissected in vivid athletic poses."

Exhibit runs May 12–August 26, in former Robinsons-May at University Towne Centre (4425 La Jolla Village Drive). Exhibit opens at 10 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. Sunday–Thursday, 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets: \$26.50 general, \$21 seniors, \$18 for those 5–12. 877-263-4375. (LA JOLLA)

Motorcycle Rally in Honor of Oceanside police officer Dan Bessant, Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., starting at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Motorcycles not necessary; barbe-



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Art in the Valley, Carmel Valley Artists host 44th annual spring show and sale, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Many artists exhibit work in variety of media. Free admission. 760-945-6922. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Local Artists, Musicians, face painters, crafters on hand for third annual Art in the Garden community event, Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at City Farmers Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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San Diego American Indian Cultural Days, are Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Dancing, drumming, bird singing, powwow activities, storytelling, and more. Over 40 juried artisan booths offer their wares. American Indian food for sale. Free admission. Bring vour own chair and shade. 858-627-7362 or 619-281-5964.

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Gator by the Bay Festival, food and cultural event brings the spirit of the Louisiana bayou to Spanish Landing Park (4100 North Harbor Drive). Enjoy bands, dancing, food, workshops, crafts, vendors, and Mardi Gras-style parades Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Amanda Shaw, from the documentary Hurricane on the Bayou, performs. \$15 general, kids 12 and under free. 619-234-8612. (DOWNTOWN)

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Artists Helping Their Own, Berenice Badillo, Saturday, May 12, noon-4 p.m., at 24K Gallery (1616 National Avenue). Auction includes original canvas, limited-edition prints, serigraphs, photography, jewelry, other artwork by many artists. Music by Quinteto Caballero with Bill Ca-



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ballero and Guaraca! (Son Jarocho), featuring members of Los Able Minded Poets, Acteal, and Candela. Donation: \$10. 619-434-9036. (BARRIO LOGAN

Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence hosts graduation ceremony when humans graduate with their new, highly skilled dogs - Saturday, May 12, noon, at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-901-4300. (OCEANSIDE)

Beach to Brewery Beer and Music Fest, benefiting Surfrider Foundation, Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m., at Karl Strauss Brewery (5985 Santa Fe Street). Music by Reeve Oliver, B-Side Players, Stranger, Grand Ole Party; ten beers on tap; small-batch specialty beers in firkin kegs. For those over 21. \$20 tickets include 5 beer tastings. 858-273-2739. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Treasures from Deep in the Mountains: Textiles and Silver Ornaments from Peoples of the Bronze Drum," opens with reception on Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m., at Chinese Historical Society and Museum (404 Third Avenue, 619-338-9888). Exhibition showcases pieces from collection of Beatrice E. Roberts, acquired during her travels through minority regions of China. \$2. 619-338-9888. Through August. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Taiwanese Culture and Food Fair" with selections from traditional Taiwanese cuisines, music, dance performances, Saturday, May 12, 4 p.m., at Taiwan Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free admission. 858-560-8884. (KEARNY MESA)

Mother's Day Studio and Garden Tour hosted by San Dieguito Art Guild, Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Self-guided tour boasts seven studio gardens in Encinitas and Olivenhain. \$20. Purchase tickets beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Off Track Gallery (687 South Coast Highway 101). 760-942-3636. (ENCINITAS)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sundav. Mav 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

"Mother's Day — Music and Dessert" in the garden at Summers Past Farms (15602 Old Highway 80). Listen to music by Jim Earp, enjoy cappuccino, "special selection of desserts" on Sunday, May 13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$10. 619-390-1523. (EL CAJON)

Tenth Annual Old Escondido Mother's Day Home Tour is Sunday, May 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., with five historic homes built between late 1800s and 1931 on offer. On tour day, purchase \$15 tickets at 425 East 7th Avenue. 760-802-3318. (ESCONDIDO)

Mother's Day Tea on terrace at Marston House, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 13. The \$25 fee includes tea, finger sandwiches, scones, "authentic clotted crème," coconut cream pie ("the most popular dessert served at the highly fashionable 1950s-era Marston Department Store"). Find Marston House Museum at 3525 Seventh Avenue. House tour follows each seating. Reservations: 619-232-6203, ext. 129. (HILLCREST)

The House of Italy hosts lawn program at International Cottages — with dance, music, and cultural costumes - Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)





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Book Lovers Road Show planned Tuesday, May 15, 5 p.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Book collector, author, retired librarian Jack Walsdorf presents "The ABCs of Book Collecting," then will invite audience members to offer one or two books for discussion, informal oral appraisal. \$5. Reservations: 858-534-1183. (LA JOLLA)

Create Handmade Blankets for those in need, third Wednesday of each month, including May 16, 3–5 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Volunteers crochet or knit a 7" x 9" rectangle using their leftover worsted weight yarn; sections are joined, donated to local Salvation Army. Free. 858-509-9276. (SOLANA BEACH)

Thunder on Main is theme for Cajon Classic Cruise car show on Wednesday, May 16, 5–8 p.m., on East Main Street. Cruise nights continue on Wednesdays through August 29. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

MamaFest is Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., at Temple Sol El (3575 Manchester Avenue). Enjoy minilectures by motherhood experts, vendors offering goods and services, food. \$15 at door. Reservations: 858-405-3434. (CARDIFF)

"What Is Neoconservatism? Has It Failed?" Prepare to defend your position when P&R discussion group gathers on Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House. Free. 619-370-1027.

FOR KIDS

"The Princess and the Pea" presented by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, May 13, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Take in Mother Holly's Magic Well when Weaver's Tales perform May 16–20. Showtimes: 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Story Time offered by storyteller Jean Riley every Thursday, 10 a.m., at Geppetto's toy store in Otay Ranch Town Center (2015 Birch Road). Activities, stories for toddlers, preschoolers, their parents. Free. 619-216-3471. (CHULA VISTA)

Children's Author D.J. MacHale signs, discusses *Pendragon: The Pilgrims of Raine,* Thursday, May 10, 3:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Kids Fish Free at Lake Jennings on Saturday, May 12, 5:30 a.m.—noon. "Prizes for the best kids' fish story." Nonfishing adults admitted free. Find Lake Jennings County Park at 10108 Bass Road. 619-390-1300. (LAKESIDE)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Astronaut Eggs! Using limited materials, families design, build craft to land an "astronaut" safely during "Space Day Celebrations" planned for family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, May 12, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Beethoven Lives Upstairs" is theme for family festival concert presented by San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt, Saturday, May 12. Tickets: \$12. Concert begins at 2 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The Musical The Story of Hansel and Gretel is presented by J*Company Youth Theatre, May 12–20, at David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). "Sweet and charming...adaptation" features 70 children, aged 7–13. Tickets: \$12.50 children, \$16.50 adults. Show times, reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Origami Workshop led by local artist, Origami USA member V'Ann Cornelius, Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (1330

Salmon River Road). Cornelius supplies paper, patterns for this event in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Free. 858-538-8159. Workshop is for children aged 8 and older. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Kids' Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including May 15. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: \$15 general, \$5 for those 6–12, free for kids 5 and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

The Bluegrass Trio Grassology performs for "Arts for Life!/Family Arts Connection" hosted by Young Audiences of San Diego, Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community



Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

MUSEUMS

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

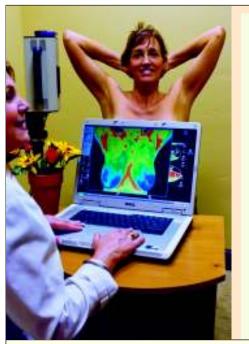
Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095
Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2.
(LAKESIDE)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and

crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North





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

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

Coronado Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado. Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a

research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP OUARTER)

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

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110

Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207, (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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

Museum of Making Music,

"Harp Guitars: Passion, Imagination, Artistry," showcases "over 30 extremely rare, historic, and contemporary instruments representing the creative genius of European and American guitar building tradition from the early 1800s through today." Exhibition explores how human capacity for invention led to creation of harp guitar. Closes Monday, July 30.

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

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

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum. the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

"P-51 Mustang" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

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.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," continuing through May, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery, with variety of naturebased photography. "Contemporary Expressions," closing May 31, includes work by San Diego photographers Bill Evarts, Lew Aulafia, Abe Ordover, Lisa Ross, Nancy Keating, Charles Sherman, Also on view and for sale: sculpture and

The permanent exhibit "Fossil Mysteries" showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-size models of Albertosaurus, Lambeosaurus, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

Current "giant-screen films" are Too Hot Not to Handle (through June), Ocean Oasis. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929.'

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH.

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS Midway is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Wells Fargo History Museum,

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



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Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 5, 8, 16; at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 11; 2 p.m. on Sunday,

May 13. Tickets: \$27–\$182. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Music Students Performance Recital, Thursday, May 10, 12:15 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). 619-260-4171. Free.

Music Student Honors Recital planned for Concert Hour series, Thursday, May 10, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

"An Evening of Opera Robusta" presented Thursday, May 10, in Versailles Ballroom at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). Listen for music from Pearl Fishers, Don Carlo, Elisir D'amour, La Traviata, Barber of Seville, Tales of Hoffman, The Magic Flute, many others, performed by Nolyn Cabahug, Carol Anne Brigette and Steven Chan, John Danke. Reception at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. \$59 tickets include concert, dinner. Reservations: 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

Annual Chamber Music Concert by San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory's advanced small ensembles offered Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free. 619-233-3232. (LA JOLLA)

Saxophone Senior Recital, Edward Hayes plays "Concerto for Saxophone" by Pierre Max Dubois and popular jazz tunes transcribed by Trent Kynaston with Daniel Green (piano) and Bryan Cabrera (percusion), Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San

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"Etcetera" — spring festival of new music at UCSD boasts music by established composers such as John Cage and Steve Reich, as well as plenty of new pieces by university graduate students, all performed by grad student musicians. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May 11, 12, 18, 19, in Warren Studio A, UCSD. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

USD Choral Scholars and USD Concert Choir Recital, Friday, May 11, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Varied program of choral favorites includes selections by Anton Bruckner. Concert repeats Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

"Beethoven Lives Upstairs" is theme for family festival concert presented by San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt, Saturday, May 12. Tickets: \$12, \$22. Concert begins at 2 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Songs of Lament and Songs of Hope" presented by San Diego Choral Arts Ensemble — boasting music by 16th-Century English composers including Bennett, Humphrey, and German composer Hans Leo Hassler, along with folk songs, spirituals, modern pieces — Sunday, May 13. Concert begins at 4 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (16275 Pomerado Road). Program includes string quartet and harpsichord on late piece by Beethoven entitled "Elegy." \$10 adults, \$5 for those 12 and younger. 858-487-2159. (POWAY)

"Westwind's Greatest Hits" — audience favorites promised during concert by Westwind Brass on Sunday, May 13, 4 p.m., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (700 D Avenue). \$15 general. 619-501-3562. (CORONADO)

"Living Mozart," Mozart's life and times in pantomime set to accompaniment of a narrative story-line and excerpts from some of his most famous works presented by Mainly Mozart on Monday, May 14, 7 p.m., at Jackie Robinson YMCA (151 YMCA Way). Question and answer period follows. Free. 619-239-0100 x304, 619-264-0144. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Music by Luis de Milan, György Kurtag, Franco Donatoni, Fernando Sor, Goffredo Petrassi, and Luciano Berio may be heard when guitarist Paul Bowman performs Monday, May 14, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. Program includes works by UCSD composers Roger Reynolds and Nathan Brock. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

red fish blue fish — UCSD's resident percussion ensemble — performs pieces by composers from György Ligeti to Pierre Boulez, Wednesday, May 16, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall, UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229.

UCSD Cellist Emily Dufour performs her spring concert, Thursday, May 17, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Connect/Disconnect,"
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UCSD's second annual senior art show exploring how one "clearly understands his or her place in the public world" continues through Saturday, May 12. Events include week-long show in Annex Gallery, outdoor sculpture gallery held on Sun God Lawn, general senior exhibition (all day Friday, morning to midday on Saturday) upstairs in Mandeville Studios. Reception for artists: Friday, May 11, 5 p.m., in Mandeville Annex Gallery. 858-534-2860. (LA JOLLA)

"Menagerie" is group show curated by San Diego Mesa College Museum Studies class with five artists brought together by universal theme of animals. Participating artists include Artemio Rodriguez, Kathi McCord, Gloria Torres, Brent Wear, Angela Miles. Exhibit opens with reception, Friday, May 11, 4:30 p.m., at Bay Park Press (4138 Napier Street). Closes Saturday, June 2. 619-388-2829.

Surrealist Painter Jean Kazandjian exhibits original paintings and etchings on Friday, May 11, 6 p.m., at Madison Gallery (1020 Prospect Street, suite 130). 858-459-0836. (LA JOLLA)

The Spring Exhibition with work by seven artists opens with reception on Friday, May 11, 6 p.m., at Taboo Studio (16151Z2 West Lewis Street). Closes Friday, June 22, 619-692-0099, (HILLOREST)

Sixth Biennial Artist's Book Exhibition opens with reception on Friday, May 11, 6:30 p.m., at

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Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Juror Victoria Steele, head of special collections at UCLA, selected work by 38 artists. Exhibition was open to artists throughout U.S. Continues through Saturday, June 16. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"New Faces, New Friends," this "intergenerational" exhibition opens with reception for artists on Saturday, May 12, noon, at Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). Through Sunday, July 15. 760-795-6120. (CARLSBAD)

"Weaving Connections: Cultural Exchanges during the Southern California Basket Trade, 1880s-1940s" opens with reception on Saturday, May 12, 5 p.m., at SANA Art Foundation (131 South Orange Avenue). "Exhibition explores how baskets helped negotiate Native American identities through the art market at a time of great social and technological change in America." Docent lecture on May 16, 11 a.m. 760-737-2903. Closes Wednesday, May 16, (ESCONDIDO)

"Fuse," group show features second reception for artists on Saturday, May 12, 5:30 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue), Closes Saturday, June 2. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"Drawn Together: Fourth Annual Exhibition of the San Diego Drawing Group" continues through Saturday, June 23, at Art Produce Gallery (3139 University Avenue). Reception for artists in conjunction with Ray at Night, Saturday, May 12, 6 p.m. 619-584-4448. (NORTH PARK)

"Several Excellent Photographs" — group show with work by Bill Dane, Catherine Opie, Joel-Peter Witkin, others opens with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, May 12, 6 p.m., at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street), Concurrently, see "Arthur Lavine: Nimble Witness." 619-501-0879. Through Wednesday, July 11. (NORTH PARK)

Ray at Night, over 20 art venues showcase local art on second Saturday of each month, including May 12, 6-10 p.m., centered at Ray Street and University Avenue. Live music, food. 619-546-9546. Free. (NORTH PARK)

The First UU Art Guild presents art exhibit opening with reception on Tuesday, May 15, in Bard Hall Gallery at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Reception for artists Susan Bainbridge, Eva Coleman, Tony Cuban, Elaine Davis, Hank Gross, Paula Ingrid Johnson, John Keasler, Mannie Kugler at 6:30 p.m. followed by art discussion group at 7:30 p.m. (bring samples of current work to share). 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

In-Camera Multiple Exposures by Jennifer Saracino are gathered in "Michigan," on display along with "Kings in Paradise" by Abe Ordover through Sunday, June 17, at Ordover Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Meet artists during reception Thursday, May 17, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor" examines, "through a selection of more than

130 watercolors, the variety of subjects these artists explored over the years." Paintings include landscapes, cityscapes, animal studies, figurative genre, fruit and floral still-lifes, Mexico.

"Personal Connections: An Intimate Portrait of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker" boasts "selection of personal photographs taken from the collection of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker,' documenting life and times of these American watercolor artists.

Printmaking is a creative process known for its abundance of materials, processes available creating a wide range of effects; it is "in a constant state of renewal, experimentation, and innovation." Select artists from San Diego & North County Printmakers have work on view in "Following the Paper Trail: Exploring the Art of Contemporary Printmaking," highlighting different techniques, styles. On view: collection of lithography, monoprints, etchings, collographs, intaglios, aquatints, linocuts, and woodblock prints.

"Mi Corazón Escondido (Mv Hidden Heart)" by David Avalos focuses on life in contemporary Escondido. Avalos worked in collaboration with county artists, poets, activists, and residents to transform everyday objects into art works suitable for chapels, flea markets, museum galleries.

All of these exhibitions close on Wednesday, July 4. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120.

Mingei International Museum,

"Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100," draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist's 75-year career. By Zeisel's accounting, she's designed more than 100,000 objects for home and table. She was the first designer in this country to produce an all-white dinner service and first to teach ceramics as industrial design for mass production rather than as handcraft. Closes Sunday, August 12.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum

- North County, "Paper Transformed," exhibition made up of "Crowning Glory - From Paper Bag Hats by Moses" and "Origami — The Art of Paper Folding" from Mingei's permanent collection continues through Saturday, July 21. For "Crowning Glory," Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. "Origami" boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date through Sunday, September 23. Finnish video artist Eija-Lijsa Ahtila presents The Hour of Prayer, a short tale about attachment and death based on the artist's own life. The material is split into four parts; story has been edited to unfold on four screens. Through Sunday,

Richard Wright, an artist from Glasgow, Scotland, created two site-specific works in Strauss Gallery of the Jacobs Building during his August and September 2006 residency at MCASD. They're on view through Sunday, September 23.

Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla,

"TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art" closing on Sunday, May 13 - features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum's permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate "diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art," with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cucullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of

"Brian Ulrich: Copia" features 14 large-scale photographs documenting shopping habits of Americans. Photographs were taken in "big-box" retail stores such as Target, Wal-Mart using medium-format film camera with waist-level viewfinder; covert vantage point allowed artist to capture "massive scale and halogen clarity of the hyperreal spaces." Closes Sunday, June 24.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic

Arts, images by contemporary artists addressing issues of narrative showcased in "Tell Me a Story: Narrative Photography Now," continuing through Sunday, May 13. Exhibition of work by Tracey Moffat, Gavin Hipkins, Pipo Nguyen-Duy, Polixeni Papapaetrou, Nikki S. Lee, Jem Southam, and others was curated by Merry Foresta, director of Smithsonian Photography Initiative.

"Arthur Lavine: Peripatetic Pleasures and Meditations," opens Saturday, May 12, and continues through Sunday, September 2. Lavine served as a noncombat photographer during World War II, freelance magazine photographer in New York City in 1950s, spent 22 years as photographer for Chase Manhattan Bank.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)



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O'Neill in Bondage

Some of the production's best moments are unspoken.

n paper it looked like a lock. The same Cygnet Theatre team that did award-winning work with Tennessee Williams's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* last year — director-scenic designer Sean Murray, actors Jim Chovick, Jessica

John, and Francis Gercke — rejoined to produce Eugene O'Neill's breakthrough tragedy, *Desire Under the Elms* (1924). In some ways the plays are similar: to-

talitarian fathers, dysfunction abounding, concerns about property, and language galore: Williams's painterly poetic flights; O'Neill's linear, frontal salvos.

Cygnet's opening-night performance, however, was strangely flat. The acting, if you don't count fluctuating New England accents and fussy, unmotivated movement, was consistent but consistently restrained and lacking O'Neill's hallmark. The critic George Jean Nathan, his lifelong friend and advocate, said the one thing O'Neill's plays had, even the flops, was "size." The characters never express mundane emotions. Often echoing those in Greek tragedy, O'Neill wrote his people large. They're possessed. But not by demons. There's no room for demons in these tormented psyches.

The road to tragedy leads through the Slough of Melodrama. Possibly to avoid the purple patches lurking in O'Neill's script, or to make them seem more human and believable, Cygnet Theatre has toned down the characters' epic intensities. The language still crackles and burns. But the people speaking it don't fill the words with fire.

"Because Of You," "Stranger In Paradise,"
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Some of the production's best moments are unspoken. Murray uses stage pictures to show daily life and the passage of time: rocks getting lugged here and there (with the suggestion of Sisyphus); Abbie, married to a man twice her age,

sewing, or sweeping a floor, and beginning to have eyes for young Eben, her husband's son.

The set, wooden planks and two platforms, lit evocatively by

Eric Lotze, conjures the hardscrabble New England farm built, a rock at a time, by Ephraim Cabot, the crazed-bitter patriarch who, O'Neill slyly suggests, is a member of one of New England's most landed families. Combined with Jeanne Reith's homespun 1850 costumes, coffee browns and dusty beiges, the production has a rustic, sepia look.

But even the set has shrinkage. The house and the famous hovering elm trees (that O'Neill wanted to show a "sinister maternity" and a "crushing-jealous absorption") are reduced to dollhouse size in the rear.

"Sinister maternity"? O'Neill also wants the trees to "brood oppressively...like exhausted women" over the stage (and, due to the elms' contact with people, an "appalling humanness"). O'Neill wrote more stage directions than almost any other playwright. He filled them with projections of his conflicts and pain. He was "an emotional hemophiliac," writes his biographer, Louis Shaeffer, "his wounds, his grievances, would never heal."

O'Neill wanted Abbie, the sensual, 35-year-old



Francis Gercke, Jessica John in Desire Under the Elms

Desire Under the Elms, by Eugene O'Neill

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Sean Murray; cast: Francis Gercke, Jessica John, Jim Chovick, John Garcia, Craig Huisenga; scenic design, Murray; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, George Ye

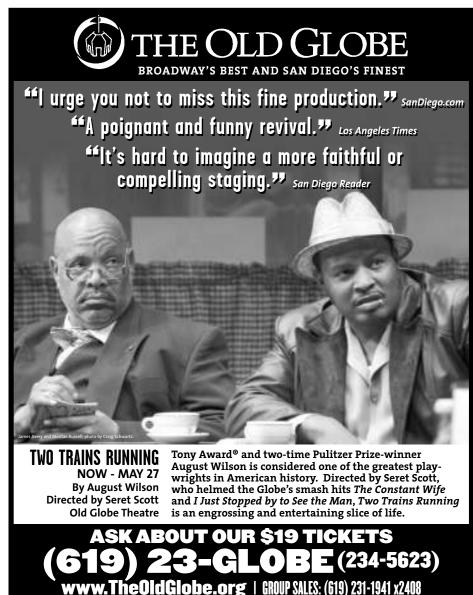
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woman who marries Ephraim, to be a Freudian icon: "a horribly frank mixture of lust and mother love" (she even tells Eben that she will be his new "Maw"); and O'Neill wants Eben, who's maybe five years younger than Abbie, to be "thunderin' soft" but with a "fierce, repressed vitality."

The father, the son, and the father's new wife form an Oedipal triangle. But what O'Neill wanted over-the-top explicit — "appalling humanness" — Jessica John and Francis Gercke downplay; they stress the passions but relegate the Freudian material to subtext. This is admirable,



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about their greed. Property and securing the future obsess them all. It's in the air. O'Neill chose 1850 for a reason: "gold fever" drew tens of thousands of 49ers west, often abandoning homes and families for that One Big Chance. Among those that remained, O'Neill suggests, many caught a fever of selfishness. They don't love. They can't. They're too caught up with ownership.

Ephraim's other sons, Peter and Simeon, are headed west ("Simon Peter" was a rock: when it comes to ladling out obvious symbolism, O'Neill never skimps). John Garcia and

psychological tourniquet. It would also help if the characters were more frank

Craig Huisenga play them as



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antsy bumpkins. What they do, they do well. But they're comic characters, and their speeches need more avarice — more at stake. They set too light a tone.

Jim Chovick makes old Ephraim a scrapping, red-faced belligerent who will stay King of the Mountain, to the end of his days, then tear the mountain down. Chovick gives Ephraim the larger-than-life size O'Neill wanted. He also suggests that the man's real battle has not only been against his wives and children, and the stony acreage he cultivated an inch at a time: it's been against his mortality. ■

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All in the Timing

Due to popular demand, Ion Theatre reprises its hugely funny production of David Ives's one-acts, this time in a downtown bistro with a lively atmosphere that enhances the playwright's surrealistic scenes (in Sure Thing, his re-iteration of a chance meeting anticipates the movie Groundhog Day; Philadelphia says we live in varying mood states, which can change). Ion's smart, daring physical comedy matches Ives's poetic-absurdist the minimalist scenery gets changed with a flourish) and crisp business. Co-directors Glenn Paris and Claudio Raygoza accept only bold choices from a game four-person ensemble: energized Andrew Kennedy does Babels of voices; Jonathan Sachs handles roles as disparate as a typing chimp named Milton (his version of Hamlet begins "Of man's first disobedience...") to Leon Trotsky philosophizing with an axe in his skull; gifted Laura Bozanich shines as various women put in strange circumstances: from Philip Glass's exlover (Glass buys a loaf of bread, and the cast turns the mundane event into a hilarious, postmodern show tune) to a lost, stuttering soul who believes "language is the opposite of loneliness" — and proves it; Kim Strassburger's a scream as a chimp named Kafka (who keeps typing K's and wonders if she's being redundant) and as Trotskv's mercurial wife so sex-crazed, at one point, she tumbles through a window. This show could run for a long, long time.

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Worth a try.

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO, 1165 SIXTH AV-ENUE (CORNER OF SIXTH AND B). DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN: THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-374-6894

Beckett3

Sledgehammer Theatre stages a site-specific interactive installation, conceived and directed by Scott Feldsher and based on the ideas of Samuel Beckett.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, 4025 GOLDFINCH STREET, MISSION HILLS, THROUGH JUNE 3: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Desire Under the Elms

Reviewed this issue. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH JUNE 3: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M 619-337-1525.

Enchanted April

A long, sketchy first act recalls Chekhov's Three Sisters. But instead of going to Moscow, you wonder if four depressed women in 1922, under what seems a permanent downpour in Hampstead. northern London, will ever make it to sunny Italy. For Act Two, the Lamb's Players stage does a Kansas-Oz. The women reach Italy (two minus their self-centered husbands). Cold characters thaw. Gloom departs. Smiles emerge. What had seemed tedious turns out to be a modest charmer. To her credit, director Deborah Gilmour Smyth accepts the play's structural flaws (heavy on the "before" and "after" of transformation) and doesn't sweep them under the carpet — or force wonders in triplicate. Instead, with a terrific ensemble cast, and accompanied by a cello fishtailing through the scene changes, she sustains a light, breezy tone, as if to say, "This April in Mezzago, Italy, will be as enchanting as you want. It's up to you." Which is the attitude of Lotty, the play's seemingly daffy, though sneaky-wise tour guide. Kerry Meads captivates as the unlikely enchantress, whose good nature and gentle persistence slowly convince you that she can, in fact, see a bright future, even if it looks bleak from here.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 13; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRI-

DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

The Full Monty

For its inaugural production, the San Diego Musical Theatre made, what seemed from afar, an odd choice, since The Full Monty was born at the Old Globe in 2000. The original would still be fresh in local memory. No matter. Except for some tinny miking (and the urge to make almost every song a wall-buster), professional production values and a spirited cast make for a lively show. The musical's essentially a long Chippendale routine combined with A Chorus Line performed by laid-off Buffalo steelworkers. They've been out of work for 18 months. Dare they become male strippers at Tony Gior dano's club out on Route 11? And will they bare all? Along with hearing David Yazbek's pop score again -"Let It Go" still rocks; "You Walk With Me" still touches - it was interesting to see how the musical's themes have been sharpened: not just about self-esteem but a subtext throughout, sketchy in the original, about accepting diversity's many forms, including the human body. An inaugural production declares intent. SDMT has a 12-piece band (led by Don LeMaster) and replicates John Arnone's minimalist, red Ibeam girder set (lit by Cygnet Theatre wiz Eric Lotze). The cast is equity and boasts strong voices, especially Allan Snyder as Jerry, who needs to strip or lose co-custody of his son. And SDMT has hired many local performers, including Amy Biedel (who belts "It's a Woman's World" with pizzazz) and one of San Diego's grande dames, Priscilla Allen, who's a treat as Jeanette, who has a patchy showbiz history. Worth a try.

STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AV-ENUE, NORTH PARK, THROUGH MAY 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-560-5740

Joev and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

Joey and Maria tie the knot in not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater."

HOLIDAY INN ON THE BAY, 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639

Josephine Tonight

It's about time Karole Foreman got a star vehicle in San Diego! One of the most versatile performers around, the actor-singer-dancer has graced every production she's been in, but most often as an ensemble player, always part of a team. Common Ground Theatre has cast Foreman as Josephine Baker (1906-1975), the great enter-

American racism and won the Croix de Guerre (and served with the French Resistance). When Foreman's onstage, she moves and charms the house with expressive eyes, elastic face, and seriocomic movements, as when she dances the "Chicken Strut." Foreman gleams throughout (like Baker, she can "smile up the sunrise"). But the night I caught the show, it wasn't anywhere near ready. It had the mistakes of a first run-through: missed lighting and music cues, long pauses between speeches and entrances, not enough time for costume changes, underrehearsed scenes. The musical should run around two hours with an intermission: the first act alone took an hour and 45 minutes. The book, by Sherman Yellen, is skimpy, at best; it treats the early Baker and paints a shallow portrait of a complex, fascinating woman. And the production exposes its faults (episodic scenes and little drama). The show opened May 3. It may have improved by now. But maybe not; it had such a long way to go. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA. DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MAY 20; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-232-3586.

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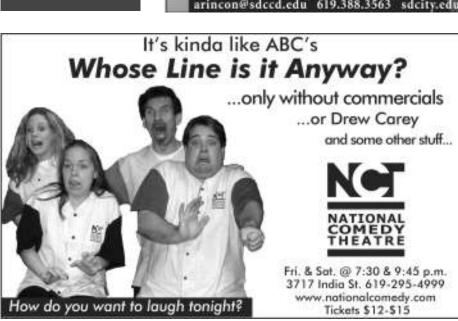
The San Diego Rep hosts a production of Jeanie Linders' musical about "the change." Songs include "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "You'll No Longer See 39," and a remake of the disco tune "Stayin' Alive" called "Stavin' Awake.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH AUGUST 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

The Oresteia

Marianne McDonald and J. Michael Walton's new translation combines Aeschylus's classic, doom-haunted trilogy (Agamemnon, The Libation Bearers, The Eumenides) into a single evening of theater. And except for inevitable and lengthy exposition (the first half hour, in fact), the vigorous script captures much of the original's sweep, from Agamemnon's double-bind sacrifice of Iphigenia (damned if he does, or doesn't) to Orestes's mirroring his father's plight (the Furies will torment him whether he kills Clytemnestra or not), though not all of its depth (a revision could also look at the pace of events, since the "greatest hits of the Oresteia" approach piles tragedy upon tragedy with relentless haste). The moderndress 6th@Penn production, however, blares through the speeches and scenes, undercutting the strengths of the text. D.H. Auden wrote that "evil







is unspectacular and always human." Director Douglas Lay opts for the spectacular, almost nonstop, and encourages actors to force rather than feel intensities. Everyone urges their speeches onto the audience, often blurring the words in the process. Lay has had success with Greek tragedy before — his Iphigenia in Aulis was quite memorable — but this production lacks his usual polish and clarity: even a chorus of Libation Bearers, and another of the devil-red clad Furies, sing so harshly the words get lost. Anyone unfamiliar with the epic story would get lost as well. Much of the acting is amateurish. The standouts make it appear more so. Donal Pugh, whether he's an Agamemnon glad to be home after a decade of war, or an above-the-fray Apollo, commands the stage and delivers his lines with precise, fluid phrasings. As does Monique Gaffney (who is having quite a 2007) as a regal Athena and thrice-cursed Cassandra, the seer no one believes (best moment: when Apollo declares that women are unnecessary for childbirth, Athena raises an eyebrow that, were it a tinge more severe, could flatten Mt. Olympus). 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE. HILLCREST. THROUGH MAY 13: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Phantom Tollbooth

Imagination Express...All Aboard presents Susan Nanus's fantasy play, based on the book by Norton Juster, about a quest to the Land of Wisdom.

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Readings of August Wilson's Plays: The Piano Lesson

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grassroots Greeks" did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for Fences in 1987 and The Piano Lesson in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas

that probe the African-American experience through the decades of the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: The Piano Lesson. Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, TUESDAY, MAY 15 (SPACE TBA), AT 7:30 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3

The School of the World

Vantage Theatre presents the world premiere of Sal Cipolla's drama about arch-rivals Leonardo DaVinci and Michelangelo painting giant murals, in the Palazzo Vecchio, at the same time. CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2004 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, SUN-DAY, MAY 13, THROUGH JUNE 9: THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-235-6135.

Smokey Joe's Cafe

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the musical theater revue based on the songs of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller (among them: "Jailhouse

Rock," "Poison Ivy," "Stand by Me," and "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?"). Sha Newman directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK VILLAGE DRIVE, ES-CONDIDO, THROUGH MAY 20: TUESDAY. THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-8501.

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System Wonderland

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages David Weiner's comedy about a film school student meant to revive a flagging creative team. David Emmes directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, THROUGH MAY 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

W;t

The night I caught the North Coast Rep's outstanding production, two people walked out about halfway

through. This was a compliment. Stagings of Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winner should be uncompromising. Amid quotations of John Donne's poetry and MDs with clipboards and scurrying nurses, you watch a proud woman wither and die of cancer. NCRT director David Hay put no smile on grim details. What the exiting couple missed was the completed arc of Rosina Reynolds's gritty, deeply human performance. "No man is an island," Donne wrote. Vivian, a Donne scholar, lived as if surrounded by water. As she breaks down, she sheds protective layers and achieves an 11th-hour wholeness. We may see more acting of this high quality in 2007, though I doubt we'll see better. The stark clashes and grave extremes of W:t — life and death, humane and inhumane treatment of hospital patients, being "smart" versus being "kind" - have the dazzle

of Metaphysical poetry. But, like Donne, the playwright laces the text with wit. Vivian's humor helps her find a kind of grace. Her mentor argues that a comma should separate "Death shall be no more" and "Death thou shalt die" in Holy Sonnet #6, because "nothing but a breath — a *comma* — separates life from life everlasting." The NCRT production offers visual evidence of this contention. Marty Burnett's scenic design has no "insuperable barriers." The stage is bare, save for curtains like those in a hospital that open and close and change scenes in a single breath.

Critic's pick.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987D LOMAS SANTA FE. SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SOME SATURDAYS) AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055



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Clampdown in **Carlsbad** Because of complaints by residents during the past eight months, the Carlsbad City Council is

Giblin's, Coyote, the Alley, Boar Cross'n, the Ocean House, and Squid Joe's prove that Carlsbad has become a live-music destination.

"If that ordinance goes through, it would decrease the value of all these businesses,' says one insider who attended the public meetings that led up to the proposal. "I would

the inside track

considering enacting an ordinance that would forbid local bars from emitting noise greater than 60 decibels after 10 p.m.

"There isn't a bar with or without entertainment that can meet those standards, says Bob Burke, owner of downtown Carlsbad's Coyote Bar and Grill, which offers live music every night. He says as soon as a bar door opens, the decibel level outside that bar goes up to 80.

Weekend lines of patrons awaiting entry at Tom

say 90 percent of the neighbors who complained about people pissing and puking and screeching their tires as they drive off drunk were people who lived right next to Squid Joe's.

Other people close to the situation say that disturbances at Squid Joe's may have derailed plans for Flogging Molly accordion player Matt Hensley to buy the bar. Ken Leighton

Disobey the Master On June 10, FM-94/9's

Independence Jam will be held at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. It will be the first time in 11 years that Devore Stadium will be used as a rock concert venue. Why did it lie dormant for so long?

'We wanted to avoid the exorbitant Ticketmaster and facilityuse fees that music fans hate," says FM-94/9 program director Garett Michaels.

What's not to hate? To purchase a \$19.50 ticket for Fall Out Boy's July 1 show at Coors Amphitheatre, Ticketmaster assesses \$9.80 in fees, more than 50 percent of the ticket price. Added to \$26 tickets for the 91X-sponsored X-Fest at Coors on May 20 is a \$6 "building facility" fee and a \$10.05 Ticketmaster "convenience" fee — 61 percent of the admission

Though Fall Out Boy and 91X might prefer not to have jacked-up admission prices, they have no choice if they want to use Coors Amphitheatre; the venue has an exclusive contract with Ticketmaster, as does Cox Arena and SDSU's Open Air Theatre (site of last year's FM-94/9 show). One insider says major promoters such as Live

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Nation/House of Blues are unlikely to use Devore because they own Coors, and their

contract with SDSU requires them to bring a minimum number of shows to the Open Air Theatre and



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Arena.

To distribute tickets. Michaels says they will use www.casbahtickets.com.

"At some point we may find that we may be stuck like Pearl Jam [11 years ago] and have to use a Ticketmastercontrolled venue."

Southwestern's Devore Stadium last rocked in 1996 with the H.O.R.D.E. Festival (Dave Matthews Band, Lenny Kravitz, Sheryl Crow, Blues

Traveler). The stadium can hold 7200 for a concert.

- Ken Leighton

Nas Treated Nastily? "We were treated like terrorists," rapper Nas says of why he cancelled his May 2 date at downtown's

House of Blues. "We came to the club, all excited," he told Z90.3 FM last week. "Couldn't wait to get here.... Every time I come to San Diego, the energy's crazy. [We] go to the venue, and they ain't let me in. I was outside with my wife, and they treated us like terrorists. It was a little racist and we just don't tolerate that...

We had a whole bunch of security guys rush outside to me and my wife like we were terrorists. It's not like I came with 50 guys or nothing; it was just me, my wife, my DJ, and my staff.... They came at us

like we was Osama Bin Laden or somebody.

"It was just a real nasty racist situation.... We deal with racists in a way that they are supposed to get dealt with. We dealt with it in a manner of respect, when they should have been disrespected. We just left it alone, you know?"

Nas left the venue without performing.

"It must be new management or something. I said 'Do you treat Bon Jovi like this?' They said, 'No'.... Anybody that tolerates [racism] is a sucker in my book.'

— Jay Allen Sanford

¡Viva Santana con **Huevos!** Guitarist Alberto Nebel's band Xolmani has been around for six years. He says the American Idol-ization of Mexico's music scene has hindered his group's progress.

"Rock en español doesn't get that much interest anymore. Everything has gone pop. It's not like it was in the early '90s. Rock has pretty much gone underground."

Besides an American *Idol*–like show called *La* Academia, Nebel says rampant CD piracy has helped push Mexican musical tastes away from rock.

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the record companies will develop very few new [rock en español] bands; they only want to invest in sure things, which means pop.'

Though Xolmani won a 2003 battle of the bands for northwestern Mexico, he says it makes sense to try and break into the U.S. market.

"That's why we are translating [and rerecording] all our music into English.

Nebel says winning the contest had a negative effect on his group.

"Our singer started getting a big head. He thought the band was all about him, so we sent him back to Spain. We found a good replacement for him from Tijuana, [but] he left his visa on top of a public phone. When he tried to get it back, they penalized him and made him wait six months. We waited for him, but he got pulled into deejaying raves.

Nebel says he advertised in the *Reader* for a replacement

"I said we were 'Santana

with balls,' but they changed it to 'Santana with power. Because we mentioned Santana, we got a lot of older people.'

Xolmani did eventually find a front man. The band appears May 15 at House of

— Ken Leighton

In the Rough Sonance Records is suing former Saved by the Bell star Dustin Diamond: the local label has a contract with Diamond's band Salty the Pocketknife. The suit seeks \$200,000 and claims Diamond agreed but failed to promote a 2004 Sonance CD during a New York City publicity tour paid for by the label.

According to the filing, "Diamond failed to wake up for scheduled radio interviews, complained about his picture not being on a billboard in Times Square, and spent almost a full afternoon auditioning for a television part that had nothing to do with the Salty CD." The actor/bassist also allegedly blew off appearances on The Tonight Show and Howard Stern's radio show.

"I had a long-term contract with them, but that was a sore disappointment," says label CEO Rick Frimmer. "[Diamond] never helped me move the product.... You can't put out a record if that band won't even play live." Diamond's recent notoriety over a sex tape and his turn on the new season of TV's Celebrity Fit Club haven't helped moved Salty CDs. "On the contrary," says Frimmer, 'we haven't had a single sale of that album in two years.'

Salty the Pocketknife, formed in 2001, reportedly split earlier this year. Sonance Records, based locally since 2004, still lists Salty CDs for







sale on its website, with a bio showing no indication the band is defunct. Says Frimmer, "That stuff's just up there to help us sell a little



DEPENDABLE, THIS POCKETKNIFE

product, maybe recoup some of our losses.

- Jay Allen Sanford

&#@%ing Internet It's the end of an era for San Diego's folk scene on May 15 with the closing of the Double Eagle guitar shop in Normal Heights. With his lease up on June 4 and the opening of a Starbucks across the street that will likely precede higher rents, owner Ed Douglass, 77, will close the shop and work on instruments at his home.

Currently a member of the Americana group High, Wide and Handsome, Douglass cites health reasons (including upcoming double knee surgery) for giving up the Double Eagle. His lease's

expiration provided good timing for an exit, and he sees the writing on the wall for small shops such as his.

"The Internet has changed everything, and I can't fight it anymore," he says. "People still come in to browse but then go home and buy what they saw cheaper online, where there is no overhead." Douglass plans to launch a website of his own.

Though the Double Eagle was in its Adams Avenue location for only six years, Douglass has been an integral part of the local music community since 1961; he was one of the driving forces behind the original Blue Guitar shop on Midway Drive. The store had an impact on the music world as the meeting place for noted songwriters and musicians, including Hoyt "Jeremiah was a bullfrog" Axton.

Douglass's footnote in music history has long been secure for being a member of the Scottsville Squirrel Barkers, an early-'60s bluegrass combo that included founding Byrds member Chris Hillman and future members of the Eagles, the Flying Burrito Brothers, and Hearts and Flowers. The band reunited in 2003 for three local performances.

Though the other Barkers went on to worldwide fame. Douglass doesn't mind that he was the only member who didn't sign with a major label. "My skills weren't as good as the other guys in the band," he deadpans. "But I was good at one thing. I could get us shows.'

— Bart Mendoza

Of Guyish Girls and Girly Women "I play violin, viola, and piano, says Miss Amina Ĵames, a local emcee who knows about balancing her image. The 26-year-old says, "First of all, I don't dress sexy. I almost always wear a hoodie and some sweats. If I have to look professional, I look for something that covers everything. That's why you get these females in hip-hop that are really, really tough because they have to put on this front like they're mean, or bitches. You have to put up that front, you have to be mean, you have to put it right then and there that nobody's going to mess with you.... It's a hard balance for us because in this industry they don't like guyish girls, [but] we still have to be girly women."

James says she put up a different kind of front that helped garner fans.

"I wrote a song [named] 'My First Time,' about my 'experience' with my first true love. I performed it in this gay and lesbian club called Forbidden City in Hollywood. I scrambled and changed the



lyrics in the car from 'I never been with a man before so won't you show me what it's all about' to 'been with a girl' and people went haywire! I picked up a decent lesbian following, and I got both girls and guys hitting on me via MySpace."

— Stefanie Howell

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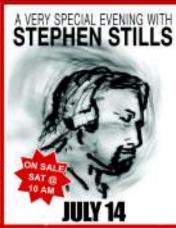
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hree out of four band members live in TJ," says Fabian Tamayo, rhythm guitarist in MinusOne. The only stateside resident is the band's drummer, Pierre Moreno, who lives in Imperial Beach. He fab-

ricates custom motorcycle parts at a shop called Racing 905. "We like to play all types of metal," says Moreno, 24. "We do death, we do thrash, we do grind, we

do speed, we do power, we pretty much do all

MinusOne has been a part of Tijuana's metal scene since 2002. They also perform in Mexicali and, more and more, in the U.S. "We try to play more on this side, if we can get gigs, says Tamayo, 27, who works a day job in Kearny Mesa. "Since we got the word out and got a reputation for ourselves on the other side [the band frequently refers to the U.S. as "the other side"], we've got a pretty good following, [as well as] in TJ and in Mexicali."

Is there really much of a club scene for metalheads in Mexicali? "Over there," he says, "we play pretty much anywhere they let us play." MinusOne rehearses in a rented studio in downtown Tijuana.

I meet Moreno and Tamayo at a Starbucks

in the Chula Vista mall. Christian Nieto, 23, the band's lead guitarist, later shows up with a singer named "G" well after the interview is finished, victims of a lengthy border crossing. G, as it turns out, will quit MinusOne weeks

> Moreno tells me, "We've played Scolari's Office...they don't have specifically a metal

night there, but they put on a variety of styles of music...we played the Zombie Lounge...we played Chaser's once, and we've done two or three house parties here in Chula Vista.'

What is the heavy metal scene in Tijuana? "There's a lot of good bands out there," says Tamayo. "There's a couple of places that are doing shows right now." He mentions Sotano de Rita and the all-age cultural center Instituto Cultural Baja California, known as ICBC.

"But we're pretty much over the whole Mexico audience," says Moreno. "With our new album [the self-released record The Rise and Fall], the American audience is gonna adapt to it a little more. Over here [in the U.S.]," he says, "there's more metalheads."

Moreno owns an iPod, a Nano, received as a gift from his mother a few months ago. He



says he has about 300 songs downloaded onto it and that he listens mostly to "death metal and hip-hop. I use it for personal use and for [learning] my drum skills, tempos on the double-kick and stuff. The best way for me to learn new drum skills," he says, "to get songs in my head, is to listen to songs over and over.'

Pierre Moreno's Mostly Metal Top Ten: 1. Bloodbath, "Eaten"

- 2. Behemoth, "Horns Ov Baphomet"
- 3. Decapitated, "Spheres of Madness"
- 4. Danzig, "1000 Devils Reign"
- 5. Marvin Gaye, "Got to Give It Up, Pt. 1"
- 6. Vital Remains, "Dechristianize'
- 7. The Psycho Realm, "The First Day of Free-
- 8. Opeth, "The Leper Affinity" 9. Marduk, "Bleached Bones"
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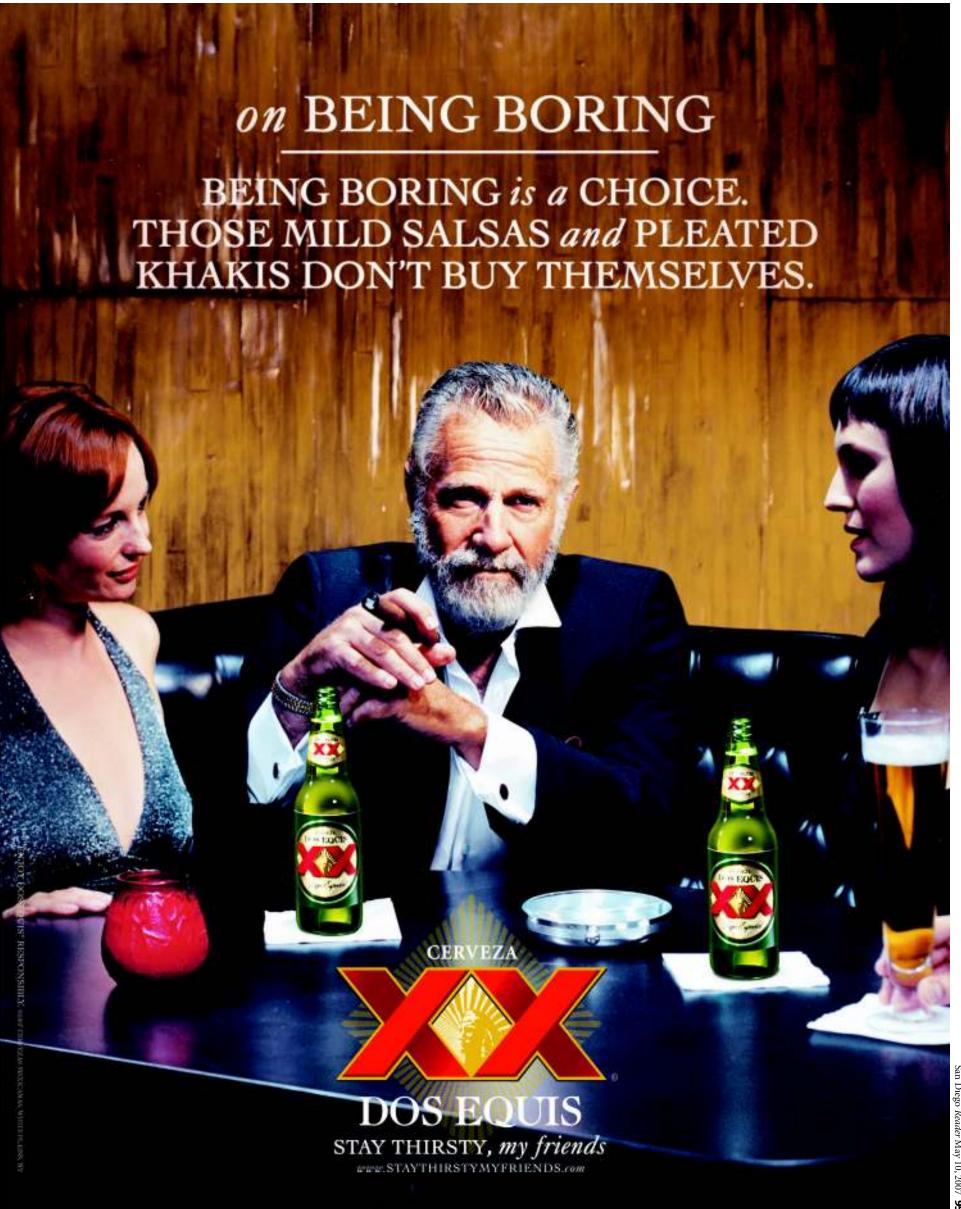












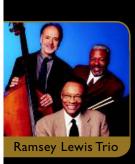


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Joss Stone: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, May 12, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

"Beach to Brewery Music Fest": Karl Strauss Brewery, Saturday, May 12, 5985 Santa Fe Street, Pacific Beach.

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Les Nubians: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, May 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140

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Buddy Guy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, May 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jesse Winchester:

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Al Green: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rory Block and Kelly Joe Phelps: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights

They Might Be Giants: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-

The Go-Go's: 4th & B, Saturday, May 19, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Dimmu Borgir: Soma, Saturday, May 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Melt Banana: The Casbah, Sunday, May 20, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

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Boyz II Men: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, May 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Expendables: Belly Up Tavern. Thursday, May 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Tish Hinojosa:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, May 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Erykah Badu: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Chayanne: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, May 26, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Queensrÿche: 4th & B, Saturday, May 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-

Bucky Covington: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, May 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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The Hold Steady: 'Canes, Friday, June 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

P.F. Sloan: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, June 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Morrissey: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Sunday, June 3, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Gregg Allman: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Pato Banton: House of Blues, Sunday, June 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.

The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 4 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Manu Chao: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, June 5, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Lucinda Williams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 5 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Gregory Isaacs: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, June 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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Unwritten Law: House of Blues, Thursday, June 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Charlie Daniels Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, June 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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Jonatha Brooke: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, June 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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John Mayer and Ben Folds: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, June 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Leon Russell: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, June 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, June 13, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Issac Delgado y Su Orquesta: 4th & B, Friday, June 15, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Elliott Yamin: House of Blues, Friday, June 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

O.A.R.: Open Air Theatre, Friday, June 15, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

REO Speedwagon: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 16, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Tenacious D: House of Blues, Saturday, June 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, June 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Sage Francis: Soma, Sunday, June 17, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Norah Jones: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, June 19, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

John Michael Montgomery: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 20, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

The John Butler Trio: 4th & B, Wednesday, June 20, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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Hot Tuna: House of Blues, Monday, June 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Paulina Rubio: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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Friday, June 22 • 7:30

Jonny Lang

Jon McLaughlin Saturday, June 23 • 7:30

Michael McDonald Sunday, June 24 • 7:30

Steve Winwood Wednesday, June 27 • 8:00

JULY

Dana Carvey Friday, July 6 • 8:00

Blues Traveler Sunday, July 8 • 7:30

Queen Latifah: The Music of Dana Owens Tuesday, July 10 • 8:00

Ani DiFranco Wednesday, July 11 • 7:30

Dennis DeYoung: The Music of Styx Friday, July 13 • 7:30

Beach Boys with special guest Russ T. Nailz Sunday, July 15 • 7:30

Cowboy Junkies / Joan Osborne

Tuesday, July 17 • 7:00

Boz Scaggs Wednesday, July 18 • 7:30

'70s Soul Jam featuring The Stylistics, Chi-Lites, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, Delfonics and Three Degrees
Hosted by Jimmie "JJ" Walker Thursday, July 19 • 7:00

Paul Rodriguez Friday, July 20 CANCELLED

Dickey Betts with special guest **Shooter Jennings** Sunday, July 22 • 7:30

John Hiatt/ Shawn Colvin Tuesday, July 24 • 7:00

Lyle Lovett / k.d. lang Wednesday, July 25 • 7:00

Bob Weir & RatDog / Keller Williams

Friday, July 27 • 6:00

Hootie & The Blowfish Sunday, July 29 • 7:30

Tears For Fears

Monday, July 30 • 8:00

Larry Carlton & Robben Ford with special guest **Muriel Anderson's**

All Star Guitar Night Tuesday, July 31 • 7:30

AUGUST

Musiq Soulchild

with special guest

Chrisette Michele Friday, August 3 • 7:30

Huey Lewis & The News Sunday, August 5 • 7:30

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra Sunday, August 12 • 7:30

Keb' Mo' / The

Robert Cray Band Tuesday & Wednesday

August 14 & 15 • 7:00 Jim Gaffigan

with special guest Rich Brooks Thursday, August 16 • 7:30

Dave Koz: At The Movies Summer 2007 Toui with special guest Phil Perry Friday, August 17 • 7:30

India.Arie Sunday, August 19 • 7:30

Dave Brubeck Ouartet

Monday, August 20 • 7:30

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Badfinger featuring Joey
Molland and Country Joe
McDonald

Tuesday, August 21 • 6:30

Wednesday, August 22 • 7:30

Creedence **Clearwater Revisited** Thursday, August 30 • 8:00

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Cecilio & Kapono Sunday, Sept. 2 • 7:30

B.B. King / **Etta James & Her Roots Band**

Tuesday, Sept. 4 • 7:00 **Temptations /**

Four Tops Thursday, Sept. 6 • 7:30

Big Bad Voodoo Daddv Friday, Sept. 7 • 8:00

Heart featuring **Ann & Nancy Wilson**

Sunday, Sept. 9 • 7:30 **Doobie Brothers**

with special guest

Johnny "V" Vernazza

Monday, Sept. 10 • 7:30

Pink Martini Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 17 & 18 • 8:00

America Wednesday, Sept. 19 • 7:30

Kenny G Wednesday, Sept. 26 • 8:00

Trisha Yearwood Thursday, Sept. 27 • 7:30

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 28 & 29 • 8:00

OCTOBER

Air Supply / **Christopher Cross** Friday, October 5 • 7:00

Steve Tyrell Sunday, October 7 • 7:30

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Cyndi Lauper, Erasure, and Debbie Harry: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, June 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

LeAnn Rimes: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-

Steve Winwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

The All-American Rejects: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Alison Krauss: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, June 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Acoustic Alchemy: House of Blues, Thursday, June 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Lauryn Hill: Palomar Starlight Theater Friday, June 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Fall Out Boy and +44: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 1, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Widespread Panic: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 1, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445

The Moody Blues: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 2, 2260 my Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Switchfoot: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161. Band of Horses: 'Canes, Friday, July

6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission

Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Beach. 858-488-1780. Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 8, 2241 Shelter

Chicago and America: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, July 8, SDSU campus College Area. 619-594-6947.

Brett Dennen: House of Blues Monday, July 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine 619-445-5400.

Ani DiFranco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Disco Biscuits: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Psychedelic Furs: 4th & B, Saturday, July 14, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Beach Boys: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Willie Nelson: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala, 760-510-4580.

The Fray, Gomez, and Eisley: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Cowboy Junkies and Joan **Osborne:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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Lvle Lovett and k.d. lang: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay

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Tim McGraw and Faith Hill: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, August 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-

Clay Aiken: Palomar Starlight Theater. Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala, 760-510-4580.

Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake: House of Blues, Friday, August 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583.

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Huey Lewis & the News: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay

Sunday, August 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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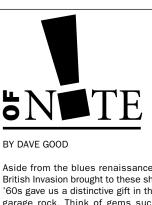
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Colin Hay: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140,

Dramarama and a Flock of Seagulls: House of Blues, Thursday, August 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Los Lonely Boys: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-





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Lynyrd Skynyrd: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-

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Dweezil Zappa: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-299-2583.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

UB40: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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Creedence Clearwater Revisited:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

SEPTEMBER

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island

B.B. King and **Etta James:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Daryl Hall & John Oates: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter

The Temptations and **The Four Tops:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy:

Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rise Against: Soma, Friday, September 7, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter

America: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Clay Walker: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400

Kelly Clarkson: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, September 21, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Eddie Money: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Michael Bolton: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Kenny G: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

The Dave Matthews Band and **Stephen Marley:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

619-671-3600.

Kenny G: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Rick Springfield: Palomar Starlight Theater, Saturday, September 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-

"Adams Avenue Street Fair":

Adams Avenue, Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, between Bancroft Street and 35th Street, Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

OCTOBER

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Steve Miller Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, October 5, 5

760-510-4580. **Steve Tyrell:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 7, 2241 Shelter

miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala.

Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 7, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October, 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Calendar clubs

DANCE

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or submit a listing online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Deadline is 5 p.m.

Air Conditioned: Wednesdays, RockBoxx, '70s and '80s rock. Thursdays, College Night, old-skool hip-hop, '80s, and funk with DJ 1979. Fridays, old-skool disco, funk, and '80s with DJ Junior. Saturdays, Juicy. classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

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Brass Rail: Fridays, *Element*, New York and Chicago house-music journeys with DJ Ciel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

The C Lounge: Sundays, *Liquid*, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass with residents Calculon, Knottyboy, Frizz, and more. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Club Montage: Wednesdays, Club Thizz, hip-hop, reggae, and drum 'n' bass. Sundays, first floor, Klub Retro, nu wave, synth-pop, and new romantic; second floor, Underworld, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego. 619-294-9590.

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and up. 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163.

Gaslamp Tavern: Thursdays, DJs Billie Knight, Tek, and guests spin true hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Billio Knight spins Tavern music, Sundays, DI Tek spins '80s. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

Honey Bee Hive: Wednesdays Mixtape Sessions, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to 1 a.m Thursdays, Deep, drum 'n' bass with DIs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Second Saturday of the month, classic and underground hip-hop, funk, and breaks with DJs Frantik, Thumbprint, and Pnutz. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe: Saturdays Candy Shop Young Adult Nightclub, DJ'd hip-hop, R&B, dirty South, and live music. 8 p.m. 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-469-4113.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Jack's Lounge: Fridays, Injoy Fridays at Iack's, deep funky house music with DJ Misha and guests. Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Iolla, 858-456-8111

Kadan: Wednesdays, Darkwave Garden, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. First Saturday of the month, BrokenBeat Night, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: First Saturday of the month, Ascension, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, Lowdown, metal to old skool to classic rock to hip-hop with DJs Buddha and SC. 9:30 p.m. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Landlord Jim's: Sundays, Sunday Soulcial, DJ Buddha serves up old soul, R&B, and positive hip-hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 1546 Broadway, downtown, 619-233-9998

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, Mambo Lounge, salsa bachata, and cha-cha with Da Wizzrd.



Joss Stone, May 12, Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park

8 p.m. to midnight, 875 Hotel Circle ıth, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40 hits. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

San Diego Sports Club:

Wednesdays, *Club Pussy Galore*, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electropop, and '80s. First Friday of the month, *Sin Factory*, fetish, gothic, and industrial. Second and fourth Saturday of the month, Club Fashio Whore, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Barry Weaver, Edgartronic, and more. Third Saturday of the month, *Club de Sade*, gothic, industrial, and fetish with DIs Darkman and Creep, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest 619-299-7372.

Shooterz: Thursdays, Club '80s, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DIs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

South Park Bar & Grill: Fridays, disco, funk, and electro with DJs Riddles and Rudy Palos. 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696-0096

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Saturdays, DJs Marc Thrasher and Famous Dave mix music videos. Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, Manic Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downto 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: First and third Saturday of the month, Transport, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, One Nation, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DIs Blackstone and Atari, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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BEACHES

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagra Avenue Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., John Tafolla and Friends, variety.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live jazz/blues/reggae nightly.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach 858-488-1780 Music is rock/alternative/indie. Thursday, Sheila Sondergard, the Flux Theory, DB3, and Justin James. Friday, the Stepping Feet and 40 Ounces to Freedom. Saturday, Four Minutes Till Midnight, Good Intentions. Safety Orange, and the Sour Mash Trio. Wednesday, Negative Filter, Tainted Society, Lesson in Pain, and Bedlum.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquois jazz and blues.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/rock/punk. Friday, 8 p.m., Brian Seeger, the Halyconaires, and Mandarin Dynasty.





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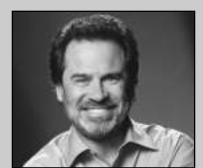
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E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., John Compton, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Jerry McCann Band, reggae/rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Ryan Teluban, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Julie Mack.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *the* Hugh Gaskins Band, blues, Friday, the Flat Out Liars, classic rock. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Salt Lickers, 9 p.m., Plato Soul, rock/soul. Sunday, the Blues Brokers, blues jam.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Barry Levich, jazz.

Sunday, Keith Jacobsen, smooth jazz Leana Bistro and French Pastry

Cafe, 5550 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-454-9094. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Will Faeber, Greg Pardue, and Gary Peek, rock/jazz/R&B.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron, Mark Fulton, James* East, and PTrak Armenta, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Jazz 101 Band featuring Nick Fiore, John Guilino, Dave Scott, and the Cynthia Hammond. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice, Latin

People's Food, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 6 p.m., the Speak Easy Quartet, '40s traditional jazz.

710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons), 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Music is rock/reggae/alternative. Thursday, The Week's Worth and the Micromaniacs. Friday, 3 Against 1, Mad Martigan and Vocoder. Saturday, Dirty Madame, Even Rude, OPM, and d.fRost. Wednesday,

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, the Pheromones, rock. Saturday, live rock/blues. Wednesday, the Bartones

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Jazzilla, Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., live world jazz.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

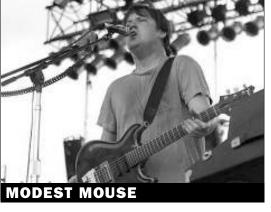
A few months ago, Rolling Stone featured an interview with Isaac Brock in which the famously difficult Modest Mouse singerguitarist suggested he had put all his troubles behind him. He said he was sober, or at least not as wasted as he used to be. And, after the surprise success of the single "Float On" a couple of years ago, he was rich - or at least not as broke as he used to be.

Anyway, as the interview was conducted, Brock was preparing for the release of Modest Mouse's new album. We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank, the

first to feature new member Johnny Marr. Marr, of course, was the guitar genius behind the Smiths, and the news that he had ioined Modest Mouse thrilled music geeks everywhere. The album debuted at No. 1.

Mind you, CD sales have declined so much in recent years that it's not as hard as it used to be to get on the charts. Still, hitting No. 1 is an impressive feat for any artist, especially one who, like Brock, favors choppy rhythms and wordy, obscure lyrics, and

whose vocals alternate between warbling and vapping. Marr has softened Brock's edges a little and brought a level of harmony that wasn't there before, but Modest Mouse still sounds like the scrappy band that fought its way out of Issaquah, Washington, more than a dozen years ago. And despite



his claims to the contrary. Brock still seems like the same freaky guy. The Internet is abuzz with recent reports of him slashing himself with a knife onstage.

MODEST MOUSE, Cox Arena, Monday, May 14, 7 p.m. 619-594-0429. \$33.75.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822, Thursday Storytyme and Edub Poet. Friday, Vegitation, reggae. Saturday, Aqua Tribe, Gadfly, and the Wylde Bunch, reggae/rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, D Numbers,

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Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, Steve Brewer,

Borders Books and Music (**Gaslamp**), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., Larry Fulton, contemporary piano Saturday, 8 p.m., Derrick Boess, folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted Friday, the Germs, Misled Citizen, and Mai Shi. Saturday, Big Sandy and His Fly-

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Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park, 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown 619-233-4355 All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday,

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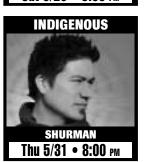
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G5-Georges on Fifth, $835~\mathrm{Fifth}$ Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown 619-702-0444 Thursday Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, Tom Barabas, pianist,

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue downtown, 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, Groove Sessions. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., Modern Day Moonshine rock/soul/reggae. Friday, Molly Hatchet and Blackfoot, rock. Saturday, Soul Seduction. Sunday, Ray Sidney and Firm Soundation, gospel. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Manganista, alternative rock, 9 p.m., Daily Dose, acoustic rock.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., live disco/dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown, 619-235-6100. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Modern Day Moonsh soul/rock/reggae/funk.

Patrick's II. 428 F Street, downtown 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Blue Four. Friday, Johnny "V" and the Usual Suspects. Saturday, Soul Diego. Sunday, Chet Cannon and the Committee.
Monday, the Bayou Brothers. Tuesday, Blue Largo. Wednesday, Len Rainey and the Midnight Players.

Princess Pub and Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, J.D. Boucharde, piano.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, Primo, salsa/Latin. Tuesday, Asi Son

The Shout House, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Monday, *Peter Prince of* Piano. Tuesday and Wednesday, Kevin

McCully, piano.
Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Fran Loskota, pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Karen Giorgio, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio De La Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Faith Page, international/standards.

SAN DIEGO

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego, 619-303-8176. Friday, Fairport Convention

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Live rock/indie/alternative

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Willovealot, smooth jazz/funk.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dannicus, Irish folk. Monday, Pat and Joe

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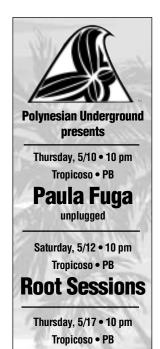
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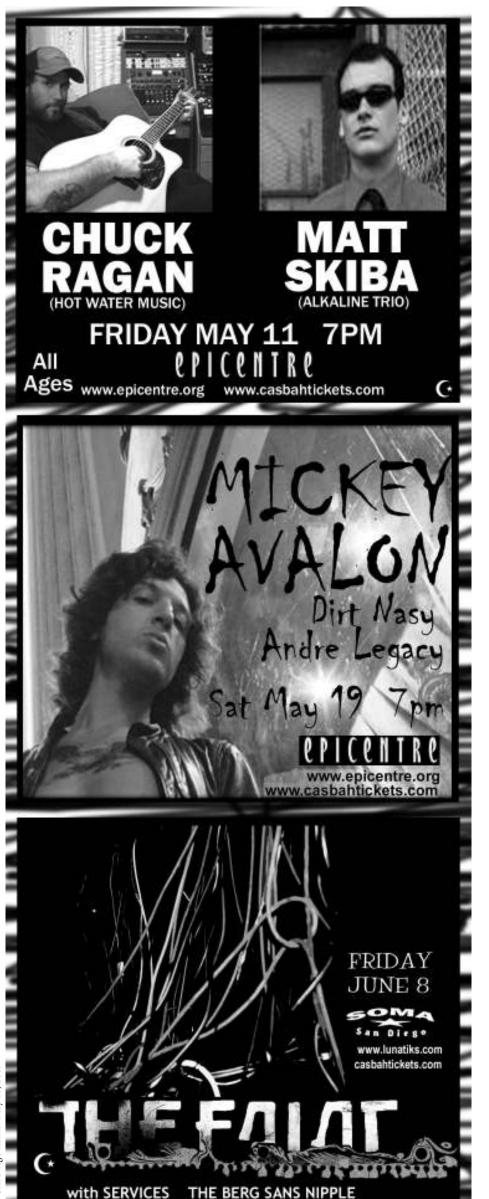
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and Allison Gill, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Live rock/metal/alternative music

Cafe on the Park, 11611 Bernardo Plaza Court, San Diego. 858-613-2000. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Sandy Devito Trio, jazz/Latin.

Celadon, 3671 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-297-THAI. Thursday, 8 p.m.. Amelia Browning, jazz vocalist.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845 Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, Chuck Ragan and Matt Skiba.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Live blues/rock.

Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, salsa. Monday, tango. Tuesday, hip-hop. Wednesday, swing.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Private Domain, classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Skelpin, Celtic music. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Crush, dance Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jose Molina Serrano, jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, Native Vibe. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Chet Cannon, blues jam. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Nathan James and Ben Hernandez, blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Pop Rocks, '80s dance

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Rick Lyon, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday and Saturday, rock/metal/alternative/punk

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, John Eliot, Kelly Dalton, and Raina Rose. Friday, Joshua James, Paul Curreri, and Brett Bixby. Saturday, Gregory Page. Sunday, Lindsey Mack and Tom Griesgraber. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Molly Jensen.

Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 9 p.m., Orquesto Rico Tumbao, salsa,

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is

rock/punk/alternative rock/indie unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., Kings Only, China Clippers, and Born Tonight. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Tap Water* and *Brain Buckit*. Monday, *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Pussy Whips, Secret* Samurai, and Indigo, alternative/rock/surf. Wednesday,

Kompany of Kings and Rhythm and the Method.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, the Dateless Losers, rock. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

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The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, San Diego. 619-224-4835. Friday, 8 p.m., *Sound Bone*, hard rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative music.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk. Thursday, Bury Your Dead, Stick to Your Guns, and Since the Flood. Friday, Dear Life, Fight Fair, This Is the Hospital, and Burning the Masses, Ship Shapet Bristol, Fashion, and Pillars of Autumn. Saturday, Sanu, Damcyan, Nihilist, Animal Corpse, and Light of Doom. Sunday, Drop Dead Gorgeous, Alesana, a Day to Remember, and Dance Gavin Dance.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, JJ Lim's Jazz Jam. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Amelia Browning and the John Kopecky Trio. Saturday, Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta, R&B/Top 40/jazz.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Saturday, the Radiology Band, rock. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Robin Henkel Band, blues.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, Blue Largo, jazz/blues. Saturday, the Mississippi Mudsharks, the Hot Rod Trio, and Anna Troy, blues/swing/acoustic. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Jazz Band.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Saturday, *Vinyl Radio*.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

Vinbladh's, 4651 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-269-4620. Thursday, 8 p.m., Fred Benedetti, classical guitar. Sunday, 7 p.m., Jaime Valle and Bob Magnusson, Latin/jazz.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*,

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., Don Carlos and the Devastators, reggae. Friday, Cross Canadian Ragweed and Micky and the Motorcars, rock. Saturday, Dynamite Walls, This Holiday Life, Emery Byrd, and Andrew Ripp, rock. Sunday, RJD2, Pigeon John, and Happy Chichester, hiphop/indie. Wednesday, Luni Coleone, Cool Nutz and Main-Flow, rap/hip-hop.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hiphop. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *George Svoboda*, classical guitar.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., Korrie Pollioto. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Derren Raser Band, folk/jazz/rock/blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., Winterhawk, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., Monty McIntyre, acoustic.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Crossroads*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Boneyard, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m., the Restless Natives, rock/blues/reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., cC and David, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Sons of Bordertown, rock/blues/folk. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Jerry McCann Band, reggae/R&B, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bruce Camercon, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the New Breed Duo, jazz.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz. **Del Dios Bar and Grill,** 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-489-4800. Friday, the Clachan Boys, Celtic folk. Saturday, Grand Canyon Sundown, country.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz. Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Point Blank*, classic rock. Saturday, *Abigail's Attic*, alternative. The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, Francisco the Man!, Abigail's Attic, and Well Rose. Saturday, Chris Paul Overall, Thinking Aloud, Agama, Absens. Wednesday, the Shutters, the Adaptation, and Lost Haven.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday,

8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

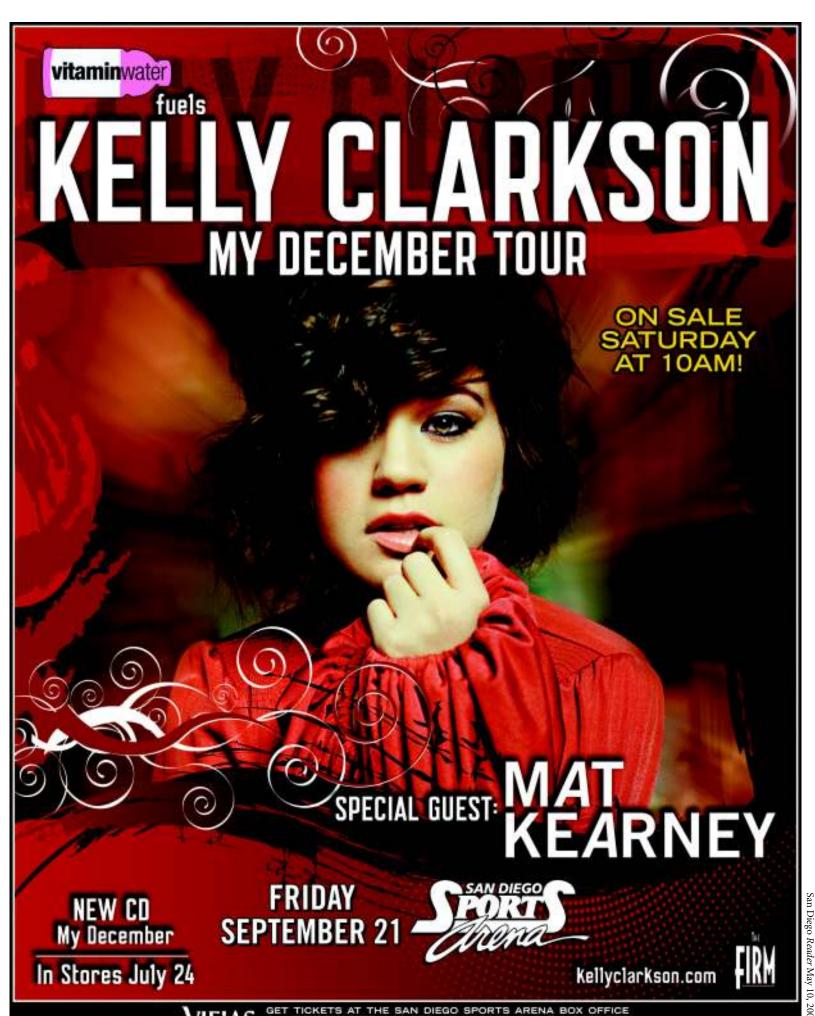
McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Rangers, country.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, *Sweet Deal*, rock.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, DJ Smoove. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, Help, Beatle tribute band. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Cradit Union, swing.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

The Show Palace, 1527 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. 760-439-1100. Friday, 7 p.m., *Molly Hatchet, Blackfoot*, and the Atlanta Rhythm Section.



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NORTH COUNTY

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, the Wagon, rock. Friday, Meliesa and the Monkey Bites, alternative. Saturday, Forrest and Friends.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle, Irish dance cabaret.

SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., Jesse Davis, variety. Saturday, Stage 4 or Mikan and Friends, iazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Burnett Anderson, Robert Sebastian, and Scott Wallingford, jazz.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Justin Brothers, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., David Hauser, acoustic. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Gary Seiler, acoustic.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony* Lasley, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Gibson*, guitarist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*, guitarist. 1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to

Saturday, and sanday, 9,111. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist.

Sun Deck: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-536. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise stated. Thursday, 4-Way Street. Friday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Saturday, 4-Way Street. Sunday, Steve Brewer. Monday, Gene Warren. Tuesday, Jackson and Jesus. Wednesday, Laguna, classic rock.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Sharon Hael Township*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor* Harvey Band, acoustic rock.

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Joey and the Stingrays*, classic rock/oldies/country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, Fuzz Huzzi, rock. Saturday, Master Guru, Dissolution, Thunderhead, and Haustorium, rock.

Mulveny's Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, the Honky Tonk Kings, country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, Whiskey Ridge, country.



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Album: The Catalyst (2007)
Artist: Non-Prophet
Label: self-released

Where available/price: Hindsight Rehearsal Studios in Miramar for \$10 or at live shows for \$8. Online at CDBaby for \$10: iTunes for \$.99/song.

Songs: 1) American Tragedy 2) Letting Go 3) Non-Prophet 4) Something to Prove 5) New Beginnings 6) Vigil **Band:** Andrew Forbregd (vocals), Jeff Fields (drums), Neil Hamovitch (guitar), Xernan Lacson (guitar), Chris Mullen (bass) **Website:** www.myspace.com/nonprophetband

Non-Prophet's music is quick, driving, and tight. They've taken cues from late-model punk, heavy

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia

and Saturday, 6one9, classic rock.

Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190

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2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., From K to Z or the Wize Guys, swing/standards.

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ALTERNATIVE

Jumping Turtle

metal, some of the harder elements of emo, and mixed the concoction into a straightforward, rocking album.

forward, rocking album.

Absens: The Jumping Turtle **The Adaptation:** The Jumping Turtle

Agama: The Jumping Turtle
Animal Corpse: Soma
Bedlum: 'Canes

Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys:

Briegade: Dreamstreet
Broke on Friday: Dreamstreet

Burning the Masses: Soma Bury Your Dead: Soma

Caskets on Parade: Dreamstreet **Chaotic Organization:** Dreamstreet

Chris Paul Overall: The Jumping Turtle

Damcyan: Soma

The Damnwells: The Casbah

It's certainly not exper-

imental: lightning guitar fin-

gering and racing rhythms

are presented with no excess

of fat. Andrew Forbregd's

vocals are high-pitched with-

out being shrill and intense

without scream-singing. All

the musicians are better than

your average local band, but

Jeff Fields stands out with his

hot-rod V-8 popping of the

of the album is angst and

disillusionment. "Vigil" is

about a return to apathy

from concern after tragedy;

9/11 is never mentioned out-

right, but it's a solid guess.

"Letting Go" deals with frus-

tration with family and child-

hood: "You spoke of respect,

but you never showed me/

The running narrative

drums.

Dank Sinatra: Dreamstreet

A Day to Remember: Soma

Dear Life: Soma
d.fRost: 710 Beach Club

Dirty Madame: 710 Beach Club Drop Dead Gorgeous: Soma

A Dull Science: Dreamstreet
Even Rude: 710 Beach Club

Fashion: Soma

Fight Fair: Soma

40 Ounces to Freedom: 'Canes
Four Minutes Till Freedom: 'Canes

Non-Prophet
How was I to learn?/ With-

How was I to learn?/ Without honesty there can never be a family."

Non-Prophet would do well with a young beach crowd at a house party or at 'Canes.

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The Damnwells: The Casbah

Dance Gavin Dance: Soma

Francisco the Man!: The Jumping
Turtle

The Germs: The Casbah

Get Your Death On: The Casbah

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Indigo: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Kavena: Dreamstreet

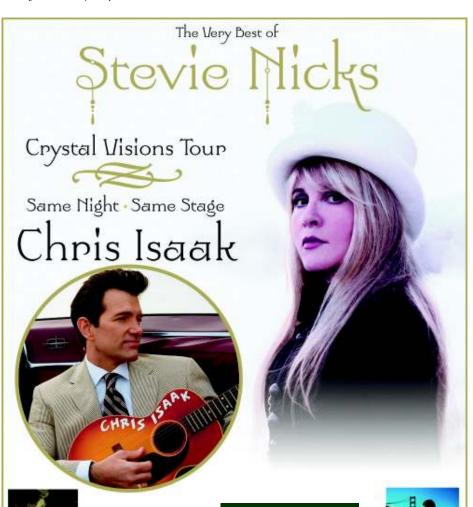
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The North Atlantic: The Cashah

Oliver Reigns: Dreamstreet

OPM: 710 Beach Club

Pillars of Autumn: Some Public Puppet: Dreamstreet

The Pussy Whips: O'Connell's Pub

Red Fang: The Casbah

Safety Orange: 'Canes

Sanu: Soma

Brian Seeger: Ché Café

Ship Shapet Bristol: Soma

The Shutters: The Jumping Turtle Since the Flood: Soma

The Sour Mash Trio: 'Canes

The Sterns: The Casbah

Stick to Your Guns: Some

Storvtyme: Winstons

The Surgeons General: Dreamstreet

Tainted Society: 'Canes

Thinking Aloud: The Jumping Turtle This Holiday Life: Belly Up Tavern

This Is the Hospital: Soma

Vinvl Radio: Tower Bar

Vocoder: 710 Beach Club Well Rose: The Jumping Turtle

The Rartones: Tiki House

Blackfoot: The Show Palace, House of

Bonevard: Covote Bar and Grill

The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub

The Cradit Union: Ocean House

Dazed and Confused: Dick's Last

Dissolution: Fannie's Nightclub

Dregs of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Dynamite Walls: Belly Up Tavern

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Forrest and Friends: Surf N'Saddle

Fuzz Huzzi: Fannie's Nightclub

Gadfly: Winstons

Good Intentions: 'Canes

Haustorium: Fannie's Nightclub

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Brain Buckit: O'Connell's Pub and

CC and David: Coyote Bar and Grill

The China Clippers: O'Connell's Pub

Cross Canadian Ragweed: Belly Up

The Crossroads: Carvers

Daily Dose: House of Blues

The Dateless Losers: The Ould Sod

The Disco Pimps: Dick's Last Resort

Emery Byrd: Belly Up Tavern

The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken

The Flux Theory: 'Canes

420 Black Birdz: Dreamstreet

The Ghost Town Deputies: $\operatorname{The}\nolimits$

The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's

Help: Ocean House

The Hot Rod Trio: Tio Leo's Lounge

Justin James: 'Canes

Joey and the Stingrays: Downtown The Justin Brothers: Galley at the

Kings Only: O'Connell's Pub and

Kompany of Kings: O'Connell's Pub

Laguna: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Mad Martigan: 710 Beach Club Master Guru: Fannie's Nightclub

Micky and the Motorcars: Belly

The Micromaniacs: 710 Beach Club

Modern Day Moonshine: Martini

Molly Hatchet: The Show Palace,

The Palominos: The Casbah

The Pheromones: Tiki House

Point Blank: Hennessey's Tavern

Private Domain: Humphrey's

The Radiology Band: Tio Leo's

(Mira Mesa) Chuck Ragan: Epicentre

The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar

Rhythm and the Method: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Andrew Ripp: Belly Up Tavern

Ron's Garage: Hotel del Coronado, Island Sports and Spirits

The Salt Lickers: The Kraken Secret Samurai: O'Connell's Pub and

6one9: Second Wind (Santee)

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San

The Sons of Bordertown: Covote

Soul Seduction: House of Blues

Sound Bone: The Rhythm Lounge

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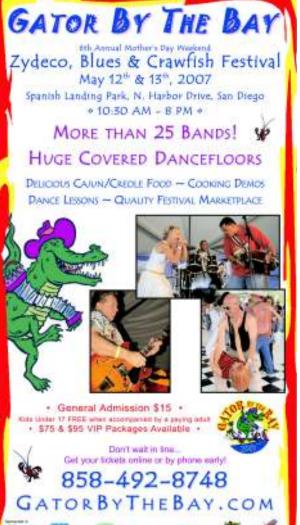
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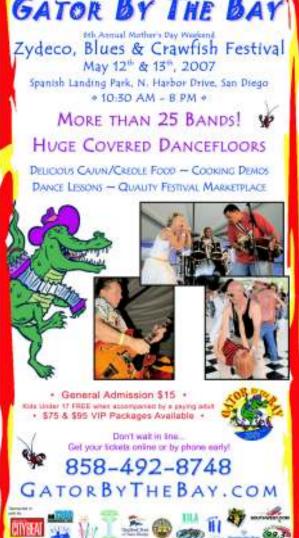
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PTrak Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect

Crush: Humphrey's

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant James East: Pasquale on Prospect

Larry Fulton: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Mark Fulton: Pasquale on Prospect

The Good Times: Henry's Pub
The Love Rangers: The Allev

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Pop Rocks: Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's The Stepping Feet: 'Canes

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze **The Archtones:** Croce's Jazz Bar

Asi Son: Sevilla Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo: Tio Leo's Lounge,

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning: South Park Bar and Grill, Celadon

Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill **Sammy Canonizado:** Cafe LaMaze

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

From K to Z: Tommy's Italian Restaurant Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

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The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Leo's Lounge

Insight: Jimmy Love's
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Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

JJ Lim's Jazz Jam: South Park Bar and Grill

Bob Magnusson: Vinbladh's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Kevin McCully: The Westgate Hotel **Jerry Melnick:** The Inn at Rancho

Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's

Jazz Bar

Mikan and Friends: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

The New Breed Duo: Coyote Bar

Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice:

Sue Palmer: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Artist: The Muslims
Song: "Extinction" (From
www.myspace.com/themuslims)
Heard By: Sean Maddocks, La Jolla



Sea

I would say the instrumentals kind of remind me of early Clash. The singing was a little more melodic and repetitive than the Clash — kind of like mid-'80s garage stuff, for sure. [The lyrics] were geared toward a girl, I'm pretty sure. It was just repetitive; I think he had "for you" ending the lyric in 90 percent of the lines. I mean, it's not bad...it's more of like a pop sound, I guess. I just liked that the instrumentals were pretty raw. It sounded like a bunch of guys recording in their garage — which is sick. Not like these [major] label bands that we have nowadays.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: The Long and Short of It Song: "Here There Be Dragons" (From www.myspace.com/thelongandshortofit) Heard By: Justin Dildine, Ocean Beach



Justin

The vocals kind of had a bit of AC/DC and [the music had] a little bit of the whole hardcore/early-punk thing, but I'm not really into that. [I normally listen] to '80s punk/goth-type of stuff, like Siouxsie and the Banshees, The Jesus and Mary Chain, the Cure. I liked the energy of the whole song — I liked the bass line. Otherwise, it was just kind of a standard, hardcore affair. I think it would be really good to watch live. It would be a lot more interesting seeing them jump around onstage.

Artist: Monsters from Mars
Song: "Monkey to the Airport" (From
www.myspace.com/monstersfrommars)
Heard By: Kevin Evans, Tierrasanta



Kev

I'd say it sounds a little rockabilly in the guitars, but not so hard. I found myself tapping my toes. It was all instrumental. The guitar effects made it sound like it was underwater — bubbling. Maybe that gives you the "surf" feel. I thought it was an all right song. I'd give them a 7 [out of 10 for musicianship]. You could probably go jogging to that music because it has a nice, steady beat.

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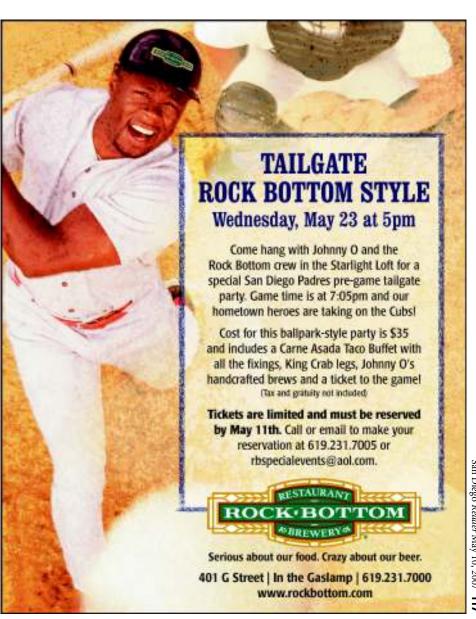


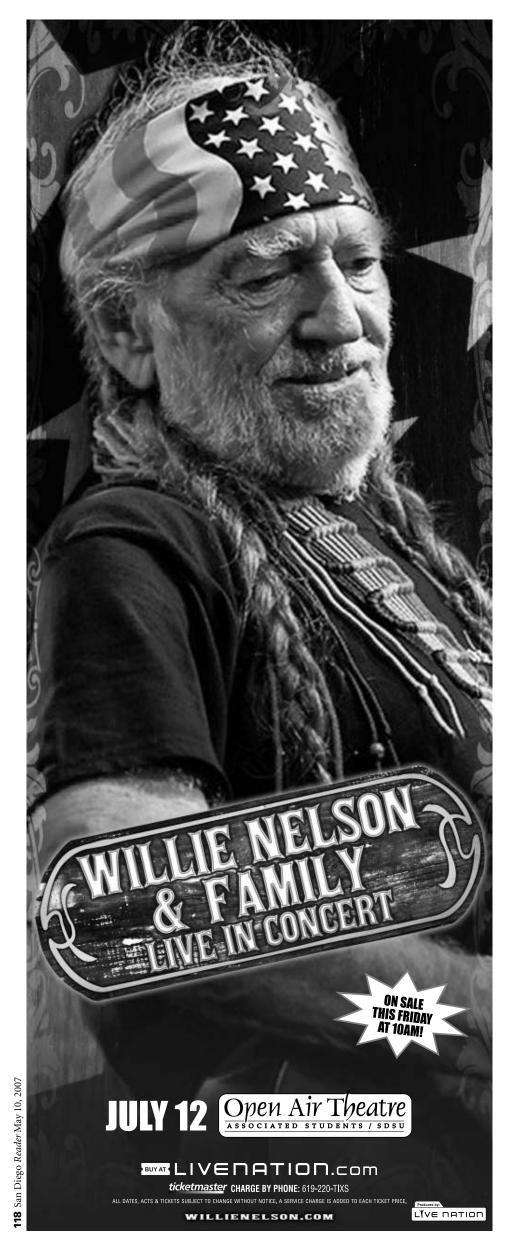












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REGGAE / SKA

Aqua Tribe: Winstons

Don Carlos: Belly Up Tavern

The Devastators: Belly Up Tavern

The Jerry McCann Band: E Street

Mighty Vibe: Winstons

Native Vibe: Humphrey's

Vegitation: Winstons **COUNTRY**

The California Rangers: McCabe's

Grand Canyon Sundown: Del Dios

The Honky Tonk Kings: Mulvaney's

Whiskey Ridge: Renegade Inn

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Joseph Angelastro: E Street Cafe Fred Benedetti: Vinbladh's

Brett Bixby: Lestat's Coffee House Derrick Boess: Borders Books and

J.D. Boucharde: Princess Pub and

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Clachan Boys: Del Dios Bar and

John Compton: E Street Cafe

Paul Curreri: Lestat's Coffee House Kelly Dalton: Lestat's Coffee House

Dannicus: Blarney Stone Pub Jim Earp: Borders Books and Music (El

John Eliot: Lestat's Coffee House

Will Faeber: Leana Bistro and French

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Lindsey Mack: Lestat's Coffee House

Monty McIntyre: Borders Books and

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Skelpin: Humphrey's

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Main-Flow: Belly Up Tavern

The Mississippi Mudsharks: Tio Leo's Lounge

Mystery Train: O'Connell's Pub and

Plato Soul: The Kraken

Len Rainey and the Midnight Players: Patrick's II

Soul Diego: Patrick's II

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by Josh Board

hen the rumor hit about Britney Spears performing a surprise concert at the House of Blues in San Diego, tickets sold out quickly. Facevalue tickets were \$35 each, and there was no guarantee that it was Spears performing. The band was listed as the M&Ms.

Former Poway punkers blink-182 had a song called "M&Ms" and that got some of their fans wondering if this could be a blink reunion show. After their much-publicized breakup, however, that seemed far-fetched

E! Online posted a statement that Spears was launching a small tour starting at the House of Blues, and DJs on every local radio station (whether they played Spears's music or not) were talking about it. All anyone knew for sure was that the popular singer was out of rehab.

Confirmation came on the afternoon of Tuesday's show, when Britney Spears's tour bus was spotted heading down I-5, just south of Oceanside. Star 94.1 announced that so many

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paparazzi were following the bus from Los Angeles that the police had to pull over everyone because it was unsafe.

I headed down to the House of Blues that night to crash the chaos and ran into a guy I'd met at a few parties. He was in line when he told me,



Top left: Two fans who had shirts made just for the occasion; Top right and Bottom left:

Paparazzi trying to get photos of Spears; Bottom right: The House of Blues marquee,
showing the listing of her as "The M&Ms."

body selling tickets. He was secretive and told us to meet him around the corner. We got them for \$125 each."

"That was the best 11 minutes of my life. I can't believe it. She only did four songs, and she lip-synched 'em all."

"We didn't have tickets and were seeing if we could sneak in. That didn't work. When we got to the door, we found someWhen I saw him after the show, he sarcastically said, "That was the best 11 minutes of my life. I can't believe it. She only did four songs, and she lipsynched 'em all."

I listened as news stations interviewed a few happy fans, while most of the other fans were angry and screaming into the cameras as they walked by about how mad they were that the concert was less than a half-hour long. I asked one fan, Yvette Ramirez, about her experience at the show. "I wasn't mad. But I only paid \$35 for the ticket. She did the songs 'Hit me Baby,' 'Toxic,' 'I'm a

Slave," and I can't remember the other." I asked her if there was a band onstage. "No. It was just her with all the music being played in the back."

"Did she say why it was billed as a band?"

"No. But I heard from someone that it stood for her being both a 'mom' and a 'miss.'"

Ramirez was later interviewed by MTV news and had to sign and fill out what appeared to be two lengthy waivers.

One lady had two kids who looked to be around ten years old. There were a lot of teenaged girls, several with shirts that were personalized with messages to Spears.

I saw an older couple dressed nice and said, "Surely you two didn't go to the show." The guy responded, "Yeah, well, we wanted to see the train wreck. We wondered if her wig would fall off or if she'd wigout and get mad at the crowd. She had a headband keeping that wig on. It was very strange."

Stranger still was watching





the paparazzi waiting for Spears to come out after the concert. Every time the side door would open, 15 of them would get ready with their cameras. One time it was a House of Blues employee. She lifted her arms and said, "I'm not her! But you can take my picture anyway." Several blonde Spears look-alikes roamed the street asking the paparazzi to take pictures of them. The photographers shot their pictures and then showed the giggling young girls what they looked like.

Security came out and told the guys they couldn't block the sidewalk because wheelchairs needed to be able to get by, and a few wheelchairs did go by.

I figured, since I wouldn't be getting an interview with Britney Spears, I'd talk to one of the paparazzi who was outside stalking her. I approached one who looked like he knew what he was doing. He was calm, had the biggest camera there, and was wearing shorts and running shoes; he looked prepared for anything. He appeared to be Middle Eastern but had an Australian accent.

I asked him how much he'd make if he got a good shot of Spears walking out of the club tonight. "Not even a thousand bucks. Well, maybe a thousand from *People*, but not the other magazines. Things have gotten really bad for us."

"How so?"

"The market is just oversaturated. In the U.S., there are so many tabloid magazines. More than anywhere else. Well, except for Germany. But they pay us



well in the German magazines. In other countries, like Australia, we get three times the amount of money for the photos than we do here. The magazines here try to lowball us. They say You guys just have digital cameras. Your jobs are easy.' They don't realize that we might go three days without getting a paycheck. We have to pay people to give us information about where these stars are. We pay waiters, people at airports, sometimes limo drivers. It may even take three months just to gather information for finding out about one

appearance...where a celebrity is going to be. It doesn't just happen that we are in the right place at the right time."

I asked him what other celebrities he's been going after these days.

"Oh, none. I'm going for Spears all the time now. We have 15 guys staffed on her. Me and that guy over there are here in San Diego now working her." I said, "I bet you wish you would've gotten that shot of her with no panties a few months ago."

"I did. That was me."

"What? That was you. How can you prove that? Any photographer can say that!"

"Go ask any of those photographers. I found out what lodge she'd be at. She was in a bad mood and went to the gas station. When she came back, I walked over and opened the door for her. I opened the door with one hand. With the other hand... [he held his arm down low with his camera, showing how he snapped the photo]."

"How much did you get for that photo?"

"Only \$15,000. I would've gotten more five years ago. Probably between 30 and 50 grand. In America, they blacked out that area when they printed that photo. In other countries, though, they showed everything."

I asked him if I could use his name for the story.

He went silent, shook his head no, and walked away.

I went inside for dinner, and when I finished and got back outside, Spears had gone. So had most of the paparazzi. I asked one guy if he got any photos. He showed me a few shots of her walking by; she was flanked by security guards.

I left amazed that there are 15 grown adults who make a living following Britney Spears around taking pictures of her every movement.

And we wonder why the former Mouseketeer has

already been through two marriages and rehab. ■

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The Lineaments of Satisfied Desire

Exactly seven years before my recent meal at BernardO's, I ate an unforgettable dinner prepared by the restaurant's current chef, Patrick Ponsaty. The *Reader* had hired me to come south, where, free of local prejudices, I'd write a cover story on "The Ten Hottest Chefs in San Diego." My food-snobby San Francisco palate flunked several acclaimed chefs, due to bland, upscale tameness or hysterical con-Fusion. But Patrick Ponsaty (then at El Bizcocho) proved a shoo-in. His food was highly creative but grounded in French and Continental traditions. There was nothing disproportionate in his dishes besides their utter deliciousness.

A few years after moving here for a job on the paper, I returned to El Bizcocho to review the restaurant. The meal scored 4.8 on a scale of 5. I'd never given a five-star rating and wanted to try one more dinner to make absolutely certain of the kitchen's consistency. (Hell, I just wanted to eat more of Patrick's cooking.) I reserved for the evening of my birthday. That morning, I woke up to black skies and choking air. The Cedar Fire was raging, and the I-15 was shut down.

By the time the smoke cleared a couple of months later, Patrick and El Biz had parted ways. The new management at Rancho Bernardo Inn wanted a different direction, less French and more Californian. Patrick vanished into catering for a while, then resurfaced as opening chef at the La Bastide bistro in Scripps Ranch — until Bernard Mouget of BernardO's made him a better offer.

BernardO's is attractively decorated in the style of rural French inns set in converted old stone farm structures or bakeries. The ceiling is high (and well soundproofed), and one wall of the dining room displays a painting of a French country scene. A bar in warm-toned wood bisects the space between the main dining room, which offers comfortable semicircular booths as well as tables, and a semiprivate room. The sound level is lively but comfortable. The service is terrific — our waiter, Bryan, was so well versed in the menu (and so genuinely enthusiastic and articulate) that he was almost like another passionate foodie at the table to collaborate with, rather than the usual "I'd rather be surfing" local waitdude.

But if you were a restaurant inspector for France's *Michelin Guide*, you'd probably never



Bernard Mougin and chef Patrick Ponsaty

give BernardO's the top rating, no matter how tasty the food: It's not luxurious enough, not "cheffy" enough, not even a bit pretentious. They don't start your dinner with an *amuse bouche* or hand out *mignardises* (little free sweets) at the

end, and they don't even offer a "chef's tasting menu" except for special occasions. But guess what? I'm not French, and I don't work for Michelin (even if I am start-

ing to look like their logo). So I don't care. The restaurant is lovely and civilized, and the food, service, and comfort at my dinner averaged 4.7, with 11 out of 12 dishes rating four stars or better. What's the problem then? It was just one meal, if a glorious one — made up of the most venturesome, "foodiest" items on a menu that includes an equal number of less splashy, more "comfortable" dishes. (The restaurant is far from home; worse yet, my last remaining eating buddy in Rancho Bernardo just moved downtown, so two or three more meals would be difficult.) But this time I'm not going to leave Ponsaty's work unsung. Better to perhaps cheat him of half a

star than to stay silent and cheat the readers of possible feasts.

Dinner began with a warm baguette with whipped fresh-herb butter, plus a double-spouted cruet of vinegar and oil. As we ordered appetiz-

ers, we mentioned that we'd be sharing everything ("so don't worry about who gets what"). At BernardO's, when groups say they'll be sharing, something special hap-

pens: The server alerts the kitchen, and the appetizers are served one by one, in the center of the table, with small salad plates for each diner to take a portion. For this we were deeply grateful. It is a much better invention than sliced bread: We could fully savor and sigh over each dish and flavor in turn, each served at its proper temperature, with much less palate fatigue than facing everything at once. We also felt like honored guests, assured that we wouldn't be rushed through dinner to make room for the next hungry party waving greenbacks.

Our first starter was an unconventional foie gras Napoleon, with the tenderest possible liver

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layered with smoked eel, caramelized onion, and apple — a creation of Martin Berasategui, a top Spanish chef who was one of Patrick's mentors. The eel was a quiet presence — now you taste it, now you wonder if you did, because its texture mirrors the foie gras. The apples and onion (Patrick's additions to the recipe) were superbly easygoing complements — both a bit sweet, nei-

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ther one cloying. On one side of the plate was a heap of bracing wild arugula, on the other, a long pouf of delicious celery-root foam intertwined with a slick of reduced balsamic. Everything worked together. (Unfortunately, very few people were ordering this dish, perhaps fearing the combination of fish and fowl. It has now been replaced with a foie gras with red-onion marmalade and yellow peaches — a more conventional plate, although probably no less ravishing.)

Maine lobster ravioli are a trio of large, tender pockets, stuffed not only with lobster but with white asparagus to furnish a gentle-firm textural element amidst all the swoony softness. Surrounding the pasta is a lobster bisque reduced to a thick, creamy sauce. As we mopped the last drops, the busser had to plead with us to give up the plate.

The lone flop of the meal was an appetizer of "traditional Burgundy escargots." It wasn't all that traditional: Ample ground almonds, a Spanish touch, were mixed into the standard garlic-parsley butter (all to the good), but there wasn't nearly enough garlic for my posse. Maybe that's the way they like it in Rancho Bernardo — but certainly not in Burgundy, where my prix-fixe dinners every night for a week inevitably started with a riot of garlic attached to some snails.

For a palate-cleanser midway, we chose a Belgian endive salad in black truffle vinaigrette — a twist on the traditional French bistro dish of frisée, bacon lardons, and poached egg, with aristocratic endive leaves replacing frisée. The classic version is grand except for the frisée, a vegetable I usually find as annoying as the bad hair day it resembles. ("I just like endive better, Patrick told me later. Moi too.) Here, the long oval endive leaves gently cradle the crisp bits of bacon instead of shaking them off as intruders to their frizzy majesties. We couldn't pick out the black truffle flavor in the savory vinaigrette, but this was another dish where the busser had to stand by patiently until we'd enjoyed the last bits.

Entrées were served simultaneously (unlike the appetizers), and we fell in love with every dish — each person being especially drawn to the one tasted first. Let's start with the pork. Ponsaty was a finalist in the "Taste of Elegance" nationwide chef competition sponsored by the National Pork Council last weekend, the semifinals winner representing Southern California. His entrée, served at the restaurant, incorporates some interesting cuts of the pig: a roast loin stuffed with a forcemeat combining sweetbreads, foie gras, and pork trotter meat, alongside a chunk of long-simmered glazed pork belly (unsmoked bacon, a favorite cut for Chinese chefs) accompanied by small cippoline onions and baby carrots. The stuffing in the loin was a bit dryer than it sounds (and a tad less fabulous than we'd hoped), but the belly chunk, slow-baked for seven hours and hand-trimmed of excess fat, was ravishing, its unctuous, fatty meat so tender

that it might even tempt a vegan to sin. (I found myself quietly singing Bessie Smith's "Gimme a pigfoot, and a gang of gin...") "The theme was pork, so I tried to use the maximum pork parts that I could," Patrick says. At the restaurant, the dish comes with a well-conceived polenta round seasoned with tangy dried apricots, lending the sweet acidity and neutral starch the pork wants for balance. (You don't even want to know what else the contest version came with; you'd go crazy with food-lust.)

California bouillabaisse differs from its Marseillaise model, since we are too far from the Mediterranean to replicate the typical species. Here, the soup contains sea bass, scallops, shrimps, black mussels and clams in their shells, plus tiny sweet fingerling potatoes that look like newborn manatees. They were all utterly tender, including the sea bass — which almost melted on the spoon, making it a star and not merely a space-filler. The broth (Maine lobster stock, substituting for the unavailable Mediterranean langoustines, which don't travel), although a bit scant, was thick and sensuous. As a southern France-born chef, Patrick knows that no bouillabaisse is complete without rouille (red pepper-saffron aioli) on baguette toasts, but he takes it a step further, with a tremblingly delicate lobster rouille, with lobster stock added to the mixture. At our meal, there wasn't quite enough broth to create floating croutons — we had to shove the croutons into the broth and let them do their magic by any means necessary. Yet it's as fine

a bouillabaisse as I've ever tasted anywhere. Saving the best for last,

roasted squab arrived in small

pieces, indicating a genuinely young bird, along with wild mushroom and artichoke risotto, porcini mushrooms with a truffle reduction, plus a few pleasant if superfluous potato gnocchi. (They're not world-class gnocchi, being a bit dry.) The real killer on the plate is a rich, creamytextured sauce combining brown meat stock, Marsala, squab juices, and a touch of beurre blanc a flavor depth-bomb that gives and gives. Alas, the squab dish, too, has gone off-menu due to a lack of takers. (Americans think, "Squab - ick, pigeons eating hot dog buns from the trash and crapping on the windshield." Squabs are not those dirty birds — they're farm-raised young game birds, both cleaner in their habits and more amiable in their manners than common chickens and distinguished by a deep, game-bird flavor. The meat tastes a little like teal, the smallest and wildest of ducks.)

Ponsaty is one of the few chefs versatile enough to produce both savory courses and sweets with equal élan. His dessert list is sensibly bifurcated, with fruit desserts listed above and chocolate concoctions below. We chose one of each. A Meyer lemon tart was garnished with fresh segments of orange, grapefruit, and very sweet mandarin and accompanied by a brain-clearing mandarin sorbet. The overall effect is of sunshiny lightness. A chocolate coulant was, for chocolate, wonderfully light as well — think chocolate lava cake without the cake, a barely solid wash of sublime bittersweet flavor set atop a "piña colada" syrup of tart diced pineapple in thickened coconut milk — plus a scoop of superb coconut ice cream. (The sorbets and ice creams come from Bubbie's in Encinitas, while Patrick and Bernard shop for an ice cream machine - the "instant" restaurant versions cost about \$7000.)

Patrick's cooking doesn't scream, "Look at me! I'm an Artiste!" His art sneaks up on you, like that ravishing multilayered sauce on the squab. Dish after dish, pleasure after pleasure, he makes love to your taste buds like a Casanova of the palate. When you're done, you don't even feel as though you've sinned, i.e., through over-repletion of sensations or amounts. You merely sigh and smile with (per William Blake) "the lineaments of satisfied desire." It's one of the differences between a mature chef (Patrick is 38) and a young hotshot. The striver's ego is often bound up with expressing himself and impressing you. That can be thrilling, too, but the mature chef, having nothing to prove, is more about expressing himself — and fully satisfying you.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I'm the fifth generation of chefs in my family," says Patrick Ponsaty. "My great-grandfather was a chef, my grandfather was a chef, and my father continued it. My father had a family restaurant called Le Cochon du Lait ["the suckling pig"] in Toulouse. As a young man I had the oppor-

tunity to work with a famous chef at Darroze, a Michelin one-star in Landes. I did my apprenticeship for two years, and I continued at Alain Ducasse. Then I went to Spain to work for Martin Berasategui. I went to New York and worked for Jean-Michel Diot [now of Tapenade] for two years. He wanted to move to California. My wife also wanted to move here, and I wanted a better life. I started with Jean-Michel at Tapenade for the first months and after that moved to El Bizcocho. Jean-Michel was consulting for them, so they called me and I came.

"I left because they changed the general manager, and they wanted to take a new direction. After that, for one year I worked to create my catering company. (I've continued it with Bernard.) Then I met the owner of La Bastide, who wanted me to help him open the restaurant as a consultant chef, and he asked me to stay, so I stayed there as chef for 14 months. Then I heard from Bernard Mougin. I've known him for 12 years now. He's very nice, very honest, very professional, and we work very well together. So I went to work for him. I'm very happy.'

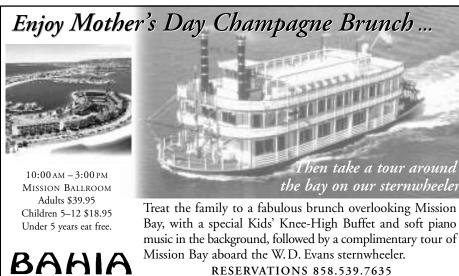
I asked Ponsaty if the lower price point of BernardO's, compared to El Bizcocho, had placed any limits on the ingredients he could use. "No, no, no. Bernard trusts me 100 percent, and I've reduced his ingredients costs 8 percent and buy better products. He's very happy, too. I can buy everything I want.

The future? "When Bernard retires in maybe four years, we'll be talking about my taking over the restaurant." ■









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By sheer force of character, I eschew more chews, heh heh.

ow. Scripps Ranch. I've walked across the bridge above that full-flood metal river, the I-15. Dizzying. But here, 50 yards east, it's just a whisk in your ears. Eucalyptus forest surrounds you. Buildings try to be unob-

trusive among the trees. Here at, uh, Eucalyptus Square, the gray timber-modern shops and offices have a "sorry we're rich" feel about them, like this is a place where the well-to-do want to be comfortable but not flaunting.

I'm drawn to one little place. mainly because it has a stream of

people coming and going. I climb three broad steps, navigate through a cluster of sun-faded green umbrellas and under a blue canopy with the sign that says "Chez Nous."

Inside, the tables are filled with women, grown daughters and sprightly moms, looks like, eating sandwiches and salads out of polystyrene boxes and chatting away about pets and vets and kids' games on Saturdays. It looks fresh-painted, in creams and coffee-browns. A painting of Paris in the rain hangs on one wall, a couple of Picasso's two-eyes-on-one-side-of-the-face pics hang

'Next, please. Hello, Joanna. Usual spicy chicken? Of course. Oh, a soup today too? Burmese? Tomato? Of course. And, you want it to go, right?"

Huh. Knows the customers by name. Efficient as heck. The face is beautiful, brown-eved, the voice precise, educated, British-sounding. Every S and T comes out crystal clear. "I was born in Bombay," says Saira — I ask her name when my turn comes — "and educated by English nuns. I majored in French...have you

Uh, right. I look up at the wall menu-board. It's big.

"Our most popular sandwich is the spicy chicken melt," suggests Saira's husband Ali. "Six out of ten orders are for that. It's our signature sandwich.

But with this list, I need more time. So I put

off the MOD (Moment of Decision) and check out the soups. Tomato, or — oh yes. Burmese chicken soup. Curry, for sure. Cup is \$2.78, bowl with a roll is \$4.64. "Burmese. The cup," I say.

I find a table and, oh gosh. **ED BEDFORD** This is delicious, Curryish, sweetish, with chunks of chicken plus

lots of cilantro, swimming with soba noodles. Tastes wonderfully fresh and spicy.

I'm still stewing over the sandwich menu when the lady next door takes pity. "Try the roast beef," she says. Annette. "It has a gingergarlic flavor, and Dijon. And avocado. They really have sophisticated tastes here." She's a regular. A genuine Scrippian. Loves this place on Saturdays. "I come with my girlfriends." She has an afterthought. "See that salad in the cooler? It's sensational. The 'Special Salad.' All sorts of fruit, chicken, nuts...

I go take a gander. "We change the fruits every day," says Saira, looking over at me. "Today we have citrus berries, strawberries, grapefruit, grapes, roasted sunflower seeds, nuts, greens,

My only prob: it's \$9.28. Could be stretching it, if I wanna get Carla something, which I

So I'm scanning. Turkey, pastrami, ham, the usual sandwich suspects. Tuna, turkey salad, veggie burger, all for a Lincoln plus change. Cheapest are the basic veggie (lettuce, tomatoes, avocado) and grilled cheese, each \$3.94. Ooh. They have roasted eggplant on a roll (\$5.75), and portobello-chicken (sautéed mushrooms,

bell peppers, onions, olive oil, pesto, and chicken) for \$6.25.

'Spicy chicken melt?" says Ali. "Do you do halves?" I ask. I've had my spicy fix with the soup, and I'm thinking this is what I'll take back to Carla. Because now I've noticed a roasted leg of lamb sandwich with garlic and rosemary. How often do you find that? It's \$6.50, and Ali says the half spicy chicken melt is \$3.25. Can just about afford both.

When they come — it's mighty quick — I snitch off an undetectable quarter-inch line from Carla's spicy chicken. Dozen micro-bites. Wow. Prickly-spicy. The hot ooze of jalapeño cheese makes it very sexy. But no. By sheer force of character, I eschew more chews, heh heh, seal the rest up and head for my lamb sandwich. Makes me think of Christmases when my dad insisted on lamb as the main course. "You should never have it without rosemary," he'd say. 'Course I thought he meant our Aunt Rosemary, who always used to be there.

My sandwich has a mountain of lamb inside. That, plus mayo, Dijon, lettuce, tomato, avocado. But the meat is it. Juicy, succulent, and hinting at the, uh, rosemary.

"We cook everything fresh, every day," says Saira. "Ali comes in at 7:30 and puts the lamb and the chicken in to roast.'

It turns out Saira and Ali both worked for San Diego City Schools. "I was in operations. Ali's an engineer. But we were bored. We decided to bust out.

They used their severance money to launch this place, 14 years ago. "I had done catering in Bombay," says Saira. "And Ali — he's from Iran — knows a lot about Persian cuisine." Ex-



cept they didn't use either cuisine for the menu here. "We just created everything out of our heads and saw what our customers liked," Ali

They got it right. Even at 2:30, the place is popping. Guess the Beamer-Audi-Porsche crowd knows when it's on to a good thing.

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Wikis, Mashups, **All That**

"Wine is the only beverage on the planet that draws people together, right?"

ocal businessman, technology entrepreneur, and wine hobbyist Rob Barnett has owned the VinVillage domain name for almost four years. "I own a bunch of different domains," he explains. "These little ideas and plans come to me.

I started thinking about doing these villages, something involving wine that was local and social. I just wasn't sure how to put all the pieces together.'

But thanks to his own interest in and involvement with the wine world, he did at least know what the pieces were. "Different tast-

ings, different events with my wine group. Wine junkets I've been on. Things I used to do with winecommune.com and their auctions. There were always things I loved and things I didn't, but the whole experience was strong enough to keep me coming back." And he wasn't alone. "I went over to the Wine Vault and saw what was happening there — a wine-and-food pairing in the middle of the week, and it's elbow-room only. They can do the same dinner three nights in a row. There is such a pent-up demand; people are clamoring for this." But how best to meet that demand? "I thought about retail stores and online businesses, but none of them ever clicked.'

What finally started things clicking was Web

2.0 — virtual communities, "wikis, mashups, all that. There's a group I'm involved with called Wine 2.0, and we're talking about how to take Web 2.0 services and maximize them in the wine world. We held our first meeting in Second Life,'

an online virtual world. "One of the guys has a real-life winery, and also a winery in Second Life. We took our avatars and met on his island, in his vineyard." Barnett saw a possibility: "Wine is the only beverage on the planet that draws people together, right? I've tried to take everything that has to do

with wine socializing on the local level and scale it out across the country. The premise is that it's all about the local and the social, but the online piece helps to pull people together on a broader

VinVillage, thought Barnett, could gather everything he loved about wine and put it onto a single platform. It could serve as a kind of My-Space for oenophiles — but with that crucial local/social component added on. Like other online wine ventures, "We'll have the online forums and message boards and blogs." Tim Elliott, the company's CTO, already runs "a very successful wine blog called WineCast." But it's the existence of local wine groups — villages — that actually

get together in real-world venues to drink wine that will make or break the venture. "If that piece is not of a very high value to wine lovers, then this whole thing unravels. VinVillage," he says (in full pitch-mode), "is creating locally based social wine groups and connecting them with like-minded wine lovers in their home cities, and around the country, by bringing the

membership together with an enhanced localand online-wine-lifestyle experience, offering unique and exclusive wines, events, products, and services." And on May 7, the project went live.

By now, the jaded wine lover is most likely thinking of Wine Brats, the wine social club/advocacy group that, at its peak, boasted over 30 chapters and 45,000 registered members around the country. "They set the benchmark," grants Barnett, "but they wore out their theme" troducing the postcollege set to the joys of the grape. "I've talked to many wine groups that have stagnated, and when I ask them why, they say that what they're doing just gets old. They're not doing different things, experiencing different things.' To combat this, Barnett is introducing a threetier system of events, based on level of expertise. (What appeals to the newbie might not be of interest to the connoisseur, and vice versa.) Further, "Wine Brats was only events-driven; they didn't offer any goods or services. We're offering it all."

What does that mean? For starters, wine. "One of our founding members has a very successful brick-and-mortar wine business, and also a growing online business. We're converting that entire online presence over to VinVillage; out of the gate, we'll have about 2500 wines available. When I explained the concept to him, he got it. He saw that what we could offer him was the ability to expand beyond what he would ever be able to do. We're



bringing people who would never look for him." A wine shopper on the East Coast might never think to search for wine thousands of miles away but if VinVillage is his go-to connection to the wine world, why not buy from the VinVillage shop?

Ditto other wine-related goods and services. "This would be a day two offering," something VinVillage would roll out after things were up and running. "We anticipate we're going to have 50,000–100,000 members once we're established all across the country. There's no barrier to entry — membership is free. Once you've got this membership, they're buying glassware, they're buying cellars, they're buying travel. There's no reason not to funnel those goods and services to them." And once you can offer that kind of market base to a supplier, you may be able to offer those goods and services at a discount.

The shop, says Barnett, could even create a new distribution channel for wineries. "There are close to 7000 wineries in the U.S., and the grand majority are still dependent on someone walking in their door, tasting the wine, and buying bottles or joining a wine club. We can link producers directly to consumers, people they'd never be able to spend enough money to reach. We can make it very affordable.'

VinVillage will also offer a wine club, set up along pretty standard lines: two bottles a month, with three levels of expense. But the interactivity

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of the Web will help out here as well: instead of receiving whatever two bottles the management wants to send, members will be able to select from among a range of options. "You want all red wines, you can get all red wines." But wait, as the man says — there's more. Members will also receive discounts on VinVillage wine events and access to membersonly online services. Just what that would mean is still under consideration: "Maybe only the paying members could participate in the wikis or gain access to certain of the cellar-management tools" — another Village feature. "When somebody buys a wine from us, we create a virtual cellar for them. Buyers can see the wine, the date they bought it, the price they paid, any ratings that are out there, and any tasting notes.

'Then, they can contribute their own notes. We all know about the Wine Spectator, Robert Parker ratings. What I want to create here — and what I think the market really needs — is kind of a Yahoo! movies approach, where you have the critics vs. the users. When the new Kosta-Brown Pinot comes out and Robert Parker gives it a 96, I want to have this aggregate of tasters from across the country telling me, 'That's funny; we thought it was a 92.' Wouldn't that be powerful? A cross section of the whole country telling the experts what they believe the wine is."

And there's still more — wine education, for instance. "Dustin Jones is a protégé of master sommelier Eddie Osterland, and he's going to head up our wine ed program." But the key — the thing that has Barnett's hopes up—is the project's timing. "Î've worked with a multitude of startup companies over the years. A bunch of them had great technology, but they didn't hit the market at the right time, and they went nowhere." Web 2.0 was one sign that the VinVillage platform could work. Beyond that, there were the 13 straight years of increased wine consumption in the U.S. — increases achieved with minimal help from marketing. "That tells you what the wine industry could be if they really did marketing on a grand scale, and this is another key piece we bring to the industry. I think we'll of-

fer an avenue for marketing that is coming from the pull side we've got users that want to consume. Most wineries are on the push side," trying to sell a product. "I think we have an interesting dynamic," says Barnett; something that could "expand the whole wine market." More next week. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at

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NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could

be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billv" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo." It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway

101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbeanstyle food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting.

On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte cham-pagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view - it's light creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. -

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Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house spe-cialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch—some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-pre-served, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. N.W. (10/01)

Le Bambou Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated

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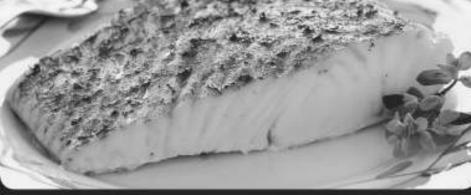
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Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in — and the owners daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of "ground shrimp on sugar cane" so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and "Star of the Sea" curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and cuisine nere, inginignting iresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wideranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive.

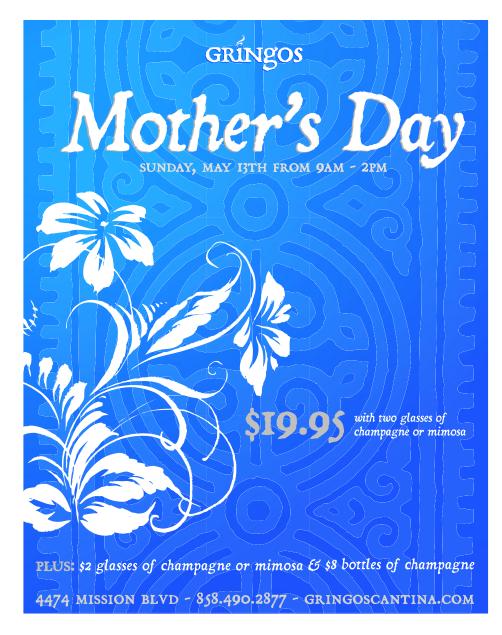
— N.W. (7/03)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting chawan mushi (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese en-trées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. NW (5/05)

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in





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Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit.

A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$5 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine Californiacentric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during rac-ing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpen-— E.B. (3/04)

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These

dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. - N.W. (6/04)

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. - N.W. (4/05)

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic es-tablishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baia's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Satur-day and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute 'Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo - and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, pur-ple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat sub-stitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B. (10/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. —

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukivaki to a host of salads, including several variations of sunomono (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with masago, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunc tion with wine tasting. Regular lunch and dinner Thursday and Friday. Reservations recommended for Saturday wine tasting. Call for directions. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (toro) and flying fish roe tobiko are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, masago, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the uni (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (tamago), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Cre-ative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — BD (10/05)

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the

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Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. - N.W. (3/04)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outjoin, 338-433-101. Our own hosy our-post of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. (Closed for renovations, set to reopen mid-April.) The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (10/99)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the tom kha koong (shrimp in co-conut milk soup) is outstandingly authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the richly tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing soto ayam (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy sambal goring (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner, Low moderate. — N.W. (4/06)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include



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Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the gauchos' great parillada mixta (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, welltreated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. -NW (12/00)

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 9:30 p.m. weeknights; 10:30 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — N.W. (5/06)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, redpainted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But

Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists be-low. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in minimall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled

eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (6/04)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686, It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice - all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include yaki soba (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and champon noodle soup (udon noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the valuepacked Chicken Bowl - a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegeta-bles, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for igned photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham,

or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: bamee (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

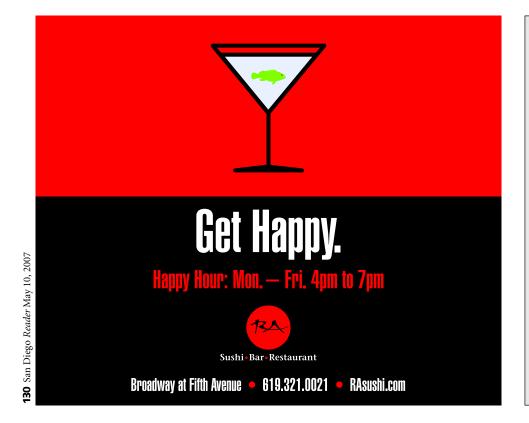
Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouf-fée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and corn-bread dressing. Takeouts accepted. Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Low moderate. N.W. (2/05)

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden





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house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their saii. It's a round Lebane design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef shawerma wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any vou've had before A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. In-expensive. — E.B. (12/05)

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a eat on the run, New Yorker style But it's better to take home a whole pie

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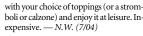
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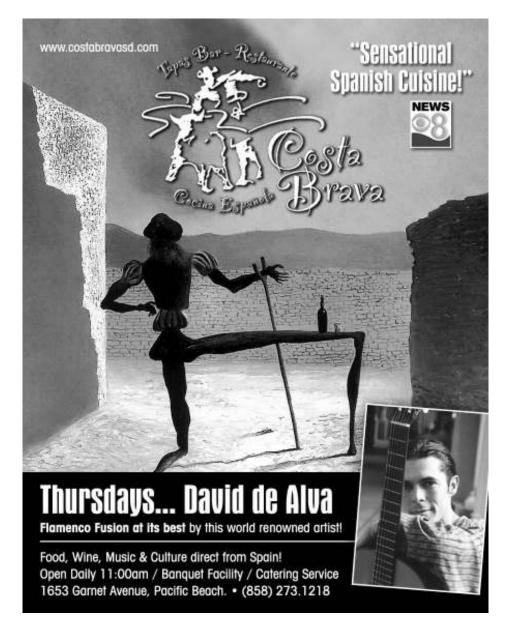
Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called larb

— closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. six days, closed Monday. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies each with its own individualized sea-









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sonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (5/06)

Vagabond Kitchen 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic moules-frites or the deep-flavored Peruvian seco de carne meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (7/06)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a Cheers for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/04)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly takeout, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Fix Me a Plate Cafe 9168 Fletcher Parkway (next to Souplantation), La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is ecentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouffés are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break inbetween). Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers.

Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Iasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy, By day the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate fingerfood) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and vour date wants Thai, no problem, Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban mi-lieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — N.W. (5/04)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mildflavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moon-struck* — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and whiteawning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), 'straw and hav" (paglio e fieno al pesto), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like lin-guine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. - E.B. (7/04)

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia,

Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean pastel de choclo (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle seco de cordero (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan chilemal (cilantroladen pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous vatapa (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowlfree options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

California Cuisine 1027 University

(between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510.
"Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with

garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken tikki masala. navratan korma (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or keema muttar (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincely sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney, Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B.* (1/06)

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki* udon (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate.

Kung Food Express Cafe 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a "100-percent plant-based menu," give their food waste to farmers to compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a "live" food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One greatlooking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avocado. Also good are the



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The Mission 2801 University Avenue. North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisi is generous, good-looking, and intelli-gent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chickenapple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/05)

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). - N.W. (8/05)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chickenstuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. Ghourmeh sabzi is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenji is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Har-

bor Drive (at Ash), downtown,

619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/06)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousinrestaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hardcentered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat. highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. N.W. (5/04)

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket - you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write

it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilledto-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (aushak), leek or meat turnovers (bulanee), and battered vegetables (pakawra). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (kadu). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/05)

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever con sider serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose "small plates" many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as "sceney" crowd comes in to drink. Many

dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Satur 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — N.W. (6/06)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband. Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote - are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranatemacadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp carbonara fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and

Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D.* (10/05) **Dussini Mediterranean Bistro** 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It's still huge way too big to be called a bistro. It ram-bles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguiça and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice not the best idea. The wine list is a joy. with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W. (3/06)

House Of Blues Restaurant 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-299-2583. Best thing HOB did was not tear down Woolworth's old side walk canopy. Now it shelters their street-side café, where you can just do coffee and people watch, or get into their Southern-inspired cuisine. This is a classy joint, with heavy flatware, big white cloth napkins, and solid china plates and cups. Can a fellow on a tight budget afford to eat here? Yes and no. Meaning, for a song you will find great chicken gumbo mixing it up with andouille (Cajun) sausage and okra in tra-ditional brown roux with French bread, or skillet-baked rosemary cornbread with maple butter, or their delicious sweet potato fries. But you'll need bigger notes to finance the all-beef Blues Burger with cheese and fries or the luscious baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes. Value dessert? The white chocolate-banana bread pudding with Jack Daniel's crème anglaise, whipped cream, and a "caramel halo" will have you singing with the angels — not the blues. Open daily, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (11/05)

LG's Prime Steakhouse 789 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), downtown, 619-239-7899. The atmosphere at this chain steakhouse is a little less "old boys' club" than most of its kind - it's quiet and luxurious, but not especially formal. All the beef is aged on the premises, and the star cut is the superb dry-aged "Jewel in the Crown" Porterhouse, with much beefier flavor than wet-aged meat. Meats are heavily salted unless you request otherwise; sauces taste a little pre-fab. The Caesar salad is made at the table to your tastes. "Escargots alfredo" is fun as an indulgent starter. Everything's à la carte. with good creamed spinach among the sides. Great, if pricey, wine list, but the top reds are barely over retail prices. Full bar. Valet parking at Fifth and F. Reservations recommended. Open for dinner 365 days a year. Very expensive. -N.W. (8/05)

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west may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar; \$2 pub grub menu during weeknight happy hour, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., when Padres away. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive - N.W. (10/05)

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guana-juato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucum-ber), all dusted with cayenne pepper They've expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, gra-nola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth) downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the de-— old, pulpy edan magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambo dian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar, Surroundings are chic Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — N.W. (4/06)

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, down

town. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. -

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Avenue). Coronado. 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated pep-pers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious egg-plant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken adobo, or longaniza sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. Kare-kare (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's monggo (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — daing na bangus, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The osso buco is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambiance early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as loand that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer—that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (7/01)

Vahida's Healthy Choice Chula Vista Weekly Farmers Market, Center Street (between 3rd and Del Mar Street), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevapchichi* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the spanakopita (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), dolmathes, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

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El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real)

wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and barcas (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and un-changed but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signabreria steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) cabreria should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (9/04)

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-vou-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (menudo), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want some-thing from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W. (4/03)

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterráneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediter ranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. EB (8/04)

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called mole poblano, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south Super antojitos means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed

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with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind gorditas. Open daily, three meals. In-expensive. — E.B. (3/20)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the carnitas outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — N.W. (10/05)

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B. (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hang-out with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread, Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Point Loma, La Jolla, National City, and Otay Mesa. — E.B. (10/00)

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, across from UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy mall-Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one searches for them. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. -E.B. (1/06)

Star Of India 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also at 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach vou ever loved, palak paneer, Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (11/01)







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ith its unique combination of skill and chance, psychology and mathematics, and the fateful turning of the cards, poker can be the most exciting game around, though that excitement

doesn't always translate to those who aren't in on the action. Only a couple of films, *The Cincinnati Kid* and

Rounders, have risen to the challenge, because they understood both the lure and the grind of trying to live off a game in which a workday often means coming home with less money in your pocket, not more. Poker has been called "a hard way to make an easy living," and there's no stretch of film that demonstrates that more clearly than the first reel of Curtis Hanson's otherwise disappointing Lucky You. Opening at a pawn shop, where the gifted yet self-destructive Eric Bana hawks a digital camera for poker money, the film follows Bana as he "chips up," building on that small amount of money into a stack large enough to play in the "The Big Game." And then, with sickening swiftness, the turn of a single card takes him back

In that one sequence, *Lucky You* captures the Sisyphean struggle of being a professional gambler, but just following the gut-wrenching vicissitudes of the game isn't enough for the film, and the excitement evaporates

in kind. The action flatlines as soon as Bana meets a Vegas lounge singer, played by an egregiously mis-

cast Drew Barrymore, and embarks on an affair that's less romance than hustle. Though initially attracted to Bana's lifestyle, Barrymore quickly sees the pitfalls in dating a poker player, especially one who's constantly dodging thumb-breaking creditors and recklessly blowing his bankroll. The root of Bana's problems lies in his cool relationship with father Robert Duvall, a legendary Doyle Brunson—like figure who casts a long shadow over his son. Their conflict leads to a final-table showdown at the 2003 World Series of Poker.

Few directors are more skilled at evoking location than Hanson, whose strong sense of place — Pittsburgh in *Wonder Boys*, Detroit in *8 Mile*, and '50s Los Angeles in *L.A. Confidential*, to name a few prominent examples —



Lucky You

works to define characters through their environment. How curious, then, that Hanson's Las Vegas seems so thin and underpopulated, with none of the neon-drenched vibrancy usually associated with that city. Even the World Series of Poker, though not quite the circus in 2003 that it is today, looks here like a glorified home game. Curiously lifeless, *Lucky You* feels like poker without stakes; it goes through the motions with nothing to play for.

— Scott Tobias A.V. Club Rating: C

S pider-Man movie action sequences have come a long way from the first installment, when

one of the big moments had Tobey Maguire as Spider-Man dashing into a burning building like some pulp serial hero from the '30s. In *Spider-Man 3*, the webslinger tumbles and twirls in midair, bouncing off walls and fragments of debris as he fights off a trio of villains. There's New Goblin (played by James Franco), the



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bomb-throwing son of Spider-Man's dead nemesis the Green Goblin; Sandman (Thomas Haden Church), a dense ex-con whose molecules can shift and solidify like grains of sand; and Venom (embodied by Maguire and Topher Grace), an alien symbiote that bonds to an organic host and amplifies its strengths and weaknesses. A decade ago, the Batman series ran aground while trying to stuff too many bad guys into too little plot, but Spider-Man 3 works the villains into its story well, giving each at least one boffo fight scene before bringing everyone together for a final battle royale.

There's a point to the expanded rogue's gallery too. Just as Spider-Man 2 contemplated the perpetual tug between duty and desire, part three ponders what it means to be a hero. As the movie opens, Spider-Man is wildly popular, and Maguire is happily contemplating getting engaged to his girlfriend Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst), who's about to make her Broadway debut. Then the troubles start, each tied to - or reflective of problems Maguire and Dunst have been ignoring. In various ways, they're confronted with fractured relationships, pressing family obli- gations, and a crippling addiction to danger. Characters that are just like them, only a degree or two different, force them to confront whether they can be the kind of people who deserve to be cheered.

So Spider-Man 3's action is superb and its theme fairly weighty. Then why does it feel a letdown from its predecessor? Nearly all the blame rests with director Sam Raimi, who's taken the success of some light slapstick moments in Spider-Man 2 as a cue to get even sillier. The result is a handful of sequences — most notably a "Dark Tobey" routine — that send the movie into a tailspin right in the middle. Even worse are any scenes in which Maguire's friends and relations try to have An Important Conversation and immediately stop the movie cold. Throughout this whole series, Raimi has never handled quiet human moments as well as comic-book punch-ups, and in Spider-Man 3 where the subtle distinctions between characters are the whole point of the movie - Raimi can't deliver. On the ground, Spider-Man 3 is dreary. But in the air, it swings.

- Noel Murray A.V. Club Rating: B-

arah Polley has seemed wise beyond her years at least since her childhood turn in Terry Gilliam's Adventures of Baron Munchausen. More recent films, like My Life Without Me and No Such Thing, while heavily flawed, have still showcased her as an introspective actor who's serious about her art. So it's no huge surprise to see her making the leap to feature writing and directing with the same self-assurance and focus. But it is a little surprising to see Polley, at 28, making a film about end-of-life issues and romance among the gray-haired set. Still, she tackles her directorial debut with the feeling gravity of someone who's been there herself.

Away from Her, a fairly literal but more expansive adaptation of Alice Munro's short story "The Bear Went Over the Mountain," stars Julie Christie and Gordon Pinsent as a Canadian couple in their declining years. When Christie starts putting pans in the freezer, losing her language skills, and getting lost in their back-lot

woods, they find an upscale facility ready to take over her care. But Pinsent resists the move, still clinging to memories of her youthful vibrancy, his guilt over long-ago affairs, and his dependence on their 50-year relationship. That leaves Christie to calmly take charge of the situation, checking herself in and shooing him away. It comes as a blow to him when her condition worsens and she begins to forget him, taking up instead with mute resident Michael Murphy, which leads Pinsent into an odd relationship with Murphy's wife, Olympia Dukakis.

Away from Her has its heartbreaking moments and its surprise giggles, particularly thanks to Ron Hewat's minor role as a former hockey playby-play announcer now narrating his nursing-home life. It also has its minor pretensions, mostly in Polley's achronological storytelling, which interferes a bit with the story's elegiac flow. But mostly, it's a subdued, wellshot character study that observes rather than dictates emotions. Christie's fears and Pinsent's resentment are played subtly, as if both characters have outgrown emotional displays; there are no weepy histrionics or Oscar-bait speeches. This is how real lives often end: with a thoughtful whimper or two, particularly over how people inevitably change, taking relationships with them in the process.

- Tasha Robinson A.V. Club Rating: B+ ■



Away from Her

MOVIE LISTINGS

Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Don Druker, and Andrea Gronvall, reprinted by permission from the Chicago Reader.

Amazing Grace — Flawed but ambitious, this biopic of British parliamentarian William Wilberforce closely tracks the political maneuvering of the late 18th and early

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19th Centuries as reformers campaign to end Britain's participation in the slave trade. Ioan Gruffudd (Fantastic Four) never conveys the religious zeal that propelled the Tory politician, but he's ably supported by Benedict Cumberbatch as

the hero's friend and ally William Pitt the Younger; steely Michael Gambon as a Whig MP who throws in with the antislavery crusade; and stormy Albert Finney as John Newton, a former slave trader who renounced his sin and became an Anglican clergyman. Michael Apted directed, and screenwriter Steven Knight gracefully articulates the many domestic and international forces at work. — I.R.I.

Away from Her — Reviewed this issue. With Julie Christie and Gordon Pinsent; directed by Sarah Pol-

Black Book — Paul Verhoeven's triumphant 2006 return to Dutch cinema after 20 years of Hollywood releases (Total Recall, Basic Instinct, Starship Troopers) is commercial moviemaking of the highest order, superbly mounted and paced. Its story of a sexy Jewish singer (Carice Van Houten) who poses as a Nazi for the Dutch resistance during World War II is based on 40 years of research and 20 years of script development with cowriter Gerard

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Soeteman (*Soldier of Orange*). Like much of Verhoeven's best work, it's shamelessly melodramatic, but in its dark moral complexities it puts *Schindler's List* to shame. Van Houten and Sebastian Koch (*The Lives of Others*) are only two of the standouts in an exceptional cast. In English and subtitled Dutch, German, and Hebrew. — *J.R.*

Blades of Glory — Will Ferrell and Jon Heder are rival figure skaters whose public brawl gets them banned from competition for life; after learning that they're still eligible for the pairs category, they decide to team up on the ice. "As if figure skating wasn't gay enough already," remarks one character, precisely locating the movie's comic nerve ending — you just know these guys are going to wind up with their balls in each other's faces. Ben Stiller produced, and the movie is so reminiscent of Zoolander (2001) that I wish he had rounded up Owen Wilson and starred in it himself. Ferrell



The Hoax

and Heder are pretty funny, but they're consistently upstaged by supporting players William Fichtner, Will Arnett, and Amy Poehler. The first-time directors are Will Speck and Josh Gordon. — *J.R.J.*

action picture, directed by Scott Wiper as a vehicle for wrestling star Steve Austin, wants to have its cake and eat it too: it rewards audiences who congratulate themselves on being above venal, greedy, and ruthless showbiz types by dishing out gratuitous violence and snarky humor within the framework of a reality show gone amok. An ambitious producer (Robert Mammone) obsessed with matching the Super Bowl's record of 40 million viewers stages a live webcast that one-ups Survivor: the ten contestants, all death row inmates, "vote" the competition off a remote island by bumping each other off in increasingly grisly ways. As an actor Austin is still a lightweight, but Rick Hoffman (Hostel) fleshes out a recognizable character. With Vinnie Iones.

The Condemned — This cynical

Delta Farce — Army reservists bound for Iraq are mistakenly dropped into Mexico. With Larry the Cable Guy, Bill Engvall, and D.J. Qualls; directed by C.B. Harding.

Disturbia — The pitch must have sounded like a no-brainer: a teenage, suburban remake of Rear Window, updated with digital technology. This time the bored voyeuristic hero (Shia LaBeouf) who's spying on his suspicious neighbor (David Morse) is under monitored house arrest for slugging his Spanish teacher. And this did keep me alert for a while, thanks partly to Sarah Roemer (who has some of Cybill Shepherd's insolence) in the Grace Kelly part and Carrie-Anne Moss as the hero's hot mother. If you're happy to watch a thriller about a tenth as good as Alfred Hitchcock's, director D.J.

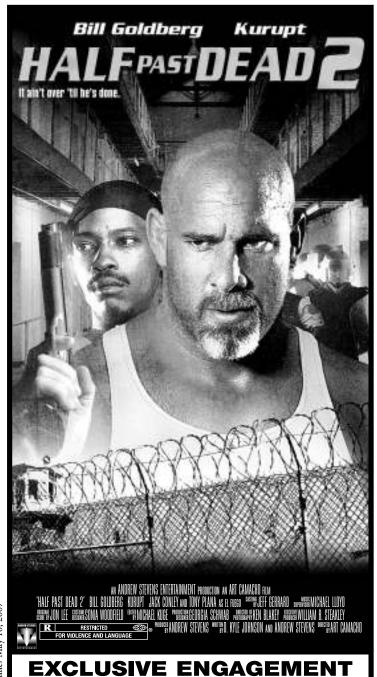
Caruso and screenwriters Christopher B. Landon and Carl Ellsworth hold up their end of the deal, at least until the proceedings devolve into standard horror-movie effects and minimal motivations. But of course Hitchcock's original never had to resort to thunder and lightning to goose up the suspense. — *J.R.*

The Ex — Romantic comedy with Zach Braff, Amanda Peet, and Jason Bateman; directed by Jesse Peretz.

Fracture — An engineer (Anthony Hopkins) goes on trial in Los Angeles for trying to murder his wife (Embeth Davidtz), and the prosecutor (Ryan Gosling) attempts to push through what appears to be an open-and-shut case but isn't. With its lavish architecture and Spielbergian lighting, this absorbing thriller has a high-toned look, but director Gregory Hoblit and writers Daniel Pyne and Glenn Gers got much of their training in TV cop shows, which shows in the adroit way they semaphorically abbreviate certain characters and plot developments to slide us past various incongruities. The main interest here is the juxtaposing of Gosling's Method acting with Hopkins's more classical style, a spectacle even more mesmerizing than the settings. With David Strathairn and Rosamund Pike.

Georgia Rule — Rebellious teen is forced to spend summer with mother and grandmother. With Jane Fonda, Felicity Huffman, and Lindsay Lohan; directed by Garry Marshall.

Ghost Rider — As those Christmas videos of burning logs prove, flame has a magic all its own, and this Marvel Comics adaptation is aided by its hero being frequently



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on fire. Played by Nicolas Cage, he's a motorcycle stunt rider who strikes a deal with Mephistopheles (Easy Rider star Peter Fonda) and, to hold up his end of the bargain, must periodically transform into the title character — a skeleton in biker leathers with flames licking off his skull — and track down the devil's prey. The story doesn't arc so much as unspool like a stretch of desert highway, but the Ghost Rider is such a powerful amalgam of hotrod iconography that this is still fairly watchable. Mark Steve Johnson (Daredevil) directed his own script; with Eva Mendes and Sam Elliott. — J.R.J.

Grindhouse — Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez's celebration of '70s-style sleaze, 191 minutes long including a short intermission, seems ideally suited for gleeful, mean-spirited 11-year-old boys who can sneak into this double bill despite the R rating. I enjoyed the invented trailers the directors fold into the mix, but despite the jokey "missing reels," these two fulllength features are each 20 minutes longer than they need to be, and neither one makes much sense as narrative. Rodriguez's "Planet Terror" is virtually nothing but grossout gags involving castration, dismemberment, mass murder, zombies, and Osama bin Laden. Tarantino's "Death Proof" starts off

as a meandering look at Austin's Tex-Mex joints — there's more gab here than in any of his work since the start of Reservoir Dogs — then gravitates into a blend of Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!, Beyond the Valley of the Dolls, and stunt-driving movies, culminating in some wellfilmed action and more celebratory killing. With Rose McGowan, Freddy Rodriguez, Josh Brolin, Kurt Russell, Rosario Dawson, and Zoe Bell. — I.R.

The Hoax — As Orson Welles demonstrated in F for Fake (1974), the true story of novelist Clifford Irving, who sold a fraudulent autobiography of Howard Hughes to McGraw-Hill for a fortune, is a classic tale of consummate con artistry. So it's pretty perverse for William



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1-866-635-7241 www.theSocialPlace.com Reader Coupons 619-235-3000 Wheeler, who scripted this feature, to get most of the facts wrong, inflating details that don't need any spin. (As Irving himself remarked, "You could call it a hoax about a hoax.") Director Lasse Hallstrom does an okay job with this dubious property; Richard Gere is less charismatic than Irving and Alfred Molina turns Irving's assistant into a buffoon, but the secondary cast (Hope Davis, Marcia Gay Harden, Stanley Tucci, Julie Delpy, Eli Wallach) is fun to watch. — *J.R.*

Hot Fuzz — After scoring with the horror spoof Shaun of the Dead, British comedy writers Edgar Wright and Simon Pegg take on American cop thrillers, and as in their earlier movie the good humor bubbles up from a deep reservoir of affection for Hollywood schlock. Pegg, who played the underachieving Shaun of the earlier movie, plays it ramrod straight this time as an overachieving London patrolman assigned to a sleepy country village. Roly-poly Nick Frost also returns, as Pegg's partner, an incompetent bobby with a head full of melodrama derived from blockbusters like Point Break and Bad Boys II. The transplanted action clichés mix easily with the eccentric English characters, and as a director Wright is adept at framing and cutting for excitement as well as laughs. - J.R.J.

In the Land of Women — In this first feature by writer-director Jon Kasdan (son of Lawrence Kasdan), a TV writer (Adam Brody) breaks up with a famous actress, runs off to stay with his slightly senile grandmother (Olympia Dukakis) in a Detroit suburb, and finds redemption through the three females of a neighboring family — an unhappy housewife (Meg Ryan) and her two daughters (Makenzie Vega, Kristen Stewart). This comedy-drama is capably acted and undeniably touching in spots, although less than two weeks after seeing it, I could remember having been undeniably touched but not much else. — J.R.

The Invisible — A troubled teenage punk (Margarita Levieva) believes she's killed a classmate (Justin Chatwin) and hides his body in the woods, but he's still breathing, and while he's unconscious his spirit roams around, visible only to animals. Adapted from a 2002 Swedish film that was based in turn on a novel by Mats Wahl, this feature by David S. Goyer wasn't screened for the press, perhaps because its poetic fantasy premise is so hard to understand. (The inconsistencies don't help; another character almost dies but doesn't become a ghost.) Yet originality and even a certain amount of obscurity are more appealing than formula. This doesn't work, but I was never bored. With Marcia Gay Harden. — J.R.

Kickin' It Old Skool — A gifted young breakdancer (Jamie Kennedy) cracks his head during a competition and goes into a 20-year coma; after coming to, he has to catch up with the times and reclaim his former sweetheart (Maria Menounos) from her scuzzball fiancé (Michael Rosenbaum). Joining forces with his old pals (Miguel A. Nunez Jr., Bobby Lee, Aris Alvarado), he enters another competi-

tion. About eight minutes of this comedy is devoted to some terrific breakdancing; the rest consists of wall-to-wall product placement and politically incorrect bad-taste comedy (a homeless geezer pissing on himself and others, the hero vomiting Mexican food on another dancer). Harvey Glazer directed.

— J.R.

The Lives of Others — I spent only an afternoon in East Germany before the Berlin Wall fell, but the fearful silence in public places left a lingering impression. The reasons behind it are explored by writer-director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck in his accomplished first feature, about the Stasi, the country's secret police, which had a staff of over 90,000, plus countless informers, and spied on friend and foe alike. The fictional story here, set between 1984 and 1991, focuses on the investigation of a popular and patriotic playwright (Sebastian Koch); that the captain assigned to his case (touchingly played by Ulrich Mühe) is mainly sympathetic and working surreptitiously on the playwright's behalf only makes this more disturbing. With Martina Gedeck (Mostly Martha). In German with subtitles. — J.R.

Lucky You — Reviewed this issue. With Eric Bana, Drew Barrymore, and Robert Duvall; directed by Curtis Hanson.

Meet the Robinsons — This lively Disney animation about an orphan inventor is being widely distributed in a 3-D process requiring special screens and projection, though it's being shown in 2-D as well and the effects are well integrated into the story. Derived from a William Joyce book, it's striking not for its originality but for its energy in juggling familiar elements. There are time-travel paradoxes from Robert A. Heinlein and Back to the Future, frogs that reference GoodFellas by way of Chuck Jones's One Froggy Evening, a bowler hat from Magritte, and an eccentric family and topiary garden that recall Disney's Alice in Wonderland (1951), and the cheerfully totalitarian city of the future, known as "Todayland," seems like Disneyland boilerplate. But maybe one of the seven credited screenwriters dreamed up the subtitled dinosaurs. Stephen J. Anderson directed. — J.R.

Miss Potter — Renee Zellweger served as executive producer of this high-toned Beatrix Potter biopic, which may explain the unbridled cuteness of her starring performance; as the sheltered 36-year-old Londoner who created Peter Rabbit and struck gold with her illustrated children's stories, she seems on the verge of turning into a bunny and hopping off into the brush. Ewan McGregor is the eager young publisher Norman Warne, who took a chance on Potter's stories in 1902 and pressed her snobbish parents for her hand; Emily Watson is Warne's sister, who befriended Potter. The twee romance was too much for me, though the movie's more interesting first half notes the innovations Warne introduced to popularize illustrated picture books for children. Chris Noonan (Babe) directed. — J.R.J.



JOHN EAGLETON

Soccer referee, AYSO

I like the characters in *Pirates of the Caribbean 2*, especially the drunken Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp). He's always out of it, while Will Turner is the exact opposite. I enjoy the story of Davy Jones, and it's a great way to get introduced to this famous pirate.

Ice Age 2: The Meltdown is a great family movie with good moral values. Different creatures — a saber-toothed tiger, a mammoth, and a sloth — unexpectedly come together for the betterment of the herd or community. My kids can pick up on this.

We just watched Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith for the thousandth time. My boy is six, and this is his favorite movie. I'm a lifelong Star Wars fan and a big fan of this episode. Empire Strikes Back is the best, but this is the only one that we have on DVD.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 2:
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IUDY BRUCE

Soccer referee, youth indoor soccer

In *United 93*, it was like nobody was even acting. They didn't single out any of the famous people in the story, and everybody became a hero. I think it should have won an Oscar for best

I don't live in New York, but World Trade Center gave me a better sense of what happened on 9/11. It made me feel like I was there. It stayed on one group of firemen and allowed me to learn. Some parts may have seemed like cheesy-Hollywood, but then I found out those were the parts that were real. It was suspenseful, and you felt like you were suffocating with the firemen.

Arrested Development: Season Two is the best season. It's very well written with perfect comedic timing. It should've never been taken off the air. There's no laugh track, and that's priceless. I hate laugh tracks.

UNITED 93 (England/USA) 2006, Universal List price: \$14.98 WORLD TRADE CENTER (USA) 2006, Paramount List price: \$19.99 ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT: SEASON TWO (USA) 2004, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$39.98 (three discs)

KIA DEHPANAH

Soccer referee, NCAA, USSF, and MISI

Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl has a great story. It builds suspense and never lets up. It's full of action. I'll always be a Johnny Depp fan; he was perfect for the part. My daughter is three, and she loves both the movie and the Disneyland ride.

My daughter and I love Cars. We always watch it together. She loves the idea of talking cars. I think she's fascinated by the whole idea. I like the story of young cocky cars and the cars that see the lights.

Thank You for Smoking I saw while flying to ref a game in Baltimore. I went and bought some DVDs for the flight.

Making fun of the smoking industry was great. It's amazing how powerful these lobbies can get. I loved the bashing of smoking and the way the filmmakers handled everything.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL (USA) 2003, Disney List price: \$19.99 (two discs) CARS (USA) 2006, Disney List price: \$29.99 THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (USA) 2006, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$29.99

The Namesake — After trying her hand at Thackeray with Vanity Fair, director Mira Nair has found a literary property much closer to her heart: Jhumpa Lahiri's best-selling novel about a Bengali couple and their children trying to find their place in American culture. The first part of the movie focuses on the parents, a college professor and his wife by arranged marriage (Bollywood stars Tabu and Irrfan Khan); the second belongs more to their headstrong, Americanized son (Kal Penn, earning his dramatic stripes after a series of collegiate comedies) as he grows to appreciate his roots. Connecting these two stories is a profound sense of identity being passed from one generation to the next, as the power of a great culture is personalized in a father's love for his son. — J.R.J.

Next — Nicolas Cage stars as a Las Vegas magician who can see two minutes into his own future, which proves endlessly handy when he's onstage or working a casino but doesn't have much national security potential; why an FBI agent (Julianne Moore) would enlist him to save Los Angeles from nuclear terrorists is never satisfactorily explained. As a result this busy sci-fi thriller often seems like a page full of equations rendered meaningless by an early misplaced decimal point. When the story finally collapses in a heap at the end, you'll probably

want your money back, but that's where the title comes in: "Next!" Lee Tamahori directed; with Jessica Biel and, briefly, Peter Falk. — J.R.J.

Offside — Iranian girls attempt to watch their team's World Cup qualifying match, directed by Jafar Panahi.

Once — Love story set in Dublin starring Glen Hansard and Markéta



Irglová; written and directed by John Carney.

Perfect Stranger — A tabloid journalist (Halle Berry), assisted by a computer geek (Giovanni Ribisi), goes undercover to pin the murder of her old friend on a tyrannical tycoon (Bruce Willis). This stupidly contrived thriller is all the more disappointing if you admire previous work by Berry and director James Foley (After Dark, My Sweet). Did they cynically opt for a lame and unpleasant script (by Todd Komarnicki), or did this make more sense before the suits got to it? Either way, they must have known how scuzzy all the characters are, and the plot twists only make the whole thing seem more phony. — *J.R.*

Premonition — With her tetchy screen persona, Sandra Bullock is well served by brainteasers like The Lake House and this passable thriller about a woman who seems to be bouncing between alternate realities. One day her husband dies in a car crash, the next morning she wakes to find him still alive, the morning after that she's back to being a widow, etc. Once she figures out what's going on, she sets out to reconcile the two scenarios. Doesn't she know variety is the spice of life? Mennan Yapo directed; with Julian McMahon. — J.R.J.

The Reaping — A professor known for debunking religious phenomena (Hilary Swank) arrives in a Southern backwater that's being afflicted by the ten plagues of Egypt. Produced by Hollywood crapmeister Joel Silver, this high-decibel



The Wind That Shakes the Barley

shocker is an insult to intelligence and faith alike. Stephen Hopkins (Lost in Space) directed; with David Morrissey, Idris Elba, AnnaSophia Robb, and Stephen Rea. — J.R.J.

Spider-Man 3 — Reviewed this issue. With Tobey Maquire, Kirsten Dunst, and Topher Grace; directed by Sam Raimi.

300 — Frank Miller's graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae, where 300 Spartans battled the entire Persian army in 480 B.C., has

been adapted into a CG sword-andsandal epic. The disconnect between the human actors and the digital backgrounds is more pronounced here than in a futuristic adventure like Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow, and because classic Hollywood cinema is so rich with epic images of antiquity, this can't help but seem chintzy. Still there are some striking ones — a dead tree studded with soldiers' bodies, hundreds of arrows swarming through the air like flies — though the palette leans mostly toward bluish

backgrounds and dark crimson blood spray. Zack Snyder (the Dawn of the Dead remake) directed; intoning dramatically against green screens are Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, and Dominic West. – J.R.J.

28 Weeks Later — Zombie-horror sequel to 28 Days Later. With Jeremy Renner and Rose Byrne; directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo.

Vacancy — A bickering couple (Kate Beckinsale and Luke Wilson)

are forced to check into a seedy motel after their car breaks down, and they discover that someone is making snuff videos there, with the occasional guests as victims. How or even whether these videos are marketed is never spelled out, but guess what? The crisis brings the couple back together. Kontroll, the first movie by director Nimrod Antal, has some reputation; I wouldn't have guessed this on the basis of his second, but then again, 80 minutes of formulaic unpleasantness isn't even close to my idea of a good time, and I doubt that Hitchcock himself could have done very much with Mark L. Smith's script. With Frank Whaley. — J.R.

The Valet — After a tabloid publishes a photo of a corporate titan (Daniel Auteuil) with his supermodel mistress (Alice Taglioni), his attorney tries to spin the situation by locating the homely parking valet (Gad Elmaleh) who happened into the frame and paying him to pose as the model's lover. Writer-director Francis Veber (The Dinner Game) has been compared to everyone from Molière to Blake Edwards, but this sublime French farce reminded me most of Billy Wilder (whose last feature, Buddy Buddy, was adapted from a Veber play). As in Wilder's signature comedies, a hard shell of cynicism cracks with the swelling of a sincere and respectful friendship — in this case, between the valet and the model as they compare notes on their unhappy love lives and the value of physical beauty. In French with subtitles. — J.R.J.

Waitress — Romantic comedy starring Keri Russell and Nathan Fillion, directed by Adrienne Shelly.

The Wind That Shakes the Barley — Unusually noisy and violent for a Ken Loach feature, this

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5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri. (3:10) 5:30, 7:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:10, 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:45, 8:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 5:45, 8:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30, 3:05) 5:35, 6:30, 8:35, 9:35 Sat. (11:30, 12:05, 2:30, 3:05) 5:35, 6:30, 8:35, 9:35 Sun. (11:30, 12:05, 2:30, 3:05) 5:35, 6:30, 8:35; **28 Weeks Later** (R) Fri. (2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Offside** (PG) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **The Lives of Others** (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:15, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; **The Name**sake (PG-13) Fri. -Sun. 1:30, 7:00; The Valet (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Waitress** (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sur. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **The Wind That Shakes the Barley** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:10, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 4:10, 9:45; **Year of the Dog** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Antarctica (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; Coral Reef

Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00; **Hurricane on the Bayou** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 2:00, 5:00; The Living Sea (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; The Alps: Giants of Nature (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 6:00

San Diego Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821) Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 12:00,

2:00, 4:00; Too Hot Not to Handle () Fri. Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

Grossmont Center

ont Center (619-465-7100) Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Ghost Rider (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Next (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; Spider-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri -Sun

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melodramatic period picture about the messy birth of the Irish Republic in the early 1920s won the top prize at Cannes in 2006. Scripted by Loach regular Paul Laverty (Sweet Sixteen), it corresponds to leftist agitprop in some particulars but confounds predictable political agendas in others. Much of the violence registers as futile, regardless of where

it's coming from or whether or not it's retaliatory. The drama revolves around two Irish brothers (Cillian Murphy and Padraic Delaney) whose ideas begin to diverge; both actors are good, but the ensemble playing predominates. As frequently happens in both Loach films and history, the betrayal of ideals, socialist and otherwise, leaves a harsh aftertaste, which made me feel sadder but not much wiser. — I.R.

Year of the Dog — After scripting two relatively mainstream comedies, School of Rock and Nacho Libre, Mike White makes his debut as writer-director with a story that harks back to his creepy Chuck and Buck (2000). Like the emotionally

retarded Buck, the main character here is sweet and innocent but also disturbed, a giving, middle-aged secretary (strikingly played by Molly Shannon) whose grief over the accidental poisoning of her beloved beagle curdles into an increasingly belligerent defense of animal rights. Manohla Dargis has called this a movie about "empathy as a state of

grace," but a more unpleasant countertheme emerges in the single woman's unspoken anger toward men. Despite the gimmicky direction and a disappointing climax, this is a distinctive and unsettling comedy. With Regina King, John C. Reilly, Peter Sarsgaard, Josh Pais, and Laura Dern. — J.R.J.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Are We Done Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15) 5:15; Delta Farce (PG-13) Fri.-Sun (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Eloise in Hollywood** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); The Invisible (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 7:30, 10:00; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00; **28** Weeks Later (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Are We Done Yet? (PG); Blades of Glory (PG-13); The Condemned (R); Delta Farce (PG-13); Disturbia (PG-13); The Ex (PG-13); Fracture (R); Georgia Rule (R); Hot Fuzz (R): The Invisible (PG-13): Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13); Lucky You (PG-13); Meet the Robinsons (G); Next (PG-13); The Reaping (R); Spider-Man 3 (PG-13); 300 (R); TMNT (PG); 28 Weeks Later (R)

Rancho Del Rey 16

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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive-In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05 Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40; **The Ex** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Georgia** Rule (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10 10:35 Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10; **Hot Fuzz** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:55 Sun. (12:55) 4:30, 7:05; In the Land of Women (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:55; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:50) 5:35, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:35, 8:05; Lucky You (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10 Sun (1:00) 4:20, 7:15; **Meet the Robinsons** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30; **Next** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:45, 3:30) 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 3:30) 4:30, 7:00, 7:45; 28 Weeks Later (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25 Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Eloise in Hollywood (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Hot Fuzz** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 4:45,

7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:45, 7:30; Eloise in Hollywood (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); The Ex (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; Fracture (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 3:15) 8:15 Sun. (10:15, 3:15); **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; The Invisible (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 Sun. (1:45) 7:00, 11:30; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15; Meet the Robinsons (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 4:30; Next (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45) 5:45, 10:45 Sun. (12:45p.m.); **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00)

5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun.

(10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00)

5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **28 Weeks Later** (R)

Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45

Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

VISTA

Vista Village Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 5:15) 10:10; **Delta Farce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 10:00; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; **The Ex** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:45, 10:00; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 6:05; **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:15) 7:05, 9:45; Hot Fuzz (R) Fri.-Sun. 6:50, 9:35; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 7:35; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35, 4:25) 7:15, 10:05; **Meet the**

Robinsons (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:50, 4:20); Next (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 10:30, 11:30, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40, 11:10 Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:30, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 3:20, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00, 9:40, 10:1; **28 Weeks Later** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 12:20, 2:10, 2:50, 4:40, 5:20) 7:10, 7:50,

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) **Delta Farce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:50 Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:40 Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40)

7:15: Lucky You (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:20, 1:10, 3:50) 6:45, 9:30 Sun. (10:20, 1:10, 3:50) 6:45; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Disturbia (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Eloise in Hollywood** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **The Ex** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15; **Fracture** (R) Fri. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; Half Past Dead (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; 28 Weeks Later (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; The Hoax (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:45) 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (2:45) 8:00; Hot Fuzz (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; Lucky You (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00: Miss Potter (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30) 5:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)

Amazing Grace (PG) Fri. 6:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 3:30, 6:00; The Lives of Others (R) Fri.-Sun.

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Blades of Glory (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15) 5:15, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 12:15) 5:15; **Fracture** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 7:30; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15: Spider-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri -Sat (10:00. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00,

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

The Condemned (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:45, 4:35) 7:25, 10:20; **Delta Farce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 4:05) 6:40, 9:30; **Disturbia** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:35, 4:25) 7:20, 10:05; **The Ex** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:50) 6:30, 9:30; **Georgia Rule** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:05, 3:55) 7:05, 10:05; **Hot Fuzz** (R) Fri.-Sun. (9:50, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Invisible** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; Kickin' It Old Skool (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:00, 4:45) 7:25, 10:20; **Lucky You** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:30; **Meet** the Robinsons (G) Fri.-Sun. (9:45, 12:20, 2:55); Spider-Man 3 (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 12:50, 1:20, 3:45, 4:10, 4:40) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; 28 Weeks Later (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:10, 4:05) 6:55, 9:50

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Diario San Diego

Cerca de dos mil personas realizaron doble marcha el pasado 1 de mayo en apoyo de comunidades migrantes de San Diego.

Las dos protestas organizadas en esta entidad se prolongaron a tres horas de recorrido por las calles del centro de San Diego y Barrio Logan, además de una mini manifestación en Vista para la comunidad del Norte del Condado.

Casi dos mil personas se

unieron a las protestas del Condado, ni el cansancio, ni el mal tiempo apagaron voces del pueblo.

Aunque no se contó con la misma cantidad de personas que las registradas el año pasado, la semana pasada cientos de sandieguinos acudieron a exigir una reforma migratoria y alto a redadas.

La marcha organizada por la Coalición 'Sí se puede' comenzó en el City College en el centro de San Diego, se prolongó hasta las 7:00 de la tarde en una doble protesta en Parque Chicano. espectáculos



Lo cambian

Eleazar López

Diario San Diego

De ser un tierno gato con voz ronca y pasional, el 'Gato con botas' en la voz de Antonio Banderas, en la tercer parte de la pelicula 'Shrek', se convierte en el burro.

Entrevistado por Diario San Diego, Banderas, creador de ese inolvidable personaje en la segunda parte, dijo que lo que le gustó es hacer una voz diferente.

"Lo que más me gusta del personaje es el

contraste que existe entre la imagen que tiene y la voz. Es decir, cuando a mi me presentaron digamos el personaje, cuando me enseñaron un primer dibujo de lo que iba a ser 'Puss', yo pregunté la estatura que tenía. Ellos me dijeron que no pasaba de la rodilla de Shrek, y entonces en vez de hacer una voz que era la que probablemente le hubiera venido al personaje más chiquita.

automóviles



Infiniti G37

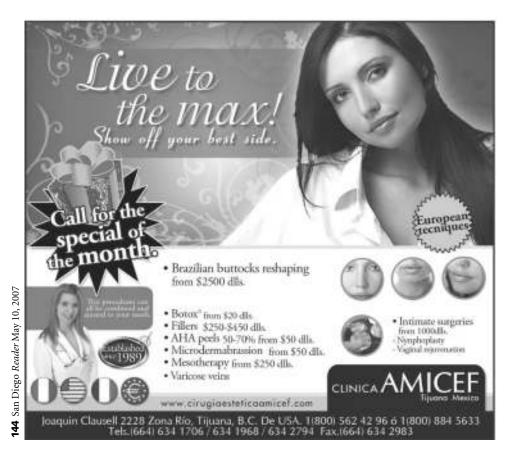
Servicios Diario San Diego

El nuevo modelo 2008 de la firma Infiniti, denominado G37 Coupe, que recién debutó el mes pasado en Nueva York, le dará a la armadora un nuevo aire en el mercado.

Entre los detalles que destacan dentro del nuevo modelo de Infiniti, se encuentra la primera presentación del motor V6 de 3.7 litros, que produce 330 caballos de fuerza.

El motor está apoyado por una opción de transmisión automática de cinco velocidades mejorada electrónicamente, además de la opción de seis velocidades pero en la modalidad de manual.

La plataforma del G37 y el chasis también pasaron por el cuarto de cirugía al añadirse el sistema Manejo Activo de Ruedas 4 (4WAS, por sus siglas en inglés), que ayuda a mejorar el desarrollo de agarre del vehículo al ajustar los radios delanteros y la geometría de la suspensión trasera.





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Asalto sexual

Diario San Diego

Víctimas de violación y asalto sexual prefieren no denunciar este crimen por temor, vergüenza y confusión, por ello prefieren callar y vivir entre sombras el atroz acto que destruyó para siempre sus vidas.

A pesar de los recursos que actualmente existen para perseguir y castigar delitos violentos, los casos de asalto sexual y violación siguen siendo los que menos se denuncian.

Según autoridades del Condado de San Diego sólo el tres por ciento de estos crimenes son reportados por las víctimas, por eso durante el mes se emprendieron campañas para educar a jóvenes sobre estos delitos

"Este es un caso que la gente prefiere guardarse, por miedo, por bloqueos mentales o simplemente porque no creen que exista. ayuda y que se puede castigar a culpables", dijo Lindee Bastida, asistente legal de la División de Crimenes Sexuales de la Fiscalia.

De acuerdo a estadísticas del Condado durante el 2006 fueron denunciados 395 casos, de los cuales 255 fueron procesados e investigados, y sólo 54 llegaron a las cortes para castigar a perpetuadores, y el 95 de los violadores son encontrados culpables.

El 60 por ciento de los casos son asalto sexual violentos o bajo amenazas, el 40 por ciento son violaciones a personas intoxicadas por alcohol o drogas.



Dominante

El abridor Jake Peavy lanzó siete sólidos episodios y ponchó a 10 rivales para darle a Padres de San Diego la victoria de 3-1 contra Marlins de la Florida el domingo.

La victoria de la novena sandieguina es la segunda seguida y quinta en los últimos 10 juegos, lo que los coloca con una marca de 17 triunfos y 14 derrotas en la temporada.

En el montículo Peavy contuvo el ataque de Marlins (14-16), a quienes no les permitió imparable hasta que el segunda base Dan Uggla le conectó triple productor en la sexta entrada.

Peavy (4-1) lanzó siete entradas, aceptó sólo un imparable y una carrera, cedió dos bases y retiró a 10 por la vía del ponche, Cla Meredi-

th lo relevó con labor de una entrada y Trevor Hoffman se encargó de quedarse con el salvamento.

Padres logró conectar cinco imparables, cuatro de ellos ante los lanzamientos del derrotado Scott Olsen y uno más al cerrador Randy Messenger.

Ante los envíos de Peavy. el tercera base venezolano Miguel Cabrera, el inicialista Mike Jacobs y el guardabosques Joe Borchard se poncharon tres veces cada uno. Cabrera se fue sin conectar y vio rota una racha de 10 partidos conectando de hit.

Peavy inició la jornada con el liderato de ponches en la Liga Nacional con 46, y ahora suma 56.

El cerrador Trevor Hoffman sacó los últimos tres outs v logró su octavo salvamento de la temporada.



Deterioro

Omar Millán González

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La construcción del nuevo muro fronterizo en la frontera de Estados Unidos y México traerá daños severos a la flora, fauna y el ambiente.

Un grupo de 56 especialistas de ambos países, quienes se reunieron en un taller técnico - científico los días 3 y 4 de mayo en el Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Colef), concluyeron que el triple muro podría dejar afectaciones en una franja de 30 a 200 metros de ancho, destinados para diversas actividades de construcción.

Estos impactos están relacionados con el cambio de uso de suelo, la emisión de partículas sólidas suspendidas, la

emisión de contaminantes por la maquinaria utilizada para el movimiento de terracería y por las patrullas fronterizas, la compactación de suelos y reducción de su capacidad de infiltración; así como inundaciones locales, cambio en la topografía y erosión del suelo.

Los principales efectos de la construcción del muro en la fauna son el bloqueo del transito natural de especies, fragmentación de poblaciones, movimientos migratorios, intercambio genético con daños severos sobre poblaciones pequeñas, degradación del hábitat y afectación por iluminación eléctrica, expusieron 56 científicos y técnicos ambientales.





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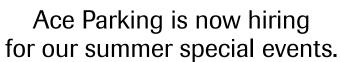
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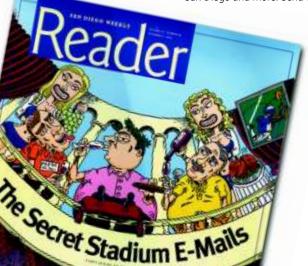
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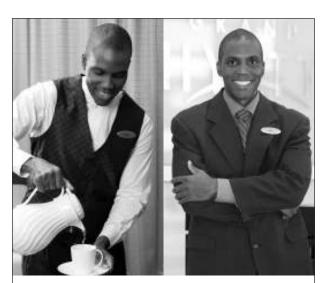
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Beth Popa Office Manager Powav

Well, I'm from the U.K. I'd change a law over there. My mom was killed by a driver that pleaded insanity because he was schizophrenic. My dad was left disabled and had to sell the house and couldn't work because of the accident. The insurance company didn't have to pay because they said they wouldn't have written the policy if they knew this guy was insane. The courts agreed, and we got nothing.



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Lolita Johnson

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he speed limit. I'd like to go as The speed IIIII. I united to gard I usual-Usually 80 is my slow speed. I usually go fast, except in residential areas, because people could get hurt. It should be like the Autobahn on the freeways, though. If they see me coming, get out of the way.



Dick Darlington

Bartender

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want California to be an at-fault state. It's a no-fault state now. So, if a spouse cheats, they're still entitled to half of everything. I think that should be changed. There are three states that are that way. Maybe it's everything east of Mississippi.

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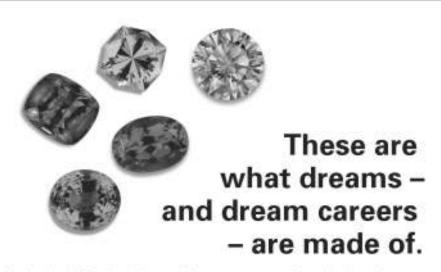
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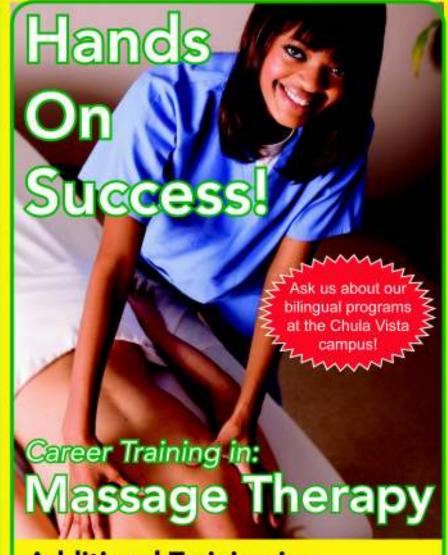
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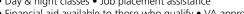
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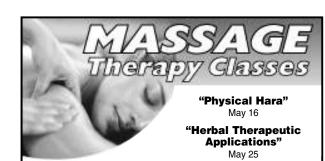
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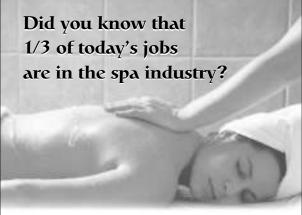
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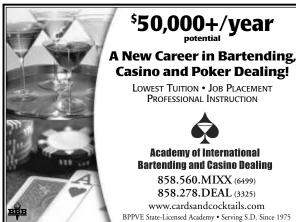
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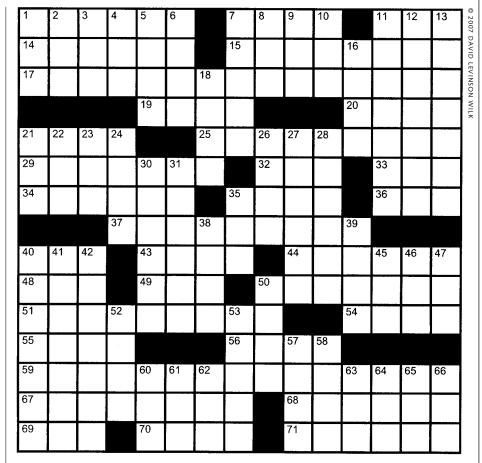
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- 7. It's a long story
- 11. Shop ____ you drop 14. Black Sea peninsula
- 15. Menu option
- 17. Worker who is often down in the mouth
- 19. Remini of "The King of Queens"
- 20. Dummies' replies
- 21. "Kinsey" star Neeson
- 25. Bubba and Dubya, e.g.
- 29. Puts on a long face 32. Yokohama yes
- 33. Opposite of post-
- 34. Put down 35. "Shake a leg!"
- 36. Giggler's sound
- 37. Alvin, Simon and Theodore, famously
- 40. "Very interesting ..
- 43. MasterCard rival, familiarly
- 44. Beethoven's Third
- 48. Slim battery size
- 49. "Gnarly!"
- 50. Stirs up 51. Kook
- 54. Contact, say
- 55. Choir member
- 56. Dynamic start?
- 59. Initial reaction (or what to look for in 17-, 25-, 37- and 51-Across)
- 67. Sort of
- 68. Some trick-or-treaters
- 69. Cook's meas.
- 70. They run when they break
- 71. State that borders Chiapas

- 1. A following?
- 2. Fury
- 3. Martini ingredient
- 4. Qty. 5. It may be ordered to go
- 6. Where Bill met Hillary
- 7. Give a quick welcome
- 8. High sch. math
- 9. Moo goo ____ pan 10. It's no soft serve
- 11. Take the gold
- 12. Finder's cry
- 13. Deliberator's words
- 16. "Three Men ____ Baby'
- 18. Farm laborer
- 21. Whippersnapper
- 22. Contents of some bags 23. 24-hr. bank feature
- 24. Tiny time meas.
- 26. Old Chinese dynasty

- 27. Julie _____, the voice of Marge Simpson
- 28. Hall of Fame pitcher Phil
- 30. 1943 Humphrey Bogart film 31. Kind of instinct
- 35. First year of the upcoming
- decade, in Roman numerals 38. Prefix with cab
- "____ Train"
- 40. Flipped
- 41. Many contestant entries
- 42. Femme fatale
- 45. Expert finish?
- 46, 1776-1876; Abbr.
- 47. Dunderhead 50. Ripening agent
- 52. Tenet's CIA successor 53. Barbers brush them
- _ Park, NY
- 58. Govt. agency since 1971 60. Giggler's sound
- 61. Having one sharp
- 62. Flavor enhancer63. Fenway team, for short
- 64. "The Heart ____ Lonely Hunter"
- 65. Like some drugs: Abbr.
- 66. Hush-hush govt. org.

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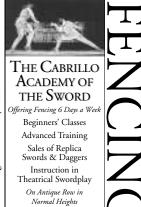
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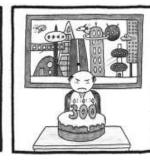
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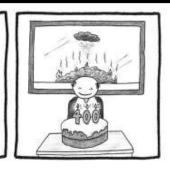
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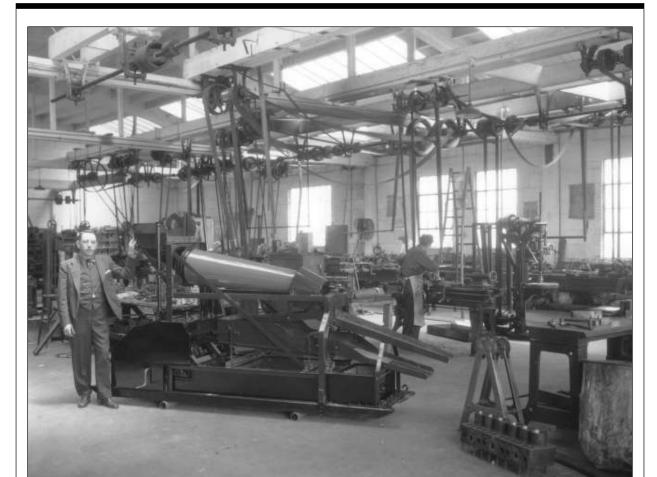
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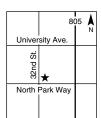
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John Walker is an encyclopedia on old cars. "'54 was the last year of the volumetric style of design, a holdover from the '40s. Everything back then, whether it was a blender or a vacuum cleaner or car, looked like a rocket. In 1955 Chevy streamlined their design to make it more flat panel instead of bubbled. Harley Earl was the head designer for General

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John also prefers the steel body to the "woody" station wagon. "Some of those woody owners won't put a wet board on their roof. Woodies have become items of obsession; they're meticulously restored, never driven, never used. My wagon's more of the 'Wind an' Sea' aesthetic. It's not pristine; I drive it to surf here or carry tools in the back to take care of some rental properties. I have a stepladder back there that gives me easier access to the rack. I carry wet boards. My

two little kids ride in it, eat in there It's functional "

He uses the vehicle, but also cares for it. His 4.3mm wetsuit is kept in a plastic tub that's "essential to keep from exposing the interior to rust. If I get the car wet or dirty. I clean it off when I get home."

John has surfed

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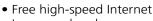
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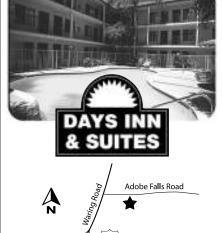
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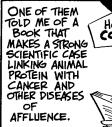
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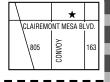


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LEAD STORY

 Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre most recently made "News of the Weird" in 2004 because of continued petty territorial fighting among the six Christian denominations that share management of the church, which is home to some of Christianity's holiest sites, including that of Christ's resurrection. As Easter approached this year, three of the groups that control one ten-stall restroom could not agree how to divide responsibility for repairing it, leading to a pervasive stench in the building. Furthermore, the path of the outflow sewage pipe (which needed enlarging) passes under property of a fourth denomination, which has resisted helping unless it is granted control of one of the ten stalls.

Can't Possibly Be True

 Britain's General Dental Council found dentist Alan Hutchinson guilty in April of several hygiene violations, including frequent handwashing lapses, failure to sterilize instruments that he had taken off treatment trays to clean his own ears and fingernails with, and, more than once, urinating in his surgery sink. The council said it needed another hearing to decide whether Hutchinson's habits impaired his treatment of patients.

 Following a three-year investigation by federal and local authorities in Orange County, Calif., the owners of at least ten massage parlors were arrested in March and accused of running prostitution establishments. Among the investigators' findings was that, to reduce the cost of supplying condoms, the salons urged customers to use plastic food wrap, which management bought in large quantities. Said District Attorney Tom Rackauckas, "I really don't think about [plastic food wrap] in the same way anymore." Our litigious, anger-fueled, dispute-intensive society took a break in a Folcroft, Pa., courtroom in March, as landlord Genevieve Zumuda, 77, was suing tenant La Tina Osborne, 32. In the middle of Osborne's defense, Zumuda started shaking

and suddenly stopped breathing, but Osborne interrupted her argument and gave Zumuda CPR until paramedics arrived. "When people are down," Osborne said, "if you can help them, you

The Continuing Crisis

(1) New performance-appraisal rules by India's Ministry of Personnel for the country's seniorlevel bureaucrats included a request that females disclose the dates of their last menstrual period, according to an April Reuters dispatch. Within days of the rules' release, the ministry rescinded that provision. (2) In April, near New Orleans, motorcyclist Charles Warren, minding his own business in the left lane of Interstate 12, was hit by a bathtub (which had fallen from a pickup truck in the right lane) and was hospitalized with severe injuries.

 Tentatively scheduled for July (nearly two vears after Hurricane Katrina forced the evacuation of New Orleans) is the resolution of two dog-ownership cases, in which a judge in Pinellas County, Fla., will decide, after months of haggling, whether the Louisiana owners, Steven and Dorreen Couture, "abandoned" their dogs as they complied with evacuation orders or merely left them temporarily at a shelter, which wrongly offered them for adoption. Two Florida women claimed the dogs separately and have fought to retain them. One is an assistant district attorney in Tampa, who has been represented in part by one of the city's highest-priced lawyers.

Unclear on the Concept

 The Scandia Family Fun Center, which operates a super thrill ride (168 feet high, spinning at 60 miles an hour, pulling 3.5 g's) called the Screamer, in Sacramento, Calif., decided in March that because of neighborhood residents' noise complaints, riders would be prohibited from screaming (and subject to ejection from the park). The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress, released in February, revealed

that 12th graders' reading ability is at an all-time

low, yet their grades for English class are at an all-time high (averaging 2.82 on a 4.0 scale, up from 2.52 15 years ago). Also, Washington state legislators, faced with 10th graders' declining achievement test scores in math and science, are poised to eliminate the tests altogether (while retaining those for reading and writing, which do not show declines), according to a March Seattle Times report. Some math and science would still be tested, but only right after math and science classes, when memories are fresher and, presumably, scores would be higher.

Family Values

(1) In Bridgeport, Conn., in March, Fermin Rodriguez, 21, was charged with assault for stabbing his wife several times (after an argument over her alleged infidelity); police said that following his attack, he handed his knife to the couple's 2-yearold son and said, "Now, you stab Mommy." (2) According to the manager of BJ's Pawn Shop in Gretna, La., a customer came in with his diaper-clad boy of about age 2 in April and handed the kid an AK-47 from the store's shelf, instructed him how to hold it in order to "mow [people] down, kill everybody," and told him that "Daddy's going to buy you this chopper." The manager, incredulous, said he took the gun back and shooed the pair out.

Least Competent Criminals

· (1) South Carolina Highway Patrol officers arrested Howard Fisher, 54, in March and seized 43 pounds of marijuana from his car after he was unable to avoid crashing into one of their cruisers, with which they had blocked two lanes of Interstate 95 while investigating accidents. (2) Three men, allegedly carrying \$4000 worth of drugs, were arrested at a toll station on the Triborough Bridge in New York City in March because, between them, they lacked \$4.50 to pay the toll. They had asked an officer if they could mail it in, but a check of the driver's license revealed it had expired after eight suspensions.

America's Town

- In March, the owner of Di's Diner in Bulls Gap, Tenn., reported that a "blond, heavy-framed female" tried to take out a catfish dinner without paying for it and that when confronted, the woman got angry and threw money at the cash register. When the owner followed her into the parking lot, the woman threw the dinner, hitting employee Tina Henry. ... In April, David Moser, 28, complained that his Bulls Gap home had been burglarized and that missing were handcuffs, six packs of cigarettes, a set of \$1200 car wheels, and 300 tongue rings.

People Different From Us

- Officials in Apex, N.C., finally confiscated the 80 sheep that David Watts had been keeping in his home as pets (he slept upstairs, they downstairs), with the final straw coming when some of the sheep wandered into the local cemetery and munched on fresh floral arrangements. The town had tolerated Watts's eccentricity for years because of his pleasantness. Said a nextdoor neighbor, "[Officials] felt like he was [merely] living an alternative lifestyle."

The Classic Middle Name (all new)

 Arrested recently and awaiting trial for murder: Gary Wayne Ray Jr. (Oklahoma City, February); Larry Wayne Brigman (St. Paul, Minn., charged in February for a 1989 murder, but already in prison for a different murder); Lewis Wayne Fielder Jr. (Laurens, S.C., February); Robert Wayne Wyant (Charlottesville, Va., February). Confessed to murder: Timothy Wayne Shepherd (Houston, March). Sentenced for murder: Jimmy Wayne Bass (Mobile, Ala., February, life in prison for DUI homicide). Re-captured after a brief escape: convicted murderer Michael Wayne Brunner (La Grange, Ky., March).

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Newcastle disease is not limited to our feathered friends; it affects people too — at least when the new castles are moderately priced condominiums for sale in Ocean Beach.

So it came about that, in the last week of February, 76 people began to line up, on a Wednesday morning, for 56 Sea Colony condominiums not slated to go on sale until eight a.m. the following Saturday. I was ninth in that line. But for chance, I might have been 76th.

-- "CONDO MADNESS," Katie Elsbree, May 12, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

If Rob Hagey could carry a tune, he would be singing the blues. His San Diego Jazz Festival (formerly called the La Jolla Jazz Festival) has brought the likes of Sun Ra, Dexter Gordon, Old and New Dreams, Chico Freeman, and James Newton to perform since its 1979 debut.

Hagey must go head-to-head with national promoter George Wein, who will soon bring his eighth annual Kool Jazz Festival to San Diego. —CITY LIGHTS: "ALL THIS JAZZ," Paul Krueger,

May 13, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

I have worked with the California condor for 11 years, in the field, as a keeper at the San

Diego Wild Animal Park, and now as curator of birds and supervisor of the Parks California condor breeding program.

Even so, I appreciated Neal Matthews's emotional outcry at the April 19 capture of the last wild California condor.... But when Matthews proclaims that it would have been better, symbolically speaking, to have sat back and watched the condor "perish with dignity," I am offended.

—LETTERS: "THE LAST LIVING HOPE," William D. Toone, San Diego Wild Animal Park, May 14, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Now the saucer-eye orphans have lost their paternity. For more than 30 years, ex-realtor Walter Keane sold himself as the progenitor of the Keane kid. But Walter's ex-wife Margaret has been judged the true and lawful originator of the kitsch creations.

Today Walter Keane lives alone in a rented La Jolla cottage, a rheumy-eved and arthritic 76 years old. He intersperses remembrances of painting with accusations against Margaret.

"I knew all the big shots. Dali, Picasso, they were all my friends."

— "CITIZEN KEANE," Adam Parfrey, May 14, 1992

Ten Years Ago

It began the afternoon of April 9, when a lawyer and an accountant were shotgunned to death outside Giuseppis on the corner of Agua Caliente Boulevard and Ouerétaro. Now one of Mexico's best-known journalists has been accused of murder.

The accountant who was gunned down in April, Héctor Navarro Terríquez, had worked for Zeta from 1980 to 1995. His job was to pay Zeta's U.S. expenses, primarily for the printing of the newspaper at the Daily Californian in El Cajon.

Carlos Estrada Garcia, the slain attorney, was a former friend of [Zeta editor Jesús]Blancornelas and had been associated with him at the old ABC newspaper. Sometime in the summer of 1996, Estrada traveled to Sinaloa and convinced El Gato's mother that she had been cheated when Blancornelas paid her off for her late son's share in Zeta.

— CITY LIGHTS: "NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR AN ASSASSIN." Bob Owens, May 8, 1997

Five Years Ago

In 1995, Reverend Cass was pastoring Vinevard of East County. At that time, the Toronto Blessing, a sort of Pentecostal revival that had worshippers across North America howling



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with "holy laughter," was in full swing.

Cass says, "At a meeting of Vineyard pastors of North County, I asked when some biblical discipline was going to be brought to those churches participating in the Toronto Blessing. The pastors told me, 'You're obviously not part of our movement. You better take the name Vineyard off your church.' So that's how we started West Hills Christian Fellowship."

— SHEEP AND GOATS, Abe Opincar, May 9, 2002

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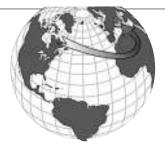
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I was strolling this afternoon along the wide avenues that crisscross the center of Athens, the Greek capital, perusing its wonderful fauna — stray cats, dogs, and pigeons — posters advertising concerts of famous Albanian singers — there are about one million Albanian immigrants in Greece — an array of recently built department stores, and koulouria — the wheel carts of bread salesmen.

Aside from the aforementioned curiosa, my eyes could not help but wander to the '50s and '60s blocks of flats that constitute a considerable percentage of the buildings in Greece's urban centers. They were erected hastily in those decades in order to house the thousands of newcomers from the rural areas who sought work and a prosperous future in the cities. This lust for urbanization is displayed in the films of that era, and although it seems absurd today (why would people want to abandon their wonderful villages, close to nature and fresh air?), it was justified at the time. In the 1950s, in most rural areas of Greece, there was no electricity, telephone, or running water in the homes; hospital infrastructure was sparse; schools were not very accessible.... The easiest and fastest way for people to upgrade to the 20th Century was to move to a city, and the most popular destination of all was Athens.

As you can imagine, a construction boom ensued, converting the Greek cities into the (cough) wonderful places they are today — with a few notable exceptions. The most coveted professions for a man at the time were civil engineer or architect, and every girl's dream was to marry one. If they were unsuccessful, they could always look for a charming doctor or lawyer.

This army of civil engineers and architects partnered with self-proclaimed building contractors, purchased most of the available real estate — thanks to an ingenious law that allowed the owner of real estate to transfer its ownership directly to a contractor in exchange for floor space in the building that would be constructed on it - shamelessly demolished neoclassical buildings of astounding beauty (and of greedy owners), and bestowed us with cities full of gleaming blocks of flats and a population density unheard of in other countries — except, perhaps, Hong Kong.

When those buildings were new, they carried some of the Lebendigkeit der 50er in them as well as the incurable optimism typical of 1950s Athens. Now they are neglected, and their façades are dark gray from decades of smog deposits. Rust, washed down from the exposed extremities of the iron rods on the rooftops the rods used in reinforced concrete — draws dreary patterns on their back-yard walls. The roofs are a dismal forest of oxidized 30-yearold TV aerials.

And when the arrogant tourists from London, Stockholm, and Prague come across them, they put on disdainful facial expressions, revolted by the flagrant lack of aesthetic. My question: Is there anything inherently wrong with these buildings? Of course, most of them cannot be remotely compared to the neoclassical masterpieces they replaced,



but, still, what can beat the simplicity and efficiency of a rectangular box with doors and windows? I am not an architect, but I believe these structures are...okay, in aesthetic terms. What makes them so dismal is the frustrating lack of maintenance. If their inhabitants really cared about their appearance, they would utilize the unlimited capabilities offered by modern technology: satellite dishes replacing the despicable TV aerials, smogresistant paint, and roof gardens to make up for the lack of trees.

This high population density made possible by the blocks of flats could become an advantage. I'm not a city planner, but one can find commercial benefits: savings in public transport infrastructure, cost-effective cov-

> erage of a large population by optical-fiber networks, etc. Why are people so indifferent? Why do they tolerate living in buildings anyone with elementary taste would mock? I refuse to believe that they are devoid of the financial resources required for maintenance. This

may be the case for some, but what's wrong with the majority? Are people in Athens so overwhelmed by the problems of everyday life that they have forgotten that aesthetics are an important part of the quality of life? I don't want them to rebuild Versailles! I'm only asking for some white paint.

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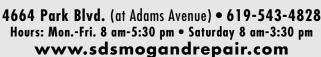
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He had tried to stop them before, but the drugs didn't work. Actually, they did work, but he woke up three months later, covered in shit and piss in an alley four miles from his house with no memory of anything.

He decided to submit.

This did not bode well with his wife or his boss or his friends, but his dog understood. He didn't talk back, but he could hear the voices too. Grant knew because the voices told him.

Grant wanted to name them. They had distinct personalities and sounds and cadence to their tones, but he simply called them "The Voices." It was easier to explain and made him seem slightly less crazy, but he was certifiable enough by "normal" standards to be placed in Horizon Dawn with the rest of the walnuts.

"Grant? We're right here. We asked you a question."

Grant quickly figured that the flowery female voice belonged to Dr. Jill and not to his Voices; she



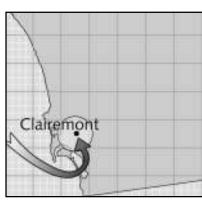
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was seated directly across from him in the circle of uncomfortable white plastic chairs. Group started 17 minutes ago, and the perfunctory opening question was directed toward him.

"Can you give us your feeling word for the day?" she repeated, trying not to sound condescending. Dr. Jill liked Grant and was well aware that his intelligence and wherewithal were beyond that of the other patients.

"I was feeling that your legs are far too pretty for you to be my therapist. I'm a married man and not used to this type of temptation, and it only makes me feel hotter that you're doing this in front of other people. I like it when people watch." He leaned back in his chair with crossed arms, smirking, and began to chuckle at his sarcasm. Grant was pleased that he spoke his diatribe without falling into laughter; he was getting better at trying to break Dr. Jill's facade of professionalism. He had fucked her twice now.

"Thank you, Grant. Your honesty is noted." The men in the circle giggled and snickered and snorted. Jenkins fell out of his chair and jiggled on the ground, exposing his junk to the group. Jenkins shaved nothing; he was a furry, roly-poly bear cub in the center of the circle of men. They all wore



light green gowns that tied in the back; underwear was optional and never present on Jenkins.

Dr. Jill isn't wearing panties today. She did this for you. You're going to fuck her again after group. Meet her in her office after Jenkins sings a song from West Side Story.

"Sky rockets in flight, beeeeewwwwppp, Afternoon delight. Click clack." He leapt to his feet,

pointed in the air, à la Travolta, and froze in pose until Dr. Jill spoke.

"Jenkins, that's enough singing. Can you try speaking how you feel? It's your turn." She wisely changed the subject. Jenkins had walked into her office when Grant had her,

> and her skirt, up against the wall. He only spoke in musical lyrics and happened to be Grant's best friend and confidante at Horizon Dawn, so neither was terribly worried about their secret escaping the pale green walls into the hands and minds of other doctors or

> "I feel pretty, oh so pretty, I feel pretty and witty and bright, and I pity any girl who isn't me tonight. Do do do de do do do

de!" Jenkins returned to the floor and rolled and laughed and winked knowingly at Grant and Dr. Jill.

They both appreciated his distraction, and Grant quietly thanked the voices.

POST DATE: **April 21, 2007** POST TITLE: Episode 2: Voices — Always Listen to the Voices Grant shuffled down the hall with head down, trying not to dance or sway or saunter or look like a mental patient who just had sex with his therapist. He assumed his medicated stance and expression of vacancy while entering the Rec. Room filled with drooling, screaming patients.

Judy Garland was telling a story in the corner. Her attentive audience sat cross-legged in a semicircle. She was an oversized he, with delusions of grandeur and size 12 ruby red pumps that were too small and made puffy cankles. She wore sparkling red panties under her light green hospital gown and exposed an unusual amount of back fur. Her 266-pound frame and balding head diametrically opposed her falsetto voice, but when she sang, you knew it was Judy. She spoke of her addiction to

"That's the best thing about being here, kids. The pills. I used to have to hide them and take them in my trailer. But here, I'm happily out in the open."

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It's a huge bowling alley, over 20 lanes, so the two dozen of us in masks made up only a bit of the crowd who showed up to bowl. But we dominated the lanes.

I taped lucha libre matches from the Mexican channel. When I got to the alley, I asked the round, gray woman behind the counter to play them on the alley TV circuit.

"I don't know, honey," she balked.

I pleaded with her. "It's a special night. It'd mean a lot to me. It's my birthday."

The last one was a lie. My birthday was two days later, but I figured it was close enough to count.

She relented, and, I'm guessing, for the first time in her career of working at a bowling alley, she played grand theatrical Mexican wrestling instead of reruns of Professional Bowlers Association championships

We took it all very seriously. "I don't know if I'm going to make this split," I caught myself saying.

My friend Kip offered advice: "I think you want to cross the lane, clip that pin, and see if it'll bang around in there to get the number seven." Kip's mask was black and gold and mine was solid silver. While contemplating our next roll, we sipped at beers from slippery longneck bottles that we'd stuck into our masks' mouth holes.

Some of the others who'd come to bowl were very cool with us. "Can I get a picture with all you guys?" a man in a baseball cap and polo shirt asked. We gathered around him while his wife worked the camera. One girl asked if we had an extra mask so she could bowl with us, and we did.

There were, however, "league bowlers." A group of middle-aged salesmen who got red in the cheeks and flushed hot with anger when our team of luchadors arrived. One man glared at me every time he missed his shot, and I'm sure he blamed his poor performance that night on us.

He complained to the front-desk lady, but she laughed and told him, "There's no rule against wearing masks while bowling."

He got madder and madder and then he threw his towel in his bag and told his buddies he had to leave.

And we luchador bowlers glided up our lanes, wiggling and jumping in hope, pumping our fists at strikes and spares, and high-fiving in our bright and spangled masks.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 10

ANIMAL MIRACLES

ANIMAL PLANET 10:00 A.M.

I wonder if cats break wind. I mean, I've walked into a raunchy dog cloud, but I've never heard of a cat letting one go. I imagine a cat's comes out with a manner of disinterest and a French accent.

HOT PURSUIT

COURT TV 9:00 P.M.

One more reason to hate cable and all its superfluous channels, including the Court channel. Unless each of these high-speed chases ends with the suspect crashing his vehicle into a municipal justice building, this show has nothing to do with a court. Now that I think of it, that'd be a cool show. Maybe there's hope yet.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

GHOST WHISPERER

CBS 8:00 P.M.

Jennifer Love Hewitt needs an assistant on this show, and I'm just the man to do it. She'll talk to the spirits of the wandering dead, and I'll talk directly to her chest. I'm the cleavage whisperer, and her milky white cleft has secrets to impart to me. Ssshh...they're talking to me right

SATURDAY, MAY 12

VEGAS VACATION

TBS 8:00 A.M.

If David Hasselhoff had pulled his pants down and shot a moon at the camera when he was hammered on that Vegas hotel room floor, he'd be elevated from Hero status to Immortal Walking the Earth. There's still time, Michael

Knight. There's still time, plenty of whiskey, and a drunk can be quickly parted from his belt and trousers. Wind up for it and let 'er go, sir.

ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT

CBS 7:00 P.M.

Who wants to help me bake a cake for the judge who put Paris Hilton in jail? I want it to be a big cake, a sheet of sugary goodness the size of an SUV, with icing and decorations that'd make the Taj Mahal look like a brown paper sack. I want it so big it'll hold an overflowing chocolate fountain in the center of it, and it should be covered in porn and bottles of booze, too.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

DARTS

FOX SPORTS 5:00 P.M.

Darts are boring. Let's put them through the extreme-ification process that has transformed every other sport. Let's see. We'll have teams. The competition will be in the woods. Competitors should be camouflaged. Body shots are worth 10 points. Neck shots are worth 20. Put your goggles on; if you take one to the eye it's not my fault.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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THURSDAY, MAY 17

THE BEST DAMN WACKY TALENT SHOW FOX SPORTS 8:00 P.M.

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"You two are together on a cybernetic playground."

By John Brizzolara

I have owned and used computers since 1983, and yet it is only in recent weeks that I feel I may have something in common with anyone to whom publications such as Computer Age are targeted. That is, for the past quarter of a century, staring at a blinking cursor as I have, it is only a byproduct of Time's sense of humor, a result of the Chronosphere's wry irony, that a simian dinosaur such as myself should even have such phrases as Internet Protocol in his vocabulary, or that my most frequent mail, both ingoing and outgoing, is electronic, often addressed to someone named baudgirl.

In the 1970s, in the wake of bestsellers such as Alvin Toffler's Future Shock, came many imitators. Among them was a book titled The Private Future; and while I've forgotten its author, I remember its premise as well as its cover very well. The cover captured the premise neatly: an illustration of a family living room with two parents, two children, and a dog, each of them seated at a different electronic device, their backs to each other, some of them helmeted, others "jacked" into a board with electrodes, telephone plugs, and suction cups, while transparent, gravity-defying display screens seemed to hang just over their heads. The dog was electronically confined in some kind of virtual doghouse. The idea, of course, was that the family living room would, in the near future, become, instead of just a chapel for the television, a recreation/information center where the already alienated family could become even more thoroughly detached from each other while remaining in the same room. The book was pretty much an elaboration of Toffler's observations about the ineluctable Electronic Cottage that was coming our way and, of course, did.

On a recent Friday night I had an experience that almost perfectly recapitulated the circumstances of that cover illustration, minus the dog. I was in my son's apartment in San Marcos, and he was, as always, playing a video game, something called Maple Story, which has the wonkiest, hypermaniacally deranged background music ever conceived, a sort of wholesome family animated sitcom theme taken to obsessive-compulsive electronic extremes. Some eight feet away from my son, their backs to each other, as on the cover of The Private Future, was my son's friend Curtis, who was playing the same game. Each of them was represented on the screen by some adorable yet sinister anime winged thing. Other creatures, hopping, materializing, or dematerializing on their screens, were other players from remote locations such as Louisville, Kentucky, and Liege, Belgium. I was stretched out on a futon about equidistant from each of them and reading a novel called The Triumph of the Sun, about the siege of Khartoum

Over a dinner of hot dogs, I called the lads' attention to this tableau as being, shortly before they were born, futuristic. "You two are together on a cybernetic playground along with that guy in Belgium and the girl in Kentucky. A virtual playground made up of phosphor dot images, bytes, and kilobytes of information as well as the imagination of the conceivers of the game and the consensual complicity of your imaginations and of those thousands of miles away."

Yeah, except you were just reading."

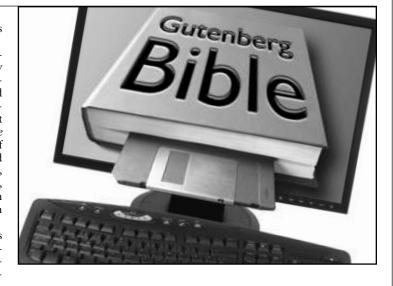
"Hey, like a time traveler from the Gutenberg era."

That's good, but to describe it differently..." And here I tried to paraphrase Isaac Asimov, who once described reading a novel in a similar way. Asimov presents the "idea of book" (my quotes, not his) as a rectangular cassette. From here on, the metaphor, tortured as it may be, is mine. This cassette is coded to interface with your cornea and retinal patterns and functions as it discharges data at a rate determined by eye muscle, pupil, etc. The data is linked electronically through neurons and synapse connectors and transformed by passing through memory receptors and imagination function gates in the brain. On a kind of virtual screen are then displayed images, dialogue, movement, and action, while emotion is engaged; often, depending on the contents of the cassette, some of the highest and most refined ideas of mankind are decoded from what appear, at first glance, to be hen scratchings on the surface of individual plates called pages, the only moving parts in the cassette.

Yeah, but you were just reading," my son reiterated.

'Yes, you got me.'

It would be clear idiocy to attempt to persuade, even imply, that the book is as mighty as the computer. Certainly in this room. Tough crowd. I had a weak argument. If my profession was a kind of last-ditch holdout from the Gutenberg era with ambitions to be the equivalent of, say, a Dickens — an extremely



fine example of art and commerce but essentially, like many of his imitators, a pulp writer providing a kind of art for the newly literate masses of the Industrial Revolution — I was born into the wrong corner of history or it was playing a joke on me.

The true inheritors of this new medium in the postelectronic revolution, the voices and heirs to the Internet throne who will provide for the newly computer-literate masses, are like this fellow, who posted recently on the message/comments page.

The Populist WebLit Future:

Posted by Concern4 the youths on 04/3/07 @ 12:25 a.m.

I attended a club...its a 18 & over club. (amagine that) You have your military, your gang bangers, Ghetto Girls, pimps and thugs. Their was so many fights @ that club, It was Like mini IRAC WAR., GUN FIRE bouncing off traffic signs. I saw the sdpd running in circle not knowing which way to go who to help who to protect these salvages made an ass out of our officers of the law I didnot stick around to see who was arrested but from what I did see, No one was arrested. As the week gone by I felt that this place should be closed DOWN. For one I know a club can only hold so many people, and they be over the capasity limit, its like a fire hazard. I know they do it for the \$\$\$MONEY\$\$\$ they don't care about someones safety that enters that club, If they did they would not put 18yrsold w/ people over 30yr (all ages) I hope you close it down, go on down and check it out

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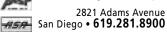
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