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Scott is a good friend, but not in the traditional sense of good.

We don't see each other much, and we've maintained the loosest of contacts over the 30-plus years we've known each other. I hadn't heard from him for about 3 years when he called me last August.

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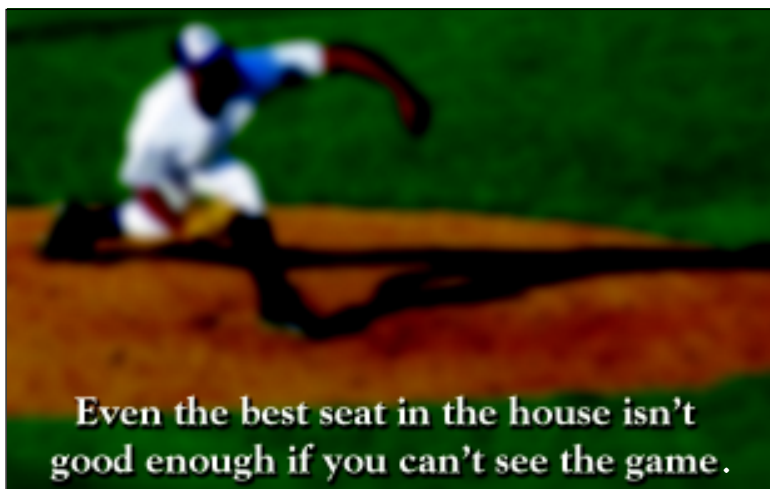
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by cities with taxpayer dollars to lobby for legislation dear to the hearts of city councils throughout the state. The group is staunchly opposed to strict limits on eminent domain because they would crimp the ability of cities to condemn land for redevelopment projects, such as stadiums, shopping malls, and other “civic improvements” that just happen to result in campaign contributions from developers. (The league also argues that the measure, Prop 98, is actually intended by its sponsors to abolish rent controls imposed by some California cities and that it would interfere with municipal water projects and therefore inhibit development. “No Water = No Growth,” is the one of the league’s campaign slogans.) Though it portrays itself as having the public’s interest at heart, the league, presided over this year by San Diego city councilman **Jim Madaffer**, is actually a full-blown political operation and has set up a committee to raise campaign funds from the very special interests that are dependent on favorable actions by local government. Called CITIPAC, the committee raked in about \$100,000 in 2007 and is on track to bring in a record sum during this year’s election season.

San Diego County-based contributors include utility giant Sempra Energy, which gave \$2000; EDCO Waste and Recycling (\$1500); BIOCOPAC, a biotech industry group (\$1000); and Public Policy Strategies, the outfit run by **Tom Shepard**, consultant to San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** (\$120). All the money raised so far this year has gone to pay for a \$250,000 contribution to the campaign opposing Prop. 98, the anti-condemnation measure, and supporting Prop. 99, a watered-down limitation.

Top heavy The University of California just hiked annual student fees by 7.4 percent, but that hasn’t stopped the hallowed institution from handing out of ever-higher salaries. UCSD is still searching for someone to become the school’s permanent associate vice chancellor for international affairs. In the meanwhile, **Peter Cowhey**, dean of



Peter Cowhey

the university’s School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, will continue to do double duty. Cowhey stepped into the acting vice chancellor role a year ago in January, and he was given a \$28,590 “stipend” to compensate him for the extra work. Some of that involved coming up with ideas about how the vice chancellorship “could be restructured to strengthen UCSD as a world leader in teaching and research, while contributing to global well-being through international partnerships and service,” according to a report to university regents. Last week the regents extended Cowhey’s stipend arrangement — which brings his total annual salary to \$219,190 — until June of next year.

Meantime, the regents decided that **Seth Lerer**, UCSD’s incoming dean of arts and humanities, will

be paid an annual salary of \$230,000. He will also be given a tenured professorship in the department of literature, along with a UC-provided loan of as much as \$1.33 million to buy a house. “Mr. Lerer is a top-notch scholar who is highly recognized and respected for his research in the area of medieval and renaissance studies, comparative philology, the history of scholarship, and children’s literature,” according to a report justifying the move. His previous gig was at Stanford.

Another new UCSD hire is **Debra G. Neuman**, who becomes the school’s vice chancellor of external relations at a handsome annual salary of \$295,000, plus yearly car allowance of \$8916, an annual retirement contribution of \$14,750, a onetime relocation allowance of \$73,750, a UC mortgage up to \$1.33 million, and 30 days of temporary housing. “The recruitment experience of the San Diego campus, as well as other UC campuses, along with the assessment by Mercer Human Resources Consulting has confirmed the proposed salary rate as necessary to be competitive in this market,” says a report to the regents. Her predecessor, **Keith Brant**, who abruptly resigned a year ago this month after only eight months on the job — a move some said was due to a rocky relationship with UCSD chancellor **Marye Anne Fox** — made considerably less: \$230,000, plus car allowance and mortgage deal. Brant’s predecessor, **Jim Langley**, who held the position for seven years, made only \$210,900. Neuman, who will serve as the school’s chief fund-raiser and all-around PR maven, had a similar job at CARE USA in Atlanta.



Seth Lerer

Jerry’s favorite General Atomic’s megamillionaire **Linden Blue** and ex-**Jerry Sanders** chief operating officer **Ronne Froman** have been an item for more than three years now, showing up together once a month or so in the column of *Union-Tribune* society writer **Burl Stiff**. The columnist has reported their presence at events ranging from **Marti Emerald’s** 50th birthday party in January



Linden Blue

2005 to a YMCA salute to retired Copley editor in chief **Herb Klein** last November. But Stiff is apparently the only *U-T* scribe to gain access to Froman, a retired rear admiral who bailed from her position as the mayor’s chief operating officer last June in the midst of an in-house investigation of the Sunroad high-rise scandal. Speculation had it that Froman left because she was unhappy with a Sanders-ordered cover-up; Froman herself isn’t talking. But General Atomic’s Blue, who runs the defense contracting company with his brother **Neal**, remains a Sanders loyalist, kicking in \$320 to his campaign on February 26 and March 14 of this year.

— Matt Potter

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How Pension Debt Ballooned

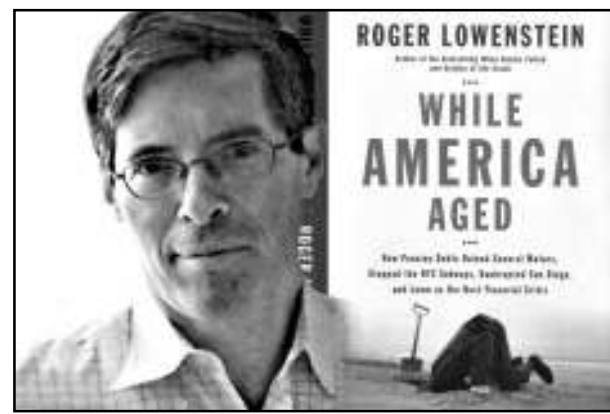
By Don Bauder

In western lore, an hombre named the Wizard of Wichita would ride into a town, stride into a saloon, take one quick

look around, and unerringly identify every no-good son of a bitch in the joint. And so it is with Roger Lowenstein, author of the new hot-selling book *While America Aged: How Pension Debts Ruined General Motors, Stopped the NYC Subways, Bankrupted San Diego, and Loom as the Next Financial Crisis* (Penguin Press). In researching the book, Lowenstein came to San Diego and sized up the stultifying and sticky-fingered establishment, corrupt political structure, greedy unions, and standpat mainstream media that produced the pension crisis that could send the City into bankruptcy court.

Some San Diegans may argue with his interpretations, but they shouldn’t crit-

icize his adept weaving of facts into a compelling narrative. This book will open the eyes of even those who have followed the pension crisis for years. Lowenstein galloped into town, talked with the right people, read the



Roger Lowenstein

right documents, and fingered the right rascals.

He quickly figured out the culture. “San Diego was a close-knit town — a big city in which local officials functioned like a cozy board of directors,” writes Lowenstein. “Businessmen seeking tax breaks had open entrée to City Hall, and political

back-scratching was a way of life.... In effect, [San Diego officials] tapped the pension fund for every purpose that might appeal to politicians — park maintenance, policemen’s wages, new fire trucks, subsidies for sports teams.”

He is at his best in describing alleged dignitaries. Former mayor Susan Golding had an ambitious agenda. “She was intemperate with doubters and seemed to regard the financing of her schemes as little more than a detail,” writes Lowenstein. “Golding ordered [former city manager] Jack McGrory

to figure out how to pay for it all...no one quite understood how he did it, and that was his secret.... Council members complained they didn’t understand his machinations...but the truth is they were happier *not* knowing what McGrory was up to.”

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Neal Obermeyer



Big War Chest, No War

By Susan Luzzaro

Some people divine the future in tea leaves, others in pork bellies. Campaign contributions are also a way of seeing what

is on the horizon. Greg Cox has been a San Diego County supervisor since 1995, and he will be a candidate again

his wife is mayor, and Otay Mesa. Cox's opponent, Howard Johnson, says his campaign has only \$20,000.



Howard Johnson

on the June 3 ballot. He represents District 1, the southern part of the county, which includes Chula Vista, where

The total amount Cox has collected for his war chest, \$280,000, is remarkable because it is so unnecessary.



Greg Cox



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Why are people donating sizable amounts to a shoo-in? A look at Cox's campaign donations between July 2007 and March 2008 is equally remarkable for what they reveal about what's going on in his district.

Cox has never had to fight for his position as supervisor. In 1986, when he was mayor of Chula Vista, the *Union-Tribune* published a story titled " 'Brats' Push South Bay to Forefront." The brats were Greg Cox, David Malcolm, Steve Peace, and Brian Bilbray. At the time, Malcolm was a Chula Vista city councilman and California coastal commissioner, Peace was a California assemblyman, and Bilbray was county supervisor for District 1. Their titles have changed, but their connections remain. In 1995, Bilbray resigned as supervisor to take a seat in the House of Representatives. Instead of calling for a special election, the board of supervisors appointed Cox to the empty seat. There are no term limits. In 1996 and 2000, Cox ran unopposed. In 2004, Cox was challenged by Petra Barajas, who had less than \$100 to spend on her campaign. Perhaps most curious is that Cox is a Republican, yet only 31 percent of his constituents belong to his party.

Sunroad Enterprises strikes the eye immediately on Cox's disclosure statement. Five



Otay Mesa along SR 125

individuals employed by Sunroad gave Cox's campaign a total of \$1500, including the maximum \$500 donation from owner Aaron Feldman and \$250 from Tom Story, whose name was prominent in news stories about the notorious office building Sunroad put up near Montgomery Field in defiance of an FAA height ruling.

As far back as September 11, 2000, a Sunroad spokesperson told a *Union-Tribune* reporter that he "expects the East Otay Mesa area to be developed" and that "Sunroad will be there to capitalize on it." In 2007, the paper reported that Sunroad owned 200 acres in Otay Mesa.

Cox has played a formative role in the creation of a business and industrial park in Otay Mesa. In 1999, Cox said San Diego needed a place where the area's biotech firms could build production facilities and a place for NAFTA-

related assembling and distribution. Otay Mesa was the place. Cox called for special tax incentives. In 2000, then-senator Peace fashioned SB 207 to give local authorities along the border the ability to sell bonds for infrastructure without the approval of two-thirds of the voters. A number of incentive programs have since been put in place in Otay Mesa. The Otay Chamber of Commerce website identifies them as the Enterprise Zone, which gives businesses income tax savings and other benefits to spur job growth; the Foreign Trade Zone, which "offers duty free warehousing and distribution services for importers, exporters and manufacturers"; and a Recycling Marketing Development Zone, which "allows manufacturers of recycled products and other recycling companies to take advantage of permit and financial incentives [and] low interest loans."

The Recycling Marketing Development Zone is funded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Cheryl Peace, Steve Peace's wife, sits on the board.

Recently, a turf war has been playing out in Otay Mesa. On one side is the push to maintain industrial zoning. On the other side are companies such as Sunroad and McMillin Land Development that want to bring in large residential developments. Mark and Scott McMillin, who run the Corky McMillin Companies, and their wives each contributed \$500 to Cox's reelection campaign.

As NAFTA development increases along the border, a

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When McGrory ran out of accounting gimmicks, he would beg the council for a tax increase, but "the business establishment, invariably led by the *Union-Tribune*, almost always thwarted him." Business-licensing fees and the hotel tax were very low by comparison with other California cities. "Overall, the revenue collected by the City amounted to only 2 percent of household income—the lowest ratio of any big city in the state." No matter. "If the residents of this deeply conservative enclave mistrusted government, they simply *despised* taxes."

Golding flew home from a Super Bowl with Chargers' owner Alex Spanos. It was an "apparently aphrodisiacal experience," writes Lowen-

stein. She decided the stadium had to be upgraded to attract Super Bowls. Thus was born the 60,000-seat guarantee that would turn into an embarrassing disaster. Golding and McGrory plotted how to tap the pension fund, partly to finance the 1996 Republican convention, designed to put Golding in the U.S. Senate. One board member of the fund "rightly object[ed] that the pension fund did *not* exist for the purpose of bailing out the city, much less its football team," writes Lowenstein. But the plan went forward. Weak-kneed lawyers and actuaries, as well as ignorant councilmembers, let it happen. The City appeased its workers by boosting monetary promises to them; the unions engaged in "patent blackmail." The deficit expanded wildly, and city government and main-

stream media looked the other way. Mayor Murphy appointed a commission to look into the City's finances. One member knew it was a time bomb. He was talked out of sounding a loud warning and later was filled with remorse for capitulating.

By 2002, it was obvious the pension system was in deep trouble. The council and pension board prepared to consider Manager's Proposal 2 (MP-2). "To cure its ailing retirement system, San Diego was going to further strain it by hiking benefits!" writes an incredulous Lowenstein, who seldom uses exclamation points. Diann Shipione, a member of the pension board, challenged MP-2 strongly in front of her colleagues. "Her tone was relentless and unsparing," leading them to mock her. The board passed it overwhelmingly. When the actuary challenged

the folly, Bruce Herring, deputy city manager, shouted, "You're an actuary on the edge!" (Herring is now retired at \$144,000 a year.) Shipione's husband, Pat Shea, called his friend Mike Aguirre, then a private lawyer, and told him about the City's suicidal plan. Aguirre threatened to sue if the city council went ahead. The council pulled a typical San Diego stunt: it put MP-2 on the so-called consent agenda, which is for non-controversial items. But Shipione showed up and argued strenuously against the conflicts of interest and fiscal stupidity. She called the proposal "almost corrupt." Councilmember Donna Frye saw that Shipione was right. But the council voted 8 to 1 to try to alleviate its pension problem by grossly worsening it. As is often the case, Frye was the only one to vote against idiocy. The *Union-Tribune*

didn't even report the story. Shipione, Shea, and Aguirre, with assistance from Frye, realized that the City had been fraudulently failing to report its huge pension deficits in its bond prospectuses. This is against securities laws. An outside legal firm agreed. In early 2004, in an obfuscated filing with an obscure quasi-governmental repository, the City admitted that as a consequence of its massive pension liabilities, it would have to slash spending or increase revenue. The *New York Times* called San Diego "Enron-by-the-Sea."

By 2005, San Diego knew it was in really deep financial doo-doo. In that year's mayoral election, candidate Donna Frye "refused to rule out tax hikes," writes Lowenstein. "What little chance remained to Frye was buried by the *Union-Tribune*, which

relentlessly savaged her as a would-be taxpayer.... This was blatantly demagogic; indeed, it mirrored the attitude of politicians who, in refusing to pay the bills for benefits they had enacted, had brought San Diego to its current pass. Taxpayers would *have* to pony up. The only question was whether it would be today's taxpayers or tomorrow's." Lowenstein, citing figures calculated by the Center on Policy Initiatives, says that if San Diego would raise taxes to the average level of California's other big cities, it could pay the pension bill. (However, the author doesn't note that San Diegans have lower incomes and a higher cost of living than residents of most of those other cities; the taxes would take a bigger bite from the economy.)

In November 2004, Aguirre, a securities lawyer,

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was elected city attorney. He knew that the pension problem involved criminality. "Official San Diego was terrified of Aguirre," writes Lowenstein. "City Hall greeted him with a blackout," denying him pension-related documents. But he fought to get them. "Once he had the files, he allowed Shipione to ransack them.... Shipione went through the files as if she were possessed — tipping over cartons, spilling papers on the floor." Aguirre locked the door and let Shea go through the papers too. "Not yet in office a month, Aguirre was at war with the pension

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system, the city manager's office, the council, and the local police." But here is Lowenstein's punch line: "Though his tactics were heavy-handed, they fulfilled a worthy purpose. San Diego's government had flitted around like a bat intent on avoiding the sunlight for far too long. Now its people would learn the truth."

Aguirre and Shipione would be brutalized by the corrupt power structure, but they had accomplished their objectives. In his final paragraph, suggesting possible curative measures, Lowenstein writes, "The pension schemes — public and private, federal and local — described in this book have been all guilty of similar

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crimes. To paraphrase Michael Aguirre, they behaved like 'credit card junkies' who charged to the card limit and made only minimum payments." The heroes and heroines of the San Diego debacle are prophets elsewhere but not at home. ■

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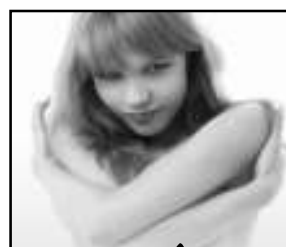
third border crossing has been proposed in East Otay Mesa, as has a toll road, SR 11, leading to it. According to a press release from the supervisor's office, Cox traveled to Washington in 2007 to lobby for this crossing.

A border toll road in Otay Mesa can only enhance invest-

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ment opportunity. In May 2007, the Kearny Real Estate Company, along with Pacific Coast Capital and Judd Halenza, acquired 311 industrial-zoned acres in the area. According to the Kearny Real Estate Company's website, their land "has a tentative right-of-way reservation of 94 acres for the future SR 11...and a new international crossing." The website goes on to say that "Kearny professionals will use their experience to bring the Federal Government, the Mexican Government, the State of California, the County of San Diego and SANDAG to a timely resolution of the numerous challenges involved in garnering approvals and financing for the new border crossing." The company plans to "sell land to users and other developers" as well as to build its own projects. John V. Bragg Jr., a vice president at Kearny Mesa Real Estate, contributed \$250 to Cox's campaign, and Judd Halenza Jr. gave \$500.

Another 162 acres adjacent to the proposed toll road and port of entry are owned by Paragon Real Estate Investments, in partnership with Shamrock Holdings. Six members of the Jinich family, who



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founded Paragon, each gave \$500 to Cox's campaign; Daniel Berkus, an investment manager at Paragon, gave \$500; and Mark Schaffer, a managing director of Shamrock Capital Advisors, gave \$500.

Sudberry Properties has developed the Ocean View Hills Corporate Center, a 663,000-square-foot, six-building industrial project, in Otay Mesa. Five members of the Sudberry family and four Sudberry employees contributed a total of \$3150 to Cox's campaign.

Otay Mesa is home to four correctional facilities, three government owned. The fourth, an immigrant detention center, is operated by Corrections Corporation of America. Last September, Bradley Wiggins of Corrections Corporation of America gave Cox's campaign \$250. Six months later, on March 20, 2008, a *Union-Tribune* article announced, "Corrections Corporation of America is proposing a mega-prison that would eventually replace the immigration detention center it now operates on county-owned land."

This month, *San Diego Metropolitan* magazine refers to the Coxes as "powerhouse mates." Campaign contributions demonstrate the entanglement of that power. While Mayor Cheryl Cox heads up redevelopment of Chula Vista's bayfront, Supervisor Greg Cox has collected thousands of dollars from the parties involved with a piece of potentially lucrative bayfront property. The land is owned by a group of investors led by Adnan Zakkout, who gave the maximum amount to Greg Cox's campaign. Iman Zakkout also donated \$500. The land is leased by Pacifica Companies, which is hoping for government approval of development plans before the lease runs out in December. Pacifica was founded by Ashok Israni. Supervisor Cox collected a stunning number of contributions from the Israni family: 11 members each gave the maximum for a total of \$5500. Also contributing were the vice president of Pacifica Companies, Naresh Kotwani, \$500, and Sindhu Kotwani, \$500.

Prior to becoming supervisor, Greg Cox was a lobbyist for the San Diego County

Disposal Association. Allied Waste has an exclusive trash-service contract with the City of Chula Vista, and the Otay Landfill, a subsidiary of Allied Waste, is located in Chula Vista. Edco, another collection service, picks up trash in many South Bay communities. Edco employees donated \$2250 to Cox's campaign, and Allied employees donated \$800.

Allied has become the

second-largest trash-handling company in the nation. Revenues in 2006 were close to \$6 billion. Nevertheless, in January 2007, the San Diego board of supervisors voted to approve an Allied Waste request that the California Municipal Finance Authority "issue and sell up to \$250,000,000 in tax-exempt obligations (the Bonds) and lend proceeds to Allied Waste to finance

improvements," according to the board of supervisors' minutes.

In the second half of 2007, employees of San Diego Gas & Electric and its parent company, Sempra Energy, gave Greg Cox \$6150. SDG&E has been pushing hard to get the Sunrise Powerlink project approved. Supervisor Cox and Mayor Cox have given strong public support to the controversial project.

Worth mentioning is that the Coxes have investments in three companies located on Otay Mesa: Medtronic Inc., Copart Inc., and Ethos Environmental. Disgraced former port commissioner David Malcolm is a major stockholder in Ethos Environmental.

Do campaign contributions affect the future? Ask the Coxes. A February 1995 *Union-Tribune* article reported, "In the six weeks

before Greg Cox was appointed to the Board of Supervisors, he and his wife made campaign contributions to three of the four county supervisors who would select him to the coveted position." Dianne Jacob, the one supervisor who did not receive contributions, said she would not have "accepted money under circumstances like that... It carries the wrong message." ■

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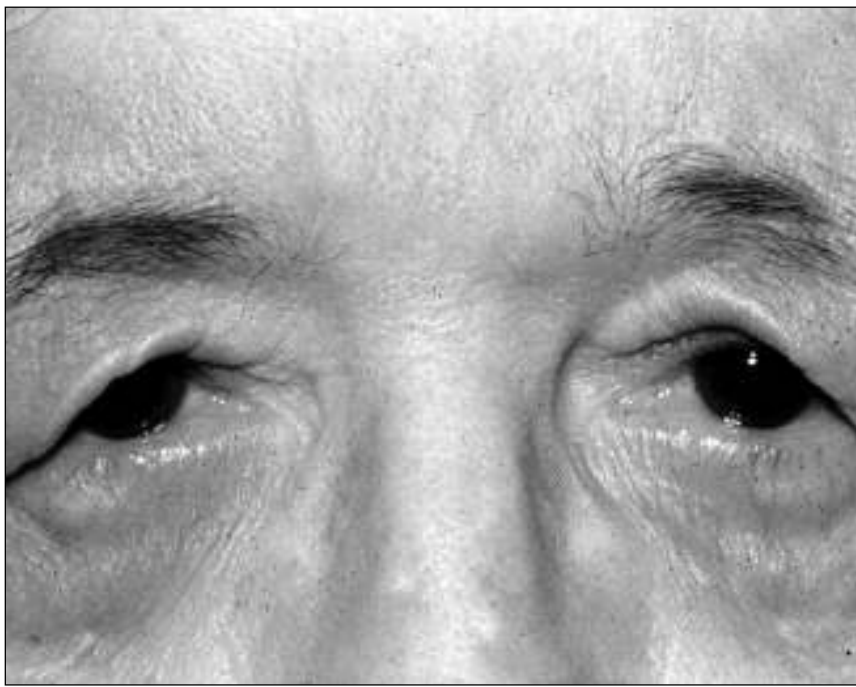
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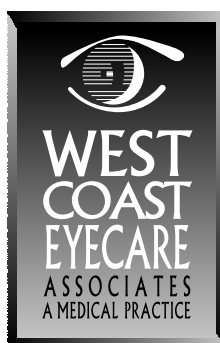
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Correction

In the May 1 cover story, "How UCSD Spent Over \$500,000 on a Home Remodel That Never Happened," the Reader quoted Carmen Lucas as saying that on a La Jolla dig several years ago, Museum of Man archeologist Rose Tyson had been "beating a clod of dirt to death in her hand" when she let go a scream that "I will never forget. Tyson realized she was holding in her hand the full skull of a 5000-year-old inhumation." Author Thomas Larson contacted the Museum of Man for comment while researching the story but received no response. Rose Tyson and Carmen Lucas both say that Tyson was not the woman Carmen Lucas was referring to. Tyson's official title is curator of physical anthropology at the Museum of Man. The Reader apologizes for the errors.

Shock Value

As a fan of the Reader and an American Muslim, I was

intrigued by this week's cover story ("If I Did That Over There," May 15). Bill Manson's interviews with an assortment of personalities, cultures, and beliefs made the article fascinating and educational. I wanted to ask him why he chose Dannesh Kassamali's quote, "If I did that over there, they'd cut my hands off" as the title. I feel as though it was a bit misleading and did not tie into the entire article, as well as many of his other statements. Hopefully this shocking headline did not turn away people from the abundant information and entertainment the Reader provides.

Roya Afshan
via email

Bill Manson responds: "I did not choose the title or know about it before publication."

Automatic Thinking

My husband, Charles G. Abdelnour — former city clerk of the City of San Diego — is not a Muslim as the author incorrectly wrote and just assumed because Chuck is an American of Arab descent. He is Lebanese and was baptized into the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church of North America. The roots of the Orthodox Christian Church trace directly back to first-century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). Do most Americans just automatically think that because you are an Arab you are also a Muslim? This shows great

ignorance about Arabs and about the Muslim faith. If he were a Muslim, I would be proud of him practicing a faith that is rooted in goodness. He is, however, a Christian and the kindest man I have ever met. Bill Manson should have done better research for the article and I think is guilty of stereotyping Arab Americans. Shame on him.

Christine Brun Abdelnour
via email

Inspiration

Just really not able to transcribe the feelings at this point because I don't type well, but wanted to say, you go guy!!!! ("If I Did That Over There," Cover Story, May 15) I forwarded this story to my daughter's friend who is an Iraqi Christian making his life here the last ten years and is 18 now and also to another friend I hope to inspire.

Kim Henson
via email

No Turkish Delight

I as woke up to get to my classes, I saw the Reader my roommate left on the table with the title "If I Did That Over There, They'd Cut My Hands Off" and then my homeland's name, Turkiye, as many others call Turkey.

I was shocked and thought what could this story be about? Mentioning an act I've never witnessed, heard of, or ever thought about happening in my country, with the names of other countries like the Philippines or Somalia,

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Heymatt:

How far inland can seagulls be found? Are they looking for quieter digs, or are they just lost out there?

— Charlie Bingbang, inland

Hey, Matt:

I've been feeding a motley group of pigeons for a few years now. Are they grey, feathered insults to nature? Yeah, probably, but still they're my birdies. Now for personal reasons I must abandon them in the near future. Should I wean them off birdseed or let them go cold turkey (ahem, cold pigeon)? Will they be okay?

— Bye-Bye Birdie, San Diego

Ah, seagulls and pigeons. Symbols of soaring grace versus concrete-bound clumsiness. Cool, sunny beaches; hot, smoggy cities. The romance of the deep blue sea, the depressing sight of poop-crusting statues. Cities use seagulls in their logos; nobody has a pigeon. But how about this: seagulls can hear the sound of a picnic basket being opened a mile away. I have no science to back this up, but I'd bet it's true. The contents of the basket are immediately clawed by flocks of flapping, squawking, pecking gulls that attack you and one another to get at the sandwiches, spreading plastic and aluminum foil everywhere. In fact, the basket doesn't even have to be opened. They know from experience where the food is, and if you leave it unguarded, they'll invade.

Grandma lost an entire four-course meal to gulls one day when she decided to go paddle in the surf instead of laying her body over the storage bin until her armed backup arrived. Gulls simply have better PR than pigeons. There's a whole dark side to their personalities.

Different species of gulls have different habits, but a big lot of them don't mind a little commuting if there's plenty of food at the destination. And of course the most popular destination for a gull trip is a landfill, however far it is from what the gull calls home. The farthest east in San Diego County is the Borrego Landfill, but that's closer to the Salton Sea than it is to the Pacific. So they may originally be Salton gulls.

If the surrounding terrain is friendly, populations of gulls can take up residence well inland, hundreds of miles from any ocean, and raise generations of garbage eaters. And of course, despite their reputation, gulls aren't always ocean-shore dwellers. They follow rivers and set up housekeeping around lakes, so no telling where gulls might show up if there's enough food and security. Other delicacies on a gull's menu are earthworms and ground bugs, so you might find gulls shuffling around on large expanses of grass and in agricultural fields, especially if the ground is damp or being tilled at the time. For the same reason, they're pests at airports.

So gulls are aggressive scavengers equal to pigeons, I'd say. As for Bye-Bye's feathered friends, I'm sure they've become like family, each with a cute little personality. And it's great when your pals show up every day for a handout. Like a nice family dinner. And they might even recognize you on sight, before you get out the fodder. If you always feed them at exactly the same time of day, they might even be waiting for you. But once you're gone, don't imagine that they're sitting around reminiscing about the good old days, when they used to hang out at Bye-Bye's. They'll be off to another food source. No self-respecting pigeon will hang around in a foodless environment. Cold-pigeon will not scar their tiny psyches. To quote an old song that Grandma likes to sing to the elves, "Got along without you before I met you, gonna get along without you now." The pigeons will be whistling it as you leave.

Dear Matt:

My friend has a friend who keeps talking to her about how cool alcohol enemas are. He says they get you really drunk, but you don't throw up or anything. He wants her to try it, but I think it's crazy. How can an enema get you drunk?

— Anonymous, via email

It's not crazy because it doesn't work; it's crazy because it's crazy. Among some of the more adventurous drinkers or drinkers who have stomach or throat problems, a butt full of gin and tonic is the perfect happy-hour solution. The most important function of our digestive systems is to absorb nutrients to keep us alive. Apparently the colon doesn't care which end the alcohol's coming from. It absorbs it directly into the bloodstream. And therein lies the crazy part. When you drink alcohol the ordinary boring way, it's metabolized by the body, so not all the alcohol goes into the bloodstream to make you tipsy. Your body probably can handle about an ounce of alcohol an hour. Drink too much, and your stomach might start rejecting the irritant, and you're looking for a convenient bush. No such safeguards in the colon. Anything absorbable will go directly into the bloodstream. (A bum-administered Long Island iced tea will dose you with five ounces of alcohol immediately.) People have been poisoned or died from butt drinking. More have developed irritated colons and other uncomfortableness. Alcohol enemas can make you very drunk. Why is this a good thing?

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Alaska Football Edition

Wrapping up farewell visit to Fairbanks, Alaska, my hometown for 25 years. I have coffee and this morning's *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* in hand. There's an ad about a football game in the sports section. Professional football by way of the *Fairbanks Grizzlies*, a first-year IFL (Intense Football League) franchise.

There has been high school football in Alaska for years, but that's it, no college or junior college football. Apparently, the Grizzlies are playing arena pro ball at Carlson Center, a generic all-purpose sports arena built behind my back while I was out of state. Game time is 7:05.

I show up at six to nose around. Fans are already tailgating. Can report the Grizzlies got cheerleading right — very attractive Lady Grizzlies form two lines and cheer patrons as they walk between them into the arena. This is a family crowd — say, 3000 fans — lots of kids and wives. People seem enthusiastic, happy to be here. I find Jay McDiarmid, Grizzlies co-owner, mid 30s, short black hair.

"We are considered professional," McDiarmid says. "The players are paid \$255 a week with a \$35 win bonus. We have 20 players on our active roster. Right now, our team is 60 percent local kids, 40 percent out-of-state."

McDiarmid tells me he's a local physical therapist and when Chad Dittman (founder of the IFL) brought the team to Fairbanks, "we signed on as the team's trainers and physical therapists. I started doing more managerial stuff for him and just said, 'Hey, this is fun, let me get part of it.'"

Chad Dittman started the IFL five years ago. It's a Texas league, five teams in the state, and one, tonight's opponent, Louisiana Swashbucklers, is located 35 miles over the border. Two Alaska teams formed this year, the other being the Anchorage Wild.

Brian Stuvek kicks off for the Grizzlies. The game's not bad, play is far above high school football. These are men on the field, late 20s to late 30s. They can run crisp plays. Quarterbacks can put heat on the ball. Blocks and tackles are hard. Runners can move. And because the field is small, and only eight men line up per side, the visual effect is speed to the point of blur.

At halftime Fairbanks is down 35 to 0. I'm in the Grizzlies locker room waiting on the coach. The room is becalmed, not even the sound of cleats on concrete.

Grizzlies head coach John Fourcade comes

in. He's 47 (looks 57), gray hair, average build. Fourcade was quarterback at Ole Miss in the late '70s, early '80s, broke Archie Manning's career passing record. He played four years of NFL with the New Orleans Saints, another nine years of pro ball in the usual off-brand venues. The Grizzlies guide says he's been coach and general manager for ten years in other arena leagues, owns several Hooter's restaurants and a golf course outside New Orleans. Bio does not compute with head coach of an obscure indoor football league's startup franchise in faraway Fairbanks.

If there ever was an occasion for an inspirational halftime speech, here it is. Coach Fourcade takes a slow turn around the locker room and in a lilting Bayou drawl, begins, "This is such an embarrassment. I've been here nine weeks, and we still have players who do not know how to line up correctly and call a play. Don't know the damn play. Don't know what's going on. YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO COME OUT OF A HUDDLE!"

"They aren't beating us. WE'RE BEATING EVERY BIT OF OURSELVES! Offensively. Offensively we stink. We can't pass protect. We can't catch the football. We can't even *throw* the football. I don't know what you do offensively, if you can't do those three.

"Let's talk about defense. Secondary guys, QUIT TRYING TO ANTICIPATE! DON'T CALL OFF NOTHIN'. We play man to man or we play *sky*. You have to stay in those two coverages! YOU HAVE TO MAKE SOME PLAYS BACK THERE!"

"You can't quit. If it's 35 to nuthin', I don't care. If we lose this ballgame, I don't care. BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE SHUTOUT!"

"Fumble, turn it over, fumble, turn it over, missing wide open receivers, don't step up to the bar, don't get protection. All I can do is call it — YOU HAVE TO PLAY IT!"

"We'll make some adjustments on both sides of the ball, that's part of the game. But, if we cannot cover, I don't know what to say except I'll bring some more [players] in tomorrow. I am sick and tired of one play, two plays, and a quick easy touchdown. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE OUT THERE!"

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: nondenominational

Address: various, but Sunday services are held at the Keating Hotel's Minus 1 Lounge, 432 F Street, Gaslamp

Founded locally: First Bible study one year ago, first Sunday service Easter 2008

Senior pastors: Vince Larson and Karlton Edison

Congregation size: about 35

Staff size: 2

Sunday school enrollment: about 5

Annual budget: n/a

Weekly giving: fluctuates

Singles program: no

Dress: casual

Diversity: mostly a mix of Caucasian and African American

Sunday worship: 11 a.m., first and third Sundays of the month

Length of reviewed service: 55 minutes

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A splatter of yellow vomit, left over from Saturday night's Gaslamp revelry, baked in the Sunday-morning sun. Around it, glossy promo cards featured pictures of lightly dressed young women, advertising the weekend's festivities.

Down the street, two youngish guys stood in front of the Keating ("San Diego's newest and most luxurious boutique hotel"), passing out glossy cards advertising a different sort of gathering. "Jesus liked to party too!" assured the card before launching into a contemporary translation from Matthew: "Are you tired and worn out? Burned out on religion? Get away with me and you'll recover your life.... Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you...."

One of those guys was Vince Larson, looking every inch the hipster: skinny black tie hanging loosely over a rumpled white shirt tucked into low jeans adorned with a silver-buckled belt. I paused at the entrance to Minus 1, the Keating's basement-level club, and on two Sundays a month, the home of Anchor Gaslamp Church.

Instead of projection screens, Anchor employed the club's plasma TVs for its lyric displays and bullet points. Instead of pews, red chairs and black couches blocked out a semicircle around the single microphone. No stage, but plenty of dramatic lighting — red neon glowing off the metal ceiling and pillars, themselves a modern contrast to the exposed rock and brick of the basement walls.

"God, we're so thankful for this time to come together," prayed Larson at the outset. "To be in a sacred place with You...as we learn to worship God and live our lives with the people around us...."

Tony and his acoustic guitar took over the mic, and he performed a couple of hymns, including "Amazing Grace." "I always sang it very slow and methodical, like we did in the old church.

But it just occurred to me that it's a song of celebration...how amazing is the grace...."

Larson brought a bag of empty plastic bottles up front. "You can't save the entire world, but you can save one small spot at a time. There's an orphanage in Myanmar that we and one other church are the sole supporters of. Our recycling becomes their food — a bag this size is equal to about the same size bag full of groceries." Congregants were encouraged to trade in their recycling and donate or bring their recyclables to church. "You can throw it in the back of my truck," said Larson.

Tisha, who grew up in the same church as Larson and is now "a signed, recording country-western singer," came forward to sing Steve Richardson's "Daystar." "Lily of the Valley, let your sweet aroma fill my life.... Daystar shine down on me," she crooned. But just after she sang about seeing "a world that is dying, wounded by the master of deceit," her voice began to fail her. The congregation took up the song and covered for her. "That's good — yes, help me sing!" she said. Larson stepped up beside her, and helped her bring it home. The moment was genuine and sweet.

Then Larson introduced co-pastor Karlton Edison — "the man, the myth, the legend, attending Bethel Theological Seminary, and a chaplain-in-training with the U.S. Air Force.... Just give him a warm round of applause."

Edison preached from Matthew chapter 14 — the part where Jesus walked on the water. He stressed the application of various elements in the story to our own lives. Jesus went off to pray alone. "We need to find time alone.... Prayer is that time when God becomes personal to us." Jesus came to the disciples during the fourth hour of the night, "the darkest hour, just before dawn.... If you are going through a storm in your life...Jesus is on His way."

Peter walked to Jesus on the water, but when he saw the winds, he began to sink and cried, "Lord save me." "He took his eyes off Jesus.... If you've taken your eyes off Jesus, cry out to Him. Jesus will save you out of your situation, and He'll take you through your situation.... If you have a need, bring it to Jesus, and he'll supply them according to His will."

What happens when we die? "We believe in a literal heaven and hell," said Larson, "but that's not something we emphasize a lot in our teaching because, number one, you don't see Jesus or the disciples emphasizing that a lot in their teaching. It's just kind of an after-effect of what this life is. We don't want to sell people afterlife insurance; we just want to get people to love God. At that point, all that stuff is just going to take care of itself."

— Matthew Lickona



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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The sport survives around here — in Escondido, Solana Beach, Harbison Canyon, La Mesa, San Marcos, and Eden Gardens — but that kind of cockfighting is very secretive and done on a small scale, where two neighbors each think they've got the meanest rooster that ever crowed, and after arguing about it for a while they put them in the pit.

— **"PECKING ORDER,"** Steve Sorensen, May 25, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Almost two years ago, when he was 18 years old, Birch had left his home and family in Orange County in search of a simpler life among the Mexican peasants who live along the Rio Santo Tomás, which is usually not much more than a small stream as it winds through the valley on its way to the Pacific. Today he lives as the people in the area do — laboring in the fields, hunting, farming, and subsisting primarily on frijoles and tortillas.

— **"JUST SEND MY MAIL TO SANTO TOMÁS,"**

Michael Waterman, May 26, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

"When the time came, he pushed the syringe plunger and injected the morphine," recalls

Warlick while seated in his apartment in a three-unit building he and Adams owned in Normal Heights. "I had my arms around him. I just kept whispering to him, telling him I loved him as he was dying. I felt him relaxing."

Warlick says Adams discussed taking his own life back in February of 1987, as soon as he was diagnosed with pneumocystis, a pneumonia associated with AIDS. "We really didn't call it suicide," says Warlick.

— **CITY LIGHTS: "THE DEATH OF DAVE ADAMS,"**

Jackie McGrath, May 26, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

The entire point behind *The Totalitarian Chef* is the glorification of spontaneity. Jeff and Chuck follow no script. According to Chuck, when tossing around ideas for a public-access cooking show, they aimed for something extemporaneous. They wanted to videotape themselves making kamikaze runs into the kitchens of unsuspecting friends, where they'd whip up a meal from whatever happened to be on hand. "You know," says Chuck, "to show that you can make something tasty out of absolutely nothing."

— **AS SEEN ON TV: "IF YOU CAN'T STAND THE HEAT,"**

Abe Opincar, May 27, 1993

Ten Years Ago

I flew to San Diego two weeks before Halloween. A perfect time, I thought, to pursue the ghost of my father. I had neither seen nor heard from the old man since 1965, but I knew that he had died here on New Year's Eve 1989.

I had prepared myself to sleuth through the recent past for traces of a man about whose last 24 years of life I knew little.

Twenty-four years. That was two more than we had spent together. His years in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in Asia and his marriage to a young Vietnamese woman must have changed my father. I would be looking for a man I only half knew.

— **"WHERE MY FATHER'S TRAIL ENDS,"**

William Corbett, May 28, 1998

Five Years Ago

Last Friday, San Diego city councilman Jim Madaffer was testifying before a federal grand jury in the matter of the city's Cheetahs strip-club scandal; at the same hour a few blocks away in state appellate court, an attorney for the *Reader* was urging a three-judge panel to make public emails and other records of Elena Cristiano, one-time aide to Mayor Dick Mur-



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phy and the subject of another of city hall's dark mysteries. Cristiano, who had a criminal record for shoplifting and was once arrested after a dispute with a San Diego lifeguard at a La Jolla beach, had been a waitress at Seau's and a member of the Padres' "Pad Squad" cheerleaders before being hired by Murphy to be his first press secretary.

— **CITY LIGHTS: "JURIS PRUDENCE,"** Matt Potter,

May 22, 2003

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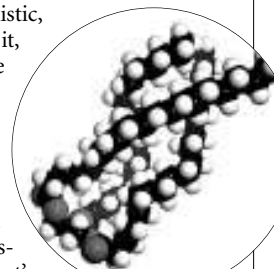
The afternoon nappies are starting to take their toll on my husband Patrick. Coffee has become his drug of choice. I wondered if there might be a gentler solution — a change in diet. Something a little more nuanced than easing up on the cheeseburgers. So I called a nutritionist: Lindsay Petrovay, MS, CNW., in Cardiff (760-845-5232). She billed herself as holistic, meaning, as she put it, that “I approach the body as a whole — looking at all of the systems and functions and how they interact. Western medicine looks at individual parts, systems, or organs. That’s why you have a cardiologist or an ophthalmologist. I like to look at the whole body because everything interacts.”

While plenty of people come to Petrovay for help with weight loss, others come because “they’ve been told to lower their cholesterol or they’ll be put on medication. They don’t want medication because of the side effects, which include fatigue — it really wears on your liver and your metabolism. Some people tell me they feel groggy and can’t think as clearly.” (My ears perked up — Patrick takes cholesterol medication.) “I also get a lot of people who are insulin-resistant — prediabetic people who are trying to avoid becoming diabetic.”

Petrovay starts with a two-hour consultation. “Then I take measurements. I do a waist-to-hip ratio. When you have insulin resistance, you end up storing more belly fat.” She also passes a gentle electric current through the client and analyzes the results to determine “ratio of body fat to lean body mass, total body water — intracellular and extracellular and basal metabolic rate. Someone who is toxic — even just from caffeine, alcohol, or pollution — will carry more water on the outside of their cells versus the inside, and that impairs cell function.” And impaired cell function can hinder the absorption of insulin-bound sugar, thus depriving the cell of energy.

After the assessment comes the planning. “My goal is to educate my clients. It’s very individual. I feel out the client, see how much they are willing to handle.... We make changes slowly, over time.”

Petrovay starts with what’s crucial, taking aim at “white processed food” and explaining “how it interacts with the system and how it can create insulin resistance, high cholesterol, and other issues.” Foods like “white rice, white tortillas, white bread, crackers, cookies, pretzels — basically, anything that’s made with refined, bleached flour. Manufacturing processes the oil out of these products, so that they have a long shelf life.” But those processes also break up the grain’s long chains of carbohydrates: “on a cellular level, those chains are cut in half.” As a result, by the time they reach the stomach, “they are chemically the same as a sugar molecule” — the amylase in our saliva has made short work of the short chains. “So even if it doesn’t say ‘sugar’ on the ingredients list, by the time it



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reaches your stomach, it’s digested as sugar.”

And because sugar is such a small molecule — “only six carbons long” — it can pass “from your stomach into your bloodstream. You get a spike in blood sugar levels. The pancreas dumps insulin out, trying to bind it to glycogen in the sugar and then store it — get it out of the bloodstream because high levels of sugar are damaging to our nervous system.” After the insulin binds to the glycogen,

“there is a two-carbon acetate left over, which is very acidic. So the liver gets involved, excreting three fatty acids to bind to the two-carbon acetate molecule. That creates a triglyceride, and that directly raises blood fat so that your cholesterol goes up. The only way to reverse the buildup is through diet and exercise.”

Of course, people like white processed foods. “I tell people I want their diet to be delicious. I don’t want them to feel like they’re eating cardboard. I tell them to experiment with different grains — things like brown rice, millet, or barley — and find the ones they like. Also, eat more vegetables.”

She also suggests supplements.

“Vitamins and minerals are fuel for our cells. Pollution,

pesticides, processed

foods, and stress lead

to a deficiency of

these vitamins and

minerals. Things

like high-phos-

phorous pesticides

interfere with calc-

ium and magne-

sium absorption. I

think everyone needs

a high-quality multi-

vitamin and an essential

oil.” The key is “high-quality”

— many supplements, warned

Petrovay, simply don’t do very much for

you. “I’ve had numerous clients tell me that

they think flaxseed oil is disgusting. That’s

because the flaxseed oil they’ve tried is ran-

cid.” Fish oil, a great source of the fatty acids

that help the body reduce cholesterol, is

another example. It’s sensitive to oxygen,

heat, and light, said Petrovay. She recom-

mends Oil Smart by Renew Life as a quality

producer available in stores. In her office, she

sells Metagenics. “I researched manufactur-

ers, and I love how Metagenics’ products are

made. I keep the costs low: the multivitamin

is \$36 for a month’s supply.” As for store

brands, “Supernutrition makes a quality

multivitamin.”

Petrovay’s initial consultation is \$200.

One-hour follow-ups are \$75. “Some peo-

ple I see two or three times a year,” she

said, “and others I see every month.”

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Big Girl Outing

If sisters were free to express how they really feel, parents would hear this: "Give me all the attention and all the toys and send Rebecca to live with Grandma."

— Linda Sunshine

David staggered out of bed at 7:30 a.m., half-asleep, to placate the ringing phone. I pulled the comforter over my head and almost slipped back into unconsciousness when I heard David's voice through the haze of down and cotton: "Yes, Maria, she's right here." I instinctively clutched the phone as it was pressed into my hand. "Hi, Mom," I croaked.

"My hand is sore, it's killing me," she said.

"What? Why?" I remained horizontal as the fog of sleep began to clear.

"It's sore from signing autographs," she joked, prompting us both to laugh. The previous morning, Mom had joined me for a short spot on the news to highlight some local Mother's Day events.

This sore-hand bit was a continuation of her kidding sentiments the evening before her big television debut, when she'd called to say, in an exaggerated Old Hollywood drawl, "I'm ready for my close up, Mr. De Mille."

When our chuckles had tapered off and our vocal chords were fully awake, Mom got down to business: "Can you and Jenny drive up to Heather's together? Everyone can meet there at noon and we'll leave from there in Heather's car."

"Sure, no problem," I said. "Now I think I'll go back to sleep for a bit."

"Okay, honey, I'll see you soon," said Mom. I

was about to doze off again when a potential problem occurred to me. Without looking at the keypad, I dialed Jane's number.

"Yo," Jane answered.

"Yo," I said. "Hey, we're all going up in Heather's car? Do you think we'll fit?"

"Her car is a lot cleaner than mine," said Jane. "So, yeah, we should be fine."

"Do you think you guys are really going to be there by noon?"

"Mom and I are going straight to Heather's from Bella's dance class, so we shouldn't be held up."

"Awesome. See you soon," I said, and ended the call.

I then called Jenny to determine what time I should pick her up. Over the next two hours, Jenny called Heather, Mom called Jenny, Mom called Jane, Mom called Heather, Jane called Heather, and I called Jane, Jenny, and Mom once again for good measure. "Jesus," David said between calls. "A simple trip to a store in Irvine and your family places more calls and makes more plans than preceded the invasion of Iraq."

I only smiled in response; it's not like any reason I gave was going to make sense to the über-logical man in my life. David looked like he was about to say something else, but the high-pitched trill of my cell phone silenced him. I laughed as I answered; David rolled his eyes and

returned to his desk.

At 1:30 p.m., seven females (five adults, a four-year-old, and a one-year-old) packed into one minivan in San Marcos. The next day was Mother's Day, and Mom decided she'd like to celebrate by having the women of the family go to Irvine to pick up Jenny's wedding dress from a specialty bridal store. Jenny, the clan's token blonde, is to be married to her longtime boyfriend, Brad, in July. I was looking forward to a day with my sisters, mother, and nieces, but I was also glad for the opportunity to see how normal women like my sisters go about the whole wedding thing — picking up the dress is one in a series of momentous events to occur over the next few months. I was either too young or living out of town to be involved in the hubbub preceding both Heather's and Jane's weddings. For my own nuptials (at the county courthouse, squeezed between errands on a Wednesday morning exactly one year ago), I wore jeans.

Jane, Jenny, and I sat hip to hip in the very back of the van. In front of us, Bella and Olivia were strapped into those kiddie safety seats, and in front of them, *Schoolhouse Rock* played on a flip-down screen; "Conjunction Junction" blasted from speakers on either side of us in the back. Heather drove, and Mom rode shotgun. Bella craned her neck to take inventory of the vehicle and then squealed, "Nana!

The magazine was filled with pictures of gown-adorned models barely old enough to marry in the red states.



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All of your daughters are here, Nana!" The child's astuteness and truth of her comment seemed to please my mother, who smiled and said, "That's right, Bella. All my daughters *are* here. And all my granddaughters."

"Bella, you're a big girl now," Jane said to her daughter. "And you're on a big-girl outing." Bella beamed in response.

A moment later, Jane slapped my arm, pointed to the truck passing by on my left, particularly to the creepy-looking guy in the passenger seat, and said, "TYB!"

"Really, Jane?" Jenny said. "Let's pretend we're back in college, and I'll lift my shirt and flash the guys in the next car."

"You used to do that?" I asked, and Jenny's entire face answered *no*.

"Yo," said Jane. "TYC," and she gestured to the driver of another truck, who was wearing a cowboy hat.

She looked so pleased

with herself, I couldn't help but play along: "Yup. There's my cowboy, right there, come to rescue me, his damsel in domestic distress, from this here minivan."

The moment Heather pulled onto the freeway, the controlling women in the car — that is to say, all of them — scrummed for the role of backseat driver. "You're too close to that car," "Why are you braking so hard?," "Didn't you say you wanted to take a nap; are you too tired to drive?" "Why don't you pull over and let Mom/Jane/Barb/Jenny drive?"

"Mom," Heather whined in exasperation, "Make them stop!"

"Settle down back there," said Mom, as if she still held dominion over her brood.

When torturing Heather got old, Jane opened one of the bridal magazines on her lap; Jenny and I looked on

from either side as she slowly flipped through the pages. The magazine was filled with pictures of gown-adorned models barely old enough to marry in the red states, and first-time brides' questions answered by self-proclaimed wedding experts. "Oh, here's a good one," said Jane, pointing to a question at the bottom of one page. "How and when do I distribute the gifts I purchase for my bridal party?" Huh. Jenny? Do you want to read the answer?"

"It's funny you find that one question out of all the others to emphasize," Jenny snapped.

Ignoring her youngest sister's comment, Jane raised her voice so she could be heard over "I'm Just a Bill" to the front of the car and said, "Hey! You guys have any gum up there? Their breath back here really stinks." Jenny and I each poked Jane with an elbow, but not

before breathing into our hands, just to check. All of the women in my family are excessively horrified at the prospect of smelling badly. Jane had already asked ten times if anyone had deodorant on them. Both she and Jenny are compulsive users of nice-smelling lotions and sprays, and they reapply the stuff as frequently as I touch up my red lipstick.

Irritated that she couldn't hear the lyrics to "Naughty Number Nine" over our clamor, Bella squirmed around in her seat and said, "Could you please be quiet." Mom and Heather laughed in the front while Jane, Jenny, and I gushed our apologies to the girl who proved to be bigger than the rest of us, and then we promptly shut up. ■

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Scott is a
good friend,
but not in the
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(story continued from front page)

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ell, it's finally come," he said, almost brightly. "I'm homeless."

"Come again?" I said.

Scott and I first met 33 years ago when he replaced my then-girlfriend in a shared house. She moved on to San Francisco, and I moved into my bread-truck home where I paid a minimum to friends to park outside and use their shower. (Can you say "hippie musician"?) Scott has always been a self-deprecating sort of fellow, mild mannered, and a bit loony. Great company.

He later moved in with a girl in our circle of friends, and they split up after he went to Colorado and learned massage therapy with a Far Eastern bent. Little by little we lost contact. He moved to Calistoga and did massage for a fancy spa. Then he tried and discovered that he liked crystal meth. What he didn't realize until quite recently was that he was bipolar, and when he was up, he went *way* up. You know the down side.

About ten years ago he called me. He had

moved back down to Oceanside and was living with his mother. She was retired and slowly failing, and he was her nurse for a long, long time till she passed away three years ago. In the seven intervening years he had only called once. But it was just the same as it always had been: he dropped a few names, I busted his chops, we laughed and swapped stories.

When his mom died, Scott decided that he wanted to re-pursue his dream of being a

musical performer. He played OK guitar, and rudimentary piano, and he'd saved a bit of money living with his mom, so he wanted my advice on keyboards and PAs to buy. I guided him in a certain direction and found that he pretty much didn't take my advice. Later on, I realized that he would *always* agree that my advice was sound and then never take it.

Back to last August. "What happened?" I asked.

"Well," he said, "I

Scott's RV stalled in the middle of Encinitas Boulevard.

just got kicked out of a halfway house here in south Oceanside 'cause I'm not going to put up with their crap anymore."

"Uh-huh."

"And I'm going to go down to my brother's house and get my stuff. Could you store it for me for a while?"

"Sure. What stuff?"

"Oh, the Korg and the PA," he said casually. "They've been in my brother's garage for the past three years."

"What about New Orleans?" I asked. "How did that go?"

After Scott had listened to my advice about a keyboard, he'd gone down to Guitar Center and been talked into spending about \$1700 more. He's like me when it comes to keyboards —

we want to plug it in, hit a few buttons, and play. Neither of us has the desire or ability to fool around with a lot of directions written by Japanese engineers or use MIDI (computer stuff). We both started on regular pianos, and we're both technologically challenged. *He* doesn't even know how to operate email. So for a keyboard, I'd recommended something simple to play costing about \$700. Instead he bought the most expensive, hardest-to-understand thing down there.

He did follow my advice about a PA and bought a nice Carvin, an all-in-one four-channel mixer, amp, and speaker. So with that and a couple of mikes he could at least play amplified. As

far as the keyboard was concerned, he never found out how to program it to play anything other than what came up when he pushed "on": basic piano.

After one amplified gig, he decided that he

"He can't give his brother, who's about to save his life, \$50?"

was going to go to New Orleans and visit some of his relatives. He indicated that his mom had left him some "bottom land," and he was concerned that his uncle might try to rip him off via the sand and gravel that could be mined

there. He moved out of his apartment and stored his stuff in his brother's garage.

"I never made it to New Orleans," he admitted sheepishly.

"What the hell?" I was flabbergasted.

disability for a while and had a couple of bad spells with meth and this girl I should *not* have spent any time with. You know."

"Mmm hmm. So you worked for a year and a half. Does that mean that you've been off work that long, too?"

It turned out that he had. He had been on physical disability but had failed to follow up on any "regrooving" — training for some new position where he didn't have to be on his feet much. His money had eventually run out, and he'd run into a few days without food or shelter. About six weeks before this particular call, he'd checked himself into a psychiatric clinic declaring that he was suicidal.

"They won't put you

up unless you say you want to kill yourself," he said. "I really don't want to," he confided, "but after a while you learn to play the game."

It turned out that his bipolarity had been diagnosed about six months before, and he was on medication. Of course, since he was unemployed, Medicare was picking up the bill for the docs and the meds. He was still having a lot of trouble with his right knee — he thought he'd probably need surgery. The state had judged that he was now mentally disabled. Unfortunately, it would not give him enough money to *really* live on — only \$800 a month. Enough to stay in a halfway house in a more or less structured

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environment.

"I can't live there anymore," he said. "It's run by two old Russian women and they're tyrants, czars I guess you'd say. They won't let you have a lady friend over, they take advantage of all the people over there who don't really know what they're doing, and they're just in it for the money. I called the cops on them, and Social Services is going over to investigate."

"So where are you going to live?" I asked.

"Not sure for now," he answered. "But don't worry about me. I can take care of myself."

I made arrangements to pick up and store his stuff. After that is when the *real* lunacy began.

He started out staying in a Motel 6 with a friend he had met at the halfway house. With only \$800 a month coming in, we both knew that he couldn't live in a motel for long. He lent his friend one of his guitars for a while, and he did something that after a few incidents annoyed my wife and me — he brought his friend over to our house.

"I don't want any strangers in my house," my wife said, adamantly. "A lot of those people have problems with drugs."

"Yeah, I know," I said. I brought up the subject with Scott.

"A man's gotta have friends," he replied. "This guy's all right — you'll see."

Well, after the guy disappeared with Scott's guitar, we both saw. "I guess you were spot-on with him," Scott admitted. "I'm surrounding myself with the wrong kind of people, and I guess I don't always make the best decisions."

By now, Scott had met with the Social Services people about the czarist regime and had moved out of the Motel 6. He went to stay with



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his dad for a couple of days. The problem was that his dad was just as bipolar as he and was furthermore in a lot of pain from some relatively ineffectual hernia surgery from 18 months earlier. After his dad had broken up with his mom, he had never called or gone to see her, not even when Scott was living with her or through her long downhill slide.

"My dad's a hateful, bitter man who thinks I'm worth less than shit," Scott explained.

I wasn't too hopeful about what would happen between Scott and his dad this time around.

It only lasted 36 hours. Scott was back on the streets without a nickel to his name. He called his brother, who owns an \$800,000 house in Oceanside, and asked him if he could stay with him for a day or two. His brother said "yes" and then mentioned that he'd been diagnosed with cancer and he might need a stem-cell transplant. The doctor wanted to run some tests on Scott and see if he would be a compatible donor.

"Is this the same brother that wouldn't lend you \$50 the last time you asked him?" "I only have one brother," Scott said.

Well, Scott is as soft-headed as he is soft-hearted, and he agreed to go through the tests for his brother's sake. In the meantime, he wanted to know if I wanted to buy any of his musical equipment. I really didn't have any use for it but offered to try to sell it for him. Long story short, after about a month of eBay-ing it, I netted him about

\$800 for the keyboard and the amp. This money I parceled out to him over a period of a few weeks. I did this for two reasons: so he wouldn't spend it all at once (a tendency he has, a sort of "Friday night rich" mentality); and eBay, when you first start out, doesn't let you withdraw everything from your account right away — the limit is \$500 a month.

Through his homeless shelter and mission contacts, Scott managed to pick up an old Ford Mustang and an RV. The Mustang ran OK, but it burned oil. The RV didn't run at all, but it was virtually free: Scott got it for about \$75. It was like an oversized van with a sleeper over the cab. He had to do a little work on it, and the inside was so filthy I was sure it was disease-ridden (I wouldn't go in). Scott had visions of camping out for \$15 a night somewhere or else parking it out in Vista on some side road in the hills. These ideas were pretty much pipe dreams, because he had nothing but trouble with it.

He was driving with one of his "friends" in Carlsbad one night. He didn't wait at an intersection long enough, pulled his Mustang out into the street, and was smashed by someone coming faster than the speed limit but who had the right of way. The cops and the insurance adjuster agreed that Scott was at fault, and they paid off the other driver's claim. The Mustang still ran, but the doors wouldn't shut properly. Scott decided to park it on a side street for a few days and live and drive around in the RV.

He had gotten the RV running a bit with a new battery. It wouldn't lock properly though, and he was worried about losing the few pos-

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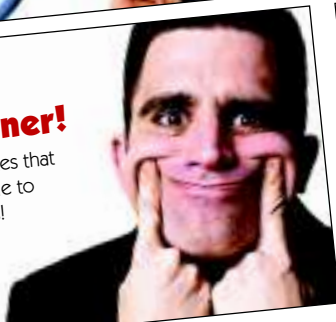
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sessions he had left, especially his remaining guitar. I went over to the hardware store and got a new deadbolt, which I got to work on the door after an hour of intense wrestling. So now he felt pretty safe in it, and he drove it down to Carlsbad Beach State Park. He stayed there a few days,

manage to get to a parking spot, as the vehicle weighed so much. I told him later that he should have kept begging till he got about ten guys to help him or at least called me so I could try to push it with my truck, but reason doesn't figure into a lot of his decisions. He left it. It got

Scott would be giving bone marrow for the transplant, but it turns out that he gives stem cells from his blood in a similar medical scenario.) This lasted only one day. Scott's brother's wife Lucy turned on him viciously. She accused him of using them and being a loser with no prospects for the future. Scott and she got into a shouting match, and Scott was back on the street. Again he asked his brother for a \$50 loan till his next disability check came in. Again his brother refused.

"He said they had a lot of bills to pay and he couldn't afford it right now," Scott told me.

"What bills?" I asked.

"Well, it seems that Lucy's dog got sick and needed a \$4000 operation."

I became furious. "You mean he can pay

I was beginning to think Scott enjoyed these confrontations.

then drove down to Encinitas for something with another of his "friends." Uh-oh. The RV stalled in the middle of the intersection of Encinitas Boulevard and Coast Highway. It had no reverse, so by the time Scott got it restarted, he couldn't

towed away. It was impounded.

Scott went to live with his brother for a while. The tests had come back, and his blood was compatible, so he figured, "This guy's getting my stem cells, he'll be happy to put me up." (I had thought that

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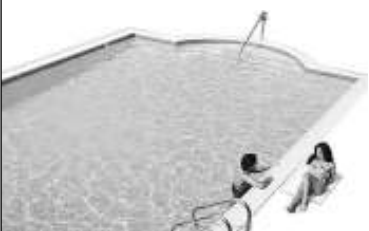


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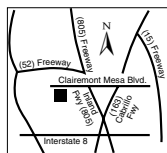
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\$4000 for a dog's operation, but he can't give his brother, who's about to save his freaking life, \$50?"

"Apparently," Scott answered, quite calmly, I thought.

"If I were you," I advised, stupidly thinking that any advice I gave Scott would be treated differently from the advice I'd given him before, "I would tell him that before I give him the transplant, he needs to come up with \$4000 for you. You have no money; you need a down payment on an apartment;

you need a chance to get back on your feet. With \$4000 you could make all of this happen. You should tell him that you should be *at least* as worthy as his freaking dog."

"I'll think about that," Scott said. His tone was the one he always uses with me: believable.

At this point I should say that Scott really *was* trying to get back on his feet. He had several ideas on how to make money; he was keeping a notebook outlining the things he had to do each day to keep his life on track; he was

looking around for opportunities. None of these ideas eventually worked out, but he *did* try.

I had offered to put up some money for him on a monthly basis if he was serious about finding a job and settling down. This might not be as foolish as it appears on the surface. I wouldn't give him money under any other circumstances, so it wasn't as if I was throwing it away, and I would only pay it directly to the landlord. Scott thought about it but politely

turned me down. "I'm still planning on going to Louisiana," he said. "So I don't want to make any commitments to stay anywhere for more than a month or two."

ing on it before?"

"It's technically not legal," he admitted. "You have to have a permit to live on the boat — it's an extra \$75 a month."

"That wouldn't be

months before they moved into their house."

So now he needed help getting his stuff out of the RV and into his brother's boat. I have a truck, so we drove on over to the impound lot, where the very nice man on duty let us take our time going through and getting out his stuff. I was amazed that the watchman let us in: Scott didn't have his driver's license. In the three months since he'd come back into my life, he'd lost his license twice. Now he was sure it was there in the RV, so I waited with the watchman while Scott rummaged around in the still-uncleaned RV. The place was a bacterium paradise. I peeked my head in the door once or twice, but no way was I

I was giving less and less advice — what was the use?

With that in mind, he had two ideas to make some dough: massage, or driving a cab.

"So my brother says I can stay on his boat for a little while," he said the next time he called. "He's got a boat down in Oceanside harbor."

"That's cool," I said. "Why weren't you stay-

hard for you with \$800 coming in." I was thinking, Hey, this could be an answer to Scott's problems.

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going in. I'd had pneumonia a couple of times and didn't relish going through *that* again.

It took about 45 minutes, and when I saw the junk that Scott went through, the pitiful things he'd kept, it really saddened me. He was 57 years old and had nothing of value except his

transfer the stuff into the boat on his own.

Two days later, I got a phone call. "They kicked me out," he told me.

"What the hell are you talking about?" I asked. "You said that no one cared as long as you didn't raise a ruckus."

"Apparently I raised

cops. So I said, 'Go ahead, this is public property.' Well, he called the cops on me."

"But they didn't know that you were living on the boat, did they?"

"No, not then. But they came, and I told them that the manager was bugging me for no reason. Then they asked me my address, and I gave them my brother's. Then they called my brother's house, and his wife told them I didn't live there."

"Don't you think that these confrontations you're having are not only at least a little your fault but that they're also doing you harm?" I said.

"Not at all," he maintained. "That asshole had no right calling the cops on me, and I'm going to be right back there on Saturday night, busking for a living." He paused. "You *do* know

"He called me and said he was going to kick my ass!"

guitar — and that was worth about \$125. We packed up the truck and left the RV behind: good riddance. We drove down to the harbor and unloaded the four boxes, three bags, two laundry baskets, and guitar — all he owned. He had plenty of time, so I let him

enough of a ruckus to piss off one son of a bitch," he said, bile in his voice. "I was playing guitar down by that coffeehouse there — in a public area — and that asshole manager said that if he caught me playing around there again he was going to call the

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what 'busking' means, don't you?"

Scott loved these little word games. I said, "It means opening your guitar case and letting people throw money in it, right?"

"Um, yeah," he admitted, a little deflated that he couldn't show off his knowledge. "Well, I usually make about \$40 on a Saturday night, so I'll be back there this weekend. The lady that

manages the restaurant right near where I play likes my music. She gives me free coffee and a sandwich or something, so that asshole can go to hell!"

As much as I was

hoping that Scott was the victim in all these dealings, I was beginning to think that he enjoyed the confrontations. My son told me that he'd dealt with a lot of tweak-ers — meth users —

before, and mostly they wear out their welcome at their families' by badgering them for money or stealing stuff and pawning it — like that.

"Man," I told Scott,

"all I know is that you're starting to make a habit of burning your bridges. Now you can't use your brother's boat, you can't stay with your dad, and you can't go back to that halfway house. Now what? You don't have enough for a motel."

"I'll go back to my brother's and see if he can lend me some money," he said. "I still have my bus pass" (the one piece of advice I'd given him that he'd followed was getting a monthly bus pass) "so I can take the bus there."

The next morning Scott was knocking on my door at 6:30. My wife answered, as I was asleep. She got him a hot cup of coffee — he was freezing and wet — and he started thawing out at the table.

He'd gone to his brother's house, and the wife and he had gotten into another shouting match, and he'd left. He had caught a late bus, but it was raining, and he got soaked as he worked his way up to the Carlsbad church where he'd gone for aid before. There was no one around to let him in or get him some help, so he slept on the landing, out of the rain but not the wind.

We got him fed and dried out. He showered. We talked. I was giving less and less advice — what was the use? — but I did help him prioritize his next few days. His car and RV were both barely drivable and in one impound or another. It was going to be another day or two before his next disability check came in. I had sold his amp, so I had \$100 to give him. It lasted two days. (I later sold his keyboard for \$625, and that money helped. But Scott went through pocket money like it was bus fare, whether it was \$10 or \$500.)

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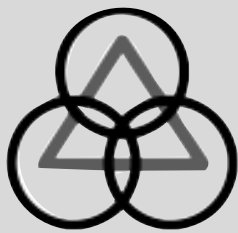
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"Well," he said, "you know I've been wanting to start up my massage business again."

"Yeah."

"Well, so when I was over at the Main Attraction in Oceanside [a strip club] two weeks ago, I bought a lap dance from a really sweet girl named Wendy who just moved here from the Midwest."

"You spent money on a lap dance when you don't have enough money to pay rent?" I was incredulous.

"Yeah," he answered. "Steve, I don't get to meet a lot of people that I can trust or get close to. You saw what happened with those people I met at the shelter. They're always looking to take you for a ride. All Wendy did was climb on my lap, smile in my face, and rub her body, very expertly I might add, against mine."

This was the first time that a very singular thought about this whole situation occurred to me: Scott had to be lonely as hell. I was his only real friend, and everyone he came into contact with apparently cared nothing for him. His mother was dead; his father despised him; his

only brother seemed to want him only for his stem cells; his sister-in-law hated him. Support system? Nothing. Of course he'd spent money on a lap dance: how else was he going to get some female companionship?

"OK," I said, "so what does this have to do with massage?"

"Well, I found out that Wendy gets real tired and sore by the end of the night, with all that dancing. So I figured I

He figured that not only would it get him some dough, but he could use the car to run a few errands while he was on the clock. His brother had entered the City of Hope in the L.A. area, getting ready for the stem-cell transfer. Scott was to go up in a day or two but meanwhile had the use of his brother's house — the sister-in-law would be spending most of the time up in L.A., too — so he called

"I did the right thing. I saved my brother's life."

go over there, get another lap dance, and then see if she could spread the word to the other dancers about how I give great massages at very affordable prices. So I got a motel room and went over to the club and bought another lap dance. But I couldn't get any of the girls to come over to the hotel for a massage, so there goes another good idea."

The next idea was for Scott to try to get a job with a cab company.

a couple of local cab companies. He managed to land an interview and was driving a cab in just two days.

The cab company was really low class. The cars were relatively beat up, and there was no office as such. The cabbies would pick up their cars in the parking lot of a local restaurant and drive them for either a 12- or 24-hour shift. They would then give them to the next shift drivers. The deal was

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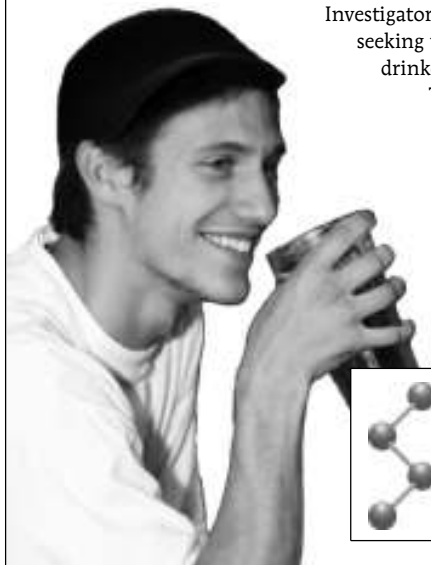
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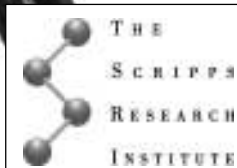
Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment



Investigators at The Scripps Research Institute are currently seeking volunteers who consider themselves to be heavy drinkers and do not have any desire to stop drinking. The purpose of the research is to learn the most effective way of studying predictors of relapse or a return to drinking.

Earn compensation for completing 4 study visits that take place over 3 weeks.

This study does involve taking a medication or placebo for one week.



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that the cabbie paid the company \$80 for the use of the cab, and any money he made over that was his pay.

Scott, being low man on the totem pole, started with a couple of 12-hour day shifts. There aren't many people in need of cabs during the day. He went from 4:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and barely made \$40 the first day, more or less \$3 an hour. After a few days of this, he decided to go for a 24-hour shift, figuring that he'd pick up some tipsy bar folk and make money that way.

The by-now-inevitable phone call came the next morning. "He called me and said he was going to kick my ass!" he screamed into the phone.

"Who?" I asked.

"The cab company manager. He gave me a

piece-of-shit car that broke down with a bad battery. Then I called him and he wouldn't even come over and give me a jump. So I left the car where it was, and he called me and accused

The anger contorted their faces and they reminded me of skinheads.

me of stealing the car when the piece of shit wouldn't even start! I told him it was his fault 'cause he gave me a crappy car and he threatened to kick my ass! So I called the cops and told them that he'd threatened to assault me."

"You called the cops?" I asked.
"Hell yes," he said.
"He threatened me. If those cops can come when someone calls them on me, they sure as shit can come when

someone is coming after me."

"Don't you think you're kind of burning another bridge?" I asked.

"I don't give a crap! That company is worthless! The cars are pieces of shit, the money thing is all screwed up, and the guy is a tyrant. His dad

RESEARCH STUDIES

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Dr. Sunder Mudaliar and his associates at the VA Medical Center are looking for volunteers to take part in a research study to assess safety and tolerability of a study drug for Type 2 Diabetics with presumed non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

- Participants will: • Attend six study visits in 6 weeks
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• Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
• Diagnosed with Fatty Liver Disease (Non-alcoholic)
• Must be willing and able to give written informed consent

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Participants must:

- Be in good health
- Be between the ages of 18 and 64
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Is your current Schizophrenia medication not working?

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Not sleeping?

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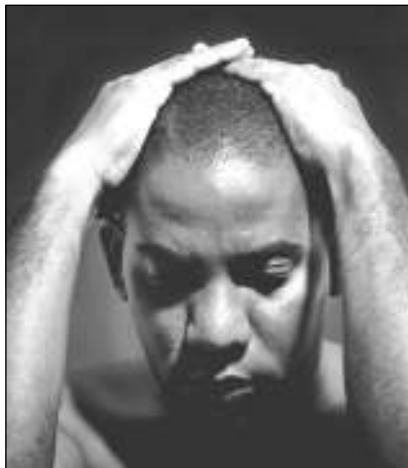
- Having trouble falling asleep?
- Having trouble staying asleep through the night?
- Between 18 and 64 years of age? • In overall good health?

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Are you living in the shadow of bipolar depression?

We're working to bring future treatment options to light.

As a person with bipolar I, you know what it's like to live with the darkness of depression. So you may want to know about this clinical research study examining an investigational drug for bipolar depression compared to a placebo, an inactive substance, when used in combination with a mood stabilizer, if:

- You are at least 18 years old • You have a history of at least one bipolar manic or mixed episode
- You have been diagnosed with bipolar I and are currently experiencing a depressive episode

Participation may last up to 12 weeks, and includes study-related care and monitoring from specialists in bipolar I, access to a mood stabilizer, and potential access to investigational medication, all at no cost.

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Do you constantly worry? Every day?

Do you:

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- Have trouble sitting still or find it impossible to simply relax?
- Between 18 and 65 years of age? • In overall good health?

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TROUBLE STAYING ASLEEP?

Do you feel rested when you wake up? If not, you may qualify to participate in a research study for adults who experience **problems sleeping** throughout the night.

Qualified Participants Must Be:

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Qualified Participants Will Receive:

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Qualified Participants Must:

- Be 18 and older
- Have had shingles in the past 5 years
- Have had PHN pain for at least the past 6 months

Qualified Participants Receive:

- Compensation up to \$350 for time and travel
- Study-related care, exams and study drug at no charge

was real nice — he's the one who started the company. But the son is an asshole. I can't work for them."

I had bought Scott a secondhand bike for getting back and forth to the restaurant parking lot for the cab job. With that, and his bus pass, he still could get around all right. Money came in every two weeks, but only \$395, and it was gone shortly after arrival. He wasn't using any meth. But he was still a soft touch to anyone with a hard luck or convincing story. One of his friends sold vitamins — \$125 for a month's worth. You know where this is going. He bought a month's worth and had ordered another for later. He hadn't wanted to let his friend — a lady — think he couldn't afford it. He'd given someone \$10 because he liked the way they played

guitar. He was incorrigible.

Scott went up for the stem-cell transfer. I tried to convince him to hold out for the \$4000, but it was no use. "Steve," he said, "he's my brother. Even if he doesn't give me another penny the rest of his life, I can't say no." The procedure went well. Scott had a nice room up there for about a week, and he took full advantage of it: he took walks through the nearby horse country; he enjoyed unhurried meals with a new *L.A. Times* to read; he talked with the nurses and doctors in his charming albeit name-dropping way. It was quite therapeutic for him.

His brother gave Scott his truck to use for a while. He drove it down to Oceanside and within a day had misplaced the keys, causing

his sister-in-law to have to come back down from L.A., where she had remained with her husband after the procedure. She used her key to move the truck before it was towed from where Scott had parked it. She accused him of being too irresponsible to have it, and she had him leave it at her house. She went back to the City of Hope. Scott stayed at that house with his niece and nephew for one more day. Then the sister-in-law called from L.A. and told him that she wasn't comfortable having him stay there and she wanted him out by morning. He called me and apprised me of the situation. While we were talking, he was periodically interrupted by his nephew, who was yelling curses at him and calling him names. Scott was responding in kind, and it was not an

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- *12 weeks medication
- *Brain imaging scans
- *Diagnostic evaluation
- *Neuropsychological evaluation

Study participants must:

- *Be age 18-65
- *Not be on any medications that affect brain functioning
- *Not have any active medical conditions
- *Weigh less than 280 lbs.
- *Not have a history of chronic alcohol or substance use

*There is NO monetary compensation for participation.

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- *Diagnostic evaluation
- *Neuropsychological evaluation

Study participants must:

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- *Not be on any medications that affect brain functioning
- *Not have any active medical conditions
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Medical evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive financial compensation for time and travel.

exchange I wanted to be in on. I told Scott I'd be over with the truck in the morning.

I got there about 8:00 a.m., and Scott was separating his things from his trash on his brother's driveway. The sad array of belongings had shrunk even further. He was very tense and very preoccupied, but he managed to be nice to me and worked steadily

through his chore. After a few minutes, his nephew and then, later, his niece came out. With unmasked anger, they spewed venom at him, cursing him and calling him names. They were quite good-looking twentysomethings, but the anger contorted their faces and they reminded me of skinheads in their fury. He was very shaken by their hatred, and I

took over most of the task of getting the stuff into the truck. I wanted out of there, so I told him that I'd meet up with him down at the Oceanside train station, as he needed to get down there and unload a locker. He still had his bike and could use that to get there. I'd loaded his half-a-pickup's worth of possessions and was about to leave when a police car pulled up. The cop got out and asked me a few questions, including my name, and he looked at my license. Since my name is on the side of my truck, I was wondering what was up. He talked to the niece and nephew and then said to me, "Oh, I thought you were Scott _____."

So the sister-in-law had called the cops on Scott. She didn't feel that he should be living in her husband's house, even though Scott had saved her husband's life a week before. No matter how controversial Scott might have been, and no matter how many times he had failed in his endeavors, there couldn't be someone so mean as to do this to him, could there?

"So, I can go?" I asked.

"Yes, sir," he replied. He turned to the niece and nephew. "Is Mr. _____ giving you any trouble about leaving?" he asked them.

"I'll catch up with you later, Scott," I yelled

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- Male or female between the ages of 18-75
- Overweight
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- Non-diabetic with Impaired Fasting Glucose (blood sugar)

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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

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I was speeding, but...

tales from traffic court



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got home that I noticed he had given me a ticket for going 60 mph in the 35 mph stretch of the road. I was going 48, tops.

In court, I couldn’t believe what was happening. First, the bailiff read a list of cases in which the officers didn’t show up. Those seven people got up, smiling, as their cases were dismissed. When it came time to hear the others plead their cases, I was in

awe. One lady was a tall, pretty blonde in a military uniform. She said she would never do anything to jeopardize her job. “The only reason this cop gave me a ticket is because of the ten-foot California boa in my car.” The judge, looking surprised, said, “A snake?” The officer clarified, “I had a ride-along in my car. We spotted her [the blonde woman] drinking in the parking lot of 7-Eleven, and her and

her friends got into a vehicle with open containers, so I pulled them over. She wasn’t drinking, but I told her she was still responsible for the cans in the backseat. She claimed she couldn’t see what people were doing in the backseat. When I noticed the snake back there, I figured, if there’s an animal that large, she is probably well aware and looking back there often.” The woman pleaded, saying that

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An angry African-American woman started yelling at the judge, with her hand on her hip. Her body swiveled like an angry lover on *Jerry Springer*. She said the cop was hiding behind a billboard and that wasn't fair. She was ticketed for going 85 mph on the 94 freeway. As she yelled, the judge looked through a book. He said: "In that stretch of freeway, and at 5:30 a.m., when you were speeding, there's not a lot of traffic. I don't think it's unsafe for you to go that speed, so I will let you off." The lady continued to yell, claiming the officer followed her for a long time before pulling

her over. The judge said, "Ma'am, I don't think you understand. You won." She seemed confused. I think all of us were. This, I thought, might be the nicest judge on the planet.

Only two guys didn't get out of their tickets. One was speeding on the 56, weaving in and out of traffic. He said, "Your Honor, I never speed. Ever. I want you to call my wife. She will tell you." The judge angrily said, "Are you crazy? I'm not going to call your wife. You could've brought her here or brought a written deposition from her." The guy's story got weirder. He said he was rushing to get his son to soccer practice. The judge said, "So, it sounds like you were speeding." The guy said, "No. I went the speed limit, but I was in a hurry. I would not jeopardize the life of my son by speeding." The judge rolled his eyes, sighed, and said, "What is it you want?" The guy responded, "To not pay this ticket. I wasn't speeding." The judge said, "If I had a nickel for every time I heard that in my court... I

believe you were speeding. Would you like to take traffic school, so this doesn't go on your record?" The guy (who never speeds) said, "I can't, because I took traffic school a few months back for another speeding ticket." The judge said, "I will let you take traffic school." The guy threw his fist in the air and said, "All right! Cool! That's what I wanted, because...well, I really was speeding."

I was the last case. The officer in my case introduced himself by saying how long he'd been on the force. The previous officer had had "2 years on the force"; another had "1 year as a highway patrolman, and now 3 years as a police officer." My officer said he had "19 years on the force." He listed his police accomplishments, one of which was that he was a sharpshooter, which made him sound like the Rambo of cops. Finally he said that he'd spent the last 8 years as a regular cop (which was more years than all the other officers). Things got worse when he told his version of

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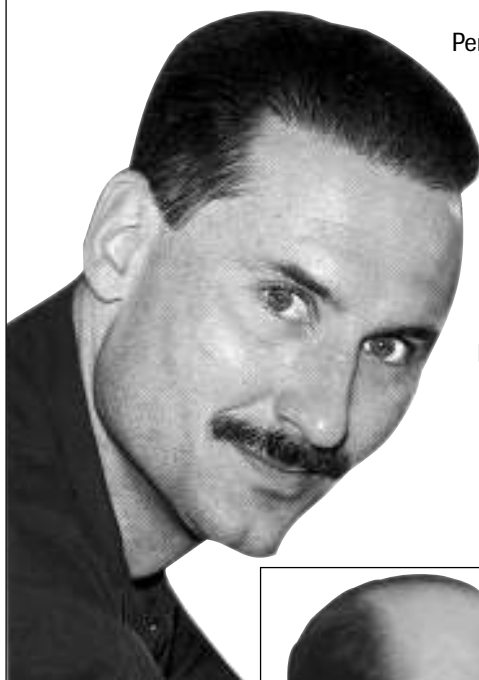
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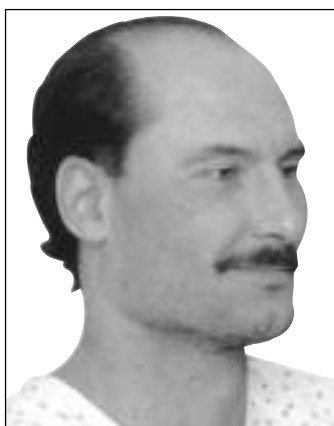
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the story.

"I first saw the defendant driving by me, at a high rate of speed, in his silver Porsche." He emphasized the word "Porsche." He continued, "I almost couldn't catch up with the Porsche. But when I finally did pull the Porsche over..." I was dying to interrupt by saying, "What kind of car was it again?"

The cop then said, "The defendant said to me, 'How do you know what speed I was going? Did you use a radar gun?' I informed him that I don't use a radar gun but that I had paced behind him to gauge the speed. He then snatched the ticket from my hand and said, 'I'll see your ass in court!'" The judge looked at me. I wanted to scream, "That is a lie! That conversation never happened. I would never speak to anyone that way. Especially someone with a badge, and someone that I'm hoping will let me out of a ticket."

The judge asked me what happened. The first words out of my mouth were a mistake.

"I was speeding, but..." The judge interrupted to say, "Then why are you here wasting my time?" I said, "I was not going 60. I was going 45. I live on that street, and near Costco the speed limit is 45. It then goes down to 35, and right where I live, it's 25. There's a school there, and I'm careful that when children are present, I drive slower." The judge asked if I wanted traffic school. I asked, "Does that get me out of paying the ticket?" I knew it didn't. It used to. He said, "No. You'll still pay the ticket, and traffic school can be expensive. But it will keep this off your record." I said, "I have a perfect driving record. I never get tickets." He responded, "Yeah, I can't believe what I'm seeing. You have the cleanest driving record I've ever seen."

The judge made me pay the full amount for going 25 miles over the posted limit. I was going to confront the cop outside and ask why he lied in court, but I realized that it would do no good, and it could get ugly. And I'm sure he just didn't

like watching everyone winning their cases, when they'd clearly broken the law.

So, back to my current ticket. I thought I'd try my luck again and fight it. If a cop could lie in court last time, maybe I would this time. A friend of mine is a sheriff in Vista. He told me years ago that cops love going to court. They get paid overtime, and it's an easy day of work.

Another cop told me a certain number can't make it to court because of other business they have to attend to or because they're involved in a bigger court case. He guessed the number of officers not showing up as between 25-35 percent. (And I was surprised when the court reporter told the bailiff, "Wow, we have 100 percent attendance with the officers today." But I'm jumping ahead.)

I went in for the phase where you plead "guilty" or "not guilty." Two cell phones went off, and the bailiff went over to tell the owners to turn them off. There was also a sign that specified no

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use of cell phones, as well as another sign that warned against threats of verbal or physical abuse; such things would be taken seriously.

The bailiff had many hand gestures that got his points across quickly, without being loud in the courtroom. A few times he had to put his hand on his head, to signal to guys to take off their ball caps. One guy was wearing flip-flops and a bathing suit, with hair that looked as if it hadn't been combed in days. Another guy kept his sunglasses on.

The judge was James L. Duchnick, who was very friendly and funny. One guy had gotten two tickets while driving without a license, and the judge lectured him. He talked about possible jail time but was friendly. When an old lady didn't have her driver's license with her, he asked her kindly to go to her car and get it. When it was clear that a person's first language was Spanish, he would say a few words in Spanish.

I was surprised at one exchange with an older Latino. The guy claimed he couldn't afford to pay his ticket and wanted a payment plan. The judge told him he'd have an extra 60 days to pay. The guy insisted on paying a small portion each month until it got paid. The judge said, "Earth to Mr. DeCarlo, I gave you extra time. We aren't going to set up a payment plan for you. Why don't you take a small amount, set it aside each week, and when you have the full amount, you can come in here, bring a big Mexican hat, dance around it, we'll have a burrito, and the matter will be taken care of." Everyone laughed, including Mr. DeCarlo.

One fairly young woman said she has had two heart attacks and couldn't pay the ticket. The judge told her to stop having heart attacks. He then smiled and said, "Are we going to have you around long enough to pay this ticket?" I couldn't believe he would say things like this, without fear of someday ending up in court himself.

An interpreter went up to an older Latina sitting in front of me and was explaining the process to her in Spanish.

I glanced over and saw my friend Sal, who happened to be in for his third ticket

in a year.

It was finally my turn. When I was asked whether I was guilty or not guilty, I wanted to say something funny like "Guilty, by reason of sanity." This judge would surely laugh, but I

got nervous. I remembered as a teenager getting a "fix-it" ticket on my Mustang and sending in the ticket after the headlight was fixed. The court never got it. A notice came that told me I had a court date, which I

ignored, followed later by a notice saying there was a warrant out for my arrest. The judge in Vista, for that case, said, "You know how many times a person has told me their payments got lost in the mail?"

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Judge Duchnick asked whether I wanted a quick trial or one in 60 days. I told him I had no preference, and he said I had to pick. I went with 60 days. I thanked him. He seemed surprised

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In preparation for my court appearance, I went back to take pictures at the scene. My ticket was for turning right on a red light. There was a sign that said I couldn't. I took pictures of all the

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surrounding streets in Mira Mesa. Most of them show the hours you can't turn right. On the streets that don't let you turn right — but don't specify certain hours — all had two or three signs to that effect; some even showed an arrow with a strike-through in red. But this intersection had only the one sign.

I taped the pictures to a big piece of cardboard and clearly wrote those points above them. One friend told me if I go in a week before my appearance and request a different court date, that increased the odds of my officer not showing up, but I figured that would be more trouble than just paying the damn ticket.

I got my hair cut on the big day and would swear I heard the theme of *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* playing from that buzzer that shaved off my sideburns. I wondered if the officer was preparing for the big showdown at high noon (well, 2:30 p.m.).

My information stated I needed to be there 15 minutes early. I got there an hour early. I figured I could get a feel for the courtroom, almost as if it were a basketball court. I could read the newspaper and chill out. And as I drove there, I heard on the radio something about Heather Mills possibly getting \$200 million from Paul McCartney. This inspired me. If she can get \$200 million, I can save \$200 dollars.

In court, a bailiff asked, "Who is here for the camera ticket, for the light in Poway?" Five people raised their hands, and he took them into a room to show them a video. He came back out, and ten minutes after our scheduled time, he started explaining the rules. He said when the judge says our name for roll call, to loudly answer. He said, "So when he says 'John Smith'..." A guy then yelled, "Here." The bailiff said, "What? What are you talking about?" The guy said, "I'm John Smith." The bailiff, looking confused, said, "Oh. I should've used the name John Doe as an example."

The crowd was more dressed up this time. One guy was putting a tie on as he walked in. The women wore fancy dresses. One guy did have on a Hawaiian shirt and blue jeans. I had opted for a sports coat and slacks. I figured a suit and tie would look as if I was trying too hard. The bailiff asked one guy near the front, "How often am I going to keep seeing you here?"

The officers were then brought in. I wondered why they hadn't been brought in earlier. Was it so we wouldn't give them the stink eye? It gave us a false sense of security, the idea that maybe our officer wouldn't show up.

One officer had his cell phone go off, and he took the call. The bailiff reminded us all that phones needed to be turned off. Defendants 1,

police 0.

It was odd to hear the cops laughing and talking up a storm in what was a quiet courtroom. It seemed cocky, but then I realized that it probably just appeared that way to us. Those sitting around me glanced over, looking for their officers.

The judge was 15 minutes late. He gave us all our oath at once, to save time. He then had some of us move to a bungalow for our cases. I had flashbacks of junior high.

It was weird to see the flags and a complete court set up in such a small setting. There had been a handful of people that had pictures they were going to show. One guy had a video. The bailiff pointed to my cardboard and said, "You have to show the officer whatever it is you are showing to the judge." I said, "When?" He replied, "Now."

Damn. The cop would now see my ace in the hole. I walked over, saw my officer, and said sarcastically, "Nice to see you again." He sneered and took the cardboard. He was polite when he handed it back to me a few minutes later.

A female judge came in to the bungalow, and we were asked to stand. Things got started quickly. The guy before me was a teenager who wanted traffic school, but because he had gotten a ticket a year earlier, he didn't qualify. The judge asked the officer if this kid

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was polite during the stop, and the officer said yes. He was granted traffic school.

I was next. The officer put a chart on the chalkboard and explained that he had been dressed in his police uniform "like I am now." I wondered why that was necessary. Are there people coming in here claiming they didn't know that the person with the black-and-white car and flashing lights was a police officer?

When it was my turn, I explained how there was only one sign. I lied, saying that I did not see the sign and that that is a poor excuse for a motorist. I thought admitting that would score me brownie points.

I said I felt it necessary that the street have a bigger sign, or another one added, the way all the surrounding streets had.

The judge was writing things down. She asked the officer if there was only one sign. He said yes. She asked him if there was a struck-through arrow. He said no. I was liking this. She was handed my cardboard, and she mentioned that the sign did look small. She handed it to the officer, to ask if it was the area I claimed it was. He said it was. I told her how the officer told me that pulling out when the light is red impedes traffic. But I explained that all the lights were red, with cars waiting, so nobody had to yield for me.

She smiled occasionally and nodded in agreement at the things I said, while glancing down at my photos. She told me she would reduce the \$180 fine down to \$50. She asked if I would like traffic school. Aware of my ticket from a few years back, I needed to keep points from accumulating on my driving record. I took traffic school. She told me there would be a \$28 fee to transfer some records, and then I'd have to pay the driving school. I asked the price, and she said it would be cheaper because my offense was a "level 2." She guessed around \$40 (for my previous ticket, I was told \$200). And for some reason, I started telling her about that previous ticket, where I went through a red light because a guy in a bicycle next to me did, and I wasn't paying attention. Why she didn't tell me to shut up, I don't know. But she just

smiled and said they don't have different laws that take into account why you ran a red light.

The bailiff handed me a list of driving schools and said, "If you take the one that's online, I would suggest

you do it soon. Sometimes it takes them three weeks to send out the certificate."

I couldn't believe they let you go to the school online. He said, "Yeah. They also have one that's a video you can watch from home."

I glanced at the list and saw "California Jammin'," "Comedy Traffic School," "Pizza 4U," "Joy of Motorcycling." A few were given in Spanish, and there was "Gay Community Traffic School." I wondered if there

was a traffic school for singles. Would people try to get tickets to meet other singles? Or if you went to the one that served pizza, would anyone talk about how bad the pizza delivery drivers are? Do we, as a society, have

such a short attention span that we need all these bells and whistles for traffic school?

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The fluorescent light from the Budweiser lamp made the cigarette smoke appear as if it were dancing in the back room of McMurphy's Pub in La Mesa. By the end of league night, puddles of beer and cracked plastic cups covered the four eight-foot-long regulation sized tables.

A small crowd of adults, ranging from their early 20s to mid-30s, gathered around one of the tables to watch the final, most anticipated matchup of the night.

On one end of the table, Phillip Weisburd and A.J. Driscoll, aka the "Frat Boys," set up ten cups in triangular formation and carefully poured each cup a quarter full with beer from a large pitcher. Weisburd and Driscoll, members of San Diego State's Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, are the first-place team in San Diego's only competitive beer pong league.

On the opposite end of the table, a 22-year-old Marine, David Marsceau, of the third-place Shutout Kings, coached his replacement teammate, Robert Barriga. "Just concentrate, man. We can take these guys!"

His usual partner couldn't attend

because of martial-arts training at Camp Pendleton the following morning.

Marsceau and friends make the 40-mile trek from Oceanside every Wednesday night to the small, newly remodeled pub.

Ronny Rader, the 29-year-old organizer and co-founder of *sdbeerpong.com*, anticipated the matchup. "This one should be a good one. Both of these teams are pretty good shit-talkers."

The talking, more like yelling, came mostly from short and scrappy Marsceau. "Hey, you guys have heard when people say they're on fire, right? Well, I'm on it, right now!" he said over the combined noise of intoxicated patrons, jukebox music, and the sounds of a college basketball game on the big screen behind the beer pong tables.

The game is among college-aged youth. It consists of teams tossing a Ping-Pong ball into each of the ten cups belonging to their opponents. With each successful throw,

the talking didn't have much effect on the Frat Boys of Phi Psi. They were the ones on fire, missing only 3 of their 13 total shots. Within five minutes, the Frat Boys had shut

"When we were back in college, man, we were probably twice as good as we are now."

the beer is consumed and the cup is removed from the table. First team to eliminate all of their opponents' cups wins.

Unfortunately for Marsceau,

down the Shutout Kings.

Rader and fellow SDSU alum Casey Webster formed the San Diego Beer Pong League last January while the two were trying to

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figure out ways to entice patrons to their friend Kory McMurphy's bar.

On January 17 they organized the first tournament at McMurphy's Pub. That day 18 teams competed for free entry into league play. Though the competition was much tougher than expected, the Frat Boys from Phi Psi won the tournament and a spot on Wednesday's beer pong league.

Rader and Webster had a feeling that the response would be positive, though not to this degree. "The tournament was a lot larger than we had hoped. I knew beer pong was popular with the younger crowd, but I didn't realize that even after the college years, people still play in their garages. The league allows these groups the opportunity to get out and meet up with people who have similar interests."

The plan worked. On Wednesday nights the back room of the bar is filled with beer pong enthusiasts. They range from fraternity members, to Marines, to tattooed and pierced-lipped com-

petitors. And while the vast percentage is male, four all-female teams are also part of the league.

The phenomenon, however, is not exclusive to San Diego. The popularity of the drinking game has grown on a national level, finding its way out of frater-

Vegas. Over 296 teams paid the \$1000 entry fee and competed in the four-day tournament. The winners were given a check for \$50,000.

Jeremy Hughes and Michael Orr, better known by their beer pong moniker — Chauffeur — were the win-

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nity house garages and into busy bars and national tournaments.

In January, the oldest beer pong accessory website, *BPONG.com*, held the third annual World Series of Beer Pong at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las

ners of the tournament. The two 24-year-olds moved to Tierrasanta a year and a half ago from the Pittsburgh area and have played in a few tournaments around town, as well as in the Los Angeles area.

Despite their recent win,

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Hughes remains modest in regard to their current skill level. "We're not even as good as we used to be. When we were back in college, man, we were probably twice as good as we are now. We still play on weekends in our house. We have three tables and we invite people over and play, but back in college we were playing every night during the week."

Unfortunately, the 50 grand didn't go very far. "We both carried some credit-card debt and student loans that some of the money went to. Besides that, I personally bought a bed. I've been sleeping on the floor since we've moved out here."

While having a good night's rest is a healthy decision, some experts believe that competitive beer-drinking games are an unhealthy choice.

Drinking games have been said to contribute to excessive drinking, commonly associated with drunk driving and sexual assault, as well as other social issues. In a recent study published in the January

issue of *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*, co-authored by San Diego State University's J.D. Clapp, findings showed that drinking games are associated with higher levels of drinking. More importantly, it revealed that participants' blood-alcohol concentrations are higher than those that don't participate in drinking games.

According to World Series winner Hughes: "It depends on the individual. Whether it's with beer pong or cards, if an individual's going to binge drink, then they'll binge drink. At the tournament there'll be some drunk kids, but they're always at the back. The ones serious about the tournament will get a little buzzed because it loosens you up and helps you play better, but they're serious about the game and about winning."

Billy Gaines, co-founder of beer pong accessory website *BPONG.com* and organizer of the World Series of Beer Pong Tournament, attributes the gaining interest in beer pong to the love

of the game and not the opportunity to drink excessively. "We got into it because we love the game of beer pong. I don't know why, but there's something about the game. I think it's really the competition. The media misrepresents the game so often. It's not about chugging. We're focused on the positive aspects, the socialization and the competition aspects of it."

Webster, of the San Diego Beer Pong League, agrees. He says that the option to replace the beer with water is available to everyone. "I haven't seen anyone using water yet, but they can."

He also weighed in on the issue of excessive drinking. "It's clear people are going to socially drink, whether they are playing games or not. Surprisingly, we find that a lot of teams in our leagues keep their drinking at reasonable level. There is nothing worse than letting your teammate down in double overtime because you are too drunk to focus." ■

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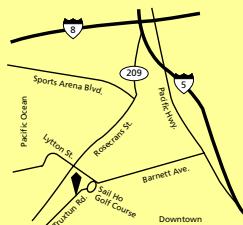
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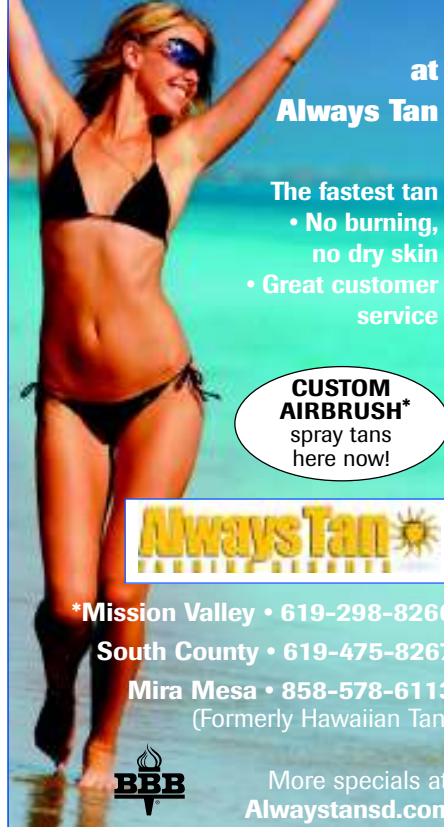


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where the culture is so different, the only thing that is common is believing in the same book.

Some sense of anger started to rise up. How could they put something on the face of a paper, something that is not even close to reality? How could they use such strong words, to me obviously, without any proper research done?

I could not read the story that morning, being in my first year of my Ph.D. program. I got carried away thinking that I need to say something. I'm glad I said to myself, first read the story, then send an email, since the big fonts on the front page reflect nothing about the stories told.

I'm greatly disturbed by the title you chose to advertise your story. It is not that the sentence itself was not used by the people you interviewed; it is because on the front page, the words put together are so out of

context with what the stories inside are telling. It is unfortunate and so sad that the *Reader*, a paper that circulates well, still resorts to these titles without considering the impact on people. I don't think the *Reader* needs these kind of provocative titles to get their copies picked up, and I'm deeply disturbed by the thought of people who did not actually pick it up and read it through and went on their ways thinking that this unacceptable act is performed in these countries mentioned.

Gulin Erdogan
via email

Waxworld

I read your article online titled "Boards Go Green" ("City Lights," May 15). I collect surf wax. I have over 2500 bars dating back to the 1950s from all over the world and a great website to show for my passion, surf waxmuseum.com. Check it out — basic, but to the point.

Casey Mills
Keizer, Oregon

Big Fumble

This is the first letter I've written to the *Reader*, though I've thought about writing many times. I am particularly incensed about the fact that the *Reader* didn't do a cover story about an event that got major nationwide coverage that occurred locally in San Diego, namely the drug sting at SDSU. Instead of some in-depth report that peels the issue back from a local angle, you have a political cartoon by Neal Obermeyer (May 15) that is accurate in its depiction but is still sarcastic and tongue-in-cheek and an article in your "Blurt" section that shows a photo of MC Chas Lomack, as if he's the face of the problem. What is that about? Why are there no photos available that show the fraternal organizations where the activities took place? Where are the frat boys that got caught up in this? I don't see any photos of them anywhere it seems, not even in *USA Today*, where I first saw that this had gotten national at-

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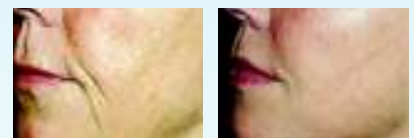
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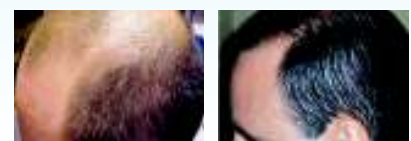
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tention. Yet, I see MC Chas Lomack — dreadlocks and all — who though involved seems to be the only supporting visual you saw fit to show in your paper regarding the event. It's an insult to the intelligence of your readers, and you seriously dropped the ball. Better luck next time.

Storm Cloud (manifest)
via email

The View From Disneyland

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peak is a \$50,000 salary increase for councilmembers not a pay increase but a salary adjustment ("Little Pay, Big Deal," "City Lights," May 8). It's only a pay raise when it's for policemen, firemen, janitors, etc.

Don't they live in a wonderful world? Sort of like Disneyland on the Bay.

Ron Engelhart
Clairemont Mesa

Basher Basher

I cannot believe the *Reader's* choice for its May 8 cover

story ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife"), let alone its publishing. The image alone, of a Navy "basher" distastefully wearing a sailor's uniform, is downright disrespectful to all in the military. I cannot believe some of the cover story's claims either. Publishing a story that makes false claims of the Navy backstabbing and bringing "out the bad in people" tarnishes the Navy's image and discourages those in-

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terested in enlisting. It leads me to believe that the *Reader* does not support our troops, even though it is published in a military town and it is circulated to all San Diego bases. I have been in the Navy for nine years and seen a lot of poor choices people make — none of which were influenced or encouraged by the Navy.

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Recognize The Truth

I just finished reading Maggie Young's story ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8), and it really moved me. I was in the Navy too, and much of what she said is so true. While reading it, it brought back a lot of memories and issues that I was dealing with. It was a great story, and thanks for expressing it.

Joey
via email

Something's Missing

Clearly there is much more to this story than the writer admits ("Confessions of a

Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8). It is a little disappointing that her story was not better scrutinized.

GEB
via email

Sea Plus

She may think she had a tough time living aboard ship ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8). I was a single first-class petty officer living on a nuclear submarine. My bunk and locker space was about half of hers; plus, the last year I was at sea we had 315 days at sea.

Clancy Sloan
Senior Engineer

Badly Dressed

The phony Navy wife is just another example of someone blaming someone else for their own problem story ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8). She enlisted on her own and then didn't like sleeping aboard ship, so she committed fraud with a phony marriage. She took the taxpayers' money so she could be more comfortable. It's a good thing she didn't



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join the Marines and have to live in a foxhole. And I question her cover picture. Not only does she dishonor the uniform, she is wearing a good conduct medal. I doubt she earned anything for good conduct. She should be in a prison jumpsuit, both for her fraud and for wearing a medal she didn't earn.

Bob Werner
via email

Maggie Young responds: A good conduct medal is earned after a sailor does three years of consecutive good behavior. I went to Captain's Mast January 9, 2007, three days

after my three-year mark. I wore my good conduct medal to be funny and ironic. My fraud charges were dropped because technically I broke no rules. There is nothing in any Navy regulations or the Uniform Code of Military Justice that states you must marry for a particular reason.

Please Pass The Listerine

Just wanted to say this is a good article calling the military out on some of their imperfections ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8). I have been a wife of a service member now for 15

years and have volunteered my time to the military.

Their commands know, as they have people who report to them and talk. The commands cover it up because it will look bad for them and their future commands, but this is not to say there aren't some good ones out there, because there are. You have your officer's wives shipping alcohol to Iraq in bottles of Cepacol or Listerine. They set up rules about no drinking at certain times, and yet their enlisted personnel have noticed the commander coming in through the gates a little too intoxicated. So if there is bitterness from this gal, I don't blame her at all.

One of the biggest complaints in the military is how they receive their promotions. There is always a big secret as to why you were not promoted. I know as civilians if we are doing bad, they call us on it and say, hey, improve here and here and maybe we will give you that promotion. This is not the way it works with the military. My husband, who has been a victim of this, has served for

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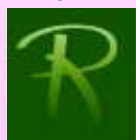
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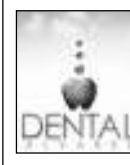
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17 years (has been overseas nine times; has never done anything that I know of with regards to his career). The reason I believe him is because any time I run into a commander, colonel, or captain, they speak very highly of him, and he has received very nice letters, etc. He is a good man, not perfect but a hardworking man. My husband has had several people review his service record to see if anything is wrong, but because Washington doesn't tell him anything or anyone anything, they don't know what to improve on. Of

course, I don't get too involved in his military regulations, but it would be nice to know why sometimes guys that have actual stuff on their service records get promoted and others like my husband do not. So needless to say, he does get a little bitter about the military now. He still loves the uniform, but he does have a little hatred. Not to say if they sent him to Iraq he wouldn't go, but those are the kind of guys that the military needs able to lead and instead they keep some chumps in the service, like the ones looking out for

themselves and not willing to help the young recruits that are now coming. Instead, after their first four years in the service, they want the hell out, so in a sense, maybe the military does bring out the bad in a person.

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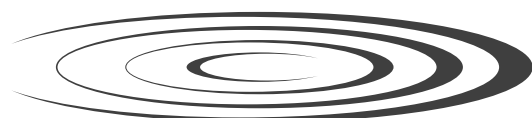
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and I know that he's simply frustrated with it all! Or, in his words, "What the f**k is the point anymore!"

He has gone through so much worry! He constantly struggles to pay rent for himself, his wife, and kids and also wonders where he's going to get enough money to feed them all. Both Ms. Young's feeling and my brother's is that the military does indeed screw you over. I'm reminded of the phrase "To be the Man, you have to beat the Man." I mean, you are given such a lousy salary that it's hard to simply exist, for Christ's

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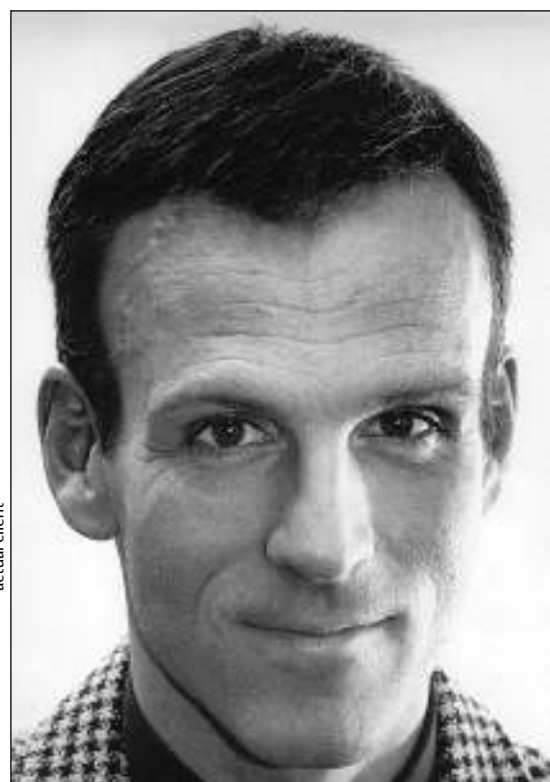
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for all of their sacrifice, never forsaking them or their families; at the very least, making sure they have enough money to buy food and be able to afford decent housing.

Thank you for such a well-written article, and I hope to see more of Maggie Young's publications in the near future.

Gerardo G. Aguiñiga
Coronado

Our Thoughts In Print

A generally well-written piece about a very significant military — not just Navy — issue ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8). The system of rewarding marriage with tremendous

pay is well known in the service and often discussed in the ranks but rarely in formal writing. The many extremely defamatory responses in the May 15 letters section are unwarranted but not surprising. Hopefully Ms. Young will not be shaken but will continue writing and consider law school afterwards.

Good luck.

Name Withheld
By Request

The Truth Hurts

I think she is just telling the truth about Navy life for young sailors ("Confessions of a Phony Navy Wife," Cover Story, May 8), and sometimes the truth hurts. But instead of dealing with the issues, senior enlisted

would rather punish the one telling the truth. Is it correct to cheat on your spouse overseas? No, but they do. What is the solution — how do we correct or stop this type of negative behavior? I wish her good luck!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Name Withheld
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Hot Air Balloon

Duncan Shepherd, in his review of *Flight of the Red Balloon* (Movie Review, May 8), maintains that a film consisting of artistically designed camera shots can be engaging. Apparently he doesn't require that these visual exercises actually tell a story. After waiting an hour and a half for some sort of meaningful

event, I decided that the dramatic high point of the movie had to be the tuning of the heroine's piano. *Flight of the Red Balloon* is an empty, tedious, colossal bore.

Andrew J. Crane
via email

A Trip To Roam

I enjoy reading every one of Jerry Schad's installments of "Roam-O-Rama." I lived in the San Diego area for 21 years before moving to Orange County in 1995 and twice a month, on average, spent at least a Saturday (if not a full weekend camping) in the mountains or desert. I am familiar with most of the places he covers and long to get back down there at every opportunity.



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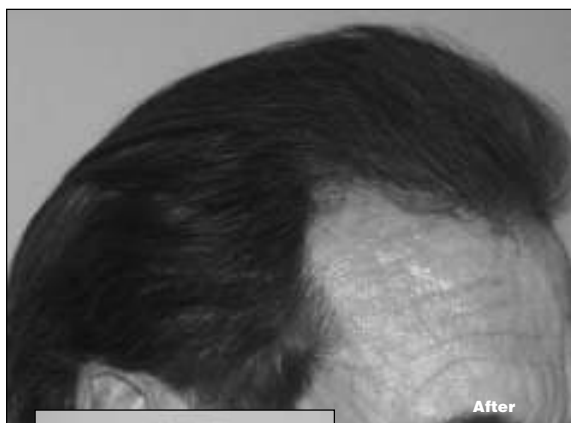
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Orange County does not have the expanse of back-country that San Diego does, but I enjoy checking out all his descriptions of interesting spots in this area as well.

And thanks to the *Reader* and Jerry for continuing to make the “Roam-O-Rama” available online.

Steve Grant
via email

The Treasure That Is Tim

Regarding Jennifer Cooke’s “King of the Casbah” story (May 1) featuring visionary Tim Mays, owner, businessman, organizer, a fan of music, and many other credits to his name. He has a legacy to be admired.

Also let it be known Tim is partly responsible for creating the metal underground scene in San Diego as far back as 1984. To my recollection, as a promoter, Tim Mays took on uncharted territory that had been neglected, unorganized, and abandoned. He managed to bring signed metal bands to San Diego — bands that were not mainstream friendly, bands that catered to the underground masses. It was a movement that most San Diegans never knew existed or didn’t care. The fact is, Tim Mays cared, the hardcore punk scene cared, and the metal scene cared. There were plenty of venues that opened their doors as well. Adams Avenue Theater, Wabash Hall, Palisades Theater, Carpenters Hall, Jackie Robinson YMCA, Club Mirage, Rio’s nightclub.

One legendary metal event took place at the famous California Theater downtown on the evening of April 18, 1985 — Venom from England and Slayer from L.A., with local metal act Bible Black opening the show. This was Tim Mays, Goldenvoice Presents. I still have the flyer and ticket stub that bears the name. To everyone’s amazement, the theater was packed, including the balcony. Of course, this wasn’t a sold-out show. Remember, this is the underground, but whoever attended on that rare evening took part in metal history in San Diego, and there would be more epic shows to come throughout the entire decade.

Adding to this phenom-

enon there were other promoters here in San Diego very involved within the ’80s. They all contributed and put San Diego on the metal map and established a very strong, unified underground music scene. Harlan from Finesse Entertainment, Skintite promoters, Sodomatic Productions, Goldenvoice Presents from L.A., and visionary successor Tim Mays. The dedication among the entire underground was incredible: fans that spread the word through fanzines, tape trading, letter writing by mail, making flyers, self-promoting, selling tickets, etc. All the independent record shops were very supportive to the cause.

With all of this happening and the word was out, every touring metal band signed or not wanted to play here, and they did indeed. How many people would know that a little unknown band called Metallica played at the Backdoor venue at SDSU on March 9, 1985, with Armored Saint. There were maybe 400 metal maniacs in attendance.

Another rare moment here in San Diego to reflect upon and very important to those who were there who stuck it out through thick and thin through the ’80s and beyond, promoters like Tim Mays that had a vision and persevered and enjoyed it all because he was also a fan of this music. A time in San Diego history that shall never be forgotten.

Tony D. Metal
Spring Valley

Comments from Reader Website

Cover Story Published May 15

Posted by KansasGirl on May 17, 12:38 p.m.

You can wrap this “nonsense” up in pretty wrapping paper and stick a bow on it. I still won’t buy any of this! They are trying to take over “my” country.

These people live under degradable conditions in life. Don’t even “try” to force this upon me in my country. The countries they come from are so successful, aren’t they! GOD bless America! The person who wrote this tripe is a fool.

Posted by SanDiegoMuslim on May 18, 12:11 p.m.

I find the cover some-

what sensationalistic though.

Though the article seems balanced for the most part, the bias of the author is still evident.

Blurt Published May 15

Posted by Karl on May 16, 1:11 p.m.

I am not sure I understand the purpose of this article. Is there not enough new local music that we need to talk about what happened at a concert 29 years ago? Each week does Blurt have a concert from 40 years ago listed? A past show might be interesting to a few people, but I think the majority of us are curious about the now.

Posted by Donny on May 16, 2:58 p.m.

Maybe some of us that were around back then want to hear about this kind of stuff!

When i read this story it brought back great memory’s of that night!

Thanks Jay!

Cover Story Published May 8

Posted by vanillabeen on May 13, 12:48 p.m.

It is unfortunate to see those cast judgement on a lifestyle they have never lived. If you have lived it and survived then you are some of the lucky ones. We forget those who have lost their lives aren’t always the ones who are fighting on the battle field or dead. You sacrifice a lot to serve and you expect a little respect in return. It is a hard life with as many benefits as downfalls. And there is a constant battle here at home and most don’t even know about it. My story was a little different and yet in a way the same. I too witnessed the hypocrisy of the United States Military. The code states Honor, Courage and Commitment. But sometimes the only way to survive the system is to make it work for you when it won’t stand behind you when you need it the most. Otherwise, what good are you going to be when your country needs you the most?

Fallbrook, the Beautiful

They Don't Clap Between Movements

I believe that in the history of the Fallbrook Music Society you would find a group of people who moved here, who enjoyed music and arts, and thought, "Boy, it's a pain to have to drive to Los Angeles, Orange County, or San Diego to hear really good music," says Bob Leonard, executive director of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.

The Fallbrook Music Society was founded 30 years ago when the town's population was less than 15,000 (today it is 40,000). To raise the funds needed to schedule the first three concerts (\$21,000 in

1978), founders spent two months calling every person in the Fallbrook phone book to ask for contributions.

"They actually had to wait until after their work — one was a real estate agent, the other a financial adviser," says Brenda Montiel, president of the society.

On Sunday, May 25, the Fallbrook Music Society presents the Redlands Symphony Orchestra, which will perform "America the Beautiful," highlighting the works of great American composers. As part of the performance, Jon Robertson, conductor and music director of the Redlands Symphony Orchestra, will also perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with the orchestra.

The Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts in Fallbrook seats 532. "This is a theater that was built on the campus of Fallbrook High School, so it became part of

the district, but it was voted to be the community theater as well as the theater used by the school," says Montiel. "When they built this theater, they brought in an acoustician."

Montiel says that acoustic curtains and the curvature of the structure enhance the sound of the performance. "What it does is it allows the performers on stage to hear one another. Often [in theaters with poor acoustics], when a group will perform you get a large sound from the orchestra, but you don't hear what's happening with some of the inner voices, like flutes and trombones."

The Fallbrook Music Society provides lodging for musicians in one of Fallbrook's three small hotels. For one recent performance, 30 of one hotel's 50 rooms went to members of a symphony. "All these groups are major performing groups that may perform in Carnegie Hall in New York and then fly out here to Fallbrook," says Montiel. Some past and upcoming groups to perform for the society are the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin, the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra from Budapest, the Orchestra of Camerata Ireland, and the Aulos Ensemble from New York.

Attendance averages around 450 people and is growing. About 75 percent of the audience is from Fallbrook; most of the remainder are from San Diego County.

According to Leonard, the archetypal resident of Fallbrook is a VP of a major corporation who, drawn to the climate and rural scenery, decides to build a house, buy an avocado grove, and retire in the area, supplementing his retirement funds with



Jon Robertson (conducting) and members of the Redlands Symphony

revenues gleaned from the grove. The 2005 census shows more than 32 percent of all households reported annual incomes of over \$100,000. Leonard says that the typical resident and spouse were most likely supporters of the arts in the larger city from which they came.

Art creators, he says, are drawn to the area because of the supportive community. "Eight or ten years ago somebody asked, 'Hey, has anybody noticed that we have 250 artists living here?' and the response was, 'Wouldn't it be nice if they had a place here in town to display some of their works?'" Ten galleries are listed in downtown Fallbrook. Leonard mentions that one artist routinely sells paintings from his home for upwards of \$50,000.

The Redlands Symphony Orchestra has been performing in Fallbrook for seven years. Conductor Jon Robertson, who has

performed in theaters across four continents, looks forward to returning to Fallbrook. "The acoustics are excellent, and the audience is very receptive and actually quite knowledgeable," says Robertson. "For one thing, they don't clap between movements, which is a major sign that they're used to these kinds of performances."

— Barbarella

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"UCSD Up-and-Coming Student Film Fest 2008" Matt Swagler and the Dirty Birds play "eclectic and electric musical pieces," followed by ArtPower! Film's inaugural juried student film fest in Price Center Theater. Ten films will be recognized for outstanding achievement. Discussion with panel of media industry experts follows. Donation. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.; University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Born Into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids Zana Briski and

Ross Kauffman's 2004 film screens for Indian Film Festival. 619-696-1969. Wednesday, May 28, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Delirious Steve Buscemi, Alison Lohman, Michael Pitt star in Tom DiCillo's 2006 "wicked lark" of a film, screening for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Eraserhead David Lynch's — creepy? disturbing? — 1977 feature film directorial debut screens for spring film festival (rescheduled from October due to wildfires). 858-454-3541. Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Harold and Maude Cult classic showcased for "Stone Late-Night Movie." Cameron Crowe's Vinyl Films Records recently released first official version of film's soundtrack — on limited-edition vinyl — and they'll be on hand to award a copy to *Harold and Maude* trivia contest winner. Film screens on 11.5-foot-wide screen outdoors. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and "get comfy." 760-471-4999. Wednesday, May 28, 9 p.m.; Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

What Would Jesus Buy? See this "serious docu-comedy about the commercialization of Christmas" by producer Morgan Spurlock and director Rob VanAlkemade during DVD-release party. 619-282-0437. Tuesday, May 27, 7 p.m.; Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

FOR KIDS

"Sunday Stories" Celebrate Water Awareness Month during water and water-conservation-themed story times. 619-702-4200. Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, May 25, 2008, Borders Books and Music—Gaslamp, 668 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tots and Tales" Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Thursday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.; \$3. Ages 2 and up. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

The Wonderful World of Puppets Around the World Big Joe Productions performances continue through Sunday, May 25. Next up: *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* performed by the Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers, May 28-June 1. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, May 22, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 23, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 11 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball Author, illustrator Kadir Nelson discusses his new book; he'll be introduced by baseball historian Bill Swank, and joined by Negro League pitcher Walter McCoy. 858-456-1800. Saturday, May 24,

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Freedom, Prosperity, Peace Ron Paul plans booksigning, talk to "show San Diego's legislators that we want principled and honest government in the White House and in our local government." Howard Shelly of Euro Pacific Capital will also speak. 619-952-3620. Friday, May 23, noon; City Hall, 1200 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Historian and Author Alex Ker-shaw discusses, signs *Escape from the Deep*, his book chronicling "story of the only men to have escaped from a submarine during World War II." Kershaw will be joined by Bill "Boats" Liebold, a survivor from the submarine in the story. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Kusun Ensemble Enjoy dance and drumming from Ghana, West Africa. Suggested reservations: 619-641-6123. Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$12. City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Kusun Ensemble, Day II Troupe from Ghana, West Africa, presents dance and drumming. Suggested reservations: 619-230-1190. Friday, May 23, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Latin Comedy Show 619-220-TIXS. Friday, May 23, 7 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. 4th & B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Open-Mike Night Bistro hosts open-mike opportunities every Thursday, including music, "non-vulgar comedy," poetry, more. 858-485-5856. Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.; Kashtan European Market and Bistro, 12125 Alta Carmel Court. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Student Directed One-Act Plays San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts "Production and Performance" class presents final drama performances

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BORN INTO BROTHELS: CALCUTTA'S RED LIGHT KIDS
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of the school year, May 28-June 1. 619-475-8556. Wednesday, May 28, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

The Fate of Humanity! "Twilight" series author Stephanie Meyer signs her first novel for adults, *The Host*, during event hosted by Warwick's Bookstore. Ticket price includes signed copy of the book. Reservations: 858-454-0347. Friday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.; \$30. Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Toe-Tapping, Finger-Snapping Fun! Musical theater department at Coronado School of the Arts hosts annual musical theater revue. Selections from musicals including *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Little Shop of Horrors*; dancing including tap, jazz, hip-hop, ballet. 619-522-4050. Wednesday, May 28, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

LECTURES

"Childhood Diseases" Doctors Evan Snyder and Fred Levine present up-to-date research on various childhood diseases for Distinguished Author Series. Required RSVP: 858-362-1141. Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.; Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Expert Witnessing and Scientific Testimony: Surviving in the Courtroom" It's the topic when Forensic Expert Witness Association gathers. Retired judge Robert E. May is "specialist in managing complex multi-party cases...respected for his fairness and capacity to keep the most contentious cases on track." 949-640-9903. Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.; \$45-\$60. Doubletree Hotel San Diego, 7450 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Four Corners" Seminar San Diego Writers/Editors Guild hosts writer, teacher, speaker Yvonne

Nelson Perry and her popular program, with four guest experts "simultaneously" speaking on fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, and poetry. 760-471-5323. Monday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Global Warming: The Population Connection" Joseph J. Bookstein, M.D., emeritus research professor of radiology at UCSD, addresses the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry. 619-421-5844. Sunday, May 25, 7 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

"Hip Hostess" Brush up on party-planning skills with Jenn Sbranti at House of Hospitality. Learn "easy, modern ideas" for your next summer bash. Registration: 502-774-7443. Thursday, May 22, 6 p.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"How to Plant Rare Fruit Trees" Get the skinny when California Rare Fruit Growers host "Rare Fruit Introductory Class" in

room 104. Classes offer opportunity to learn to grow fruit varieties including jujube, capulin cherry, raisin tree, pitahaya, longan, jaboticaba, tropical guava, passion fruit, wax jambu, ice cream bean. 619-261-3610. Wednesday, May 28, 6 p.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Intermediate Floral Arranging: Exhibition Table" San Diego Floral Association hosts class for those with basic background in floral design led by Kathy Taylor de Murillo in Casa del Prado, room 104. Participants create "exhibition table designs for flower shows." One in a frame, one in a niche. Reservations, supply list: 619-232-5762. Tuesday, May 27, 9:30 a.m.; \$25-\$35. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Jewish Composers/Jewish Music in the 20th Century" UCSD professor Steven Cassedy presents three conversations from the piano for San Diego Jewish Music Festival. Each of Cassedy's lecture-recitals includes emphasis on music written for piano and include both demonstration and performance at piano. Series concludes with consideration of Ernest Bloch and Darius Milhaud on May 27. 858-362-1348. Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.; \$9-\$12. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Magyars Among Us: Hungarian Expatriate Artists in the U.S." Lilla Szabó, curator at Hungarian National Gallery in Budapest, provides context for Joseph Domjan among his fellow Hungarian expatriate artists, from late 19th Century through present. Talk in conjunction with "Hungarian Folk Magic — The Art of Joseph Domja." Reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Thursday, May 22, noon; \$10-\$15. Mingee International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Settlement and Ceremony at Landing Hill: A Place Remembered" Andrew York addresses San Diego County Archaeological Society, focusing on results of Hellman Ranch archaeological project in city of Seal Beach, describe major findings at Landing Hill, and consider them in light of regional models of Southern California prehistory. 858-538-0935. Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.; Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Sex and the Single Parrot" Parrot Education and Adoption Center seminar at 2:45 p.m., following a look at "Avian Diseases: The Four Ps" at 1 p.m. in room D-6. Reservations: 619-287-8200. Sunday, May 25, 1 p.m.; \$15. Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Family Tree Maker, Part 2" Dorothy Miller focuses on advantages and disadvantages of newly revised version of the widely used computer genealogy software program for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 760-630-5720. Tuesday, May 27, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"The Zoro Butterfly Garden" Maureen Austin, founder and executive director of Center to Help Instill Respect and Preservation of Garden Wildlife (CHIRP) plans illustrated lecture and brings butterfly larvae to next Mission Hills Garden Club meeting. Austin helped Alpine become first town certified by National Wildlife Federation as a wildlife habitat. Social (6 p.m.) followed by meeting (6:30 p.m.). 619-295-7944. Wednesday, May 28, 6 p.m.; Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Claim a Revolutionary War Ancestor? Daughters of the American Revolution host genealogy workshop; learn to organize family records, gather information from family members, secure certificates, search federal census records, more. RSVP: 858-535-8032. Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m.; La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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Mental Health Awareness Luncheon Elyn R. Saks speaks about her lifelong struggle with paranoid schizophrenia for Mental Health Committee of Jewish Family Service of San Diego. Saks is currently associate dean and professor at USD's Gould School of Law, author of *The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness*. Reservations: 858-637-3231. Wednesday, May 28, 11 a.m.; \$42. Doubletree Hotel San Diego, 7450 Hazard Center Drive. (MISSION VALLEY)

Plunging into the Unknown! Improvisational performances on tap. 858-534-3229. Wednesday, May 28, 8 p.m.; Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Perched several hundred feet up on a rocky slope north of Escondido, Dixon Lake stores drinking water and serves as a recreational resource as well. The lake's camping facilities, picnic grounds, playgrounds, boat rentals, hiking trails, and fishing opportunities are enough to draw a steady stream of visitors seven days a week.

To get there from San Diego, exit Interstate 15 at El Norte Parkway in north Escondido. Drive three miles east and make a left turn (north) on La Honda Drive. Drive one mile uphill to the end of the road, where you will find the Dixon Lake entry station. (Just short of the lake entrance, you'll notice the parking lot/staging area for the Daley Ranch preserve, which these days is a major magnet for hikers and mountain bikers.)

Dixon Lake itself offers just enough trail mileage to make a stop here worthwhile for hikers. Using paths along the shoreline and a dirt access road that swings upward onto a slope, you can piece together a leisurely loop offering consistently nice views of the lake, plus more distant vistas of the mini-metropolis of Escondido and (sometimes) the coastal cities and ocean beyond. In recent years, trail maintenance has been scarce at Dixon Lake, and some former designated footpaths have disappeared. Nevertheless, the following route should work.

Just beyond the entry station, find and follow the Jack Creek Trail, which goes south past a grassy picnic area, descends steeply to join the strip of riparian vegetation alongside trickling Jack Creek, and emerges at Dixon Lake's northernmost cove (0.2 mile into the hike). Along the way you'll notice several common native plants — buckwheat, manzanita, chamise, California sagebrush, black sage, ceanothus, laurel sumac, toyon, willow, and live oak — and some non-native (planted) acacia and eucalyptus trees. The flowering of blue-blossoming ceanothus shrubs may be over by now, but the delicate, red monkey flower plants should remain in bloom at least through May.

Once you reach the cove — a serene spot with a great view of the lake's placid waters — stay left, following the Shoreline Trail. You pass a fishing pier, and probably plenty of folks fishing from the lakeshore itself. After 1.1 miles total (or 0.9 mile along the shoreline), further travel is prohibited in the direction of the dam ahead. Follow the dirt road, however, that sinuously climbs the

slope to the left. On it, you enjoy an ever-widening view of the distant landscape. The road crests at a point 250 feet higher than the surface of the lake, and drops a little to a junction with another dirt road on the left (1.8 miles). Turn left, descend to the next road junction (2.1 miles), and make a right turn to head straight back to your starting point.

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



California poppy, Dixon Lake

DIXON LAKE

Ramble along Dixon Lake's shoreline in the hills above Escondido.

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OUTDOORS

"June Gloom," the generally dreary, overcast, late spring weather

along San Diego's coastline, has already begun and could intensify next month. Occasionally, the low clouds will linger for several days. This is usually triggered by a

"Catalina eddy," in which moist marine air drawn inland from the area around Santa Catalina Island forms low clouds over a wide area. In the absence of Catalina eddy condi-

tions, San Diego's inland areas, at least, experience plenty of midday and afternoon sunshine.

Wildflowers of San Diego County's highest mountains are in

full bloom this week. Take a walk along any trail above 4500 feet in the Laguna, Cuyamaca, or Palomar mountains and enjoy a palette of colors ranging from crimson red to indigo blue. Among the most common varieties are lupine (blue, occasionally yellow), wallflower (yellow), paintbrush (red), scarlet bugler (red), beard tongue (blue-purple), checker (lavender), woolly blue curls (violet), forget-me-not (white), wild hyacinth (purple), and yarrow (yellow and white).

Mule Deer by the Dozens continue to roam through the 25,000-acre 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.

Audubon Society Bird Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water to explore Tecolote Canyon. 858-581-9944. Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Birding at Batiquitos Explore Batiquitos Lagoon for birds with Barbara Moore of Audubon Society. 858-755-7133. Saturday, May 24, 8 a.m.; Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate Water Awareness Month Walkabout hosts walk with park ranger and discussion of water conservation for gardeners; route includes hike through Florida Canyon (with hills), visit to two desert gardens and Australian Garden. Meet at west side of fountain in front of Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. 619-232-2112. Sunday, May 25, 9:45 a.m.; Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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Desert Garden Tour Bizarre trees, cacti, succulents showcased when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Discover Downtown Escondido Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Fiesta Island Beach Cleanup Bay cleanup hosted by Coastkeeper. (Turn right after you turn onto Fiesta Island Road, meet in dirt parking area just after your turn.) Wear closed-toed shoes. 619-758-7743. Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m.; Fiesta Island, Fiesta Island Road.

Fried Eggs Over Easy! Last chance to gaze on white matilija poppies with yellow "yolks" during guided walk in Mission Trails Regional Park. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 24, 8:30 a.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Head for the Hills Trail repair work continues in Paso Picacho area of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Registration: 619-851-2285. Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m.; Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 40 miles east of San Diego. (JULIAN)

Relax — Go Native! Enjoy interpretive walks on trails lush with native plants. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails

Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Trash Pickup in Lopez Canyon Help clean trash out of Lopez Canyon. 858-538-8066. Sunday, May 25, 9 a.m.; Lopez Ridge Park, 7245 Calle Cristobal. (MIRA MESA)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

"2008 Baja XC Cup" Mountain-biking competition. 011-52-646-177-0925. Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m.; \$20. Pista Rancho Las Cruces, Tecate-Ensenada Highway. (BAJA)

"La Roña...Se Pega" Dario T. Pie does his best impersonation, of María Félix. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, May 23, 8 p.m.; Centro

Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

"The Young Scene" Concert Series Under direction of Maestro Luis Salazar, the Pre-Orquesta del Centro de Estudios Musicales of UABC School of Arts performs Beethoven's "Symphony No. 1" in Foro Experimental. 011-52-646-173-4307 and 011-52-646-173-4308. Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.; Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

Armando Manzanero The Latin American musician and composer, "considered the premiere Mexican romantic composer of the postwar era," is joined by actress and Mexican singer Susana Zabaleta in concert. 011-52-664-688-1080. Thursday, May 22, 8 p.m.; Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

Banda el Recodo Concert. 011-52-646-172-3022. Friday, May 23, 8 p.m.; \$20-\$90. Campo Nuevo Ensenada, Avenida Diamante and Pedro Loyola. (BAJA)

First Corrida of the Season Matadors Leonardo Benítez, Uriel "El Zapata" Moreno, and José Mauricio meet up with bulls from Los Encinos for first bullfight of season. 011-52-664-686-1219. Sunday, May 25, 4 p.m.; Monumental Bullring by the Sea. (BAJA)

International Book Fair Author appearances, concerts, activities, Friday, May 23-Sunday, June 1, between 7th and 8th Street on Avenida Revolución. 011-52-664-684-8609. Friday, May 23, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.; Sun-

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day, May 25, 10 a.m.; Monday, May 26, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, May 27, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, May 28, 10 a.m.; Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

La Misión Fiesta Family-style country festival is held at site of San Miguel Arcangel de la Frontera Mission (take La Fonda exit from Tijuana-Ensenada free road). Fiesta kicks off on Saturday with sports contests (8 a.m.), rodeo contests (3 p.m.), folkloric dancing (4 p.m.), 11th annual State Calabaceado Dance Festival (4:30 p.m.), cowboy camp, bonfire, and dance (8 p.m.).

Sunday's festivities include civic parade (10 a.m.), inauguration ceremonies (noon), folkloric

dance groups (12:30-5 p.m.), a *cabalgata* (procession of costumed horseback riders; 2 p.m.), rodeo (3:15 p.m.), performance of *Nativo*, a music and dance production based on history of Baja California (5 p.m.). Event concludes with live music for dancing (8 p.m.-midnight). 011-52-664-682-1697. Saturday, May 24, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m.; San Miguel Arcangel de la Frontera Mission, at km 65.5 on Tijuana-Ensenada free road. (BAJA)

Led Zepagain Led Zeppelin tribute band in concert. 011-52-664-685-9655. Saturday, May 24, 8 p.m.; \$25. Tia Juana Tilly's, Avenida Revolución and 7th Street. (BAJA)

Orquesta de Baja California Symphony directed by Iván del Prado with horn soloist Jon Gustely performs "Música Acuática (Water

Music)" in Foro Experimental. 011-52-646-173-4307 and 011-52-646-173-4308. Saturday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.; \$5. Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

"A Day in the Life of Carlsbad and Karlovy Vary" The Carlsbad Sister City program award-winning photographs showing life through eyes of European and American teens from May 19-30. Exhibition is result of competitions in which teens in Carlsbad and sister city Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, submitted photos based on "A Day in the Life" of their hometowns. 760-434-2904. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.; Mondays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Friday, May 30, 2008, Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"The Art of Photography Show" Show producer Steven Churchill leads guided tour, discusses the work, answers questions on this international exhibition in Lyceum Theatre Gallery. More than 12,200 entries were submitted by artists from 46 countries; 102 selected for inclusion by juror Carol McCusker. Closes Friday, May 23. 858-793-0900. Thursday, May 22, 5 p.m.; Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Mind of Krishnamurti" SDSU Library hosts the traveling exhibit "The Mind of Krishnamurti: World Citizen, World Teacher" in reference services area on first floor of library addition. 619-594-4303. Thursdays; Fridays; through Friday, May 23, 2008, San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Be a Grunion Groupie! Scripps naturalists share "the amazing tale of the elusive California grunion." Learn how these unique fish run? up on local beaches, lay their eggs in moist sand. Watch baby

grunion hatch before your eyes. Included in aquarium admission. 858-534-4109. Saturdays, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; through Sunday, June 15, 2008, Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Big Ray's Classic Car and Cycle Show San Diego Auto Swap features classics, hot rods, cycles, high-performance vehicles on display (in conjunction with Kobey's Swap Meet). Vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." 858-484-9342. Sunday, May 25, 7 a.m.; San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Breaking Through TeleMagica 2008 art and music festival with music by more than 30 indie bands, camping, healing booths, fires in designated areas. Admission — \$20 per day, \$60 for five days — includes access to all stages and galleries, camping, parking, use of facilities. 619-766-9227. Thursday, May 22, 5 p.m.; Friday, May 23, 6 a.m.; Saturday, May 24, 6 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 6 a.m.; Monday, May 26, 6 a.m.; \$20-\$60. Institute of Perception, 1 Railroad Street. (INLAND BORDER TOWNS)

Celebrate Memorial Day Day of Remembrance ceremonies include music, wreath tribute, speeches, cannon and rifle salute, bagpipe music, readings. Keynote speaker is Brigadier General Angela Salinas. 619-553-2084. Monday, May 26, 8:45 a.m.; Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Critical of Kant? How important is Immanuel Kant to Western thought? Ponder and expound with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-

1027. Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m.; The Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Dig In! Sixth annual Lebanese food festival, May 23-25. Enjoy tastes of Lebanon, along with live music, dancing, performances all day, variety of booths. 619-337-1350. Friday, May 23, 6 p.m.; Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 9 a.m.; \$1. St. Ephrem Catholic Church, 750 Medford Street. (EL CAJON)

Ethnic Food Fair Enjoy food from over 30 nations (for sale), along with native costumes, ethnic music, songs, dancing. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Ready to Rubik! Third annual "San Diego Rubik's Cube Competition" promises "cube masters" tackling competitive events — solving the puzzle in less than 30 seconds, or while blindfolded. Admission for spectators is included in paid museum admission. Competitors register in advance, pay fee. 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m.; \$10-\$15. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Knee Slappin' and Toe-Tappin' Valley Center Western Days 2008 run May 23-25. Events begin on Friday with bank robbery (5 p.m.), carnival (6-10 p.m.), "Marshall's Posse Showdown," honorary mayor's race. Free.

Organizers plan Rotary Club pancake breakfast in front of Valley Center Pharmacy (7-9:30 a.m.); \$6.50 adults, \$5 for kids), "God Bless America" parade (10 a.m.), carnival (noon-11:30 p.m.), sheep dog trial, "Marshall's Posse Showdowns," music by Cash'd Out (7 p.m.). General admission to Saturday's events: \$3.

On Sunday, local performers take stage all day (10 a.m.-5 p.m.), festival (10 a.m.), sheep dog trials, more "Marshall's Posse Showdowns," carnival (10 a.m.-5 p.m.). Sunday admission: free. 760-749-8472. Friday, May 23, 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 24, 7 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m.; Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Memorial Day Book Sale Kensington/Normal Heights Friends of the Library will hold annual sale; items on offer include audio books, CD's, videos. 619-533-3974. Monday, May 26, 10 a.m.; Kensington Library, 4121 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON-TALMADGE)

Open-Case Days Ever wanted to open a museum exhibit case and play instruments on display? Museum opens its violin exhibit cases to allow professional and amateur musicians the chance to play on selection of acoustic and electric violins from today's top makers. Offered last Monday of each month, by appointment only: 760-438-5996 x212. Monday, May 26; Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

SDReader.com Launch Party Join us for the launch party of the new *SDReader.com* at the Beach bar on the roof of the W Hotel. Sip Tommy Bahama rum cocktails and mingle with *Reader* staffers while X1FM's Chris Cantore deejays. Raffles! Drinks! Tunes! Personalities! All we ask in return is an RSVP. Send it to: rsvpWSD@whotels.com. Wednesday, May 28, 7 p.m. Ages 21 and up. W

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San Diego, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Spirit West Coast Christian music festival with more than 40 performers on seven stages, comedians, food, other attractions. Bands include Third Day, newsboys, Matthew West, Stellar Kart, Disciple, Skillet, Seventh Day Slumber, many others. Also planned: contemporary Bible and life application teaching by speakers, action activities for all ages, action sports and games, shopping. Tickets available for single days, in packages. 408-377-9232. Friday, May 23, 1 p.m.; Saturday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 9:30 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Vista Village Chocolate Festival Street fair and festival take place along Main Street between South Santa Fe Avenue and Vista Village Drive. "Chocolate Alley" with vendors selling wares, chocolate dessert baking competition, music by Peter Hall, food court, kids' rides, more. 760-414-9391. Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m.; Vista Village, 25 Main Street. (VISTA)

SPORTS

Big Lagoon Ride Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 50-mile "fun ride." 619-562-2882. Saturday, May 24, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Boys of Spring Cincinnati Reds are in town for games May 22-25. Next up, the Washington Nationals arrive for games May 27-29. Game broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, May 22, 7:05 p.m.; Friday, May 23, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, May 24, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, May 25, 1:05 p.m.; Tuesday, May 27, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, May 28, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

No Brakes, No Gears! Tuesday night bicycle racing season continues with racing in many categories. Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 30, 2008, San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Ready for a Steep Summit Climb? San Diego Trail Run Series continues. "Only experts can expect to run the entire distance...most runners will have to jog or walk

though passes." 619-890-6067. Saturday, May 24, 8 a.m.; \$25-\$40. Black Mountain Community Park, 12115-A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Region-One Arabian Horse Show Competition runs May 28-June 1. 619-993-4169. Wednesday, May 28, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Showpark County II Horse Show 858-481-9085. Saturday, May 24, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 25, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Spinnin' Wheels Meet up with Knickerbiker bicyclists for approximately 25-mile ride starting in Trophy's parking lot. Show up and help determine route, lunch spot (bring money). 619-787-7427. Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m.; Trophy's in Costa Verde shopping center, 4282 Esplanade Court. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

Marston House Museum Historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store

founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

San Diego Tug Boat Museum A 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. Harbor Drive, 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)



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Violinist Orin Hildestad Concert promises some of Hildestad's favorite modern music. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, May 22. (LA JOLLA)

Beloved Coloratura Repertoire! All-Italian operatic aria program planned by 18-year-old soprano Alize Rozsnyai. She will attend the International Institute of Vocal Arts in Chiari, Italy and Dolara Zajick Institute for Dramatic Voices this summer. Pianist Diane Snodgrass

joins soprano for music from Handel to Puccini. Donations benefit singer's upcoming travel expenses. 858-592-9790. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (16275 Pomerado Road), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 24. (POWAY)

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble Group from Russia presents selections "from sacred music and ancient Russian chants and folk songs to modern compositions and transpositions of popular melodies." Offering. 760-757-3560. First Presbyterian Church — Oceanside (2001 El Camino Real), 4 p.m., Saturday, May 24. (OCEANSIDE)

Organ Concert San Diego civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 25. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Symphony Salute to Americana" Poway Community Symphony Orchestra performs works by American composers. Selections include Copland's "An Outdoor Overture" and "Sketches from Rodeo," *Scenes from Porgy and Bess* by Gershwin, "Rhapsody in Blue" with Steve Baker, piano soloist. 858-673-9702. Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road), 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 25. (POWAY)

"America the Beautiful" Redlands Symphony Orchestra, conductor and pianist Jon Robertson perform "Rhapsody in Blue," "Variations on America" by Ives, "Poem" (with flute solo) by Griffes, Copland's "Rodeo," Bernstein's "Four Symphonic Dances" from *West Side Story*, for Fallbrook Music Society. 760-451-8644. Bob

Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, May 25. (FALLBROOK)

"Jewish Composers/Jewish Music in the 20th Century" UCSD professor Steven Cassedy presents three conversations from the piano for San Diego Jewish Music Festival. Each of Cassedy's lecture-recitals includes emphasis on music written for piano and include both demonstration and performance at piano. Series concludes with consideration of Ernest Bloch and Darius Milhaud on May 27. 858-362-1348. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 27. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

Fujiko Isomura Solo Exhibition Solo show opens with reception. Work by this artist "combines iconic images from both Japan and America." Through Friday, May 23. 619-462-5760. Gallery La Mesa (8808 La Mesa Boulevard). 6 p.m., Friday, May 23. (LA MESA)

Aquatic Watercolors! Artist Tracy Taylor visits gallery to paint with Wyland. 805-748-7477. Wyland Gallery La Jolla (1025 Prospect Street). 4 p.m., Saturday, May 24. (LA JOLLA)

"Art of the Individual: Creating Meaningful Lives" Opening reception for exhibit of work by McNeil Sargent, Ruth Platner, and Dorothy Annette; live music by Reno Chalice and Annette, noon-2 p.m. Through Sunday, July 13. 760-795-6120. Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard), noon, Saturday, May 24. (CARLSBAD)

Aquatic Watercolor Artist Tracy Taylor paints with Wyland. 805-748-7477. Wyland Gallery Seaport Village (849 West Harbor Drive). 10 a.m., Sunday, May 25. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum "Innocence Is Questionable" is composed of work by six renowned San Diego-based artists: Jean Lowe, Ernest Silva, Raul Guerrero, Iana Quesnell, May-ling Martinez, and Yvonne Venegas. Each artist is recipient of 2006/2007 San Diego Art Prize. Through May. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum "Hungarian Folk Magic — The Art of Joseph Domjan" includes several of this master woodblock printer's pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. "Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes." Closes Sunday, October 5.

"American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition." Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 220); "Scholar's Rocks" is English name most commonly used for these items. American viewing stone collecting began with first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and suiseki.

The "Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio" are likely from a 19th-Century edition of Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits are ongoing. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County More than 50 items are included in "Artful Armadillos," on display through Sunday, September 7. The pieces are created from materials including wood, ceramics, metal, and

shells, from collection of Katarina Real-Cate.

"Art of Play: Kinetic Toys of the World" — closing Sunday, June 29 — features objects that move when manipulated. See kites from many countries, pull- and push-toys, antique mechanical banks, puppets, wooden toys. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown "Maya Lin: Systematic Landscapes" features recent sculptures, drawings, large-scale installations exploring "landscape as both form and content, as well as the role technology plays in visualizing and transforming our world." Exhibition centers on three large-scale installations; each puts viewer into "a distinctive relationship to the scale and shape of the land." Also featured are a series of sculptures based on water volumes of inland seas, large drawings of landforms and river sheds, and images of Lin's recent earthworks and architectural projects. Through June.

"Cerca Series: Nina Katchadourian" and "Cerca Series: Joshua Mosley" presents video works created in the past three years. Katchadourian exhibits the multi-channel works *Accent Elimination* (2005) and *Zoo* (2007); Mosley's mixed-media installation combines computer animation, stop-motion animation, digital sound, sculpture, the artist's music and dialogue. On view through Sunday, July 6.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Evasive Signs: Bruce Nauman Works with Light" opening Sunday, May 25, "focuses on Nauman's neons and light-room installations created over the first two decades of his career (1965-1985)." On view through Sunday, August 31, exhibition presents provocative body of work in which artist grapples with questions of how perception is shaped by light and space.

Selections from "Skeet McAuley: The Garden of Golf" showcases six large-scale photographs of golf course landscapes in San Diego region. McAuley has used photography to study the relationship between today's consumer-driven culture and the natural environment. Closes Sunday, June 22. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Flesh: The Portraiture of Gary Schneider," continuing through Sunday, September 14, includes *John in Sixteen Parts*, a set of black-and-white fragments of Schneider's partner's face seen through time. Also included: *Genetic Self-Portrait*, an installation utilizing medical-imaging techniques to depict his own body from the inside out; and *Heads and Nudes*, where the South African artist uses exposures of up to three hours to explore and transform the flesh of friends and family.

"Picturing the Process" focuses on "an evolution of the early history of photography." Exhibition including photographic works ranging in date from mid-19th to early 20th Century closes Sunday, July 6.

In "Humanitas: Images of India by Fredric Roberts," the artist pictures people in India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Bhutan, Thailand, China as they go about their lives, selling water or herding camels. Through Sunday, September 7. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art "Masterpieces of San Diego Painting: Fifty Works from Fifty Years, 1900-1950" focuses on "museum's mission to promote and foster an appreciation for the art and artists of the San Diego region." Guest curator Bram Dijkstra assembled selection of paintings from private collections and museums including celebrated "plein air" painters such as Maurice Braun, Charles Fries, and Charles Reiffel, as well as neo-surrealist Ethel Greene and accomplished group of early modernists including Belle Baranceanu. Closes Sunday, June 29.

"Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking" features over 100 black and white photographs by documentary photographer Chris Rainier reflecting "humanity's efforts to forge identity, beauty, storytelling, and sacred beliefs." Closes Sunday, August 24. 704 Pier View Way, 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art Touring exhibition "Georgia O'Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle" opens Saturday, May 24. Boasting more than 80 works, exhibit includes work by O'Keeffe, Gertrude Käsebier, Pamela Colman Smith, Anne Brigman, and Katharine Rhoades. These artists were "interested in redefining the identity of the modern woman and explored the changing themes of femininity in modernism." On view through Sunday, September 28.

"Rhythms of India: The Art of Nandalal Bose (1882-1966)" is described as the "first comprehensive traveling exhibition outside of Asia to survey the expansive repertoire of Bose...the father of modern art in India." Exhibit boasts close to 100 of Bose's finest paintings, executed in variety of styles and media, revealing how Bose contributed to success of India's nonviolent struggle for independence from colonial rule through his association with Mahatma Gandhi. Closes Sunday, May 18.

"Inside the Wave: Six San Diego/Tijuana Artists Construct Social Art," closing on Sunday, June 22, features six artists from San Diego/Tijuana region working within alternative cultures to produce thought-provoking works engaging issues of everyday life and materialism. Artists bulbo, Brian Dick, Adriene Jenik, particle group, Zlatan Vukosavljevic, and Allison Weise produce works including sculptures made of found industrial objects, photographs, documentary videos, and interactive digital media. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. Saint Bartholomew, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Undead Kennedys
Bay Area punk band the Dead Kennedys still get airplay for their classic thrash anthems "Holiday in

Brandon Cruz (formerly of ABC's *Courtship of Eddie's Father* and ex-singer for Dr. Know). Ron "Skip" Greer, formerly of the Bay Area-based Wynona Riders, will front when the band appears June 7 at House of Blues.

DJ Steve West played Dead Kennedys records on

appearance of lead singer Buster Bloodvessel as Bad Manners at Brick by Brick



NOBODY CALLS HIM MELLOW JELLO

was fair because he was the essence of that British band.

"The same thing with Mike Score of Flock of Seagulls. [But] if you had members of Pearl Jam playing without Eddie Vedder, you'd have to call it 'Members of Pearl Jam.' You really don't have Pearl Jam without Eddie Vedder."

West gives a pass to local Dave Wakeling, who played in the English Beat. ("Dave has always been the front man.") What about Ranking Roger, Wakeling's fellow singer in the English Beat and General Public?

"It was my understanding that Roger could use the [English Beat] name in England, but Wakeling can use it in the U.S.... They aren't talking. When I spoke to Wakeling last year [on the radio], he suggested they were going to patch things up. But I guess they haven't."
— Ken Leighton

Dispatches from Crackerville

A craigslist post by the San Diego Repertory Theatre is generating controversy online. An upcoming production of *The Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea* musical was seeking "AFRICAN AMERICAN singers, actors, dancers, and musicians" for what was described as "a soulful musical comedy set in the imaginary African kingdoms of Torel and Kheba."

The point of contention among online respondents is the requirement that all participants — including the "seven musicians needed" — be African American. The play's characters include King Kemo ("a hip poet with the rhymes to show it"), Queen

Zauba ("the ultimate Queen Bee"), Rolin ("castle free-loader"), and a harmony girl-group featuring "Labelle," "Latisha," and "Lashaun."

"I can understand wanting an all-African American cast," posted one respondent (from "Crackerville"), "but the musicians too? Tell me how that's NOT racist?!"



WHAT?! CLAY AIKEN IN THE WIZ?

Also: "If a white person was doing that, refusing to hire anyone but white people, the play would never make it to opening day."

"You cannot have it both

ways... Do the right thing, and hire a diverse staff."

"So qualifications, talent, and experience are secondary considerations, compared to skin color? Will white people be allowed to at least SEE this play?"

"Why do the musicians need to be black? Are you saying white musicians are not capable of playing the score? Or that the black performers and producers don't want a bunch of white guys hanging around?"

One post sided with the Rep. "Black shows need black players. Screw PC... what's next, Clay Aiken in the *Wiz*?"

At this writing, the San Diego Rep's casting office had not replied to requests for comment.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Batty Last month, the Guana Batz played a sold-out Belly Up show opening for Mike Ness. Last week, the Escondido-based band accepted an opening slot on two dates of Rancid's upcoming fall tour.

Guana Batz bassist Johnny Bowler admits that the 26-year-old British-born psychobilly band nearly passed on this career surge.

"When Tiger Army first

blurt the inside track

Cambodia" and "California Über Alles." Though the band still tours, lead singer/songwriter Eric "Jello Biafra" Boucher has not played a Dead Kennedys show since 1986. In 2000 and 2003, Biafra lost court cases against the other original members who went on without him and who now have the right to use the Dead Kennedys name.

Since parting ways with Biafra, the band has been fronted by two people, including former child actor

91X when they were first popular; he now plays them on his *Resurrection Sunday* show. He thinks a Dead Kennedys sans Biafra is bogus.

"Ask any Dead Kennedys fan, and they'll tell you that it's all about Jello. He was the driving force behind the band."

West uses the "key member" test to determine if it's okay for one ex-member to go on and perform under the band's moniker. For instance, he says the recent

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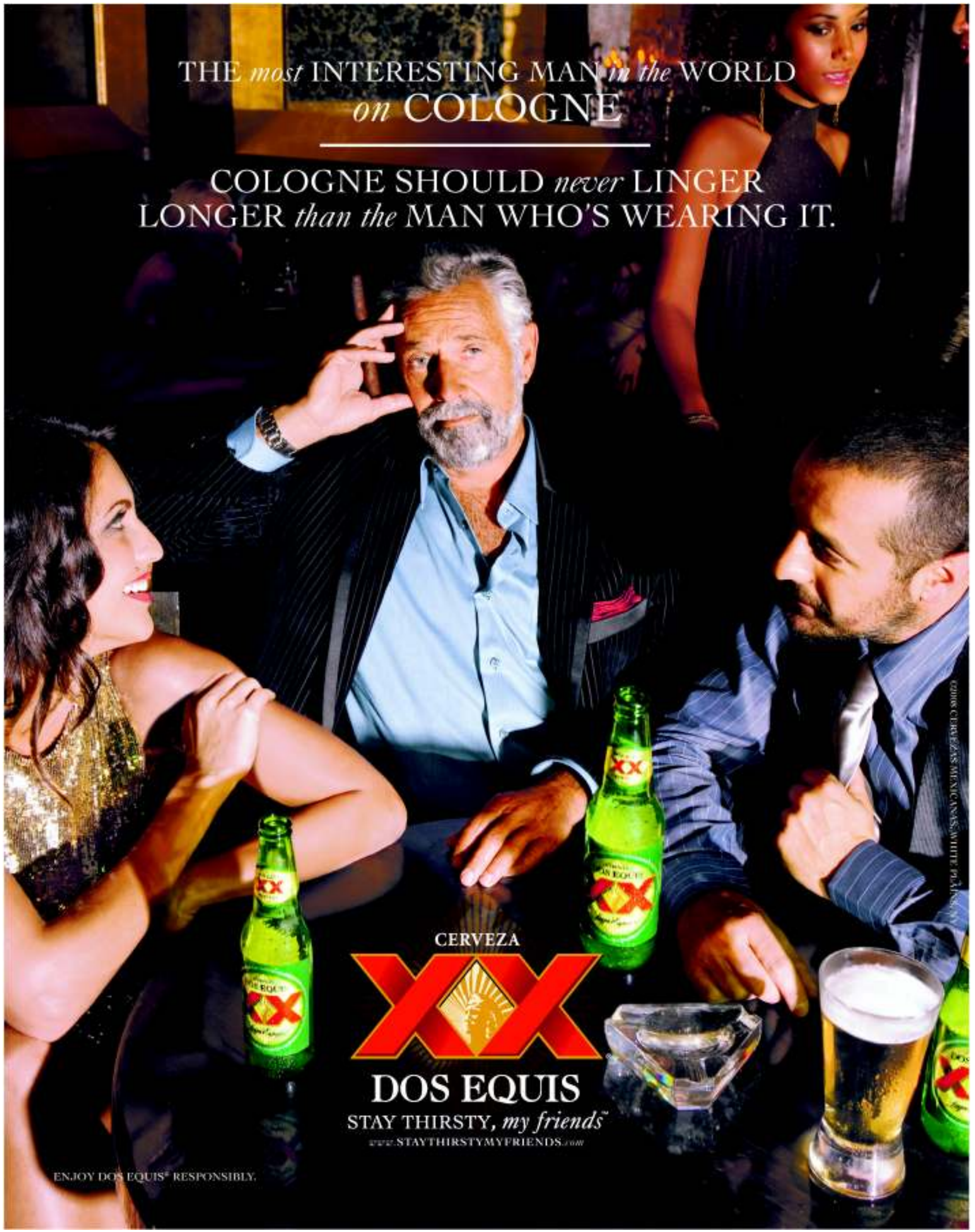
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asked us to open for them [three years ago, Batz lead singer] Pip [Hancox] said, 'Who is this Tiger Army?' says Bowler. 'He said, 'Thanks, but no thanks.'"

Formed in 1982, the Guana Batz were part of a British psychobilly scene centered around a London venue called Klub Foot.

"We always had a strong cult following," says Bowler. "We'd tour Europe about nine times a year."

"Psychobilly" in '80s Europe meant a mix of rockabilly and punk influences.

"I was 15 when the Stray Cats came over," says Bowler, who now gives stand-up bass lessons. "The punks

used to fight the rockabillies before 1981. The two scenes merged in the early '80s."

According to Bowler, the psychobilly scene died when Klub Foot closed in 1988.

"That's when the Manchester DJ scene came in and kind of took over. Bands weren't happening as much. The crowds started to thin out. The venues disappeared."

Hancox moved to North County in 1992. Bowler followed four years later. Both started families and

played locally on occasion.

"We slowed right down. We'd play maybe four or five times a year. But we would go back to England to play reunion shows."

In 2001 they formed a rockabilly band called Bonneville 7, "...but Pip lost interest. He had a very short attention span back then."

Three years ago, singer Nick 13 of local band Tiger Army had his agent see about resurrecting the Guana Batz to play with them at the Wiltern in L.A. Hancox rejected the offer. After Tiger Army headlined the Warped Tour last summer and asked the Guana Batz again, they said yes.

The Guana Batz have recorded six studio albums.

"Our last one was 12 years ago. We've been working every week to get a new record done this year."

Alex Pappas, formerly of Finch, is the Guana Batz'



SOME YOUNG BATZ

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current drummer.

"He was born a year before the band," says Bowler.

The Guana Batz appear July 5 at Irvine's Hootenanny. — Ken Leighton

Good God, Y'All *Happy Songs About the War*, a one-man musical developed by local singer-songwriter J.D. Boucharde, debuts May 25 at Compass Theatre (formerly 6th@Penn) in Hillcrest.

"It's a dramatic, semi-

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fictional production," says Boucharde, "using multimedia, monologues, humor, and 12 original songs to shed light on why we were told we went to war with Iraq, versus the real reasons behind the government's \$2 trillion parlor trick."

The production began as a concept album before being reworked into a stage show with Leigh Scarritt and several other local theater mainstays. For each show during the two-week run, Boucharde plans to honor a different fallen soldier from the war.

"This is not a passive-nod type of honor," he says. "The soldier actually becomes an integral part of the show. He's made an honorary member of the audience, a spotlighted seat is reserved for him, and that night's show is dedicated to him. The final scene brings the audience onto the battlefield with that particular young man."

Boucharde sought families to lend their memories and photos of departed loved ones via the local chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War and Craigslist ads. The show's format, however, precludes paying tribute to women in the

military.

"While I'm fully aware that many female soldiers have died in the Iraq war," he says, "I regret to say I can't honor them in this way



BOUCHARDE NOT KEEN ON PRICY PARLOR TRICKS

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because I actually end up 'becoming' that person onstage in the final scene."

At this writing, around 4000 Americans have died in the Iraq region since the war began. Around 29,000 U.S. personnel have been wounded. *Happy Songs About the War* runs through June 4.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Cut Teeth on Ratt

Fairfield Fats Band guitarist George Davis is probably best known by his artistic alias Geo, a longtime local-concert-poster artist whose work centers around hard-rock shows.

"I began by doing a banner many years ago for a high school friend," Davis says, "Stephen Percy, for his band Mickey Ratt, which later became Ratt. I dabbled a bit with art but didn't get real serious until the Fairfield Fats Band... that's where I first started doing flyers for parties and shows, and then friends started asking me to design logos and posters for their bands too."

Davis also worked on Fox TV's early-'90s *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes* cartoon, for which he produced animation at Sorrento Valley-based American Film Technologies.

"It was the first 'paperless' animation studio," says Davis. "All the storyboards, music, and sound stuff was done in L.A., but the animation was done down here."

Davis cites Fillmore concert posters and the underground comics of Rick Griffin as early inspirations ("Okay, and maybe my first

Playboy magazine").

"When I started doing posters and flyers, it was mostly metal shows, which is stuff that I totally get. Drawing hot chicks, demons, skulls, barbarians, wizards, and dragons? It doesn't get



DAVIS STARTED WITH DEMONS AND HOT CHICKS

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any better than that!"

A gallery of Geo's poster art can be seen at myspace.com/tikigeo.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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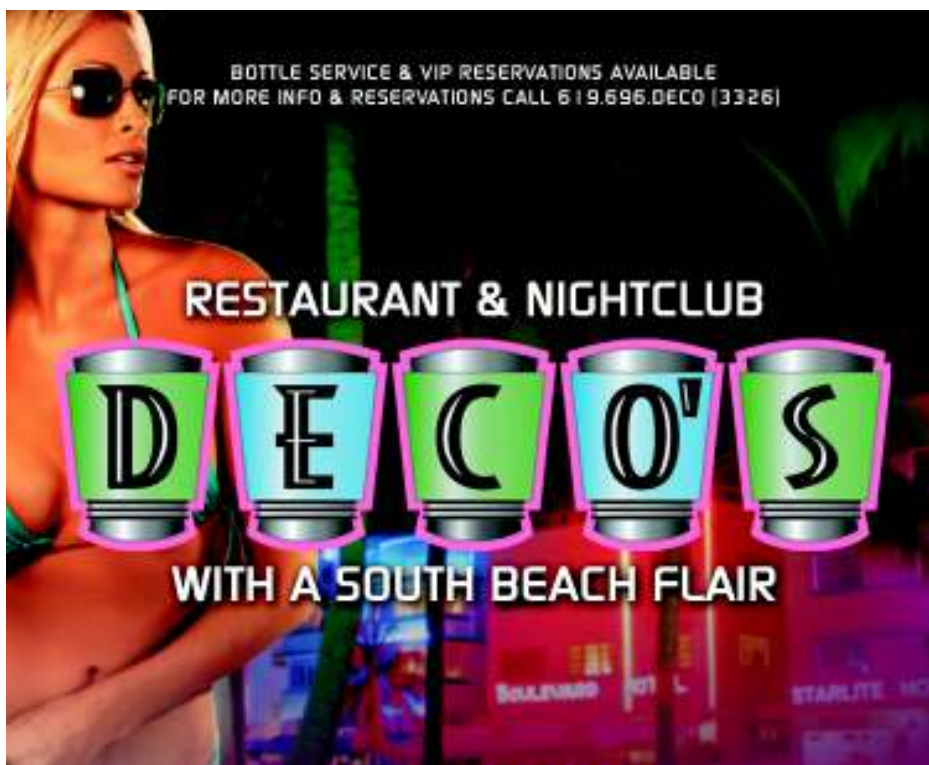
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Boston's "Brechtian punk cabaret," the **Dresden Dolls**, will camp up House of Blues tonight behind *No, Virginia*, which dropped Tuesday. The new collection is aptly titled



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outtakes from the 2006 *Yes, Virginia* session, the duo's breakthrough disc of goth-y piano pop and recommended primer. With Seattle sister act **Smooch** and local lo-fi **Maystar**... *We Are Kamikazes Aiming Straight for Your Heart*. Pugilistic Jason Stollmeister, he of the famous Jack White fight, and his boy-girl band the **Von Bondies** will hit Casbah tonight. The Von bondage includes preciously named New Zealanders **Die! Die! Die! Transfer** and **io Echo** on the bill.... Belly Up stages country crooner **Hal Ketchum**, who's got a new disc, a greatest hits thing. **Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash** set the Solana Beach stage.

Friday 23

Ian Astbury and Billy Duffy convene the **Cult** at Viejas' Concerts in the Park Friday night. The UK hard-rock act, best known for their acid-tinged '80s hit disc *Love* ("She Sells Sanctuary"), signed to Roadrunner last year to release head banger *Born into This*. Check out lead single "Dirty Little Rockstar".... Get yer **French Kicks** at Casbah. The brothers Stumpf and their NYC quartet released second Vagrant full-length *Swimming* on Tuesday. More pop than punk this time out. Certainly more

pop than hometown heroes and contemporaries the Strokes and Walkmen, speaking of whom, L.A.'s answer to Hamilton Leithauser, **Weather Underground**, opens the sets.... SanDago ska punks **Buck-O-Nine** and rap-core crew **Sprung Monkey** prop party rock out at 'Canes beach club.... In the urbs: gypsy-rockers **Mad Juana** ride the Pink Elephant.... Eugene, OR, power trio **Floater** and locals **Vocoder** lay it down at Brick by Brick.... Beat boy **Microphone Mike** and his dance troupe appear at Beauty Bar.... While **Bankhead Press** delivers smooth soul to Whistle Stop.

Saturday 24

L7 she-punk pioneer **Donita Sparks** dropped her first solo disc, *Transmitticate*, in February. "Comes with dance rock and dark pop." L.A.'s blonde bomb and her band the **Stellar Moments** play Casbah Saturday night with **Roses on Her Grave** and **Revenge Club**. If you get a chance to talk to Ms. Sparks, ask her about

the Coalition of Artists and Stake Holders (CASH) and how she and Kristin Hersh plan to change the biz.... If you miss the door at Casbah, UCSD collective Ché Café stages a trick triple bill featuring Chicago's wistful plinker Owen Ashworth, aka **Casitone for the Painfully Alone**, local psych-folkies the **Donkeys**, and Angelino duo **Foot Foot**.... Belly Up serves homegrown alterna-rock sets by **Dynamite Walls**, **Stripes and Lines**, and **This Holiday Life**.



DONITA SPARKS AT CASBAH

Sunday 25

It's a holiday Monday eve at Casbah, which means One Nation will drop a Jivewire joint on the dance floor. Beforehand, 94/9 hosts freebie sets by **Bedford Grove**, **Maystar**, and **Jamuel Saxton**. Free food, too, yo!... "The Duchess of Coolsville," two-time Grammy winner **Rickie Lee Jones**, will do that "Chuck E" song at Anthology Sunday night. And then some, as she's got a record on the charts, *The Sermon on Exposition Boulevard*. Who knew



she had "a thing" with Tom Waits?... Denton, TX, punks **Mother's Anger** rage the Zombie stage.... While UK poppers **Foals** bring *Antidotes* to Brick by Brick. Locals **Crocodile** open.

Monday 26

Billie Joe's no-longer-top-secret side project **Foxboro Hot Tubs** steam up Belly Up Memorial Day night. The Jingle Town debut is called *Stop Drop & Roll!!!*, a chunk of Nuggets-era garage rock and lots of swear words. Get to their Space for a taste. Twenty-dollar tix available day of show only. See you on Cedrus.... "Going mainstream," **Margot & the Nuclear So and So's** spring pretty mope pop on Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up. The Indianapolis eight-piece will unleash *Animal!* this year, their sophomore follow-up to '06 pick *The Dust of Retreat*.... Samba soul brothers **Agua Dulce** will play a free one at 'Canes' round 3p.... And Brit hits the **Police** and **Elvis Costello & the Imposters** will crowd the Cricket. *Don't stand so close to me!*

Tuesday 27

Hank III & Assjack deliver loud-ass country skrunks to House of Blues. Hank's latest, *Dam Right, Country Proud*, is due to drop in late '08. In the mean, check the metal-edged country of *Straight to Hell*. "Parental advisory".... Indie experimentalist **Ariel Pink** joins our own odd-poppers **Paddle Boat** and **Fantastic Magic** at Casbah. Prepare to be hypnotized.... Everett, WA, boy-girl piano-pop group the **Parentetical Girls** ((GRRRLS))) join Japan's strummy soloist **PWRFL Power** at the Ché.

FOXBORO HOT TUBS AT BELLY UP

Wednesday 28

The **National** tour visits House of Blues Wednesday night. Before their Beggars Banquet sophomore set *The Boxer* landed on critics' '07 year-end lists, most at #1, the Brooklyn quintet couldn't get arrested. Stick "Mistaken for Strangers" in yer ears. On Thursday night in L.A., the National will embark on a world domination tour with Modest Mouse and a revitalized R.E.M. Folkie **Ferraby Lionheart** in support. Gonna be thee gig this week.... Else: The Blood Brothers meet Pretty Girls Make Graves in **Jaguar Love**. The trio brings scream-pop to Beauty Bar's back yard.... Jagjaguwar art-rockers **Ladyhawk** land at Casbah. Saddle Creek's sad songsmiths **Niva Denova**



THE NATIONAL AT HOUSE OF BLUES

open that one.... Candye Kane and Sue Palmer reunite the **Swingin' Kings**. The Kings'll rule Belly Up with boogie and blues.... Latin lounge lady **Sacha Boutros** sings a supper set at Anthology, and **Starline Theory** indie rocks it the rest of the night.... All-ages Soma stages solid punk-pop sets by **Cinematic Sunrise**, **Jet Lag Gemini**, **My American Heart**, and **Daphne Loves Derby**.
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The Sound Is Music

“Why should your country take care of you when you don’t take care of your country?”

San Diego’s Trummerflora Collective is intended to “provide a network of support for San Diego’s experimental and improvised music community.” The musicians seem very sincere, and most have extensive academic credits, but I confess I don’t always “get” the more experimental and outré Trummerflora “sound artists,” as they call themselves.

I’ve tried listening to stuff like “The Whisper Chipper” (syncopated loops of a wood chipper, chipping wood), but I’m always left scratching my head. It can’t be that I’m too old to appreciate the music — most Trummerfloras seem older than me. I like experimental pre-Trummerflora musicians like John Zorn, Captain Beefheart, John Cage, and even Philip Glass (in small doses) and Brian Eno (even smaller doses).

Is the secret in seeing it performed live? If you’ve caught a show by someone in the Trummerflora Collective, please let me know: Was it sweetly sublime, akin to the music of the spheres? Or did it sound like bees living in your head? And what is a “sound artist” exactly? Does making armpit noises or burping the alphabet qualify you as one?

Born in Yokohama, Japan, Marcos Fernandes is a founding member of the Trummerflora Collective (and co-creator of “The Whisper Chipper”). He’s long been active in San Diego as a performer, producer, and curator. He’s performed in Japan, Hong Kong, Mexico, Canada, and all over the U.S. as a solo improviser, phonographer, and percussionist/sound artist with various ensembles. Fernandes also runs the artist-based independent label Accretions, home to some of today’s more innovative (if often inscrutable) experimentalists.

WHAT’S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Hoahio, *Peek-ara-boo*: “This trio of Japanese

women artists presents highly inventive and entertaining music that ranges from new wave-tinged pop to open improvisations.”

2. Robert Wyatt, *Comic Opera*: “Wyatt’s been a favorite of mine as percussionist, singer, composer, and progressive for many years. This is his newest, and I’m glad he’s putting out stuff more regularly again.”

3. K.K. Null, Chris Watson, Z’ev, *Number One*: “A beautiful collaboration by three artists who are masters of their respective genres: noise, phonography field recordings, and percussion. They create some amazing spaces using unexpected combinations of textures.”

4. Sketch Show, *Audio Sponge*: “Haruomi Hosono and Yukihiro Takahashi [ex-YMO] reunite to serve up some sweet synth-pop that is both nostalgic and up-to-date with tons of warm and rich analog sounds. There’s even a nice tribute to Brian Wilson and a cool video on YouTube.”

5. Phew, *Our Likeness*: “One of my favorite female voices. Phew paints fractured images in collaboration with Jaki Liebeck and others in another of her stark ’90s albums recorded at Conny Plank’s famed studio. Very urban and existential.”

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

“*A Clockwork Orange* and *Blade Runner* are two insightful works, as any good speculative fiction ought to be. Akira Kurosawa’s *Dreams* is poetry in motion. Pier Paolo Pasolini’s *The Canterbury Tales* captures the bawdiness of Chaucer’s classic. And *Down by Law*, because it’s a sad and beautiful world.”

MOST UNDERRATED EXPERIMENTAL MUSICIAN?

“Aren’t all experimental musicians underrated? I guess I’ll have to go with Robert Wyatt, who’s

definitely underrated here in the U.S. From his work with Soft Machine and Matching Mole to his continuing solo works, he’s created so much incredibly humane and personal music.”

LAST BOOK READ?

“*The Cat That Lived a Million Times* by Yoko Sano. This is a children’s book about a proud cat who finds happiness in love and humility.”

FAVORITE MAGAZINE?

“*The Wire*. It covers the gamut, as far as music is concerned.”

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

“I must admit I’m a YouTube junkie. I visit MySpace a lot more than I care to admit, since I have to maintain all my pages. For my news I go to the *L.A. Times* website and Wikipedia for random information. And Netflix, to add movies to my queue.”

INSTRUMENT YOU MOST WISH YOU PLAYED?

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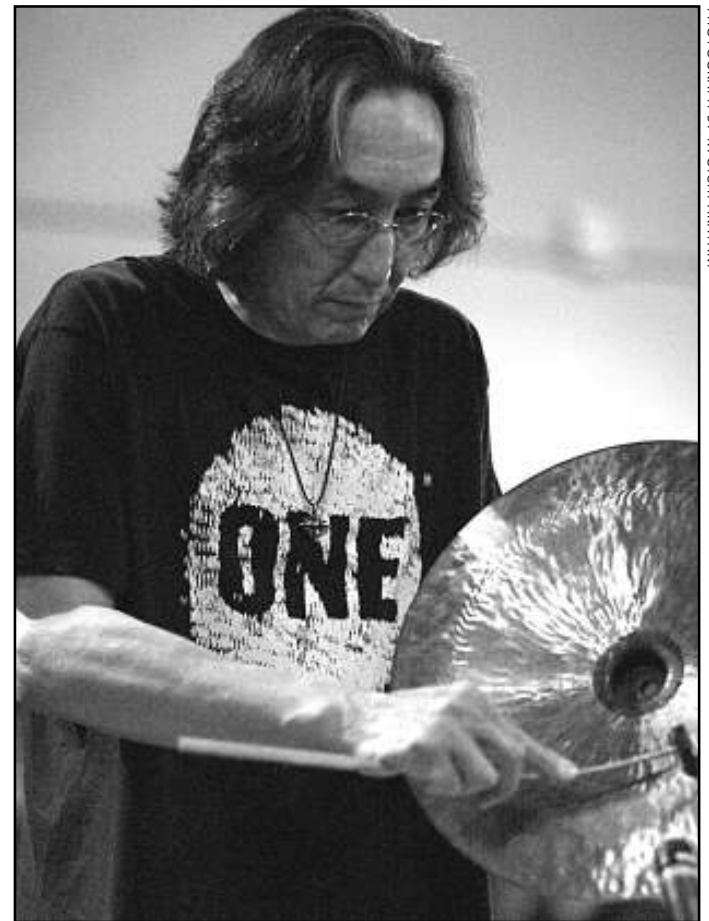
“...I’m complacent, and inertia has set in.”

WORST JOB?

“Playing background music at some event because your job is to be sonic wallpaper.”

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

“Lack of political concern; i.e., why we’re in this quagmire to begin with. Why should your country take care of you when you don’t take care of your country? As one foreigner said to me recently, ‘You have an American passport, but you know America’s not going to protect you.’” ■



Marcos Fernandes

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Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Cris Williamson. Singer songwriter performs, following opener Vicki Randle (of *Tonight Show* band). \$25.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Friday — Poco. Country rock. \$18-\$67.
Saturday — Karla Bonoff. Pop rock. \$16-\$36.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Rickie Lee

Jones. Pop/jazz/folk rock. \$22-\$68.
Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Jack Costanzo. Latin. \$12-\$36.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Sacha Boutros. Jazz. \$10-\$30.

Balboa Theatre: 854 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-570-1100.
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Friday — Black Seven. Punk rock.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Illicit Behavior. Classic rock.

Beach Grass Café: 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632.
Thursday, 6 p.m. — Semisi & Fulabula. Reggae/world.
Sundays, 6 p.m. — Sambajazz. Brazilian and American jazz.

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Thursday — Scarlet Symphony and Red Feathers. With Jamuel Saxon. Experimental/punk/electro. \$5.
Friday — Microphone Mike and Letron. Hip-hop/electro. \$5.
Saturday — Delta Fiasco. Electro pop/rock. \$5.
Monday — The Physics of Meaning. With the Black Hollies and a Beautiful Noise. Punk/soul/indie. \$5.
Tuesday — Airplane to Garcea and Lhabia. Indie/alternative/pop. \$5.

Wednesday — Jaguar Love. Experimental/punk/pop.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
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Friday, 9 p.m. — Capleton. With Jah Thunder, Kulcha Knox, and Dubconscious. Reggae. \$25-\$27.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Dynamite Walls and Stripes & Lines. With This Holiday Life. Indie rock/pop. \$10-\$12.
Monday, 9 p.m. — Foxboro Hot Tubs. Garage/pop. \$20.
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — The Swingin' Kings. A benefit show for Marcus Bashore of the Swingin' Kings. With Ruby Presnell, Sue Palmer, Billy Watson, and Blue Largo. Blues/jazz/soul. \$10-\$12.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Soundbone and Lessons from Zeke. Alternative rock.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — Cody Marks and Donovan Nugent. Americana/folk rock.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — The Cash Kings. A tribute to Johnny Cash.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Graveyard BBQ and Genghis Con-Job. With Whole Hog. Southern rock/metal/blues. \$8.
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Friday, 9 p.m. — Buck-O-Nine and Sprung Monkey. With One Pin Short. Ska/alternative/reggae. \$15.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Cash'd Out and Grizzly Circus. With Mystery Train. A tribute to Johnny Cash. \$15.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — Atomic Punks. A tribute to Van Halen. Monsters of Rock also perform. \$15.
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Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Ladyhawk and Neva Dinova. With Team Abraham. Rock/indie/folk. \$8-\$10.

Chasers Cocktail Lounge: 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-280-9379.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Attractive & Popular and Anavan. With Lipstick Terror, Maniqui Lazer, and Fkenal. Experimental/rock.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Casiotone for the Painfully Alone. With the Donkeys, Foot Foot, and the Sentient Manifesto. Indie/pop/punk. \$5.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Parenthetical Girls, Pwrful Power, Au. Indie pop/acoustic.

Congregation Beth Israel: 9001 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-535-1111.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — "A Musical Evening with Bob MacLeod." Medley of songs from Broadway and singalong. MacLeod has been organist/pianist and choir director at Congregation Beth Israel for 17 years. RSVP no later than Friday,

May 23: 858-535-1111 x3800. \$5-\$10.

Coronado Island Marriott Resort: 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000.
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet.

Cosmos Coffee Cafe: 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa.
Friday, 3 p.m. — The Sam Johnson Jazz Duo.

Cottonwood Creek Park: 95 North Vulcan, Encinitas.
Sunday, 4 p.m. — Celtic Concert. Adrienne Nims plays Celtic music on flutes from around world. 760-809-7297.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Vicente Fernandez.
Monday, 7:30 p.m. — The Police and Elvis Costello.

Del Mar Plaza: 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar.
Sunday, 5 p.m., Tuesday, 5 p.m. — Keith Jacobson. Oceanview Patio. Smooth-jazz saxophone.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
Friday, Saturday — Full Xposure. Covers/standards.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda. Jazz/classical/flamenco. \$10.
Sunday, 6 p.m. — The San Diego Youth Symphony Stage Band. Classical. \$10.
Monday, 2 p.m. — Miles Davis Tribute. With Jazz Ensemble Big Band, Gilbert Castellanos Quartet, Daniel Jackson & Gary LeFebvre, and the ESP Quintet.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Grunge fixed a lot of rock's problems in the early 1990s. Much as Van Halen led us back from Euro-synth hell in the '80s, grunge overtook the wimpy pop rock of the day and found a waiting fan base among Gen X listeners. Grunge was a lifestyle statement unto itself, complete with funny clothes and an unfortunate dark side — heroin. It died a sudden, hard death for no particular reason that I could discern. While it lasted, for me grunge was a resurrection of all the sounds and attitudes that were key during my garage/punk/rock adolescence, along with self-deprecating dark humor and super-sized power chords in a mashup with heavy metal. What's not to like? Of the post-grunge bands, **Mayfield** is

of more than passing interest. A lot of good, solid rock comes out of Australia, and this band is no exception. In the few years that they have been performing, Mayfield has toured Europe and the U.K. aggressively and is now getting around to doing the same in the U.S. There's not much information available about this band, so I turned to the music press — I was astonished to read what seems like apologies for the simplicity and brevity of their songs. Then there were the comparisons to Nirvana and the Doors. That I can see:



MAYFIELD

Mayfield's writing is three-chord tight and has that same thrash-and-burn economy of notes and scorched-earth vocals as their grunge forefathers Kurt Cobain and Eddie Vedder.

Late-'80s grunge found traction among the disenfranchised with its return to rock's basics and an attitude of mockery, rage, and a sort of watchdog eye on the Republican

right. Mayfield is in the same pocket. On their MySpace page the band writes, "Mayfield speaks of a generation robbed, a generation lied to, a generation out of faith." I can relate.

MAYFIELD, Lestat's, Thursday, May 22, 9 p.m. 619-282-0437.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Honoring the Fallen. An acoustic tribute to Deora Bodley and the heroes of United Flight 93. With Zachary Goode, Miss Kelly & the Strangers, and SD93.

Dublin Square: 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Astra Kelly and Scott Wilson. Acoustic/alternative/pop.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Out of My League and One Hot Minute. Pop

punk/hardcore. \$7-\$9.
Sunday, 7 p.m. — We Shot the Moon and Everybody Else. Indie pop/rock. \$8-\$10.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. — Cory Wilkins. Alternative/rock/blues.
Friday — LSD Productions. Features punk and metal bands.
Saturday — Benchmark. Covers '70s and '80s dance music.

Gaslamp Quarter: Downtown.
Saturday, 12:30 p.m. — Smooth Jazz 98.1 Gaslamp Festival. With George Benson, Mindi Abair, Dave Koz, and more. \$46-\$47.

George's on Fifth: 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444.
Fridays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

The Guild Restaurant and Lounge: 1805 Newton Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-564-7584.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Sambossa Trio.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Barbara Nesbitt. Acoustic/blues/country.
Sunday, noon — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Covers/blues/rock. \$5.
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Christopher

Dale and Friends. Acoustic/pop/rock.

Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994.
Sundays, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve Duo. Jazz.

Hilltop Center for Spiritual Living: 331 East Elder Street, Fallbrook.
Sunday, noon — Harpist Peter Sterling. "Transformational harp music" for Performing Arts Series. Reservations: 619-723-8291. \$15.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.

Friday, 7 p.m. — Cool Fever. Blues/soul/rock. \$66.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. *Thursday*, 6:30 p.m. — Modern Day Moonshine. Blues/funk/rock. *Thursday*, 6:30 p.m. — The Dresden Dolls. Alternative rock duo. \$22. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Nightwish. Rock/metal. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The National. Alternative. \$18-\$20.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Ruby & the Red Hots. Blues. \$5. *Friday*, 9:30 p.m. — Viva Santana. A tribute to Carlos Santana. \$12. *Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — Detroit Underground. Covers Motown and dance hits. \$12. *Monday*, 7 p.m. — The Robin Henkel Band. Blues/funk/jazz. *Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Cool Band Luke. Covers various genres from the '60s through today. \$5. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — The Soul Persuaders. Sweet soul music. \$5.

In Cahoots: 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley, 619-291-8635. *Wednesdays*, 7 p.m. — KSON Night. Country western dance bar.

JP's Pub: 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-2509. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Blues Light Special.

Jack's La Jolla: 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. Piano Bar every day of the week in the Ocean Room.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. *Friday*, 9:45 p.m. — Superfunk Fantasy. Covers dance hits of the '70s, '80s, and '90s. *Saturday*, 9:45 p.m. — The M-80s. Dance/pop/rock. *Sunday*, 6:30 p.m. — Masterpiece. Jazz/R&B. *Monday*, 6:30 p.m. — Insight. A mix of Latin, jazz, and soul music. *Tuesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Mystique. Jazz/funk/R&B. *Wednesdays*, 6:30 p.m. — The Soul Revue. Jazz, dance, and top 40.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Manic Diffusion. With Red Octopus and Harvest Soul. Psychedelic/rock/blues. \$10. *Mondays* — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848. *Friday* — The Donkeys, Pen & Ink, Derek Papa. Indie/psychedelic/rock.

Lafayette Hotel & Suites: 2223 El Cajon Blvd, University Heights, 619-296-2101. *Wednesdays*, 8 p.m. — The San Diego Concert Jazz Band. In the Mississippi Ballroom.

Le Papagayo: 1002 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-8252. *Wednesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Freefall. Jazz.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437. *Thursday* — Mayfield and the Howls. *Friday* — Arrica Rose and the Wrong Trousers. With WAZ. Indie/folk rock/pop. *Saturday* — Ari Hest, Jake Newton, Ryanhood. Folk rock/acoustic/pop. *Sunday* — Quiet the Moon. Indie rock. *Wednesday* — Burgandy Brown and Sharif. Pop/rock/country.

The Living Room Coffeehouse - Old Town: 2541 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-325-4445.

Friday, 6:30 p.m. — Adrienne Nims and Mike Stewart. Contemporary jazz/global music.

Lyceum Theatre: 79 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-858-0322. *Tuesday*, 7:30 p.m. — "Israel at 60." Zeji Ozeri and an all-star band perform "the Holy Land's most unforgettable songs" for San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. Also on tap:

Israeli food, photography exhibition. 619-544-1000. \$18.

Mandeville Auditorium at 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD. *Tuesday*, 8 p.m. — UCSD Gospel Choir. Gospel maestro Ken Anderson leads choir through program of gospel, spirituals, blues, other African-American music. 858-534-3229.

McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.

Fridays, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. *Thursday*, 9 p.m. — The Stilettoes. Rockabilly/jazz/roots. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — The Taylor Harvey Band. Bluegrass/rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Stilettoes. Rockabilly/jazz/roots. *Sunday*, 8 p.m. — Gary Rich. *Monday*, 8 p.m. — Tommy Price. Lead singer of the Stilettoes.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Jackson & Jesus. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Tommy Price. Lead singer of the Stilettoes.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Flashback. Rock.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Joey & the Sting Rays. Covers rock and country hits. \$5.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Kindle to Ember and Bredren Band. Reggae/roots/dub. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Motus, Fight the Fear, Starline Theorie. With Candy Asylum. Rock/metal/indie. *Mondays*, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Pro-invitational blues jam. *Tuesday*, 9 p.m. — Close Talker and the Back Alley Hoologans. With

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Thursday — Jazz Jam Session. With Gilbert Castellanos.

Osetra: 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-1800.
Thursdays, 8 p.m. — Live Jazz. In the E5 Lounge.
Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Los Reyes del Ritmo. Flamenco and Latin music in the E5 Lounge.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Tyght Ship. At the Grand Cabaret.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — Smokin. A tribute to Boston at the Grand Cabaret.

Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10): 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Palomar Concert Band. Traditional and contemporary compositions for band. 760-744-1150 x2453. \$5.

Pasquale on Prospect: 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722.

Sundays, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.
Friday — The Missy Andersen

Band. Blues/soul/funk.
Sunday — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk.
Monday — Nathan James & Ben Hernandez. Roots/acoustic/blues duo.
Tuesday — Blue Four. Blues/soul.
Wednesday — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.

Thursday, 10 p.m. — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute. \$5.

Ramada Inn: 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, Kearny Mesa, 619-596-9777.
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Keith Jacobson. Smooth-jazz saxophone.

Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
Saturdays — Rock Forever Entertainment. Features live bands every Saturday night.
Saturday — Live bands.
Sunday — Live blues.
Wednesdays, 9 p.m. — Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

Rock Bottom - La Jolla: 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-9277.
Saturday, 10 p.m. — Live reggae.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.

Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — The Rhythm Jacks. Rhythm and blues.

Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m. — BduB's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards every Tuesday, with Bryan Whelan, Doug Walker, Laurel Grinnell, and friends.

The Round Table Cocktail Lounge: 1723 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-264-6000.
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. — Charlie Blue. Blues.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church: 170 Calle

of NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The music blog *Idolator* recently posted an item called "Three Indie Rock Nightmares." My favorite: "I'm stuck in a world where indie rock has slowly transformed from amateurish, enthusiastic rock with zine-fueled anti-consumerist, small-community leanings to anonymous art-folk twaddle by musicians who can think of no greater accomplishment than getting their song into a phone ad or winning a PLUG Award. And I can't wake up." Sound familiar?

Fortunately, there is still **Casiotone for the Painfully Alone** to remind us of the intimacy of what indie rock used to be and to reassure us that change is okay. **Owen Ashworth** started CFPA more than ten years

ago as a home-recording project, and, if the name he chose for it was tongue-in-cheek, it was also spot-on. He wrote tender songs about longing and loneliness, mumbled them to the accompaniment of battery-operated keyboards, recorded them by himself on a crusty four-track machine, and at first released them on his own label.

Ashworth's music was a tribute to Daniel Johnston, the Mountain Goats, and all the other underground music that inspired him, but it soon grew into something more. Over the years Ashworth's CFPA recordings started to sound clearer, his songwriting grew stronger, and he began to look more comfortable onstage. A couple of years ago he began recording and performing with a live band backing him.

That might have been the end of something special, but Ashworth's songs haven't



CASIOTONE FOR THE PAINFULLY ALONE

lost their charm. When you hear a song as good as "Toby, Take a Bow," you have to admit that Ashworth deserves a backup band, he deserves good recording quality...hell, he deserves a song in a phone commercial.

CASIOTONE FOR THE PAINFULLY ALONE, Ché Café, Saturday, May 24, 8 p.m. 858-534-2312

Magdalena, Encinitas.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Bill Staines. Folkie Singer-Songwriter, hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. 858-566-4040. \$15-\$18.

Second Wind (Navajo): 8515 Navajo Road, Santee, 619-465-1730.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Burnsville Band. With West of Memphis. Rock/blues. \$5.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — West of Memphis and the Burnsville Band. Blues/rock. \$5.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
Thursday — Orquesta Guarare. Latin dance music.

Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — Emarosa, Take the Crown, Lower Definition. With Jamies Elsewhere and Dead & Divine. Electro/rock/hardcore. \$10.
Friday, 6:30 p.m. — Metal for the Masses. Features As Blood Runs Black, Stick to Your Guns, Winds of Plague, Veil of Maya, and Belay My Last. \$13.

Saturday, 7 p.m. — The Higher, Eye Alaska, Young Goodman. With Building Rome in a Day and New Age Heroes. Alternative/indie/pop.

\$10.
Sunday, 6 p.m. — Set Your Goals and Hit the Lights. With I Am the Avalanche, the Years Gone By, and Dear Life. Punk/pop/hardcore. \$12.
Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Breathe Carolina and the Millionaires. With Hello Marquee, Invictus, and Fight Fair. Electro/pop/hip-hop. \$10.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. — Cinematic Sunrise. My American Heart, Daphne Loves Derby, and Alive in Wild Paint perform. Indie/pop/rock. \$13.

South Park Bar & Grill: 1946 Fern Street, South Park, 619-696-0096.

Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. — Open jazz

jam.
Fridays, 7 p.m. — The John Kopecky Trio. Jazz.
Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. — Open blues jam. With Will Jackson.
Sundays, 6 p.m. — Original Music Modern Jazz Series. Every Sunday, with Doug Walker, Tim Nunnink, Nick Tocco, and Nathan Hubbard.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-992-7862.
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Tio Leo's Lounge: 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Thursdays, 7 p.m. — Cajun and Zydeco Dancing. Zydeco dance every Thursday night, with lessons by Gator Boy. 619-857-8409. \$5. Ages 21 and up.
Friday, 10 p.m. — Moontucky Risin. Bluegrass/psychedelic/classic rock. \$5.

Turquoise Coffee: 841 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4778.
Saturday, 11 a.m. — Sharon Hazel Township. Acoustic/rock.

U-31: 3112 University Avenue, North Park, 619-584-4188.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Saba and Sweetness. With Ashley Matte and River City. Indie/folk/pop. \$5.

University Community Library: 4155 Governor Drive, University City, 858-552-1655.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. — Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble. Performance of music blending Jewish folk music of Eastern Europe with songs of Yiddish theater. Call for suggested reservations.

V Lounge: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Wednesday, 5 p.m. — The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Friday — The Cult. British rock band from the '80s.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Stephen Marley. Reggae. \$25.

Whiskey Girl: 600 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-236-1616.
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.
Mondays, 9 p.m. — The Electric Waste Band. Grateful Dead tribute. \$7.

UPCOMING SHOWS

4th & B: 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.
June 22 — Billy Idol.
June 28 — Montecristo.
September 16 — Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds.

Acoustic Music San Diego: 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.
June 13 — John Gorka.
June 20 — Roy Book Binder.
June 27 — Roy Zimmerman.
July 11 — Chad & Jeremy.
July 16 — John Keawe.
July 27 — Peter Lang.
August 2 — Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave.
September 21 — Willy Porter.
October 5 — David LaFlamme and It's a Beautiful Day.
October 25 — Eliza Gilkyson.
November 9 — Ellis Paul.

Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
May 30, May 31 — Sonny Landreth.

June 1 — The Ernie Watts Quartet.
June 3 — Turiya Mareya Jazz Ensemble.
June 4 — K.J. Denhart.
June 5 — Metro.
June 6 — Jefferson Starship.
June 8 — Jamie.
June 10 — The Cedar Walton Quartet.
June 11 — Nadro John.
June 13, June 14 — Ivan Lins.
June 15 — Sherrie Maricle & the DIVA Jazz Orchestra.
June 16, June 17 — Kurt Elling.

June 18 — Hiromi.
June 20 — James Cotton.
June 21 — The Smithereens.
June 22 — The Eve Selis Band.
June 24 — Janiva Magness.
June 25 — Transfer and Fast Computers.
June 26, June 27, June 28 — Keiko Matsui.
July 2 — Les Dudek.
July 3, July 4, July 5 — Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra.
July 12 — Howard Jones.
July 13 — Cindy Blackman.

July 13 — The Steely Damned.
July 18, July 19 — Rita Coolidge.
July 23 — Rachel Price.
July 26 — Sophie Millman.
August 1, August 2 — Stanley Jordan.
August 6 — Dabe Toure.
August 16 — Strunz & Farah.
August 20, August 21, August 22, August 23 — Steve Tyrell.
August 29, August 30 — Dave Mason.

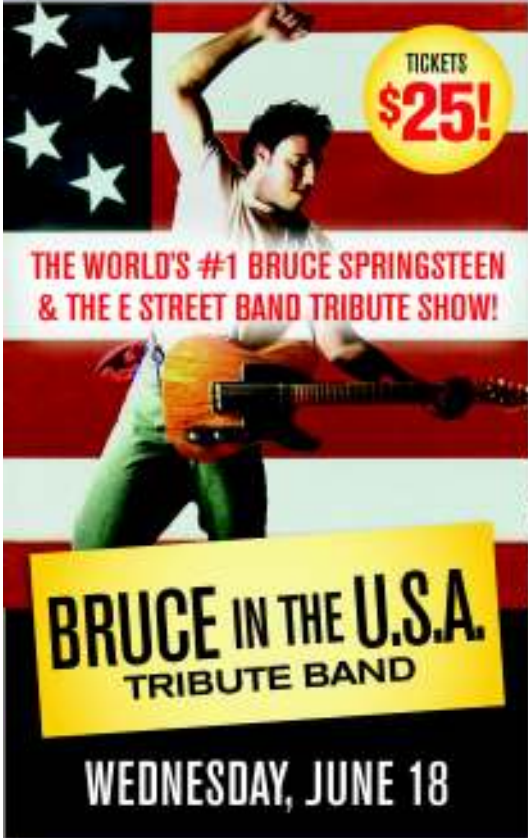
Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La

Jolla, 858-454-5872.
June 15 — Jazz at the Athenaeum.
June 19, June 20, June 21 — "SoundON Festival of New Music."
Avo Playhouse: 303 Main Street, Vista, 760-724-2110.
July 11 — Ferron/Bitch Concert.

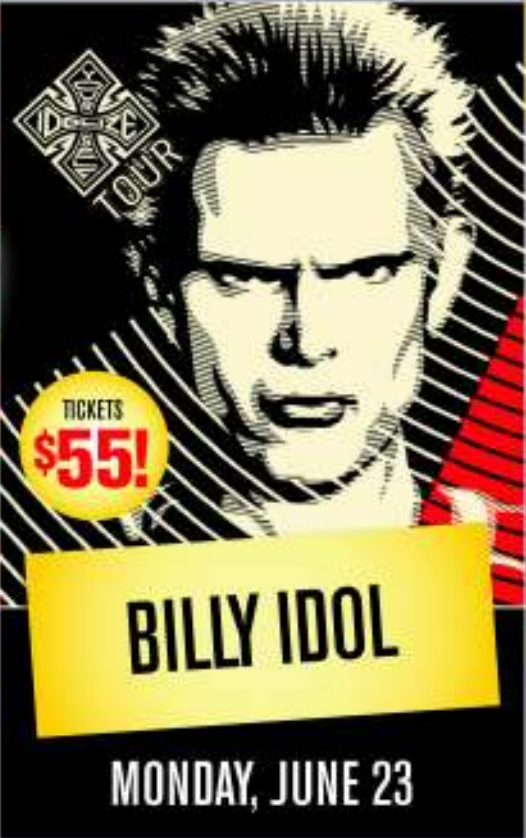
Bar Leucadian: 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-2094.
May 30 — Custard Pie.
May 31 — Red Handed.

Beach Grass Café: 159 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632.
May 29 — Michael Tiernan.
June 5 — Robert Parker.
June 16 — Paniola Jack.
Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
May 29 — Battlehooch, Lanterns, Crystal Antlers.
Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-

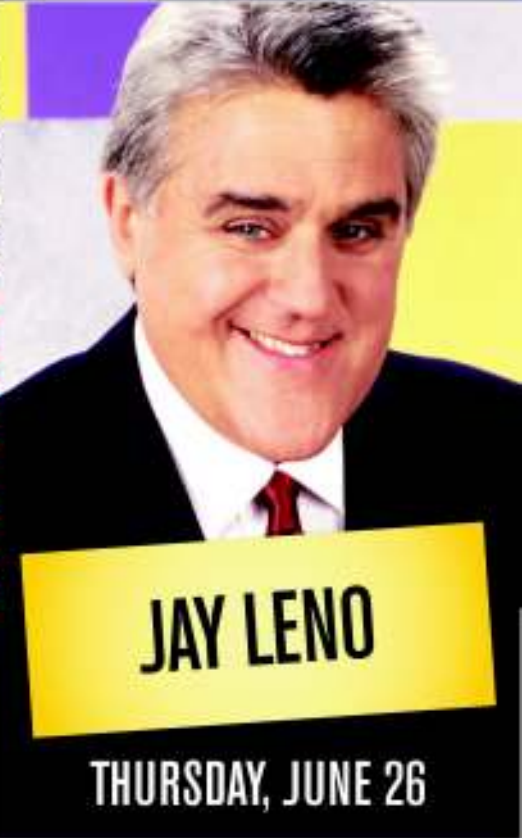
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 June 3 — George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic.
 June 4 — Shooter Jennings.
 June 5 — Dave Alvin & the Guitly Men.
 June 6 — Common Sense.
 June 7 — Switchfoot.
 June 9 — Junior Brown and Rosie Flores.
 June 11 — The Burning of Rome and the Sess.
 June 12 — The Wailing Souls.
 June 13 — The Young Dubliners.
 June 14 — Cash'd Out.
 June 15 — Helio Sequence.
 June 19 — Morgan Heritage.
 June 20 — The Drive-By Truckers.
 June 21 — Dead Man's Party.
 June 23 — Bebel Gilberto.
 June 25 — Gary Hoey and Top Dog.
 June 26 — The Album Leaf.
 June 28 — Atomic Punks.
 June 29 — Dilated Peoples, Aceyalone, 88-Keys.
 June 30 — Abigail Washburn & the Sparrow Quartet.
 July 4 — Don Carlos.
 July 5 — The Cured and I-90.
 July 6, July 7 — Israel Vibration and Outlaw Nation.
 July 11 — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations.
 July 12 — Stepping Feet.
 July 13 — Hieroglyphics.
 July 19 — 40 Oz. to Freedom and Social Green.
 July 20 — Leon Russell.
 July 24 — Venice.
 July 30 — Kut U Up and Get Your Death On.
 August 3 — Bryan Adams.

September 23 — Railroad Earth.
 September 30 — Johnny Winter.
 October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.
 October 24 — Stereolab and Monade.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836.
 June 21 — The Kenny Burrell Quartet.
 August 2 — Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio.
 October 18 — Gaelic Storm.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
 June 3 — Radiostar.
 June 5 — Cathryn Beeks Showcase.

Borders Books and Music - Mission Valley: 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-295-2201.
 June 6 — Jacqueline Grace.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
 May 29 — Mid-Life KrYSIS.
 May 31 — Unset and the Shot-Out Hoods.
 June 6 — 2MEX, the Resonators, L.C.A.
 June 7 — Mad Sin.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.
 June 26 — Michele Lundeen a Trois.

'Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
 May 29 — A Shattered Hope and Dante's Boneyard.
 May 30 — On the One and Blue Turtle Seduction.
 May 31 — One Drop.
 June 1 — T-Irie Dread.
 June 5 — Living Legends and Murs.
 June 6 — (hed)pe and Subnoize Souljaz.
 June 7 — The Rebirth Brass Band.
 June 8 — Elephants in Mud.



>hometown CDs BY OLLIE

Album: *Young Mass* (2008)

Artist: Young Mass

Label: self-released

Where available/price: Access Music in Pacific Beach for \$8.95. Online at CDBaby for \$7.99, Amazon for \$8.99, and iTunes for \$9.99

Songs: 1) Intro — Message from Shock G 2) Let That Knock 3) Blue Skyy (remix) 4) On the Grind 5) Let It Go 6) The Stars 7) Get up and Move 8) Never a Touchdown 9) Freak-ish 10) Struggles 11) Blue Skyy 12) We Drop Bombs 13) The 5th 14) Old Flames 15) Young N***a 16) Left Shoes 17) Fair Well 18) The World 19) Best 4 You 20) The Return

Band: Derrick "Young Mass" Stanton (vocals, keyboard, programming), Yukmouth (vocals), Shock G (vocals), Money B (vocals), Mimi (vocals), Kenya Gruv (guitar), Dotrix 4000 (turntables)

Website: youngmass.com

It's hard to find a rap album that doesn't fall into the predictable traps of the

genre. Popular radio hip-hop albums drip with boasts of diamonds and champagne or

the dope-smoking gangster ideals of outpacing police; Young Mass melds many recent innovations from the rap game, including tightly packed keyboarding and programming, but leaves the fur coat and yacht clichés alone.

In what could be characterized as traditional lyrics, Young Mass remembers that rap began as poems about mean streets, and he favors lines about shooting dice, cheap booze, and maybe cheaper women without being overly misogynistic. This could be a great boxing-gym album — plenty of lyrics of struggle and hustles.

Driving home the idea that this is a West Coast album are the lines of decidedly 1970s funk-ish guitar and piano, intentional or unintentional hat-tips to Tupac, and featured guest vocalists such as Oakland Bay industry



Young Mass

heavyweights Yukmouth and Shock G. Shock G you'd probably know better as "Humpty Hump," and it's comforting to hear his smooth voice in all its glory and whimsy.

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June 12 — Project: Out of Bounds and the Skaflaws.
 June 13 — Andre Nickatina and Yukmouth.
 June 14 — Agua Dulce, Wise Monkey Orchestra, La Tanya Lockett.
 June 15 — Stone Senses.
 June 20 — 40 Oz. to Freedom and Stepping Feet.
 June 22 — One Drop.
 June 26 — U-Roy and Cornell Campbell.
 June 27 — Metal Snake.

June 29 — Frontyard.
 July 3 — Cash'd Out.
 July 5 — Pivit and Agent 51.
 July 6 — Project: Out of Bounds and Steel Foundation.
 July 11 — Stranger, High Tide, 56 Hope.
 July 12 — Tainted Love.
 July 13 — Love & Groove.
 July 20 — T-Irie Dread.
 July 20 — Wolf Parade.
 July 25 — Junior Reid and the Reggae Angels.
 July 26 — Wild Child.

July 27 — Kapakahi.
 August 2 — Dead Man's Party.
 August 7 — Agent Orange and Critical Me.
 August 29 — Stranger.
 August 31 — Atomic Punks.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
 May 30 — Kicks.
 May 31 — The Ideas.
 June 6, June 7 — The Hype.
 June 13, June 14 — Nite Hawk.

June 20, June 21 — Laguna.
 June 27, June 28 — Crossroads.
 July 4, July 5 — The Elevators.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.

May 29 — Vagabond Opera and Max Fields.
 May 30 — Swervedriver and Film School.
 May 31 — Neil Hamburger.
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 June 8 — Firewater.
 June 9 — The Queers, Lemuria, Bomb the Music Industry.
 June 10 — Detroit Cobras and Les Sans Culottes.
 June 11 — Dax Riggs.
 June 12 — Crystal Castles and dd/mm/yyyy.
 June 13 — Andre Legacy, Dirt Nasty, Beardo.
 June 14 — Bartenders Bible.
 June 15 — New Bloods and Crocodiles.
 June 16 — Russian Circles, the Daughters, Young Widows.
 June 17 — Times New Viking and Psychedelic Horseshit.
 June 18 — Hayden and Haley Bonar.
 June 19 — The Blakes and the Broken West.
 June 20 — Sea Wolf and the Jealous Girlfriends.
 June 21 — The Long & Short of It.
 June 23 — Frightened Rabbit and Oxford Collapse.
 June 24 — Boris and Torche.
 June 26 — Grand Archives and Sera Cahoone.
 June 27 — Fleet Foxes.
 June 29 — The Napoleon Complex and a Beautiful Noise.
 June 30 — Swim Party and the Henry Clay People.
 July 1 — The Modey Lemon.
 July 2 — We Are Scientists.
 July 4 — The Constantines and Modern Rifles.
 July 5 — The Creepy Creeps and Batar-Zan.
 July 6 — Retribution Gospel Choir.
 July 20 — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson.
 July 23 — Rocky Votolato.
 July 27 — Japanese Sunday, Syndicate, Fever Sleeves.
 July 31 — Jay Reatard and Cheap Time.
 August 15 — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich.
 August 22 — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram.

Channel Twelve 25: 172 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-1225.
 June 7 — Original Songwriters Night.

Chasers Cocktail Lounge: 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-280-9379.
 May 29 — Miss Massive Snowflake.

Cheers: 2475 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-0270.
 June 21 — MoonDance.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
 May 31 — Tragedy, Blowback, Crime Desire.
 June 1 — 7 Generations and Wait in Vain.
 June 8 — Frog Eyes, Ramona Cordova, Francois Viroc.
 June 9 — Joan of Arc and 31 Knots.
 June 10 — Ampere, New Trust, Loma Prieta.
 June 13 — The Sess, Atoms, the Power Chords.
 June 14 — Resist & Exist, Ok?, Elive.
 June 19 — Citizen Fish, Bumbklaatt, Intro5pect.
 June 20 — The Vision of a Dying World and Crocodiles.
 June 23 — Bird Names and Lilith Velkor.
 June 28 — Japandi and BoomSnake.
 July 11 — Die Young and Lie & Wait.
 July 16 — Ghost Mice and Heathers.
 July 26 — 7 Generations and This Time Tomorrow.
 August 6 — La Quiete, Phoenix Bodies, Ghostlimb.
 September 5 — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts.

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June 3 — The Cure.
June 27 — Marco Antonio Solis.

Coyote Bar and Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
June 5 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.
May 29 — Kenny Chesney and Leann Rimes.
June 13 — Brad Paisley.
June 27 — 311 and Snoop Dogg.
July 11 — Toby Keith.
July 15 — Journey.
July 16 — Mayhem Festival.
July 29 — John Mayer.
August 14 — Vans Warped Tour.
August 22 — The Dave Matthews Band.
August 27 — Radiohead.
September 27 — Third Day and Switchfoot.
October 16 — Jimmy Buffet.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1161.
June 14 — Steel Pulse and Pato Banton.
June 14 — Tribal Seeds.
June 15 — The Hype.
June 15 — La Arrolladora Banda el Limón.
June 17 — Grand Funk Railroad and the Guess Who.
June 17 — Keltik Kharma.
June 18 — Unsteady.
June 19 — Micky Dolenz.
June 19 — The Clay Colton Band.
June 20 — Earth, Wind, & Fire.
June 20 — Satisfaction.
June 21 — The Doodlebops.
June 21 — In Color.
June 22 — Los Huracanes del Norte.
June 22 — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
June 24 — The Band in Black.
June 25 — Cartel.
June 25 — The Hank Show.
June 26 — Pat Boone.
June 26 — B.B. King.
June 26 — Mishavonna.
June 27 — Fergie.
June 27 — Wild Child.
June 28 — Tye Tribbett & G.A. and Byron Cage.
June 28 — Invictus.
June 29 — Intocable and Los

Horóscopos de Durango.
June 29 — Bayadera.
June 30 — Weird Al Yankovic.
June 30 — Fleetwood MAX.
July 1 — Sugarland.
July 1 — The North County Cowboys.
July 2 — Little Big Town.
July 2 — Mursic.
July 3 — Charo.
July 3 — Boston.
July 3 — The Iron Maidens.
July 4 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
July 4 — Led Zepagain.
July 5 — Joe Lara & Slider Blue.
July 6 — Under a Blood Red Sky.

Devore Stadium Field - Southwestern College: 900 Otay Lakes Road, Southwestern College, 619-482-6367.
June 8 — Miller Lite Independence Jam.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
May 30 — Four Sides of Bob Dylan.
June 1 — The Double Bass Summit.
August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.

Dublin Square: 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818.
June 18 — Colin Clyne.

Embarcadero: Harbor Drive, Downtown.
June 14 — Dionne Warwick and Kool & the Gang.

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.

May 31 — The Howls and Longstay.
June 6 — The Skank Agents and Blaupunkt.
June 7 — Stereo Summer and a Dull Science.
June 19 — Islands and Sebastian Grainger.
June 29 — End the Century.
July 11 — Tilly & the Wall.
July 14 — Harry & the Potters and Jason Anderson.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.
June 5 — Luna Llena.

Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.
May 30 — Stehm.
May 31 — One Thread.

The Flying Bridge: 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-1151.
June 27 — The Lounge Butchers.

Giant: 2028 Hancock Street, Mission Hills.
June 13 — Miguel Migs.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Titanarum**
Song: "Aging Quickly" (from the EP *Spastis Progressivus Aggressiorum*)
Heard By: **Xavier Hernandez**, City Heights



Xavier

I thought that it was pretty fucking intense. My whole thing is that I think there should be more bands like that in San Diego. I'm sure the lyrics are really good — the Neighbors lyrics were really good, and it's the same singer. I work at a record store, and I'd definitely put it in the punk section. I would compare it to stuff like Charles Bronson, Drop Dead, and Jenny Piccolo — fast, thrashy punk. I saw them live at Chasers two months ago, and they blew me away. That would be good music for sitting in your room and shaking your fist, riding your bike while shaking your fist, or taking a nice, hot bubble bath while shaking your fist. Anything, but mostly shaking your fist, though.

Artist: **Apes of Wrath**
Song: "Bubble" (from the CD *Plastic, Fake & Frozen*)
Heard By: **John Eisenhart**, Mission Hills



John

They seemed like good musicians, but there was nothing interesting about the music. It was kind of predictable. They're just trying to be too commercial. I can't really say what band they would be compared to, other than just a top-20 type of band. It was like post-punk, maybe power-pop. There were a lot of guitars — that same guitar riff over and over again. Those guitars were [in the] forefront — especially that lead guitar. Production-wise, it was pretty flat; they should get a new producer. The vocalist sounded very faintly like the Cure. When I hear that band, [I picture] preparing for suicide. It was not of interest for me.

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Artist: **Christopher Cash**
Song: "Morning Star" (from the CD *Invisible*)
Heard By: **Aaron Swanton**, Golden Hill



Aaron

It's kind of interesting — lots of sitars. I think I was caught off guard by the psychedelic sitar. It sounds like the guy listens to a lot of George Harrison, David Bowie, and the Beatles. I don't normally pay attention to the lyrics in songs off the first listen unless it's a singer with an acoustic guitar because it's more in your face. It was well produced and recorded. They probably spent a pretty penny doing all that. The vocal melodies were reminiscent of a Beatles song — *Revolver* era. I would say they probably do pretty well. They sound like they have their audience already, and if they don't, there's already a built-in audience for that type of music.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
May 30 — Brooklyn and Gregory Page.
May 30 — The Christopher Dale Trio.
June 1 — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
June 7 — John Katchur and Randi Driscoll.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715.
May 30 — Cool Fever.
June 6 — Z-Bop!
July 4 — The Bayou Brothers.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
May 29 — Modern Day Moonshine.
May 30 — The Kottonmouth Kings.
June 4 — Peter Murphy.
June 6 — Cubensis.
June 7 — The Dead Kennedys.
June 8 — Dethklok.
June 10 — Ted Nugent.
June 12 — Augustana.
June 13 — Which One's Pink?
June 20 — The Old 97's.
June 21 — Marc Cohn.
June 25 — Ingrid Michaelson.
June 28 — O.A.R.
June 29 — The Casualties.
July 5 — Natasha Bedingfield.

July 7 — Dark Lotus.
July 9 — Rooney.
July 10 — Rusted Root and Pete Francis.
July 18 — The Dan Band.
July 25 — The Aquabats.
July 29 — Less Than Jake and Goldfinger.
July 31 — Chromeo.
August 2 — Richard Cheese.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
May 29 — Fish & the Seaweeds.
May 30 — Crush.
May 31 — Rockola.
June 23 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
June 7 — The Beach Boys.
June 10 — Erykah Badu and the Roots.
June 12 — Kem.
June 13 — Johnny Lang.
June 13 — Tom Jones.
June 17 — Crosby, Stills, & Nash.
June 18 — Keb' Mo' and Taj Mahal.
June 19 — The Indigo Girls.
June 20 — Idina Menzel.
June 25 — Ani DiFranco.
June 26, June 27 — One Hawaii Tour.
June 30 — Robert Plant & Alison Krauss.
July 1, July 2 — Bob Weir &

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 July 17, July 18 — Hippiefest.
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 July 23 — The Doobie Brothers.
 July 25 — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.
 July 27 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
 July 28 — Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi.
 July 31 — Emmylou Harris.
 August 1 — Dolly Parton.
 August 3 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.
 August 4 — Huey Lewis & the News.
 August 6 — Boz Scaggs.
 August 8 — Peter & Gordon.
 August 10 — UB40.
 August 11 — David Sanborn and Lee Ritenour.
 August 12 — Paolo Nutini.
 August 13 — Michael McDonald.
 August 14 — Joe Cocker.
 August 15 — Tower of Power.
 August 18 — The Gipsy Kings.
 August 19 — Steve Winwood.
 September 4 — Lucinda Williams.
 September 12 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.
 September 13 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
 September 25 — Kenny G.
 September 28 — Etta James & the Roots Band.
 October 3 — America.
 October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono.
 October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.

JP's Pub: 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-2509.
 June 27 — Red Light Behavior.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
 May 30 — The Creepy Creeps and the Widows.
 May 31 — The Sess and Red Hearts.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
 May 29 — 3 EZ Pieces.
 June 7 — The Farmers.

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center: 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla.
 August 4 — "The Prince of Koshers Gospel Music."

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
 May 29 — Aaron Bowen and Matt Haeck.
 May 30 — Cotton Fever and Joshua O'Brian.

May 31 — Gayle Skidmore and Greg Laswell.
 June 1 — The Robin Henkel Band.
 June 4 — Jason Luckett and Teresa Storch.
 June 5 — Josh Damigo and Patrick Pike.
 June 6 — Saba.
 June 7 — Anna Benthalm and Gabriella.
 June 13 — Carlos Olmeda and Sara Petite.
 June 14 — Renata Youngblood and Jenn Grinels.
 June 15 — The Wrong Trousers.
 June 18 — Courtney Ariel and Jennie Alpert.
 June 21 — Allison Lonsdale.
 June 27 — Kenny Eng and Melissa Vaughan.
 June 28 — Gregory Page.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.
 May 29 — Laguna.
 May 30 — Bordertown Blues.
 May 31 — The Offbeats.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
 June 7 — Rack of Bones Trombone Choir.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-

5637.
 May 30 — The Drowning Men and the Good Lords.
 May 31 — Lonely Mattress Salesman.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
 June 20 — Death Cab for Cutie.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
 May 30 — Makai.

May 31 — Anthem.
 June 13 — Superfunk.
 June 14 — Skynnyn Lynnryd.
 June 20 — Boogie Knights.
 June 21 — David Brighton.
 June 27 — Superfunk.
 June 28 — Belladonna.
 July 12 — Arrival.
 July 18 — The Spazmatics.
 July 25 — Platinum Groove.
 July 29 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
 July 31 — Engelbert Humperdinck.
 August 5 — Steely Dan.

August 11 — UB40.
 August 28 — Poison.
 September 21 — Ana Gabriel.
 October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

The Par Lounge at San Vicente Resort: 24157 San Vicente Road, Ramona, 760-789-8290.

June 6 — MoonDance.
 July 25 — Red Light Behavior.

Patrick Henry High School: 6702 Wandermere Drive, San

Carlos.
 May 31 — "Musical Enchantment."

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
 May 29 — Taryn Donath & Mo-Jo Rising.
 May 30 — Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz.
 May 31 — Johnny "V" Vernazza.

PianoSD.com: 1233 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley.
 June 21 — "Pianotarium: Piano Tribute to Metallica."

Qualcomm Hall: 5775 Morehouse Drive, Mira Mesa, 858-481-1673.

June 8 — "Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim."

Qualcomm Stadium: 9449 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-283-0460.
 July 27 — Stone Temple Pilots.
 August 21 — Sheryl Crow.

Rock Bottom: 401 G Street, Downtown, 619-231-7000.
 May 30 — 80z All Stars.

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July 5 — Mill Creek Boys.

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July 5 — Raven-Symone.
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May 31 — Eve Selis.

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May 31 — Mursic and Daredevil

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June 6 — Elysia and See You Next Tuesday.
June 7 — Strung Out and Authority Zero.
June 11 — The Matches and Scissors for Lefty.
June 13 — No Lifeguard on Duty and the Amalgamated.
June 14 — Scream the Prayer Tour.
June 19 — Marié Digby and Eric Hutchinson.
June 20 — The Almost and Emery.
June 22 — The Human Abstract and Eyes Set to Kill.
June 24 — The Mad Caddies.
July 2 — Ours and God or Julie.
July 5 — The Dajjal Persona and Name.
July 6 — Dance Gavin Dance and a Static Lullaby.
July 12 — Secondhand Serenade and My American Heart.
July 13 — Summer Slaughter 2008.
July 14 — A Change of Pace and Houston Calls.
July 17 — Kill Hannah and Metic Droid.
July 20 — Cute Is What We Aim For and Ace Enders.
July 27 — The Alkaline Trio and American Steel.
August 6 — The Hush Sound and the Cab.
August 8 — Shai Hulud, Full Blown Chaos, Epicurean.
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August 15 — KillWhitneyDead and Carnifex.
August 30 — The RX Bandits and Portugal the Man.

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June 7 — The Fab Faux.
June 12 — Mick Fleetwood.

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Working in radio, I've had the pleasure of meeting Koz on several occasions, and one of my favorite memories was from a few years ago, backstage at his "Dave Koz Christmas" concert at Spreckels Theatre. My wife and kids were with me and just before I was about to go onstage to introduce the show, Koz asked if my kids could go onstage with me to wish the crowd Merry Christmas before I introduced him. It was a thrill for the kids, and it really set the tone for the night.



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CINCO DE MELLOW

by Josh Board

You can never figure out which events will bring out the partiers. A few years ago, there were several "420" parties on 4/20. This year, I didn't hear about any. But, on Cinco de Mayo, I had plenty of places to hit.

I went to the San Diego Sports Club in Hillcrest for the first event. A tall African-American woman with orange... things in her hair was standing outside the bar inviting people to the event. She had on a *Rockband* T-shirt, which is the new video game they'd be playing in the bar.

There was a \$10 cover to get in, and my girlfriend gave me grief when I suggested we should talk our way in. She pointed to a sign that said all proceeds were going to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As I took out my wallet I said, "What about proceeds going to starving writers?"

One of the organizers was Hillary, whom I had met at a previous party. She's involved in something called "Team in Training," which trains people



to run their first marathon while raising money for the Leukemia Society.

I watched as people played the *Rockband* game. It's like *Guitar Hero* meets karaoke, but it takes an entire band onstage. You don't need musical ability, just quick reflexes. I'm color-

"failed" appeared on the screen and the song was stopped. As the crowd laughed, one of the hosts said, "Don't hate. Partici-

someone talking about which song they should do. I glanced up at the musicians, and on the screen I saw the word "bass groove."

I talked with Hillary for a few minutes before she got on stage.

After her performance, I watched a group of guys do Bon Jovi's "Wanted Dead or Alive." I hate the original version and figured I wouldn't care for this one. The drummer was into it, though, twirling the sticks

around his hand and raising his arms up high after certain beats.

I heard a bunch of guys making a ruckus in the other room and glanced over as they were throwing dollars into a punching-bag machine. I watched them for a few minutes and thought that I probably seemed gay.

My girl and I headed off to another event at a house in La Mesa. It wasn't hard to find, as there were colored lights swirling out front.

I walked into the back yard where a deck was decorated as a discotheque with a spinning mirrored ball and colored lights. The host and homeowner was Mel. "Is that why you called this Cinco De Mellow?" I asked him. "Yeah," he said, "it's a play on words in two ways." He told me he got the stage stuff from someone who ran a club.

The Jacuzzi was covered, and beer pong was being played on it. Around the corner, a fountain was flowing with margaritas. One woman was trying to figure out how it worked. She

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The first group wasn't doing so hot. Midway through "My Sharona," the word

pate." After they attempted another song and again failed, someone mentioned the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame calling.

My girlfriend went to play *Galaga* in another room. I heard

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said, "I just want to make sure it's not being recycled from somewhere. I don't want to see pipes coming from the bathroom." I grabbed one and some tortilla chips and talked with a guy whom I'd overheard went to the Styx, Journey, Def Leppard concert. I was surprised anyone went to that, especially with Styx and Journey not having their lead singers anymore, although you could make the argument that that was an improvement. When I mentioned that to the guy, we debated whether or not Dennis DeYoung was still in Styx.

A few people started dancing when the music was turned up. A couple of kids who looked to be in their late teens asked me if I knew where the margarita fountain was. I said, "I'll tell you if you can prove you're over 21." A nervous smile crept up on one of their faces.

Over at the margaritas, my girlfriend ran into a bouncer she knew. I figured if anyone was actually going to card them, he would.

I went into the kitchen, where Mel's girlfriend Julie was slaving over the food preparation. I don't think I ever saw her outside.

She talked about her work rescuing greyhounds. She had one that was friendly with everyone at the party. I thought the dog would be more energetic and running around. Julie said, "This dog had a 2 and 58 record." She also showed a tattoo it has on its ear, which I found out is common for dogs that race.

I ran into a woman I know named Vikki. I asked about her son, who's 15. She told me he's in a band called Oden's Fist. She said, "Don't ask me what it means. I have no clue."

I talked about old cars with a couple of mechanics. One guy had a Harley shirt on. I asked him what his favorite car was and he said a '69 Camaro. He also likes '50s trucks. He mentioned possibly buying a car as a project once his divorce was final.

I saw the other mechanic talking to a guy holding a huge container of beer. He said, "This is two feet long. And it's filled to the top."

My girlfriend and I saw that they had regular ping pong going on. As we waited for two people to finish, I looked at all the aquatic stuff on the walls of the game room. Mel is from Florida, and a lot of the decor relates to that area. The poster with the various fish showed a jewfish; we had never heard of

that. Someone said it's the biggest of the groupers. I said, "The biggest fish, or just the biggest nose?" The guy didn't laugh. Mel overheard this and said, "Everyone is PC now. They don't call it that anymore. I'm not sure how it got the name." I said, "Florida does have a lot of older Jewish people living there."

As we started playing a game, a strange black dog came in — a poodle with its hair in dreadlocks. Mel said, "I figured, if you're going to have a poodle, you have to make it look cool." I asked how the hair was done and he told me beeswax.

The dog was standing by my leg the entire time we played, but when we finished and went to pet it, we couldn't find him. We smelled pot coming from somewhere and I said, "Strange coincidence that the dog that looks like Bob Marley is now over where the pot's being smoked." ■

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The World Disappears

"[Acting] can be truly scary sometimes, but... fear can become energy you can bank on."

What is it about acting that can grab a person's full attention — and often hold it for a lifetime? Recently I got to dramaturge *Holy Ghosts* for the Sullivan Players. Romulus Linney's drama concerns the life-and-death passions of a snake-handling cult. An actor's devotion can be just as committed. So I asked some cast members to talk about what has become, in effect, their calling. I wasn't looking for a definitive answer — I doubt there is one — just personal responses.

INTERVIEW

JEFF SMITH

JOE NESNOW "My daughter and wife think I'm addicted to applause," says Nesnow, 76-year-old retired Navy, "but that's not even the frosting — or the sprinkles — on the cake. It isn't applause. It's when an audience is with you, hanging on every word. You can feel this tremendous emotional feedback. That's a connection like nothing else."

Nesnow's been acting over 50 years. As a youngster, however, it never crossed his mind. He was a singer "and loved that applause (I'm a middle son and needed it)." When he joined the Navy just before the Korean War, the brass wanted to stage a musical comedy to entertain troops. Since the job would free him from mess cooking and fire watches, Nesnow volunteered, "thereby breaking," he laughs, "the age-old military rule."

What surprised him: even for long hours, acting never felt like work. "It was always exciting, creating something, making a whole life. The only real work was learning the lines."

Although the show never made the stage, since the players kept getting shipped out, Nesnow "got hooked REAL BAD." He took every class he could and began a lifelong pursuit.

Nesnow's acting-hook has two prongs: the charged connection with the audience, and a vanishing. "I love telling stories. I love to draw people in and disappear into the role, so that people forget I'm Joe and just see the character. If I can do that, then I win."

MELANIE SUNDERLIN Asked what she'd do if she couldn't act, Sunderlin stopped cold. "I'd be trapped. I wouldn't be me. I don't want to

THINK about that. Acting is my passion. It's like air for me. I have to do it...have to do it."

The 22-year-old former theater arts student at SDSU recalls doing grammar school projects "way above and beyond" the instructions. At

Scripps Ranch High she played the sousaphone. "It's always been there, that need, not just to show what I can do, which is part of it. It's almost as if creative energy

is something you set free. It wants to move through you and out. Otherwise it gets trapped.

"I can have a really long day at work" (like most San Diego actors, Sunderlin has a full-time job, and most make a similar claim), "but even if I'm dead tired, the second I walk on-stage it all goes away. It's hard to describe, the creative juices, the wake-up. It's like you have all the energy in the world! Plus, you forget about the world outside. It all disappears. I love that forgetting."

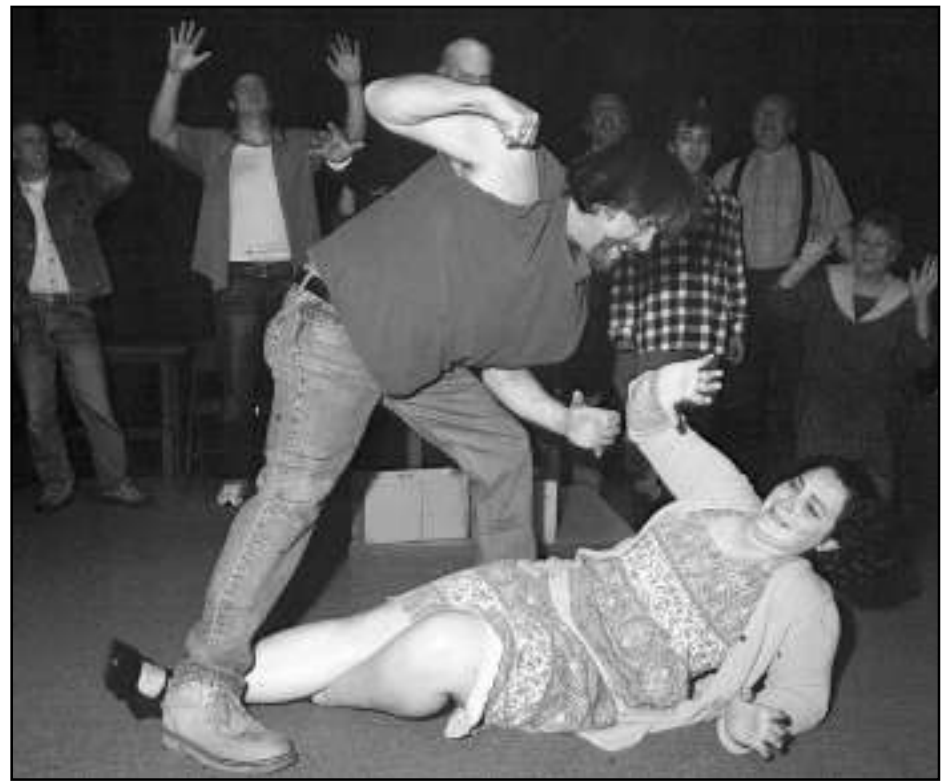
When she watches a movie, a voice inside will say, "God, I want this part!" It isn't just studying different characters and digging for details, she says, "it's luring the audience into a story so deeply that the outside world disappears for them as well."

MICHAEL BARNETT "I have always worn my emotions on my sleeve," says Barnett, 49. "I got teased about it when I was a kid. But I couldn't help letting them out."

In grammar school he was a teacher's aide, reading stories to second graders. "I began giving the characters different voices and sounds. The kids would mumble things like 'he's weird' or 'that's strange,' but after a while you could hear a pin drop."

At home, he and his mother watched afternoon movies on *Dialing for Dollars*. She had acted in several shows and skits. When he saw how avidly she watched old movies, Barnett "realized she wasn't just a mom. She was a girl who had dreams. And acting became mine."

Building a hairdressing business — he's now in such demand he asked me not to name his salon — and caring for ailing family members — made him set the dream aside for decades. Seven years ago, his partner, Daren Scott, an actor,



Michael Barnett, Melanie Sunderlin

inspired Barnett to give it a try. The "pretend for real" nature of acting had an overwhelming appeal.

"Some people, my brother's one, try to erase their feelings: X might hurt, people might not like Y. But an actor's training says, 'Be in touch with every emotion.' That's so natural to me it doesn't seem like acting. What I've had to learn — and am still — is when to feel them: when to go to Level 8 at the right point, or Level 10 or 12."

Now that he's felt the call, Barnett vows it will become "a much bigger slice of my life's pie."

ADAM MARCINOWSKI "Some are born with acting in the blood," says the 30-year-old part-time high school teacher. "Some catch it at an early age, while others get plagued later."

Six feet five inches tall, Marcinowski played tackle and tight end for the University of Washington, 1996–2000. He came to acting two years ago when he got a job as an extra on the TV pilot *Viva Laughlin* and "got the bug. If I started young, it wouldn't have been a good thing. I

didn't have the life experiences.

"Acting for me is like athletics, not so much in the physical sense but in the mental preparation and that feeling of having your stomach tangled into a million different directions. I was an offensive lineman in college. Sometimes you mess up a blocking assignment and have to make the best of the play. 'When in doubt, fire out,' the coaches always said. 'Go full speed into your mistake.'

"Acting's like that. You have blocking, and if the scene gets broken up, you have to make the best of it on the spot."

He gets a thrill from performance: "It can be truly scary sometimes, but when you channel it, fear can become energy you can bank on."

Giving up a teaching career's been difficult. Marcinowski struggles with his decision to become an actor every day. "But it's a fire I can't put out. If your path is unclear before you, then create it as you go. So I struggle. But you know what? Screw it! I'm a dreamer that can't see myself doing anything else. Acting is my redemption, my crowd noise, my feeling of

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JO-DARLENE REARDON "I was an extremely quiet and shy young girl," says Reardon, now 65. She stayed home and watched Bette Davis movies. When she was 13, in the late 1950s, her parents sent Reardon to Junior Theatre to overcome her shyness. "Petrified and excited," she sat in a corner, wanting to audition but "scared to death." She went several times "but just sat there." Eventually she landed a part as a dancer in *Aladdin*, and it changed her life.

"I still hold my emotions close," she says, but when she's onstage the shyness goes away. "A very good friend used to say I had two personalities.

"Actors get labeled, but I've



Joe Nesnow

never met such a variety anywhere else—all walks of life—and theater accepts them no

matter what. I can't think of many other fields that do that."

An SDSU grad who taught speech therapy and special education in the schools for 30

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years, Reardon learned the piano for *Holy Ghosts*. On opening night, she played five traditional hymns like a pro.

During the fourth week of rehearsals, tests revealed a tumor in her bladder. "I have cancer," she told the assembled cast, "but I'm not quitting the show."

She had an operation on April 29 — and will require another. *Holy Ghosts* opened May 3 (and closes this weekend). Reardon never missed a rehearsal or a performance.

"When I heard I had a tumor, rather than mope, I said to myself: 'I don't care what it is. I won't stop living or doing what I love.'"

The day she got the biopsy results, Reardon decided to audition for a bit part in Vanguard's *Annie Get Your Gun*. The tryout called for singing and dancing. She did both, with all her heart.

Oakley Hall, San Diego-born novelist, died Monday, May 12, in Nevada City. He was 87. He wrote *Warlock* (which Thomas Pynchon ranks "among the finest of American novels"), he founded the Squaw Valley Community of Writers, and, for 20 years, he directed the nationally ranked creative writing program at UC Irvine. When I was a grad student in literature at Irvine, Oakley had an office across from mine. He became a great friend and mentor. I learned two things fast: never play poker with him (he had a novelist's eye for "tells"), and heed every word he says about writing. For years, as we headed off to classes, he gave me an ongoing, off-the-cuff master class on the "delightful drudgery" of writing. He wrote two books on the subject: *The Art and Craft of Novel Writing* and *How Fiction Works*. I can't recommend them enough — and couldn't miss him more.

The *Reader's* reprinting Justin Wolff's 2001 interview with Hall on the website: www.sreader.com/weblogs/literary-news/2008/may/16/death-oakley-hall. You can hear the writer and the teacher: he knew the craft like few others. ■

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Beethoven, As I Knew Him

In print, Ludwig van Beethoven has proved to be larger than any single biography. He's also much larger than Hershey Felder's sketchy 90-minute piece, in its world premiere at the Old Globe. Felder gives the symphonies short shrift and highlights the oddities of the life (including an

unemptied chamber pot). Felder scored a hit last year with *George Gershwin, Alone* at the Globe, in part because Gershwin wrote short, easily recognized, unforgettable music. Felder could encapsulate Gershwin. His trying to encapsulate Beethoven's like playing only the first four notes of the Fifth Symphony and saying, "Well, there ya go." The opening-night audience gave Felder a standing ovation. And he earned one, not so much for his acting — he makes Gerhard von Breuning (through whose eyes we see the maestro) and Beethoven more one-note attitudes than developed characters — but for his tour de force combination of doing characters with precise German accents, narrating a 90-minute show, and playing swaths of difficult Beethoven (including the miraculous "Sonata in C Sharp Minor" and the Hegelian "Sonata Pathétique") with few mistakes. The design values (shiny black surfaces and ghostly figured projected on an open score) and Joel Zwick's unfussy direction serve the show, which needs major rethinking. Right now, it showcases Felder's many skills far more than Beethoven's.

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Blithe Spirit

Coronado Playhouse presents Noel Coward's "improbable farce." Charles Condomine hires Madame Arcati to conduct a séance, gets more than he bargained for. Pete Shaner directed.

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nentially. In a note, the director draws parallels between the play and Matthew Shepard, a gay man murdered crucifixion-style in Laramie, Wyoming. Shepard died the day before *Corpus Christi* opened.

Worth a try.

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The Sullivan Players present Romulus Linney's drama about a cult of snake handlers determined to experience the "thrill of eternity." D.J. Sullivan directed.

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Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if gone competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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Worth a try.

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Odalisques on a Plate

Sometimes change is good. Take Parallel 33. “It’s right in my neighborhood, but I haven’t eaten here in years,” said the Lynnester, buttering her baguette slice. “I ate here all the time when it first opened, but the menu never changed much, so I got bored.”

So, perhaps, did original chef-owner Amiko Gubbins. Researching the restaurant on the Web, I ran into a long-running Chowhound thread on “SD’s most overrated restaurants,” where a half-dozen bloggers over several years named Parallel 33. Amiko, after years of working on the cooking line and evidently tired of all her creations, finally ran away to cook for a rock star. (She’s now back in town working as chef liaison for Specialty Produce, which supplies fresh local farm goods and specialty items to most of San Diego’s top chefs.) She left her kitchen in the hands of chef Benjamin Moore. They are good hands. He has kept Amiko’s underlying concept but made the menu his own, and his food is mainly sound and satisfying.

Amiko’s mini-essay at the top of the menu explains the idea: “We wondered what unique qualities provided the Tigris-Euphrates Valley the honor as the birthplace of agriculture. Our discovery was that this noble valley shared its geographic orientation with San Diego! Naturally we followed the 33rd parallel around the globe to see what other interesting places might share our good fortune. Morocco, Lebanon, India, China, Japan and others — a swatch around the planet teeming with rich culinary...-traditions.”

So the food is globally inspired, from the warmer reaches of the temperate zone (although some of the nations on the above list seem rather a stretch — surely only Japan’s southernmost islands and India’s northernmost areas could squeeze into this latitude). But unlike, say, Chow (Hillcrest’s transnational noodle emporium), the kitchen here doesn’t attempt to reproduce the classic dishes of any of the nationalities it touches upon. If not for the menu titles, you might not guess the food’s ethnic origins. These regions are more like exotic inspirations, the way the new-found enthusiasm for non-European art inspired the modernist painters and sculptors of early 20th-century France. Translated to visual terms, the food might resemble, say, a Matisse “Moorish” odalisque, a Modigliani pseudo-primitive stone caryatid, or Picasso’s evocation of African masks in *Les Demoiselles d’Avignon*.

Yet most of the cooking furnishes sufficient pleasure in eating that its precise ethnic origins are beside the point. This is not gastroanthropology, it’s dinner.

The physical setting hasn’t changed much, although there have been improvements in noise



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

management since I last ate here eight years ago. (I remember the din more than the dinner.) You can still peek into the kitchen window from the street and watch the multiethnic cooking line, all in blue baseball caps. The interior architecture is bare-floored and functional, but the decor has sweet touches: a Ganesh wall shrine near the front door (the Hindu elephant god, fostering new enterprises by removing all obstacles), a sensuous Shiva sculpture, bunches of dried flowers, and, in a fairly recent innovation, the ceiling of the main dining room whimsically splotted with soundproofing disks of various sizes. Most nights there’s a live DJ, and the music, the night we ate there, was a grown-up, tasteful mix (world music, Chicago blues, etc.), and as the restaurant filled and conversations got louder, the music blessedly was turned softer.

The Friday-night crowd was diverse — multiethnic, multigendered, multicoastumed from jeans to date duds. It obviously included many regulars. Diners ranged from first-date couples to an extended family with kids, and even one baby. Don’t look for a kiddie menu; the families here seemed happy to have their offspring learn to eat like civilized people.

Reading the menu was an exercise in the suppression of gluttony. “Let’s have one of everything,” Cheryl chirped, voicing our universal sentiment. The staff, accustomed to “family style” eating groups, nicely staged our dinner, bringing it in groupings of dishes, like-with-like,

giving us time enough to savor and taste everything before the next plates arrived.

The standout appetizer was *aloo ki tikki*, potato cakes on sliced mango with a side of dried pineapple and currant chutney dusted with cayenne.

The *tikki* are slider-sized patties of pure-comfort mashed potato (with only the subtlest Indian spicing), fried crisp outside but soft inside, plated over mango slices

sprinkled with chopped cilantro. The riotous chutney alongside, with chewy, tart dried fruits, is unlike anything you’re likely to find in India but captures the spirit. The combination of mild, tart-sweet, and hot floods the senses: It’s like jumping into a fast-flowing creek on a torpid day.

Another dip into vaguely Indian flavors is the *masoor dal* (pink lentil) soup, thick and soothing, topped with a swirl of coconut cream and a frizz of fried shallot slivers. I was again surprised by the subtle spicing, with neither the brassy dose of cumin nor the pronounced ground coriander typical of *dal* in both Tamil Nadu and in the East Indian cooking of the West Indies. Indian food usually displays an in-your-face complexity resembling the Hindu temples encrusted with hundreds of sculpted gods — or the streets of downtown Madras suddenly lined, at close of day, with hundreds of street-dwelling families coming “home” to camp on the sidewalk. India is a lot of a lot-ness, including the food. So this *dal* is much quieter and easier to handle than that. My friends dived into the porridge like a

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Parallel 33
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PICK HITS: *Aloo ki tikki* potato cakes; masoor dal soup; scallops with lentils; Goan shrimp; pomegranate duck breast; date b’silla, date madeleines. Chef favorite: salmon “Thom Gai.”

NEED TO KNOW: Small restaurant, reservations nearly always necessary. A bit loud when full. Informal atmosphere. Four vegan appetizers, one vegan entrée. New happy hour appetizer menu 5:30–7:00 p.m. nightly. Next-door Blue Lotus Lounge bookable for parties.

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warm bath at end of day. A *fattoush* salad wasn’t the Middle-Eastern version I expected (with oddly yummy slabs of soggy stale pita soaking up the dressing) but a leaner, cleaner, bracing mixture of small toasted croutons of naan (Indian flatbread) with romaine, tomatoes, cukes, carrots, and a dusting of sumac (a deliciously tart red Middle Eastern spice).

Naan also replaced pita in the starring role of a Mediterranean flatbread plate. It’s similar to pita but softer, gentler, slightly sweeter — a civilized, urbane upgrade of an ascetic desert bread. The dips are a fine, tangy tapenade, an ordinary hummus, and a too-ingratiating sweet mango sauce.

Our least favorite starter offered pot stickers filled with dry, lean chicken breast. “Would pork be better?” Sam asked. “Absolutely,” I said. “We’re missing the fat — eating virtue instead of flavor.” I’ve sampled some great minced-chicken dim sum in Chinese restaurants, especially in Hong Kong — but there the chefs usually substitute



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There’s no let-down on the entrées. They are as full of life and creativity as the appetizers — not always perfect, but generally enjoyable.

Pan-seared sea scallops come with green lentils dotted with lardons of bacon, along with red squash, baby spinach leaves, and a maple-braised pearl onion and chanterelle compote. The delicate chanterelles are quite lost in this busy array, their flavor overpowered by even a touch of maple syrup. (They’d be better cooked simply and served on the side — and may be, by the time you read this.) The big three flavors are the perfect scallops, the smoky bacon, and the extraordinary caramelized pearl onions, so soft, sweet, and juicy, I mistook them for plumped-up dried fruit. All the rest plays backup, and the mélange is pleasing if a little incoherent. Don’t ask its country of origin — Morocco meets Maine?

Goan shrimp curry only goes Goan in its use of fresh tomatoes. As with the *aloo tikki* and the *dal*, the Indian flavors are mere glimpses — but this is a simple, tasty dish of shrimp and tomatoes, with fragrant coconut basmati rice and a topping of crisp fried shallots. It, too, is easy eating compared to its inspirations.

Pomegranate-glazed duck breast is tender and tangy. (I

preferred it to Jade Theater’s too-sweet, too-tough rendering of the same idea.) It comes with glorious garnishes: kabocha squash purée, spinach for dark-green contrast, sautéed red onion, and looking for all the world like quartered potatoes, wedges of roasted Anjou pear. Although there are four types of sweetness assembled here, they’re all distinct from each other, and none is excessive or arbitrary.

Asian-cured short ribs were rather disappointing. They’re cured before cooking by a two-day dry marinade of coriander, Vietnamese cinnamon, star anise, orange, brown sugar, and salt, then braised in water and coated in a sweet soy glaze. They come with ginger-parsnip purée and thin wafers of crisped plantains. Thumbs up for everything except the meat, which was tender but lacking the great “meaty” flavor (*umami*) of this cut at its best, slapped around a little too harshly with salt and earthiness.

A friend with a superb palate who scouted this restaurant earlier went all swoony for the Alaskan halibut entrée. My group didn’t order it (I can’t imagine swooning for halibut), but if you like mild fish, keep it in mind. (She recommended against the appetizer “crispy” calamari, reporting that it’s not crispy.) The chef’s special favorite is salmon with Asian noodles in a Thai-inspired coconut broth. When I was there, the menu said it was Atlantic

salmon, so I didn’t really consider ordering it. (Atlantic farmed salmon is so mushy, it feels untrustworthy — as if it’s looking forward to decaying.) The fish the chef is currently using is from Sitka, Alaska, pen-raised offshore in Washington State. That’s about the only Pacific salmon anyone’s likely to get this year; at least the cold waters up there should keep the flesh firm.

The new chef doesn’t have much of a sweet tooth, so I find his desserts highly appealing. Parallel 33’s most famous dessert (stemming from Amiko’s reign) is a plate of date madeleines — dainty cakelets, dense but not oversweet (and much improved over the leaden version I tasted eight years ago). Even better is the spectacular date b’sstilla, a far-fetched improvisation on the great Moroccan appetizer pie of filo with a minced squab filling. Here, instead, is the mouthfeel of a rich Middle-Eastern pastry — minus the Moorish overload of honey or sugar syrup. The dense, moist cake of fruits and nuts (dates, pears, pecans) secretly seasoned with turmeric and paprika, is mainly sweetened with the natural sugar of the dates, plus powdered sugar on the filo crust. The chef told me, “You can’t really call it low-cal or low-carb,” but I suspect these are “good carbs.”

Often weary of the parade of ambitious new restaurants where the food may be inter-

esting but only rarely quite right, I felt surprisingly grateful to relax into a tasty, imaginative dinner and the modest, unfailing good service that we experienced at Parallel 33. It probably was never as revolutionary as it might once have seemed, but a new chef makes it fresh again. Bring on that faux-Indian lentil soup, and I’ll dive back into it and soak my cares away.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Coronado-born Benjamin Moore was Amiko Gubbins’s handpicked successor to fill her tiny (and huge) shoes at Parallel 33. “I’d worked with her pretty intensely for about two years as her apprentice, about four years ago,” he says. “I moved up to Los Angeles to work in different places there and spread myself out, to learn as many facets of the restaurant industry as I could. I was able to work in a lot of different restaurants doing a lot of different things, from purchasing to sous-chef to butchering.

“I went to culinary school for a year at Cordon Bleu while I was still working in Los Angeles. It was a great experience, but I’d tell any young cook to get some restaurant experience before they go to culinary school. You get so much more out of it when you already have experience and know what you’re doing. You’ve got to make the best of the time, and at that level of money — \$40,000 for tuition — you need

to know what you’re getting into, the daily grind of working in a restaurant. The smallest and most fun part of my job is when I get to create something. The rest of the time, I have so much else on my mind.

“About a year and a half ago Amiko approached me and said she was going to move on — she’d been working night after night on the line all those years and wanted to retire — and would I be interested in coming down here and taking over? I jumped at the chance. It was a great honor to succeed her and to work with Robert again [owner Robert Butterfield] at a great restaurant that I’d worked at [previously] and put a lot of time into. I thought this would be a good situation to learn more — as a young chef, that’s what I’m interested in, to learn, learn, learn.”

Moore grew up in a large family that enjoyed eating together. He learned to cook alongside his mom, but his first restaurant job as a dishwasher was a total turnoff. “But then I got a job as a prep cook at the Chart House. And it’s hard to say — but just being in the kitchen every day is what brings me back.”

The only “parallel 33” countries that Moore has visited have been China, for a short time, and Thailand (not officially on the menu) for a longer and (of course) enchanting spell. (He’s eaten in Indian restaurants in L.A.) “The most pertinent thing about our food

is the culture of the food — understanding why things are done a certain way... Seeing in Thailand how much they honor the food — that’s something that Amiko really instilled in me, to respect the food. That’s one of the main things I try to encompass in the cooking here.

“And again, making it be from San Diego as well. I try to stay away from the [genuinely] authentic — I use authentic ingredients, but I don’t want to make a dish verbatim. Above all, I try to have fun with it. The good thing about this restaurant is there’s endless regions to cook from, so...I can use ingredients that other chefs can’t use, because I can mix Moroccan with Chinese, and even New Orleans. It’s a huge challenge, a struggle, but it keeps me on my toes. I’ll be honest — a lot of stuff has not worked out, but it’s been fun trying.”

Owner Robert Butterfield has given him pretty much free rein to change the menu (but still maintain enough of the regulars’ favorites to keep them happy). “I’ve wanted to change things, I’ve wanted to make this my own food,” he says. “I wanted people to come in here and say there is somebody different back there, not somebody just trying to recreate what this place has been doing. And there’s nothing more rewarding about this job than cooking something that I love and having guests tell me, ‘This is great.’” ■

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*Alex says all these tacos are...pre-Spanish.
 "The cochinita pibil is Mayan."*

Love? This could be it. The question hits me mid-bite into my second-ever quesotaco. It's a scrunch of crispy grilled cheese over little chunks of steak lost in a creamy sauce, hiding under avocado, with a corn tortilla lending support and a splash of red salsa adding twang.

Last time I felt like this was down in TJ, eating my virgin quesotaco at La Ermita, a taco place off Agua Caliente. Except that that one had shrimp inside and a pinkish dressing, a *salsa de camarón*. I also had their incredible *taco dulce*, shrimp with pineapple, raspberry sauce, and chopped walnuts. Ooh, man. Sweet memory...

But this quesotaco is now. This is real. Even better, this is here.

I'm in the Gaslamp, just beyond Sammy's Woodfired Pizza on Fourth. A classy, rusty cut-out sign hangs above the entrance. "Calaco Grill," a "Taco Lounge." The inside has that cool, spacey, wavy-metal-arty thing that modern Mexican places often go for. I pass in beneath a canopy of cotton bunting slung across the ceiling that changes colors from blue to pink to green to purple. Back-lighting, I guess. All the way to the counter. Über cool. Plus cream walls, green wall pillars, green benches.

I plonk myself aboard a barstool at the curvy-wurvy, orangey-topped counter. There's a full bar here, including a kind of auto tequila dispenser. Bunch of downtown denizens toss geek talk back and forth. Words like "webmaster" and "bit torrent." This is about nine at night. Post-happy hour, dammit. (It lasts from four to seven.)

Michelle comes up and asks, "Something to drink?" Oh, Lord. Wouldn't half mind a shot of that Patrón. But — sigh — gotta work after this.

So, yeah, cawfee. She leaves a menu. I mean,

this ain't no catering-truck taco stand. When I first open the menu, to Platos Fuertes, *ayy!* I'm lookin' at *cochinita pibil* (achiote spiced pork, \$15.99); *carne en su jugo* ("a Guadalajara favorite!" — it says it's skirt steak cut into strips and cooked in a pot with frijoles...topped with bacon, onions, cilantro, \$10.99); or *chamorro* (pork shank in a *salsa tatemado* — meaning, fire-cooked, traditionally in a clay pot, topped with fried bananas, plus rice and beans, \$29.99).

What happened to the tacos?

Then I see I've missed the

first two pages. Aha. Nuttin' but tacos. Your basic *carne asada* taco is \$2.99. So is the *salseado* (with skirt steak, salsa, *queso* (cheese), white sauce, and avocado. A great-sounding one is the *especial* (skirt steak, sautéed mushrooms, chopped bacon, gravy, *queso*, white sauce, and avocado). But it's \$3.99, and I have but a Hamilton to spend, so we're talking basic-price tacos, period.

The very next is tuna. Who ever heard of tuna taco? And \$2.99. Comes with "shredded smoked tuna sautéed with bell peppers, *queso*, white sauce, and avocado." Or salmon, same price, same treatment; \$2.99 also buys tongue, chicken *adobado*, and *carnitas* ("tender spiced pork") tacos. And if you want to go a little up-market, the shrimp's \$3.49; so is the *campechanos* ("straightforward"), which is skirt steak with chorizo. And \$4.49 will buy you El Torres, a large shrimp wrapped in bacon "with white rice, calaco sauce, and avocado," or the New York and shrimp taco (New York steak, shrimp, *queso*, white sauce, and avocado).

But no. I spot two \$2.99ers that'll fill my bill just fine. The *cochinita pibil* ("achiote spiced pork and pickled red onions"), and then the magic word that floats me back to La Ermita: Quesotaco. Man, if it's half as good as the one my buddy Javier Campos Gutierrez makes down south, this'll

be a find. Maybe a San Diego first.

So, next issue: To stay under \$10, should I order one taco and add rice and beans for \$2.49 more, or order two tacos, but no rice and beans? I pick the tacos, *cochinita pibil* and *quesotaco*. With corn tortillas. (I could have had flour.)

I mean, they're not huge, but they're definitely enough. The *cochinita* has a really interesting pork taste, which gets a kick from the little pile of pickled red onions, and that *quesotaco* is cracklingly delicious.

"We're basically doing Guadalajara cooking here," says Alex Martinez, the owner. "For a start, we hand-make all our tortillas fresh."

And yes, he knows La Ermita. "One of our cooks, Angelica, came from there."

Alex says all these tacos are basically pre-Spanish. "The *cochinita pibil* is Mayan. We marinate the pork in achiote paste, plus five different chiles that help flavor it, for 16 hours, and bake it in banana leaves."

Turns out *cochinita* means "suckling pig," and *pibil* means "buried." Huh. So the Mayans used to cook their suckling pigs in fire pits, Hawaiian-style.

The good news is the kitchen stays open till 3:00 in the morning on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (the rest of the week, till midnight). And the other good news is during that three-hour happy hour, it's a buck off the tacos. And



Alex

appetizers like ceviche, or shrimp with cilantro cream, or *costillitas* (little "cross-ribs"), which usually cost from seven to nine dollars, go for \$3.50.

One thing I have to know. What is the name "Calaco" all about?

"It means 'skeleton,'" says Alex. "It's part of the *Día de los Muertos* tradition."

Turns out this is a family mission. Alex says his mom makes all the desserts. Hmm. Maybe he should drop a hint to her about that other La Ermita specialty, the *taco dulce*... ■

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BEACHES

Baleen 1404 Vacation Road, Pacific Beach, 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. — N.W.

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Avenue, 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 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Fridays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Point Loma, 619-692-1410. The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodizios* (e.g., *Rei Do Gado*). Here you can eat like a real *carioca*, sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can happily make a grazing meal of stuffed things — appetizers such as *coxinhas*, *pasteles*, *croquetas*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*) — and don't miss the luxuriant fried-bananas Milanese. Ask for the house's Brazilian hot sauce, hotter and livelier than the Mexican bottled sauces on the tables. The main-course masterpiece is *moqueca de peixe*, fish in a curry-like coconut milk stew. Other good choices include *prato feito* (beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans) or filet mignon with *catupiry*, a stroganoff-like concoction made with a rich Brazilian cheese of the same name. Weekends, there's *feijoada*, the Brazilian national dish, but it's a rather thin and soupy version. Good desserts, including passion-fruit mousse. Beer, wine, sake-based cocktails. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations accepted but not needed. Moderate. — N.W.

Bull and Bear Bar and Grill 1271 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0077. "Bull" and "Bear," as in stock market moods. It's not surprising lots of soigné financial types gather here around sunset, but the food comes at proletarian prices. Of course the names kowtow to mighty Wall Street: the Broker Breakfast Burrito (eggs, bacon), Venture Capital Veggie Burrito, Bull Burger, Dow Jones Dog, Francheesie Dog. Best bang for the buck: the Hot Stock Burger, a half-pound patty with a split Louisiana sausage on top. Bottom line: it's a chew with a view. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily (bar open till 2 a.m.). Inexpensive. — E.B.

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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. Creative 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 sui* 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. — *E.B.*

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-551-3620. In this oddly cozy penthouse with wide windows facing west, the curtains rise at sunset to reveal a panorama stretching to the sea. It's comfortable, attractive, not too formal — casual-chic. Here, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a creative, sophisticated, seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors seamlessly integrated, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. With his discerning palate, his fare is unusually delicious. And it's healthful, low-carb enjoyment with interesting veggies, little starch, minimal cream. Wine list includes some high-end French bargains; good choices by the glass. Full bar. Free parking. Elevator-accessible restrooms same floor. Dietary restrictions accommodated. No kiddie menu, but child-size plates half-price from regular menu. Reservations recommended. Live local jazz in lounge

most nights after 7 or 8 p.m.; big band Sunday nights. Can be noisy. Three meals daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Cliff Hanger Café 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 World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, and grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at the French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup *du jour* is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M.*

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 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.*

Joe's Crab Shack — Pacific Beach 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme

caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. Also in Mission Valley, Oceanside, and downtown. — *N.W.*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted 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 pico 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 below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street, 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 entrees. 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.*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaiian 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.*

Sadaf — La Jolla 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Non-specials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue, 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 sauteed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed chicken bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Shores 8110 Camino del Oro, La Jolla, 858-456-0600. At this family-friendly resort on the oceanfront at La Jolla Shores, the hotel restaurant serves simple steak and seafood entrées, classic steakhouse appetizers, and sides. Friday evenings there's a seafood buffet. Although the legendary Bernard (the Marine Room) Guillas is officially in charge

as executive chef, the food bears no sign of his involvement: It is thoroughly ordinary. Wines are mainly familiar top-shelf supermarket bottling, with few by the glass (reasonable corkage). Full bar. Validated parking (three hours) in underground garage. Resort-casual dress. Reasonably quiet. Three meals daily. Moderate to high, with weeknight inexpensive "early bird" three-course dinners for \$20, two courses for \$15. — *N.W.*

BAJA

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La Casa del Mole Aquiles Serdán #543, Baja, 664-682-9074. Colonia Libertad is where Tijuana's love affair with mole is said to have begun, around 1991. Herminia Amador dreamed of bringing the flavors of her native state of Puebla to Tijuana. That meant one thing: mole *poblano*, Mexico's major sauce statement. She opened this flower-filled restaurant, and then a second and a third. And all because Tijuana loves mole *poblano*, a complex, sweet, dark sauce combination of maybe 20 different spices, chiles, nuts, and chocolate. Sit down here, and your big question is: What's going under your mole? Thigh or breast of chicken? Pork? Perhaps enchiladas? Your call. Prices are so reasonable you can try several variations. Whichever, when you bite in for the first time, you're dialing direct back to the earliest days of the conquistadors in Aztec, Mexico. Start with mole *poblano*, learn its wine-like complexities, then move on to other moles, such as *ranchero* and *verde*. Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, Baja, 664-688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolution among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak *ranchero*, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne *asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Vegetarian upon request. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Baja. 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. Vegetarian upon request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Baja, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-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 Salon 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 something 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. Vegetarian upon request. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W.*

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #3151 (at Escudaron 201 Street), Baja, 664-686-6442. 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 Mediterranean-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 is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Vegetarian upon request. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Baja, 664-685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around 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 with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

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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.

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed 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. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Asia Café 4710 Market Street, Southeast San Diego, 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 Laotian. Laotian 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.

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street, 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* (cilantro-laden 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 fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen 333 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-342-0212. What's loud, strange, and smart enough to catch the eye of every passerby? It's a huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub offering numerous Aussie brews — with urban Australian cuisine for ballast — plus a full bar (several of them) of well-chosen wines plus hard liquor. Prime seating is on the front patio and in large straw fish-traps suspended from the ceiling in the front dining room. (Dining rooms in back are dim; bring a mini-flashlight to read the menu.) The food resembles California-fusion cuisine but is often spicier, made with home-country ingredients including grass-fed beef, South Pacific fish species, and herbs

you've never heard of. There's great grazing on appetizers, including outstanding Pacific oysters on the half-shell, beef pies, tempura prawns, seafood pot stickers, and the fun of exploring cheeses from Oz. Mains are generally less exciting, with a tendency to overcook fish and meats. But it's a party. Dress code: Wear clothes. Three meals, seven days until 11 p.m., 2 a.m. on weekends. Mainly moderate, some entrées expensive. — N.W.

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road, 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.

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 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 spiciest 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.

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue, 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 consider serving such moonbeamish Left Coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are 11 other specialty pies every day. Open daily till 11 p.m., 12 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 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, ultra-modern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the

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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 "scene" 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 Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — N.W.

Crest Café 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2910. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco cafe 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.

Croce's 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 pomegranate-macadamia 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.

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The Kebab Shop 630 Ninth Avenue, Downtown, 619-525-0055. Food is one area where the Middle East is definitely taking over the world. Turkish-style döner kebabs are already on every street corner in Europe, and they're heading our way. Why? It's fast, flavorful, fresh food. The kebab's "meat" is usually lamb, chicken, or falafel, wrapped in a flatbread. The menu here specializes in all kinds of kebabs, including Moroccan shrimp, beef *kofte* (spiced ground meat with grilled vegetables), and the house special, Iskender, honoring Alexander the Great (lamb on bread with tomato sauce and yogurt). Try also minted zucchini, curried eggs, and Algerian eggplant. The ultimate compliment? Lots of Turkish San Diegans eat here. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Laurel Restaurant 505 Laurel Street, Hillcrest, 619-239-2222. Business-class watering hole where for seven dollars per item — food or drink — on the bar menu, we can at least taste how the Other Half lives and dines. The drinks range from Dragon's Blood sangria (a combo of Bordeaux wine, port, fruit and Calva-

dos brandy) to Road Dog stout (from Colorado's Flying Dog Brewery). As for the munchies, think lamby joes (luscious mini-burgers made of ground lamb); Mediterranean mussels (steeped in Old Monk beer broth); seafood salad (shrimp, squid, mussels, scallops, and sauce); or braised duck and stone-fruit flatbread. If money says one item only, lamby joes are most filling. Happy hour daily, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard, 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 cafe is a student hangout 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 Old Town, Point Loma, La Jolla, National City, and Otay Mesa. — *E.B.*

Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill 1459 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. If you've got a craving for the wickedest-lookin' burger since Hodad's, this might be it. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's On Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? Or the Texas Longhorn Buck (Cheddar, hickory bacon, BBQ sauce, and fried onion rings tumbling out of the burger like a Rolling Stones' tongue). All come with garlicky waffle fries. This'll take care of your cholesterol fix for a month. Next time try their healthier veggie burritos and Chicken Buck 'n' Caesar salad. Daily, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Magnolias 342 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 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, craw-

What the Chef Eats

OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

BY DEBORAH SCOTT, EXECUTIVE CHEF

Island Prime, Kemosabe, Indigo Grill

I'm from the South, so I love ribs and side dishes like spoon bread, which hardly anyone out here is familiar with. I also do collard greens, black-eyed peas, and grits, with fun variations like cheddar and truffles. And I love anything on the grill. That stems from growing up in Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks. We spent our summers on the beach and raked for oys-

ters and clams. We caught flounder and threw out strings with chicken necks on them to catch blue crabs. Then, as the sun was going down, we dug a hole in the sand and covered it with a grate and cooked everything on the beach. I did that with my dad and that was really fun. It's the best seafood you can get. We shucked the oysters and ate them raw right on the beach.

INGREDIENTS

Mornay Sauce

1/2 cup (1 4-ounce stick) butter

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

4 cups whole milk

3 T Pernod

2 cups grated cheese blend

(Mozzarella, Asiago, Provolone, mild Romano)

salt and pepper to taste

Breadcrumbs

3-4 slices white bread or French baguette

3 T olive oil

1 T minced garlic



2 T minced parsley

2 T grated Parmesan salt and pepper to taste

Oysters

5 live oysters

4 oz cooked and chopped spinach (excess moisture squeezed out)

1 cup Mornay sauce

fish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. Takeouts accepted. Full bar. Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

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 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 *sajj*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient 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 you'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. Mon-

day to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Mission — Downtown 1250 J Street, Downtown, 619-232-7662. "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple 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, coffeehouse feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University 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 fried) 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.*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as

you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi, which can come with a four-cheese sauce on request. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *N.W.*

Pappalecco 1602 State Street, Little Italy, 619-238-4590. Pappalecco ("Lolipop") is a different kind of Italian eatery. It doesn't play the nostalgia card — it's an exact copy of an actual modern café in Pisa that three brothers created there and now here. The idea is for a quick, sophisticated coffee-gelato-eatery where if you ask for coffee you get espresso, customers often have at least one gelato a day "for health," and meals are mostly salad-charcuterie-cheese combos. Sometimes — and the brothers claim this is their idea — they actually combine gelato with their dishes. Expect a multilingual United Nations atmosphere. One delicious combo: the Rustico, different Italian cold cuts with pun-



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1. Prepare Mornay Sauce:

Melt 1/2 cup butter over low heat in the bottom of a 2-quart pot. When butter is completely melted, add 1/2 cup flour and whisk together. Once flour and butter are mixed, add the 4 cups of milk and bring to a boil. Once it starts to thicken, boil

10 minutes on medium heat. Turn off the heat and whisk in the Pernod and 2 cups of cheese blend, one cup at a time. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Prepare bread crumbs:

Cut bread into 1/4 to 1/2 inch cubes, coat with olive oil and minced garlic. Bake at 350 for 5-10 minutes or until golden brown; let cool. Add parsley, Parmesan, salt and pepper. Place mixture in

food processor and chop into bread crumbs. (Or place crumbs between two sheets of waxed paper and crush with rolling pin.)

3. Preheat oven to 400.

Shuck oysters. Detach meats from shells and quickly rinse shells clean of any sand. Return oyster meats to open shells and place in shallow baking pan or ovenproof serving dish. Top each oyster with cooked and chopped

spinach. Spoon 1 cup Mornay sauce over spinach. Top with bread crumbs and parmesan. Bake in the oven at 400 for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

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gent goat cheese and bread. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. 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, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (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, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth 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 chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entree). Moderate. — N.W.

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th 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 "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Pokéz Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E. Street, Downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sauteed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — E.B.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street, Downtown, 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 Cambodian-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.

Salad Style 807 F Street, Downtown, 619-255-6731. Is this the tipping point? Whereas traditional meals have always been meat and taters with a side of salad, here, it's salad with a side of meat and taters. Salad's the main item, and it's delicious, even if salad's not your thing, because each concoction is so original. For example, Scott's Grilled Skirt Steak is an arty pile of organic greens, tomatoes, smoky, earthy mushrooms, hearts of palm, crumbled bleu cheese, plus red slabs of meat over it. Each dish does something, from the Moroccan couscous salad to the tuna and tomato salad. The Totally Vegan, with its golden volcano of quinoa and snowy tofu slabs,

should be in a gallery. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

SoleLuna Cafe 702 Ash Street, Downtown, 619-232-0436. Put your climbing boots on. This place sits on the shoulder of the El Cortez hill, a sleek cave peeping out from under the historic hotel with an umbrella-strewn front terrace that's great for people watching. Its Italian roots show from the excellent coffee and the menu. Many items come straight from the streets of Milano, such as the breakfast croissant with prosciutto ham, smoked Mozzarella cheese, and fruit or salad, or the Rustico Panino (with prosciutto, goat cheese, olive pâté), or *bresaola* (cured sliced beef), or the Siciliana salad (spinach, tuna, boiled eggs, capers, Mozzarella). Other dishes include their homemade eggplant parmigiano and lasagna. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is its Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chiles or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms; and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street, 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 seasonings 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 be-

hind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. The folks who brought you the popular big-breakfast and lunch joint Hash House A Go Go (across the street) focus here on hefty portions of "plain American food" in a dinner house specializing in meat, game, and classic cocktails. The Brawny paper towel man would love it. The atmosphere combines a speakeasy (velvet curtains mask the doorway) and a hunting lodge. Menu highlights include identical steaks of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Nothing to write home to Mom about — it *is* Mom, if she's a Midwesterner, and Dad's a guy who says, "I shot it, you cook it." Well-chosen wine list with lots of appropriate Rhones and Syrahs; few by the glass. Huge list of cocktails. Wheelchair lift (painted to blend in) to left of front staircase. Heated, roofed smoking patio above street level. Valet parking; reservations urged. Dinner daily until midnight or later, weekend brunch. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Urban Solace 3823 30th Street, North Park, 619-295-6464. Your solace at this bustling neighborhood eatery is pleasing American comfort food with a faint Southern accent. Among the choices are housemade biscuits, moist and tasty sweet potato fries, or a big burger made of Brandt Natural Beef "cooked your way" (and that can be rare — reasonably safe with this well-raised beef). Sunday brunches, with a live bluegrass band, offer a flawless portobello Benedict, fine butter-pecan French toast, and creamy, smooth grits. But some servers are neither from Mars or Venus but Uranus, apparently, and at busy times (always) they need a strict traffic cop to remind them to record your order and bring your food and beverages to Earth. No reservations, call-aheads accepted. Wine and a fine beer list (no hard liquor, despite brunch menu's mention of mojitos). Moderate. — N.W.



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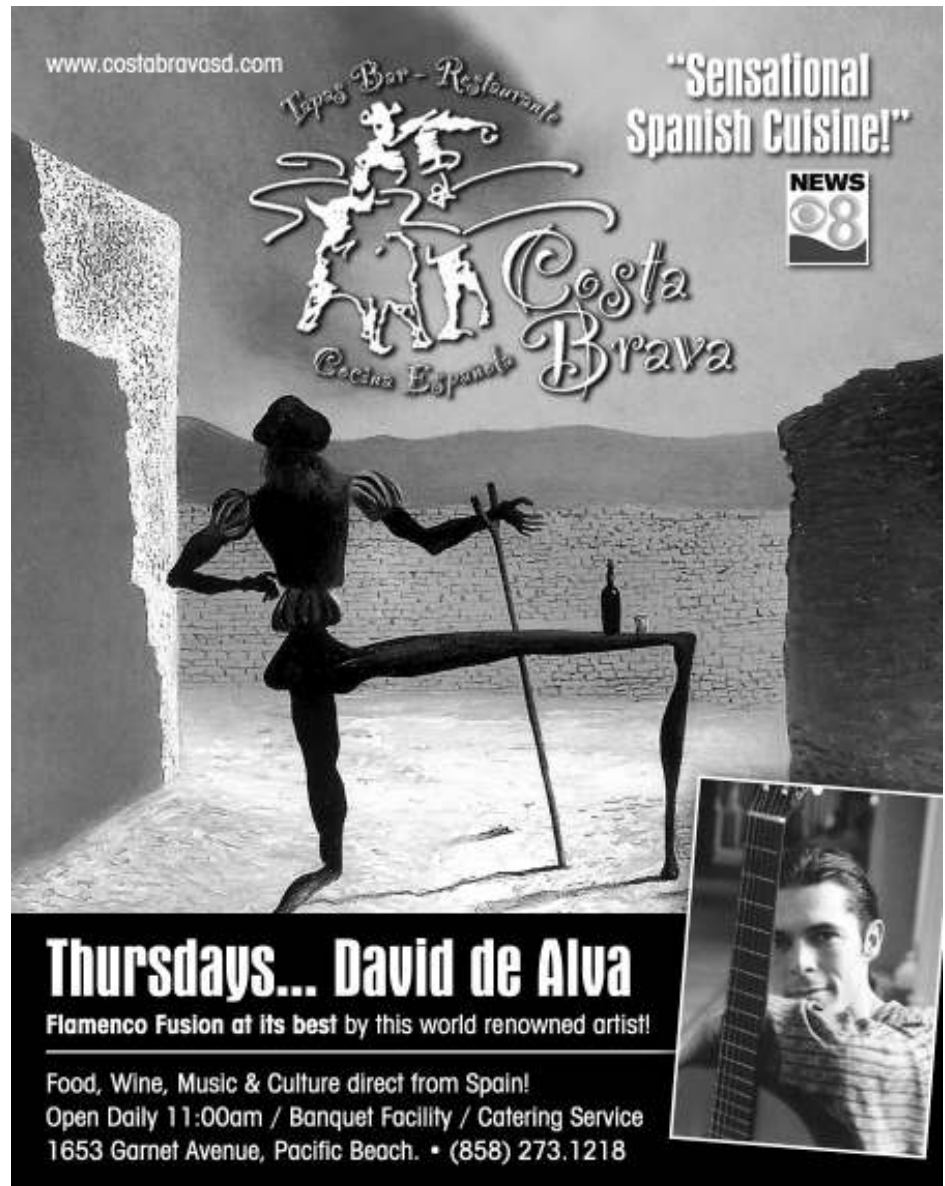


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Calendar RESTAURANTS

Vagabond 2310 30th Street, South Park, 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 standing room only, 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.

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 Peté'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.

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Chef Patrick Ponsaty, a master of flavor, reigns in this unpretentious but beautiful high-ceilinged bistro, producing creative, classic-based French-modern cuisine featuring fine seasonal ingredients. The food isn't merely creative, it tastes heavenly—the man's got a palate. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place—and desserts are ravishing, too. Servers are mainly well-informed, enthusiastic fellow foodies who are right on the mark. Alluring wine list at all prices includes top French growths at near-bargain markups, plus full bar. One vegetarian entrée most seasons. Slightly dressy, reservations urged. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive but not exorbitant. — N.W.

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483.

Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood—it's, as *Guide Michelin* would say, "worth a detour." Provence-born chef-owner Phillippe Verpienne (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon, and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) Monday through Thursday nights are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it's difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Chez Nous Gourmet Deli-Café 9821 Carroll Canyon Road, Suite E, in Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-4766. This Scripps Ranch social gathering place, in a discreet center of gray timber shops and offices, was started by a couple—originally technocrats from San Diego city schools—who took early retirement. They do sandwiches, but what sandwiches! Their roast beef with ginger-garlic and Dijon, or their spicy chicken melt, or the leg of lamb they roast each day to make a juicy lamb sandwich with garlic and rosemary—all original. They also do roasted eggplant on a roll, and a Special Salad stacked with interesting berries, fruit, chicken, and nuts. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Gateway to India 9520 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-5522. This huge eating space fills half of Ker's outlet warehouse. Friday or Saturday, it's crowded with Indian families—the best guarantee that good vegetarian food is served here—and reasonably priced. Only problem with an all-you-can-eat buffet is deciding what to eat. It's mainly northern, Punjabi and Gujarati, according to the Sikh cooks. Just have at the aloo curry, basmati rice, *chhole* (garbanzo beans), and *bengan bartha* (eggplant). See what you like. Some dishes are smoky and roasted, others yogurty, others nutty. Try to leave room for dessert, specially the mango concoctions—Asian mangos are sensational. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive, 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 Baja'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 Saturday 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.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan — Vista 248 Main Street, Vista, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnisas—which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer"—it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and pureed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Nijija 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. Nijija Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijija'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 sweetbread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive, 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, well-treated 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.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in—this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arawana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you to the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

WineSeller and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This long-time favorite "splurge" restaurant, located in a soulless industrial park (there's no "there" there), sits atop a serious wine store, and your dinner quaffs, from an encyclopedic choice of bottlings, will cost just 20% over retail. The food is the comfortably upscale French cooking that San Diego cherishes—luxurious and modern, without a hint of exoticism. And many dishes would shine in any galaxy—e.g., foie gras with mango and tender pheasant stuffed with foie gras, along with cured *hachimi* and yellowfin-tuna tartare. Dining room up staircase, no lift; accessible seating in first floor tasting room, with full facilities. (Call ahead to arrange, and to arrange vegetarian meals.) Reservations usually necessary, as restaurant holds many sold-out special events. Ask for directions, too, as all the architecture for miles is identical. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday (closed between meals). Lunches high-moderate, dinners very expensive. — N.W.

NORTH COASTAL

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101, 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 Caribbean-style 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 and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafaring 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 champagne 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 10 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755. 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, purple, 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 rice, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street #103, 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 specialties, 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-preserved, 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.

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 Billy 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 six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, L.A., 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 pate and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées 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. — N.W.

Oceanside Café 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall, a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. 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.

Pizza Port Solana Beach 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (Pizza Carlsbad), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (Pizza Solana). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza — Del Mar 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600. It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California—50 feet, stretching around 2 walls—with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of something extra—e.g., not just free edamame to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room,

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kaiseki (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of 4 to 14, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — N.W.

Spices Thai Cafe — Del Mar 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Cafe at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

St. Tropez — Encinitas 947 S Coast Highway 101 # 103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

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. Inexpensive. — E.B.

SOUTH BAY

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. A lovely indoor-outdoor dining venue replaces the venerable walled-in Prince of Wales at the Del. Now the food is breezier, too — Chef Brian Sinott's savory California-Mediterranean cuisine is constructed with the beautiful luxury ingredients of each season. His skill with vegetables can turn even brussels sprouts into treats and celeriac into manna. There's everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that's dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

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, downtown. 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. — E.B.

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-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 peppers, double-cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, 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.

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.

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 *dimuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *munggo* (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.

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. — N.W.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and 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 entrees. 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.

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

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Chef Axel European Bistro 7097 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-421-8844. Chef Axel is a real chef with classic European training, bringing his expertise and high standards to this neighborhood German restaurant. Currently, he's offering only a set-price Sunday brunch plus occasional special dinners, along with catering on or off site. The food is made-from-scratch home-style cooking, including hearty soups, Bavarian veal sausage, rich noodle gratin, perfect schnitzel, and a Hungarian goulash that really gets it" about Hungary's spirited flavors. The brunch buffet includes a wide sampling of these dishes

Jasmine Bistro 315 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine 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 finger food) 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 your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu 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.

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.

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory 590 Palm Canyon Drive, 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 house-made 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.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.



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A Second Coming

The narrative elements seem somehow to have more heft.

As we ease into the lazy summer pace of one blockbuster per week, we also settle into the provincial screening schedule of forever lagging a week behind. *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, opening today, but not screened before the beginning of the week, will have to wait while I catch up with

last Friday's opening, not screened till the middle of the week, two days prior. (We wee weeklies require more lead time.) I might in any case have preferred this week to be writing about Claude Lelouch's *Roman de Gare*, a bigger event for me than any Indiana Jones (or for that matter, Steven Spielberg) film, opening on Friday exclusively at the Hillcrest, but without benefit of any advance screening whatever. It's hard to quell suspicions that the number of local press screenings has started to decrease since the *Union-Tribune's* dismissal of David Elliott and its reliance on syndicated reviews in his stead. (On a broader front, the sweeping squeeze on print critics rouses suspicions over every rave for *Iron Man* or *Speed Racer* or the like. Where one once suspected an overenthusiastic reviewer of trying to justify his

choice of job, one now suspects him of fighting to save it.) To turn, in the meantime, to last Friday's news...

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, or as we could call it, *The Lion, the Witch, No Wardrobe*, maintains the medium-high standard of its 2005 forerunner, higher, in my estimation, than the standards of such

close-by epic cycles as the *Lord of the Rings* series and the *Harry Potter* series. Perhaps I was predisposed to this one because, even though I've avoided his children's books, I have read a fair amount of C.S. Lewis — that most rational of Christians — with pleasure and with admiration, whereas I have read but a little bit of J.R.R. Tolkien without either pleasure or admiration and have read J.K. Rowling (why do all these authors go by initials?) not at all. Even without such predisposition, the narrative elements of *Narnia* seem somehow to have more heft, more harmony, more resonance, and the individual installments (based now on two) demonstrably stand more solidly on their own.

The follow-up to *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (again under the direction of Andrew Adamson, his



The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

second live-action film after making his name with *Shrek* and *Shrek 2*, whose smart-ass tone he has wisely stifled) makes a pretty clean break with the Story So Far and makes only minimal demands on your recollection of it. The four Pevensie siblings (William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes, and Georgie Henley), otherwise known as “the Kings and Queens

of Old,” herein return to the parallel universe of Narnia, not through the portal of a magic clothes closet but from an ordinary London subway platform (call it *The Lion, the Witch, and the Tube*, if you choose), but while it's still WWII-time in England, a “few hundred” years have passed in Narnia. Ruins have replaced castles. Animals have regressed to dumbness. Trees

stand rooted to the ground.

A paradigmatic deliverance myth is presently in progress, encompassing an exiled heir to the throne (the titular Prince, glamorously embodied by British stage actor Ben Barnes), an oppressive regime of swarthy Mediterranean types called Telmarines (Sergio Castellitto, Pierfrancesco Favino, Damián Alcázar), and a gathering rebel army



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numbering among its ranks a grumpy dwarf (amusingly acted by Peter Dinklage), a swashbuckling mouse and a Toryish old badger (both bigger than life), an air force of griffons, some centaurs, some minotaurs, one of whom merits a special medal of valor propping open a falling grate for an escape route as his body gets pierced by enemy arrows.

The resurrected lion, Aslan, out of circulation for centuries, remains something of a nonsectarian Christ figure around whom will swirl questions of faith and doubt. (Why can only the youngest Pevensie see him?) His long-delayed reappearance — his Second Coming? — does not disappoint, as he momentarily drops his cultured diction (voice of Liam Neeson) and lets loose a feral roar, entering the fray very late and rallying the dormant trees to the cause. The defeated White Witch (Tilda Swinton) also makes an exciting reappearance, but happily brief. If the film overall is a bit battle-heavy, and if a bit slowed by immoderate slow-motion, and if I myself still bridle at the martial prowess of these cherry-cheeked English schoolchildren (at least the resurrections are limited to just one), the climactic battle nevertheless features some galvanizing and agonizing changes in momentum, an imaginative stratagem of a subterranean cavalry charge, and the majestic intervention of a swelling water deity, bringing matters to a decisive resolution. (More sequels can be presumed to come, but where from and where to?) There are, and will be, plenty of summer movies with less to offer. Regardless of your age.

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Worth a mention, a look, a thought, a plan, is the week of plunder from the vaults of United Artists at the Ken Cinema (ostensibly the studio's 90th Anniversary, though the films span fewer than twenty years): Sergio Leone's *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* on Friday; John Sturges's *The Great Escape*, Saturday; Robert Wise's and Jerome Robbins's *West Side Story*, Sunday; Billy Wilder's *Some Like It Hot* and Blake Edwards's *The Pink Panther*, Monday; Terence Young's *Dr. No* and Norman Jewison's *The*



Baby Mama

Thomas Crown Affair, Tuesday; John Frankenheimer's *The Manchurian Candidate* and John Schlesinger's *Midnight Cowboy*, Wednesday; Woody Allen's *Annie Hall* and Billy Wilder's (again) *The Apartment*, Thursday. Your time machine to the Sixties — and to 1959 and 1977. Your time machine, too, to the era (not quite that far back) of repertory cinema at the Ken, a new show every day. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd.

Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SDRreader.com.

Annie Hall — Woody Allen's approximately autobiographical movie tells of the short-lived romance between a New York Jewish intellectual (Allen himself, accoutered in a thrift-shop wardrobe) and a kooky Midwestern WASP (Diane Keaton). It can usefully be thought of as a movie tailored to the critics. It is Allen's most "personal" movie (no higher praise in movie critics' lingo), or at any rate his most confessional movie; it is rife with cinema in-jokes; and in Allen's character it delineates a critic's personality: he is kibitzer, pontificator, putdowner, sneerer, whiner, snob, and bigot. The believability of his self-characterization is in his inconsistency. On the defensive in every situation, he is an alert counterpuncher in a world of incessant af-

fronts, a devout practitioner of upmanship and lastwordism, and a slave to the convenient wisecrack. His visual style is rather sedentary and strangely indebted to the type of theatrical conceit that Elia Kazan in *The Arrangement* revived from the bygone days of Group Theatre (one character occupying the same scene as both an adult and a child — that type of thing); but his verbal wit, on such regular talk-show topics as New York City, Hollywood, anti-Semitism, sex, and death, is livelier — or rather deadlier — than ever before. With Carol Kane, Tony Roberts, Janet Margolin, and Shelley Duvall. 1977.

★★★★ (KEN, 5/29)

Baby Mama — SNL alumnae Tina Fey and Amy Poehler form a baby-making pact across the class divide, the barren career woman and the fertile prole. Broad, predictable, and pallidly photographed, yet an agile and energetic playing of the angles. Strong supporting part for Steve Martin, plus ponytail, as a self-mythologizing health-food tycoon: "I was swimming this morning with dolphins in Costa Rica...." With Greg Kinnear and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Michael McCullers. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

The Band's Visit — To be specific, the Alexandria Police Ceremonial Orchestra, an octet costumed in robin's-egg blue, visiting Israel for the inauguration of an Arab Culture Center, but taking a wrong turn to a sound-alike destination in the middle of nowhere, spending a night, getting to know the locals and vice versa, bridging a cultural gulf. The blend of comedy and pathos, under the direction of Eran Kolirin, might call to mind the cinematic heyday of Italian humanism, albeit with more of an absurdist deadpan. Only three of the eight band members receive sufficient screen time to become individualized in the least — the priggish leader, his stifled assistant, an unruly rookie — and Sasson Gabai as the first of the three could stand alongside an Alberto Sordi or an Ugo Tognazzi (to place him in the company of comic-pathetic Italians), albeit with more reserve and decorum. Ronit Elkabetz, as his easygoing hostess, makes a lissomely sensuous foil. Imad Jabarin, Saleh Bakri, Khalifa Natour. 2007.

★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/23)

Before the Rains — Interracial, extramarital love in unsettled India of 1937. Things take a tragic turn fairly early, and then grind on taking melodramatic ones. Capably directed (as well as photographed) by Santosh Sivan, but heavy-handedly. With Linus Roache, Nandita Das, Rahul Bose, and Jennifer Ehle. 2008.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian — Reviewed this issue. With Ben

Barnes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes, Georgie Henley, and Peter Dinklage; directed by Andrew Adamson.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Drillbit Taylor — Homeless army deserter answers a want ad to bodyguard a fat kid, skinny kid, and shrimpy kid from the high-school bully. The jokes arrive predictably, the laughs lag badly. With Owen Wilson, Nate Hartley, Troy Gentile, David Dorfman, Alex Frost, and Leslie Mann; directed by Steven Brill. 2008.

● (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Dr. No — First in the film series employing Ian Fleming's James Bond, Agent 007, Her Majesty's Secret Service. Perhaps a trifle swifter and leaner (Sean Connery conspicuously so) than the subsequent ones; but fairly well developed, muscled, principled, even at this stage. Ursula Andress is Honey; Joseph Wiseman is Dr. No, a half-caste mad scientist with artificial hands and a scheme to take over the world from his missile base on a private islet off Jamaica. (Bond figures him right off as a case of overcompensation.) Directed by Terence Young. 1963.

★★★ (KEN, 5/27)

Flight of the Red Balloon — Taiwanese filmmaker Hou Hsiao-hsien evokes Albert Lamorisse's fey little half-hour fantasy of 1956, not merely in the last three words of the title, but in very intermittent and un-integrated appearances of an actual red balloon, the size and strength of a beach ball, every bit as autonomous as Lamorisse's, albeit less active and mischievous, more of a voyeur, a watcher, a guardian angel, a ghostly spirit. A Chinese film student in Paris, employed part-time as a nanny to a boy about the same age as the hero of *The Red Balloon*, overtly references the Lamorisse film by name, and currently happens to be making her own film about balloons. (She herself never sees the autonomous balloon; only the boy does.) Not even this, however, elevates the motif much above irrelevance. The boy's mother has her hands full of more down-to-earth matters: an absent husband in Montreal, a daughter (by a previous husband) overdue for a visit from Brussels, a troublesome downstairs tenant, a new production at the puppet theater where she voices the characters, in addition to her son's new nanny. The ingredient of fantasy is something new for Hou, and just as well it's no more than a pinch or two. The Parisian setting is of course something new too, but it doesn't disturb the Eastern eye or the Eastern pace. Hou will remain Hou, wherever he may go. (He also went

somewhere new in *Café Lumière*. Tokyo. An *hommage* to Ozu in a greater degree than this one is to Lamorisse.) Pacing, it scarcely bears saying, is crucial to him, though not what's usually meant by that: not fast, breathless, heart-pounding, but instead commandingly and compellingly slow, so that you become aware of time ticking by, conscious of the immediate moment, undistracted by where you're headed. The pace of contemplation. And his eye rarely, if ever, fails him. Although the color here might be a shade jaundiced, the camera is forever wandering casually, as if by chance, into the most exquisite compositions, patched together on a vertical plane out of shop windows, doors, street signs, posters, polygons of peeled plaster, etc., or receding in space down the crevasse of a pedestrian passageway. And it can hardly go wrong amid the clutter of the mother's cramped and lived-in apartment, the mounted masks, the bookshelves, the stacks of CDs and videos, the vases, the wall calendar, the kitchen doorframe. Anywhere the camera turns in this place, it will find a Bonnard-like bonanza. There's endless ingenuity in these discoveries, and there's even a certain type of suspense in the anticipation of the next eye-grabber. Juliette Binoche, Simon Iteanu, Song Fang. 2007.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 5/22)

The Forbidden Kingdom — A bullied Boston teenager and martial-arts film aficionado (Michael Angarano) gets transported through the Gate of No Gate to a kind of kung-fu Shangri-La, where he learns to fight from the best (Jackie Chan, Jet Li), while fulfilling a prophecy of returning a magic golden staff to Five Elements Mountain, freeing the immortal Monkey King from bondage, and overthrowing the wicked Jade Warlord. Just your average modern adolescent fantasy. The film, which begins with a literal dream, really doesn't feel so much like a dream as like a prelude to a dream. Or in another word, a soporific. Directed by Rob Minkoff. 2008.

● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Forgetting Sarah Marshall — Comedy of heartbreak and heartmend, under the imprimatur of producer Judd Apatow, but directed by newcomer Nicholas Stoller, and written by its star, Jason Segel, who envisions for himself the role of a would-be serious composer, cranking out mood music for a network crime drama when he would rather be devoting his time to a *Dracula* stage musical. (When that, is he's not devoting his time to eating Fruit Loops out of a mixing bowl on the couch.) The vocational aspect of the role, in any case, straightaway gets put on the back burner in favor of the personal aspect: the dumped boyfriend of the lead actress on the aforementioned crime drama. The main point of interest in the movie, fractional though it may be, is Segel's penis, a raising of stakes over the old reliable tush shot. ("Would you take a look at my penis?" is an actual line of dialogue he has written for himself. It could just as well have been the advertising slogan.) For the rest, the movie gives the game away early when the schlumpy protagonist accidentally-on-purpose runs into his ex-girlfriend at her preferred Hawaiian resort, where she's cavorting with a lavishly tattooed British rocker, and where the copper-toned hostess at the check-in desk immediately jumps out at us as (a) a ready and willing shoulder for the schlump to cry on and (b) a couple of miles prettier than the ice-sculpture Hollywood girlfriend. Russell Brand's self-absorbed rock star ("Yeah," he responds to the fan who had slipped him a demo tape, "I was going to listen to that, but then I just carried on living my life") and Paul Rudd's dopehead surfer ("When life gives you lemons, just say 'Fuck the lemons' and bail") are funny enough for skit-level comedy, but scarcely for comedy of character. Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Jonah Hill. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly — Very, very, very long Sergio Leone spaghetti Western — long on carnage and bone-crunches, long on plot twists and yellowy

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scenery, long on inarticulate grunts and hoarse dubbing. Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, and Eli Wallach loosely personify the respective qualities listed in the title. 1969. ★ (KEN, 5/23)

The Great Escape — POW tale with a very roomy and airy feel to it, on the wide screen and in travelogue color, and staged with a sweeping eye for geometry. (A startling contrast, for example, to Bresson's claustrophobic *A Man Escaped*.) It builds up considerable rooting interest in its large congregation of heroes, portrayed by such smoothies as Steve McQueen, James Garner, James Coburn, Charles Bronson, Richard Attenborough, Donald Pleasence, and James Donald. The director, John Sturges, is a smoothie in his own right. 1963. ★★ (KEN, 5/24)

Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay — Stoner comedy (the sequel), with delusions of political comment, possibly admissible as scientific evidence of brain damage. John Cho, Kal Penn, Neil Patrick Harris; co-written and co-directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg. 2008. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Horton Hears a Who! — Dr. Seuss adulterated: plumped-up graphics (faithful in bare outline); wised-up attitude (vocal impressions of Kissinger and JFK, a martial-arts anime parody); dragged-out storytelling. The elephant's crossing of a rickety rope bridge is a good sequence (meanwhile, down in minuscule Whoville, a jostled dentist misses the mark with the novocaine needle, hits the patient in the shoulder, and turns his arm into a strand of spaghetti); and the lessons on tolerance and coexistence aren't lost in the grandiosity. With the voices of Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, and Carol Burnett; directed by Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino. 2008. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Harrison Ford returns for a fourth adventure, with Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, and Karen Allen, directed by Steven Spielberg. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Iron Man — Marvel Comics superhero (vintage 1963) rerouted through present-day Afghanistan. Weapons manufacturer Tony Stark, alias "The Merchant of Death," learns first-hand that his products sometimes land in the laps of America's enemies, and to combat this he devises a personal suit of flying armor (a gold titanium alloy, actually, not iron), transforming himself into a sort of airborne Robocop to police the world. The current-events tie-in is fairly tasteless, given the conventional jokiness of the approach, aggravated by the couldn't-give-a-shit affectation of Robert Downey, Jr., in the title role. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Terrence Howard, and Shaun Toub; directed by Jon Favreau. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Made of Honor — A pathological playboy, busy collecting royalties on his invention of the cardboard "coffee collar," realizes he's in love when his platonic girlfriend of ten years goes off on a business trip to



Iron Man

Scotland and comes home engaged to a duke. (The perfect man if he weren't a Scot.) A couple of attractive players, Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan, in monstrosly off-putting roles. With Kevin McKidd, Sydney Pollack, and Kathleen Quinlan; directed by Paul Weiland. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Manchurian Candidate — Sinatra paints an attractively washed-out portrait of a U.S. intelligence officer (a.k.a. "stupidity officer," in a line that tickled Dwight Macdonald). His fatigue and jitters seem an appropriate reaction to, and comment on, the task of propping up a delirious political thriller composed of tight-skinned, glassy-eyed zombies (Laurence Harvey, Henry Silva, Janet Leigh), of John Frankenheimer's fancy, humorless, imitation-Orson-Welles camera tilts, and of a mush-brained, wish-fulfillment plotline that posits a Right Wing political movement as a cover for Communist subversion. Kinkier, brasher, much more obnoxious than Frankenheimer's following political piece, *Seven Days in May*. 1962. ● (KEN, 5/28)

Midnight Cowboy — James Leo Herlihy's appealing tale about a misguided Texas stud (Jon Voight) who travels to Manhattan in order to sell his body to deprived city women and who rapidly sinks into a gutter companionship with a greasy, gimpy scrounger (Dustin Hoffman). Except, on occasion, for Voight's performance, the movie is awfully soft and squishy — the modish direction by John Schlesinger, the perpetual grandstanding by Hoffman, the mawkish harmonica music, the death's-door hallucination of a Florida paradise. 1969. ★★ (KEN, 5/28)

Nim's Island — When a reclusive marine biologist is lost at sea off his own private island, his motherless little girl (having picked up none of his Scots accent even though he's the only person in her life) turns for help to the Indiana Jones-y fictional hero of a series of adventure novels. Worse luck, the actual author behind the books is an obsessive-compulsive agoraphobic female, a plucky performance by Jodie Foster in an insipid children's film, succulently photographed by Stuart Dryburgh. With Abigail Breslin and Gerard Butler; directed by Mark Levin and Jennifer Flackett. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies — From France, a démodé Bond spoof set appropriately in the mid-Fifties and shot scrupulously in the style of the period. What contemporary Hollywood production would impose such self-discipline? Would deny itself a computer and rely on its wits? Director Michel Hazanavicius evinces a fond remembrance of an era, a screen archetype, and a cinematic vocabulary, and he keeps up a mood of geniality that can blossom into an occasional chuckle, nothing more. The casual, complacent, innocent chauvinism of the Gallic

superspy — a Bond, *Jacques Bond*, if you please — constitutes a legitimate and logical extension of the character, and constitutes at the same time effortless and painless political comment, not so démodé after all. Jean Dujardin, a paragon of self-regard, barely able to sustain forward momentum without freezing into a pose, neither overplays it nor underplays it. He plays it just right. With Bérénice Bejo and Aure Atika. 2007. ★★ (KEN, THROUGH 5/22)

Priceless — Pierre Salvadori's Gallic romantic comedy carries a long time in mercenary amorality before succumbing, not too persuasively, to sentiment. Well-paced all the way, well-constructed most of the way, very well-played by stick-thin Audrey Tautou and liquid-eyed Gad Elmaleh, and scrumptiously photographed on the Côte d'Azur. 2007. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Redbelt — David Mamet's two cents on the Mixed Martial Arts craze. His first film since *Spartan*, four years before, again brims with Spartan machismo. "Control your emotions." "A man distracted is a man defeated." "Conquer your fear and you conquer your opponent." These directives, and others out of the same playbook, issue from a disciple of Brazilian jiu-jitsu (the protean Chiwetel Ejiofor, a crinkle of vulnerability scoring his stoical countenance) in an unadorned storefront gym in South Los Angeles, a man "too pure" to make money, as his business-minded wife grumbles, "too pure" in specific to dirty his hands in the pay-per-view fight racket. "Competition," he elucidates, "is weakening." Promotion, he might have added, is demeaning. (The filmmaker, seeking only the honest dollar at the box-office, stands squarely behind him.) An apparently fortuitous intervention in a barroom brawl, saving the bacon of a slumming Hollywood action star (Tim Allen, doing for Mamet what Steve Martin did for him, and vice versa, in *The Spanish Prisoner*), brings about an upturn in his prospects, an offer of a cushy position as co-producer on a big-budget Iraq War movie. Anyone familiar with Mamet, however, will be on the lookout for the hidden motive, the invisible pattern, the controlling intelligence. Even when there's none there. You can almost believe that the writer-director, himself a purple belt in jiu-jitsu, came to the subject through life rather than through movies, and that he had never seen and studied his countless predecessors and competitors. Almost. There is nothing slack, formulaic, on-antipilot about the unfolding of the plot; it is unflaggingly focussed, intense, and intriguing. All the way to, but not through, the end. However artfully maneuvered, the climax falls into the corniest convention of the nonviolent hero forced at last, against all his principles, to fight, albeit outside the ring. And the reverent hush of the onlooking crowd is preposterous: a committed practitioner might sometimes, somewhere, be so devout, but never, ever, the blood-thirsty paying customer. The risk of silliness — all this solemnity about "the code of the warrior," honor, morality, fealty, etc. — has been present and palpable all along. But until the end, Mamet had borne it with the mesmeric deadpan of a

Jean-Pierre Melville gangster pastiche. By then, his two cents had accrued to more like two bucks. With Alice Braga, Emily Mortimer, Max Martini, Joe Mantegna, Ricky Jay, Rebecca Pidgeon. 2008. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Roman de Gare — Thriller from French filmmaker Claude Lelouch, with Fanny Ardant, Dominique Pinon, and Audrey Dana. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/23)

Shine a Light — Entrée to a Rolling Stones benefit concert at the intimate Beacon Theatre in New York City. If Martin Scorsese weren't visible in several minutes of *Raging Bull*-ish black-and-white footage pre-event, you'd never imagine he was behind the cut-cut-cut hackwork. Old, old interspersed interviews of young, young Mick stimulate meditation and mirth. With Jack White, Buddy Guy, and Christina Aguilera. 2008. ★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/23)

Some Like It Hot — In the later stage of Billy Wilder's career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (*Love in the Afternoon*, *Irma La Douce*, *Avanti!*), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (*One Two Three*, *The Fortune Cookie*, the Ray Walston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in *Kiss Me, Stupid*). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag

(among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longer-lasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Monroe. Curtis's Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn't bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960. ★ (KEN, 5/26)

Son of Rambow — A sweet nothing, acutely cloying, about the bonding of dissimilar English schoolboys, devil and angel, plus a slightly less adhesive French exchange student with two-toned hair and trend-setting wardrobe, all collaborating together on a video sequel to *First Blood* for entry in a Young Filmmakers Competition. Cartoon slapstick and tender sentiment co-exist unpeacefully, if not mutually destructively. With Will Poulter, Bill Milner, and Jules Sitruk; written and directed by Garth Jennings. 2008. ● (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 5/23; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Speed Racer — Colorful, to say the least. Color-overflowing, to say a little more. Color-engulfed. The live-action version of the late-Sixties made-in-Japan TV cartoon is of course, in this day and age, only partly live-action: real people like Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, and Matthew Fox inserted into a world of total artifice, a world of Madison Avenue utopianism, pop color, ping-pong nonsequential editing, CGI landscapes,



empty hours at home where, to fill the void left by his late wife, a concert pianist, he tries desultorily to master the instrument himself, late in life. Then a reluctant change of scene, when he is forced out of his orbit, under departmental orders, to attend a Developing Nations Conference in New York City, where he finds his unused apartment occupied by two squatters, a musician from Syria and a jewelry designer from Senegal, husband and wife, Muslims both. The initial shock gives way to starchy hospitality (he never shows as much curiosity as the viewer might wish about the identity of the mysterious "Ivan" who rented out the apartment), and the walls of his world expand little by little, exposing the touching and amusing spectacle of an introverted man opening up, taking a stab at warmth, attempting something new, discovering that the African drum (which gets his head moving like a bobblehead doll) is more his instrument than the classical piano. The film takes a dire turn before the halfway point with an illustration of Racial Profiling and the incarceration of the happy-go-lucky street musician in a detention center for illegals: a bit of hot topicality to give the story Relevance, Significance, Importance. That notwithstanding, it presents just one, small, personal story of the post-9/11 world, not a Big Sweeping Statement. For all its liberal sentimentality, it indulges in no outsized emoting. And it offers a meaty role to Richard Jenkins, an able character actor, never the lead, who nibbles at the meat with proper restraint, hiding his avidness and gratitude. (With an eye on the most modest box-office, and with but a minor cost to integrity, the role could have been offered to more of a household name,



The Visitor

a Richard Gere, a Kevin Kline.) Haaz Sleiman as the blissfully unguarded drummer, Danaï Gurira as his fearfully guarded mate, and Hiam Abbass as his dignified and elegant mother, in from Michigan to stand vigil outside the austere United Correctional Corporation, complete the ensemble, a dissonant quartet, resolving into sweetness. All four of them in their separate ways are painfully affecting. The outcome, although far from happy, could more plausibly have been a lot farther from it. A statement is made after all, if only a quiet one. Written and directed by Tom McCarthy.

2008.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

West Side Story — The *Romeo and Juliet* tragedy relocated amid Manhattan's juvenile gang wars — Puerto Ricans and whites at daggers with one another. The plot sits quite easily in its new surroundings (though some effective revisions have been dared, where they were not absolutely necessary), and the tale even acquires a fresh coloring by way of its demotion to slum-level society. Still, the project, reaching the

screen under the escort of its Broadway mentor, Jerome Robbins, is an uneasy mixture: a classical love story combined with a liberal sociological dissertation on environmental determinism; stylized, exotically colored street-gang rituals photographed in authentic, gritty locales; and the troublesome Stephen Sondheim-Leonard Bernstein score, which vacillates between the soaring, the sweet, the sentimental, and the sassy, the sour, the satirical. Robbins was well advised to take on, as co-director, Robert Wise, who leans naturally toward realism and liberalism, but who owns enough filmmaking finesse to make a slick, vibrant spectacle of the feverish drama and the athletic, animalistic posing, strutting, stunting. With Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, Rita Moreno, George Chakiris, and Russ Tamblyn. 1961. ★★★ (KEN, 5/25)

What Happens in Vegas — What passes in the early 21st Century as a "rom-com." (The very term drips with derision: not fully romantic, not fully comic.) It pairs perfect strangers in a drunken impulse wedding in Sin City, whence they return to Manhattan with \$3 million in disputed winnings (a contrivance copied from Larry David's *Sour Grapes*), and are sentenced to six months of working at the marriage before an unsympathetic judge will grant a divorce or unfreeze their assets. What ensues is a belly-crawl to a foregone conclusion. Lake Bell, consigned to the secondary role of the bosom buddy, the heroine's confidante, the romantic hopeless, is funny three or four times, all the chances she gets. The two principals, selected from the A-list, Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher, are,

between them, funny never. They both look as though they were left too long in the oven. Rob Corrdry, Queen Latifah, Dennis Miller; directed by Tom Vaughan. 2008. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Young @ Heart — Documentary on a Massachusetts touring chorus of very senior citizens who perform a repertoire of punk and rock: the Ramones, the Clash, the Bee Gees, Talking Heads, Sonic Youth, James Brown, that ilk. It looks like fun for them, and a fair amount of that fun trickles down to the audience. British director Stephen Walker, also the narrator, follows them through a seven-week rehearsal period for a new tour, and along the way he picks up bits of geriatric good humor ("We went from continent to continent till I became incontinent") and interjects several full-blown music videos made by the film's producer, Sally George. It isn't all fun, however. Two of the members die within a week of each other, and the tribute songs to them, Dylan's "Forever Young" and Coldplay's "Fix You," the first sung to a captive audience of prison inmates and the second on opening night of the tour, demonstrate convincingly that the act is more than just a gag. 2008. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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Sun. (10:35, 1:10) 4:25, 7:10, 9:40

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Baby Mama (PG-13); **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Made of Honor** (PG-13); **Nim's Island** (PG); **Speed Racer** (PG); **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:55) 7:25, 10:05; **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG) Fri. (9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:15, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8; **How the Garcia Girls Spent Their Summer** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05a.m.); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri. (9:30, 10:00, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (9:30, 10:00, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 3:00, 3:30) 4:00, 4:30, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 12:40, 1:50, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05) 6:40, 7:40, 8:45, 9:40, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 1:50, 3:05) 4:05, 5:05, 6:40, 7:40, 8:45, 9:40, 10:40; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 6:50, 9:55; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:35) 7:05, 10:10; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:50, 10:35

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:30) 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Baby Mama (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:30) 4:30, 5:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45, 4:00) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30; **Made of Honor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45

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San Marcos 18

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Vista Village

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:55, 3:55) 7:00, 10:00; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 9:55; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:20, 4:05) 6:50, 9:35; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:35, 9:45

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:30) 4:30, 5:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 10:45; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Made of Honor (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Son of Rambow** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00; **The Visitor** (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; **Young @ Heart** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

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Shine a Light (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:50p.m.; **The Band's Visit** (PG-13) Fri. 6:50p.m. Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:50

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:30) 4:30, 7:45, 10:45; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30; **Speed Racer** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:00) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

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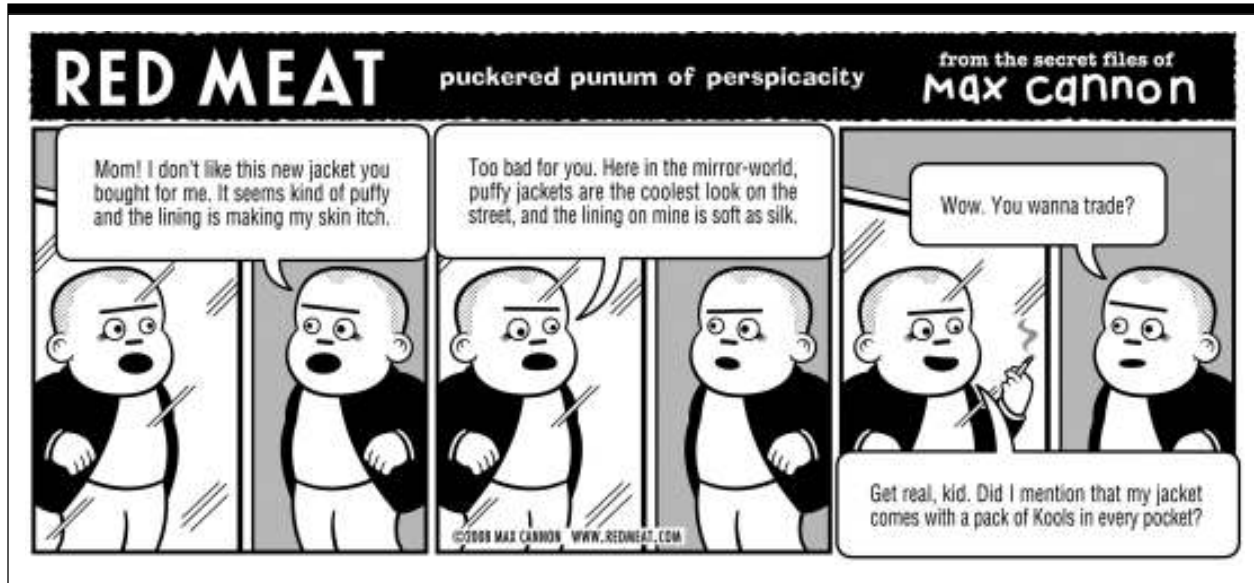
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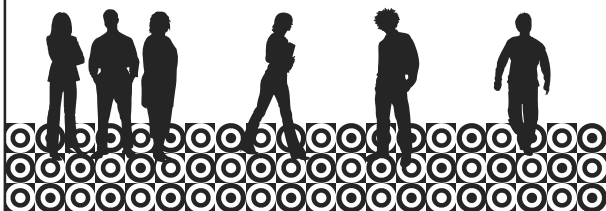
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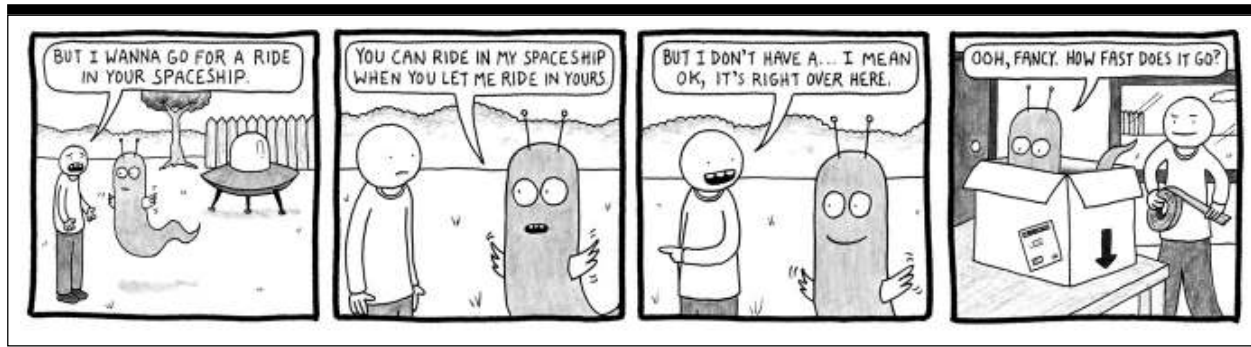


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1. Unalterable
6. New Jersey?
10. "The Magic Mountain" author Thomas
14. Modern reading material
15. Passing mention?
16. "That's _____ haven't heard!"
17. It gets a paddling
18. Marina structure
19. Salon job
20. 2003 Bill Murray film
23. _____ Estados Unidos
24. Some beans
25. Nary a soul
27. Word before pool or park
30. Put to work
32. Conclusively shows
35. Ripen
36. Lugged
38. Ire
39. Neighbor of Pol.
41. Dwelt
43. "Aren't _____ lucky one?"
44. _____ the side of caution
46. Infant's illness
48. Brit. reference work
49. Explode
51. Security agcy. since 1949
52. "Treasure Island" monogram
53. Quake
55. Middles: Abbr.
57. Devitalize
59. Classic Alexandre Dumas novel
64. Was sure of
66. Monumental year?
67. Wrist bones
68. Cuzco native
69. Dry riverbed
70. Kind of acid in olive oil
71. "Take _____ your leader"
72. Hellish river
73. 1981 AC/DC hit

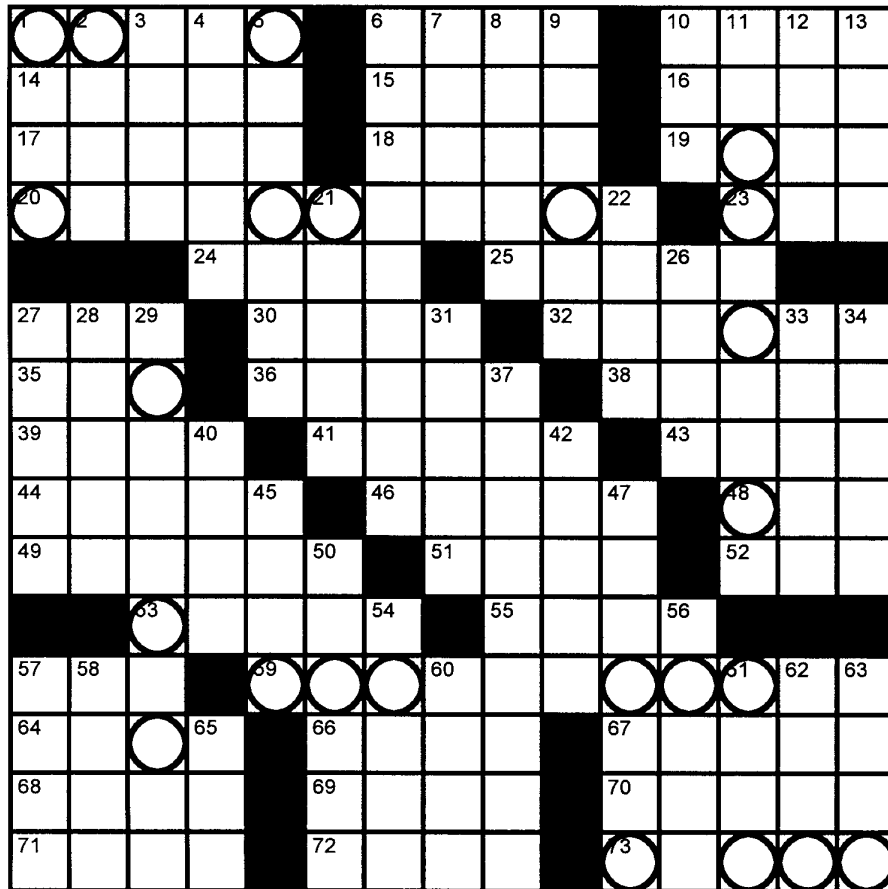
Down

1. Splinter group
2. Skier's transport
3. Mrs. Chaplin
4. Middays
5. Barely manages
6. Just fine, slangily
7. Not much
8. Certain '60s protest
9. TV series set at Fort Courage
10. Unruly do
11. 1989 Aerosmith hit
12. "Quo Vadis" roster
13. 2008 Jodie Foster movie "_____ Island"

21. Popular disinfectant
22. Scand. country
26. "Me neither"
27. Novelist Carr
28. "It's _____!"
29. Look back on
31. Cattle variety
33. Waters seen on Broadway
34. Outbuildings
37. "The Massacre at Chios" painter
40. Hockey legend Gordie
42. "Same goes for me"
45. When la lune is out
47. Pipe type
50. Expressions of disbelief
54. Rock's _____ Work
56. Wee
57. Milk option
58. Actress Heche
60. Annual racing classic
61. Neighborhood
62. _____ and Span (cleanser)
63. Break, as a habit
65. 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar _____"

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- There were 117 entrants. The winners are:
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It was a friend of mine. I can't remember which one. I'll say Mark. The message was done in a real monotone voice. It said, "Hi. This is Mark's refrigerator. His answering machine is on vacation. Leave me a message and I'll stick it to myself and make sure he gets it when he returns." It was kind of funny.



Mel Marshall

Sales

La Mesa

My friend roped me in three or four times with his message. It's just that one that goes, "Hello? Oh, what's up?" And you start talking, not realizing it's a machine. It seems like after the first time it happens, you wouldn't be tricked again. Part of the problem is that I sometimes called while I was driving, so I couldn't hear it that clearly.



Patrick Chiasson

Coast Guard

Clairemont

In the Coast Guard, when you go out for months, you usually leave an outgoing message that you are under way. My friend was leaving his outgoing message, and it was going to be the one people heard for months while he was out to sea. I was playing quarters in the background, and as he's leaving the message you can hear me in the background, and him saying, "Are you playing quarters?" It was the last thing you can hear on the message.



Kim Sterner

Law Library

Spring Valley

I have a best friend that had their 3-year-old do the outgoing message. And it sounds so cute. She says, "Hi, this is Leanna. I'll tell my parents you called, if I remember." She is 19 now, and that outgoing message is still on their machine.



Nick Atwell

Student

Cypress

I had a friend that did something really strange with his outgoing message. He wrote out everything he wanted to say. It was the usual thing, like, "I'm not here right now, so leave a name and number." It was longer than that, but just those basic points. Since he wrote it down, he then read it back into the machine, starting with the last word first. Completely backwards. Of course, all of his friends understood, but I'm sure it sounded odd to people that didn't know him that called.



Kendra Hoff

Nurse

Sioux City, Iowa

It was when I was doing cold calls in sales. I got this one house where the message was "Thank you for calling the psychiatric ward. Press 1, 2, or 3 for multiple personalities; press 4 repeatedly for OCD. If you are a paranoid schizophrenic, we already know you and we're tracing the call." There were a few more I can't remember. Oh... "If you're apathetic, don't press anything. It won't matter anyway." I saved the number and called it back a few times.

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Last week's place: (clue: At what point pleasure?) Nancy Rubins' Pleasure Point sculpture at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla. Her 2006 collection of rowboats, canoes, jet skis, and surfboards has been cantilevered over the western, ocean-facing façade. In 1999, Rubins's similar collection of boats — commissioned by the Port District — never made it to the convention center after people complained that it looked like a mid-air shipwreck. (Last week's winners: Martin Rommel, Erica Roberts, Bill Hicks, Jose Cerda, Cheryl Old)

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— Among the notable offerings at the International Exhibition of Inventions in Geneva, Switzerland, in April were beer-flavored jelly (non-alcoholic) to spread on biscuits, and artificial, removable nose hair (swabs of pipe cleaner for the nostrils to block pollen and dust). ("Most people do not have enough nose hair," inventor Gensheng Sun told the Associated Press.) Italian engineer Enrico Berruti said it was his personal laziness that led him to develop a bed that makes itself, with automatic sheet-shaking and straightening. Diane Cheong Lee Mei of China swore that her novel computer software employed algorithms sophisticated enough to enable the user to detect the gender of any e-mail writer.

Least Competent Criminals

— Inadequate Game Plans: (1) In April, in response to a man wielding an ax and demanding the contents of his cash register, the owner of Sam's Cigars in Vista, Calif., grabbed his wife and dashed out the front door, locking the man inside, where he made pleading gestures through the window until police arrived.

(2) The next week in a suburb of Tampa, Fla., café owner Agustin De Jesus was asleep for the night in a back room but awakened by a break-in. He noticed that the thief had parked his SUV by the back door with the engine running for a quick getaway, so De Jesus hopped in, drove away, and called police, who arrested Leonard Levy, 55, who is a candidate for life in prison based on his long record. (3) In March, Christopher Koch, 28, became the latest to wait outside a bank, building up his nerve to rob it, and then finally put on the ski mask and walk up to the front door (of the Citizens & Northern Bank, Liberty, Pa.), only to realize that it was by then 12:01 p.m., and the bank had closed at noon. (Employees got Koch's license-plate number.)

Once a Ham ...

— At a March British soccer match between Blackpool and Burnley teams, greyhound owner Jane Holland was escorting her retired dog Fool's Mile for a presentation when the crowd noise evidently energized the champion racer, who broke away. "[W]hen she heard the crowd,

she was off," said Holland, and Fool's Mile circled the track four times before being restrained. Said London's *Sunday Telegraph*, the dog appeared to be reliving her glory days.

Family Values

— Joseph Manzanera, 19, pleaded guilty in April to disorderly conduct in Commerce City, Colo., after police were called to a domestic disturbance, as he and his ex-girlfriend, who are the parents of a toddler, fought over which local street gang's colors (hers or his) the kid would wear.

Kinder, Gentler Government

The county government in Tampa, Fla., revealed in April that because of its unusual interpretation of state law, all of its inmates on work-release programs during the past 15 years have been accruing pension and post-retirement health-care credits. (2) London's *Daily Telegraph* reported in April that the Dutch government has begun assigning some of its hard-core unemployed (who are repeatedly rejected for jobs) to "regression therapy," in the hope that com-

ing to terms with negative aspects of their past will help them present themselves better.

I Want My Rights!

— Student Vinicios Robacher, 15, said in March he was preparing to file a lawsuit against school officials in Danbury, Conn., over an ear injury. Robacher said that while he had his head down, sleeping in class, the teacher slapped his desk so hard with her palm to wake him that he still has constant pain.

— Astrid Literski, in prison after pleading guilty to murdering her four-year-old daughter in 2003, is due in tax court in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in May to argue that she should not have to give back \$1296 (Cdn) in tax benefits she was wrongly paid for the child during 2002. Actually, the girl was living with her father at the time, but Literski says she deserved the tax benefits anyway, because she provided "emotional" support.

Send your *Weird News* to Chuck Shepherd, San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 or to WeirdNewsTips@Yahoo.com

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Letters to the Editor, page 14, column 1

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Diary of a Diva, page 22, column 2

"Marines lost on Iwo Jima."

(**Tom Beans**, San Diego claimed there was unnecessary comma after "lost", but copy he sent in and search of other issues showed no comma-sorry, Tom, **no award this week.**)

\$2700 includes gardener. 619-405-0065.

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Say What?



Barry Kendrick | Age: 23 | Occupation: Cost Accountant | Lives: College Area

I'm originally from Birmingham, Alabama, and all my slang is dirty South. "**I'onte mut know,**" is something that you say if you don't know an answer. Like if someone asks you if you're going to a club you can say, "I'ont e mut know," and it means, "I didn't even much know about that."

Another thing we say is "**proshate,**" which means "appreciate." You can say it instead of thank you. If someone gives you something, you can say "proshate" back to them and it means the same thing. I've been teaching other people to say it since I moved out here. "**Eknow**" means that

you know something, if someone is telling you something you already knew, you just say back, "eknow."

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ADOPTION EVENT. Small dogs will be available for adoption Saturday 5/31, from noon-3pm at Muttropolis, 7755 Girard Street, La Jolla. This is a collaborative project with SNAP, Chula Vista Animal Care Facility, Muttropolis and Ark Antiques.

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SurfDIEGO

Name: Blair Dribben

Age: 26

Lives In: Pacific Beach

Pre-Surf Music: Anything

Post-Surf Food: Pizza

Blair says, "Surfing has been with me my whole life; it controls where I live. I moved here from Hawaii to explore Central California and Northern California." His favorite West Coast break is Rincon, near Santa Barbara.

Here in San Diego, Blair frequents spots known for large waves.

"I love surfing the Cliffs and Black's beach.

Unfortunately, on a pretty solid day at Black's, you see grown men fighting each other. It's so crowded, and everyone gets in everyone else's way. It totally throws the chi off in the line-up. You definitely have to make a name for yourself out there....

"I do think that people here need to regulate more. It can get insane. For example, Swami's in the winter, when it's big, can have, like, 80,000 people. It's too crowded.... They need to have someone out there bringing people in, people that



don't belong out there, people who are inexperienced, people who don't put in time."

Growing up in Hawaiian beach houses with surf-obsessed uncles left Blair with an ascetic approach to the sport.

"All of my friends

make fun of me in the winter because I never go out with them [at night]; I stay in so I can get up early and surf. This is something that I will do until I'm at least 60 or 70 years old. Surfing is the number-one priority in my life; I have lost two serious relationships over

it. People just don't understand."

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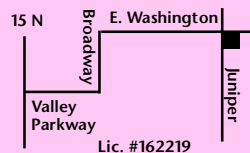
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own for \$500 a quarter more.

Having had my own room for pretty much my whole life, including my freshman year, I desperately wanted to have one again. Then I was given a late sign-up time, and single rooms were scarce. Sign-ups started at 8 a.m.; my sign-up time was 11. I watched the clock tick down, and when it came time I

logged on and frantically looked for a single bedroom in both the dorms and apartment homes. Nothing. I gave up and started looking for any room that was available. I found a room in an apartment home that was central on campus, so I chose it with little regard as to who would be my roommate. I got along with almost

everyone I met during my freshman year, so I wasn't too worried.

My roommate was named Stephen. He was in the same boat as I, also accustomed to having his own room. I called him to introduce myself and to determine who would provide what — TV, toaster oven, etc. Not two minutes into it he drops this gem: "Do you like Asian people?" There are more subtle ways to find out if a person is racist, but I was guessing that he liked the direct approach. I didn't know how to answer. Just say,

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“Yes”? Oh, maybe he was joking? So I said, “Sure, I fuck Asian girls all the time. They’re great!” I was soon to learn that Stephen was a devout Christian, and telling him that I hate all things Asian would have been a better response to him than what I did say.

As a devout Christian, Stephen didn’t drink or party — fine with me, but what was not fine with was the preaching. He assumed that since I partook in normal college activities such as drinking, partying, and premarital sex, that I was evil and godless. He would tell me when and why and how my activities would lead me on an express train to hell, and in return I would tell him to shut the f*^# up.

He was dedicated to annoying me. Every time my girlfriend arrived from out of town, Mr. Can’t Get a Clue always seemed to be there. I would tell him in advance that I was going to have a girl over — still he showed up. One time a girl and I had “already started,” and he came into the room without knocking, parked himself at his desk, and sat there.

If there was one aspect of Christianity that Stephen did not seem to subscribe to it was this: “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” This guy was dirty. On his side of the room, clothes all over the carpet. Dirty dishes would find a permanent home not only in the sink but on

his desk.

Almost every time he cooked he would prepare kimchi [“a traditional Korean fermented dish made of vegetables with varied seasonings,” as Wikipedia puts it], and he would not open a window. Then, just to make sure the smell would permeate, he would leave the kimchi he hadn’t eaten out on the counter. The kitchen smelled like the back of a Korean restaurant for days. I used to like Korean food, but my palate for it is now killed.

The bathroom was not safe either. Somehow he managed to shed all over the shower and bathroom sink, and he would not clean it up. Every time I took a shower after him the tub looked as if someone had just shaved a black cat.

Stephen quickly claimed the top spot on my shit list. Then I found out that he was spoiled, to boot. Despite that fact that his parents lived in El Centro, and despite the fact that their son was 19 going on 20, his parents would make the

two-hour trip every weekend to drop off food, do his laundry, fix up his side of the room, and then cook him a meal before heading back that same night. As an independent person working for and paying my own tuition, washing my own clothes, and living a nine-hour drive away from what I called home in order to live completely independently, this infuriated me.

I realize now that my distaste for him was mutual. He resented my girlfriend visiting or the fact that I talked to girls at all. He slept early, I slept late, and after the first month I made sure to make as much noise as possible before I went to bed. I would tend to not shut my alarm off when I went out of town, so every once in a while Stephen would get a blast of noise at seven in the morning on a Saturday. In our complex we only had one bathroom, and if someone was showering you had to wait until the person got out of the bathroom if you had to, you know, urinate. A couple of times when I

was in the shower and I heard him outside the door, I made sure to shampoo three or four more times. June could not come fast enough for either of us.

After nine long months the school year was over, and finally Stephen and I moved out. Of course his parents came to clean every nook and cranny and to pack for him. Because he finished his exams three days earlier than I, he left while I was in the library studying, so we never said goodbye. Probably for the best.

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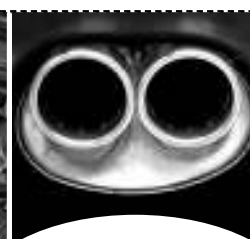
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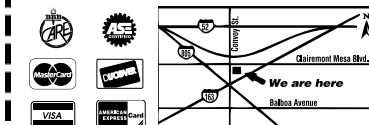
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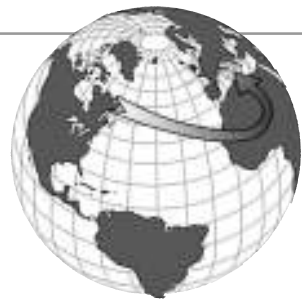
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Take school, for example. At the University of Florence, classes are run on what was explained to me as the “University quarter-hour schedule,” meaning if your class is supposed

to be from 5 to 7 p.m., you have 15 minutes of leeway on either end of the class — the professor will arrive anywhere up to 15 minutes late and will dismiss class anytime within the last 15 minutes. This scheduled tardiness exists within the realm of school, but in other realms it is less regimented — waiters may take half an hour to bring you your check, a friend might show up 20 minutes late to an appointment without a word of excuse, and buses, trains, and planes have no real use for such

things as schedules.

It is not only quarters of hours here and there that Italians dismiss as unimportant but this lackadaisical nature bleeds into months and years. Their entire university system, for example, is based on modules of semesters that make up “three years” of study. You take approximately seven classes a year and then will have a month, sometimes two, to “study” before you take your exams between modules. It doesn’t take much imagination to understand what happens when a

college student is given two months off of school to follow a self-regimented study plan; the result is that hardly anyone passes their first time around. But they then are able to continue taking the exam during every exam period during their time at university, which somehow seems to stretch mysteriously from three years to five, seven, sometimes more.

The Italian vocabulary is telling of this strange vortex of time. *Bambini*, or babies, are considered anywhere from newborn children to teenagers, while *ragazzi*, or

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children, are mostly college-age students or anyone under 30. Looking at the maturation process of Italian culture, these terms seem intuitive; when people live at home through their college years, don't get married until their mid 30s, and hardly ever have children anymore, not only are they referred to by a younger-sounding word, they just are younger. I came to Italy as a 20-year-old, self-sufficient, American college student. I live in my own apartment, hold down a job, and am considered an adult in most arenas of life. The moment I arrived in Italy, I was immediately struck by the tendency for baristas or shopkeepers to refer to me as a *bambina*. "Who are they kidding?" I would think, offended to not

be referred to formally as an adult. But as time has passed, I have begun to internalize the Italian culture and clock, realizing that their perceptions of me may not be so wrong — they just reflect a different set of priorities.

Earlier in the year we had an appointment with the police chief to get fingerprinted and registered as foreigners living in Italy for our visas. We arrived to the appointment over a half hour late and were then told to wait another 15 minutes for the chief to be ready for us. On the other hand, I went to my second Fiorentina soccer game today and left my house at noon to make it to the three o'clock match hours early with the rest of the Florentine population in order to

ensure good seats. Most people don't marry until much later in life, but the common term to use instead of boyfriend or girlfriend to refer to your significant other is *fidanzato*, or fiancé. Apparently, an Italian's love, like soccer, is serious enough to speed up time for. Certain things are worthy of their time; others aren't. Time to them is a precious thing, not to be wasted sitting in line at the police station, but to be spent cheering your home team on to victory during their warm-ups, or over a five-hour Sunday lunch with your family and "fiancé" that you met two weeks ago.

The Italian retardation of time applies not only to everyday living but to the entire life process, which may make me a *bambina* for



a while longer, but it also seems to draw out adulthood and old age into something that is lasting, something to look forward to as a phase of life instead of the end of all. Just walk into any café in Florence and count the number of people over the age of 70 who aren't locked away in nursing homes or shunned out of society; they're still actively discussing politics with their waiter, taking

afternoon walks around the city, and enjoying an evening glass of wine and aperitif before heading home for a 9 p.m. dinner.

It may be nice to get a coffee in under five minutes and have an appointment with a teacher who actually shows up on time when I make it back to America, but for now, I'll enjoy my newfound 21-year-old infancy and hope the rest can last just as long.

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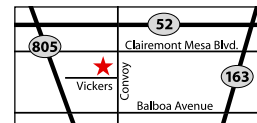
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Garfield: You couldn't put that together? I love lasagna, kicking a dog, watching TV, and coffee. Really, you didn't think I pulled a cork now and then? Wow.

Seinfeld: Why, you little orange son of a...

Garfield: Don't go blue now, Jerry. After 40 years of having exactly nothing to say, I'd hate for you to all of a sudden become interesting.

Seinfeld: You're one to talk. You were conceived as a marketing ploy to separate cat owners from their paychecks.

Garfield: And you were conceived in a prison's conjugal-visit trailer. What's your point?

Seinfeld: Should you be drinking scotch at 10 a.m. on a Thursday morning?

Garfield: These walls are harder than my body. That's why I can't escape. Windows are harder than me. I can't break them. I need something harder than a window so I can break free. I've been imprisoned here for 30 years.

Seinfeld: You haven't been imprisoned. You go to the Italian place. You go to the fence to sing. You visit your girlfriend at her house.

Garfield: Have you ever been a pet?

Seinfeld: I've been kept by a couple very nice ladies, if you know what I mean. Huh? Huh?

Garfield: I mean have you ever been ENSLAVED AS A PET?!

Seinfeld: I was under contract with NBC.

Garfield: So was I. It's not the same thing.

Seinfeld: Well, I did it for the money. You've got to be sitting on stacks of cash. I mean, you've been the face of popular products since the 1970s. You've been licensed and distributed on everything from key chains to ketchup. *Bee Movie* kept me in Porsches for a while, but those potatoes are comparatively tiny. If I had your money, I'd burn mine.

Garfield: Money buys scotch. That's all it's good for.

Seinfeld: Easy there, Bukowski.

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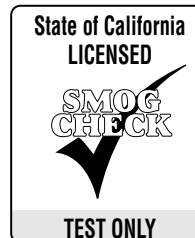
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"The devil and a friend of his were walking down the street..."

By John Brizzolara

"They were strict vegetarians, even shunning eggs, and throwing away any food that the 'shadow of an Englishman had crossed.'" This is a quote from the Wikipedia entry for J. Krishnamurti, describing the man's family. The son of an administrator for the British Raj, Jiddu Krishnamurti was my second introduction to Eastern Philosophy — really, the third. The first was Mr. Brockway at Grayslake High School in Illinois who presented *The Way of Zen*, by Alan Watts, to our Eastern Civilization class sophomore year. My gurus in that area would then be primarily and more accurately: Brockway, Watts, and then Krishnamurti. Friday, May 23, at San Diego State University, on the first floor of the library addition, an exhibit, "The Mind of Krishnamurti," will close.

I became familiar with his books when I was living in Santa Barbara in the early '70s, playing in a rock band, reading Carlos Castaneda and Herman Hesse. Krishnamurti lived nearby in Ojai (not far from the Boot and Saddle Country & Western Bar, where I was playing at the time), though I never had occasion to meet him.

Born May 12, 1895, as the long day waned on the British in India, he became, as a young adult, "...a popular writer and speaker on philosophical and spiritual subjects. His subject matter included (but was not limited to): the purpose of meditation, human relationships, and how to enact positive change in global society. At the age

of 34, he publicly renounced the fame and messiah status he had gained from being proclaimed the new incarnation of the Maitreya Buddha by the Theosophical Society, and spent the rest of his life meeting people from all walks of life and holding public talks, mostly in South Asia, Europe, and the United States. At age 90 he addressed the United Nations on the subject of peace and awareness, and was awarded the 1984 UN Peace Medal."

In 1973, while I was playing Buck Owens tunes in Oxnard, with a paperback copy of *The Confessions of Aleister Crowley* as well as Krishnamurti's *Notebooks* in my guitar case, I already knew about theosophy and Madame Blavatsky and considered them crackpots, unlike myself. I was, after all, a sober (well, not technically) and considered seeker of spiritual truths, *Magick in Theory and Practice*, enlightenment beyond what the (inscrutable) *Tibetan Book of the Dead* had to offer, and good deals on lids of marijuana. I had pretty much closed the door on what I considered the most well-thought-out religion in history, Catholicism. I read the *Tao Te Ching* in about a day, employed the *I Ching* to plot my oddly unsellable science fiction stories, dabbled occasionally in a bit of tarot consulting with my girlfriend, and had memorized entire quotes from Gautama Buddha. "A man could be born a blind leper in a ring of fire and know only Nirvana." And so it was I was glad J. Krishnamurti had disassociated himself from those theosophy nuts. Apparently they are still doing well right here in Point Loma and, for all I know, are far less nutty than myself.

Thirty-six years later, I was glad to find this story online, which I had read elsewhere in one of his books. Possibly *The First and Last Freedom* or *The Mind of Krishnamurti*, which actually is about him, not by him, though I am unsure. Wikipedia retrieves it for me.

"You may remember the story of how the devil and a friend of his were walking down the street, when they saw ahead of them a man stoop down and pick up something from the ground, look at it, and put it away in his pocket. The friend said to the devil, 'What did that man pick up?' He picked up a piece of the truth,' said the devil. 'That is a very bad business for you, then,' said his friend. 'Oh, not at all,' the devil replied, 'I am going to help him organize it.' I maintain that truth is a pathless land, and you cannot approach it by any path whatsoever, by any religion, by any sect. That is my point of view, and I adhere to that absolutely and unconditionally. Truth, being limitless, unconditioned, unapproachable by any path whatsoever, cannot be organized; nor should any organization be formed to lead or coerce people along a particular path."

I may be able to either thank or blame Krishnamurti for much of my atti-



tude, at this age, toward truth. It was after reading him, after all, when he made a complimentary reference to the works of Nietzsche, that I began reading that German philosopher and found myself inexplicably creeped out. On the other hand, it wasn't long before I found Schopenhauer, another German (and cynic), whom I found myself nodding sagely along with as I read his depressive ramblings, eloquent as they were. In other words, it may be more or less thanks to J. Krishnamurti that I have become something like Pilate, who once asked, "What is truth?" and did not stay for an answer.

When the Indian-born reluctant guru closed out his (sort of) Order of the Star, he made a speech, from which this is an excerpt: "This is no magnificent deed, because I do not want followers, and I mean this. The moment you follow someone you cease to follow Truth. I am not concerned whether you pay attention to what I say or not. I want to do a certain thing in the world and I am going to do it with unwavering concentration. I am concerning myself with only one essential thing: to set man free. I desire to free him from all cages, from all fears, and not to found religions, new sects, nor to establish new theories and new philosophies."

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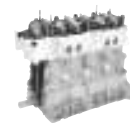
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