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There's been an accident. Jadean didn't make it.

MARCH 6TH started out pretty much like any other day. Work was busy. I got off a little late, went home, got in the shower, and when I got out, my son Marshal told me that Jadean, my 15-year-old daughter, had been home. She'd dropped off her schoolbooks and left again. I asked Marshal if she had taken my work phone with her. I gave her the phone every day after work so that I could keep in contact with her. He didn't know, so I tried calling the phone, and it rang in the house. She hadn't taken it with her.

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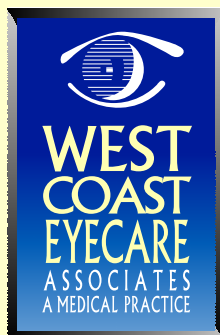
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Risky business San Diego's reputation as a drug-infested, prostitute-ridden border town is finally paying off, at least for those who get federal grants to conduct medical studies. Among those currently accepting recruits, according to the federal National Institutes of Health: a research project to come up with ways to reduce the sexually transmitted diseases contracted by methamphetamine users.

"Despite the connection between methamphetamine use and high risk sexual behaviors, few efforts have been made to develop and implement sexual risk reduction programs for this population," according to a description of the study by UCSD's HIV Neurobehavioral Research Center. To qualify, participants must be heterosexual and have used methamphetamine "via snorting or smoking at least once a month for the 2 months prior to study entry," along with



Tijuana prostitute

having a "history of unprotected sex within 2 months prior to study entry." Part of the treatment to be studied will involve "nine 90-minute face-to-face counseling sessions that use cognitive behavioral therapy and strategies associated with social cognitive theory and the theory of reasoned action to address three treatment domains — mood regulation, reduction/cessation of meth use, and reduction of high risk sexual practices."

In another research project, UCSD is recruiting Mexican prostitutes as part of a study of sex workers in four Mexican cities along the U.S. border. "There has been a dramatic increase in HIV and other STDs over the past decade, especially in Mexican cities along the United States border," the study notes. "Border cities often have a thriving sex trade industry, and some are considered 'sexual tourist' destinations." The Share Safer Sex Program "will be tailored to the needs, values, beliefs, and behaviors of the participants, and will take into account gender and cultural differences," according to the description of the study, underwritten by the National Institute of Mental Health. "Counselors will work with participants to increase personal awareness of their current unsafe behaviors and the associated risks, help them understand their motivation to change, and increase their knowledge about how to practice safe sex. Demonstrations and practice exercises will be used to improve participants' attitudes about, as well as intentions to practice, condom use."

In the lobby With election results now in hand, members of the city's lobbying corps can adjust their strategies as needed. And despite the threatened economic recession and housing crash, there's plenty of business, judging from recent disclosure filings at the City Clerk's Office. On May 8, for instance, Reeves & Associates signed on with Brown Field International Busi-

ness Park, the group that's negotiating with the City for exclusive rights to redevelop 369 acres of the aging 880-acre City-owned airport.

On May 12, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, the big L.A. law firm that doubles as a lobbying shop, won the business of **Don Bren's** Irvine Company, which has gobbled up downtown office buildings for its giant real estate portfolio. On the same date, Sheppard Mullin bid adieu to Reynolds Communities, Inc., as well as Sunroad Enterprises, builder of the controversial over-height office building near Montgomery Field. (Hecht Solberg Robinson Goldberg & Bagley, another law firm doubling as lobbyists, reported it had picked up a Sunroad contract on March 25.) Southwest Strategies, the lobbying firm founded by former *Evening Tribune* reporter **Alan Ziegans**, also parted company with a builder, Wakeland Housing and Development, on April 30. Wertz McDade Wallace Moot & Brower, the downtown law firm run by former **Roger Hedgecock** aide **Mike McDade**, picked up H.G. Fenton Company, the big local landowner, on April 29. Allen Matkins Leck Gamble, another lobbying powerhouse, signed up **Irving Bookspan**, **Diane Korsh**, **Matthew Reno**, **Malcolm Stallings**, Currie Partners, Gray Development Group, and LBA Realty on April 29. **Paola Avila** registered to represent Otay Mesa Property LP and Otay Mesa Ventures, LLC, on April 29. California Strategies, the Sacramento-based lobbying shop operated by ex-**Pete Wilson** honcho **Bob White**, took on Lyon Capital Ventures and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority on April 30.



Michael McDade

Not in the lobby An engineer from Burlingame, California, has been told by the City of San Diego's Ethics Commission that he doesn't have to register as a lobbyist if he provides only "technical data" to city officials. "If your communications with City Officials are limited to technical statements based upon your expertise as an airport engineer, you will not be required to register as a Lobbying Firm with the City. Note, however, that if your paid communications



Robert Wadell

with City Officials extend beyond the scope of the 'technical data or analysis' exemption, and are not otherwise exempt under the Ordinance, you will be required to register with the City Clerk as a 'Lobbying Firm.'" **Robert Wadell** of Wadell Engineering Corporation had asked commission staffers to advise him regarding his work on behalf of developer **Richard Sax's** efforts to build new aviation-related facilities at City-owned Brown Field.

— Matt Potter

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Who Needs Ratings?

By Don Bauder

'Golf is a good walk spoiled," growled Mark Twain, and in recent years, more and more Americans have been agreeing

with him. The industry hopes that the U.S. Open, played June 9 through 15 at Torrey Pines, will create enough excitement to put a roadblock in front of that slow but steady erosion. Over four days, there will be 30 hours of live television coverage, and the Saturday and Sunday telecasts will appear on prime time in the Eastern markets. (They will run from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday and 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. EDT on Sunday.) Verily, that is a lot of TV golf.

Of course, much will depend on whether the sport's icon, Tiger Woods, is in contention. He is recovering from knee surgery. He says he will

compete in the U.S. Open, but if he does, he will not have played in a tournament in two months. "If Tiger is in



Tiger Woods

the running, there will be a significant jump in ratings," says San Diego stock analyst Bud Leedom of California Equity Research. "If not, I would be surprised if there are good ratings."

"It's called the 'Tiger Factor,'" says Ron Bain, a San Diegan who was formerly president of CBS TV Sports and vice president of NBC TV Sports. "When it is just another event on the tour,

when he is not playing, ratings can go down 10 to 15 percent. When he is playing, they can go up 10 to 15 percent. In a major event like the U.S. Open, the ratings have gone up as much as 50 percent when he is leading or in contention." The best possible scenario for TV and the golf industry "would be Tiger leading and [San Diegan] Phil Mickelson chasing him." For Mickelson, Torrey Pines is like a home course, but "Tiger has won more times than Phil"

there.

However, explains Bain, advertisers on televised golf tournaments are less ratings-obsessed than other advertisers. They are reaching an upscale, largely male audience, and there are few other avenues for targeting that group on TV. The ratings for even a major golf tournament are below the ratings for an average pro football game.

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A Cool Elective You Can't Get Out Of

By Dorian Hargrove

Eduardo Ochoa teaches social justice at Lincoln High School in Chollas View. Ochoa is also a coordinator for the Advancement

Via Individual Determination program, or AVID, as everyone calls it, a high school elective designed to help midlevel students prepare for college and meet college eligibility requirements.

During this school year, six of Ochoa's students



Rik Alberto

dropped the program in favor of the military science program, the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or JROTC. According to Ochoa, military science instructors told the students that their class was easier and would also help students get into college.



Eduardo Ochoa and students at Lincoln High School

Across town, at Mission Bay High School in Pacific Beach, 11th-grader Anay Barajas was placed into the newly offered Marines JROTC class at the beginning of the school

year. She says she had no idea what the class was about, but when she saw it involved drills and marching, she wanted out and into the AVID and Spanish classes that she had picked as her electives. "I went to my counselor," Barajas says, "and she told me, 'Yeah, we'll call you in,' but they never did. So after two weeks I had to get my dad to call, and they finally changed me."

It wasn't the end of Barajas's experience with the military science program, as was first reported in online publication *Voice of San Diego*. "So the second term, we got all-new classes and everything, and they put me in the class again! I was, like, 'Wow, I already got out of the class once. Why would they put me in it again?'"

Ochoa and Barajas weren't the only ones in San Diego's public high schools who found the military science program disturbing this year. Other students and teachers have objected to the course and its policies. The complaints have led community activist groups like Encinitas-based Project on Youth and Non-Military

port has grown, and over 150 people showed up at a San Diego Unified School District board meeting in early May to show their opposition to the military science course.

JROTC has been a staple in San Diego Unified's high schools for almost 90 years. San Diego High, the city's first high school, adopted the program in 1919. Of the district's 16 high schools, only 3 — La Jolla, Clairemont, and University City — do not offer the program as part of their curriculum.

The class claims to teach students leadership skills, self-reliance, and self-discipline, as well as how to set life goals. Master Chief Rik Alberto is a military science instructor at Mar Vista High, an Imperial Beach school in the Sweetwater Union High School District. "The great thing about this program, sir, is that it teaches a kid to act like an adult after high school," Alberto says. "We teach basic leadership concepts, public speaking. We build self-confidence. We teach job-interview techniques, good manners, and self-conduct, pretty much which knife and fork to use. We basically prepare them for the adult world, sir."

The Education Not Arms Coalition has rallied behind three points in its opposition to the military science program. The coalition's first concern is marksmanship training on public school grounds.

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Each JROTC program represents a branch of the armed forces. In San Diego Unified schools, 7 of the 13 programs are Army, 3 are Navy, 2 are Air Force, and 1 is Marines.



Anay Barajas and Spanish instructor Luis Villanueva

Every program has a rifle range except for the two Air Force programs, at Scripps Ranch High and Mira Mesa High (at Crawford the range is not in use). The rifle ranges typically are in an old classroom where students, supervised by instructors, practice shooting .17-caliber air rifles at targets. Jack Brandais of the district's Media Relations Department explains, "This is a controlled, very specific type of program. At one time it was a CIF [California Interscholastic Federation] sport. It's still an NCAA [National Collegiate Athletic Association] sport and an Olympic sport, so it's taught under very tight control, in tight conditions, in a specific area of the campuses."

Lincoln High School's Ochoa says his students questioned the mixed message the school was sending. "We teach our kids to think critically," Ochoa says, "so as soon as my kids became conscious about a gun range on campus and other students being trained to shoot weapons, they started asking questions about the zero-tolerance policy. Since day one at this school, they've been told about there being no exception to having any weapons on campus, so they started making petitions and getting signatures from other students and staff members." Cristabel A., who gradu-

ated from San Diego High last year, was a member of the school's Army JROTC marksmanship team. In 2007, the team won the California Junior Olympics. She recalls the experience of being on a shooting team. "For one thing, it is

The allegations come despite a districtwide policy requiring that parents provide written consent to their child's enrollment in the class. The instructors pass out the consent forms at the beginning of the term. However, the



JROTC Mar Vista Color Guard

the one sport that needs the most teamwork," she says. "It takes a team to win. It helps with concentration, good health, and dedication. It teaches a group of people how to be a team. Through that, the team becomes family, like my team did."

The second concern of the Education Not Arms Coalition is that students are being placed in JROTC who have not chosen it as an elective. Once they are enrolled, it is difficult for them to transfer out.

program's own manager, Lieutenant Colonel Jan Janus, has reported missing forms at some schools.

Barajas, the Mission Bay High student, is aware of several classmates who had a difficult time transferring out of the class. "During the few

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Who needs ratings?

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Who cares? It's not how many. It's who.

But even a U.S. Open that draws a record-breaking TV audience, including oodles of the well-heeled, probably won't help golf that much this year. Leedom, who publishes the *California Stock Report*, isn't recommending golf stocks, because the industry is deeper in the doldrums now with the economy in recession. Golf participation and equipment sales could be down as much as 5 percent in this year's economic anemia, he says. In the late 1990s, drivers made with space-age metals would sell for \$500. "A \$500 club is

extreme now. You don't see those prices as much. Something at \$300 is the sweet spot," says Leedom.

That's not good news for San Diego County. Carlsbad and environs constitute the center of golf equipment manufacturing. Callaway Golf sells the most irons and putters. TaylorMade, a unit of adidas, seized the leadership in drivers in 2005, but Callaway gives it a tough fight. Cobra, a unit of Fortune Brands, has a solid position in drivers and other clubs. Publicly held Aldila, a maker of graphite shafts, has seen its stock drop from \$35.60 two years ago to below \$8, as its earnings slipped severely. Stock of Ashworth, a maker of golf clothing, has plunged to a little above \$3 as the company wallows in red ink.

In the last seven years, stocks in the *BusinessWeek/Golf Digest* stock index have declined an average 15.5 percent, while the overall market has risen around 10 percent.

In a report on Callaway, Casey Alexander of New York's Gilford Securities says the domestic golf equipment business right now is "a lousy mar-

ket" because of weak consumer spending. The result? Whiff. "Most of the time, investing in the golf industry is akin to sinking your feet in cement shoes," Alexander told *BusinessWeek*.

But just how far has the total golf industry sunk? Some are overstating the woes. In February, the *New York Times*, citing data from the National Golf Foundation of Jupiter, Florida, stated that between 2000 and 2006, the number of golfers had fallen from 30 million to 28 million. "It's all wet. They imply the numbers are ours. They are not," says Joe Beditz, chief executive of the foundation. He says the number of golfers actually rose slightly in that period. The number of rounds played between 2000 and 2006 declined from 518 million to 500 million, says the foundation — a modest drop. Beditz concedes that the number of core golfers (those who play eight or more rounds a year) fell from 17.7 million to 15 million in the period.

But the statistics quoted in the *Times* had legs. In March, the Motley Fool, an online

stock-assessment service, picked up the *Times* numbers and gave a double-bogey report on golf stocks. Jim Cramer, who leaps up and down, shouting, on his *Mad Money* TV show, is sober when discussing golf. He said recently, "There's a secular slowdown in golf. . . as much as we think there's a lot of business done in golf, it is a declining industry, so I am not going to recommend [Callaway]."

Says Leedom, an expert in the golf industry, "It has been in a gentle decline." It could go up or down 3 percent a year over a long period, with occasional steeper dips or rises such as this year, but the trendline slants only a bit to the downside. He doesn't believe there have been double-digit declines.

Golf got overexuberant in the late 1990s. As Tiger Woods roared on the scene, the industry began salivating about baby boomers who would be retiring in a few years. After 2001, about 1180 golf facilities opened, but 560 closed, according to the National Golf Foundation. In recent years, a few more people have dropped the game than started it. Golf requires patience, brains, and a long attention span. Such qualities are declin-

ing in today's society. It takes four or five hours to play 18 holes on a standard course. That's too much time these days.

There is still a split among San Diegans. It was the establishment that pushed to have the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines. With politicians in their pockets, they mowed down opponents. Preparing the course for the tournament is depriving many people, locals and tourists alike, from playing the beautiful layout. "Torrey Pines North has been closed to 18-hole play since early February," says Paul Spiegelman, who has battled on behalf of local golfers. "There has been some 9-hole play. But it closed to 9-hole play on May 18 [and will stay closed until] July 1 and will not return to 18-hole play until probably September 1 because of all the damage done by the U.S. Open using the North Course for corporate and merchandising tents and an operations staging area." Revenue will fall. The City of San Diego will actually lose money on the tournament, says Spiegelman.

Of course, if the Open is exciting and generates such a huge audience that the golf industry shows signs of bot-

toming out, San Diego could feel an upswing. But a continued mild downswing is more likely. ■

A cool elective

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weeks that I was in the class, some kids signed up because they thought it was going to be an easy class," she says, "and there were others who were just placed in it without them knowing what it was. Another boy said that he was in there even though he didn't want to be, so he told the instructor, and the instructor just told him that he was going to have to figure it out."


However, according to Brandais, the district's media representative, the school district has not received any formal complaints concerning students in the program who do not want to be there. "We require all of our students to return a consent form for the class," he says. "Our assistant superintendent has never received an appeal call from a parent about their child in Junior ROTC. Now, if the parent wants their child to be in the program, but the student doesn't want to be there, then

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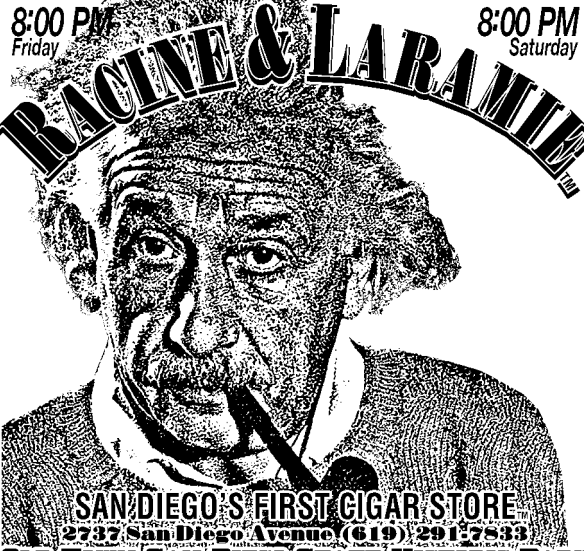


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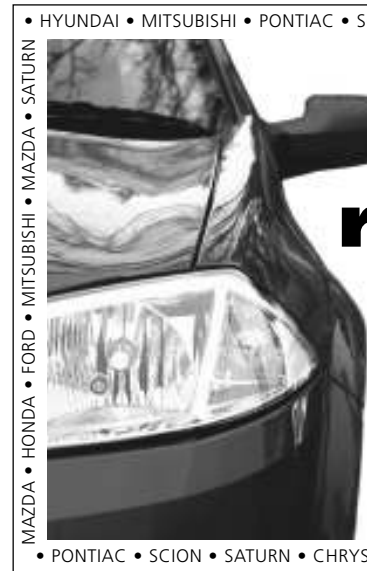
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that's a matter the student must resolve with the parent."

Jorge Mariscal, professor of literature at UCSD and a Vietnam War veteran, feels that it is a common occurrence for students who have not chosen the elective to be placed in the class. "The most troubling development in

some Los Angeles and San Diego schools is the placement of students in JROTC programs without student or parent consent," he says. "This is an infringement on students' rights, and any school official that condones this practice should be reprimanded."

The coalition's final objection to the military science program stems from allegations that JROTC instructors are recruiting cadets by

stating that the course meets college eligibility requirements. Jahnkow, of Project YANO, says, "Even those who choose to go into the program are often doing it based on misinformation given to them to hype the program and make them believe that it provides benefits it really doesn't. Specifically, students have been told this will help them qualify for college, when, in fact, the credits that stu-

dents get for this elective aren't even counted by colleges, and the grades aren't even counted for eligibility for financial aid."

Brandais disagrees. "It does help them on the college applications, for a couple of reasons," he says. "One is the shooting program is an NCAA sport, so there are scholarships available for that, and if they decide to go into the military science field and enter the college

ROTC program, it helps to get in. The final one is that it qualifies as a leadership skill, and that is one of the things they judge you on on college applications."

Captain Gladimiro Vasquez, professor of military science and a recruiting officer for San Diego State's ROTC program, acknowledges that the high school program does not meet any college eligibility requirements. "It is con-

sidered a leadership quality, though," he says, "and that's equivalent...kind of like ASB president or something like that. They ask for extracurricular activities, and JROTC would be something you put down for that."

In recent months, there have been accusations of intimidation by school administrators. Mission Bay High students said that in April during a school walkout protesting the program, school faculty followed them with a video recorder. Students also reported that a school administrator confiscated an anti-JROTC button a student was wearing and never returned it.

More serious allegations surfaced from Mission Bay High students claiming that during an open house on February 20, principal Cheryl Seelos prevented them from passing out leaflets. The action prompted the American Civil Liberties Union to send a formal letter of complaint nine days later to the principal and to the district's general counsel requesting no further infringement on the students' right to free speech.

In late April, matters got even worse for Seelos, according to a May 2 *Voice of San Diego* story, when she released a student protester's confidential medical records to the publication in an attempt to defend the school's program. Assistant superintendent Nellie Meyer told the *Voice* that the action led to an unspecified disciplinary action by the school board. According to Brandais, the situation has also resulted in a districtwide ban on JROTC instructors and school administrators from commenting on the program.

Brandais says the gag order will remain until completion of the school district's independent investigation on the policies of the military science program as well as the actions taken by school administrators in response to the mounting opposition. "We're hoping to have the review completed by the end of the school year," he says. "If it goes beyond the end of the school year, we have telephone numbers to contact parents and students. If parents want to contact the staff, they can call the office of Nellie Meyer, assistant superintendent for high schools." ■

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More Than Famous

I have a comment on your May 29 issue of the Reader. For the ad on page 4 using the word "stars" and "famous," I think it would be appropriate to say "infamous" as well, with names like Cunanan and Metzger.

P.S. This is just a comment: I really like your first few pages, where you have the local gossip, particularly the exposés on our San Diego politicians.

Ted Rodosovich
University City

Anita's Missing

I was surprised that your former neighbors list (page 4, May 29) does not in-

clude Anita Loos, the author of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. She spent her early teenage years, from 1900 to 1910, upstairs at 2915 F Street before she went to Hollywood at 16 to write stories for the silents. She claims to have gotten ideas for her books from watching upscale people at the Coronado hotel. She was married there and left her husband the next day. Her autobiography, *A Girl Like I*, is very funny and tells a lot about San Diego in that era, as well as the early movie industry. The San Diego Public Library has one copy, so get there quick. She wrote a number of movie scenarios, books, and New York stage plays and died at 83 in New York.

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes is the funniest book I have read in a long time. It was published in 1924 and has been in print ever since, translated into many languages, as well as being made into a movie three times. I suggest you drop that Cunanan idiot out and add Miss Loos. He's a disgrace.

R.H. Akin
via email

Duncan Slips Up

I generally enjoy Duncan Shepherd's reviews because the writing is creative and — most importantly — his ratings, unlike most critics', address the fact that most movies are not worth seeing. But be careful not to lose credibility: there's a glaring error at the beginning of the Indy Jones review (May 29). Duncan is guilty of an incorrect use of the phrase "begs the question."

Andrew
via email

Duncan Shepherd responds: Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition, defines "beg the question" as (1) "to pass over or ignore a question by assuming it to be established or settled" and (2) "to elicit a question logically as a reaction or response." I meant Number One, but Number Two will work as well.

Nonsensical Surprise

A note of congratulations on bringing back my very favorite comic strip of all time, "Shoehorn Technique." It's delightful. It's nonsensical. It's exactly

what I enjoy the most. I hope you will find room for it in future issues of the Reader. As much as I like the Reader, the "Shoehorn Technique" addition this week was a very, very nice surprise. Thank you ever so much.

Irv Jacobs
La Mesa

Attention Should Be Paid

I scan papers around the country to measure the attention paid to what is happening in Iraq and Afghanistan. "The Border" ("Blog Iraq," May 8) reminds us of the tough conditions our soldiers face in Iraq. Unfortunately, few seek to understand the complexity of the situation our soldiers work to resolve in Iraq.

Many serving in Iraq are stranded in these remote outposts. While they do their jobs bravely, they don't have access to the big picture of what needs to be done in the country. I hope you would have future articles describing these needs. San Diego is lucky to have a veteran who is extremely knowledgeable on the subject, Mike Lumpkin. One can learn much from him. I hope your readers have the opportunity. Maybe such an article would get a few more comments than "The Border" did.

John Stettler
via email

Bipolar Education

The Reader writes, "Scott is a good friend, but not in the traditional sense of good" (Cover Story, May 22). In

the May 18 issue, *Newsweek* writes about growing up bipolar. Please continue educating the public, corporations, insurance companies, and medical institutions regarding the need for the world coming together to support patients and families of patients. NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, is brand new to me, and the strength and the hope I receive from them is indescribable.

As always, the Reader impresses me. Remember the article you wrote about the Frontier Housing Project decades ago? What a reaction from all the readers who lived in the project in the '40s and '50s. You are a great publication. Please continue the good work that you do for the public.

Irma Gonzalez
Linda Vista

Read Between The Ads

This week's Reader (May 22) was quite interesting. Usually I pick up the Reader and it's nothing but ads. This week I really enjoyed the story on beer pong ("We Love the Game of Beer Pong," Feature Story) and the cover story about the friends ("Scott Is a Good Friend"). So I just wanted to let you guys know that it looks like you're doing a good job, and I'm glad not to just see ads.

Samantha Adler
Ramona

The Grantville Bully

Shame on that termed-out councilman Jim Madaffer,

who embodies all that is bad about politicians ("Breaking News," May 22). He needs a job, so he forms a new committee that he wants to chair. Then, he again uses what is left of his power to continue to bully the residents of Grantville, his constituents whose neighborhood he has claimed to be "blighted," by spending our money to embolden his attempt to defeat Prop. 98, which could keep the government out of the hands of the developers. His needs seem to be all that matter to this desperate and greedy man!!!

Mary Thom
via email

Food, Wine, And Trust

I'm happy to see the "What the Chef Eats" column back. The "Oysters Rockefeller" one (May 22) by Deborah Scott, executive chef of Island Prime, Kemo Sabe, and Indigo Grill — and who, by the way, supports Joe Kocherhans's *Portraits in Jazz* on Jazz 88 — her "Oysters Rockefeller," have I read this before? Is this a repeat? I don't care. I liked this column. I haven't seen one in a while.

By the way, where's the wine column lately? Is he on vacation? He's still doing the religious column, right? Where's the wine column?

You've been getting a lot of letters lately. I know you picked up a lot of flak on the Navy surrogate-wife story. But I applaud you. I

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BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Hey, Matthew:

Before I have collagen injections in my lips, I have to know where they get the collagen. Is it human? Does it come from some animal?

— Lip Sink, via email

Cow lips. You'll have big floppy cow lips. In many cases, the collagen injected into people for either cosmetic or therapeutic reasons comes from cows. Not from the happy California cows you see on TV. Probably from a special herd raised by the company that extracts the collagen molecules and makes them suitable for making your lips puffy and liplicious.

Collagen is stuff that makes skin, tendons, ligaments, and lots of other body parts strong and flexible. That goes for humans and other animals. As we age, our normally tough, fibrous collagen sort of poops out. But since the 1970s, doctors have been able to replace it through injections. Cow collagen is collected, and the parts of the molecule that don't match the human molecule are removed so your body won't recognize the stuff as "foreign matter" and reject it. Soon, your lips are pneumatic and gloriously kissable. It can also help facial wrinkles and acne scars.

But wait! There's more! The other injectable is something called Alloderm. That stuff lasts longer, at least two years. Alloderm is collagen harvested from cooperative dead human bodies. The fully synthetic silicone is a lip-plumper option, if you want your mouth to match your boobs. Or you can go the surgical-implant route with Alloderm sheets and Gore-Tex, so your lips are plumped up with cadavers and windbreaker fabric. You might also have a fat transplant, from some eligible part of your body into your lips. The selection is dizzying. You'll be looking like Angelina in no time. And there's something here for the guys, too. Sheets of Alloderm are used for penis-enlargement surgeries.

Heymatt:

I saw a cartoon the other day where a hobo was boiling a shoe for dinner, which got me thinking. Since we eat every other part of the cow, would there be any nutritional value in boiling my old Nikes and eating the leather?

— Shoeless Moe Contraption, via email

Oh, the handy dandy cow again. Are you imagining a tasty, nutritious stew of carrots, celery, onions, and a pair of Jimmy Choos? Or add tomatoes and chilis and your Nikes for a heartier dish? Well, there are records of people eating their clothes. Cotton, after all, is a vegetable product. And one guy in Australia claims he kept himself alive lost in the outback by eating his shoes and drinking water. The water was much more important to his survival than his hiking boots. We can live for weeks without eating, but only days without water. As for eating leather made into shoes or belts or other useful items, the nutritional value would be close to zero. And you'd be exposed to all the chemicals and dyes used to turn the cowhide into a fashion item. Leather as a regular part of your diet would probably do more harm than good. But in the short term, it might have some psychological value if you're stranded and there are no edible plants or small animals around.

Howdy, Matt:

I love to amuse my nephews by inhaling helium from a balloon and then talking like Donald Duck. But I've always wondered why helium makes your voice real high. I'll bet you know.

— The Funny Uncle, San Diego

I'll bet I do. And it has nothing to do with cows. Vocal sounds are made by air that comes from the lungs, through the trachea, and to the larynx. The elastic vocal cords in your larynx vibrate, and we can be heard by others. The pitch of our voices depends on the length and thickness of the vocal cords. So our genetic makeup determines the natural pitch of our voices. Helium comes into the picture when it replaces the air in your lungs and trachea. Sound travels three times faster through helium than it does through air. The faster the sound travels, the higher the pitch. This is why you sound like Minnie Mouse and make your nephews lol.

It's Better than Pooper Shots!

Our recent question about alcohol enemas as a means of getting really drunk really fast has prompted this adventurer to contact us. Mainlining a mojito doesn't sound like fun to me. It sounds like a near-death experience. But there's no accounting for what some people call recreation. Do not try this at home. Frank is nuts.

Dear Reader:

If Matthew Alice thinks taking a pooper shot is crazy, I wonder how he feels about mainlining 100 proof rum. P.S.: It burns like a mother.

— Frank Allee, El Cajon

Thank you, Frank. Put down the spiketini. Take care, now.

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Commissioner Stern got Tim Donaghy to go away. When the gambling scandal broke last July, newly “retired” NBA referee Tim Donaghy was portrayed by Stern as someone who acted on his own, a “rogue, isolated criminal” who occasionally provided information on some games to old high school pals. A month later, Donaghy pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting wagering information through interstate commerce. He’s scheduled to be sentenced next month, on July 14. I put the odds on that happening at 6 to 5 Pick ‘em. Donaghy’s sentencing date has already been postponed four times.

And fits nicely with the NBA’s statement of last summer: “...the league won’t comment further on the Donaghy investigation or any changes in its officiating policy until the federal probe is finished.”

Or until you forget about this very small, isolated, unimportant indiscretion.

Here is a court filing submitted to United States District Judge Carol B. Amon by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Goldberg: “The government’s investigation revealed that Donaghy provided picks for anywhere from 30 to 40 such games for each of those three seasons (2003–’04, 2004–’05, and 2005–’06). During the 2006–’07 season, Donaghy bet on approximately 30 games, including about 14 games that he refereed.”

For those keeping a running tote, Donaghy bet on more than 100 games he officiated. His bets totaled tens of thousands of dollars, which strikes me as a bit more serious than wire fraud and passing on inside information about NBA games.

Donaghy says the government is refusing to follow the leads he gave them in regard to other referees’ gambling activities in order to shield the NBA from further scandal. The NBA, in the form of NBA president Joel Litvin, says Donaghy’s charges are “the desperate act of a convicted felon who is hoping to avoid prison time.”

So, who are you going to believe, a convicted felon or a United States district attorney seconded by the NBA?

I took an unregulated, unscientific poll of knowledgeable NBA fans to find out. Every person I queried believed the convicted felon. True, this hasn’t hurt the NBA’s gate, and one is tempted to walk on, but then, if that many customers think you’re cheating, then, at minimum, you’ll get no benefit of the doubt when you need one.

So, when a ref blows a game-changing call in a crucial series, which referee Joey Crawford did in game four of the Western Conference finals, most aware fans will believe the fix is in. This reinforces the perception that the NBA is corrupt, and the next time there is a questionable stat, which there was in game four of the Eastern Conference finals (referees called 58 fouls, Celtics got 39 free throws, Pistons got 26), that reinforces the perception that the NBA is corrupt and so the next time... and so on.

(By the way, NBA referee Joey Crawford was suspended indefinitely last year after calling two bogus technical fouls on Tim Duncan. Duncan, then and now a power forward for San Antonio, said Crawford called him out, actually challenged him to fight during the game.

And yet Crawford worked this year’s Lakers/Spurs conference championship series and was the referee who blew that game-changing call.)

The belief that the fix is in for the Lakers/Celtics finals was already in place when Kevin McHale, Hall of Fame Celtic and current general manager of the Minnesota Timberwolves, traded Kevin Garnett. McHale traded Garnett to his old team, the Celtics, for spare parts. This trade made Boston, a 24 and 58 team last year, this year’s wonder.

Jerry West has been a Hall of Fame player, coach, and general manager for the Lakers. Forty-two years in all. Then, in 2002, he moved to the Memphis Grizzlies as president of basketball operations. The Grizzlies made the playoffs three of the five years he was there, and West won his second NBA Executive of the Year Award. He retired in 2007.

West was not formally connected to either the Lakers or the Grizzlies when Pau Gasol was traded to L.A. in mid-season, thereby turning the Lakers into the best team in the NBA. But, it is a stone-cold belief among many fans that the trade was fixed by West and the NBA to make sure there would be a Lakers/Celtics championship series.

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Denomination: Christian & Missionary Alliance
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Founded locally: 1956

Congregation size: about 100

Staff size: 1

Sunday school enrollment: about 40

Annual budget: \$85,000

Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: no

Dress: casual to semiformal

Diversity: diverse

Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Website: pacificbeachbiblechurch.com

The backlit wooden cross hanging on the wall above the stage was bare, but Christ crucified was a prominent feature of Sunday's service at Pacific Beach Bible Church.

I say prominent, not exclusive; the mentions of Jesus' sacrifice came among all sorts

of prayers — prayers of praise, of petition, of thanksgiving. And they came in all sorts of contexts — during music, after readings, before rituals. But, again and again they came — the personal prayers of diverse men with a common heart.

Leon gave an opening prayer: "Lord, You will not hold us accountable for our sins, for You paid for them on the cross — every sin that we've committed or will commit. Lord, that doesn't give us an excuse to live a sinful life..."

Joel blessed the offering: "Lord, we do thank You for giving your Son Jesus. Lord, He died as a sin offering for all our sins.... So, Lord, I just ask that You would take this offering and bless it..."

After reading the Scripture, the lector said, "Father, we just thank You for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sins, so that we would have a way back to You."

Leon again, this time before communion: "So this morning, we have to remember that an awesome price was paid on that cross. When Jesus said, 'Why have You forsaken me?' at that moment, God had placed on Him all of our sins...so that we can say that we're the righteous sons of God."

James, blessing the bread: "Father, we just look to the cross.... Look at what we've done, Lord — all the sins. They've mounted up to heaven! But You bore all our sins on the cross, Lord.... We thank You today, Lord, that we can remember You..."

Ron, blessing the cup: "I killed Jesus Christ because the Lord Jesus had to die for my sins."

"Forsaken for our sin/ You died and rose again," sang the band.

The crucifixion got a mention in the sermon as well, as evidence of God's love for us. Pastor Wayne Atkins was commenting on James's exhortation to "Count it all

joy when you face trials of many kinds." "God's desire...is that we would become more like Jesus Christ, and it's through trials that we really learn to trust God. It's through trials that we understand that God is sovereign." Only the "double-minded man," one who "wants some of the world and some of the church" measures God's love by circumstances.

Immediately after commenting on suffering, James said that "if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God...and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt..." Atkins: "It's through God's living word that He gives us wisdom...and as we live His word, we find out just how powerful it is. In Ephesians, we learn that the power He has given us is the same power that He used to raise Jesus from the dead! I don't want to come down on anybody, and I in no way would ever put down AA, but it troubles me when I hear someone who is a Christian refer to them-

selves as an alcoholic, like it's a handle they have to carry for the rest of their life. Why not refer to yourself as a child of God? If we really believe God's word, if we really believe that we have this resurrection power, why do we have to live with addictions? I would rather have a Christian tell me, 'I know that alcohol has a really strong hold on my life. It's really something that Satan can use to get hold of me. I understand that I have to be really careful because if I'm not, I could fall right back into it. I have to be continually praying and seeking God, asking Him to strengthen me.'

"In your kingdom broken lives are made new," sang the band.

"We want people to know that in Jesus Christ, there really is deliverance," continued Atkins. "You really

can be set free. Knowing God's word and acting on it — that's what wisdom is.... Wisdom is saying that I can do all things through Him who gives me strength! Bad things happen to good people; that's just the way it is. When you're going through a trial...you need to know that God is in control. You need to have wisdom and know that God is going to work this all out eventually. If you don't, you're going to be devastated, and you're not going to be any good at all for God's kingdom."

"You are my hope, Your promise never fails me...for You are good to me," sang the band.

What happens when we die?

"Well," said Atkins, "if we don't know Jesus Christ, we're not going to heaven."

— Matthew Lickona



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—EVE KELLY

"I need a tan — now," said Tara, flopping on my couch and gazing out at the cool, cloudy afternoon. "No, I need it yesterday. I just found out Jay will be at the wedding on Saturday." (Jay is Tara's ex-boyfriend.) "We haven't seen each other since last summer. I want him to notice me and wonder if he made a mistake. I need last summer's tan. And I don't want to look like I've been dipped in bronzer, either."



"Tell her to get sprayed," said my friend Bernice. "You know — with an airbrush gun. It's all very professional now."

Kari at Beauty Kliniek in La Jolla (858-457-0191; beautykliniek.com) told me to think of airbrush tanning as "a sunless suntan. The active ingredient, which is FDA-approved and very safe, is called dihydroxyacetone, or DHA. The solution causes a chemical reaction with the amino acids in the skin, so that it acts like a stain. Everyone's skin reacts a little differently, so everyone's skin looks a little different afterwards. But it's very natural looking — not the horrible orange color from so many years ago. We have a lighter color and a darker color. They can be mixed together; the technician helps you decide what's best for you."

Getting a "sunless suntan" starts in the dark, the night before you visit. "You want to scrub really well with an exfoliant to get the dead skin off," said Kari. "We also ask you to shave your legs and not to put any lotion on your body before you come in."

Once you arrive for your appointment (reservations are required), "You go into a dressing room and disrobe. You can get the tan naked, or we can give you disposable undies to wear."

"The technician sprays a fine mist over your body using the airbrush gun. We also use soft paintbrushes to help ensure an even application. They brush it into your ankles and elbows, and you get a consistent, smooth color in your peaks and folds from head to toe."



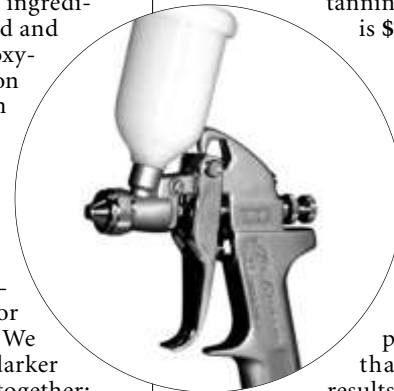
The whole process takes "about 45 minutes. They spray for about 20 minutes, and then you need to stand there and let it dry for about 15 minutes. And you can't shower or go out into the sun for at least eight hours. We give you an extender to apply the next day — it's a lotion that's got 3 percent DHA — the same as what's been sprayed on you. It gives a boost of color, so that, as you start to fade out, you get a nice, even

"You get a consistent, smooth color in your peaks and folds from head to toe."

fade. It also hydrates your skin.

"The tan lasts about seven to ten days," concluded Kari. "Most people get it done once a week. The first appointment, which includes the glycolic exfoliation, is \$85. Follow-ups within seven days cost \$45."

Melanie at 20/20 Skin in Sorrento Mesa (858-450-9191; 2020skin.com) said that the airbrush tanning solution "darkens your skin tone a couple of shades." She also noted that "some areas may wear off quicker than others; areas where your skin is rubbing against your clothing. When the tan starts to fade, you can use a loofah in the shower to lighten areas and tone down the difference." The cost of an airbrush tanning session at 20/20 is \$45.



Carolyn at French Twist Salon downtown (619-237-6197) has been working with sunless tanning solution for a year. She said that she had "figured out a mix of dark product and premium product that gives the best results. The combination

gives a beautiful color; I've used it on a bunch of different skin tones, and from the feedback I've gotten, everyone is happy with it. I'll spray the body once with a fine mist and then go over it again lightly. I'll use a barrier cream for certain parts of the body — palms, elbows, knuckles, and feet. Since some areas of the body are darker than others, the cream helps even things out." One session at French Twist is \$40; a package of five sessions is \$175.

I spoke with Dustin at Platinum Tan in La Jolla (858-455-0909; platinumtanusa.com). "We have all kinds of tanning here," he explained. "We have regular tanning beds [prices vary], Mystic Tan [\$30], and airbrush tanning [\$39]. The beds tan you by using a bulb that delivers UVA and UVB light, just like the sun. I use the beds most often myself because I think it's the most natural looking. But I also use the Mystic Tan — it's good for when you need a tan right now.

You just come in, go into a room, and push a button. You get sprayed up and down and then turn around and get sprayed on the other side. The only difference with an airbrush tan is that you have a technician doing the application. It's a more even application. It's popular with bodybuilders, who want to have every muscle on their bodies visible when they go into competition."

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by Barbarella

Tea High

Tea to the English is really a picnic indoors.

— Alice Walker

Mom had been exercising her pinkie for three days. She told me the exhaustive sets of pinkie-extensions were in preparation for her first “high tea,” an event to which I was taking her. Married with children before she turned 21 and soon the mother of four girls with a Navy husband often on deployment, Mom didn’t have time to experience self-indulgent luxuries, those little extravagances to which at least one of her daughters has grown accustomed. She was well into her 30s before she got her first manicure, and she had never been to a spa (or received any spa treatments, like massages or facials) before I took her to Estancia in La Jolla three years ago. Prior to my invitation, Mom had never

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even heard of high tea — a traditionally English, late-afternoon meal composed of bite-sized savories, scones with clotted cream and jam, petit fours, and of course, tea.

Though her exposure to pampering is minimal, Mom has what seems to be a hereditary predisposition toward living the high life. Just as taking a kid to Disneyland might reawaken a parent’s childlike wonder, lavishing my mother with deluxe services prompts me to appreciate how splendid is my average day. Because I wanted Mom’s introduction to this historically aristocratic pastime to be relaxed and unpretentious, I researched high teas countywide and finally settled on Tea-Upon-Chatsworth in Point

Loma.

Contrary to the English custom of taking tea in the afternoon, I figured we’d do more of a brunch thing and made reservations for the first seating at 11:30 a.m. Mom was giddy from the moment she arrived at my place; as I drove us to Point Loma, I wondered if some of her exuberance might be attributed to nervousness. We talked about manners, and Mom said, “When someone asks for a tissue, I throw the roll of Bounty at them. It’s not like we sit down and I have linen napkins — we don’t even do that at Thanksgiving.” She refers to the notorious propriety of David’s parents as “dainty manners” and added, “That’s just not the way we were brought up.”

Mom grew up in a three-story Brooklyn house with a family on each floor. The three families, all related, constituted 6 adults and 13 children; chaos was as much a member of the family as any of the 3 dogs also residing there. Mom is proud of her resultant ability to thrive in an environment in which many otherwise-competent people would surely falter. “You could put 90 people in my home right now, and I’d be absolutely comfortable with it,” she said. “Just don’t ask me to choose which fork goes with the salad.”

In her own home here in San Diego, Mom carries on the traditions of Brooklyn — between her grandchildren, guests, and the television, the house res-

onates with a relentless din. Not in all of my childhood or teen memories can I single out any one moment I could define as “quiet.” Lively is more like it. But regardless of how fun and exciting such a loud and bustling environment can be, it is my belief that the body and mind require some down time, lest one become unhinged. For someone like me, who is perpetually teetering on the edge between sanity and madness, it is important to balance the manic with the calm, just as a conscientious eater might follow a decadent evening of steak and cake with a night of tofu and broccoli.

We arrived at Tea-Upon-Chatsworth with ten minutes to spare. Because the door was locked, Mom and I wandered into the nearest open store, which happened to be a baby boutique. When the word “cute” became unbearable, we headed for the exit. On the way we spotted three women approaching the tea joint from across the street, so we casually picked up our pace to beat them to the locked door. Despite our principal entrance, tea patrons were led to their preassigned tables in some mystical predetermined order that left us as the last to take our seats.

The sound of chamber music inspired Mom and me to lower our voices. Over our table hung a wreath, affixed to which were real porcelain teacups. Mom acclimated to her surroundings, handling and commenting on every object within her reach. She



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marveled at the delicate linen and was astonished at the feathery weight of her fork and knife. When she'd finished with her side of the table, she surveyed mine. Clucking her tongue and looking around to make sure no one was paying attention, she leaned forward and said, "Your plate's not as pretty as mine."

I began to object, but after examining the illustration on my plate — a potted green plant above the word "DILL" — and then scanning the wispy pink flowers that adorned the edges of my mother's antique eggshell dish, I could only sigh and say, "Yeah, you're right. Yours is much prettier."

"I'll get you a prettier one, baby," said Mom, the protective nurturer in her roused by the fleeting look of disappointment she'd caught on her daughter's face.

"No, please, don't," I said, with a hint of panic.

Thinking my resistance was simply a matter of wanting to spare her the trouble, Mom insisted on hunting down a suitable dish for me. But when she finally realized doing so would not only cross some invisible line of etiquette but also cause me great embarrassment, she agreed to stay seated. Forgetting my unsightly plate for the moment, Mom's face lit up, and she said, "This is just like a tea party!"

"Right," I said, allowing sarcasm to seep into the pause before I continued, "because it is a tea party."

Mom laughed and said, "This is so much fun!"

An ornately painted teapot was set on the table, and our attendant, Carol, explained that it contained a freshly brewed white tea called *mutan*, which is the Chinese word for peony. I took a sip and commented on the delightful floral subtleties; Mom looked at the liquid in her cup and asked Carol for Splenda. "Don't you even want to try it first?" I said. "Maybe

take a few sips and see how the flavors open up on your tongue?"

Mom took a tiny sip and said, "It's a little bitter."

"Well, try taking another sip, and keep in mind that it will probably pair well with food."

Carol set a small dish on the table between us. Employing the silver tongs used for plucking sugar cubes, Mom selected one of the yellow packets. She dropped the packet into her other hand and laughed at her lark as she tore off the corner and shook a bit of the white powder into her cup. She sipped her adjusted brew, smiled with satisfaction, set the cup down, and then startled me by breaking into hysterical laughter. In answer to my baffled expression, Mom said, "My finger is stuck," and indeed it was, as she'd somehow gotten the tip of her index all the way through the narrow end of the handle.

When she'd finally wriggled free, Mom giggled her relief. "I don't know what's wrong with me," she said, her laughter tapering off and then regaining its momentum. "I think the tea is making me high. Ah! Get it? *High tea? Tea high?*"

A sucker for puns, I chuckled and added, "You better watch it, you could become a *teahead*. Take it from me, you may be all tingly scalped now, but the comedown sucks."

Mom's perma-grin

grew wider and she relaxed into her chair. She cut a cucumber finger sandwich in half and used the fork to taste it. "What would these people think if they could see us eating at home? Because it's not like this," she said.

"Who cares?" I answered.

I refilled Mom's cup and then raised mine to her before taking a sip. A brief moment passed during which no words were spoken as we applied a dollop of fresh cream and rose-petal jam to our scones. "Oh my God, this is amazing," Mom said after taking a bite.

"Yeah, pretty tasty," I agreed.

"I really like this, Barb," said Mom.

"The scones? Yeah, great stuff, huh?"

"Is that what this is? I've never had one before. It's delicious. But no, I mean *this*. Being alone, just talking. Nobody yelling or arguing with each other. I really like this."

I set my cup down and dabbed at the corners of my mouth with the linen napkin. I swept the room with my eyes, taking in the English country decor, the curios displayed on shelves, and, returning my gaze to my mother's face, I said, "I had a feeling you would." ■

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There's been an accident. Jadean didn't make it.

I HAD BEEN TAKING SIX-MILE WALKS after work most days, and I was going out for a walk. I got ready, and as I was leaving there was a news flash on Channel 7/39 about a rollover truck accident on Pamo Road in Ramona. I could hear the sirens from the fire department a few blocks away, so I stopped at the door and looked back at the TV, at the helicopter's view of the crash. As I stood there I had this thought, just a little thought: I wonder where Jadean is? Then I went out the door and went on my walk.


I cut the walk short and stopped to visit with Cindy and Donny. We had a few beers, and Cindy and I were laughing when the phone rang. It was my boyfriend Dave, wanting to know if I was there. Cindy said, "Yeah," and hung up. A few minutes later Dave came screeching up the driveway. I was still laughing. I was pretty hammered, and I laughed all the way out to the truck. Then I saw Dave's

face, and I was suddenly very sober. He said, "There's been an accident." I looked at him and asked, "What do you mean?" Again he said, "There's been an accident, Staci, and Jadean..." I yelled, "No, no, no. What do you mean? Where is she?" Dave said, "She didn't make it." I yelled at him, "You're a liar, Dave," and I ran back into Cindy's, screaming. I think I was screaming. My mind was screaming. I grabbed the phone and tried to call my best friend and sister Sam. Over and over I dialed. I couldn't seem to get my fingers to work right.

I dropped the phone and ran back outside. I got down the three porch stairs and just fell on my knees, crying. Dave came over, picked me up, put me in the truck, and drove me home. He told me a lady

had showed up at the house and asked for me. When he told her that I wasn't there, she asked if he was Jadean's dad. He said that he was her stepdad, and she asked him to please step outside, away from Marshal. The lady was from the medical examiner's office. She told Dave that there had been an accident. At 3:45 p.m. Jadean had been

pronounced dead. She told him that if we had any questions to feel free to call her, and she left her card.



*What was my
15-year-old daughter
doing with this
26-year-old man?*

When I got home, Marshal was crying. The card was sitting on my bed. I picked it up and stared at it for what seemed like forever. I took a deep breath and called the number. I said, "My name's Staci Thrasher." The medical examiner said, "Oh! Ms.

Thrasher, I'm so sorry." I asked, "Are you sure it's Jadean? How are you

sure it's Jadean?" She said, "The people who were in the accident with her identified the body." I said, "Who was she with?" The

medical examiner said that the people she was with were Doug Garcia and Shelby Graham. "When can I see my baby?" I asked. She told me there had to be an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death, and then they could release her body to me.

As I hung up I started screaming again at the top of my lungs, "No, no," again and again. The neighbors, Margaret and Rails, came down. They asked if everything was okay. Dave told them, "No, nothing is okay. Jadean was killed in a car accident. Staci doesn't want to see anybody right now or talk to anybody." But Margaret came in anyway and gave me a hug and told me how sorry she was.

I started calling people. I called my mom, but she wasn't home. Then I

called my other two boys, Roah and Dalton. Roah was at school down at Grossmont College. I didn't think he'd answer, but I figured that if he saw I'd called 100 times, it would make him call me back quicker. Dalton lived with his dad up in Washington State. I called all the numbers I had for them, but nobody was answering. I left a bunch of messages everywhere. I tried calling Sam again, but she was out with Vic, Dave's cousin, eating dinner. I tried calling Vic's phone, and once again, I left a message. Sam called right back, and all I remember saying is "Sam" and "Jadean," and she knew. She started screaming, and then Vic was telling me, "We'll be there. We'll be right there."

My mom called right

after Sam and Vic. I told her what had happened, and she said, crying, that they'd be right over.

We started finding out some of the details of what happened out on Pamo from the kids around town, and I knew then that that was the accident I'd seen on TV before I went on my walk. I still didn't know who this Doug guy was. I knew Shelby. She was Jadean's friend from school. I thought Doug might be a teenage boy I had met a couple of months earlier at the house, but I didn't know for sure.

When Roah arrived with his friend Jae, we decided to go out to Pamo to see where it happened. Vic and Sam arrived just as we were leaving, so they joined us. By then it was pitch black, but it was



Jadean Thrasher

unmistakable where the accident had occurred. Even out on the dark dirt road, the orange spray paint was visible. The twisted fencing and the

mashed dirt embankments marked the spot. We all got out of the cars and walked over to see what we could with our flashlights. Marshal found a shirt that

was his. He and Jadean used to fight over it all the time. It was just lying on the bushes. We could see papers and all kinds of debris everywhere, but we couldn't see why it had happened.

People were calling from everywhere asking what happened and telling us how sorry they were. Food also started arriving, more food than we had space for. I got the worst headache I've ever had in my life, and I lay down and went to sleep.

When I woke up the next morning, I thought it was all a bad dream, and then I remembered that I don't dream. More people were calling, but the only call I took that day was from the donor bank. Jadean and I had talked about being a donor when she got her California ID,

and she told me then that if anything ever happened to her she wanted to donate anything that might help someone. We put the little pink sticker on her ID. We didn't think it would ever be used.

We went back out to Pamo again. Dave wanted to plant a cross where he thought Jadean had died. Vic took a few pictures on his cell phone, and then I had to go. I just couldn't be there anymore.

What Happened out on Pamo Road?

When I got home, my parents told me that Shelby, the other girl in the accident with Jadean and Doug, had called and was going to come over with her parents. We had learned a little bit more about Doug. He was not the boy I had met in my

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home a few months earlier. He was a grownup, a 26-year-old man, and I still couldn't figure out what my 15-year-old daughter was doing with him out in Pamo. I was anxious to talk to Shelby to find out what had happened and why Shelby and Doug made it and Jadean didn't.

Shelby and her parents arrived. She had a few nicks and scrapes. She told me they had gone out to Pamo to do some four-wheeling. She said, "We were just driving down the road, and when we got to where the dirt started, Jadean took off her seat-belt. I told her she should put it back on, but Jadean said, 'I'll be fine.'" A little farther down the road they went around a curve and the truck fishtailed. Shelby told Doug to slow down. He hit his brakes, and the car slid out and hit the embankment. It shot across the road into the other embankment, and the truck flipped end over end.

Shelby said, "It took a minute for me to get out of the truck. I was trapped

in the back seat. Doug and I pulled Jadean out of the truck, and Jadean kept saying, 'I can't believe we wrecked the truck. My mom's going to kill me. I love you guys — I can't breathe.'" Shelby told her to save her breath, not to talk. Then Shelby tried to call her dad on her cell phone, but there was no service, so she had to walk out in the field. When she came back, Jadean wasn't breathing. Shelby said she

and Jon and did ecstasy."

Shelby's dad looked over at Shelby, but she didn't say anything. I asked Shelby where Jadean's journal was. She said she didn't know. I asked her how they had met Doug. She said that she had met him through Jadean and that he would pick them up in his truck after school and give them rides home. Shelby's dad said to Shelby, "I thought you said Doug was Jadean's cousin." Then

killed, and nobody from any law-enforcement agency had contacted me, other than the medical examiner. The CHP called back later that day while I was gone and spoke to Roah. He told the officer, "My mom really wants to talk to you." They said they would call back again, but they never did.

We went over to the mortuary. I needed to pick out a casket and make the arrangements for the funeral and the viewing. I remember walking in. I had never been in that place before. I had lived my entire life in Ramona and had never been in that place once. I felt sick, and I just wanted to get it over with. We were told that the coroner had to release Jadean's body, and then they had to "get her ready." All I wanted to know was when I could see my baby. I still had not seen her. We went into another room to look at caskets. I remember standing there looking at what my baby was going to spend all eternity in, thinking to myself: I have \$12 to my name. How am I ever going to pay for this? The caskets ranged in price from \$1500 to \$5000. But I noticed in the corner that there was this casket-shaped cardboard box with fake wood-grain plastic covering it, almost like shelf paper. It was \$100. That's the one I picked. My mom freaked and hissed, "No, Staci," in that way moms do. I started crying and told her, "That's the only one I can afford." She said, "Don't worry about the cost. Pick out the casket, and we'll take care of it." I picked out a teal-blue casket, the same color as this sparkly eyeliner Jadean had loved, and then I got out of there.

Who Is This Doug Guy?

Information kept pouring in from all the kids around town about Doug. Some of it was very interesting, in a stomach-churning kind of way. I started writing bits of information down. One of the kids

Marshal walked up to the casket and couldn't leave.

tried to give Jadean CPR, but it didn't work. She finally reached her dad and said that she thought Jadean was dead and he needed to hurry and come.

I asked if they were out there getting high, and she said, "No, we don't get high," and I said, "Well, we found this letter in her schoolbooks last night. Jadean wrote that, in February, both of you went out to Pamo with Doug

to me, "I thought it was kind of odd at the hospital that they [Doug's family] weren't upset about Jadean." Something was wrong, and I felt it. Shelby's account of the accident left me with more questions than I had before she came.

I called the CHP. I wanted to talk to them. I wanted to know what happened. Nobody called me back. It had been about 18 hours since Jadean was

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pulled up MySpace and showed me a picture of Doug.

The next morning Sam and I went back out to Pamo to take some pictures. We spent about an hour out there trying to figure out what had happened. When we got in the truck to leave, a car came down the road, then slowed down and stopped next to us. It was a friend of Roah's. She said her people owned that property and that if we needed anything at all, to get a hold of her. She gave us her phone number, and we drove off.

We got about a mile up the road, to the bridge where the road turns from dirt to pavement. I saw my friend Mark's truck, and I thought he must have been coming out to see what had happened. He

got to the bridge just as we did; he had a passenger in the front who I realized was the guy from the picture on MySpace. I said to him, "What's your name?" He didn't say anything. Once again I said, "What's your name?" In my peripheral vision I could see that Mark was putting two and two together. He was realizing that this guy in his car is the one that killed my daughter. Mark said, "You better tell her your fucking name right now, dude." His passenger said, "My name's Doug."

I screamed, "What were you doing out here with my daughter, you murderer?" Doug said, "I wasn't trying to murder her." Then Sam said to Doug, "Besides murdering Jadean, did you ever do any drugs with her?" Doug said, "No, I don't do

drugs." Sam then told him, "Well, we have a letter that we found in Jadean's stuff saying otherwise, and you're going to go to jail for a long time." Doug said, "They were Jadean's drugs."

He never apologized or showed any remorse. He just tried to put the blame on Jadean. I was screaming at him. I don't remember what I was screaming. I started my truck, and Mark moved his. It was all I could do not to get out of my truck and throw him off that bridge.

We got back into town and went over to pick out the plot at the Ramona Cemetery. The best area, according to the cemetery director, overlooked a chicken ranch. As we walked down there, I realized that I didn't want

to smell chickens every time I came to visit my daughter. I said, "How about down over there, under those trees?" He said that was a "less desirable" area. I said, "I think Jadean would be much happier with the undesirables. She was always friends with everybody." I picked out a very nice spot under a tree.

Later that night a Detective Sausman from the Ramona sheriff's office called me at home. She asked me if I had a son named Roah. I told her I did, and was there a problem with him? She told me Roah had been seen driv-

ing a black Ford Ranger (my car) in front of Doug Garcia's house a few times and that the sheriff's department was viewing it as stalking. I was *angry!* How dare this woman call me and make assumptions and accusations about anyone in my family, especially in defense of the man who killed Jadean? Roah wasn't even in Ramona that night, and if she had asked, I would have told her that it wasn't Roah. It was Dave. He wanted to know where Doug Garcia lived. I said to her, "Really! Stalking, huh? Are there two docu-

mented instances of harassment on file? Is there a restraining order in effect? Because, fortunately for me, I know enough of the law to know when some stupid cop is calling to use BS tactics to get her way." Detective Sausman then told me, "I know what it's like to lose a child. My daughter wrecked her car and died last year." I was so angry at this point, I said, "Really, you know what it's like to lose a child! Your child died from her own mistake. My child was seduced by a 26-year-old man, taken out to the middle of



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On March 9, family started arriving from out of state, Jadean's dad and his wife, along with her brother Dalton, her other grandparents from Florida, my sisters and their children from Florida and Texas. At some point that day, I said to Sam, "Why hasn't the sheriff come to talk to me?"

No Victim, No Crime

We decided to go down to the Ramona Sheriff's Station. I wanted to know why they hadn't come out to ask me what my 15-year-old daughter was doing with this 26-year-

old man out in the middle of nowhere. So Sam and I went over to the Sheriff's Station and asked if we could talk to Deputy Brown, not because I liked him but because I knew him. He wasn't on duty, and the female deputy told us that we could talk to him the next day when he got back. I said, "No, I really need to talk to somebody now. My daughter was killed by this 26-year-old man out in Pamo four days ago, and I want to know why nobody's come to talk to me about it." She asked us to hold on while she went inside the substation to see what she could find out. We waited about 20 minutes, and then she came back and said, "Nobody's come out to talk to you because it was determined by the CHP to be just a car accident." I was astonished. I said, "What do you mean, just a car accident?" She said that the accident

had been determined to be just that, an accident with no foul play involved. "No foul play?" I asked. "This was a 26-year-old man taking two teenage girls out to the middle of nowhere to get them high and Lord knows what else, and you say there's no foul play? Get your sergeant

there is no crime." I raised my voice and said, "You're telling me that this grown man killed my daughter and he's going to get away with all the things that he did to her?" The sergeant said, "Well, if that's the way you want to look at it."

I could feel myself becoming irate and sick to

expenses, but I couldn't get the CHP to call me back and give me the name of the insurance carrier on Doug's proof of insurance.

On March 10, Sam and I went down to the medical examiner's office to pick up Jadean's belongings. When the chaplain came into the room to see us, he handed me this little Ziploc bag that had two necklaces in it. As he slid it across the table, he said, "Here's her property." I looked down and asked, "What do you mean? Where's her purse? Where's her journal? Where are her clothes?" The chaplain explained, "We don't usually give the clothes back, ma'am. Most of the time they're bloody, and we don't want to put the families through that."

I asked him, "Did you guys do a vaginal exam?" He said, "We only do those when people die in suspicious circumstances." I said, "How much more

suspicious could the circumstances have been?" He said, "No, we did not do a vaginal exam." He told us he was sorry for our loss and gave us some literature regarding San Diego County's grief programs, and then we left.

As we were walking out, I realized that Jadean's journal had to be in Doug's truck still. I freaked out. I knew that there was so much information about Doug in that journal because Jadean was so candid in her writing. She knew I wasn't going to go snoop through it. She always carried it with her, and the only place that it could be was in the truck.

I called the tow company in Ramona to see if they had the truck, and they told me that it had gone down to Spring Valley on an evidence hold. I called the tow company in Spring Valley and explained the situation. They said that the vehicle

The D.A. intended "to offer evidence that [Garcia] had sex with minors."

now!"

We waited another 30 minutes or so for the sergeant to come out. He had salt or sugar all around his lips, and he seemed very irritated that he had been interrupted. He said, "Yes, that's correct. We are not investigating anything. Because there is no victim,

my stomach.

Later, some of the kids came over and told us that, three days after the accident, Doug's mom and dad had bought him a brand-new Dodge Durango. We were still trying to find out if there was any liability insurance that would cover funeral

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Jadean's Funeral
At three o'clock we needed to be at the mortuary for the viewing for the family. I had not seen Jadean yet, and my stomach was tied up in knots. Dave, Sam, Dalton, Marshal, and I arrived first. I walked up to the casket and looked down at my baby, my sweet, sweet baby. My heart sank because, up until this very moment, I had held out

hope that everyone was wrong, that Jadean wasn't dead, that it was all some cruel joke, and Jadean would come walking through the door any minute being her usual bratty self. I thought I was going to be physically sick. That wasn't my baby lying in there all swollen and cold. But it was. I started sobbing. She was such a beautiful girl. Life was so unfair. So, as I

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leaned down to kiss my girly-girl for the very last time, I told her that I loved her and that I missed her and that I would miss what and who she would have become every day for the rest of my life. I took that one lock of hair that I had been pushing out of her eyes since she was two and put it back in her eyes. I figured that's where it belonged. I kissed her and walked away, and for the rest of the time I couldn't go anywhere near that casket.

But Marshal walked up to the casket and

couldn't leave. He pulled a chair up next to Jadean so he could see her face, and he sat there for the entire four hours, crying. People came and put things inside the casket for Jadean, and he would move them aside so he could see her face. I finally had to have his grandpa go and pull him away.

The viewing was four hours long. People I had not seen in 15 years showed up: ex-bosses, old friends, people I had gone to school with, and kids. Kids! So many kids. It seemed as if every kid in Ramona was there at

some point during that four hours. A woman named Donna came over to me with her daughter Bobbie. Bobbie told me that she was the ex-girlfriend of Doug Garcia. I asked her if she would be willing to talk to me later. She agreed and gave me her phone number.

The next day we all got up and got ready to go bury Jadean. When we got to the Mormon church, there were people standing outside. There wasn't any more room inside. My family had been going to this church since they built it, when I was 11, and

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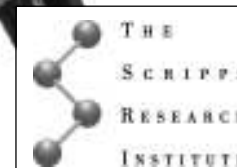
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there were more people there than I'd ever seen there before. We went in and had a family prayer, and we went into the chapel for the service. I asked Sam to cut a lock of Jadean's hair. Sam tried, but she was crying so hard, she couldn't do it. My sister Shauna had to come in and do it for her.

After the service we went to the cemetery for the burial. Both the sheriff and the CHP drove past numerous times during the burial, which really bothered me. After the burial we had a family dinner at the church.

A few hours later we all met up at my parents' house and took some family pictures. You know the kind: kids, grandkids, everyone together. To this day I can't look at those photographs.

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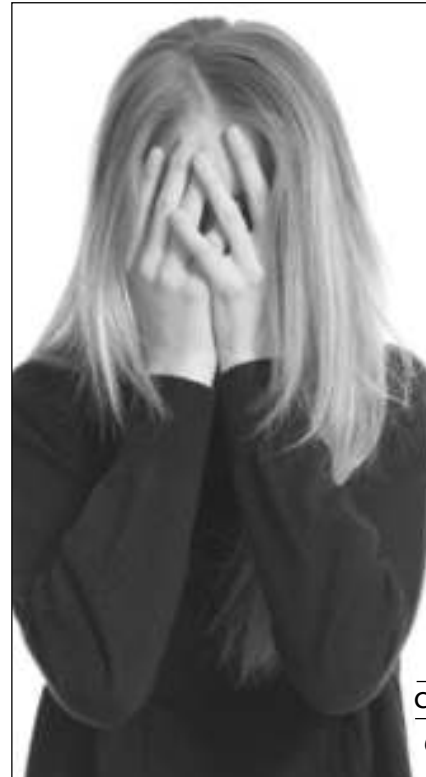
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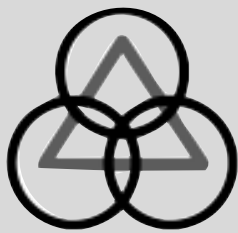
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TROUBLE STAYING ASLEEP?

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:

- between 18 and 65 years of age

Qualified Participants Will Receive:

- All study-related care, exams and study drug at no charge
- Compensation for time and effort



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This pain is known as Post-Herpetic Neuralgia, or PHN. If you have PHN and you're at least 18, you may want to participate in a research study of an investigational pain medication.

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

Mr. Garcia, which he passed.

I asked him, "Did you take blood?" Officer Matthews again said, "I administered standard field sobriety tests, which Mr. Garcia passed." I asked, "What do you mean, 'field sobriety tests'? Are you talking about the walk-a-straight-line, touch-your-fingers-to-your-nose-type test? Because I was hammered when Dave came to get me, and all he had to do was tell me there had been an acci-

dent and I was stone cold sober. Don't you think maybe the adrenaline of flipping his truck four times and killing somebody sobered him up?" Officer Matthews said, "I followed the letter of the law." He then told me, "They might have tested him at the hospital, Staci, but I did not order any blood test to be taken. I couldn't. He passed the field sobriety tests." I took Jadean's purse, thanked him. And walked into the house, crying.

Why Is the Victim's Family Having Trouble with the Sheriff?

I was having a very hard time writing Jadean's obituary. Almost three weeks had gone by since she'd died, and all that came to mind when I tried to write was "How do you sum up someone you love so much in four paragraphs?" The day I finally finished it, Marshal went back to school. The school nurse, Gloria, whom I'd known since I was 12, called me at about 11:00 a.m. Marshal was having chest pains. I

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Female Research Volunteers Needed

The Reproductive Endocrinology division at UCSD is conducting a clinical study on hormonal differences in women with polycystic ovary syndrome and women with regular menstrual cycles.

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went and picked him up and took him to our doctor. He said Marshal had a sprained diaphragm from crying so much and that he needed to rest.

Almost as soon as we got home, the sheriff showed up at my house. When they got to my door, I asked the deputy, "Did you guys finally realize there actually was a victim?" He just looked at me. They were there to serve

Dave, Roah, Dalton, and me with restraining orders. I read through the restraining order that accused us of everything from drug-dealing to terrorist threats. When I finally reached the end, I realized that the restraining order was filed because Dalton had stood across the street from Jadean's old school and threatened to beat up a boy that had said Jadean kind of deserved to die.

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Newly wed?

Opportunity to participate in a study of the marriage experiences of couples in their first year of marriage.

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If you or a loved one are between the ages of 18 and 64 and have had trouble sleeping for 3 months or more, you may qualify for a 7-week research study of an investigational new drug's effects on sleep disturbances. Qualifying applicants will receive the study drug or placebo (sugar pill) and all study-related medical treatments at no cost, as well as compensation for time and travel.

Participants must:

- Be in good health
- Be between the ages of 18 and 64
- Have a history of primary insomnia for at least 3 months

For more information, please contact:
JoAnna Williams, CRC
Dr. Steven Drosman
619-260-0010



Do you constantly worry? Every day?

Do you:

- Feel nervous, tense or "on edge" most of the time?
- Have trouble sitting still or find it impossible to simply relax?
- Between 18 and 65 years of age? • In overall good health?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge and you may receive study medication. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.

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Is your current Schizophrenia medication not working?

Are you:

- Currently taking one of the following: Seroquel, Zyprexa or Risperdal for the treatment of Schizophrenia?
- Currently smoking at least 10 cigarettes per day? • Between 18 and 55 years of age?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. You may receive study medication to be used in addition to the Schizophrenia medication you are currently taking. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.

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Not sleeping?

Are you:

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

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If you qualify and choose to participate, you may receive study medication and you will receive physician consultations, study-related medical examinations, laboratory evaluations and follow-up visits at no charge. Health insurance is not required and compensation for time and travel is provided.

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- 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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The day after that, Roah came up to show off his new car. He told me that when he got up to Ramona he turned onto Main Street and headed toward my house. About one block from my street, he passed a Ramona sheriff's deputy going the opposite way. The deputy recognized Roah and immediately flipped a U-turn. Roah said he knew the deputy was coming

after him, so he pulled into the Orchard's parking lot and parked. The deputy pulled in behind him, opened his patrol car door, pulled out his service revolver, and ordered Roah and his passenger to put their hands out the window. Roah and Jae complied. What else could they do? Roah asked why he was being pulled over at gunpoint. Another Ramona deputy and two

CHP officers showed up. The deputy put his gun away. They pulled Roah and Jae out of the car and put them on the curb while all four of them went through Roah's car for about a half hour, even though Roah provided them with his valid driver's license, valid vehicle registration, and proof of insurance. After they were all finished violating my son's rights, they gave

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ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION

Are you or an adolescent you know:

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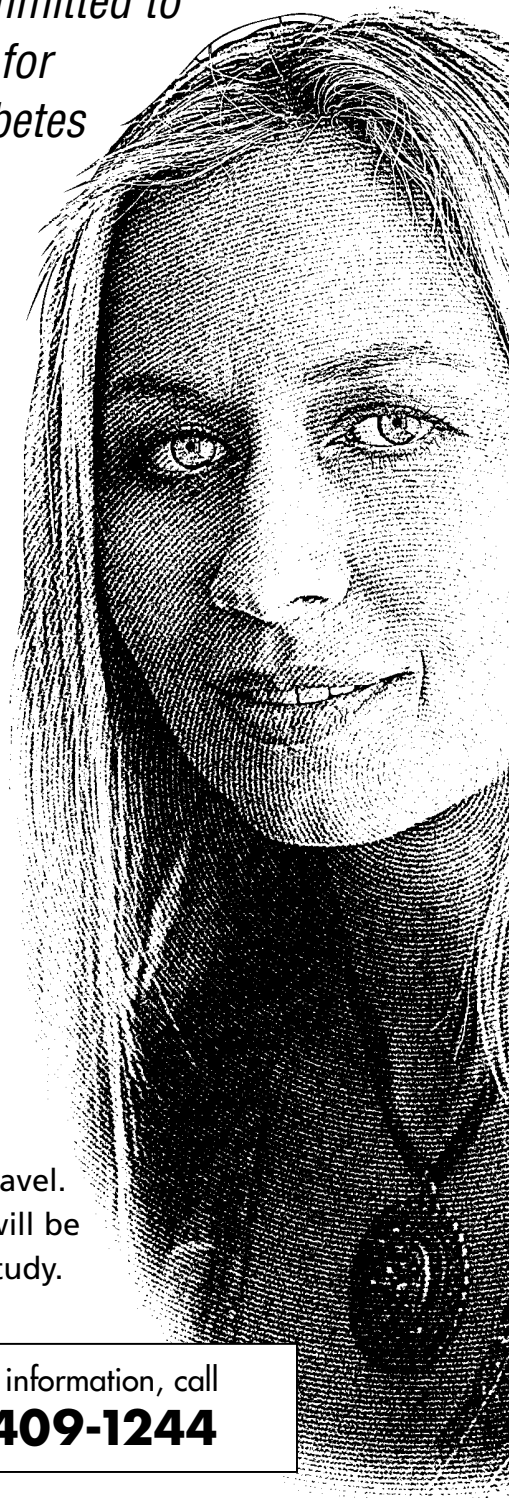
- Age 18 to 65, with Type 1 Diabetes
- A non-smoker for at least 6 months

Volunteers may be compensated up to \$2,000 for time and travel. Four overnight stays will be required during this study.

For more information, call
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him a fix-it ticket for a little blue license-plate light.

I filed my response to the restraining orders, and on March 29, the day before Jadean's 16th birthday, we went to court. It was a very enlightening

court visit. We found out that the boy Dalton had threatened *did* say that Jadean kind of deserved to die, and the reason he had said it was because his mom had told him that. The judge was pretty

much appalled that we were there just three weeks after Jadean had died and that the boy had said what he did. He scolded the boy's mother and said, "I'm not going to put this on this boy's record, not

when your son was in the wrong, but I am going to ask Dalton if he can just let this sleeping dog lie." Although Dalton didn't want to, he knew it would be for the best, and he shook the judge's hand

and agreed to let it go.

The next day would have been Jadean's 16th birthday. The kids came over, and they all had cake and then went over to the cemetery to put Styrofoam cups in the fence spelling

out "Happy Birthday." I couldn't even come out of the bathroom. I wanted to pretend that it wasn't happening. I didn't eat cake; I didn't go to the cemetery. I couldn't. I'd been there every day since we'd buried Jadean, and I just couldn't make myself go on her birthday. In fact, I still can't go. I haven't been there even once since the day before she would have turned 16. Later that night, to celebrate her birthday, Sam, Dave, and I loaded up all Jadean's friends and took them to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* because that was what Jadean had wanted to do.

A Case Builds against Doug Garcia

On April 12, 2007, Assistant District Attorney Polly Shamoon contacted me and told me that they were building a case against Doug, but unfortunately, all the evidence indicated he wasn't under the influence at the time of the accident. Nobody had taken any blood, so the most they could charge him with was involuntary manslaughter, without drugs or alcohol involved. The most he could get was four years, and he would probably get the low term, which is one year in county jail. I was amazed. "You've got to be kidding me," I said. I told her about all the young girls in town who had come forward and said that they had gone out to Pamo with Doug at different times and that they were willing to testify.

She said she would need their parents' permission before she could speak to any of them. The next day Dave and I met with Polly and Andrea Castaneda, the assistant DA who would actually be trying the case. I had the names and phone numbers of four girls who had agreed to talk to them. They were willing to have their parents know what was going on.

[Editor's note: In court documents surrounding this case, Deputy District

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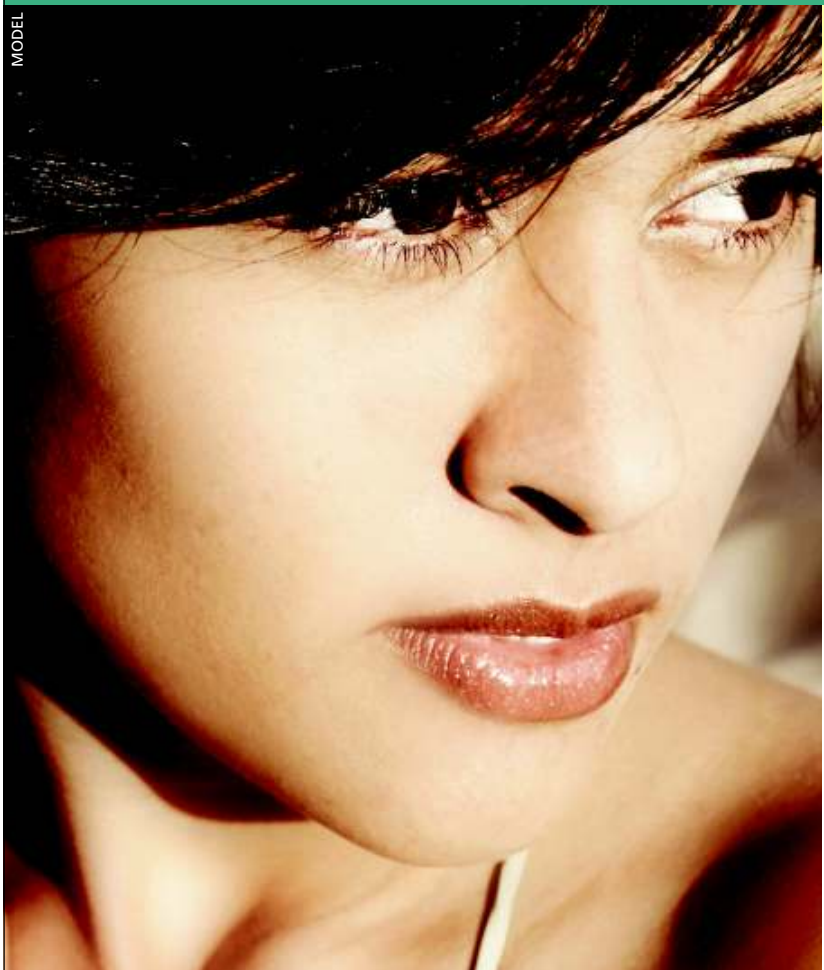
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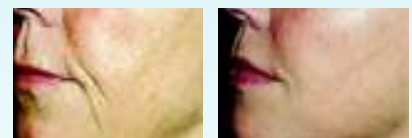
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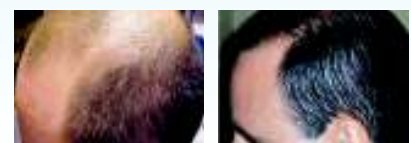
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Attorney Carlos Campbell, who eventually took over the case, wrote that he intended "to offer evidence that (Garcia) has had unlawful sexual intercourse with several minors, has engaged in lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor under the age of 18, and that he furnished several minors with ecstasy and other illegal drugs.... The people are prepared to call live witnesses and provide photographic evidence to substantiate the claim."]

In April, Shelby called a local radio station, 92.1, during a help segment. She talked about the accident, but some of the details were different from what she'd told me.

On April 20, I spoke with my lawyer, Joe Rego, who told me that Doug had no insurance. The policy number he had given the CHP officer at the scene was false. Joe said he was going to dig a little deeper and see what was really going on.

On April 23, I received a phone call from Andrea Castaneda, who told me that Doug had been arrested on April 21 and that his parents had paid the \$100,000 bail bond in cash.

On April 25, a friend of mine called me from Arizona and told me that Doug was out there with his new 16-year-old girlfriend. I got the phone number for the mom of the 16-year-old in Arizona. I called her and gave her a summary of what had happened with Doug and my daughter. Her response was that her daughter was going to do what she wanted to do and there was nothing she could do to stop her.

I called Andrea Castaneda to let her know that Doug had left the state and was in Arizona. She called the bond holder and was told that there were no restrictions on his bail. He could travel to and from wherever he wanted to travel.

On May 11, Doug was supposed to be arraigned.

I was there. Doug was not. The arraignment was postponed until May 16.

May 16, I was there. Doug was not. I asked Andrea Castaneda why he wasn't in court. She said he had hired his own lawyer.

He was not using a public defender. Because the lawyer had just been retained, he needed time to prepare. So arraignment was moved to May 30. I was very angry that Doug was able to come and go as

he pleased, and I told Andrea this. She promised me she would address it at the arraignment on the 30th.

May 21, Joe Rego's office got a call regarding the subpoena for Doug's

insurance company. They had no record of the policy number given to the CHP officer at the scene. They did, however, have a claim opened on March 6 with a different policy number filed under the

name Doug Allen Garcia. However, the finance company that held the contract on the truck had, upon the cancellation of Doug's insurance policy for non-payment, picked up the insurance for property

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On May 30, 2007, we had a readiness hearing. The DA requested that Doug be required to stay in San Diego County. Judge DeAnn Salcido denied that request.

Friday, July 13, I was informed that a new deputy DA, Carlos Campbell, would be trying the case. Carlos said that they were continuing the case until the end of August. I asked if anyone had contacted the girls who were willing to testify. He said that, because of the shoot-

ing at the Kmart in Ramona, the sheriff's department was really busy with that murder investigation.

We were supposed to have court August 28, and on the 27th I called Carlos Campbell. He told me he was not sure if Doug would do any time. The DA's office was not sure they could meet their bur-

and that they were on their way out there to do ecstasy, but she would not give this information to the DA or the sheriff because her parents would find out and she would have to go to rehab.

We were supposed to have court again on October 16. I called on the 15th, and Carlos Campbell told me that Doug's lawyer

Doug was going to plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

den of proof. Shelby had come in and given them another statement, and each time she gave a statement, it was inconsistent with all the others. This meant she was not a credible witness.

Shelby had admitted to a few of Jadean's friends that they were smoking pot on the way out there

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On November 13, I called Carlos to confirm that the court date was the

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14th. Carlos said he was sorry, but the case had been continued to November 21, and Doug was going to plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter with no gross negligence. The maximum sentence was 365 days, but if he got the full 365 days, they could not keep him on probation for a term of five years. If they asked for 11 months, he would do half time with five years' probation. I said, "So he'll do five and a half months?" But Carlos said, "No, Staci, we're not asking for 11 months. We're asking for 180 days and five years' probation." I said, "What do you mean, 180 days?" Carlos told me, "Judge DeAnn Salcido will be handling the case, and she has already given us her presumptive sentence. It's 30 days." I yelled, "Thirty days! That means he'll do 11 days with the half time and sheriff's 4-day kickback. You're telling me my daughter's life is worth 11 days?" He said, "We're lucky to be getting that. The judge told me that in cases like this, she usually doesn't give any time."

I know this was not Carlos's fault. He has tried harder than anybody else has tried in this case. But it didn't stop me from yelling. All he could say was, "I'm so sorry, Staci. I'm so sorry."

So, on November 21, my 40th birthday, we went to the El Cajon courthouse and listened to Doug Allen Garcia plead guilty in front of Judge DeAnn Salcido to involuntary manslaughter without gross negligence. His lawyer requested sentencing for after the holidays. She granted that. Then Judge Salcido said, "I understand that the victim's family are in the courtroom." We all kind of nodded, and she asked us to come up front. She then looked at all of us and said, "I can't even imagine how hard this must be for all of you at this time of the year, with the holidays, but please don't make it any worse by doing some-

thing that you will regret."

I'm looking at this woman, thinking, how could it get any worse? My daughter's dead, and the person who is supposed to vindicate her says her life is worth 11 days. Now she

thinks I need a lecture? So I looked at her, and I rolled my eyes, and I asked her, with more contempt in my voice and my heart than I'd ever had in my life, "Are we through here?" She looked as if I had slapped

her, as if I had offended her. She said, "Yes. Yes, we are." As I turned on my heel, I said, "Good, because I don't think I could stand one more second of this crap," and I walked out of her

courtroom.

We made it through the holidays, sort of. We all put on our happy faces and went through all the motions, but it just wasn't the same. It couldn't be. Jadean is missed so much!

On January 4, 2008, I spoke with Carlos Campbell. The first thing he said to me was "I am so sorry, Staci, for what the judge said to you guys in court. She was out of line. She had no right to say any of

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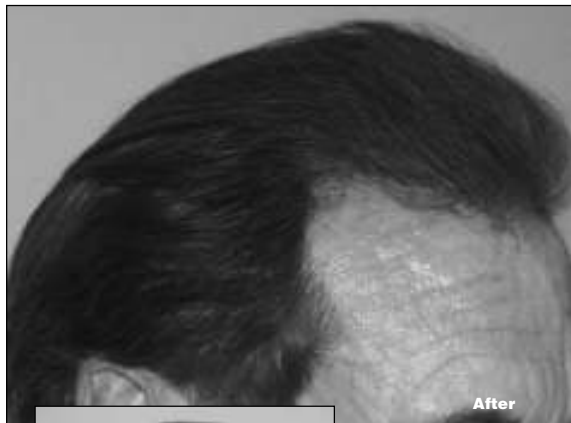
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those things to you." I thanked Carlos and told him he didn't need to apologize for her. He told me, "Well, somebody needs to." We talked for a few more minutes. He told me, "You need to gather up all the bills from the funeral and give me copies for the restitution hearing. Hopefully the court will hold him responsible financially." I told him I doubted it.

I Had a Plan
Around January 12, I

started feeling very anxious, as if the world were closing in around me. I felt that I could not live with myself if I let Doug get away with what he had done, without at least trying everything I could think of to get the court to recognize that this was *not* just an accident and that the proposed 30-day sentence was not enough.

I decided that posting fliers was the way to go. So I printed up about 500 fliers stating my opinion of Doug and what he had

done. Then on Friday, January 25, Sam, my new guy Dale, and I went walking up and down the streets of Ramona posting fliers everywhere, asking, begging, pleading with my community for their help.

The next morning Sam had to go with her boss to Ramona. She had been telling her boss about the fliers and wanted to show her how many we had posted. So they drove down Main Street. Sam called me, freaking out. "Every last one of them is gone, Staci, every last one!" I was shocked; we must have posted 350 of those fliers.

Sentencing was getting increasingly close, and the only idea I'd had, in my opinion, had failed. I still had some of the fliers left, so Sam and I decided on Saturday to go out to the grocery stores and the Ramona Kmart and hand them out to people in our community personally. The community responded well; every person we

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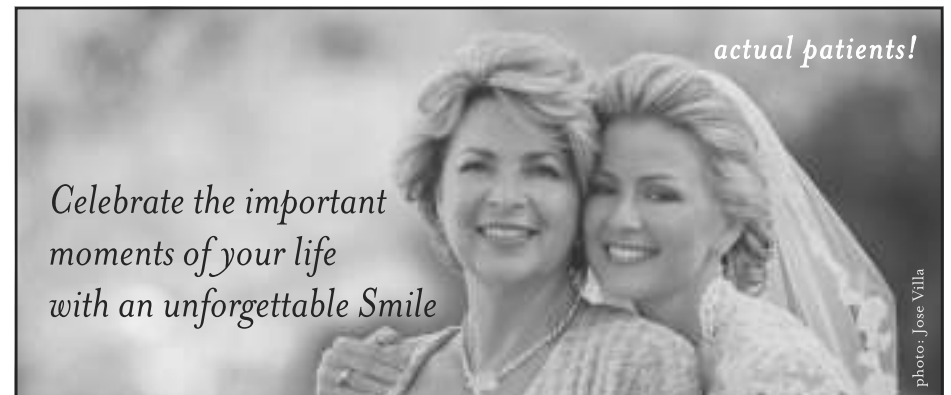
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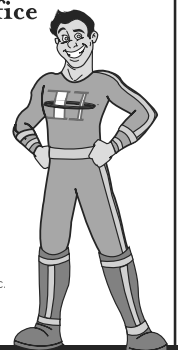
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After we passed out those remaining fliers, I realized that they were not very informative. So on Sunday, January 27, I went to my mom's and sat down and drafted up another flier, this time being much more specific about what I said and what I needed from the community. When I was finished I started calling Jadean's friends. I had a plan.

I had lived in Ramona almost all my life, and one of the things that bothered me about that town was the fact that from 3:00 p.m. until about 6:30 p.m., Hwy 67, the main way into town, was always a parking lot. I figured that if we went out to the west end of town and held up signs and passed out the fliers to everyone who was stuck in traffic, people couldn't ignore us.

Monday, January 28, we woke up to rain. I was

so bummed, but Sam and I made the posters, fully intending to go hold signs and pass out fliers, rain or shine. The rain turned out to be a blessing in disguise. The fires in October had pretty much destroyed Hwy 78, one of the only other ways into Ramona, and it just so happened that on that day it rained enough to create mudslides on the 78, thus closing it down. Virtually everyone that lived in Ramona and had to commute would have to enter through Hwy 67.

We all met at my house at around 2:30 p.m., loaded up, and headed out. By the time we got to the west end of town, the rain had stopped and the sun was shining through the clouds. Everyone got out and grabbed a sign and got busy informing Ramonians about "the accident" and Judge Salcido's proposed 30-day sentence. Nine out of ten cars

wanted to know what we were talking about; they opened their windows and gladly accepted the fliers we were handing out.

I had obtained Judge Salcido's courtroom phone number, and I put it on the fliers. I encouraged all who read the flier and were as outraged by the proposed 30-day sentence as we were to call that number and let the judge know just how outraged they were. I had also called, emailed, and faxed every news station, newspaper, and radio station in San Diego County with a copy of the flier and a tip about what was going on in Ramona. Channel 10 reporter Rhett Lawrence showed up. We started talking; he found a lot of it unbelievable. I told him he should join the club. I also told him to come to court if he didn't believe me. He could talk to some of those underage girls; they would be there. It sparked

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enough of his interest for him to show up at court on Wednesday. It sparked a lot of interest in Ramona as well. Calls started pouring in, people asking us what they could do to help. We told all of them, "Call Judge Salcido and tell her what you think of her proposed sentence, or better yet, come to court."

A Small Victory

So on Wednesday, January 30, we all once again loaded up and went down to the El Cajon courthouse. When we got there, we all had the signs we'd made and fliers, which the kids started passing out to people going into the courthouse. There was a group of about 50 of us, plus Rhett Lawrence with his news camera, and another photographer for the *Ramona Sentinel*. A sheriff's deputy came out and told us that we had to move off of courthouse property. We could be in

the parking lot, but not on the actual court complex. We moved, and the two reporters spoke with some of the young girls who'd said that Doug had had relations with them. About ten minutes before court, we all filed into the courthouse. When we got to Judge Salcido's courtroom, the bailiff came out and gave us a five-minute speech about how we were going to act in her courtroom and then made all the kids take off the ribbons they'd made that said "Justice for Jadean" and the shirts they'd made saying "30 days is not enough."

They finally let us into the courtroom, where Doug was already sitting at the defendant's table. His parents and grandparents were in the audience. The reporters set up the cameras, and then Judge Salcido took the bench. I was sitting there tied up in knots. Judge Salcido started talking. She said

that she had read over the probation report and was concerned about some of the things in it; therefore, she was not prepared to move forward and sentence Doug to the 30 days she had originally offered. She told Doug that her new offer was 180-240 days (six-eight months; with half time that would be three-four months of actual time spent in jail), or he could withdraw the guilty plea and proceed with a trial. I almost stopped breathing. If Doug chose to withdraw his plea and move forward with a trial, it would give the sheriff more time to investigate him and hopefully add additional charges, bumping him up from his lowly misdemeanor criminal status to felon.

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ordered Doug to be at all of the court proceedings (something misdemeanor offenders are normally exempt from), and she also ordered that Doug not be in the presence of anyone under the age of 18 without their parents being present. We all sat there trying not to yell, whoop, and holler. After court was over, Doug was handcuffed and escorted out of the courthouse.

Later that night, we all sat watching the TV while Rhett Lawrence told the whole county about how Doug had taken the two girls out to a remote area of Ramona and "accidentally" killed Jadean and about my family's ensuing fight to see justice served. He showed Judge Salcido ordering Doug not to be in the presence of anyone under the age of 18. Oh, what a happy day! It was a

victory! A very small victory, but a victory nonetheless.

Now we all had to wait for the next court date on March 5, 2008, almost a year to the day since Doug had killed Jadean.

Sam and I figured we'd better start calling the sheriff's department to get them to hurry up with their investigation of Doug. Thursday, January

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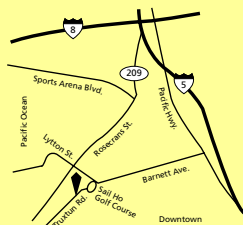
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Doug Garcia Files Another Restraining Order against the Thrashers

On Tuesday, March 4, my lawyer's office called. They had just received a courtesy copy of a restraining order that my son Roah, my ex Dave, and I were being served with from Doug. Doug alleged that Roah, Dave, and I had threatened him. That I had personally called him eight hours after the "accident" and told him, "How dare you kill my daughter, I'm going to get you!" Doug also alleged that Roah and some of his friends chased him as he was driving out to his friend's house a few days after the "accident." The best part was Doug accusing me of threatening him by passing out the fliers. In his complaint, Doug stated that because I had passed out those fliers, every time he came to Ramona he couldn't sleep, and he felt that he might not make it back to Arizona to his new wife when he left town. And every time he saw someone from my family he felt very uncomfortable. Imagine that!

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On Wednesday, March 5, Sam and I went to the courthouse fully expecting the sheriff to serve me. Instead, the sheriff, who never gave me a second glance, escorted us into and out of the courtroom.

Court went off without a hitch, all the trial dates were set, and we were coming back on April 22. Judge Salcido also reminded Doug of her order to stay away from underage children unless their parents were present.

After court I spoke with Carlos Campbell. He had told me, in an earlier conversation we'd had, that Detective Wells had said that one girl who had given them a statement regarding her sexual encounters with Doug no longer wanted to testify. I talked with the girl by phone. She told me that a detective had come to talk to her and that she'd told she and Doug had done. The detective said that she

was retiring but that the DA's office would be contacting her soon. I asked if anybody else from the sheriff's department or the DA's office had contacted her. She said no. The one detective was the only person she had ever talked to regarding Doug. Was she still willing to talk to the DA and to possibly testify against Doug? Absolutely, she said. I asked if her parents knew about any of this, because they would have to know if it ever made it as far as court. She said she'd told her parents right after the detective came over and talked to her. I told her someone would be contacting her soon, and we hung up. I recounted this entire conversation to Carlos as he sat there, amazed. All he could say was "You're kidding me, right, Staci?" I asked him to find out what was really going on, why the sheriff was refusing to investigate this man and had even gone so far as lying to Carlos about it.

I then asked Carlos why he couldn't talk to the girls and amend Doug's charges, since the sheriff was not going to do it. He explained that that just isn't the way it works, that his hands were pretty much tied. In order for the DA to pursue charges

against anyone, the sheriff's department has to investigate, gather evidence, and file charges. Then the DA can do something, but not until then.

The next day, Thursday, March 6, the first anniversary of Jadean's death, I had to get up early and take Sam to work. When I got back, Dalton told me that a guy was at the house to serve me the restraining order but that he'd left and left his phone number. It made no sense to me that a process server was coming to my house to serve me. Doug had asked for free service from the sheriff's office, and it had been granted. So why would he pay a process server to come? Then it dawned on me! He'd paid a process server so that he could have me served on the anniversary of her death. Nice. I called the process server and asked if he could come back, and he told me he'd be there in about 15 minutes. When he got to my door, he shook my hand and told me how sorry he was for my loss and handed me the restraining order. As I was looking through it, I asked if they had specifically asked him to serve me today. He told me yes, they had indeed asked him

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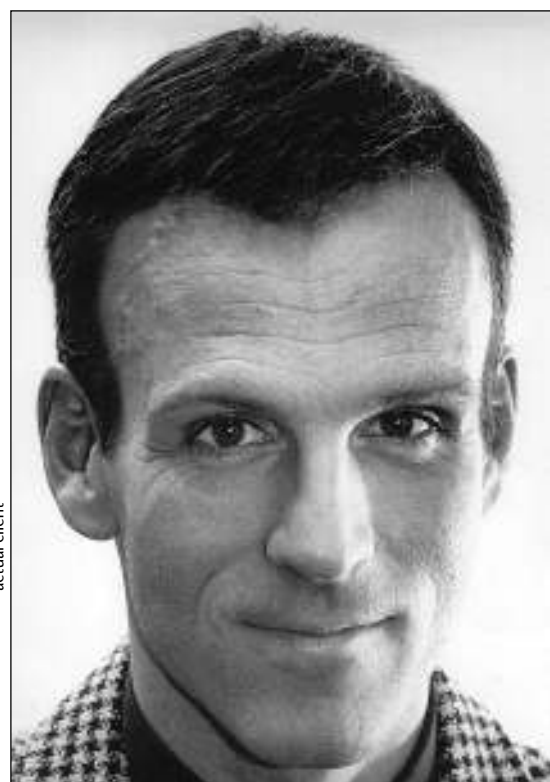
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I responded to Doug's allegations and sat and waited for court on March 13. That day I met my lawyer at the courthouse. Doug wasn't there. His lawyers were. Funny thing how he can afford to pay a lawyer but filed a fee waiver with the court so that he wouldn't have to pay the 180-some dollars to file the restraining order. His lawyers started by saying that because I had passed out fliers stating that Doug had murdered (in my opinion) Jadean, I had willingly and knowingly made defamatory statements, thus causing him great mental and emotional distress. My lawyer stood up and said that I was well within my rights under the First Amendment, that I had passed out my fliers to enlist support and help from my community, not to distress Doug. His lawyers argued that I knew Doug wasn't a murderer and that this was proved by statements I'd made on my fliers. My lawyer argued that what was on those fliers was my opinion, that Doug was indeed a murderer in my eyes, and once again, that I was well within my First Amendment rights in passing out the fliers. The judge seemed to agree, because he denied Doug's request for the restraining order.

I decided to write this story because I'm angry. Angry that my baby's

gone, angry that my family is irreparably broken, angry at the way things were handled from the very beginning, angry that nobody ordered any blood tests for Doug Garcia, angry that the sheriff's department said and still says, "No victim, no crime," and I'm angry that Doug Garcia is free to go about his business while my daughter lies dead in her grave.

[Editor's note: Court documents indicate that on April 22, 2008, Doug Garcia was convicted of vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence and sentenced by Judge Louis A. Hanoian to 90 days' work furlough and three years' probation. He was fined \$614, ordered not to associate with anyone under 18 "unless a parent is present," and ordered to pay restitution of \$17,000 "to the victim's family." Staci Thrasher has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against Doug Garcia. He has filed a defamation-of-character suit against her. Both cases are pending.] ■

— Staci Thrasher

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don't read the *Union-Tribune*. This is the only way I find out anything. Sometimes it makes me very disheartened and sad, but I basically don't trust anybody else.

Lederman
Normal Heights

The column on Deborah Scott was not a repeat.

"Crush" is currently a monthly feature. — Editor

Pension Debt Heroes

Re Don Bauder's column, "How Pension Debt Ballooned" ("City Lights," May 22), about Roger Lowenstein's book, *While America Aged*. "Creative financing," the bane of balanced budgets. Mayor Susan Golding asked the city manager how she could finance both the Republican National Convention in San Diego and Alex Spanos's effort to expand the Charger Stadium so as to seat 60,000. City Manager Jack McGrory listened to his boss and found a way to rob San Diego employee pension

funds to do it.

Thank Diann Shipione, a pension board member who spoke out, her husband Pat Shea, straight-shooting lawyer Mike Aguirre, and, most importantly, Donna Frye, the only member of the city council who spoke out against creative financing.

Local control of our neighborhoods, communities — is this gone?

Thanks for the *Reader*, Matt Potter, Don Bauder, Susan Luzzaro.

Dick Jones
Kensington

The Glare Of Errors

Two glaring errors in Ken Leighton's recent article ("Blurt," May 22).

Brandon Cruz returned to Dr. Know after his Dead Kennedys stint and is still performing with them. The reference to him as the "ex-singer for Dr. Know" is incorrect.

The statement that "Since parting ways with Biafra, the band has been fronted by two people" is also wrong. Jeff Penalty was the vocalist between Cruz and Greer. With five years as vocalist, he has more time with the Kennedys than ei-

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ther Cruz (two years) or Greer (a month or two).

This is all common knowledge, but, failing that, it's all in the Wikipedia article. What kind of writer doesn't look at the Wikipedia on his subject? I can understand a rationale for skepticism, or for looking after you write, rather than before, but to not even error-check against it?

Maybe you should have someone covering punk who actually knows the genre (hint, hint, nudge, nudge).

Roger Krueger
via email

Rah-Rah Roam!

I want to say *thank you* for the weekly "Roam-O-Rama" hiking guides! We just moved back to San Diego, and the guides show us places we never knew about. We're using the most stren-

uous ones to prepare for our planned summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro next year — then on to other summits. Again, thanks (the write-ups provide nice descriptions of scenic markers, and critical turns too).

Name Withheld
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via email

Comments from Reader Website

Cover Story

Published May 28

Posted by *Geoffrey on May 28, 11:06 p.m.*

Dave Hogan clearly points out the very significant consequences of running utility infrastructure through our public lands. Kudos to him for those observations. Add to the plant, animal, and human costs of

such abuse of these lands that the proposed power line would cause: Thousands of acres of existing and proposed federal wilderness lands, currently pending in the US Congress as S.493 (Boxer) and H.R.860 (Solis), 'The California Wild Heritage Act'. Some of the wild and remote places in the San Diego back country included in this bill are:

Eagle Peak Complex Wilderness proposal - 24,488 acres

Hauser Wilderness Additions proposal - 7,604 acres

Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness Additions proposal - 6,518 acres

Carrizo Gorge Wilderness Addition proposal - 6,508 acres

Pine Creek Wilderness Addition Adjustment propo-

posal - 214 acres

San Diego Wild and Scenic River proposal - 9 miles long

Cedar Creek Wild and Scenic River proposal - 6 miles long

Pine Valley Creek Wild and Scenic River proposal - 7.5 miles long

Each of the proposed wire alignments would directly or indirectly impact one or many of these special places. Do we want to leave a legacy of designated federal wilderness lands for future generations — with our apologies? "We are sorry, children, that the solitude and pristine wilderness qualities of these national heritage lands are now compromised because the greed of a few overpowered the sanctity of our national wilderness heritage."

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I don't believe we should have to make those apologies. Keep the wilderness wild. Let's generate our power in-basin, and let's talk about conservation. For the sake of wilderness.

Posted by Fred_Williams on May 29, 6:25 a.m.

How many former Enron employees are now at Sempra?

How much money has Sempra given to politicians, local, state, national?

If I recall correctly, Sempra is one of the biggest backers of Prop. C. That's the proposition on next week's ballot that would take away any chance of having an independent au-

ditor in San Diego...the fox guarding the henhouse. Didn't they also give a lot of money to the Mayor's campaign slush fund?

Now, why would an honest, upright, public-spirited bunch of people like Enr...oops...Sempra give so much campaign money? Could it be so they can get people like Jim Madaffer to do their dirty work for them, as shown in this article? Could it be so that our Mayor for Sale Sanders would look the other way while San Diego loses it's chance for real energy security?

Sorry, Sempra. Your KPBS commercials of little

girls talking about renewable energy doesn't fool us a bit. You're a greedy manipulative trading house that will take money even at the cost of destroying the future prospects of this region.

Time for some pickets and rotten eggs at your downtown office tower.

Posted by surfponto on May 29, 8:26 p.m.

One of the better articles I have read on all the shortcomings of SDG&E's Sun-rise PowerLink.

I think we have to ask ourselves do we want to line SDG&E's pockets with profits from an archaic technology or do we truly want a

smarter energy solution?

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the San Diego back country are precious resources that are unlike any in the world. We need to defeat this proposal and protect these areas.

Posted by dgarmon on May 30, 12:32 a.m.

As someone who has been deeply involved with this issue since going to court in 2007 to oppose SDG&E's "pre-condemnation surveys" on my property in Borrego Springs, I am grateful for the clear, concise, and comprehensive reporting done in this article.

The issue is really a simple one: Sempra has a fiduciary responsibility to its shareholders to make as much money as possible. No matter how hard Sempra tries to deny it, "green-wash" it, dress it up, and claim it isn't so, the simple fact is Sempra's fiduciary

responsibility to its shareholders is in conflict with the greater good of our community. The greater good is served by in-basin, distributed generation that will be cheaper, more reliable, greener, will not cause wildfires, and will leave the treasures of our backcountry intact for future generations.

It is time for the Governor's office to be inundated with calls, letters, and e-mail from citizens who would like to see San Diego make the right decision on this critically important issue.

Blurt
Published May 28

Posted by pknieval on May 29, 8:40 a.m.

We need to add some clarification to the band member's descriptions in the article.

Gil plays in various bands around town includ-

ing a Gipsy Kings tribute band, but doesn't consider himself an "accomplished Flamenco player."

Irv is a television and independent film actor, with several films in the works. He moved to LA from Baltimore to continue his acting career after seeing the Nite Romantics ad on Myspace.

Johnny has also been on Dawson's Creek, been in many indie films, and has several other films set to be released. He's also the co-host of Nasa 360 on the Discovery Channel.

Raven White has a solo band also called Raven White where he sings lead and plays guitar and does Originals, covers and tribute Shows to Gary Numan and Sigur Sigur Sputnik.

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Local Films, Local Responsibility

Cottonwood Creek Comeback

Cottonwood Creek is the watershed in Encinitas that flows out into Moonlight Beach," says Carris Rhodes, program assistant for the Cottonwood Creek Environmental Film Festival. "It used to be really smelly and dirty. Then [approximately three years ago] the city and local organizations and residents put forth a strong and successful effort to clean up Cottonwood Creek Park. They restored the watershed, did native plant landscaping.... The wood is from a sustainable harvested forest, the landscape is equipped to handle any wildlife that's

naturally there, and the concrete is porous [allowing water to reach the soil below]." Rhodes says the creek was

chosen to represent the film festival "because that is a good example of successful, positive environmentalism."

The first annual Cottonwood Creek Environmental Film Festival, hosted by the Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, will be held over the course of three days, June 6, 7, and 8. Professional films (the rights for which were purchased by the festival) will be screened, as well as 13 films submitted by local residents. "I picked [these films] because they didn't beat you over the head," says festival executive director Dodi Tucker. Tucker first saw the films she chose to screen at the Nevada City Environmental Film Festival in January. "[These films] had solutions to problems; many of them are actually pretty funny."

"We submitted two 30-minute films," says Julian Duval, president and CEO of Quail Botanical Gardens. "One called *Between Wild Fires*, to help our citizenry understand the personal responsibility that we have in helping each other live more safely with the inevitable wildfires that are part of our environment here, and the other called *Gardens of Ideas for Water Conservation*."

Cobi Emery, a 13-year-old surfer, made his short film *Pick Up 3* when he was 10. "I've never lived far away from an ocean, and I've been surfing since I was 4," says Emery. "Every time I went down to the ocean I realized it wasn't as it should be.

There was trash and stuff all over the beach and in the water and dead animals like sea-gulls and stuff. I saw one turtle that got one of those plastic six-ring holders around it as a baby, and it grew up deformed." A photo of the grown turtle — its shell cinched in the middle by the still-attached plastic — is included in Emery's film.

Emery's solution is a simple slogan: "Pick up three, and the difference you will see." "It just came to me," he says. "I looked and saw the trash, and I didn't think there was that big of an impact, but then I did some research. I went online and learned that there's a pile of trash between Asia and North America that's the size of Texas, floating in the water." Emery encourages his friends to pick up their own trash and three additional pieces every time they visit the beach. According to the Encinitas Beach Attendance Study, Moonlight Beach alone drew nearly 640,000 visitors last year.



Images from *Pick Up 3*; Cobi Emery, top left

Emery is not the youngest filmmaker taking part in the festival. Julie Hinze's second-grade class (17 students, aged seven and eight) at Paul Ecke Central Elementary created an eight-minute film about the ongoing crisis with honeybees — a disappearing-hive phenomenon known as "colony collapse disorder." The children, dressed in homemade honeybee costumes, act out disappearing-bee scenarios. "They designed their own [costumes]," says Hinze. "They used black T-shirts, some put yellow tape on there and a lot of pipe cleaners. It's so cute."

The children broke into groups, and each group presented its own interpretation of the current bee predicament. "One group did a little dance," says Hinze. Another wrote new lyrics to the *Ghostbusters* theme song, changing it to "bee busters." One group acted out honeybees enjoying a garden, collecting nectar from flowers. "After it says 'the end,'" says Hinze, "there's a little

girl dressed up as a bee eating ice cream [Häagen-Dazs's Vanilla Honey Bee, of which 40 percent of the proceeds goes toward researching colony collapse]. Then three little kids singing, making up a humming noise. I just love that, because it captures their little spirits."

—Barbarella

Cottonwood Creek Environmental Film Festival

Saturday, June 7
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

La Paloma Theatre
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Behind the Big News San Diego Ron Paul 2008 Meetup Group hosts film exposing "the media cartel and what's behind the news bias...today's headlines are defined by an organized, subversive agenda." Discussion follows. 619-632-5053. Saturday, June 7, 6 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Flash Gordon Movie Matinee Citizen Video presents campy 1980 classic tale of New York Jets quarterback who travels to planet Mongo and defeats Ming the Merciless in order to save humankind. 619-281-3456. Sunday, June 8, 4 p.m.; Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Indigènes (Days of Glory) Alliance Française de San Diego presents screening of Algeria's 2007 Oscar submission for best foreign-language film. Movie tells story of African soldiers who fought to liberate France in World War II. In Arabic and French with subtitles. Donation. 858-254-2253. Saturday, June 7, 4 p.m.; Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Only the Brave Screening of award-winning film portraying the all-volunteer Japanese-American regiment of troops in World War II. Actor-director Lane Nishikawa leads discussion following film. In Arts and Letters building, room 201. Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.; San

Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties Sierra Club Movie Activist Night screening of film depicting "the effects of the Patriot Act on the lives of real people" follows finger-food potluck. 619-463-0721. Friday, June 6, 6 p.m.; Sierra Club, 3820 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Cottonwood Creek Environmental Film Festival Patagonia Presents the Wild and Scenic Film Tour on Saturday at La Paloma Theatre. Program includes children's environmental films (10-11 a.m.), coastal films (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.), "Marine Debris and Its Impact on Our Coast" panel discussion (1:15-2 p.m., free), cultural stewardship films (2:30-4 p.m.), *Dr. Bronner's Magic Soapbox* (4:30-6 p.m.), *Who Killed the Electric Car?* (8:30-10 p.m.). Ticket package for weekend: \$20.

On Saturday, Surfrider Foundation hosts sunset screening (6:15-8:15 p.m.) at Chapel of Spiritual Awareness (560 3rd Street). Program includes *Our Synthetic Seas, The Story of Stuff and the Journey of Fluke*.

Free community film contest screening, Sunday, June 8, 2-4 p.m., at Encinitas Library. 760-943-1950. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.; La Paloma Theatre, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Great Outdoor Movie Night See *Bee Movie* under the stars. Free shuttle service provided beginning at 5 p.m. from Poway High School. Nonresident parking fee at Lake Poway prior to 5 p.m.: \$5. 858-668-4771. Saturday, June 7, 7:15 p.m.; Lake Poway, 14644 Lake Poway Road. (POWAY)

How About a "Twisty Psycho-Thriller"? Marc Forster's 2005 film *Stay*, starring Ewan McGregor and Ryan Gosling, screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5821. Monday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Yum! Spaghetti Westerns Enjoy *A Fistful of Dollars* when it's showcased for "mini-series" hosted by San Diego Italian Film Festival. 619-238-7559. Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.; Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Magic of Ventriloquism Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble takes stage through Sunday, June 8. *Jack and the Beanstalk* presented June 11-15 by Big Joe Productions. 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, June 5,

10 a.m.; Friday, June 6, 10 a.m.; Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, June 11, 10 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

The Panda Who Would Not Eat Author, illustrator Ruth Todd Evans discusses her true story of Shi Shi the picky panda, who did not like bamboo he was fed from San Diego Zoo's gardens, preferring a species grown at Quail Botanical Gardens. Books on sale at event. 619-463-3006. Thursday, June 5, 3 p.m.; Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Find the Magic! Julia Harnett and *Rip Squeak* author Lee Cohen sign *Find the Magic*, as well as new board books, new *Rip Squeak* calendar, debut of new limited-edition prints. Actress Blaire Chandler, who is heard on *Rip Squeak* story CDs, reads from the books. 619-531-1127. Saturday, June 7, 4 p.m.; Rip Squeak and Friends Gallery, 849 West Harbor Drive suite B. (DOWNTOWN)

Pet Pals Kids' Club Kids 6-13 have "fun with other animal-lov-

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IN PERSON

Benji Series Creator Joe Camp discusses, signs *The Soul of a Horse*. 858-454-0347. Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

"Neal Carey" Mystery Series Author Talk by Don Winslow, who has written novels including *The Death and Life of Bobby Z* and theater pieces and contributed to teleplays for *UC: Undercover* and *Close to Home*. Winslow's most recent novel, *The Winter of Frankie Machine*, is being made into a film with Robert DeNiro. 619-236-5821. Monday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sketch on the Rocks" Mitch Feingold and crew from Comedy Under Construction plan improv comedy sketch show. 858-550-8088. Saturday, June 7, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$10. ages 16 and up. Swedenborg Hall, 1531 Tyler Avenue. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Three Women in One Night" Laura Jane "and her funny friends Jennifer Coburn and Jeanice Parker" plan night of stand-up comedy, music, and performance. 619-729-0925. Sunday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.; \$15. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Fidelity Thriller author Thomas Perry signs, discusses his work. 858-268-4747. Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Pure Goldwater Barry Goldwater Jr. talks about his new book, cowritten with John Dean. Book includes correspondence, interviews, behind-the-scenes conversations, more. 858-552-1657. Wednesday, June 11, 6 p.m.; La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Raven Rise D.J. MacHale signs ninth book in his *Pendragon* series. 858-450-3525. Saturday, June 7, noon; Costco Wholesale, 12350 Carmel Mountain Road. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The Dawn Patrol Discussion and signing of new book by author Don Winslow, who is also author of novel *The Winter of Frankie Machine*. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Reapers Crime author John Connolly signs his latest. 858-268-4747. Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Agitprop Reading Series Douglas Kearney (*Fear*), and Sueyeun Juliette Lee, author of three chapbooks, read for series. Event coincides with opening reception for Satellite Ensemble exhibition. Donations encouraged. 619-384-7989. Friday, June 6, 7 p.m.; Agitprop Gallery, 2837 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

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Bestselling Author Lauren Weisberger, creator of *The Devil Wears Prada*, discusses her new book, *Chasing Harry Winston*, with KPBS journalist Andrew Phelps. 858-454-0347. Monday, June 9, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Legal Thriller Author Sheldon Siegel signs, discusses *Judgment Day*, the sixth Mike Daley and Rosie Fernandez book. 858-268-4747. Monday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Local Humor Author Paul Delancey reads from and signs copies of his novels *Fur West* and *I'm French and You're Not*. 619-533-3902. Saturday, June 7, noon; College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road. (COLLEGE AREA)

One of the 16 Greatest Surfers of All Time? World-Champion surfer Shaun Tomson, author of *The Surfer's Code*, discusses and signs his book. Tomson, a native of South Africa, spent 14 years on the tour (1976-1989), with nine years in top six. 858-755-3735. Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.; Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Pendragon Returns! D.J. MacHale signs *Raven Rises*, ninth book in the *Pendragon* series. 858-268-4747. Friday, June 6, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Spring Music Concert Advanced ensembles strut their stuff, June 4-6, in school's Florence Johnson Grand Theater. 619-475-8556. Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.; Friday, June 6, 7 p.m.; \$6-\$7. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

Student-Written, Student-Acted One-Acts Students of the theater school at North Coast Repertory Theatre plan eighth annual production. 858-481-1055. Mon-

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The easternmost Backbone Trail, part of a "hikers highway in the making" through the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, skims across spacious Topanga State Park above Santa Monica and executes a final swan dive at Will Rogers State Historic Park in Pacific Palisades. When the morning mists clear, a hike along this stretch yields dazzling and ever-changing perspectives on the meeting of mountains and sea.



Bush poppy, Backbone Trail

This is a one-way trip, downhill most of the time. You'll have to arrange a car shuttle, or better yet, have someone drop you off at the start, the Trippet Ranch trailhead (opens at 8 a.m.) in Topanga State Park, and later pick you up at Will Rogers Park (closes at sunset). Since you're very likely to be walking in full sunshine nearly all the way, don't forget to wear sun-shielding

clothing and take along plenty of drinking water.

From the picnic area at Trippet Ranch, head southeast on the fire road going up the hill to the East Topanga Fire Road. Turn left at the top and climb farther to Eagle Junction (1.4 miles into the hike). Veer right, pass under Eagle Rock, climb some more, and arrive at Hub Junction (2.7 miles). Turn right on the Temescal Ridge Trail and walk 0.5 mile south, passing a cavernous sandstone outcrop on the left called Cathedral Rock, to another junction. The Backbone Trail goes left here on an old fire road. Nearby Temescal Peak, whose summit can be reached by way of a short, steep path on its west side, is worth climbing if the visibility is good. A broad panorama of chaparral-clad hillsides spilling down to the curved shoreline of Santa Monica Bay lies before you.

The stretch of Backbone Trail ahead, originally called the Rogers Trail from here on down to Will Rogers Park, strikes east for about a mile, then bends south, loosely following an undulating ridgeline. You thread a path in between a deep cleft to the east named Rustic Canyon, and lesser ravines to the west — Temescal Canyon and Rivas Canyon.

After several miles of descent along the generally treeless ridgeline, you'll arrive at a junction just above the Inspiration Point viewing area at Will Rogers Park. Turn either right or left on the wide path in order to descend to the park grounds and the recently renovated historic home of Will Rogers — the noted newspaperman, radio commentator, movie star, and pop philoso-

pher of the 1920s and '30s.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can

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BACKBONE TRAIL

Descend from the Santa Monica Mountains toward the sea on the easternmost segment of the Backbone Trail.

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Hiking length: 9.2 miles

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day, June 9, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m.; \$9-\$12. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987-D Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

Subject and Author Former FBI agent Margo Bennett speaks "about surviving a kidnapping and attempted murder by her then-FBI-undercover-agent husband after she had an affair with novelist Patricia Cornwell." Following talk, local author Caitlin Rother signs *Twisted Triangle*, her book based on Bennett's story. 619-692-2077.

Friday, June 6, 7 p.m.; San Diego LGBT Community Center, 3909 Centre Street. (HILLCREST)

LECTURES

"Contemporary California Fiber Art" Panel of California fiber artists gather to discuss "Forms in Wood and Fiber"; each plans short, illustrated presentation, discussing the work's evolution and inspiration. Participants include weaver Michael Rohde,

mixed-media artist Carrie Ann Burckle, sculptural basket maker Polly Jacobs Giacchina, mixed-media artist Christie Dunning, quilter Charlotte Bird. Question-and-answer period follows. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Designing Landscapes with Native Plants" Yvette Andersen of California's Own Native Landscape Design focuses on care and placement of drought-tolerant na-

tives, design ideas, more. 619-660-0614. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.; \$10-\$15. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"MFA 08" Annual exhibition of work by graduating master of fine art students from department of visual arts at UCSD runs June 6-July 6. Exhibiting artists lead guided tours of show with sculpture, interactive media, film/video, photography, installation. RSVP: 858-534-2107. Saturdays, 2 p.m.; through Saturday, July 5, 2008,

University Art Gallery at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Preparing for the IAIGS Conference in August" When San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society gathers, San Diego-based genealogist Marguerite Kealey, who "knows Chicago well," details "what one can expect to find in Chicago museums, resources, and archives" during conference. 619-583-0826. Sunday, June 8, 1 p.m.; Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Surviving and Thriving Among Predators and Friends" Copyrights for the Visual Artist? Intellectual property lawyer Robert P. Cogan focuses on "what a copyright does and does not protect, moral rights, fair use, and works for hire and how they can work for or against you" for Professional Artist series. 619-236-0011. Tuesday, June 10, 6 p.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Art Institute: Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"U.S. GenWeb" Alan Jones examines this "free and very expansive internet genealogy site posted entirely by volunteers, which gives information on the local, state, and national level" for Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group. Non-members welcome. 760-967-8635. Tuesday, June 10, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Beginning and Refresher Genealogy Class Course offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society and Carlsbad City Library continues on Monday evenings through June 23. "Record Keeping" is topic on June 9. Optional tours of genealogy division of Carlsbad Cole Library on June 30 and July 7. Attend any or all sessions. Materials provided. Non-members welcome. 760-757-0528. Mondays, 7 p.m.; through Monday, July 7, 2008, Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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Tribal Bellydance and Drumming Class

Middle-Eastern drumming class taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7 p.m.), followed by tribal fusion bellydance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drummers (7-8 p.m.). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6 p.m.; through Monday, June 30, 2008, \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Ocean Water Temperatures are rising into the mid- or high 60s this month, perhaps to reach the low 70s in July or August. The usual early-summer cool weather along San Diego's coastline, disappointing to many tourists, is mostly caused by the sluggish warming of the ocean water. The payoff will come later: as the ocean gives up heat absorbed during the sunny summer months, we'll enjoy warm days and evenings well into autumn.

Crape Myrtles are in bloom around San Diego this month

through the end of summer. This smallish, vase-shaped tree blossoms in colors ranging from white or pale pink to lavender, red, and blue. "Lilac of the South" is one of the nicknames given to this native tree of China because of its popularity in the warmer parts of the United States.

Buckwheat, a late-bloomer among native plants in our area, is showing off its small, inconspicuous clusters of cream-colored flowers this month. Several kinds of buckwheat, found in dry, sunny locations throughout San Diego County, are the source of some of the "wild buckwheat" honey sold locally. Near the coast look for flat-top buckwheat, common on south-facing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing shrubs of the sage-scrub plant community like black sage and California sagebrush.

Western Azalea, a native rhododendron, is blooming this month in scattered locations throughout the county's higher mountains. Fond of semi-shade, it's often found growing along creeks and canyon bottoms. Like its ornamental cousins, western azalea's fragrant white (sometimes pink or yellow tinted) flowers are borne in ornate clusters. Palomar Mountain State Park harbors a colony of them alongside a trail linking Doane Valley and Chimney Flats. White-flowering azaleas will undoubtedly appear again en masse along the Azalea Glen Trail in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, but it may take several years before that fire-damaged landscape fully recovers.

The Blooming of Desert Annuals is over, but not so for the stolid desert willows and smoke trees. Rooted to the beds of dry washes throughout Anza-Borrego's lower valleys, both plants gather enough energy this time of year to put on an impressive floral

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"WICKED, WISE, AND WONDERFUL WOMEN OF OLD TOWN"

Saturday, June 7, Old Town State Historic Park.

(SEE SPECIAL)



show. The graceful, drooping branches of the desert willow hold fragrant, white blossoms, while the spindly smoke tree exhibits myriads of blue-purple flowers. To avoid the intense midday heat, confine your desert explorations to early morning or early evening. And watch out for bees — they're attracted to the blossoms too.

Balboa Park Architectural Tours

San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of town's "beloved open space and architectural showcase." Visit sites of 1915 and 1935 international expositions, "discover the secrets of Balboa Park's architectural past." Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$15. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Bird and Butterfly Garden Nature Walk

Guided walk through park's 3.5-acre bird and butterfly garden boasting over 40 types of plants attractive to monarch and swallowtail butterflies, hummingbirds, migrating birds, others. Flat, gravel surfaces. 619-428-2946. Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m.; Tijuana River Valley Regional Park, 2310 Hollister Street. (SAN YSIDRO)

Birding the Marsh

Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Reservations: 619-409-5900. Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, June 29, 2008, Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

California Native Plant Society Walk

Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m.; Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Celebrate National Trails Day

Get to know Daley Ranch via information booths in La Honda Drive parking lot staffed by park rangers, Daley Ranch Volunteer Biking Association, Friends of Daley Ranch. Guided hikes every half hour (7-11 a.m.). Tracking program (7 a.m.), kids' hike (8 a.m.), bike tour (9 a.m.), Native American studies hike (11 a.m.). 760-839-4680. Saturday, June 7, 7 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Guided Nature Walk

Meet at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance. 858-581-9944. Bring

binoculars, drinking water. Saturday, June 7, 9:30 a.m.; Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Regents Road. (CLAIREMONT)

History Walk Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures. 619-235-1121. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Mystery Tour

Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads a fast-paced, generally strenuous walk of about seven miles based on make-up of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water. Hike starts in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. 760-839-4680. Friday, June 6, 7 a.m.; Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

National Trails Day Restoration Project

REI San Diego partners with Wildcoast and Tijuana River Citizens Council for maintenance project. "Every year, stormwater flows in the Tijuana River bring tons of trash and hazardous materials into the Tijuana River Valley, and onto the beaches." Registration: 858-279-4400. Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.; Tijuana River Valley equestrian staging area, 2310 Hollister Street. (SAN YSIDRO)

Rediscover Escondido

Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, June 10, 6 p.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

See Snow White (Flowers)

Look for native buckwheat, white sage, more, on guided nature walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, June 7, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional

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

Set Out for Silverwood Open visitation day. Special topic hikes at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Learn "a little history" during hike with focus on geology, evidence of previous occupants. 619-682-7200. Sunday, June 8, 10 a.m.; Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

What's Happening Downtown?

Review old and new with Walkabout explorers during casual to moderate-paced one-hour walk. Bring money for (optional) lunch. 619-231-7463. Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.; Balboa Theatre, 854 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

World Ocean Day Cleanup and Celebration

San Diego Coastkeeper hosts beach cleanup; join group near main lifeguard station for cleanup materials. After cleanup, learn "importance of marine conservation, local marine protected areas, areas of special biological significance" during guided beach tour and presentation. Also planned: on-water kayak cleanup, with kayaks provided (or bring your own). Kayakers gather at 8:45 a.m. at end of Avenida de la Playa near boat launch. Wear your favorite shade of blue! 619-758-7743. Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m.; La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

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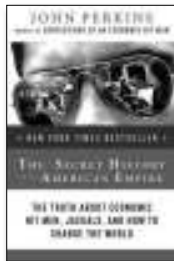


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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

\$5-\$10. Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

"The Passion of Russia and America" Mexico City mezzo-soprano Verónica Alexanderson and pianist Farizat Tchibirova perform classical and popular music by Russian and American composers in Sala Ernesto Muñoz Acosta. 011-52-646-173-4307 or

011-52-646-173-4308. Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Centro Estatal de las Artes, Boulevard Costero and Avenida Club Rotario. (BAJA)

Lucia di Lammermoor Gaetano Donizetti's opera performed by tenor Fernando de la Mora and soprano Olivia Gorra. 011-52-664-687-9636. Friday, June 6, 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 8, 6 p.m.; Centro Cultural Tijuana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Mexican Country Music Ramon Ayala in concert. 011-52-664-685-9594. Friday, June 6, 8 p.m.;

Las Pulgas Club, on Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

Paella and Wine Festival Enjoy food contests, music, entertainment. 011-52-664-685-3031. Sunday, June 8, 1 p.m.; Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

Rock Concert Mstrkrft takes stage. 011-52-664-688-3272. Friday, June 6, 9 p.m.; \$20. Planeta Tijuana at Multikulti, at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

"A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World" "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature" series closes with Myla Goldberg's *Bee Season*. SDSU associate professor of En-

glish and comparative literature June Cummins leads discussion. Registration: 858-694-2484. Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.; Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Beef It Up!" Chef Bernard Guillas demonstrates recipes including American Kobe beef top sirloin, port wine sauce. Donation benefits Share Our Strength. Reservations: 888-424-3663. Saturday, June 7, noon; \$10. Macy's Mission Valley Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Media Mix-Up" This month's TNT (Thursday Night Thing) fêtes opening of "Cerca Series: Joshua Mosley." Artist Mosley will discuss his work *dream*, now on display. Guests may create a miniature, mixed-media installation inside a clear bar of soap using dread-in-

spired found objects; live music by the Silent Comedy, Green Pitch, more. 858-454-3541. Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

"Summer Kick-Off Gala" The Old Firehouse, abandoned for decades, is currently being restored. Celebrate history and current renewal occurring in neighborhood during event promising display of historic photographs, current photographs; food from local restaurants including Vagabond, Alexander's, South Park Bar and Grill, Nick and Lola's, others. Live music from variety of periods. 619-696-9992. Friday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.; \$75. Old Firehouse in South Park, 30th Street at Juniper Street. (SOUTH PARK)

"Tea: A Time for You" "Experience the delights of true tea and healthy chocolate...an antioxidant duo." Bring your favorite teacup "for extra enjoyment." Reservations: 858-573-5007. Wednesday, June 11, 6 p.m.; Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Wicked, Wise, and Wonderful Women of Old Town" Boosters of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park celebrate these lives with tours of historic gardens, opportunities to attempt historic crafts and skills, old-fashioned games of chance, demonstrations of historic dances (4-5 p.m.) by Los Bailadores. "A Look at History through Fashion" offered by volunteers and employees wearing reproduction historic clothing (5-6 p.m.). 619-220-5422. Saturday, June 7, 1 p.m.; Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Genesis Discuss this section of the Bible with San Diego Great Books group. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Art Show and Native Plant Sale Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve host art show and native plant sale. Local artists display works in a wide variety of styles, including watercolor, acrylic, photography. 760-749-4549. Saturday, June 7, 8:30 a.m.; Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road. (VALLEY CENTER)

Back to School (of Public Speaking)? Learn skills to communicate ideas persuasively before any size group during events hosted by local chapter of National Speakers Association. Gain "countless tips" to "use immediately." 619-540-6886. Thursday, June 5, 9 a.m.; \$64-\$112. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

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)

Cajon Classic Cruise Season opens with opening-night festivities; East and West Main Street will be closed. Cruise nights continue on Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesdays, 5 p.m.; through Wednesday, September 24, 2008, Prescott Promenade, 200 block of East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Celebrate World Ocean Day Honor our human connection to oceans, learn of need for enhanced environmental protection. Activities include kelp tank dive show (10:30 a.m.), *Once upon a Tide* screenings (11 a.m.-3 p.m.), tide-pool encounters, "The Wonders of the Kelp Forest" (noon, 1:30 p.m.). Included in regular admission. 858-534-4109. Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Celebration of Life XI Event hosted by Cancer Survivorship: San Diego! in Bloch Cancer Survivor Park (in Spanish Landing Park). Information on cancer treatment, prevention, support; health fair, educational presenta-


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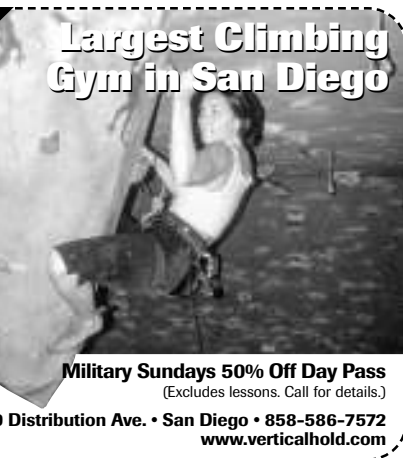
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tions, family activities. 760-598-7304. Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m.; Spanish Landing Park, off North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

Fiesta del Sol Many bands perform for this all-age event, including the Romantics, the English Beat, Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations, Transfer, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, Orquesta Primo, Hoi Polloi, Stripes and Lines, Atomic Groove, Sol e Mar, Velouria. Arts and crafts booths line streets, eco fair, children's activities, food for sale. 858-481-8040, 858-755-9371 x303. Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m.; Fletcher Cove, Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

Filipino Cultural Celebration Eighth annual festival found in Civic Center Plaza, library, community rooms. 760-435-5560. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.; Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

House of Denmark Enjoy Danish music, songs, dances during lawn program at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Kosovo Consequences? Ponder effects of Kosovo independence with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.; The Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Philippine Festival and Faire 2008 You're invited to celebrate 110th anniversary of Philippine independence — pick a Philippine festival and join the parade in your native costume (9 a.m.). Festival promises music, cultural shows, exhibits, more (10:45 a.m.-4 p.m.). 619-850-0825. Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.; Mira Mesa Theatre Guild. (MIRA MESA)

Photographs and Textiles from the Altiplano of Bolivia and Peru Intricate, vibrant works of the Quechua Indians of Bolivia and Peru exhibited, including festival costumes, traditional clothing, and handmade textiles created in artisan villages. Andean textile expert Cynthia LeCount Samake plans talk; images from high plains of the Andes by photographer Jeffrey Roth exhibited. 858-453-5560. Thursday, June 5, 6:30 p.m.; Institute of the Americas, UCSD, 10111 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, June 7, noon; Sunday, June 8, noon; Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. (POINT LOMA)

Strange and Exotic! Plants from far corners of the world gathered together for viewing during San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society summer show in room 101. Specimen plants, pots for sale in courtyard. 858-270-5544. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 10 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Too Cool Cajon Classic Cruise returns. Cruise nights continue on Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, June 11, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 200 block of East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Wieghorst Western Heritage Days Celebrate Western heritage with storytellers, mountain men encampment, blacksmithing, gunfight reenactments, buffalo soldiers, live music, arts and crafts, food for sale, more. 619-590-3431. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m.; Olaf Wieghorst Museum, 131 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

SPORTS

A Tour before a Tour Knickerbiker bicyclists plan 45-mile ride around EastLake area near new toll road and to and around the Olympic Training Center. Bring money for lunch at EastLake food court. 619-255-2890. Sunday, June 8, 8:30 a.m.; J Street Marina Park, J Street off I-5. (CHULA VISTA)

Beach Tennis USA 2008 national tour begins with "Evolution Home Theatre's Beach Tennis Smash" at tower 3. Tournament includes men's and women's professional division play, four amateur divisions. Competitors include Olympic Bronze medalist Patricia Tarabini, former WTA doubles star Caroline Vis, Lisa and Laura Maloney, Mike Fedderly, Glen Erickson. Celebrity pro event starts at noon on June 7. Music by Dylan's Steel Drum Band, Moonlight Beach, Ukulele Strummers, First Friday Club. Free for spectators. 516-502-2571. Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m.; Ocean Beach tower 3, Brighton Avenue at West Point Loma Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

Dewalt 3rd Avenue Village Cycling Grand Prix Professional and amateur bicyclists race through streets for CBR State Criterium Championships. Free for spectators. Rider registration opens at 6 a.m.; fees range from \$8-\$29. 619-292-1285. Sunday, June 8, 7 a.m.; Downtown Chula Vista, 3rd Avenue and E Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Low-Tide Ride and Stride Bicyclists start at 8 a.m., runners and walkers step off at 8:05 a.m., finish at Sunset Park (at intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Ocean Drive in Coronado). The 8.2-mile course

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AMERICA'S FUNNIEST MOM
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goes north along ocean beachfront of Silver Strand. Event is held at low tide on hard-packed sand, passing through Naval Amphibious Base beaches, in front of Hotel del Coronado. 619-298-7400. Sunday, June 8, 8 a.m.; \$10-\$30. YMCA Camp Surf, at Seacoast Drive and Carnation Avenue. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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)

Padres Baseball New York Mets arrive for games against San Diego Padres June 5-8. Next, the Los Angeles Dodgers hit Petco Park for games June 10-12. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, June 5, 7:05 p.m.; Friday, June 6, 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, June 7, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, June 8, 1:05 p.m.; Tuesday, June 10, 7:05 p.m.; Wednesday, June 11, 7:05 p.m.; \$8-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

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MUSEUMS

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

on way to a favorite area for sea lions. 619-255-0203. Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$65. ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Polo Time! Opening day promises Chris Hoyman Memorial cup hosted by San Diego Polo Club. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, June 8, 1:30 p.m.; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Roller Derby Double Header! San Diego Hard Corps take on Montreal Roller Derby during bout one (6 p.m.); San Diego All-Stars meet up with Sac City Rollers for bout two (7 p.m.). Tickets: 760-500-7915. Saturday, June 7, 6 p.m.; \$20. Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Road. (LINDA VISTA)

San Marcos Blast Take 65-mile bicycle ride with Bicycle Touring Society riders. Bring money for lunch in San Marcos. 619-473-8513. Sunday, June 8, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum For centuries, Chinese and Japanese artists have used intricate seals carved with their names in ancient script to authenticate paintings and calligraphy. "The Charm of Woodcut Seals and Chinese Calligraphy by Tseng-Yao (Terry) Sun" — opening Saturday, May 31 and continuing through July — showcases enlarged leisure seals carved into wood, making the traditionally diminutive art more accessible to public. Exhibit opens with reception, Saturday, May 31 2-4 p.m.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden

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Chula Vista Heritage Museum

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

Creation Museum

A museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views. 10946 Woodside Avenue North, 619-448-0900. (SANTO SPIRITO)

Gemological Institute of America Museum

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

Heritage Walk Museum

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

House of Pacific Relations

International Cottages are open every

Sunday, noon-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)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum

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

Museum of San Diego History

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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)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove

"The Sonka Brothers General Store" is recreation of store said to have "kick-started the post-agricultural economy of Lemon Grove." Exhibit includes post office, array of domestic and farm artifacts, photographs, furnishings.

"Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1915" showcases furnishings, clothing, and artifacts from Lemon Grove ranches and homes, along with photographs of early residents and historic buildings. "The Parson's Study" is a permanent Arts and Crafts installation with rolltop desk, 155 English organ, an Edison Amberola and library of cylindrical recordings. All exhibits continue through June. 3185 Olive Street, 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

"Listen Here! Making Sense of Sound," allows visitors to experience the nature of sound, how human beings perceive sound, and the act of listening through exhibits, activities, demonstrations. Exhibit from the Exploratorium in San Francisco continues through Sunday, June 1.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "TryScience!" "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum

Technological advancements

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

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

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

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

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (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 Maritime Museum

"The War through Steichen's Eyes — Combat Photography in the Pacific 1943-45" features 50 photographs produced by Edward Steichen and photographers under his supervision; many famous images of World War II featured. Additional photographs, documents, artifacts chronicle the life of this accomplished photographer. Through July.

"San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

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

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

San Diego Museum of Man

"People, Prints, and Politics: China 1920-1980" features work by Chinese artist and scholar Xian Rang Yong from Shandong Province. Yong utilizes Chinese art of woodblock printing to create compelling portraits, landscapes, depictions of cultural activities, political posters. Closes Sunday, October 19.

"Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures From Mexico to Peru" showcases museum's collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector.

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

In "Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe," museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 1350 El Prado, 619-239-2001. (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)

Valley Center History Museum

The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. 29200 Cole Grade Road, 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum

Museum is said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego. The house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home, shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. 410 Island Avenue, 619-233-4692. (DOWNTOWN)

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Classical, Jazz, Klezmer, Tin Pan Alley! UCSD's Wind Ensemble, directed by clarinetist Robert Zelickman, plans concert. 858-534-3229. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Thursday, June 5. (LA JOLLA)

New City Sinfonia Season finale concert includes First Unitarian Universalist Church Choir performing Fauré's "Pavane" and "Cantique de Jean Racine"; three young winners of the Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition will be featured in concerto movements by Bach, Mendelssohn, and Cécile Chaminade. Program concludes with Schubert's "Sym-

phony No. 3 in D Major." 619-527-4457. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego (4190 Front Street), 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 6. (HILLCREST)

Voice Concert Flexing rope-strong vocal cords, UCSD voice students bring school year "to its inspired culmination." 858-534-3229. Erickson Hall (B210) at UCSD's Mandeville Center (9500 Gilman Drive), 4 p.m., Saturday, June 7. (LA JOLLA)

Euodia Ensemble Concerts Group of Christian musicians hailing from Tokyo, Japan, strives "to convey the fragrance of Christ and the fragrance of God's love to the general public through music." Program includes music for violin, clarinet, and piano including Japanese and Okinawan songs, music by Brahms, Ernest Bloch, E. Morricone, Naomi Shemer, Elgar, C.H. Gabriel, others. 619-234-2697. San Diego Japanese Christian Church (1920 E Street), 6 p.m., Saturday, June 7, and 1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (GOLDEN HILL)

Travel Through Time and Cultures Soprano Maja Markovic, tenor Shane Doohan, and pianist Natasha Riabova plan recital of classical songs, arias and duets from operas, musicals, pop, and folk ballads from variety of cultures. Children welcome. 619-276-5827. St. George's Serbian Orthodox Church (3025 Denver Street), 7 p.m., Saturday, June 7. (CLAIREMONT)

"...And Ending in Light" Steven Schick leads La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in season-finale concerts with Richard Strauss's tone-poem about transfiguration of human soul entitled "Death and Transfigu-

ration." Also on tap: Haydn's "Symphony No. 102," "Offrandes" by "great American maverick" Edgard Varèse. 858-534-4637. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, June 7, and 3 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (LA JOLLA)

Choir and Organ Recital St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, led by conductor Martin Green, joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pop Goes the Quartet" Performance by vocal quartet with Rebecca Basilio (soprano), Patricia McAfee (mezzo-soprano), Richard Geiler (tenor), and Christopher Stephens (bass-baritone). Program boasts mix of popular songs, Broadway favorites, spirituals, "operagone-wild," more. Offering. 619-297-4366. First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino Del Rio South), 4 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (MISSION VALLEY)

Monumental! Bach Collegium San Diego performs J.S. Bach's "B-Minor Mass" for soloists, chorus, and orchestra on period instruments and "historically informed performance practices." Ensemble is led by Ruben Valenzuela. 619-341-1726. St. James by the Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, June 8, and 7 p.m., Monday, June 9. (LA JOLLA)

"Ovation Concert" San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory presents season finale spring concert, featuring Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonia. Program includes "Slavonic Dances" by Dvořák, "Danse Bacchanale" by Saint-Saëns, and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 1"; Kevin Qian, Sinfonia Concerto Competition Winner, will perform the "Concerto for Clarinet" by Weber with the Sinfonia. 619-233-3232 x115. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (DOWNTOWN)

James Staatz Memorial Concert Organist Frederick Swann presents "outstanding program for your hearing." 858-273-1480. St. Mark's Episcopal Church (4227 Fairmount Avenue), 7 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Strings in the Gardens" Carlsbad Strings Education Association hosts concert "by talented children of all ages." Reservations: 760-522-1193. Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), 4 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (ENCINITAS)

"Songs of Shakespeare" William Shakespeare may not have written music, but his words have inspired song lyrics by many composers. Pacific Women's Chorus plans program celebrating talents of Shakespeare and many notable composers, past and present. 760-634-9809. Unitarian Universalist Church (1036 Solana Drive), 3 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (SOLANA BEACH)

Mainly Mozart Festival 2008 Series gets underway with concert by Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, conductor David Atherton, and pianist John Lill. Program boasts Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in C," "Piano Concerto No. 2 in B Flat," "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor," "Piano Concerto No. 4 in G," and "Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat (Emperor)." Festival continues through Saturday, June 21. 619-239-0100 x2. Balboa Theatre (854 Fourth Avenue), 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 10. (DOWNTOWN)

By the Great Harry! La Jolla Renaissance Singers perform music composed by and for King Henry VIII. Program includes instrumental works and "Mass for Four Voices" by Thomas Tallis. Included in museum admission. 760-224-8223. San Diego Museum of Art (1450 El Prado), 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 10. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art Songs for Children" Soprano Mariko Kanamitsu, pianist Ines Irawati perform lullabies, songs about birds, fish, other animals composed by Handel, Brahms, Chausson, Puccini, Copeland, Barber for family music program. 858-552-1668. Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m.; Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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GALLERIES

"Little Drops of Water" Opening reception for San Diego Watercolor Society's current exhibit. Also being honored during reception: 18 winning entries of City of San Diego's 2008 Children's Water Conservation Poster Contest. Juror Mary Sievers selected (adult's) paintings for exhibition continuing through Friday, June 27. 619-876-4550. San Diego Watercolor Society (2825 Dewey Road #105). 5 p.m., Friday, June 6. (POINT LOMA)

"Material Guys" Opening reception for exhibition of work by quilt artists including Robert Leathers, Bob Adams, John Garrett, Tim Harding, and young quilters from Dewey Elementary School. Exhibition of "award-winning quilts in cotton and silk and other unusual fiber constructions of metal, plastic, and thread" continues through Sunday, July 27. 619-546-4872. Visions Art Quilt Gallery (NTC Promenade, Liberty Station, 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100). 5 p.m., Friday, June 6. (POINT LOMA)

Inaugural Exhibition Satellite Ensemble celebrates part one of its exhibition with reception. "Diverse survey of contemporary art, running the gamut from behemoth crocheted creatures to miniature sculptural terrains...process-based paintings, sprawling installations and hand-held, interactive sculptures," may be seen through Monday, June 9. Artists include Crystal Z. Campbell, Vincent Manganello, Jesse Mockrin, Clare Parry and Julia Westerbeke. 619-384-7989. Agitprop Gallery (2837 University Avenue). 6 p.m., Friday, June 6. (NORTH PARK)

"Lael Corbin: Remodel" Opening reception for Corbin, recipient of 2007-2008 San Diego Art Prize. Debut solo exhibition promises a new site-specific installation utilizing entire gallery, a "study of workspaces." Closes Saturday, July 5. 619-696-9699. Luis de Jesus Seminal Projects (2040 India Street). 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 6. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Hollywood Love" Opening reception for exhibit of movie-themed pop art by Christian Michaels. Through June. 619-851-4321. Kettner Arts Gallery (1772 Kettner Boulevard). 7 p.m., Friday, June 6. (LITTLE ITALY)

"measure/counter measure" New work by Thomas Johnson opens with reception. Exhibition

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of two series of lithographic prints — from “Penetration”? and “Arthur’s War” series — continues through Sunday, June 22. 619-521-0676. Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue). 6 p.m., Saturday, June 7. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“Electric 52” Opening reception for art show by Janelle Carter and electronic music party that “celebrates life.” Closes Monday, July 7. 619-563-9770. Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue). 7 p.m., Saturday, June 7. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Spring Fine Art Show Eighth annual exhibition opens with reception for artists from Julian, Ramona, other locales. Closes Sunday, July 6. 760-765-2168, 760-765-0815. Banner Queen Gallery (36766 Highway 78). 1 p.m., Saturday, June 7. (JULIAN)

“A Day in the Life of Carlsbad and Karlovy Vary” Reception for this exhibition of all photographs submitted for Carlsbad Sister City program, remaining on view through Sunday, July 6. 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. Carlsbad Oceanside Art League’s COAL Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #101). 4 p.m., Sunday, June 8. (CARLSBAD)

ART MUSEUMS

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.

“Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work,” opening Sunday, June 8, features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. “Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship.” Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4.

“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 cre-

ated 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 “Elusive Signs: Bruce Nauman Works with Light” is said to focus “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” boasts more than 80 pieces, including 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.

“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)

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Tickets to Slide?

Although tickets for the August 27 Radiohead show at Cricket Amphitheatre are selling well, local concert

Qualcomm Stadium) are selling below expectations.

"You always hear about the high cost of tickets with extra Ticketmaster charges and everything and that eventually the promoters will respond and bring tickets back down to earth. I think the promoters will get burned so badly this year that this

that tickets will come down next year.

"What you are seeing is that people are waiting until the day of the show to buy tickets. I would say that advance ticket sales are down 30 percent, but day-of-show sales are actually up. By waiting to buy tickets on the day of show, people are avoiding Ticketmaster altogether."

The promoter maintains that concerts are more important than ever to artists.

"Artists aren't selling CDs anymore, so they have to go out and tour and make their money from [concert

dollars a day to run one of their trucks. And I guarantee that gas prices will hit six

dollars by December. Even if the local promoters wanted to lower ticket prices, they simply won't be able to do it. Food and every other price is going up. You can't tell me that entertainment won't go up proportionally....

"People think the promoters are the bad guys. The reality is that they don't control ticket prices. The band's agent is the one who says the artist will get this much to play and tickets will be this much. The competition between local promoters is so great that the agent almost always gets what he wants."

— Ken Leighton

Disrespected Local hip-hop artist Young Mass says he "...can't take this disrespect from none of them stick-up-the-ass Aftermath niggas." He's talking about onetime collaborators Dr. Dre and Dre's studio staff at

Aftermath Entertainment. "Karma swings around, regardless of who a



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KNIGHT AND MASS AT AUBERGINE

muthafucka is. Dre, Jay-Z, Pac, Big, them, me, whoever. Every label has felt the karma for being on top and treating niggas like shit."

Mass took part in recording sessions at the Aftermath studio for Dre's new album *Detox*. Keith Woods at Masterpiece Entertainment says Mass is angry about "the disrespect Dr. Dre and the Aftermath staff showed for Mass's musicianship." Mass got to know Dre during his three years of employment at Dre's Rockhardbody gym in Woodland Hills.

"Mass was invited into Aftermath's studio," says Woods. "After laying down

some of his best lyrical work, Mass was unexplainably blackballed from the studio."

Furthermore, "Many of Mass's masters are being bogarted by several studios he recorded at over his five-year recording career with Digital Underground. Various songs had to be withheld from Mass's self-titled debut album due to the poor quality of the copies in Mass's possession...."

"Mass is also perplexed at why he has not been receiving royalties and/or proper credit for work on several projects, including his production work on the *Sex and the Studio XXX* DVD series and *25 to Life* video-game soundtracks."

On the upside, according to Woods, rap impresario Marion "Suge" Knight came to San Diego's downtown club Aubergine on May 1 to talk with Mass about possibly executive-producing Mass's next album.

Mass says a follow-up meeting with Knight was scheduled in L.A., but it was delayed after a May 10 altercation at a Hollywood nightclub that left Knight bloodied and lying on a sidewalk.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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the inside track

promoters may be facing a tough summer.

"AEG is hurting with George Michael," says one insider about how AEG Live is struggling with its June 17 booking at the Sports Arena. "Michaels is kicking off his first U.S. tour in 18 years at the Sports Arena, and they have only sold 4000 tickets [out of 15,000]."

The insider notes that tickets for Stone Temple Pilots and Sheryl Crow shows (both to take place at Concerts on the Green, near

will finally be the year they wake up and start bringing prices down for next year."

One promoter agrees that the local concert industry is in a slump.

"I would say that overall sales are down by as much as 20 percent," says the promoter, who agrees that local promoters will take a drubbing this summer. But he doesn't agree



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Who Charted? Though overall music sales have been in a death spiral for several years, San Diego artists have been having their best year ever on *Billboard's* Top 200 chart.



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PRETTYMAN DOES ALL RIGHT WITH BILLBOARD

But does it mean as much as it once did? In past decades, a top-ten placing would require sales of hundreds of thousands of albums; today, 50,000 or fewer could net you a top five. At the same time, chart stays are now relatively short, with albums entering high and falling off almost immediately.

"That's indicative of product that doesn't have a broad appeal," says T-Bone, a clerk at Off the Record. "As soon as the initial excitement from an artist's core fan base wears off, so do sales.... Most bands have very specific audiences that don't expand beyond a certain market."

It still helps to be signed to a major label; San Diego-based performers linked to big imprints have fared well. Since January, five major-label releases and one indie have seen top 30 placings on the charts, compared to five placings overall in 2007, when only two titles entered the top 50: As I Lay Dying's *An Ocean between Us* (#8) and Angels & Airwaves' *I-Empire* (#9).

Meanwhile, in 2008, Tristan Prettyman's *Hello* entered at #27 on April 22. Augustana's sophomore release, *Can't Love, Can't Hurt*, placed at #21 on May 6. The recent soundtrack to *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* includes Switchfoot's "This Is Home" single, which helped the album reach #26 on the main chart as well as #3 on the soundtrack chart on May 20.

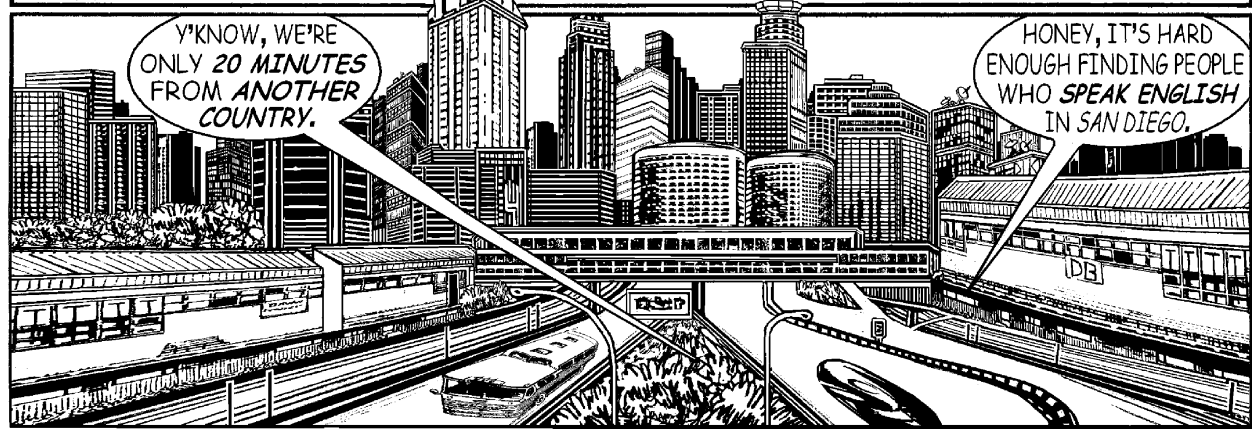
Also on May 20, Jason Mraz's *We Sing, We Dance, We Steal Things* entered *Billboard's* Top 200 chart at #3. Two other acts have joined Mraz in the top ten this year: P.O.D., with *When Angels and Serpents Dance*, which scored a #6 placement; and the lone independent release, Flogging Molly (featuring Carlsbad-based Matt Hensley), whose *Float* debuted at #4 on March 11.

Upcoming chart contenders, both due June 3, include Jewel's *Perfectly Clear* and a reissue of P.O.D.'s *Greatest Hits: The Atlantic Years*.

— Bart Mendoza

Scene Stir "I moved to San Diego in the 1980s and

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intended to earn a living as a musician," says author R.J. McDonnell, whose just-released *Rock & Roll Homicide* novel is set amidst the local music scene. "However, I shattered my wrist a few months after my arrival and my plans

of being booted from the group, a bassist who camouflages his rock-star status by living in a lower-middle-class neighborhood, and a lead guitarist who wrote half of the band's songs and lives beyond his means.

The investigation takes Duffy to a Mission Beach bar that resembles London's West End in P.B., a T.G.I. Friday's in El Cajon, Jake's restaurant in Del Mar, and a Steve Poltz concert at the Belly Up. He also makes trips to Rancho Santa Fe, Cardiff, Alpine, and Southeast San Diego.

"My depiction of San Diego as home to a record label featuring an emerging headline act is my way of acknowledging the quality of music originating in San Diego," says McDonnell, who resided locally for 26 years but now lives in Pennsylvania. "My love for music and belief in the San Diego music scene has never changed."

McDonnell's book is available on Amazon and at rockandrollhomicide.com.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Uncle Ted's Victuals

When Ted Nugent appears at the House of Blues on June 10, his catering contract

states, "Absolutely no takeout meals will be deemed acceptable, i.e. McDonald's, Fish and Chips, Weinerworld, Chinese, etc." His dressing room requires a can of Planters fancy cashews, a large bag of Rold

Ocean Spray ruby red grapefruit juice, and a half-dozen Slim Fast drinks ("four chocolate, two tropical fruit").

He also needs a toaster, a carving knife, a carving fork, six ceramic coffee mugs ("no



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changed."

The book concerns Little Italy native Jason Duffy, a musician-turned-private eye investigating the death of a local singer. Suspects among the murdered singer's band include an alcoholic drug-addict drummer on the verge



GIVE THIS MAN (NUGENT) A SIDE OF VENISON

Gold Pretzel Thins ("fat free"), two cans of white tuna in spring water ("unopened"), a loaf of whole-wheat bread ("sliced"), and two Yoplait low-fat yogurts ("strawberry, blueberry, or mixed fruit").

Drinks: four cans of Red Bull energy drink, six cans of V8 juice, a 12-pack of Diet Coke, a large bottle of

Styrofoam"), 36 bath towels ("full size"), and a box of "man sized Kleenex." (From thesmokinggun.com.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Thursday 5

Los Angelino rock poet **Dave Alvin** and his **Guilty Men** will do a stretch at Belly Up tonight. The former Blaster brother is best known for his gritty bar-room guitar and storied lyrics. The roots rocker dropped one of them coveted *Live from Austin, TX: Austin City Limits* discs last year. Tucson country cats the **Hacienda Bros.** set the Solana Beach stage.... Beauty Bar books a pop-rock hat trick with Raleigh, NC, alterna-pop act the **Annuals**, whose debut, *Wet Zoo*, was released Tuesday. Sounds like a whole lotta Southern-fried Coldplay. Locals **Sayvinyl** and **Frantic Romantic** fill the bill.... L.A. hip-hop heavies the **Living Legends** appear at 'Canes. That's eight dudes rocking mics up



DEAD KENNEDYS AT HOUSE OF BLUES

there fo' frenzied flow. MCs **Murs**, **Pacific Division**, and **Paul Detah** at large with the Legends.... Casbah hosts a Rock Against MS Fundraiser, featuring tough shuffling blues act **Mama Red and the North Park Band** and **Translation Audio**.

Friday 6

Former TJ hotspot Multikulti is now Planet Tijuana, and the showcase has got a couple top-shelf bookings this weekend. Friday night, electroclash duo **MSTRKRFT** will mash it up. You can check the Canadian crunkers' '06 debut *The Play* for a taste, but you can be sure they'll be premiering fresh cuts from an as-of-yet-untitled disc due to drop in September.... *Go ask Alice*, SanFran's '60s stalwarts **Jefferson Starship** land at Anthology Friday night. Everything up to "We Built This City," right?... Former Wu-Tanger **Raekwon** will tip a taste of his summertime rapper *Only Built for Cuban* at 4th&B.... Huntington Beach rapcore crew **Hed(pe)** join **Subnoize Souljaz** and **Potluck & Dog Boy** for a beachside party at 'Canes.... Round

downtown: **Calico Horse** trots out a CD release party at Casbah. The quartet's Pall Jenkins-produced debut is called *Mirror* (Banter Records) and languishes in lady-led mood pieces. With the psych-folkies the **Donkeys** and **Swim Party**.... Tower Bar stages Single Screen recording artists **Vision of a Dying World** and **Red Feathers**. Rumor is that this is the Feathers' last gig. Didn't their record just come out? Could be sleeper sets of the week with the up-and-coming **Growlers**.... **Bloody Hollies** and **Desert Diamonds** spill at Beauty Bar.... And **Wild Weekend** and **Naughty Bird** drop in on Pink Elephant.

Saturday 7

A festivo for the rest of us. The 29th annual Fiesta del Sol hits Fletcher Cove in Solana Beach with the **English Beat** and the **Romantics**.... For the road warriors, there's the first ever Manimal Festival at Pappy & Harriet's Palace in Pioneertown above JoshTree, featuring **Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti**, **BlackBlack**, **Hecuba**, the **Chapin Sisters**, and **Xu Xu Fang**. An indie-rock ghost town hoedown.... Else: House of Blues exhumes punk-rock pioneers the **Dead Kennedys**.... *We Started Nothing*. U.K. drama poppers the **Ting Tings** premiere *Nothing* at Casbah. **Anna Rossi** and **a.m. vibe** open.... And the **Beach Boys** surf Humphrey's while Beatles trib act **Fab Faux** invades Spreckels. Beach Boys vs. Beatles — just like old times.

Sunday 8

Another mini fest: check out the 94/9 Independence Jam at Southwestern College, featuring the **Hold Steady**. *Sure, Boys and Girls in America* doesn't rock quite like *Separation Sunday*, but the heaping helping of both is worth the fare. **Flogging Molly** headlines with **Cold War Kids**. The "official afterparty" goes off at Casbah, featuring **Cop Shoot Cop** and **Tod A's**.



SIGUR RÓS AT PLANET TIJUANA

Firewater and the **Sess**. Firewater's new one, *The Golden Hour*, derails punk pop with world-beat.



DETROIT COBRAS AT CASBAH

Ampere bring DIY hardcore to Ché. **New Trust** and **Loma Prieta** in support.

Wednesday 11

Ex-Acid Bath frontman **Dax Riggs** rolls into Casbah. After moderate success with his last act, **Deadboy & the Elephantmen**, the Austinite broke from bands. Riggs is out to tout new solo disc *If This Is Hell, Then I'm Lucky*...



DAX RIGGS AT CASBAH

Belly Up hosts a 91X Loudspeaker thing, with a hot three-way ticket, featuring locals the **Sess**, **Burning of Rome**, and **Japanese Sunday**. The Sess are rollin' hard behind rollicking punk-n-blues debut *Agendumb*... San Fran indie kids **Scissors for Lefty** cut up *Underhanded Romance* for Soma kids. Oakland's hard-rocking **Matches** headline behind their third Epitaph disc *A Band in Hope*. — Barnaby Monk

Get it in your carousel, kids.... Ché Café serves up odd-pop tag team **Frog Eyes** (Victoria, Canada) and **Fantastic Magic**.... The **Beatless** and **VV Morgue** animate the Zombie.... And south of the border, Icelandic ambients **Sigur Rós** drift into Planet Tijuana with local sonics **Album Leaf** and a **Beautiful Noise**. Get on Sigur's latest, *Gobbledigook*. Dream tracks.

Monday 9

Suck This! Portsmouth, NH, punk pansies the **Queers** protest Mondays at Casbah on the Asian Man Records tour. Fellow Asian bands **Lemuria**, **Bomb the Music Industry**, **Andrew Jackson Jihad**, and **Kepi Ghoulie** in support.... **Junior Brown** and **Rosie Flores** cowboy up Belly Up.... **Years Around the Sun** arrives at Beauty Bar.... **Joan of Arc**, **13 Knots**, and **Japanese Sunday** play Ché.

Tuesday 10

Damn Yankee **Ted "the Nuge" Nugent** comes packing at House of Blues. The Detroit slinger's out in support of last year's *Love Grenade*, which landed the 60-year-old back on Billboard. Check out the remake of his Amboy Dukes '60s psych-rock classic "Journey to the Center of the Mind".... Must be a Detroit invasion downtown, as covers crew **Detroit Cobras** slither into Casbah. The garage-rockers are best known for their greazy treatment of cherry-picked hits. Sample last year's Bloodshot release *Tied & True*.... **Erykah Badu** and the **Roots** bring R&B to Humphrey's.... **Singer** and **Aspects of Physics** get experimental on Beauty Bar's back-yard stage.... Amherst, MA, screamos

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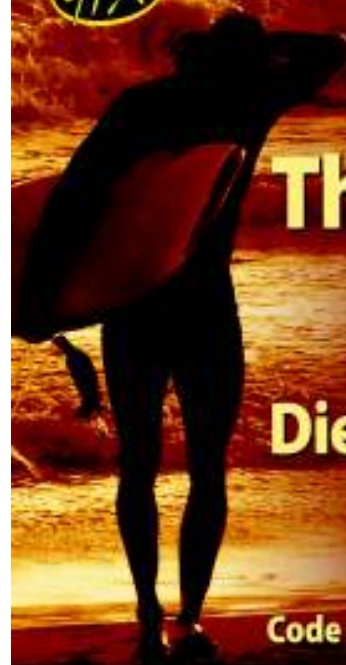
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Rock On and On

“Going toe-to-toe with Rick [Derringer] and surviving made me happy to be alive.”

You may not be familiar with guitarist Greg Douglass, but you’ve probably heard him play — he cowrote and played on the Steve Miller Band hit “Jungle Love” (1977), performed on Greg Kihn’s single “Jeopardy” (1983), and he’s toured and recorded with Van Morrison, Duane Eddy, Link Wray, Hot Tuna, Dave Mason, and Eddie Money. He moved to the San Diego area in 1992.

“I’m currently living in a big, beautiful house out in Lake Hodges, in the Del Dios–Escondido area,” he says. “We survived the fires, and it’s lovely here. It’s like Mayberry on acid.” Though he could probably live off the royalties from “Jungle Love” — which hit number 22 and was used as a theme song on TV’s *Everybody Loves Raymond* — Douglass remains one of the county’s busiest musicians.

“My musical plate is so full, it’s unreal,” he says. “I do solo finger-style gigs, concerts, weddings, funerals, dogfights — you pay, and I’ll play.” Among his current ensembles: the Fabulous Pelicans wedding band (“We get paid elephant bucks for traveling to exotic locations”), surf rockers Mo’ Wasabi (“I’m a Ventures junkie”), and the Monsters of Classic Rock, whose members have played with AC/DC, David Bowie, Rod Stewart, and Huey Lewis. One frequent Monster is guitar heavyweight Rick Derringer. “Going toe-to-toe with Rick and surviving made me happy to have been born,” says Douglass. “Lovely guy, too.”

Most recently he joined ’60s survivors the Electric Flag, once fronted by the late Mike Bloomfield. “Being asked to fill his shoes was a massive honor,” says Douglass. “We killed at the Monterey Pop Festival 40th Anniversary, and we’ll be doing a bunch of blues festivals in August.”

Douglass replied to our queries via email. “Love the ‘Lists’ feature,” he says. “It’s a grand opportunity to eavesdrop inside someone else’s brain.”

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WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Steve Earle, *Washington Square Serenade*. “A great American songwriter who never fails to make my heart resonate. This experiment with acoustic guitar and drum machine is brilliant.”
2. Deva Premal, *Dakshina*. “I took back every tragically hip, snotty thing I’ve said about yoga and meditation music after hearing this. The best singer on the planet, with wonderful musicianship. I start every day with this CD.”
3. Leo Kottke, *6- and 12-String Guitar*. “I started to get a little full of myself as a guitarist recently, so I put this into my CD player. Leo once again served me up a big slice of musical humble pie, as he’s been doing for almost 40 years.”
4. Richard and Linda Thompson, *Shoot Out the Lights*. “I first heard this album ages ago at a party in an old mansion in Scotland on a cold and rainy night. Perfect setting for very dark and beautiful music.”

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

1. *Requiem for a Dream*. “Best film ever about the horrors of drug addiction. Stunning acting and a cautionary reminder of places I no longer want to be.”
2. *The Godfather*, parts 1 and 2. “I’ve seen ’em both over 20 times. Coppola should have retired after the second one.”
3. *Midnight Run*. “Everything works in this overlooked masterpiece starring Robert De Niro and Charles Grodin. It’s the ultimate buddy film — hilarious and touching — and the Danny Elfman soundtrack rips.”
4. *Pink Flamingos*. “I love this John Waters film about people vying for the title of Filthiest Peo-



Greg Douglass

ple Alive. I’ve lost friends from showing them the final scene of *Divine* eating dog doody. I can’t help it. I’m a sick bastard.”

LOCAL MOST LIKELY DESTINED FOR FAME AND FORTUNE?

“I recently had the pleasure of playing guitar and cowriting a bunch of tunes for Anna Troy’s upcoming CD *Catch the Rain*...it’s the most fun I’ve had working on a project in 30 years, and it prodded some pretty nifty guitar work out of this old dog.”

LAST BOOK READ?

“I’m reading *Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex* by Mary Roach, one of my favorite writers. She also wrote *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*. Fascinating, hilarious, and

makes for stimulating bedtime conversation with my lovely wife Jeri. I’m in the middle of the chapter on the invention of the penis camera.”

LENNON OR MCCARTNEY?

“Lennon. The guy really put his soul out there for the world to see. Also, McCartney was an active participant in both ‘Ebony and Ivory’ and ‘The Girl Is Mine.’ He deserved to be married to that one-legged bitch for making us listen to those musical felonies.”

MOST VISITED WEBSITES?

1. *eBay.com*. “I’m a collector by nature, and the plethora of ephemera on eBay is bottomless. Damn them.”
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INSTRUMENT YOU MOST WISH YOU PLAYED?

“Hammond organ. I always wanted to be Jimmy Smith. The stuff he did with Kenny Burrell on guitar was the coolest music I’ve ever heard. Beautiful grooves.”

WORST JOB?

“I worked in a spice factory in Concord, California, back in the early ’70s. I packaged spices, toxic food additives, and lugged 50-pound bags of soy meal around in 100-degree heat for eight hours a day. My first day on the job I opened a 50-gallon drum of cayenne pepper. My coworkers did not inform me to wear goggles and a nose filter.”

YOUR BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?

“The obscene and endless greed of oil companies is ruining our country, with the government pushing things right along. We are each being financially gang-banged on a daily basis. It’s not going to have a pretty end, and I see no change coming.”

FAVORITE HANGOUTS?

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3. “My couch.”

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

“I have an extensive collection of original, vintage horror and science fiction movie posters, and I also collected butterflies as a kid. All that’s missing is the adhesive tape on my glasses. I’m a true *Dweebus americanus*, disguised as a rock star.” ■

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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. *Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Metro. Features Chuck Loeb, Mitchel Forman, Eric Marienthal, Dave Weckl, and Gerald Veasley. \$15-\$39. *Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Jefferson Starship. Psychedelic rock. \$22-\$68. *Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Jamie. Plays music from *West Side Story* with



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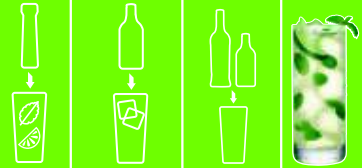
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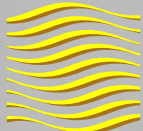


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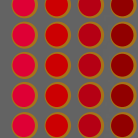
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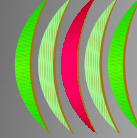
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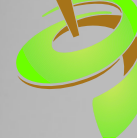
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Thursday, 9 p.m. — Living Legends and Murs. With Pacific Division and Paul Dateh. Hip-hop. \$20-\$22.
Friday, 8 p.m. — (hed)pe and Subnoize Souljaz. With Potluck and Dogboy. Punk/metal/hip-hop. \$15.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Rebirth Brass Band. With Wylde Bunch. Funk/alternative rock. \$15.
Sunday, 2 p.m. — Elephants in Mud. Reggae/punk/hip-hop.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Chris Cendana and Vanja James. With Intercept, Metabolic Monster, and Quinn Allan. Acoustic/pop/rock. \$10.

Carvers: 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400.
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Hype. Covers blues, pop, and rockabilly.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — Mama Red & the North Park Band. Rock Against MS fundraiser with Translation Audio and guests. Alternative/blues/soul. \$10.
Friday, 8:30 p.m. — Calico Horse. CD-release show with Swim Party, the Donkeys, and Joey Barro. Alternative/pop/rock. \$8.
Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — The Ting Tings. Indie pop/rock. \$10-\$12.
Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Firewater. Plus guests. \$10.

Monday, 8:30 p.m. — The Queers, Lemuria, Bomb the Music Industry. With Andrew Jackson Jihad and Kepi Ghoulie. Pop punk/surf/indie. \$12.
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Detroit Cobras and Les Sans Culottes. With Killola. Rock/soul/pop. \$15.
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Dax Riggs. With the Builders & the Butchers and Blackout Party. Rock/blues/experimental. \$10.

Channel Twelve 25: 172 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-1225.
Saturday, 6 p.m. — Original Songwriters Night. San Diego Songwriter's Guild event with Ean Corbett, Eric Rumble, Bridget

of NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Firewater's first album, 1996's *Get Off the Cross (We Need Wood for the Fire)*, introduced the public to an agitated blend of world music and the sometimes brutal sense of humor of Firewater's founder, **Tod A.** Firewater is a collective of random musicians; Tod A. is Tod Ashley from New York, who once played in the punk band Cop Shoot Cop and is now homeless and says he prefers it that way. The music? A mashup of gypsy, Middle Eastern, and rock that is heavy on the Eastern European. For lack of anything better, call it punk Klezmer.

Klezmer is a strange and ripping contrast of happy and sad, illuminated by heroic instrumental soloing. Tod A. may have been

first to combine it with punk, but I was first drawn to Firewater by Tod A.'s mind rather than his music. Later I came to appreciate Firewater for its effect much in the way one might depend on a coffee and a smoke first thing in the morning.

I also thought Tod A.'s politics were dead-on. When George Bush won the reelection, the singer-songwriter moved to the Middle East with his laptop and guitar, a microphone, and his clothes. During three years abroad he recorded *The Golden Hour*, and he kept a blog going titled "Postcards from the Other Side of the World" in which he wrote Bruce Chatwin-esque hip little observations of culture. "I experienced a Clint Eastwood moment as I came through the saloon doors," he writes of an evening spent in a bar in Ze'elim, Israel. "Conversations seemed to stop as everyone in the place checked out the new boy in town. Even 'Rock You Like a



TOD A. (OF FIREWATER)

Hurricane' [Scorpions], which was blaring from the sound system, seemed to momentarily stop, like a saloon piano in a cheesy western film." Like Chatwin, Tod A. is a paradox unto himself, alive in his own world, making it up as he goes.

FIREWATER, The Casbah, Sunday, June 8, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

Brigitte with Mike Alvarez, Brian Darnell, Steven Ybarra, Jory Lyle, Jazz Van Gogh, Chris Wilson, Brandon Rice, and Blues Lyne. Live video shoot on three cameras. \$8.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Frog Eyes, Ramona Cordova, Francois Vivot. With Fantastic Magic. Folk rock/pop. \$7.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Joan of Arc and 31 Knots. With Japanese Sunday and Nothingful. Indie/rock/pop.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Ampere, New Trust, Loma Prieta. Punk/indie/hardcore. \$6.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — African and World-Beat Music. Damaru performs with guests Sene Africa from Senegal. 619-688-9845. \$5.

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.

Coyote Bar and Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad,

760-729-4695.
Thursday, 6 p.m. — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/funk/rock.
Friday, 6 p.m. — Backwater Blues Band. Blues/funk/jazz.
Saturday, 6 p.m. — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Blues/jazz/soul.
Sunday, 2 p.m. — Billy Watson and Scott Carter & New Breed. Blues/soul/reggae.
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Scott Carter Duo. Reggae/R&B.

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

Devore Stadium Field - Southwestern College: 900 Otay Lakes Road, Southwestern College, 619-482-6367.
Sunday, noon — Miller Lite Independence Jam. With Flogging Molly, the Hold Steady, Cold War Kids, and more. \$40.

Dirk's Niteclub: 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.
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Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido. **Thursday, 7 p.m.** — Luna Llena. Musicians play Cuban salsa for First Thursday Concert. 760-839-4329.

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. **Saturday, 9 p.m.** — John Katchur and Randi Driscoll. Acoustic/rock/pop. \$10. **Sunday, noon** — Pool Party. With Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock. \$5. **Sunday, noon** — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Covers/blues/rock. \$5. **Wednesday, 5 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.

Hornblower Cruises: 1066 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-686-8715. **Friday, 3 p.m.** — Z-Bop! Jazz/lounge/swing. \$66.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583. **Friday, 7 p.m.** — Cubensis. A Grateful Dead tribute. Highway 61 Revisited also performs a Bob Dylan tribute. \$10. **Saturday, 8 p.m.** — The Dead Kennedys. Legendary punk. \$15-\$17. **Sunday, 6:30 p.m.** — Dethklok. With Chimaira and Soilent Green. Metal/thrash. \$22. **Tuesday, 7 p.m.** — Ted Nugent. Hard rock. \$35-\$55.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. **Thursday, 8 p.m.** — 5 Miles High. Classic rock. \$5. **Friday, 6 p.m.** — Plato Soul and Rising Star. Covers/standards. \$5-\$12. **Saturday, 9:30 p.m.** — Viva Santana. A tribute to Carlos Santana. \$12.

Sunday, 8 p.m. — Burt Brion. Smooth jazz. \$12. **Monday, 7 p.m.** — Chris Smith. CD-release show. Blues/R&B/rock. \$15. **Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.** — Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra. Funk/jazz/rock. \$5. **Wednesday, 8 p.m.** — Jesse Davis. Jazz vocalist. \$5.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577. **Saturday, 7:30 p.m.** — The Beach Boys. Surf rock/pop. \$73. **Tuesday, 7 p.m.** — Erykah Badu and the Roots. Neo soul/hip-hop/funk. \$80.

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.** — Hoo Doo Blues. Blues/rock/swing.

Jack's La Jolla: 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. Piano Bar. Every day of the week in the Ocean Room. 6 p.m.

Jimmy Love's: 672 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-595-0123. **Friday, 9:45 p.m.** — Reaganomics. '80s cover band. **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. **Mondays** — Reggae Infusion Irie Time. Various reggae bands perform.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.

Thursday — Earthless and Pride Tiger. With Hostile Comb-Over. Psychedelic/rock.

Friday — Deadbolt and the Nightmares. Voodooobilly/punk. **Saturday** — The Whiskey Dicks and the Boot Hill Gang. With Old Devil. Punk/rock/country.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483. **Friday, 9 p.m.** — Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat. Classic rock. **Saturday, 9 p.m.** — The Farmers.

Alternative/rock. **Sundays, 4 p.m.** — The Blues Brokers. Blues/soul/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. **Sunday, 6:30 p.m.** — Freefall. Jazz.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.

Thursday — Josh Damigo and Patrick Pike. Acoustic/pop/soul. **Friday** — Saba. CD-release show with the Flimz. Indie/acoustic/folk. **Saturday** — Anna Benthom and Gabriella. With Katy Wong. Acoustic/pop/rock. **Sunday** — Damien Jordan. Acoustic/folk rock. **Wednesday** — Cryns Number 3 and Nik Sheisby. Acoustic/bluegrass.

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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Jazz, Klezmer, Classical, Tin Pan Alley! UCSD's Wind Ensemble, directed by clarinetist Robert Zelickman, plans concert. 858-534-3229.

McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, 760-439-6646.
Fridays, 4:30 p.m. — The California Rangers. Country.

Mira Mesa Inn: 11261 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa, 858-578-3969.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Railheads. Rock.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9 p.m. — VIP. Rock.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — American Rock Experience. Southern rock.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
Saturday, 1 p.m. — Rack of Bones Trombone Choir. Ensemble from Coastal Communities Concert Band plays marches, music from movies, Broadway, and big band era. Donation. \$5.

Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834.
Sundays, 5:30 p.m. — The Steemin Heep Blues Band. A blend of traditional blues, swing, and rock. Ages 21 and up.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Friday, 9 p.m. — The Bedpost Buzzards and Sixth Day. With Bastard Saints and the Jury. Metal.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Breaker Breaker One Niner. With Blue in the Face, Save Amos, and the Common Loon. Punk/pop/rock.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — The Goomies and the Days the Nights. Indie rock.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — The Yucks, Noisegod, Nuclear Tomorrow. Rock/punk/metal.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-ONYX.
Thursday — Jazz Jam Session. With Gilbert Castellanos.

Osetra: 904 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-180X.
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.

The Par Lounge at San Vicente Resort: 24157 San Vicente Road, Ramona, 760-789-8290.
Friday, 8:30 p.m. — MoonDance. Classic rock/R&B/soul cover band.

Pasquale on Prospect: 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-0722.
Sundays, 6 p.m. — Stage 4. Jazz/rhythm and blues.

Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — West of 5. Classic to modern rock.

Peter D's: 5149 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-277-3217.
Wednesdays, 8 p.m. — Mystery Train. Performs and hosts an open blues jam.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Please bear with me for a brief history lesson: In the French Revolution, the *sans-culottes* were a dangerous element of the Third Estate. They were poor, and they wore long work pants instead of the knee-length breeches (or *culottes*) then in fashion.

Today, Les Sans Culottes is a rock band from Brooklyn that performs great old French pop songs and American songs translated into noticeably non-native French ("Ces Bottes Sont Faites Pour Marcher," also known as "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'"). They also sport silly names like **Edith Pissoff**, **Kit Kat LeNoir**, and **Françoise Hardly**. Their promotional litera-

ture tends to translate the band's name as "without underwear." Revolutionary they are not.

Sorry, here's another brief history lesson: Les Sans Culottes are not the only faux-French band from Brooklyn. The current Les Sans Culottes lineup is the result of a failed coup d'état. After his old bandmates tried to kick him out of the band, singer **Clermont Ferrand** took them to court. The result: He kept the name while they carried on as Nous Non Plus. Given this history, it's hard to not judge the two bands against each other. I prefer Nous Non Plus, but given that they're both Franco-phonies, you can't really say that one is more authentic or valid than the other. A show by either one looks like a fun night out to me.

That said, I have to wonder how much need there is for any faux-French bands (and



LES SANS CULOTTES

there are others besides these two) at a time when it's easier than ever to hear real French acts on MySpace or YouTube.

Detroit Cobras headline.

LES SANS CULOTTES, The Casbah, Tuesday, June 10, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$15.

The Prado: 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Woodring & Donnis. Acoustic.

Prescott Promenade: 211? East Main Street, El Cajon.
Friday, 6 p.m. — Eve Selis. Roadhouse rock for Concerts on the Green. 619-401-8858.

Qualcomm Hall: 5775 Morehouse Drive, Mira Mesa, 858-481-1673.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — "Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim". Acclaimed jazz flutist Holly Hofmann performs tribute to legendary Brazilian composer, with Mike Wofford on piano, bassist Christoph Luty, drummer Jeff

Hamilton, percussionist Tommy Aros, and 12-piece string orchestra from San Diego Symphony. 858-454-5872. \$30-\$35.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.
Thursday, 10 p.m. — Stepping Feet. A Dave Matthews Band tribute. \$5.
Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. — The Pheromones. Rock. \$5.

Rancho Bernardo Inn: 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500.
Fridays, 5:30 p.m., *Saturdays*, 6 p.m. — Jerry Melnick & Tom Bishop. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Jazz/variety.

Rancho Peñasquitos Library: 13350 Salmon River Road, Rancho Peñasquitos, 858-538-8159.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. — Fiddle Girl. Celia Lawley performs country music.

The Red Eye Saloon: 1448 South Mission Road, Fallbrook.
Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — The City Limits Band. Country/classic rock/blues.

Rei Do Gado Churrascaria: 939 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-8464.
Thursdays, Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, 6 p.m. — Peter the Prince of Piano. Piano/pop.

Riley's: 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-255-8635.
Saturday — Live bands.
Sunday — Live blues.
Wednesdays, 9 p.m. — Swing Night. Live swing bands perform.

Rosie O'Grady's: 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284-7666.
Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m. — Bdu's Jazz Jam Session. Modern jazz classics and standards with Bryan Whelan, Doug Walker, Laurel Grinnell, and friends.

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Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Na Pali Coast Trio. Museum of Making Music hosts Peter Sprague (guitar), Steve Kujala (flute), Bob Magnusson (bass) playing jazz, Tin Pan Alley standards, Brazilian bossa nova-style tunes. 760-438-5996 x212. \$10.

Second Wind (Magnolia): 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-596-8350.
Thursday — Hear No Evil.

Sevilla: 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.
Thursday — Charlie Chavez y Su Afro Truco.
Mondays, 9 p.m. — Rock en Español.

The Shout House: 655 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-6700.
Thursdays, 7 p.m., *Fridays*, 6 p.m., *Saturdays*, 6 p.m., *Sundays*, 7 p.m. — Dueling Pianos. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos. \$5-\$10. Ages 21 and up.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Point Loma, 619-226-SOMA.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Elysia and See You Next Tuesday. With Knights of Abyss, the Banner, and a Girl a Gun a Ghost. Hardcore/punk/metal. \$13.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — Strung Out and Authority Zero. With Critical Me and Chaser. Punk/metal/reggae. \$15.
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — The Matches and Scissors for Lefty. With Vogue in the Movement, First Class Liars, and Public Puppet. Alternative/pop/indie. \$12.

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.

Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Fab Faux. Group is known for “spot-on recreations of the most demanding Beatles music.” Sharing the bill: Hogshead Horns and Crème Tangerine Strings. \$39-\$120.

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Thursday — Anna Troy. Blues/roots/rock.
Fridays — Trainwreck.
Tuesday — General Lee. Rock/blues.
Wednesday — Rhythm & the Method. Acoustic/blues/rock.

Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre: 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Broadway Legend. Tony Award-winning actress Lea Salonga of *Miss Saigon*, *Les Miserables*, *Flower Drum Song*, others. 619-445-6002. \$45.

The Lavender Fields: 12460 Keys Creek Road, Valley Center, 760-742-1489.
Sunday, 11 a.m. — Willowood. Harp and flute duo performs Celtic, Renaissance, classical, traditional, original songs. Donation.

Thornton’s Irish Pub and Grill: 1221 Broadway, El Cajon, 619-447-5665.

Friday, 8 p.m. — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies. Blues/soul/rockabilly.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Thursday — Jetwash.
Friday — Brain Bucket. Rock/jazz/funk.
Saturday — Hoo Doo Blues. Blues/rock/swing.

Wednesday — Pushin Rope. Country/punk/bluegrass.

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October 25 — Eliza Gilkyson.
November 9 — Ellis Paul.
November 29 — Tom Russell.

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July 1 — Rockola.
July 2 — Les Dudek.
July 3, July 4, July 5 — Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra.
July 6 — The Azar Lawrence Quartet.
July 10 — Mavis Staples.
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July 13 — The Steely Damned.
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June 27 — Reggae nights.

June 28 — Atomic Punks.
June 29 — Dilated Peoples, Aceyalone, 88-Keys.
June 30 — Abigail Washburn & the Sparrow Quartet.
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July 5 — The Cured and I-90.
July 6, July 7 — Israel Vibration and Outlaw Nation.
July 10 — Ayo.
July 11 — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations.
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 August 3 — Bryan Adams.
 August 7 — Immortal Technique.
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 August 28 — Patty Griffin.
 August 29 — Rub-A-Dub Friday.
 September 8 — Lee "Scratch" Perry.
 September 23 — Railroad Earth.
 September 25 — Bootsy Collins.
 September 28 — Greg Brown.
 September 30 — Johnny Winter.
 October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick.
 October 24 — Stereolab and Monade.
 October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.

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 August 20 — Shawn Mullins.
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 June 21 — The Kenny Burrell Quartet.
 August 2 — Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio.
 October 18 — Gaelic Storm.

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 June 12 — Yesterday's Papers and Jesse Nova.
 June 19 — Sheila Sondergard and Michael Tiernan.

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June 14 — Grin's Edge and the Wreck.

June 18 — Magnolia Black and Oh No Not Stereo.
June 19 — Witt, the Slush, One Lonely Robot.
June 27 — The Toledo Show.

'Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
June 12 — Project: Out of Bounds and the Skaflaws.
June 13 — Andre Nickatina and Yuckmouth.
June 14 — Agua Dulce, Wise Monkey Orchestra, La Tanya Lockett.

June 15 — Stone Senses.
June 18 — Double FF, Motus, Bastard Saints.
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 28 — Iron Maidens.
June 29 — Frontyard.
July 3 — Cash'd Out.
July 4 — Split Finger and High Tide.

July 5 — Pivit and Agent 51.
July 6 — Project: Out of Bounds and Steel Foundation.
July 10 — Canobliss and Six Reasons.
July 11 — Paul Fuga and Stranger.
July 12 — Tainted Love.
July 13 — Love & Groove.
July 18 — DJ DNA.
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 3 — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds.
August 7 — Agent Orange and Critical Me.
August 10 — Split Finger.
August 17 — Project: Out of Bounds.
August 22 — Katchafire.
August 24 — Roots Vision.
August 29 — Stranger.
August 31 — Atomic Punks.

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2400.
June 13, June 14 — Nite Hawk.
June 20, June 21 — Laguna.
June 27, June 28 — Crossroads.
July 4, July 5 — The Elevators.
July 11, July 12 — The Hype.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
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 and the Dutchess & the Duke.
June 28 — Reeve Oliver and A.M. Vibe.
June 29 — The Napoleon Complex and a Beautiful Noise.
June 30 — Swim Party and the Henry Clay People.
July 1 — The Modley Lemon and the Muslims.
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 10 — Calico Horse and Silverbird.
July 11 — Scarlet Symphony and Vision of a Dying World.
July 17 — Earlimart and the Parson Red Heads.
July 20 — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson.
July 23 — Rocky Votolato.
July 24 — Howlin Rain and Earthless.
July 27 — Japanese Sunday, Syndicate, Fever Sleeves.
July 31 — Jay Reatard and Cheap Time.
August 2 — Buckfast Superbee.
August 3 — Thao & the Get Down Stay Down.
August 4 — Nomo.
August 9 — Manic Hispanic.
August 10 — The Silent Comedy and Or, the Whale.
August 15 — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich.
August 16 — Ilya and Film School.
August 22 — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram.
August 24 — El Vez.
September 17 — Dr. Dog.

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June 14 — "South Park Jammin' Jazz Fest on Fir."

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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 22 — Phobia, Skarp, Basura.
June 23 — Bird Names and Lilith Velkor.
June 28 — Japandi and BoomSnake.
July 11 — Die Young and Lie & Wait.
July 12 — Bumbklaatt, Thou, Leech.
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June 13 — Restless Natives.
June 14 — Nathan James & Ben Hernandez.
June 15 — The Blues Pharaohs.
June 18 — Johnny "B" Blues.
June 19 — Bozzani Brothers.
June 20 — Hot Rod Lincoln.
June 21 — Red Lane and Full Monty.
June 22 — Steamers and Fish & the Seaweeds.

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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.

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June 14 — Tribal Seeds.
June 14 — Steel Pulse and Pato Banton.
June 15 — La Arrolladora Banda el Limón.
June 15 — The Hype.
June 17 — Keltik Kharma.
June 17 — Grand Funk Railroad and the Guess Who.
June 18 — Unsteady.
June 19 — The Clay Colton Band.
June 19 — Dwight Yoakam.
June 19 — Micky Dolenz.
June 20 — Earth, Wind, & Fire.
June 20 — Satisfaction.
June 21 — The Doodlebops.
June 21 — In Color.
June 22 — Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
June 22 — Los Huracanes del Norte.
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 — Wild Child.
June 27 — Fergie.
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 — The Iron Maidens.
July 3 — Charo.
July 3 — Boston.
July 4 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
July 4 — Led Zepagain.
July 5 — Joe Lara & Slider Blue.
July 6 — War.
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June 12 — Ruby & the Red Hots.
June 13 — Leonard Patton.
June 15 — The Elameno Quintet.
June 19 — Shep Meyers and Bob Magnusson.
June 21 — Frank Catalano.
June 26 — Toni Price and Sue

Palmer.
August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.
Dublin Square: 554 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-5818.
June 18 — Colin Clyne.

Embarcadero Marina Park South: 206 Marina Park Way, Downtown.
June 14 — Dionne Warwick and Kool & the Gang.
June 27, June 28 — "Sinatra Sings Sinatra."

Epicentre: 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.
June 19 — Islands and Sebastian Grainger.
June 20 — Casino Madrid and Ration the Truth.
June 29 — End the Century and Katsumoto.
July 11 — Tilly & the Wall.
July 14 — Harry & the Potters and Jason Anderson.
Fannie's Nightclub: 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-

698-2204.
June 13 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.
June 14 — South of 94.
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.

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June 13, June 20 — Sambossa Trio.
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June 13 — Christopher Dale.
June 15 — Pool Party.
June 15 — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
June 18 — Christopher Dale and Friends.
June 20 — The Citizen Band.

June 22 — Pool Party.
June 22 — The Pool and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds.
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June 12 — Augustana.
June 13 — Which One's Pink?
June 15 — Lil Wayne.
June 20 — The Old 97's.
June 21 — Marc Cohn.
June 25 — Ingrid Michaelson.
June 27 — Bonfire.
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 12 — Aleks Syntek.
July 16 — One Republic.
July 18 — The Dan Band.
July 22 — Jesse Lacey.
July 25 — The Aquabats.
July 27 — Bullet for My Valentine.
July 29 — Less Than Jake and Goldfinger.
July 31 — Chromeo.
August 2 — Richard Cheese.
August 3 — Cavalera Conspiracy.
October 1 — Lagwagon and MxPx.

Humphrey's Backstage Music Club: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
June 12 — The Buick Wilson Band.
June 13 — Laurie Morvan.
June 14 — Detroit Underground.
June 15 — Native Vibe.
June 16 — Chet Cannon.
June 17 — Rockola.
June 18 — The Soul Persuaders.
June 19 — Indie by Design.
June 20 — Crush.
June 21 — Detroit Underground.
June 22 — Reggie Smith.
June 23 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.
June 24 — The Johnny Eager Band.
June 25 — Indie by Design.
June 26 — Blue Rockit.
June 27 — Rockola.
June 28 — Liquid Blue.
June 29 — T-Fox & the Fox City Band.
June 30 — The Eve Selis Band.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
June 12 — Kem.
June 13 — Tom Jones.
June 13 — Johnny Lang.
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 & RatDog.
July 16 — Chris Isaak.
July 17, July 18 — Hippiefest.
July 22 — Feist.
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 & Kaponi.
October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.

JP's Pub: 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 858-576-2509.
June 27 — Red Light Behavior.

Jack's La Jolla: 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111.
June 12 — Woodring & Donniss.

Janie's Cocktails: 656 E Street, Chula Vista.
June 27 — Hear No Evil.

Joe 'n Andy's Hole in the Wall: 9344 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-589-8684.
June 27 — The Jon Garner Trio.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
June 12 — Asher in the Rye and Snuffaluffagus.
June 13 — Carlos Olmeda and Sara Petite.

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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **The Paddle Boat**
Song: "A Little Time" (from myspace.com/thepaddleboat)
Heard By: **Michael Dunford**, Mission Hills



Michael

I thought it was good. I think it's a very appropriate song. What I mean by that is the time; it's the beginning of summer [so] it would be a perfect song to [listen to and] sit on the beach. I felt like it was a Californian song. I really enjoyed it. I'd listen to them again. I'd say it was down-tempo rock. It seemed like there was hand-based percussion as well as electric six string, and there was bass in there, too, with some sort of electronic modulation. Definitely over the summer I think there's going to be airplay for that kind of material. People will be at the beach, and I think that's the kind of music they will want to hear.

June 14 — Renata Youngblood and Jenn Grinels.
June 15 — The Wrong Trousers.
June 18 — Jenni Alpert and Kori Withers.
June 19 — Silverleaf.
June 20 — Jane Lui.
June 21 — Allison Lonsdale.
June 22 — Fever Sleeves and Witt.
June 26 — Dave Mulligan.
June 27 — Kenny Eng and Melissa Vaughan.
June 28 — Gregory Page.
June 29 — Damon Ray and Tony Martino.
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SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **FM Revolver**
Song: "Amundsen" (from the CD *Leaving Madeira*)
Heard By: **Stephanie Rae**, North Park



Stephanie

It was louder than my tastes lean toward. There was a lot of angst. It's not what I would generally listen to, but they came across well. It was very professional. It seemed clean. It kind of reminds of new "grunge." It reminded me of Creed or Lifehouse — those kinds of bands. What did he say in the lyrics? "Everything is more beautiful than I am"? C'mon. I think that could have been said a little less blunt. It was a little self-deprecating. There was some yelling, but it was sing-songy — he could carry a tune. I think it was well put together. It seems like in San Diego there's a big following for that P.O.D. style. It's not my cup of tea.

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Artist: **Embalmers**
Song: "Zombie Surf" (from myspace.com/embalmers)
Heard By: **Esteban del Rio**, Linda Vista



Esteban

I thought it was actually really strong, in terms of the chord progression, and fun. It's kind of a novelty song. I think it was pretty solid surf guitar. The ghoulish voice at first was annoying, and then I realized that the song was about ghouls. I think it would be really fun to see at a show, but I don't know if I would listen to it at home on my living-room system. It reminded me of Madness. They reminded me a little bit of Deadbolt, too. I was thinking of Michael Jackson's "Thriller," in terms of the visuals I was getting inside my head. I think that definitely it could get airplay around Halloween.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
June 20 — Death Cab for Cutie.
September 6 — Slightly Stoopid and Pepper.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
June 13 — Superfunk.
June 14 — Skynnyn Lynnyrd.
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.
September 27 — Anita Baker.
October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

The Par Lounge at San Vicente Resort: 24157 San Vicente Road, Ramona, 760-789-8290.
July 25 — Red Light Behavior.
Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
June 20 — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak.

Brad Paisley
June 13
Death Cab for Cutie
June 20
311/Snoop Dogg
June 27
Marco Antonio Solis
June 27
David Sedaris
June 30
Robert Plant & Alison Krauss
June 30
American Idols Live
July 2
Toby Keith
July 11
Journey
July 15

Mexico vs. Argentina
June 4

George Michael

June 17



Madonna
November 4

Ringo Starr July 27
Stone Temple Pilots July 27
John Mayer July 29

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June 13 — Sue Palmer.

June 20 — Breez'n.

June 27 — The Cathryn Beeks
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July 27 — Stone Temple Pilots.

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June 22 — Cool Fever.

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June 24 — Widespread Panic.

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July 2 — American Idol.

July 5 — Raven-Symone.

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July 2 — Ours and God or Julie.

July 5 — The Dajjal Persona and
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July 13 — Summer Slaughter 2008.

July 14 — A Change of Pace and
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July 17 — Kill Hannah and Metic
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July 18 — Finch.

July 20 — Cute Is What We Aim
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July 22 — State Radio.

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August 6 — The Hush Sound and

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August 8 — Shai Hulud, Full Blown

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August 9 — The Faint.

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by Josh Board

I remember going to an *Alice in Wonderland* party in costume. When my old girlfriend and I saw the crowd in the living room, we thought we were the only ones dressed up. Luckily, there were people in the kitchen and on the back patio who were dressed for the theme party.

When I shared this story with my current girlfriend, we decided that we wouldn't bother dressing up for a Shakespeare party, which worked out fine. When we walked in and were ushered to the back, there was a closet full of Shakespearean attire. One of the women hosting the party handed me an outfit. I said, "I don't want to look like a jester. What else do ya got?" She handed me a pirate-style shirt with a vest. My girlfriend was given an outfit, and after dressing we stepped back into the party.

As I walked by a woman trying on an outfit, I heard her say, "This doesn't show any back fat, does it?" A concern I didn't have, though my outfit



did show off chest hair.

We arrived too late for the food, but there were wine and desserts set out.

I talked with a pregnant woman and asked her how annoying it was having strangers touch her stomach. I asked her if she'd ever tricked

"This doesn't show any back fat, does it?"

anyone by saying, "What do you mean? I'm not pregnant." I don't think I convinced her to try it, but she agreed that there was nothing gained by a stranger asking her how far



along she was.

I was on the porch getting a glass of wine when the lights flickered. They were getting

ready for someone to do a scene from *Henry V*.

We all crowded into the house. I have to admit, it was fun seeing Shakespeare this way. I was surprised that the

younger kids were so well behaved. I remember my brother performing in *The Taming of the Shrew* in high school — the little kids wouldn't shut up.

Over the course of the evening, there were various pieces acted out and several songs. One even had lute accompaniment.

I went outside for a cigar and met a woman from Huntington Beach. Her friends called her Smokey. We talked about

movies and music, artists as varied as the Talking Heads and Emmylou Harris.

We saw a greyhound run by, and I called it over. As we were petting it, I said, "This dog is the perfect breed for a Shakespeare party." We didn't see an owner around, so I suggested we call the number on the collar. The owner, who looked a bit like Jimmy Buffett, showed up and said it was the second time in a week that the dog escaped from the back yard.

He looked at everyone and asked, "Uh, why are you guys all dressed like that?"

I heard a soprano singing in the living room and decided I should keep it down a bit. Even though I was outside, I'm sure it was a distraction for people listening.

I glanced at the party's program and saw that pieces from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Macbeth*, and *Julius Caesar* would be performed in the third act. I would've liked to see someone do a piece from *Twelfth Night*. I made the mis-

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take of mentioning that to someone, who said, "You can perform that, if you'd like."

I went back outside to relight my cigar and talk with Smokey, who was going out to have a cigarette. When she couldn't find her lighter, I called her an "errant knave." I had heard it used in one of the pieces performed, and I figured I'd use that as my newest insult for people.

Smokey told me she was a Christian, and we talked about religion. I wished all religious people could talk about their beliefs in the manner she did. It was interesting, not pushy; she wasn't trying to "save my soul."

She had saved one soul, though. She told me a story about donating a kidney to a friend's sister.

Somehow the conversation turned to a joke I told earlier. A few people didn't laugh. I insisted they didn't get it. My girlfriend said, "Tell her. She'll decide if it's funny..." Smokey seemed uncomfortable, but I told it. It's about a ventriloquist looking for work. His agent tells him about a job reading fortunes. The agent says, "Just get some crystal ball and go through the motions. Nobody will know the difference." Reluctantly, the ventriloquist does this. When a woman comes up crying, saying she lost her husband the previous week, she asks

if he can see how he is in heaven by using the crystal ball. The guy says, "Sure, lady. It's \$10." Then, realizing he can utilize his ventriloquism skills, he adds, "For an additional \$5, you can hear your husband's voice coming from the crystal ball." The ventriloquist then says, "And for an extra \$15, you can hear his voice while I drink a glass of water."

Smokey smiled and gave a polite laugh. Two Latinas nearby didn't laugh. My girlfriend laughed, realizing she was right, that nobody finds the joke funny. I called her an "errant knave."

We heard some neighbors screaming at each other. A mom was telling her daughter that if she didn't get back in the house, she was going to call her probation officer. We heard doors slam. Two cop cars soon pulled up to the house where we were standing. My girlfriend said, "I probably shouldn't be drinking a beer out here, should I?" She set it down, and an officer asked us about a call he got. We pointed toward the house next door.

When the party was ending, our hosts told us more about the neighbors and said that the cops were there frequently.

My girlfriend and I changed back into our regular clothes and headed home.

On the way home she said something about me seeming interested in Smokey and how she thinks

I would've asked her out if we weren't dating. I said, "She lives in L.A." Her response: "You've dated women in L.A. before." I then said, "She's a Christian. And I'm not religious." She replied, "You've dated women of other religions, even a few Christians." She was right. I was grasping at straws as I said, "She doesn't laugh at my jokes." She smiled and said, "Neither do I." I snapped, "Yeah, well, you don't get them, you errant knave."

I then said, "Hey, I have another ventriloquist joke I forgot to tell her. A blonde woman is watching a ventriloquist perform. He tells blonde jokes until she's had enough. She stands up and says, 'I paid good money to see this show, and all you do is insult with dumb stereotypes.' The ventriloquist says, 'You're right, ma'am. I apologize.' She snaps back, 'I'm not talking to you! I'm talking to that little guy on your knee.'"

My girlfriend laughed and said, "That one's funny. You blew it with Smokey. You told the wrong ventriloquist joke." ■

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Chefs Call Him "Awesome"

Nearly every week, I pour myself a glass of Japanese fizzy-water (Nigori sake), take a deep breath, and call up some rank stranger — the chef of the restaurant I'm currently reviewing. Between the serious questions, we sometimes relax with a little culinary gossip. San Diego chefs seem more collegial and less competitive than those of New York or San Francisco. (Must be all those joint charity events they do here.) They don't say (and I don't ask) who's doing nose candy, hitting the hooch, or makin' whoopee with the pastry chef. They just tell me who's doing good work that I ought to check into.

This year, so far, no fewer than four of the better local chefs have clued me in to the evolution of Christian Graves at Jsix. "He's awesome, he's really starting to burn," said one. "He's pushing the envelope," said another. "He's broken through, doing awesome stuff," said a third. "Awesome" is evidently the favorite adjective of local chefs.

Meanwhile, Samurai Jim and Michelle (a new pairing in the old posse) recently celebrated their start-up romance with a grazing dinner at Jsix, during which they fell in love with the trio of house-smoked fish (sturgeon, trout, and Arctic char) served over Yukon potato blini with matching caviars. "Awesome," said Jim. I last ate at Jsix 18 months ago, but when four chefs and a posse regular use the same dumb adjective, that indicates it's time for a revisit.

Michelle's an interior decorator, and she calls Jsix's decor "a mess." Well, yes. Plaster flowers on the ceiling. Hats, hats, and more hats (all identical fezzes) covering one wall of a small side dining room. Nice semicircular open kitchen on a platform facing the bar. But the chairs and banquettes are deliciously comfortable and the service competent. The ambient music isn't too loud or too awful, and the sound level can be lively but not ruckus. That, and cleanliness, are all I need of ambiance.

"Who's the chef here, again?" asked Fred. I told him Christian Graves. "Oh, my gosh, that sounds like a segregated cemetery — Christian graves are here, Saracen sepulchres are the other side of that fence, and the Jewish tombs are over there." Obviously, Fred will remember the chef's name from now on.

Bread (baked in-house) arrived with a depth-bomb tapenade made with black kalamata olives,



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sun-dried tomatoes, and a great whopping hit of white Spanish *boquerones* anchovies. "I have to admit I don't normally like either black olives or sun-dried tomatoes," said Michelle, "but using anchovies for the salt just changes everything. I love it." Jim said, "When I was in Greece" (he was doing computer security for the Olympics), "my favorite restaurant served a tapenade exactly like this." And as a total anchovy slut, I found the flavor just *awesome*.

We began with two of the four appetizers listed under "Share Bites" — large platters for two or more. "Simply Raw" offered two small, sweet Kumamoto oysters in mignonette (we bought two more to cover everyone); chopped Hawaiian ahi tartare with pine nuts and orange essence; *mano de león* (Baja) chopped scallop ceviche, the flesh sweet and almost crisp; and best of all, minced Arctic char, first cured, then cold-smoked over hickory. Char is a salmon-trout with pink flesh, similar to salmon but with a more delicate taste and texture. (Graves switched to it when wild Pacific salmon became endangered and to avoid farm-raised Atlantic salmon — a highly com-

promised product that's fed hormones, pesticides, and colorants. Char, in contrast, is cleanly and sustainably farmed in the cold waters of Canada.) When cold-smoked, it's a revelation — its gentle, elegant flavor is nothing at all like lox. This plate comes with freshly fried thin Yukon potato chips, "crackers" to cradle the various chopped fishes. The pine nuts and orange elevate the ahi a baby step above the local

standard tartare variations, and for Michelle, a former Rust Belter relatively new to So-Cal, the plate was an introduction to a two-part study of the joys of Baja scallops — first tasted raw as a starter, then later as a cooked entrée.

The charcuterie plate of cured meats has a Frenchy name, but the style is mainly Italian *salumi* — dryer, saltier, leaner — the stuff that chefs Mario Batali in New York and Paul Bertolli in the Bay Area have been exploring. This time the array included house-cured prosciutto, bresaola, thin-sliced pink pork "lomo" (loin), and chewy, slightly sweet rounds and shreds of dark-brown pork salami. If you like jerky, you'll be in hog heaven. The meats come with mustards, corni-

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particular array more admirable than seductive — I'd have enjoyed it better if it included a pâté or terrine or, like the last time I ate here, a good little fresh sausage.

The “share” category also includes a roundup of chips and dips and an artisan cheese board (which could be just the ticket between dinner and dessert, if you've invested in some serious wine and have some left, or are going for an after-dinner Port-tasting).

From the regular appetizers, we were drawn to local-grown Crow's Pass asparagus in a stellar salad (the favorite starter of Michelle, Fred, and our waiter). The perfectly cooked spears, dressed with a balsamic reduction, are matched with soft, lush prosciutto slices and a gorgeous poached egg to spill out over everything when you puncture it. This is not really a new dish (some of my Italian cookbooks include similar recipes), but it's seldom served in California, and it should be. It's terrific.

Crisped morsels of veal sweetbreads, tossed in sherry vinegar, are matched with meaty scarlet runner beans and their bean juices. “Remind me — what organ are sweetbreads?” said Jim. “Pancreas or thymus,” I said. “As served in America's Thymus City,” added Fred, the evening's designated punster. I wasn't sold on the beans — their scarlet vine blossoms are lovely and delicate, but the beans they give birth to are heavy and earthy. Personally I found the mixture weighty but — freak freely, oh awesome chef.

Wine prices in all restaurants seem to be escalating alarmingly, and the list here certainly reflects that trend — it's easier to spend \$250 than \$35, with no hope of a bottle for \$25. There are some great choices for \$200 and up, if you've got that sort of pocket change, and almost nothing under \$40. (The chef tells me that the sommelier is now focusing on searching out more interesting, undervalued bottles — Loires,

Rhones, minor Burgundies, etc. — which will sell in the \$30s. Many customers, of course, prefer familiar California names at any price. Another way around this, if you have a passable cellar, is to bring your own good bottle; corkage isn't too steep and may be waived.) A crisp Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc (\$38) from Marlborough, New Zealand, took reasonably good (not ideal) care of our seafood appetizers. For our entrées, which included two red-meat dishes and a game bird, a Robert Sinsky sustainably grown Merlot (\$48) proved mellow and tasty, with just enough tannin to avoid playing the total pussycat in the face of the meats. (It did purr loudly at the short ribs.)

Mano de león (“lion's paw”) scallops are sustainably farm-raised off the Baja coast, mainly between Ensenada and the famous “Blowhole.” Raised in warmer waters, they're distinctly different from Maine scallops, typically larger and a bit coarser in texture. Sweet, sunny, and straightforward, they lack that dirty-flirty sexy undertone of the George's Bank products. They're also ultrafresh, coming from our next-door neighbor instead of the other side of the continent — which means you never get that wan, jet-lagged flavor of Atlantic scallops that have suffered a flight delay. Here, they're lightly dusted in black pepper and seared to a velvet texture, married to fresh corn kernels, wild leek shreds, whole glazed small cipollini onions, and (*ta-da!*) revisionist hush puppies. Most hush puppies, mainly based on cornmeal, are prone to be coarse and dense. Graves has cut the cornmeal and upped the wheat-flour and the leavening to turn them into light, airy fritters fit for gourmards, not just mutts. Only the most beer-and-tradition-drenched Bubba could possibly object.

The evening's special (a strong candidate to join the regular menu) featured roulades of guinea hen breast, an African game bird. They're rarely found in America, because few poultry ranchers can stand their company. It's not so much that they're hard to raise as that they're impossibly obnoxious

to have around. The dumbest, loudest bar-blondes of the bird world, their call is loud and hysterical — BRRR-RHEE-HEE-HOO-HYEEE — and they never shut up for a minute. A whole flock must sound like a girls'-night-out party at Pacifica Del Mar. But, ooh, they do taste good when treated right. Like nearly all game birds, their flesh is lean. Graves flashed brilliant in his treatment, with breast roulades rolled around sautéed, chopped, wild-tasting mushrooms and cipollini onions, their exteriors bound with two thin layers of addictively fine, sweet bacon that is cured (salt, brown sugar, maple syrup) and smoked in-house. The bacon comes mainly from small Duroc hogs purchased whole from the great, organic Van De Rose piggery back East. (Graves also gets organic Berkshire or Duroc hogs from Niman Ranch.) The bacon is a visual pun, looking like crisp poultry skin but tasting, mmm, like bacon. In between the roulades on the plate were thick-cut batons of the same substance to savor on its own and King Trumpet mushrooms (which look and taste like a black variant of chanterelles). Then, as if that were not enough: hazelnut potato purée — not another boring garlic or goat cheese or butter-milk mash, but that rich, seductive nut flavor sneaking up on your mouth. And *then* the hen was finished with a light cherry glaze and garnished with thin strips of bitter radicchio wound along its surface, to “take the bitter with the sweet,” as my friends and I do when we ask for our coffee *with* our desserts. Yes, that dish really is awesome.

In a much quieter way, what also awed me was the audacity of pairing Dungeness crab fondue with Brandt Farms beef short ribs. (We were thoroughly glad we decided to order this dubious-sounding dish.) The ribs, set on a pedestal of potato galette, are braised in tomatoes and white wine until fall-apart fork-tender, and they're coated with a smooth, creamy, subtle fondue of crab that flatters the hell out of them. Who knew? They're in love, and they violate all the old culinary miscegenation laws — creamed

shellfish with braised beef? That's one exotic surf and turf! The garnishes contributing to this audacious make-out session include a cherry tomato vinaigrette jam for tang, caramelized whole shallots, and sweet, funky, roasted garlic cloves to squish out from their peels. But if Christian is burning, so was one of his line chefs that night — literally. Some hasty heathen in the kitchen turned the heavenly potato galette under the meat into black leather. If the ribs needed no knife, not even a sharp steak knife could penetrate the petrified potatoes. (Graves takes responsibility, but, in fact, that evening he was busy working on a dinner party for 30 in another dining room.)

A Brandt Farms rib-eye steak (grass-fed in Imperial Valley, then finished off on corn in small, uncrowded lots) came rare as ordered, with a relish of deep-flavored, crinkly Oregon morels (among the world's greatest mushrooms, they can give black truffles a run for their money) and spring onions, with yummy steak fries and a sensual aioli based on puréed porcini mushrooms. One of the steak garnishes was a salad that included a large, raw, fresh porcini mushroom dressed in lemon juice and truffle oil — a chance to discover what this precious fungus tastes like “au naturel.” This lesson in comparative mycology taught me that, in the end, I like porcini better cooked, but I did welcome the educational opportunity.

Desserts are collaborations between Graves and his pastry sous-chef, John Larson. We chose thin squares of panna cotta (a good, tender version) alternating with small, local strawberries, all strewn with fetal microgreens and basil shreds and served next to a golden reduction of orange juice and peel. The greens and herbs were a smart touch — they were there to be tasted, not an arbitrary garnish, a flash of sharpness against the sweetness. We also enjoyed a Valrhona semifreddo (a soft ice cream-like confection) set atop a chocolate nut cake, a good choice for chocoholics to share — not over-heavy, but with full-out flavor.

After dinner, we were tired

but merry, so we took the elevator to the roof-level Jsix Lounge, with its bar, swimming pool, and not-very-exalted views of Petco Park, construction cranes, and the boring boxy buildings of E-ville. Samurai Jim, designated driver, drank something clear, bubbly, and probably virgin; Michelle had something golden. Fred and I both went for a rum, coconut-rum, and pineapple juice concoction called Bad Attitude, which proved light and bright. Fred ate his maraschino cherry, I left mine so as not to mess with the lingering aftertastes of the meal. Guess you could say that the food left me with an awesomely good attitude.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Christian Graves was born in the South and automatically says “ma'am,” but his family moved to San Francisco when he was a teenager. After-school dishwashing jobs in local restaurants evolved into prep-cook work, and from there it was on to cooking school, where Graves realized that this was what he wanted to do. Before coming to San Diego to become top toque at Jsix, Graves cooked in several of San Francisco's most highly reputed restaurants, including Farallon (under Mark Franz), Aqua (Michael Mina), One Market (Brad Ogden), and Roti. When the Kimpton Hotel Group offered him the Jsix position, he and his wife moved to San Diego, partly to be closer to her parents while raising their own two small sons.

I asked Graves about the leap forward in his cooking. He remains modest, but his evolution seems to be a matter of growing self-confidence: “I think it's that the people who work at Jsix, and those who want to eat here, do want to see the artisanal side of cooking. And we've also, over time, discovered better ingredients to purchase.”

What's his explanation for the collegiality among chefs here, compared to San Francisco? “I think people down here are really trying to make the food scene survive, as opposed to a thriving food scene where people are trying to get their names out there more. Maybe the egos down here aren't quite

as large. And when it comes down to food — it's just food. We want to make it something momentous, and there are moments when it's magical — but it's just food.

“And most of us here have good relations with the local farmers, so we're all using the same ingredients. That's one of the most appealing parts of San Diego, that everyone is encouraging each other.” His own favorite farms include Crow's Pass in Temecula, which also delivers produce from nearby Cunningham Farms, Peterson Greens, and Sage Creek. In addition, Amiko Gubbins, now a chef liaison at Specialty Produce, heads a division that purchases fresh produce at the farmers' market in Santa Monica. (Then, too, farmers sometimes come in to Jsix to eat, and this can evolve into a relationship with the restaurant.)

Graves's interest in charcuterie was sparked even before he became a chef, when as a teenager he'd eat at Oliveto in Oakland, where chef Paul Bertolli was beginning his now-famous forays into *salumi*. He began experimenting with doing it himself while still in San Francisco. “It's intriguing to me. It's something classic, a tie to the past — which is what I like about cooking as well,” he says. “And it's one of those really cool things where you get to watch this beautiful transformation. And then a lot of it is trial and error. A lot of my chef friends around the country are into [*salumi*] as well, so we like trading tips, ingredients, ideas. It's a good way of communication with everybody else. And it's good from a cook's point of view, because they learn what the whole animal looks like, where particular muscles come from, and they realize that not everything is a prime cut, so...what are you going to do with the rest of it?”

He sums up his approach: “I think the food that we do should be fairly simple in concept and not totally overdone. I very much believe in slow food, in doing artisanal cooking, in using interesting ingredients. Not everything has to be the ABCs we get from the produce company; we can work with less-overused flavors.” ■



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The Counter of Monte Cristo

"It is a wonderful town, but it is very conservative. The locals don't socialize."

The problem with La Jolla," says Siamak, "is that its people are not experienced in sociability. It is a wonderful town, but it is very conservative. The locals don't socialize."

Derissi strokes his beard and nods agreement. The two are friends who grew up in Iran, studied painting in Europe, and have set up galleries next to each other in the International Shops arcade. They paint and sell their art right here. Makes you think this is what it must have been like with those Renaissance artists in their Italian ateliers.

I met them while I was waiting for my toasted Monte Cristo sandwich. I'd been looking for somewhere — heh, heh — cheap to eat in La Jolla. Popped into this arcade, International Shops. Looked low, luminous, and seductive, in a '40s kind of way. Plants and trees in pots, hooped trelliswork overhead that dappled the light. Passed La Dolce Vita, an Italian restaurant. Pity I ain't in *The Sweet Life* money bracket.

Then I'm hearing — is that Middle-Eastern music? Must be from the two galleries, Siamak's and Derissi's. Opposite them, a tiny deli, Delicious, the Local's Deli is doing good business. Looks cheap enough. This'll do me fine.

I mean, cute? It's all dollhouse cute, with a wreath hanging on a smoky-blue Dutch door, Art Deco lights, and more tables outside than in.

But inside, things are flying. One guy, Kyle, takes the orders from this line of one o'clock lunchers; the other, Adam, makes the sandwiches. I look up at the big yellow menu-board on the left wall. Two small tables with black-and-white-checked plastic tablecloths are set against the window. The rest is counter space.

Sandwiches, soups, salads, and wraps all run six to eight bucks. The 1/4-pound hot dog is the only thing cheaper, at \$3.50 (or \$3.95, with sauerkraut and/or cheese). Oh, and I see that burritos, in all flavors (such as turkey, BBQ chicken, fish, or veggie), are \$3.95 too.



The special today is a chef's choice sandwich. It's turkey, Swiss, avocado, sprouts, tomatoes, and onions on wheat. Usually \$7.25, dollar off today. Hmm, probably a deal, but it doesn't sound that interesting. Number 10, the Prospect, catches my eye. It's

American and sharp cheddar cheeses melted over roast beef and ham, with a sprinkle of Tabasco, \$7.50. They also have BLT, tuna- or chicken-salad sandwiches for \$6.50, and any half-sandwich with soup or salad for \$6.50. Adam recommends the #22 or #15: the #22 is a TNT, tuna on rye with lots of Tabasco (\$6.50); the #15 is a TBA, turkey-bacon-avocado, with jack cheese and sprouts, tomatoes, and onions (\$7.50).

I'm just about to go for that one when the guy ahead of me asks for a #4, like it's his regular thing. It's the Monte Cristo. Huh. I've liked Monte Cristo sandwiches ever since I got lost in that book when I was a teen. Alexander Dumas, right? Exotic adventure, guy goes through hell, ends up rich, sophisticated? So that's what I expect from this sandwich. Rich, exotic, little bit adventurous. Plus I've gone through hell deciding on it. Hmm. Quarter-pound of hot turkey and ham with Spanish olives and melted Swiss cheese, plus lettuce, tomatoes, and onions on toasted whole wheat (\$6.75). I mean, I thought a Monte Cristo was always with fried or grilled bread and spattered with powdered sugar. But, hey, if this is the

way La Jollans like it, go ahead. Make my day. "What he's having," I say. "And a coffee [\$1.75]." I head for the tables outside in the arcade. And boy. Beeyootiful place to sit. There's something miniature about it all. "It used to be a hotel, in the old days," says this dapper gent, as I sip from my coffee. "That was maybe 60 years ago? Each of these boutiques was a cabin for the guests."

This was Siamak, first time I met him. Then Abbas Derissi comes out from his gallery. I notice that all his paintings are surrealistic, with long, thin ladders to heaven, and girls lying under the edge of the ocean like it was a blanket, and fish swimming through the air. He has a magnificent white beard that joins up with his hair in an oval white frame around his face. You think "Zorba the Greek," but he's Iranian, too.

We get to talking. Siamak tells me how after his studies he set up in an arcade just like this in Italy. "It was near the Ponto Vecchio, in Florence. Similar to here, except, of course, the Italians, they know better how to enjoy their life."

Wow. Where do you sign up for "enjoying your life" school? I go get my sandwich from Adam. Bring it out in its brown paper bag, piping hot. Haul it out, bite in, and Monte Cristo! It's, well, like the novel: lush, exotic, a little bit adventurous. Think I'm starting to enjoy my life. Actually, what it is is toasty outside, squishy inside, salty and rich. Okay, I miss the sinful, fried-bread thing, but it's still a great sandwich, and at least I know I won't fall into a cholesterol coma halfway through the afternoon. The combination of the generous lot of olives with the melted cheese and ham and turkey, enclosed by that toasted wheat... it's not a huge sandwich, but



Adam

it's plenty, and plenty tasty.

I go get a refill for my coffee (50 cents). It's been a nice lunch, partly because of this beautiful old arcade, partly because of the sandwich, and partly because of my new artist friends. Heck, turns out Derissi knew Salvador Dalí, man, Mr. Melting Clocks himself — and Marc Chagall. Guess it must have rubbed off. I ask him how much for a painting of his I notice called *The Red Apple*. Wow. \$15,000.

That'd buy a lot of Monte Cristo sandwiches. ■

The Place: *Deli-icious Deli*, in the International Shops arcade, 1237 Prospect Street, Suite J, La Jolla, 858-456-6235

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BEACHES

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The flagship of the local Brigantine chain serves ambitious, Japanese-influenced, California-global fusion cuisine on a daily changing menu in a room with a panoramic ocean view. But you need not stuff your shirt to dine here — garb runs to resort-casual and the atmosphere is family friendly. There's even a low-priced kiddie menu. The wine list is friendly, too, with merciful markups and plenty by the glass and half-bottle. Full bar. Short staircase down to restaurant; elevator to the right of entry (ask for directions for wheelchair access when calling to reserve). Valet parking. Very noisy. One vegetarian entrée, but all food restrictions accommodated to order. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — N.W.

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from Prime NZ Angus to lamb burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwiland, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-9655. Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. This dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Cafe Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay nothing — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — \$19.99. My advice: split a 4-egger. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bully's La Jolla 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — E.B.

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a

Southern Low Country accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Fairouz Café and Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrees, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican black bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus over 150 items daily. Certainly they have great surf-n-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eel-icious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

JRDN 723 Felspar Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5736. It's a day at the beach: Befitting a restaurant digging its feet into the sand, the food here is fresh, fun, and unfussy, featuring sustainable seafood, natural meats (including truly tasty spiced steaks), organic/local produce, and a separate sushi bar. The dishes cover the waterfront, ranging from mac 'n' cheese to die for to a sexy, fruited gazpacho to swoon over. The chic interior, relaxed atmosphere, and great grazing draw an exuberant, youngish crowd. Creative cocktails are part of the charm, along with a venturesome wine list with plenty by the glass. Tables (reservable) on the heated beachfront patio could easily become a summertime lifestyle. Validated valet parking. Just one lacto-vegetarian entrée, but vegetable sides plus salads fill in amply. Bread available by request only. Lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Entrées expensive. — N.W.

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the

boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Karinya Thai 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counter-top to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a saute pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Mardi Gras Café 3185 Midway Drive, Point Loma, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage), and crawfish sausage when it's in season. Daily brunch

through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Michele Coulon Pastries 7556-D Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef-owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) presides at this delightful little cafe/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Moderate. — N.W.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Foods Co-Op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. 'Course, you have to learn new words, like *tempeh* (cultured soy that can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, *tempeh* loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," *tempeh* sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner ("serious" breakfasts daily except Tuesday and Thursday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Pannikin La Jolla 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Also in Del Mar and in Encinitas. Oh, sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbng crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious

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thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "panwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. La Jolla and Del Mar three meals daily, Encinitas breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Saska's & Saska's Sushi 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M.

Sky Room 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-

chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and noisy. Who's gonna be picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf-n-turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — E.B.

BAJA

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Big Boy Restaurant 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Baja, 664-686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frioles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Vegetarian upon request. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Baja, 664-685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sanchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Baja, 664-684-8882. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fishfare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

Malecón de Puerto Nuevo Calle Entrada, Baja. Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant

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harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — N.W.

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla Fishing Village, Baja. Five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), in Popotla fishing village, on dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried cebollitas (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mr. Fish Boulevard Agua Caliente #6000, Baja, 664-686-3603. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather

permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — E.B.

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Baja, 664-685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very '40s. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalapeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday to 7 p.m., Sunday to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Alambre's Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharon de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teaser plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in Maggie's sauce. Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Apertivo 3926 30th Street, North Park, 619-297-7799. This wine bar-bistro offers Italian tapasi of simple Italian classics lightened up and scaled down to medium-size portions — about the size you probably eat at home. All the condiments are on the table, so you can season or cheese your food to taste as you go instead of having a waiter wait them before you've lifted a fork. Good dishes include prosciutto-wrapped shrimp, eggplant rollatini, and for dessert, an airy lemon cheesecake mousse. Parking via alley 1/2-block west. No reservations, but for weeknight large groups, call ahead. Weekends, arrive very early or late or expect a wait. Call-in/take-out food orders okay. Check chalkboard on sidewalk for specials. Friendly to vegetarians and vegans. Sound level: roaring. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café; on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrivederci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and

yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vietello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes), "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce, or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar 410 Tenth Avenue, Downtown, 619-531-8869. The whole brick, post-industrial thing that rules the Gaslamp really works here. This ex-horse carriage repair shop is one cool hangout, left as is except for a "relaxing room" that divides the two eating/drinking areas by a metal-coil curtain and "rugs" made of old inner tube strips. But what really defines Basic is Connecticut, the state that — who knew? — gave us the pizza. Direct from New Haven comes the "thinnest pizza in the country," according to the owners. Try the mashed potato pizza with cheese melted on top, bacon, and red peppers, or the Little Neck clams. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Batter Up! 342 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp's late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be pub grub, but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First-timers should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what's on TV); quiet patio outside. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sundays. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Buca di Beppo — Downtown 705 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-7272. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of

"themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delicious. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B.

Cabo Café & Grill 808 West Cedar, Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the

grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venture-some than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W.

Cantina Mayahuel 2934 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-283-6292. Here, you're in a Latino-chic world, but don't be afraid to order simple things, like shrimp or beef tacos. Larry Auman, the owner-chef-artist, makes you feel you're in Mexico City or Veracruz with his masks and yellow-wash walls and those awesome, interesting tacos. The Caesar salad is wonderful, too. Try it with mahi mahi or shrimp. Also look for specials like chili Colorado (slow-cooked beef) or Yucatan seafood stew with salsa, habanero, and ginger on black beans and rice. For all the folk-industrial glamour, we're talking Latin-American comfort food. This cantina is what San Diego should be: bicultural. Bring both languages. Open noon to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a pre-cooked sauce that, for better or worse,

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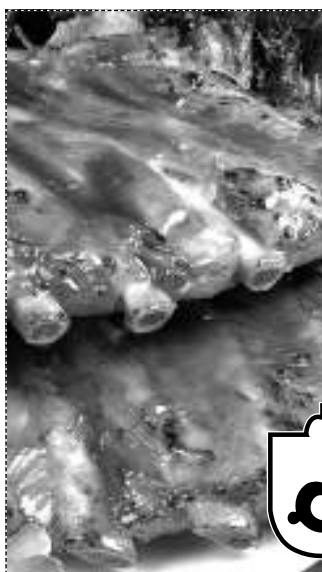
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first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrees. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant 3709 Convoy Street, Downtown, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W.

Extraordinary Desserts — Hillcrest 2929 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *panterella*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others

are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — N.W.

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than at most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via de la Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W.

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime

steaks, some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are non-beef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — N.W.

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M.

J-Six 616 J Street, Downtown, 619-531-8744. Chef Christian Graves is proud to be a card-carrying Slow Foodie, a movement dedicated to preserving traditional ways of farming, cooking, and caring for our food and planet. At J-Six, the kitchen bakes the breads and chef Graves cures charcuterie and makes sausages. The menu offers gently reared free-range meats and local produce. The chef's assortment of charcuterie — sausage, cured beef, and smoked ham — is impossible to pass up. "Small plates" are not so small and will have you wiping the platters with the fresh bread, especially the devastating white-corn ravioli in season. Wait staff talks up the seafood, but the beef dishes are even better — rib-eye and Angus short ribs especially. Wine list is wide and creative. The rooftop J-

Bar Lounge is crowded but fun for cocktails, sandwiches, and snacks. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, plus weekend brunch. Dinner reservations advised, especially on weekends. Grazing meals moderate to expensive, full dinners very expensive. — N.W.

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsicle colors, noted owner and executive pastry chef Beryl Ann Byrd and executive chef Marcello Alvarez offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeeshop specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday through Friday, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate.

Jyoti Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delight: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no

dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street, Downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrees are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrees of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W.

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-281-4014. This long-standing, comfortable-but-sophisticated neighborhood restaurant has found a fine formula for flavorful, seasonal California cuisine with adventurous touches of Asia and Mexico. It's way beyond what most neighborhoods would expect. Well-known local chef Hanis Cavin (a big, low-key guy) proves an alpha griller, ensuring that every bite is cooked precisely until it's done, not a second longer. Almost everything is more than tasty. Most desserts come from upscale sister-restau-

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rant Laurel, although the house-made choices are fine, too — no baby-food sweets here. Wine list is adventurous with lots of affordable choices; full bar. Small parking lot attached. Always a few dishes for vegetarians and a vegan entrée. Reservations recommended. Dinner nightly. "Early-bird" three-course dinner moderate; regular menu moderate to expensive. — N.W.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

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Lydia's Café and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the *birria*.) Inexpensive. — E.B.

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called Certified *agnus*. Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant 675 L Street, Downtown, 619-645-6545. Want to hang out with the baseball elite? They graze here, next to the ballpark. But what should really draw you is happy hour. It's an awesome deal where you get a half-pound burger and fries for under two bucks. Ditto steamed mussels, chicken satay, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate, more. Best beverage deal: Coke or (refillable) iced tea, and the staff is sporting about you ordering multiple eats and sitting on one drink. Feel guilty? Don't. This loss leader works: From one place, in Portland, Oregon, M&S has grown to 86 locations nationwide. Happy hour Monday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on game days). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Molly's 333 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-230-8909. Chef Timothy Au's seasonal cuisine offers creative twists, superb local produce, and delicious flavors. Pick up a miniature menu

at the dining room entrance to remind yourself of what you're eating — you'll appreciate all the more the astute combinations of ingredients. A vegetarian tasting platter is tempting even to hardcore carnivores. Vast choice of California wines including half-bottles and generous pours by the glass. Sommelier Lisa Redwine, one of the best in the business locally, can be trusted to help you choose to match your food. Full bar. Reserve, even for two, or expect a wait. Free valet parking at hotel front door (Front Street entrance), validated for three hours. Open for dinner. Very expensive. — N.W.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street, Downtown, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Midwestern grain-fed beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The price à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N.

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N.

La Posta de Acapulco 3980 Third Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the *quesadilla* with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean *tostada*. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Puerto La Boca 2060 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée

is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp *la boca*. Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi (*Ooquis*) are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — N.W.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. Enjoy culinary time travel with this vintage restaurant's classic chophouse fare — wet-aged USDA Prime beefsteaks and roasts with luxurious "Continental" sauces, plus some seafood, poultry, and other odd meats (including milk-fed calf's liver), served in what looks like a cozy English gentlemen's club writ large. If you've ever wanted to try Beef Wellington, the chef here is one of the few who can pull it off correctly. At weekday lunches, the place buzzes with downtown movers and shakers, but dinner hours are usually serene and gracious (reserve anyway). An awesome international wine list, strong on great French bottles (and scant on affordable ones). Full bar. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Sally's Seafood on the Water One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hyatt, Downtown, 619-358-6740. One of the city's favorite romantic restaurants. Sally's is an outbuilding behind the Grand Hyatt at the edge of Seaport Village and boasts lovely scenery, with cityscapes or bay views seen through picture windows or enjoyed from the outdoor patio in fair weather. The fare is Asian-fusion, emphasizing seafood and also offering sushi and sashimi. An appetizer sampler for two makes delicious shared grazing, as does a raw tuna and salmon Napoleon layered on fried wonton strip, while black cod with miso-orange broth is a sensuous entrée. Another option is reserving the "chef's table" in the kitchen for a custom-made meal. The mostly Californian wine list is rather steep, with plenty by the glass (at high markups), plus a serious sake list on the sushi menu. Full bar. Long walk from the hotel garage (with validated self-parking) but no barriers to mobility devices; dining room noisy at times. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W.

Sausage King 811 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon

meats, and jerky. But the German couple who runs this place does. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Golden Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafes in the county. Sister Pee Wee says her lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. (Call ahead about the availability of chitlins.) Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Weekdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday to 4 p.m., Sunday closed. Inexpensive. — E.B.

El Sol Mexican Restaurant 2037 University Avenue, North Park, 619-298-0874. Miguel "Nacho" Madera cooked at Danny's Palm Bar in Coronado for 18 years. In 1994, President Clinton came to town and the Secret Service came to Danny's with a big order for burgers. Instant fame! Now Nacho has his own place and serves the same burgers with the spice recipe even the Secret Service couldn't get out of him. He also does breakfasts and the whole range of Mexican food, including seafood (*tostada de ceviche* is great). But if you want the burger, ask for his Clinton-burger with cheese, bacon, and French fries. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Soleil at K 660 K Street, Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioners, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. The spiffy, chrome-detailed interior, with an open kitchen, offers the option of eating with strangers at long tables or booking a large party of your own — but be prepared for noise (even when the room's empty, the music is pumped up party-loud). Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crab sticks. Desserts are witty as well as tasty; entrées are unmemorable. Long international wine list with some "finds,"

full bar. Service is variable. Validated valet parking. Open daily, three meals. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4645 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmezh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Kouffieh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. The selection of teas includes Caspian, decaffeinated peach, and a few others. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Starlite 3175 India Street, Little Italy, 619-358-9766. No pedestrian pub grub at this lounge — nearly all the major staffers are protégés of now-departed Michael Stebner, conduit of the Alice Waters's ethos of local and natural. Chefs hang out here off duty. The seasonal menu of California-Mediterranean cuisine features naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages (do try the house-made sausage plate!), and local produce. The Jidori chicken and Prime flat-iron steak are knockouts, and for dessert let your inner child commune with your outer adult over the irresistible toffee-chip ice cream sandwich. Short, smart, merciful wine list with French and California wines at way-below-average markups, scanty by the glass. Full bar with creative cocktails. About seven lacto-vegetarian dishes, one for vegans. Age 21 and up only. Free parking lot attached. Dinner nightly, moderate. — N.W.

Stingaree 454 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes — little, medium, and large. It's a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reservations advisable, urged for weekends. Dinner Tuesday through

Saturday. Very expensive, but special three-course menu is just \$40. — N.W.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrees come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinner nightly, open until 2 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Taste of Africa Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb and goat meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypal Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot and spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open till midnight Monday through Thursday, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Sunday until 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — B.D.

Tofu House 4646 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchi. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

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Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops aren't allowed on men, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W.

Venissimo Cheese 754 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don't ask for Velveta here. Everything else, they've got: sixty-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around \$30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky *Epoisses Berthaut*, or the beautifully tangy *Schloss*. Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit — it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Zensei 3396 30th Street, North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrees emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Dinner buffet Monday and Thursday. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most

popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Cabana Cove 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from surfing spots around the world, includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entree, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, "with over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Ambiance is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crême

brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasurehouse is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casserole, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access: sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrees. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Madras Café 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj" style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a

few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woelsle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive, but less costly and less formal on "Bistro Wednesdays" when simpler food is served. — N.W.

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B.

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — N.W.

St. Tropez — Rancho Bernardo 16625 Dove Canyon #109, Rancho Bernardo, 858-673-6824. 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.

NORTH COASTAL

Addison 5200 Grand Del Mar Way, Carmel Valley, 858-314-1900. At this gala, gorgeous restaurant a mile or so uphill from the hotel at Doug Manchester's new luxury resort, the brief menu offers dishes made with superior ingredients, executed flawlessly. However, it may be hard to warm up to the chef's palate, which seems to favor sour, tart, and acidic notes, with no concessions to culinary comfort. The creative cooking involves strange flavor-combinations, such as well-seasoned lamb shank with a goat cheese tart served over a slick of acidic lemon-sorrel sauce plus uncured housemade sausage with a purée of Japanese umiboshi, fiercely sour plums that seem to come from a different universe than the meat. Or an amuse of tart yogurt punctuated by sour quince and puckery gooseberries. It seems to be more about the chef's self-expression than about your pleasure, but many people love it — it apparently depends on what night you eat there. Service is formal, deluxe, and quite rigid: The bussers are your bosses. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday only. Reservations essential; request detailed route directions. Extremely expensive. — N.W.

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring worldwide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M.

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon — and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and

evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of "ground shrimp on sugar cane" so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and "Star of the Sea" curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaffers can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W.

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

California Pizza Kitchen — Carmel Valley 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-675-4424. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

El Callejon Restaurant 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeado* with a rich sauce of chiles and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There's even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. — N.W.

The Calypso Café 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-bud decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like



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onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W.*

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with 1/2-price wines Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner only on Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W.*

Jake's Del Mar Waterfront Grill 1660 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-2002. Offering surf and turf by the sea, Jake's not only hugs the oceanfront, with a patio overlooking the waves, but has a smaller patio next to Powerhouse Park, with its fragrant mimosa plants, where you can walk off the calories. A branch of the well-known Hawaiian chain, Duke's, Jake's fare is competently cooked, if not inspired. The seafood may flaunt fusion-y, sugary touches, while steaks are Prime or high-grade Choice. Portions are huge — the tasty Dungeness crab cake appetizer is sizeable enough for a substantial lunch, offering loads of crab and little filler. Location is very popular with locals and tourists both, so reservations urged for any meal, essential for the à la carte Sunday brunch. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Lunch and brunch moderate, dinner expensive. — *N.W.*

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Market occupies an odd location, way out in the boonies of far-east Del Mar, but it's worth seeking out. The menu, which changes daily, is inspired by whatever seasonal foodstuffs chef-owner Carl Schroeder (formerly at Arterra) finds at the local produce market (Chino Farms) and from the nearby seas. Despite the ambitious food and prices, vibes are "neighborhood restaurant" — people are having a good time here, and so will you. For once, the appetizers and entrées are equally good, with no letdown. At our visit, boneless beef shortribs, North Atlantic monkfish, bluenose bass, and venison chops were all imaginative, with

perfectly sized portions and intriguing sides. Appetizers may include celery-root soup, Maine lobster salad, blue cheese soufflé, and a strudel of forest mushrooms and artichokes, all of them scrumptious — but the menu could be completely different when you visit, so be prepared. This is truly seasonal, local cuisine, and hurray for that. Dinner nightly. Reservations essential. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey burger. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

El O'ero 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepezy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrees — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Ruth's Chris Steak House Carmel Valley 11582 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 and reasonable markups. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — *B.D.*

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "cafe potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana

What the Chef Eats

WHITE ASPARAGUS SOUP

STÉPHANE VOITZWINKLER, EXECUTIVE CHEF

Bertrand at Mister A's

I am from Alsace-Lorraine, which is east of Paris, so I am a country boy. I am very simple and live a simple life. I eat simple food and don't often go out to eat. When I am home I eat whatever the kids are eating. French breads are always part of it and Dijon mustard. I also barbecue fresh fish when I go deep-sea

fishing — yellowfin, bluefin, mahi mahi. I usually just prepare the fish with extra-virgin olive oil, salt, pepper, fresh thyme, and lemon juice right before cooking. I don't marinate everything. Of course I like to finish my meal with salad instead of starting with it. After that I have a piece of cheese and a glass of wine. We

don't rush everything in France.

INGREDIENTS

1 pound of peeled white asparagus (save the trimmings)
1/2 gallon of water
1 bulb celery root peeled and quartered
Juice of 1 lemon
Juice of 2 oranges
1 T sugar



2 bay leaves
1/2 T salt
1 tsp whole white peppercorn
Roux
4 oz. butter
1 cup flour (approximate)
1/2 cup whipping cream

sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean char-broiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This germanium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W.*

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning —

that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrees come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirites run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W.*

Vivace 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Resort-casual" — no hats, shorts or jeans, or sandals — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY

Bay Beach Café 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautee items, and children's plates. The restaurant is family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young — in the past, the chef seemed to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involved honey or sugar. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and din-

ner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. Other branch at 4628 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-5880. — *N.W.*

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a

deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can't fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value.

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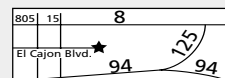
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Peel the asparagus and save the trimmings. Run the peeled asparagus under cold water for ten minutes to get the bitterness out. Meanwhile, boil the water and add the celery root, lemon juice, orange juice, sugar, bay leaves, salt, and

pepper. Once the stock has simmered for 15 minutes, add the asparagus and cook for 20 minutes. Remove the asparagus and lay them on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Let cool to room temperature. Run the asparagus peelings under

cold water for 10 minutes and add to the stock. Let simmer for 20–30 minutes. Make a roux by melting the butter in a large pot and sprinkle in the flour, stirring constantly until the mixture is thick and golden. Add stock until the desired consist-

tency and finish with half a cup of whipping cream and cooked asparagus. Serves 8.

To get an online version of this column, go to sreader.com. You can print it, email it to friends, and get other recipes from different local chefs.

You're near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset "green flash" parties — this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 East Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you feel the food shouldn't come on such beautiful platters. The soups, *tom kah* (spicy coconut), and *tom yum* (hot and sour), are especially good, as is the house Lai Thai Fish (usually tilapia) in delicious *panang* coconut-curry sauce. But you've got to push for spiciness if you want it. Lunch deals are really cheap. Also check out the Thai art on the walls, some for sale. Open lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *sate*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the

calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* taste buds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Thai Cafe — Coronado 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-522-0217. Tourists may not take this little open-sided kiosk restaurant at Coronado's Ferry Landing seriously, but this has to be some of the best-prepared Thai food in the county. It's all laid out buffet style in chafing dishes. You can sample before you commit. They're all good. None of the watered-down versions of, say, green curry, you sometimes get elsewhere. Grilled satay is excellent, so are spicy basil chicken, *panang*, Thai pork salad. Tilapia topped with sweet veggies and Thai chili sauce is delicious. Pick two (the best deal), find a table under the shade of a fig tree. Go "Ommm." You're approaching nirvana. Daily, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; summer until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 4 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

EAST COUNTY

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-

bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Place, Inland Border Towns, 619-478-2888. Tiger Woods eats here. He plays paint wars nearby then comes in and always orders the same thing: cheeseburger, medium rare, with fries. The burgers are all made from certified Black Angus beef, so they cost a little more. But there are deals for folks with country appetites. For breakfast, ask for The Works omelet. It's loaded with bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes. A half-order will be plenty. At lunch order the robust, homemade soup of the day, like vegetable, which has so many fresh-cut vegetables in it that you won't need to order anything else. Open daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Downtown Café 182 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a French-style sidewalk cafe. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken

strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southeast San Diego, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war and Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom iHunter omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — E.B.

Fix Me a Plate Café 9168 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, 619-466-6084.

Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Cajun and Louisiana-style soul food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious *étouffés* are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break inbetween). Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Johnny B's 4728 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeno dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their tonce New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily, lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Oggi's 9828 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-6441. At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrees so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Paipa's Oasis 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling

— gamble through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B.

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sauteed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M.

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A good deal of attention is paid to the half-coconut bulge in the front of his pants.

The men behind *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*, who would include director Dennis Dugan and producer-writer-star Adam Sandler, must be holding their collective breath in hopes that, before or during its opening weekend, no terrorist blows up more people than the daily average in the Middle East, much less any people in the United States. They cannot have many hopes beyond that. Sandler's Israeli accent (plus his stammering multiple negatives: "No-no-no-no-no") seems like a sufficient base for a spy comedy revolving around a hirsute agent of Mossad, a sort of anti-*Munich* if you please. But the jokes stray a long way off the base and in diverse directions: the hero's superhuman powers (snagging a bullet in his nostril, doing no-hands pushups, etc.); his pursuit, in America, of his secret desire to cut hair ("I just want to make people silky smooth"); his time-warp sense of fashion, gleaned from a disco-era Paul Mitchell catalogue; his sexual predilection for grateful old biddies; his, or rather (one and the same) the writer-producer's, Pollyannish appeal for peaceful co-existence; and the hypocritical

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stigmatization, since *somebody* has to be the bad guy, of the corporate money-grubber — *anybody*, to be more particular, besides those altruists at Happy Madison Productions and Sony Pictures.

You might well have wondered what the filmmakers were thinking if the title alone hadn't instead made you wonder *whether*, not *what*, they were thinking. Only because Judd Apatow is listed as a co-writer (a position of limited power) would you be tempted to measure the film against his larger oeuvre, where it would count as a retreat, or more exactly an about-face, from the penile advances in *Walk Hard* and *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, back to the modesty of the tush shot. (Several of them.) Around on that other side, a good deal of attention is paid to the half-coconut bulge in the front of the star's pants, though it's made clear (verbally) that this owes to the "bush" and not the log. Just as Sandler's accent could seem a sufficient comic base, John Turturro might seem an adequate comic adversary as a Palestinian terrorist and fast-food entrepreneur, but this would be hard to verify on the laugh-meter. There



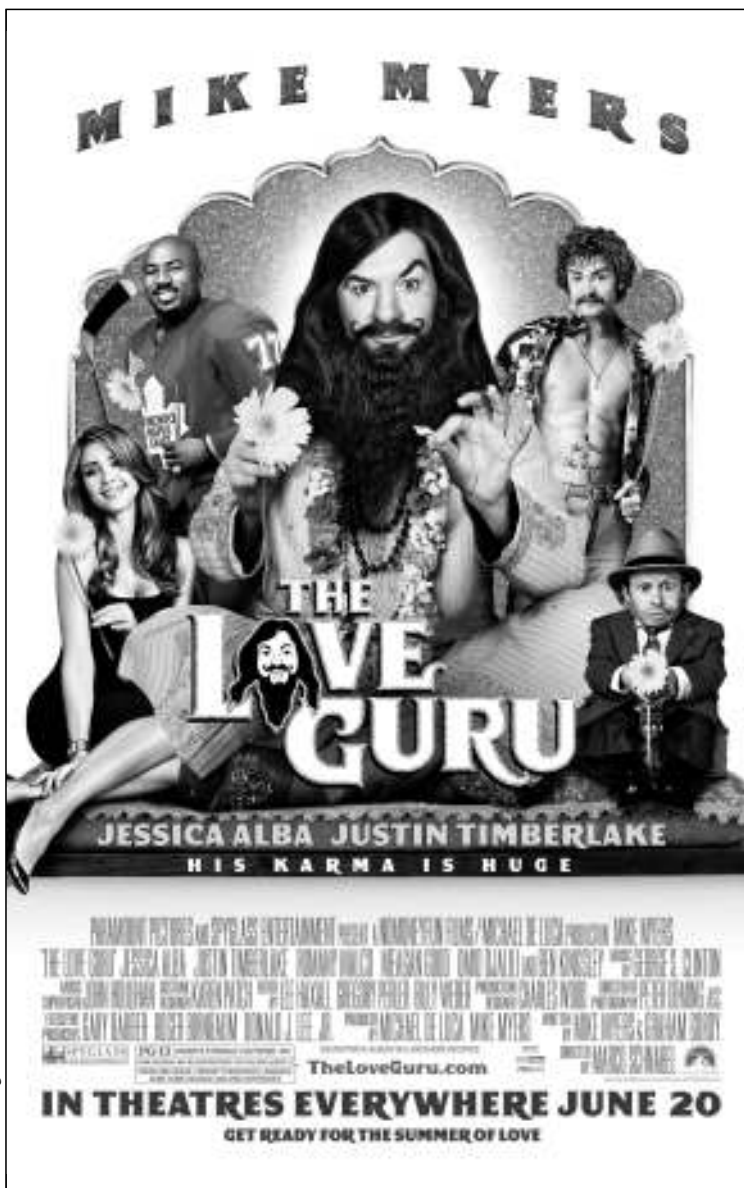
You Don't Mess with the Zohan

are good-sized parts, too, for an all but unrecognizable grease-painted Rob Schneider, Lainie Kazan (posing for a wide, wide tush shot of her own), Nick Swardson, and Emmanuelle Chriqui as a Palestinian cutie-pie, and bite-sized parts for Shelley Berman, Chris Rock, Kevin Nealon, Mariah Carey, and John McEnroe — and not enough laughs to go around even

were they sliced into thin smiles.

Kung Fu Panda, from the DreamWorks animation team (John Stevenson, Mark Osborne, co-directors), begins with a dream scene not unlike the beginning of the live-action *Forbidden Kingdom*, albeit in a flat, hand-drawn style rather than in the plump and spongy computer imagery prevailing thereafter. The

dreamer is a tubby panda (voice of Jack Black, tubby typecasting), an envious aficionado of the martial arts, dissatisfied with his lowborn "place" in the family noodle business. Wanting nothing more than to witness the anointment of the new Dragon Warrior, inheritor of the Secret of Limitless Power, he manages by dumb luck to get himself so anointed, in



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The Bank Dick

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For Father's Day, here are two dearly loved movies that I never tire of watching. The first is *The Kid*, with Charlie Chaplin and a young Jackie Coogan.

My other choice is *Tribute*, with Jack Lemmon and Robby Benson. It shows the divide that takes place between a father and son because of divorce and work demands. Not until the father's honored by others and the son learns that his father's dying does he take a true look at the kind of man his father is.

The worst dad is a toss-up between Homer Simpson and the great W.C. Fields, whose oft-quoted response to the question of how do you like children was, "They are very good with mustard."

THE KID (USA) 1921, Warner
List price: \$29.98 (two discs)

TRIBUTE (USA) 1980, HBO
List price: (not available)

THE SIMPSONS: SEASON ONE
(USA) 1989, 20th Century Fox
List price: \$39.98

THE BANK DICK (USA) 1940,
Criterion Collection
List price: \$35.95



The Five Obstructions

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Paris, Texas is my very favorite dialogue- and character-driven film. It's a magical collaboration between playwright Sam Shepard and German New Wave hero Wim Wenders. Intensely cinematic and disarming, this road movie is about rebuilding from the mistakes of the past.

The Five Obstructions is a playful and witty film about the creative process and the mind of a man. Lars von Trier sets five rules, or obstructions, for a cinematic game he plays with director Jørgen Leth (*The Perfect Human*).

Public Enemy is in my top ten gangster films, due to James Cagney's powerful performance and William Wellman's wonderful direction. An engaging, moralistic Prohibition-era tale set in the bad old days of Chicago; the realistic tone and off-camera violence informed gangster flicks for years to come.

PARIS, TEXAS
(France/Germany) 1984,
20th Century Fox
List price: \$24.98

THE FIVE OBSTRUCTIONS
(Denmark) 2003,
Koch Lorber Films
List price: \$24.98

PUBLIC ENEMY (USA) 1931,
Warner
List price: \$19.98



The Adventures of Prince Achmed

SCOTT PAULSON

Pit director of the Teeny-Tiny Pit
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The finest screen adaptation of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* is the 1920 silent. The Kino DVD has beautiful tinting effects that silent-era audiences appreciated.

Each scene is important: the imaginary ants that pester the film's comical opium addict aren't so funny when you recall the earlier close-up of bacteria under Dr. Jekyll's microscope.

The 1926 silent-era animated feature *The Adventures of Prince Achmed* features a silhouette technique invented by German animator Lotte Reiniger, involving cutouts made from cardboard and thin sheets of lead that she manipulated, frame-by-frame. Delicate lace-like beauty tempered with action, action, action!

I am on record as saying that "talkies" are just a fad. But, if I had to pick a talkie, obviously it would be *Sunset Boulevard*.

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE
(USA) 1920, Kino Video
List price: \$19.95

THE ADVENTURES OF PRINCE ACHMED (Germany) 1926,
Image Entertainment
List price: \$29.99

SUNSET BOULEVARD (USA)
1950, Paramount
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leather jacket, just in time to read "72 Minutes" scrawled in the coat of dust? How could the plotter be sure the doctor wouldn't be blown up too soon by the car bomb or cut down by the sprayed bullets? And if the purpose of the plotter is to secure a stay of execution, wouldn't it have been advisable to spring the plot a tad earlier? The full foolishness of the thing can't be appreciated till the final ah-ha. (Heh-heh, more like it.) Even in the ashen photography, Alicia Witt and Amy Brenneman, as two of the doctor's acolytes, are recognizable as among the most eye-appealing American actresses today. True, the creaseless wax-museum visage of the former might, in other company, give a bit of a chill. But not in the company of the almost airbrushed Leelee Sobieski. Like everything else, waxiness is relative. With William Forsythe and Neal McDonough; directed by Jon Avnet. 2008. ● (GASLAMP 15)

The Fall — The second film by the one-name Tarsem (unused surname, Singh) differs by two letters from his first film, *The Cell*. It differs by little in other ways as well, a gagging phantasmagoria of debased and diluted surrealism. (Suggested title for his next opus: *The Pill*.) The story, a fiction-within-fiction wherein a suicidal stuntman of the silent era whiles away the hours in a hospital ward by spinning an "epic" revenge tale for a broken-armed little girl, has hints of substance and dabs of invention; but the visual style of the "epic," a sort of fashion-shoot *fotonovela*, is ineluctably eye-glazing. The slow movement of Beethoven's Seventh behind the opening credits, perhaps the most oft-used classical piece in movies, or perhaps second or third to Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and Pachelbel's *Canon*, bodes ill for originality. With Lee Pace and Catinca Untaru. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Five Easy Pieces — Jack Nicholson as the Drop-Out Kid, a classical pianist who opts for the blue-collar life. He makes showy fusses over a freeway traffic jam and a sourpuss waitress (two scenes that are played for easy comedy of the mad-artist-in-conflict-with-society type), and he finally sheds a tear over the lack of communication with his dad. He is, in short, one of those characters you're supposed to identify with. The oil-field, bowling-alley, and coffee-shop settings are skimmed over lightly and flashily, so that the filmmakers, as much as the hero, appear to be slumming. The main area of concentration is the acid caricature of sitting-duck targets — old biddies, snobs, nitwits — and the film falls apart when it moves to the family home, which is overcrowded with such types. The music, both classical (Schubert) and country (Wynette), holds things together until then. Karen Black, Susan Anspach; directed by Bob Rafelson. 1970. ★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 6/5 AND 6, 8:30 P.M.)

The Foot Fist Way — Bargain-basement comedy, improvisational in feel, documentary in technique, about a tae-kwon-do instructor (Danny McBride) with a fragile ego and a thin veneer of machismo. Some of the notions seem viable, though they don't really flourish. With Ben Best and Mary Jane Bostic; directed by Jody Hill. 2008. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 6/6)

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)

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. ● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

In Bruges — Writer-director Martin McDonagh, in his feature debut, dispatches two British hit men to lie low, after a job with messy collateral damage, in the "fairytale" Medieval town near the coast of Belgium, where one of them (the tousled Brendan Gleeson) is interested in seeing the sights while the other (the tight-wire Colin Farrell) sizes the place up as a "shithole," excepting only a Bosch museum piece. Together they engage in forced, overwritten, exhibitionistic comic dialogue at some variance with the guilty conscience and the thoughts of suicide. Ralph Fiennes, attempting to do (if not outdo) Ben Kingsley in *Sexy Beast*, comes into it late as a hot-tempered, high-principled crime boss. A little later, bullets fly, blood flows. The beauties of the town survive all this, and even the wan photography. 2008. ● (GASLAMP 15)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg rejoin forces, nineteen years later, for a fourth archaeological adventure. Ford, with his big-cat purr of a voice, remains an amiable fellow; and if he's a bit jowlier beneath that crumpled face (like a wadded-up piece of paper retrieved from the wastebasket and mostly smoothed out again), and if he occasionally throws in a disarming grumble or groan in recognition of his advancing years, he nonetheless keeps pace with the physical action, or else his director cleverly covers for him during it, so that he shows no such signs of wear and tear as would demand any added suspension of disbelief beyond the several tons suspended already in the prior adventures. Spielberg, for his part, eager to show that *Munich* burned no bridges, any more than *Schindler's List* or *Amistad* burned any, is still a superior technician. Superior, that is to say, to Michael Bay, Simon West, Brett Ratner, Roland Emmerich, Renny Harlin, John McTiernan, Jon Turteltaub, among other wannabes; and the relentless action scenes are always impressive in their engineering while never being in the least believable or involving. (A fencing bout conducted in side-by-side jeeps at top speed unfailingly focusses our attention on the filmmaker rather than on the fencers.) In the end — in the accumulation — the action grows more than a little tedious. Spielberg's technique is superior not only to others' technique but also to his own taste. A good long time, needless to stress, has gone by since the previous Indy adventure, and the new one can't be content to try to top just that one. It has to try to top, in addition, *The Da Vinci Code*, the *National Treasure* hunts, the Lara Croft adventures, et al. With a plot that links Roswell, New Mexico, to the Erich von Däniken theory of evolution, Spielberg keeps pace in that race as well. To say so is no great compliment.

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)

The Counterfeiters — Stefan Ruzowitzky's Holocaust survival tale, loosely based on fact, tells how "the world's best counterfeiter" (the long, long face of Karl Markovics) eases his existence in a Nazi concentration camp by suppressing his scruples and aiding the German war effort, speedily mastering the British pound, but then dilly-dallying over the U.S. dollar, the-

oretically affecting the outcome of the war. It is a passably interesting tale to tell, a new path through old territory, but the interest is rather in the tale than in the telling. At any number of stopping points along the path, the sights are liable to seem all too familiar (the bullet in the head, etc.), never mind the refreshing route that led there. And the coarse, raw, desaturated image, whether a chosen cliché or an imposed hardship, is at no point much to look at, a harsh thing to say about a motion picture. 2007. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

88 Minutes — 102 minutes minus closing credits. A famous forensic psychiatrist (a puffy-haired Al Pacino), on the scheduled day of execution of a sadistic killer against whom he testified, receives a distorted-voice cellphone threat, "You have 88 minutes to live." Once the countdown begins, not a single minute is remotely credible. How could the plotter count on the doctor returning to his car, after a wild-goose chase in pursuit of a suspicious

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Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent. 2008.

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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.

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Jellyfish — Gynocentric parallel lives in Tel Aviv: a broken-hearted catering waitress, a broken-ankled bride, a language-impaired Filipino caregiver, a mute five-year-old. Stretching barely beyond an hour and a quarter, the film doesn’t lead anywhere except a strained poetic end, but it’s engaging enough en route, sprinkled with visual flair. Sarah Adler, Noa Knoller, Ma-nenita De Latorre, Nikol Leidman; directed by Etgar Keret and Shira Geffen. 2007.

★ (KEN, 6/6 THROUGH 12)

Kung Fu Panda — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, and Jackie Chan; directed by John Stevenson and Mark Osborne.

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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 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 monstrously off-putting roles. With Kevin McKidd, Sydney Pollack, and Kathleen Quinlan; directed by Paul Weiland. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Reprise — Reviewed this issue. With Anders Danielsen Lie, Espen Klouman-Hoiner, and Viktoria Winge; directed by Joaquim Trier.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/6)

Roman de Gare — Claude Lelouch, still very much his own man at age seventy, retains an authentic romanticism and optimism, undimmed by rueful realities. A fully rounded filmmaker, good with actors, locales, color, camera, movement, dialogue, the works, he is here shown off at about 300 degrees of his maximum circumference.

Fundamentally a thriller, to do with the chance encounter of two strangers at a highway rest stop and the best-selling novel that results from the encounter, the film is more scrupulously plotted than his norm (one of his habitual laxities), negotiating a course of tricky twists and turns without feeling forced or underhanded. Dominique Pinon, generally cast for his dentureless funny looks, is led to new dimensions of humanity as one of the strangers; and as the other, Audrey Dana, a fresh face if not an especially young one, quite an expressive and complicated face, is a bountiful discovery. Fanny Ardant as the best-selling novelist, notwithstanding her assortment of wigs, comes as no surprise. She comes as a sure thing. 2007.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Sex and the City — Reviewed this issue. With Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, and Cynthia Nixon; written and directed by Michael Patrick King.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA

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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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

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.

● (GASLAMP 15, FROM 6/6)

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, video-game action — although “action” sounds a little precise for the mere motion into which they, and we, are plunged, an Osterizer in smoothie mode. (The auto races possess no more materiality than

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those in the completely computer-animated *Cars*, and a lot less clarity.) The Wachowski Brothers, Andy and Larry, have undeniably given the movie a look, and no more deniably given the moviegoer eye-strain. While the thing might to some degree be original in its details (e. g., cut-out figures gliding laterally across the screen, superimposed at the dimension of giants), or anyway original in the new heights to which these details have been piled (even shaving off an inch or two for every “comical” chimpanzee reaction shot), it is not to any degree original in its basic strategy: to wit, no idea is so puny or puerile — an existential racecar driver born and bred for no other purpose, surname Racer, forename Speed — that it cannot be put over with a pumped-up budget, a protracted running time, a surfeit of special effects. Or in other words, no idea so puny or puerile that it cannot be sold, sold, sold. If they were honest, the Wachowskis would surely have to identify not with their individualistic hero but with the villainous corporate manipulator: “People like you,” the hero lets him know, “have way too much money.” People like the Wachowskis. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Stay — A tortured art student with writhing eyebrows plans to kill himself in three days on his twenty-first birthday, and a psychotherapist in pants as short as early-Beatles hastens to prevent it. A pattern of duplications and repetitions establishes an air of oddness, and the narrative line spirals off increasingly into David Lynchian irrationality. Some slight curiosity may be stirred. The explanation, or what passes for one, seems partial and facile. With Ewan McGregor, Ryan Gosling, Naomi Watts, Bob Hoskins, Janeane Garofalo, and — not just another pretty face, but plainly a pretty face — Elizabeth Reaser; directed by Marc Forster. 2005.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 6/9, 6:30 P.M.)

The Strangers — Reviewed this issue. With Liv Tyler, Scott Speedman, and Glenn

Howerton; written and directed by Bryan Bertino.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO[T]16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; 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; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Surfwise — Disorganized digital documentary on the nomadic Paskowitz family, eight boys, one girl, born on the road after their father, a twice-divorced Jewish doctor since remarried to a Mexican Indian, dropped out of conventional society in the late-Fifties to pursue his bliss: surfing, screwing, proselytizing. Then the children began to grow into adults, and the picture darkens. Mostly a reminiscing interview film, lightly laced with old family photos, home movies, news footage (the Paskowitzes had not gone unnoticed before now), and capped off with a reconciliatory reunion. Plenty of human interest if little cinematic. Directed by Doug Pray. 2008.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 6/6; HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 6/6; KEN, THROUGH 6/5)

Then She Found Me — First-time director, co-writer, and co-producer Helen Hunt confers a nice big fat role on Oscar-winning actress Helen Hunt, at an age when roles of any size are fast drying up. (A do-it-yourself movie.) The forty-four-year-old leading lady portrays a thirty-nine-year-old teacher whose biological clock has started ticking loudly. In rapid succession, her new husband abandons her, a potential replacement heaves into view the next morning, her adoptive mother dies, and her unknown birth mother contacts her out of the blue. Oh, and she passes a home pregnancy test, bringing her nabby-pamby husband back into the picture. Most of this, a girl-talk toot, is played for dish-the-dirt titters. Bette Midler, as the biological mother, will tend to turn anything into shtick, and the reliable Matthew Broderick and Colin Firth, as the old and new prospects respectively, are pretty much limited to one note apiece. (Salman Rushdie, wildly out of his element, sees the light of day as an obstetrician.) Hunt, however,

with her drawn face, downturned mouth, roadmap of worry lines, and courage in displaying all this, appears more like a figure of Greek tragedy, an Electra maybe, even a Medea. A purging outburst of anger at her mendacious mother, the movie’s top highlight, confirms this impression. The denouement turns out to be unexpectedly touching. Which is an oblique way to say that the preceding had prepared us for less. 2008.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

21 — Takeoff from a true story, presumably far, far off, about a team of MIT math whizzes who, drilled by a Mephistophelean mentor on the faculty, visit Vegas on weekends to beat the house at blackjack. The film is not able to make the frowned-upon practice of “card counting” comprehensible, much less cinematic (unless you consider fast-shuffle editing to be cinematic), but then it’s not really interested in mental acumen and application, only in the rewards and perks: a run-of-the-mill Sin City fantasy (dazzling montage of casino neon, top-of-the-world luxury suite, strip club, stacks and stacks of hoarded chips) in which the natural-born nerd can forget who his friends are, become somebody different, go around acting like a cross between Richard Gere in *Pretty Woman* and Michael Douglas in *Wall Street*. Director Robert Luketic, whose lightweight credits consist of *Legally Blonde*, *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, and *Monster-in-Law*, permits himself to be entranced by the fantasy, serving more as press agent than reporter, greasing the wheels for a smooth ride, picking compatible pop songs for tempo. Jim Sturgess is Young Paul McCartney cute as the whizziest math whiz, or in other words a fantasy figure from the get-go. (If he’s so bright, why is he piling up hundreds of thousands of dollars in the ceiling of his dorm room instead of in a bank?) Kate Bosworth is a still more distorted fantasy of the Smart Girl. And Kevin Spacey, who gets all the snappiest dialogue, puts his innate repugnance to good use as the manipulative mentor, the adult authority figure who, in order to complete the fantasy, must finally be overthrown. The most sympathetic figure, even when (perhaps especially when) he’s slipping rings onto his fingers for a brass-knuckle work-over, is Laurence Fishburne as an old-school casino watchdog who’s being phased out by computer soft-

ware. 2008.

● (GASLAMP 15)

The Visitor — Deep absorption, at the start, in the enclosed world of a dour Connecticut college professor, the classroom, the private office, the school cafeteria, the 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, 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, al-

though 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)

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 Corddry, Queen Latifah, Dennis Miller; directed by Tom Vaughan. 2008.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

You Don’t Mess with the Zohan — Reviewed this issue. With Adam Sandler, John Turturro, Rob Schneider, and Emmanuelle Chriqui; directed by Dennis Dugan.

● (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 6/6)

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1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)

Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Sun. 10:00, 12:00; **Pompeii: The Last Day** (NR) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

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Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun.; **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
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Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Sex and the City** (R); **The Strangers** (R); **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13); **You Don't Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13)

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
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Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (R); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Sex and the City** (R); **Speed Racer** (PG); **The Strangers** (R); **What Happens in Vegas** (PG-13); **You Don't Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13)

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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Iron Man** (PG-13); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Sex and the City** (R); **Speed Racer** (PG); **The Strangers** (R); **You Don't Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13)

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Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
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Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
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San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
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VISTA

Vista Village

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:35; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 11:30, 1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:15; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 11:40, 12:20,

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30; **The Strangers** (R) Fri. (10:15, 12:15, 2:15) 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:15) 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **You Don't Mess With the Zohan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

Sex and the City (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 1:00, 1:30, 4:00) 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Surfwise** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)

Bra Boys (R) Fri. 6:45p.m. Sun. 6:45p.m.; **Shine a Light** (PG-13) Fri. 8:45p.m. Sun. 4:00, 8:45

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

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Oceanside 16

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Jagged Conversation

Imagine a narcissist complaining, "It isn't about me?" But, technically, it would be.

Caryl Churchill's play *A Number* unfolds like a hall of slowly warping mirrors. The play opens with Salter, in his early 60s, talking to his 35-year-old son Bernard. Their conversation's jagged. Each interrupts the other, jumps in, as if pushing for a point or fending one off. They talk about people and things. And things as people. They speak of numbers, or "a number of them, or us." Bernard wants to add information, Salter to subtract.

Bernard, it turns out, is Salter's son once-removed. He's B2, a copy of Salter's original son, cloned by "some mad scientist."

Churchill grabbed an idea thousands of playwrights have probably entertained and took it places most wouldn't. B2, it turns out, isn't the only clone. The scientist — for experimental reasons or an Andy Warhol proliferation fetish — made 20 Bernards. Salter says they're just duplicates, "things," calling to mind the cyborgs in *Blade Runner*. B2 disagrees: they are every bit as human as the original. They just weren't first.

Imagine 20 versions of you, in the world, going about their day. Not twins. You. Imagine the sibling rivalry of *that* — like, who gets what for Christmas? Imagine seeing yourself across the street ("if that's me over there," one of the Bernards asks, "then who am I?"). Imagine a narcissist complaining, "It isn't about me?" But, technically, it would be.

Or would it? In five terse, packed scenes,

Churchill combines nature with nurture. Different clones, raised different ways, become different Bernards. The effect makes for a Rashomon of replication.

For Cygnet Theatre, Francis Gercke plays B2 (sensitive, nervous), Bernard (the original: a thug, his tattoos a mark of Cain?), and Michael Black (socially adjusted but barely recognizable, save for facial similarities). Whether flopping backwards on the leather sofa or doing violence to an orange, Gercke's sharp, physical performance shows how different a similarity can be.

When young Bernard turned nasty, Salter rejected him and had another son made — cloning roulette: in the future, if parents don't like a child, can they dump it and retry with the same genes? But Salter became such a loving, caring father of B2, it's as if he re-cloned himself.

As the various Salters, Douglas Jacobs verges on the strident, early, and becomes moving in the end as Salter pays the price for playing God. In the process, he opens up a counter-theme: Churchill suggests that each of us may be multiple, may already have "a number" of different selves within us.

Churchill gives no stage directions and lists the characters only by their ages. As she did with *Yellowman*, also for Cygnet, director Esther Emery fills another nondescriptive text with theatrical life. Churchill says the scene is "where Salter lives."

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Douglas Jacobs, Francis Gercke in *A Number*

A Number, by Caryl Churchill

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Esther Emery; cast: Douglas Jacobs, Francis Gercke; scenic design, Jungah Han; costumes, Veronica Murphy; lighting, Matthew Novotny; sound, George Ye

Playing through June 29; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-337-1525.

The Big Bang, music by Jed Feuer, book and lyrics by Boyd Graham

North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach

Directed by Rick Simas; cast: Omri Schein, Andrew Ableson; scenic design, Marty Burnett; costumes, Peter Herman; lighting, Bonnie Breckenridge; sound, Chris Luessmann

Playing through June 22; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 858-481-1055.

Jungah Han's midnight blue set, tile squares from floor to ceiling, could be a lavish, ancient Roman bath. Exposed caulking creates groupings of squares. As the play's theme takes hold, the clusters resemble chains of molecules.

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The Lipbalms are vacationing in Israel. They have, or have not, allowed Jed Feuer and Boyd Graham to use their penthouse for a backer's audition of *The Big Bang*, a musical. Audience members at the North Coast Rep are potential investors. The show's a history of the world (the Western world, mostly; the only representative of the East is Gandhi's mother, and she complains about raising such a contentious son), with a cast of

800-something, costing 83 mil, and taking 12 hours. Since the authors only have 90 minutes to showcase highlights, they race through the centuries, hurdling five or six at a time, and slam the brakes at Woodstock. The musical ends with a list of names from popular culture and a whimper.

The best part, along with Steven Withers's versatile keyboard: the authors ransack the apartment for props and costumes. A pillow, minus the stuffing, becomes Columbus's jaunty cap; plump cloves of garlic, Eva Braun's locks (she sings, "For the longest weil, I thought his name was 'Heil'"). Curtains get pulled down, sheets ripped; oranges serve a decorative function, until they sag. The spontaneous use of found items

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Andrew Ableson, Omri Schein in *The Big Bang*

always draws a laugh.

The rest of the show's hit and miss — and clobber, if you count the number of racial stereotypes relentlessly exploited for humor.

Originally the authors played themselves. At North Coast Rep, Andrew Ableson and Omri Schein haven't figured out how good they should be: too polished, and the frame

tale doesn't work; too amateurish, the songs and impersonations don't. So they're somewhere in between, half into an accent or vocal riff, barely Frank Sinatra and Marlene Dietrich. The result: many of the numbers tend to sound the same, and the overall joke wears thin. Both actors, it becomes obvious, could do far better work if asked. ■

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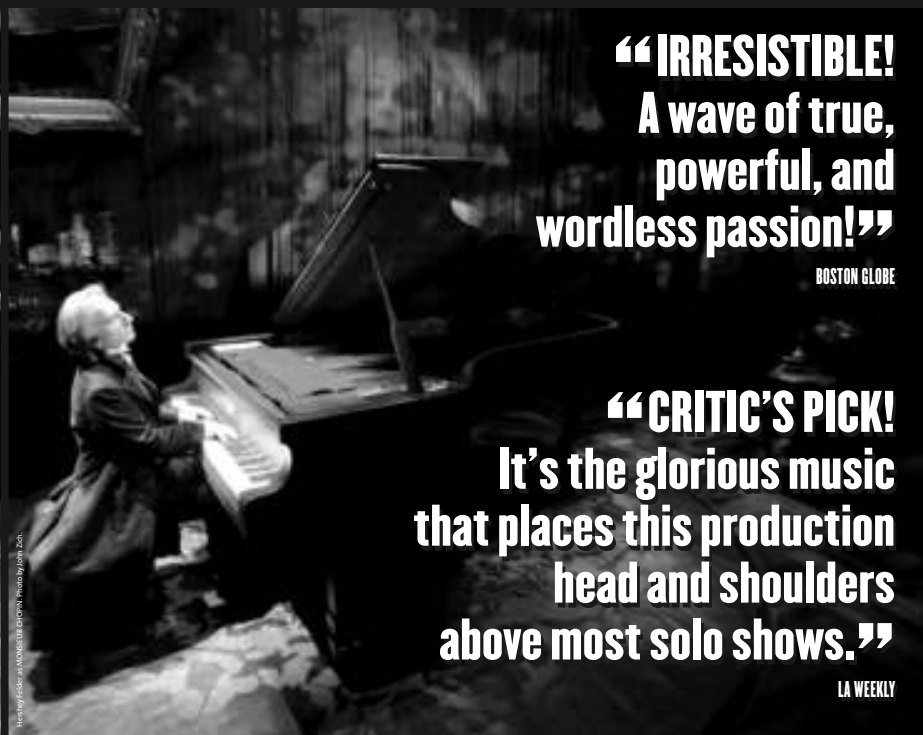
Beethoven, As I Knew Him

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



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Music & Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin | Old Globe Theatre

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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 re-thinking. Right now, it showcases Felder’s many skills far more than Beethoven’s.

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Bhopal

As a fund-raiser for its Resilience of the Spirit Festival, Compass Theatre will do a staged reading of Rahul Varma’s drama about the 1984 Union Carbide factory explosion in Bhopal, India, that killed 3000 people. George Soete directed.

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The Big Bang

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the musical — music by Jed Feuer, book and lyrics by Boyd Graham — about a backer’s audition for a history of the world. Rick Simas directed.

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Crazy for You

Starlight Theatre opens its summer season with the George Gershwin musical about Bobby Child, 1930s playboy, whose dream in life is to dance. Songs include “I Got Rhythm,” “But Not for Me,” “Embraceable You,” and “Someone to Watch Over Me.”

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Dance on the Sun

As part of its Super Nova Festival of new plays, Vox Nova Theatre Company presents the world premiere of Ruff Yeager’s drama about ballet dancers who, after a 25-year hiatus, discover their relationship’s as volatile as ever and that embers could rekindle. Deanna Driscoll directed.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. SATURDAY, 2 AND 8 P.M. FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

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The Hit

Lamb’s Players stages Mike Buckley’s romantic comedy “about love, antiques, and attempted assassination.” Robert Smyth directed.

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I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents the popular “mating game” musical about “the joys of dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives, and in-laws.” Marjorie Mae Treger directed.

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In the Blood

Golden/Bushnell Productions presents Suzan-Lori Parks’s riff on *The Scarlet Letter*. Set in the inner city, the play follows Hester La Negrita as she tries to raise her five children

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Leaving Iowa

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'night Mother

The new Ascension Theatre Company opens its doors with Marsha Norman’s psychological drama about Thelma Cates and her daughter Jessie and a “roller-coaster night” they spend together.

SEWS AND SHOWS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 7860 GOLDEN AVENUE, LEMON GROVE. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH JUNE 29.

A Number

Cygnat Theatre presents Caryl Churchill’s terse psychological thriller about a father and his sons, who may have been cloned. Esther Emery directed.

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Request Programme

Miss Rasch is home from work. You can tell from her almost mute exclamations and joyless eyes that she’s had another tough day, just as her cramped studio apartment says that her job offers no rewards. For an hour, in Franz Xavier Kroetz’s solo piece, we watch an evening in the woman’s life. Except for a TV commercial and a concert on the radio, there is no dialogue. In an era when many people, especially Southern Californians, act as if they’re always on TV, Miss Rasch plays for no audience. She is inalienably alone. She moves slowly, nonstop, preparing a meal, washing dishes, inspecting a potential blemish on her cheekbone and nipping it in the bud with creams. Her habits are so ingrained she moves instinctively. Only the music — “Slaughter on 10th Avenue,” a Chopin nocturne, a Schubert rondo — falls outside her mundane routine. Linda Libby’s opening-night performance, for Ion Theatre, had moments of brilliance, especially when the music becomes a subtext that jostles dormant feelings. Always an expressive actor, Libby creates the character from deep within. The work is courageous, and one sensed that it will grow even more during the run. Kudos to Matt Scott and Claudio Raygoza’s hyper-realistic set and Judy Watson’s costumes and myriad props: the stage brims with living details that Miss Rasch must keep ordered, in their place, because Miss Rasch is not having a good evening.

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Directed by Rosina Reynolds, a trio of actors play dual roles. As young Walker, Sean Cox pushed his early scenes so emotively far he had little in reserve; in Act Two Cox played Ned much more from within, to good effect. Jason Heil shows again why he’s among the most dependable actors around, giving sunny young Pip a cloudy day and Theo a near-perfect storm. Christy Yael has performed in several local shows, but audiences may “discover” her in *Three Days*, where she plays sane Nan becoming harried, and her mother, soon-to-be-insane Lina, on the three best days of her life.

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The Tutor As part of its Super Nova Festival of new plays, Vox Nova Theatre Company stages Allan Havis’s work about a troubled teen and a tutor who struggles “to understand what hides in the present so he can protect them both from what lurks in the future.” Ruff Yeager directed.

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The Venus Hottentot’s Extreme Makeover As part of its Super Nova festival of new plays, Vox Nova presents a staged reading of Karole Foreman’s “musical event” about a young black woman’s quest to be “the perfect woman.” Jeannine Marquie directed.

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Balboa Park Club Ballroom
2150 West Pan American Road
& Presidents Way

Wed., June 18, 2008 • 6 pm

EVENING TEST
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Fri., June 20, 2008 • 8:30 am

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Careers in Probation

Deputy Probation Officer

Minimum Qualifications

- 21 years old • Good physical condition • No illicit drug usage
- U.S. citizen or in process of becoming a citizen
- No felony convictions • Bachelor's degree with experience

Salary: \$50,752-\$61,672 annually
Safety Retirement-Sworn Officers 3% at age 50.
Bilingual men/women encouraged to apply.

Test dates: June 28, 2008 or July 26, 2008

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DEPUTY SHERIFF and Deputy Sheriff Detentions/Courts. San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Hiring for two types of positions; take one exam, apply for either or both! Exam Dates: Saturday, June 7, 2008, 7:30am arrival, Southwestern College Cafeteria, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista CA 91910 or Wednesday, June 11, 2008, 5:30pm arrival, Sheriff's Administrative Center, 9621 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego CA 92123. Registration by e-mail or phone is required for the Ridgehaven test ONLY at: recruit@sdsheriff.org. Detention/Courts: \$39,796-\$61,608 annual salary, plus benefits. 18-year-olds eligible to apply! Deputy Sheriff: \$49,704-\$71,099 current annual salary, plus benefits. U.S. citizen or applied for citizenship; 20-1/2 years old. High school graduate or G.E.D. required. Bring valid photo ID and \$3 for parking at Southwestern. Valid California Driver's License prior to appointment. Effective oral and written communication in English. EOE. Additional test dates: www.joinsdSHERIFF.net. 858-974-2000.

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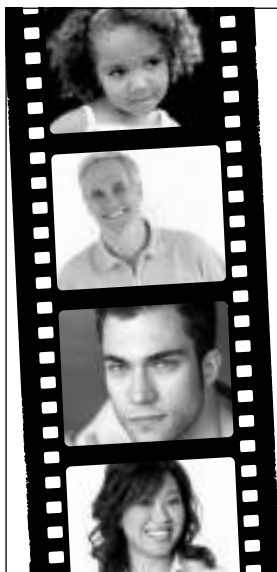
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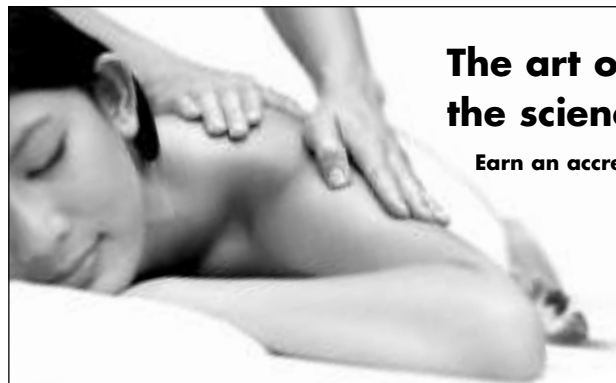
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7. Unaccompanied
11. 1960s march organizers: Abbr.
14. Common soccer score
15. Mystique
16. Portable bed
17. Fido's favorite fashion label?
20. Proactiv target
21. Arabian Peninsula country
22. Spot's favorite fashion label?
29. Grand in scale
30. Attack anonymously
31. Head of the military?
33. Potato choice
35. Betsy ____ (popular '50s doll)
36. "Ba-a-ad!"
37. Rex's favorite fashion label?
39. Dell competitor
42. King in "The Passion of the Christ"
43. Arafat of the PLO
45. Cheapens
48. "The Cloister and the Hearth" author Charles
49. Opposite of bombed
50. Rover's favorite fashion label?
54. Pirate ship feature
56. Press coverage
57. Exclamation upon solving this puzzle?
65. Have a ____ to pick
66. Part of YTD
67. "Star Trek" crewman
68. Settings for some TV dramas
69. Lucid
70. Author Rushdie

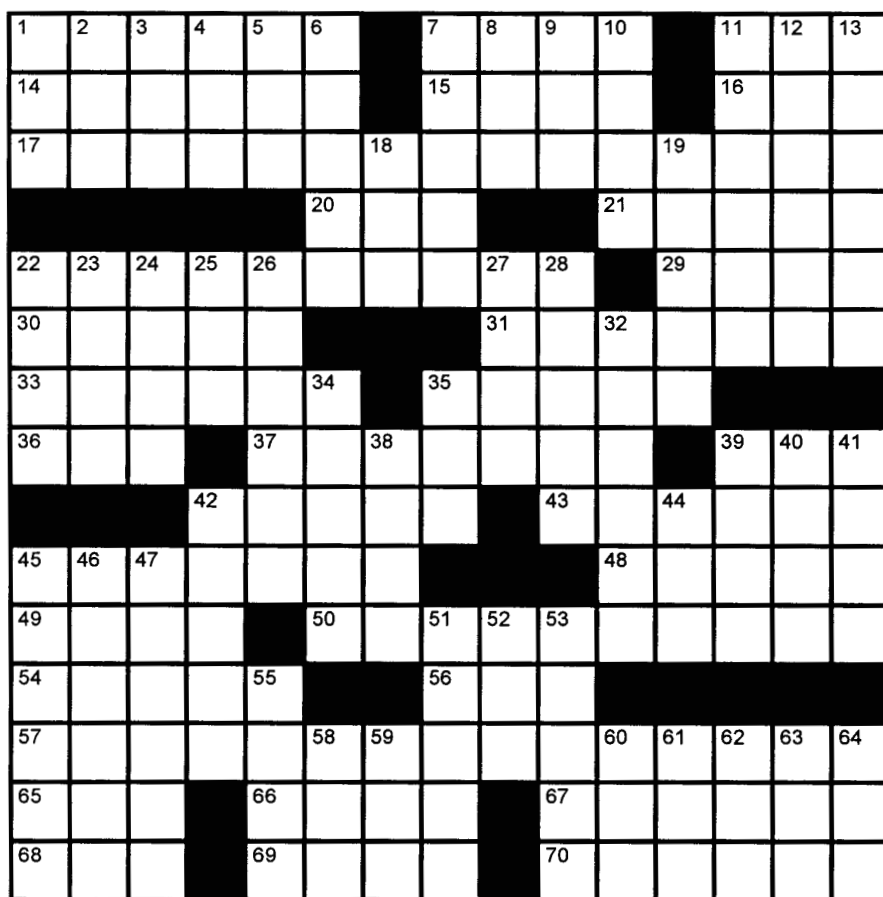
Down

1. Hunk's pride
2. Daughter of Cadmus
3. Solidify
4. "Tic ____ Dough"
5. Cheer for a toreador
6. Public square
7. "____ say ..."
8. Yank
9. Part of ETA: Abbr.
10. Actor Cooper
11. Shrimp ____
12. Worn out
13. Golfer's concern
18. Actor Cage, informally
19. A bit drunk
22. Real estate ad abbr.
23. Gasteyer and Ivanovic
24. Popular board game since 1959
25. Speedometer reading in Eur.
26. Bertie Wooster's valet
27. Squandered
28. Thai dish with peanut sauce

32. Fictional character who wrote the novel "The World According to Bensenhaver"
34. Infielder Jeter
35. Roll of dough
38. Santa ____, Calif.
39. "____, old chap"
40. Adam created by George Eliot
41. Four-footed TV star
42. "I ____ thought of that!"
44. Swell place?
45. Nymph pursued by Apollo
46. Custardy treat
47. Nice ones
51. Paris Zoo beast
52. Where London is: Abbr.
53. Removes the cream from
55. Florida ____
58. Org. pursuing pushers
59. Novelist Fleming
60. La-la lead-in
61. Handbag monogram
62. Doo-wop syllable
63. Suffix with pay
64. Floor (it)

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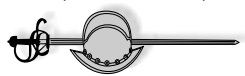
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City Lights, "The Key to the Mayor's Door," page 10

"Balboa" should have been "Balboa"
Found by **Eli Gonzalez**, San Diego
Requested \$10

Cover story, "Will these keep the lights on?" page 40
"State of California" should have been "state of California"

Feature story "Vocabulary," page 58
"What?," should have been "What?" without comma
same story, page 61
"apropos" is should have been "apropos" is
T.G.I.F., page 163
"angels wings" should have been "angels' wings"
All found by **Molly Ryan** of East Lansing, MI
"Cash please!" \$40

Music listings, Anthology, page 84
Turiya Mareya Jazz Ensemble listed twice
Club Crawler, page 80
"Bedford Groves" should have been "Bedford Grove"

As I Hear It, page 98
"They faces" should have been "Their faces"
All found by **Michael Klayman**, San Diego
Requested cash, \$30

Theater listings, National Comedy Theater, page 124
"gone" should have been "done"
Found by **Eric Platt** of Hillcrest
(Eric, pls. let us know if you want Typo Patrol T-shirt or cash.)

Sporting Box, page 16
"well-earned" should have been "well earned"
"last place" should have been "last-place"
Say What?, page 150
"some place" should have been "someplace"
As I Hear It, page 98
"god" should have been "God"
"Haunt this Town" should have been "Haunt This Town"
Feature story "Vocabulary," page 56
"Gomez Adams" should have been "Gomez Addams"
All found by **Chelsea Navarro**, Carlsbad
Requested cash (\$70)
"Sorry to be a bum, but gas is EXPENSIVE."

Restaurant Review "The Farmwife and the Pirate," page 107
"spaghetti citarra" should have been "spaghetti chitarra"
Found by **Andrew Hill**, Ocean Beach
(Andrew, let us know if you want Typo Patrol T-shirt or cash.)

City Lights "The Key to the Mayor's Door," page 7
"has 'has helped clients'" should have been simply "has helped clients"

Cover story, page 40
"right-of-ways" should have been "rights-of-way"
Both found by **Jeanne Tourville**, Paradise Hills
Requested cash, \$20.
"I won a T-shirt two weeks ago."

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LA JOLLA. Charming beach house. 2 blocks Windansea Beach. 3 bedroom 2 bath. Garage. Bonus room, hardwood floors. Enclosed backyard. No pets/smoking. \$2700. 858-336-9026.

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LA MESA. \$1525. Nice 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Large backyard, 2-car garage. Laundry hook-ups. Cat OK. 5169 Guava Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

LA MESA. \$1325. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, great view, large deck, laundry hook-ups. Cat OK. 8424 Sunrise Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, hardwood and tile floors, fireplace, refrigerator, stove, microwave, dishwasher. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

MISSION HILLS. Incredible forested setting for 1914 Craftsman in the heart of downtown Mission Hills. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft. Wonderful cottage nestled in spruce/pines! Walk to shops, restaurants, theatres. Garage, hardwood floors, spa, decks, storage, fireplace, view. Walk-in closet, laundry. Available immediately. \$2495. Lease. 721 Bush. 619-224-2640.

NATIONAL CITY. 6134 Dracaena Court. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$1600. cd@sdcprn.net. SDCPM, 619-220-4840, x107.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. 5 houses from beach. Pescadero Avenue. Washer/dryer, small yard, garage. Available for 4 months, possibly more. 619-222-7915.

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POINT LOMA. 5 bedroom, 3 bath. Large home, quiet area. Pool, laundry room with washer/dryer hookups. Large patio, front yard. Pets OK. \$5,000. 619-602-0500.

RANCHO BERNARDO. \$2400. Large 4 bedroom, 3 bath house, master downstairs, fenced yard. Nice neighborhood. 17359 Libertad Drive. www.centrecity.net. 619-296-6699.

SAN CARLOS. \$2195. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. All new inside. Hardwood floors, carpet, covered patio, air conditioning, all appliances, 2 car garage. Pets ok. 7041 Ballinger Avenue. 619-698-6911. www.goldenmanagement.com.

SAN CARLOS. \$2300. Move in special! 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bathroom house. Newly remodeled home, ceiling fans. Covered patio. Family room, all appliances, washer/dryer hookups. Fireplace. 2 car attached garage. Beautiful pool. 8471 Highwood. Must see! No pets. 619-698-6911. www.goldenmanagement.com.

SAN MARCOS. San Elijo Hills. \$3000. 5 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Fireplace. Surround sound. Shutters. 2-car garage. Granite, gourmet kitchen. 1217 Regata Court. 858-514-8201.

SAN MARCOS. \$3000. 4 bedroom plus bonus, 3 bath house. Fireplace. 3-car garage. Granite, gourmet kitchen. Barbecue, fire pit. Yard. 1543 Copper Court. 858-514-8201.

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SOUTH PARK. \$1550/month plus deposit. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house, wood floors, washer/dryer, yard. Available 6/05/08. Small pet OK. 2609 Montclair Street. 619-669-9553.

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ADOPTION EVENT this Saturday, 6/7, from 10am-4pm at PetSmart in Chula Vista. 1840 Main Street. For more information, call Baja Animal Sanctuary, 619-231-6960 or email sandradsimpson@cox.net.

AQUARIUM SALE at Octopus's Garden. 20H aquarium \$20; 29 for \$29; 40R \$40. Even a 60E is just \$60. Other tank species also. Lots of healthy saltwater fish and beautiful corals. Protein skimmers. Lighting systems, pumps, decorations and supplies at low prices at Octopus's Garden. Noon-9pm, 7 days. Call 858-576-7449.

AQUARIUMS AND PONDS! Freshwater/saltwater fish. Extensive reef animals. 9000 square feet. Low warehouse prices! Expertise not found in Southern California cookie-cutter stores! Aquatic Warehouse. 5466 Complex Street #204, San Diego. Behind Superior Courthouse, off Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. www.aquaticwarehouse.com. Daily, 10am-7pm. Saturday, 10am-6pm. Sunday, 11am-6pm. 858-467-9297.

BAN BACKYARD PUPPY MILLS. Please visit your local humane society and adopt one or more of the sweetest pets you'll ever love. They need you!

BENGAL LEOPARD BABY. Take a walk on the mild side of wild. Drop dead gorgeous. TICA registered. Canaries also available. North County/Vista. 760-724-9316.

BOW WOW POW WOW. Meet some adoptable dogs from the Baja Animal Sanctuary at this fourth annual dog show event. Saturday, 6/7, from 11am-3pm at the Ramon Fair Grounds located at 5th and Aqua Lane. More information, contact Karen, 760-489-8252.

BUY/SELL/TRADE reptiles, amphibians, turtles, tortoises, snakes, lizards. Largest reptile selection in Southern California. Voted #1 in San Diego. Pet Kingdom. 619-224-2841.

CHIHUAHUAS. Baja Animal Sanctuary has quite a few rescued, young chihuahuas. All different colors and interesting markings. They are all looking for forever homes. Interested, call BAS, 619-231-6960.

DOG LOVER? Baja Animal Sanctuary is looking for volunteers who are willing to foster dogs. We provide food, supplies, etc. All you need to provide is love. If you reside in North County please contact Patricia, 858-254-8733 or Judy 858-538-8350. If you reside South of La Jolla contact Alisa, 858-270-4056.

DOGHOUSE, small, plastic, excellent, \$20. Cat scratching post, \$5. Fish tank, small, rectangular, \$10. Pet carrier, Samsonite, soft leather, \$15. Escondido, 760-685-8291.

DOGS. FOCAS is a trusted name in pet adoptions. Call for information on a variety of wonderful rescued pets. Always altered, microchipped, vaccinated. Most \$150 donation. 619-685-3536.

FIRE VICTIMS: POTBELLED PIGS. Please help! Thanks if you're already sent donations you're heroes! I've been working hard to get the pigs on the road to recovery. Some are injured/crippled from running from the fires. They aren't adoptable and may never fully recover. They've needed lots of vet care, and still do. If you can help, call Creekside Vet Service: 760-751-1020, 8751 Old Castle Road, Escondido, California, 92026, c/o Debi Toner's rescued pigs. Thanks for caring!

GET A LIFE! Visit your local animal shelter and adopt a new best friend.

GREAT DANE (regal), Vanessa, 2.5 years old, great with kids. Gorgeous black dog. She is looking for her forever home! Contact Baja Animal Sanctuary for info, 619-231-6960.

KITTENS, Black, black with brown or white markings, \$20/each. 9 weeks old. Call 858-273-5987.

KITTENS. 8 weeks, ready for good homes, dark color tabbys, born April 5, clean, healthy, litter trained, \$50. Vista, 760-941-0541.

KITTENS. Gorgeous Siamese mix older male kittens, 8 months, chocolate point and Himalayan mix, healthy, playful, shy, affectionate, \$30 together to permanent, indoor home. 760-230-1346 or 619-267-6722.

KITTENS/CATS, 10+ weeks, need responsible, lifetime homes. Cute, friendly, virus-tested, neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, defleaed. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 6-8pm; Saturday, Sunday, noon-

4pm. PetSmart La Jolla, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (I-5 at Nobel). Fee. www.sdcats.org.

KOI PONDS AND WATER GARDENS. Equipment and supplies, free water testing, service and maintenance, construction and design, commercial and residential. Koi-Koi Living Jewels' 20th year. 1975 Jamacha Road, El Cajon. Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm. 619-441-9275.

LABRADOR. Looking to adopt a goofy Lab or pup? Contact Aubree at 619-990-7455 with Labs & Friends Rescue or log onto www.labradorsandfriends.org to see our adoptable dogs.

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LOST PUPPY, YELLOW LAB, 5 months old. Magnus is not neutered. Got out of yard. Normal Heights/University Heights/North Park area. \$500 reward! 619-405-2151.

LOST: Reward for return of adult Congo African Grey parrot, "Katie." Beloved family member. Gray body, white around eyes and red, rounded tail feathers. 619-787-8411.

PET SITTER. South bay area. Part time/must have flexible schedule. Pay negotiable. Animal lover wanted to take care of adult Cocker Spaniel. 619-791-8156.

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PUG CHIHUAHUA MIXES, adults, 1 male, 1 female, neutered/spayed. One is black, other tan with black. Shots, license, microchip. No young kids. \$100 each. 619-583-5122.

PUPPIES, PUPPIES, PUPPIES! If you are looking for a new companion, contact Baja Animal Sanctuary at 619-231-6960.

PUPS. Born on Valentine's Day. They are Shepherd/German short-haired pointer mix. We have 2 boys. Valentine and Casanova. Black and white or black and tan. They will be about 45-60lbs. full grown. Contact Martha with BAS, mready@san.r.com or 858-488-4363.

SHAR PEI. Lisa Ling was rescued all the way from Utah where she was slated for euthanasia. She is a sweet and loving girl. Contact Baja Animal Sanctuary to meet her. 619-231-6960.

SIBERIAN HUSKY. Riana is a gorgeous (must see) 6-year-old that was recently rescued from the shelter and weighs 48lbs. She is an active dog who gets along with other dogs but no cats please. Contact BAS, 619-231-6960.

TERRIER MIX, scruffy, cute, cream color, neutered, 4 years, 8lbs. of liveliness. Likes people and dogs. Needs safe home. No young kids. \$100. 619-466-0426.

TERRIER. Meet "Trinity," a 2-year-old female terrier X who weighs 19lbs. She loves women especially, and being held is one of her favorite things. Contact BAS to meet her. 619-231-6960.

VIZSLA PUPPIES. Purebred puppies with AKC and PEN hip certified. Ready 7/31. Shots, tails docked, dew claws removed. Lots of love and energy! Obedient, great with kids. \$1000. 619-579-8650.



Marlene Ruiz
Retired
Tulare

It's mashed potatoes. Maybe I like the fact that they're warm, I don't have to chew them, they're filling. They're easy on my teeth. It's also a feeling of home. I make them once in a while, getting the beater out. I probably have them once a week.



John Clark
Data Communications
Irvine

My comfort food is probably sushi. I know that seems like a weird choice, but when my wife and I have our date nights, that's when we get it. So, we probably have it once a week. I didn't have it for the first time until I was 40. And I really liked it. Brunch is also a time we have our comfort foods.



Rich Kay
Accountant
Michigan

Chocolate. Anything chocolate. What else is there? I probably have chocolate daily, too. Dark chocolate is my favorite. And, now that I hear it's good for the heart, I can use that as an excuse. Yeah, I eat chocolate all the time.



Lorena Smith
Accountant
San Diego

I can answer this one easy. Chicken noodle soup. It just makes me think of that warm and fuzzy feeling you get on a cold, rainy day when all you need is something warm to make you feel good.



Kyle Kreis
Student
Mira Mesa

I haven't really thought about it. I guess chicken noodle soup, if I'm sick. Meatloaf and mashed potatoes are always a good comfort food. That probably reminds most people of home. I'm not sure if most people eat comfort foods when they're out at a restaurant or if that's what they cook at home for themselves.



Allison Paine
CEO
Rancho Peñasquitos

It would be french fries. My comfort drink is vodka cranberry. With french fries, I could probably eat them every day. I limit myself to having them once a week, though. I'm guessing potatoes, in all the variety of ways they can be cooked, are most people's comfort food.

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BALBOA PARK. \$950. Large studio cottage across from Balboa Park. Laundry on site. No pets. 2804 6th Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.
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BANKER'S HILL. 1 bedroom, \$990. Six month lease. Gated. Parking. Laundry on site. 1818 6th Avenue. Call Michael. 858-490-1600 or 619-694-6082.
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BANKERS HILL. Studios \$665-\$740. 1 bedroom \$885. Lovely apartments, many upgrades. Quiet, well-kept classic building designed by Gill. Appliances. Gas included. Laundry onsite. Near bus. No pets. 619-236-0452.
BAY PARK, 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. Ocean view, 1/2 block to bay. Patio. New appliances, carpet, paint. Partially furnished if needed. Parking. \$1800, 619-244-0725.
BAY PARK. \$1195. Deluxe 1 bedroom, top floor/corner apartment, Southwest/panoramic Bay views! At beach/freeway. Dishwasher. Berber carpeting. Parking. Gated. Cat-friendly! 2805 Morena. 858-459-1544.
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CARLSBAD from \$1225. Beautiful and spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms, some with fantastic views! Pool, community laundry, gated parking, barbecue areas. Walk to the beach! No pets. 2303 Ocean Street. Agent 760-434-7721.
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balcony. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.
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CARLSBAD. \$925. 1 bedroom in small complex. Off-street parking. Community laundry. Quiet. No pets. 3366 Roosevelt Street. 760-434-7721.
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Ruthey, a San Diego native, has surfed for over 40 years.

"There was a time when women weren't welcome in the surfing community as anything other than a cheerleader to hang out and get tan. Older people won't tell you that; they just ignore that it happened. I was chased out of the water more times than I care to remember. The worst incident was right before Christmastime in about 1978. My close friend, who taught me to surf, had just got into the water



and I was about to join him. No sooner had I gotten waist deep when two other male surfers started screaming at me. They shouted insults and threw trash at me. It was humiliating. I'd like to say that it was easy to ignore them, but it wasn't. I had to fight for every bit of respect I got. That day I forced myself to paddle out to the break and catch one wave before I went in. I think I cried the

entire time." Though she's seen women gain acceptance in the water, Ruthey thinks there's still too much conflict among all surfers, men and women. "I've noticed strength in the community but also a fierce separation and ridiculous territoriality. I can't stand to see other surfers acting like asses over waves. There are a million of them; another one will

come along. I've seen plenty of fights, broken up plenty of fights, and it never ceases to amaze me how selfish people can be over such a beautiful sport."

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LEAD STORY

— A provision in Switzerland's constitution recognizes the "dignity" of "animals, plants and other organisms," and a federal Ethics Committee on Non-Human Gene Technology declared in an April report that vegetation has "inherent worth" and that humans cannot exercise "absolute ownership" over it but must treat it morally, measured case-by-case. For example, the committee said a farmer's mowing his field is acceptable but not the arbitrary severing of a wildflower's bloom. The committee would permit genetic engineering of flora, since plants would still retain the "autonomy" to reproduce on their own.

Can't Possibly Be True

— After officials in Batu, a tourist town in East Java in Indonesia, asked its massage parlors to make clear to customers that they are not houses of prostitution, one parlor owner created uniform pants for his women with a padlockable zipper, and "locks in" each masseuse in front of the client at the beginning of a session. Other parlor own-

ers have followed along. A local women's group representative complained that it is the customers, not the women, who need restraining.

— In April the Swiss watchmaker Romain Jerome (which last year created a watch made from remnants of the *Titanic*) introduced the "Day&Night" watch, which unfortunately does not provide a reading of the hour or the minute. Though it retails for about \$300,000, it tells only whether it is "day" or "night" (using a complex measurement of Earth's gravity). CEO Yvan Arpa said studies show that two-thirds of rich people "don't [use] their watch to tell what time it is" anyway.

Inexplicable

— In April, according to police in Fort Pierce, Fla., Amity Joy Doss, 24, grabbed a young McDonald's employee by her shirt to emphasize her dissatisfaction with service and demanded to the manager that she be fired. A call was made to police, and Doss wandered outside, climbed a tree, hung upside down by bended knee for a while, then descended and lay down on the hood

of her car before re-entering the restaurant and asking if the girl had been fired yet. She was arrested on several charges.

— A 2007 decision of New York City's Civil Service Commission reinstated a police officer even though NYPD has ruled him unfit for duty, in large part because he admitted to a "fear of dead people," which the department had thought would make his job difficult. (However, in March 2008, a New York City judge overturned the commission ruling.)

Fetishes on Parade

— (1) CNN TV personality Richard Quest was arrested in New York City's Central Park after curfew in April, with drugs in his pocket and a rope around his neck tied to his genitals, according to a *New York Post* report (which had no explanation of the purpose of the rope). (2) Firefighters responding to a burning house in Crystal Lake, Ill., in April were told by three people fleeing that another man was in the basement, chained by the neck to a post. When rescued, the man denied that anything was wrong. Said

the deputy police chief, "We're not really sure what everyone's relationship in this is," and consequently no one was charged.

The Aristocrats!

— (1) San Diego City Council candidate John Hartley said he would stay in the race despite his March arrest and no-contest plea, which came after two women said they saw him, parked in front of their house one evening, masturbating into a cup. (He said it had been a long day of campaigning and that, as he later wrote in a mailing, he "had to take a leak.") (2) Officials at Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in Cebu City, Philippines, apologized in April on behalf of at least six doctors and other personnel for laughing raucously during surgery and making a party video (that was later uploaded to YouTube) of the operating-room removal of a perfume canister from the anus of a male patient.

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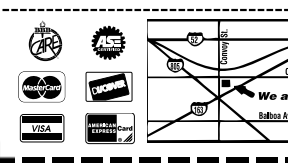
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

In a little under nine hours Eichberger takes a dead bird from a clear plastic bag, does things to it that would be unspeakable at the dinner table, and ends up with a static, mute, but life-like effigy of it.

"It's like being a doctor for the dead," says Eichberger's colleague, Gary McCoy, who is working on a mallard duck at the same bench, "except after you get through with it, it's still dead."

—**"STUFF IT,"** Neal Matthews, June 8, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Last week's front pages featured a Senator Pete Wilson embracing his new bride, Gayle Graham, following their Washington, D.C., wedding. Missing were photos of Betty Wilson, the senator's ex-wife. The former Mrs. Wilson, however, may have reason to be smiling as well; she has negotiated a divorce settlement which includes alimony payments amounting to \$30,000 per year. She'll remain as the primary beneficiary of Senator Wilson's four life insurance policies. Betty Wilson gets possession of the couple's two-bedroom Clairemont condominium on Genesee Avenue, and — should she desire — the option to use their controversial manure-to-methane tax shelter

on her 1983 federal income tax filing.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"THE WILSON SETTLEMENT,"**

Paul Krueger, June 9, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

What have you got against cats? In a February issue of the *Reader*, you published an offensive cartoon of a dog eating a cereal made of cat. Not only was it not funny, I found it cruel and prejudicial. In your May 26 issue, you printed a drawing of a run-over cat which again I did not find amusing since I can find no humor in violence to defenseless animals.

—LETTERS: **"DON'T BE CRUEL,"** Peter Saldamando,

East San Diego, June 9, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

I'm not getting any younger, and in a weak moment of fret and worry, I foolishly took to my bed with *Cosmopolitan* magazine editor-in-chief Helen Gurley Brown's *The Late Show: A Semiwild but Practical Survival Plan for Women over 50* (now in its sixth printing).

Although I'm sure I've flipped through *Cosmo* in waiting rooms, I'd not read any of Brown's previous six books, which include the 1962 best seller *Sex and the Single Girl* ("...single girls can have better sex lives than married ones") or the 1982 *Having It All: Love,*

Success, Sex, Money, Even If You're Starting with Nothing ("...mousy girls can own the world if they dig in and work hard"). I wasn't prepared for the Brown style, the breezy sentences ("I've always been so little and cute, and, well, young").

—**"AGE BEFORE BEAUTY,"** Judith Moore,

June 10, 1993

Ten Years Ago

I am a student at Francis Parker High School and I am calling regarding the article that has been written about the top ten [high] schools in San Diego [June 4]. I'm calling regarding that article, and I feel that it was very — there was some people you had picked from my school to talk to... [they] were not a fair representation of the school... I think that they're just kind of ragging on the school for no reason.

—LETTERS: **"CRAPPY ARTICLE,"** Geoff Pope, North

City West, June 11, 1998

Five Years Ago

One item randomly retrieved from Saturday's infoworld: Carlsbad resident Jed Dickerson, 30, caught a 21.7-pound largemouth bass in Lake Dixon. Dixon Lake (a paltry 70 acres of water surface) is part of Escondido's Public Works



San Diego Reader, June 8, 1978

Department and lies 4.4 miles from that municipality's city hall.

There's more. Last month, a 19-pound, 7-ounce largemouth bass was taken from Lake Dixon. That fish ranks as 13th heaviest in the world. And, a couple years ago, Dixon Lake relinquished a 20.75 pounder, which ranks as the 9th heaviest gill creature ever enshrined in the Largemouth Bass Hall of Fame.

—SPORTING BOX: **"SNACK TIME,"** Patrick Daugherty,

June 5, 2003

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TURKISH BARBERS

There are two barbershops on Camp Fallujah, about a ten-minute walk apart. One — run by a Jordanian — is located inside the post exchange complex while the other — a shop owned by an older Turkish gentlemen — sits across from the main chow hall in a gravel-covered lot. Anyone who has been stationed here for more than a month goes to one or the other. Their preference is less of a Montague and Capulet division, however, and more of a comfortable habit. There doesn't seem to be any bad blood between the two groups, and both are pretty busy most of the day.

Most Marines go to the Turkish barbers at the gravel pit, technically dubbed "Marines Express Barber Shop." No one ever calls it that, though; you go to "the Turks" for a haircut. It's a small rectangular building painted white with red trim and a small porch right in front of the door. For no apparent reason, there is also an ornately designed two-and-a-half-foot-tall metal fence on three sides. A string of olive green 550 cord (so named for its reputed strength) hangs from a hole where the doorknob used to

be; it's connected to the bolt and draws back with a firm tug.

Once inside, the atmosphere is eerily familiar. It could easily be a low-rent barbershop in the downtown of a large city. Four chairs run along the long side of the building, with two more on the far end, all with mirrors in front of them and a faux marble top strewn with Middle-Eastern brands of hair products. A few chairs are arranged against the wall by a magazine-covered coffee table, with a few more places to sit just inside the door to

the right next to a television tuned to music videos.

None of the barbers speaks English. They understand three words, though: low, medium, and high. These roughly correspond to the basic haircuts you can get as a Marine — the height indicating where the fade begins and, according to some, how motivated you are. The higher the motivation, the higher the hair gets cut. But all the barber gets is a few words and a flat hand tapping the side of the head to indicate an approximate level. "Yes, sah" he says, and

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the clippers snap on.

What these guys lack in formal schooling (or experience), they make up for in enthusiasm and dedication. A normal military haircut takes 5 minutes in the States and costs you ten dollars before the tip; here the price is three or four dollars, and you can sit in that chair for up to 20 minutes. Many of the barbers use the clippers sparingly, switching quickly to scissors and comb and moving around the head methodically and constantly checking their work. Most of the customers — used to the prices and scalding speed back home — reward these Turkish artists by tipping them as much or more than the actual haircut.

Small talk is kept to a minimum by the language

barrier, but repeat customers end up developing some kind of rapport with one of the six or seven available guys. It starts the second or third time when a particular barber looks familiar; he may try and catch your eye or just walk over to you and guide you by the shoulders to his chair. If the haircut is satisfactory, then every visit after that should be to the same barber, if possible; some Marines will leave if “their” barber isn’t working. For those who get kicked from chair to chair, they risk never being adopted by any of the Turks, and their hair will surely suffer. The only hope in a situation like that is to deliver a massive tip to whoever gives the best haircut and hope his greed will over-

come the transient stigma.

Individuals and location aside, there is one aspect of the Turks’ shop really separating it from the Jordanians’ down the street: flaming Q-tips. Once the normal haircut is finished, the barber will always ask, “Fire, sah?” Everyone should say yes at least once, for the experience if nothing else. Most people learn quickly to enjoy the post-cut ritual and always get it done. A long metal stick with a cotton ball on the end is dunked in some flammable liquid (hopefully just alcohol) and lit on fire. The barber taps it a few times on the edge of the sink to get the stray flaming drops off and then turns toward the closest ear.

Tap-tap, grab. Tap-tap, grab.



It’s like watching someone play a xylophone, except with flames; the purpose is to quickly burn off the fuzzy hair on the outside of the ear. So, holding the stick in one hand, he’ll tap the ear twice on top then grab it with his unoccupied thumb and forefinger, smothering the flames. The process is repeated for the middle and lower sections of the first ear and then he moves over to the other one.

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All people deserve some amount of respect regardless of their appearance, but we also have to respect our imaginations. When the grocery-store cashier pushes her lips out to form an elongated cone, and she lounges one long forearm across the top of her head, DON'T LOOK AWAY AND CORRECT YOURSELF. Certainly, you don't want to offer her a fez, diaper, and tiny motorcycle because that would be offensive, but you're allowed to run a quick dream sequence of her coaxing termites out of a stump with a reed. With that blue cashier's vest and ridiculous hairdo, she's asking for it.

There's more etiquette involving people who look like our closest ape cousin. You cannot under any circumstances offer them a cigarette and a kitten. (God, how they love cigarettes and kittens.) WE know they want a cigarette and a kitten. THEY know they want a cigarette and a kitten. But crossing a crowded art gallery to gift a small cat and a smoke to a chimpish person *might be* in poor taste. When dealing with chimpanzee-people, one must ask oneself, "Would I give this person a Lucky Strike and a tabby kitty if he or she did *not* look like a chimpanzee?" Your honest answer is your guide.

I won't say who or when, but a chimpish individual reports a news segment on a local channel. I won't even mention a gender. There are a lot of you out there, those of you with a little bit of frost in your hearts who will scour the channels, biting your thumbnail or fiddling with your TiVo thingy, commanding it to record every local news hour, hoping, waiting with the patience of a child on Christmas Eve for that fortunate day when this News Chimpanzee pops onto screen in a little western cowboy outfit, riding a tricycle so you can point and howl. No, I won't give you the satisfaction. These simian newscasters deserve our respect and you're just being mean.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

PELZ WEDGE SYSTEM

GOLF 9:00 A.M.

Not entirely sure what this is, but color me intrigued. A mysterious "system" for wedges, you say? Tell me more. OH DAMN! It's on the stupid Golf Channel. NEVER MIND! STUPID GOLF!

MY FRIENDS TIGGER AND POOH

DISNEY 9:30 A.M.

Week in and week out I write this column. Not once, NOT ONCE, have I ever made the most obvious joke ever. Oh, it's been tough. Every time I sit down in my coonskin cap and Sansabelt jumpsuit, ready to do my weekly duty on my laptop, and NOT ONCE (!) have I opted for the low-hanging fruit. Oh, sweat rolls down my temples. You better believe. Sweat. Rolls.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

GHOST WHISPERER

CBS 8:00 P.M.

You bet your sweet ass I want to see them. There isn't a guy out there who doesn't want to see them. Oh, sure, there's that one dude who works in I.T. with the ponytail who's a little *too* into reptiles and swords, and he SAYS he doesn't want to see them, but he's lying to make himself feel better because he knows he'll never, not in six lifetimes, get the opportunity to see them. I'm not so cognitively dissonant. Pull 'em out, Jennifer. For the love of hot molasses, pull 'em out.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

TENNIS: FRENCH OPEN WOMEN'S FINALS

NBC 7:00 A.M.

It's women playing a sport. The sport is tennis, and the whole affair is French. Until they institute DMV-style lines to the dentist chair, two hours of this is about as masochistic as you're likely to find.

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CBS 7:00 P.M.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8

HOUR OF POWER
LIFETIME 8:00 A.M.

On Sunday mornings, I like to cruise past the churches in my neighborhood because poor people really get dressed up for church, but as was mentioned earlier they are poor and also have really bad taste. It's just not a Sunday morning for me until I get

a good eyeful of cascading, ruffled, purple rayon. America's freedom fabric!

MONDAY, JUNE 9

HOW TO BE A PLAYER
BET 8:00 P.M.

Speaking of poor taste in clothing, let's talk about mine. Being a strict "Big Johnson" tank-top-and-jean-shorts kind of guy, I have never in my life had anything dry-cleaned. I don't even know what the process entails or what is inside a dry-cleaning establishment. Behind the doors of a dry cleaner's may lay a wonderful land of candy and fireworks and Hot Wheels and Tonka trucks and strippers and motorcycles and meat and time machines and whiskey and sharks, and I'd never know it. Damn. Somebody tell me if any of that's true because I've worked myself up into quite a lather.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN
USA 8:00 P.M.

I'm 32 and I really wish I was still a virgin. If I could go back to that night, I'd grasp my own shoulders, look myself in the eye and say, "Do you really want to go through with this? You're opening a whole world of misery. Dealing with women for the rest of your life to repeat this one situation, let me tell you, kid, you're better off not going in there. Besides, that woman in there only has one leg, but she's got three kinds of herpes. And when you go to *el baño*, she's going to steal your wallet. And she's a man."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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The 40-Year-Old Virgin

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THURSDAY, JUNE 12

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK
USA 8:30 P.M.

Duhn-duhn-duhn-duhn...DUHN-

DUHN-DUHN! (whip crack!) Duhn-duhn-duhn-duhn...DUHN-DUHN-DUHN-DUHN-DUHN! Duhn-duhn-duhn-duhn...DUHN-DUHN-DUHN! Duhn-duhn-duhn-duhn... Oh, yeah, good luck getting that out of your head this afternoon. Ha ha! SUCKER! Eat it!

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By John Brizzolara

This is being written amid days in a row of May Gray. It may be a safe bet that you are reading it in the early part of June Gloom. Possibly not, but it doesn't matter. These rhyming phrases are kinds of passwords or shibboleths that suggest their user has been in town for a while, though even tourists may pick up on them. At any rate, I like these overcast periods in what are mostly unrelieved months (rainy winters, such as they are, aside) of unnaturally fair weather. Without them, we San Diegans have little in the way of built-in reality checks. If I say this is an unreal place, I mean it in the best sense.

Warm, yet cloudy, spring days are among the increasing number, with age, of phenomena that trigger bouts of nostalgia. For me, possibly yourself, these might include staring out a classroom window at the end of the school year, the start of baseball season, and the early-morning rounding up of preadolescent teammates — in my case — in a west-side neighborhood of Chicago. And for me, also pleasant recollections, pregnant with hope, of setting up Sears Silvertone amplifiers on makeshift bandstands on school or church grounds, public parks, maybe fairgrounds just before a performance of our band, the Swordsmen.

They also trigger memories of my early sorties into San Diego, before I

officially moved here. In particular, September of 1976. Neither May nor June, but that September I recall was as gray as any San Diego May, as gloomy as any June. I was 25 years old, and it was the last year of my life I would not be a parent. I have forgotten what reason it was that time for my wife and me to escape from Manhattan, but it is something we did for its own sake roughly every year. The previous year it was to Hawaii.

We lived with her parents at 438 B Avenue in Coronado, behind a colonial-style house that is no longer there. We stayed that month in the cottage behind the main building, with an entrance onto the alley. Both buildings were roughly 100 years old, and the cottage was the former residence of a Methodist (I think) missionary who had spent much of the 1930s in China. He had left diaries behind, parts of which I read with astonishment that the man could make such an adventure sound so stupefyingly dull.

What was not at all dull was the discovery of the Coronado library. This was before its renovation, but it was a fine library even then. As it was discouraging beach weather and I was undermotivated to find a job out here, it was with great excitement I found books on that library's shelves that I had not run across in New York. I remember finding *Voyage to a Beginning* and *Adrift in Soho*, autobiographical works by Colin Wilson, the British working-class philosopher and novelist. Wilson shared my enthusiasm for gray skies, doom-laden gothic fiction, and dark German philosophy. And if the missionary father's Asian adventures proved dull, there was more than enough in the library to compensate.

I found a series of novels by Duncan MacNeil, probably intended for young-adult boys, about the adventures of Captain (or Lieutenant — he was promoted throughout the series) James Ogilvie. The hero found himself posted to every major spot of historical interest in the British Empire in the 19th Century, from Lucknow and Cawnpore during the Indian mutiny in 1857, to the Khyber Pass in Afghanistan, and Sebastopol and the Charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War in, I think, 1853. I learned more about the British military in the 19th Century, as well as India's culture and Afghanistan's geography, during that cloudy Coronado month than I did in all the previous years at school.

Also waiting for me on those library shelves was a delightfully fat tome by H. Warner Munn titled *The Lost Legion*. The book concerned the historical Ninth Legion of Imperial Rome, which had gone missing from Roman Britain



just before the Dark Ages had set in. Munn's book postulated that by some fantastical means the legion had found its way across the Atlantic to the Mayan peninsula of Yucatán. It was in that adventure book that I learned the word Yucatán meant "I can't understand you."

We had no television in the cottage, though we did have a cheap and vintage hi-fi on which we listened to the late reverend father's 78 LPs of nearly scratchless classical music and the occasional spin of Springsteen's *Greetings from Asbury Park*. And so it was to the tunes of the E Street Band and Richard Strauss, under San Diego's uncustomary leaden skies, that I traveled to the Crimea and Kabul, Chichen Itza, and a newly-brought-to-life Soho in London, though I'd been there five years earlier with the same woman. It was the last real year of my childhood at maybe an embarrassing age, and I think on it fondly. It's available to me anytime a cloud passes in front of the sun in this part of the world.

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