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I've been gone a long time. When I wake up in the morning and look out my window, the deep topaz sky over Carmel Valley is so inviting. Palm fronds clack at my window, beckoning me outside. Despite the faux tropical landscape and the beach-babe cutouts, San Diego is bloated with serious natural wonders.

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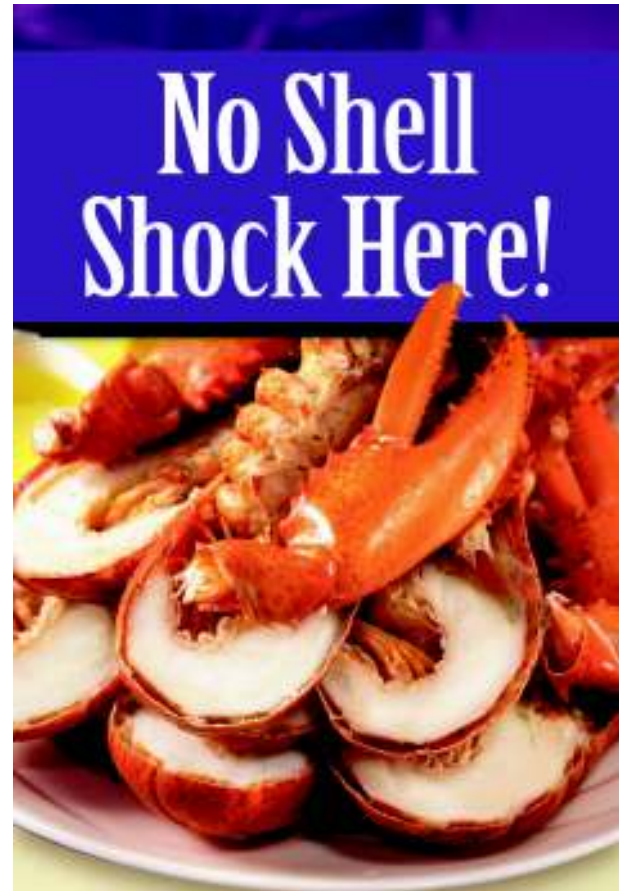
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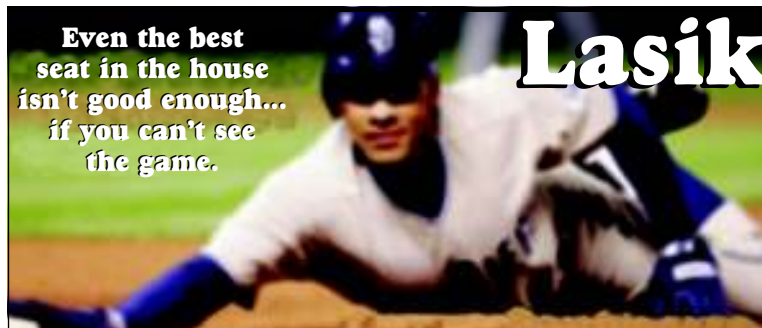


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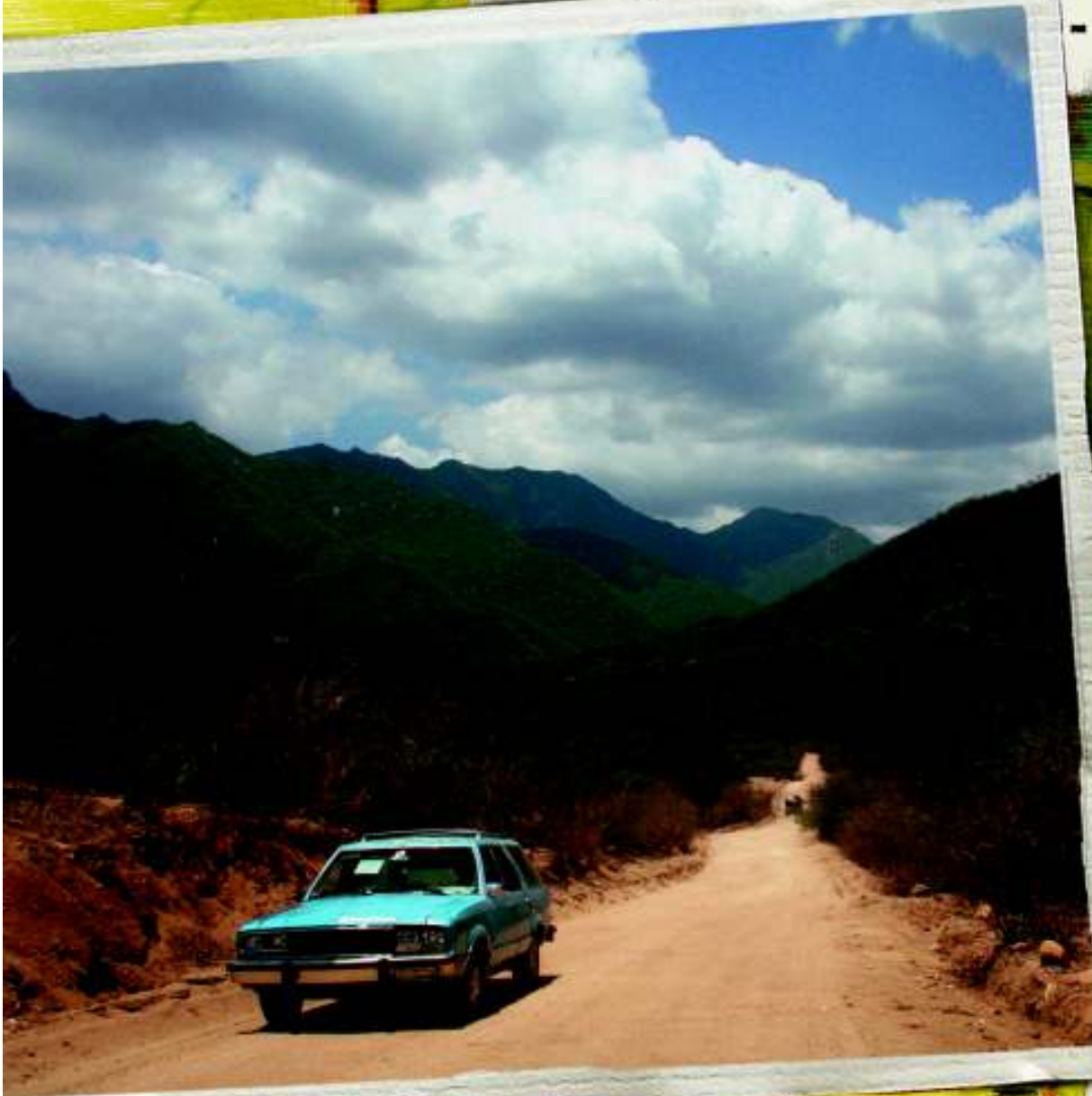
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Neal Blue

Last October, the *Age* newspaper of Melbourne reported that in the late 1990s the owners of the country's biggest uranium mines, including General Atomics, retained a former Victoria police officer to infiltrate antinuclear and Aboriginal groups, as well as to provide security to General Atomics executives visiting the country.

More recently, the company has been getting a mixed response to its announcement on March 31 that it wants to reopen an old uranium mill in Cañon City, Colorado, owned by Cotter Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of General Atomics. "Cotter intends to refurbish the mill, taking the necessary steps to process ore from the Mount Taylor Mine located near Grants, New Mexico," the firm said in a letter it sent to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.



Linden Blue

The company, founded in 1956 and purchased by General Atomics in 2000, has long had a love-hate relationship with Cañon City residents. Twenty-four years ago, the plant was designated a federal Superfund site due to radioactive contamination in the air and groundwater in the vicinity. Cleanup work is now less than half complete. In October of last year, the federal Health and Human Services Department began a study of possible health effects caused by leakage from the plant. "We're not saying these [potential health impacts] were caused by the contamination," environmental scientist **Teresa Foster** told the Associated Press. "We're not at the point where we can make that determination. We're taking the community's concerns very seriously." Cañon City resident **Marilou Thompson** told the *Cañon City Daily Record* earlier this month, "I've never gotten anything from Cotter. People that worked there are the ones that have to worry."

If the Blue brothers manage to get the mill up and running again, they stand to make a lot of money. The plant is one of only four in the United States that is set up to convert uranium ore into the yellowcake used in the final prepara-

tion of fuel for nuclear reactors and weapons. The only one of the mills currently operating is in Utah. Under the current plan, the ore would begin arriving at the mill by train in 2014. Before General Atomics came up with its latest proposal, it tried to turn the mill into a dumpsite for radioactive waste from a Superfund site in Maywood, New Jersey, and later from a uranium plant in Oklahoma. State regulators blocked both schemes.

Raw power Sacramento's *Capitol Weekly* is out with its top-100 list of the biggest "influence peddlers, power brokers and political players in California." Only two San Diegans, both Republicans, make the cut: **Bob White**, the ex-aide to **Pete Wilson**, and financier **Gerry Parsky** of Rancho Santa Fe. Of White's California Strategies, *Capitol Weekly* says: "In some ways, the firm is the post-partisan, private-sector doppelganger to Schwarzenegger's ideologically diverse inner circle. The collection of Republican and Democratic powerbrokers, media spinmeisters and strategists under the firm's umbrella is impressive by any measure." Last year White hosted a Sacramento fund-raising party for San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**, and White is expected to play a key role if Sanders decides to run for statewide office, as has been rumored. Regarding Parsky, *Capitol Weekly* said: "If there's a board or commission that needs a leader, Gerry Parsky's your guy. Or at least if you're **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, then Gerry Parsky's your guy."



Gerry Parsky

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Doug Hutcheson

— Matt Potter

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New Team(sters) for Lifeguards?

By Craig D. Rose

Call it a riptide in the ranks of city lifeguards. A dissident group is roiling the city's beachfront guardians with an effort

to split from the San Diego Municipal Employees Association, which represents them and thousands of other City of San Diego workers, and affiliate instead with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

A leader of the dissident lifeguards says they want more effective representation and the right to vote on which union will represent them in the future.

The 300 lifeguards are the only public safety employees in the 4000-member Municipal Employees Association, whose diverse membership includes building inspectors, code-enforcement personnel, and dispatchers. Some lifeguards say the needs of their relatively small group get lost among the dissimilar needs of white-collar employees. The Teamsters have said they would organize the lifeguards into their own bargaining

units, one for guards and one for supervisors. The dissident guards also complain that the role of the Municipal Employees Association in the city's



Darrell Esparza

disastrous pension-underfunding scheme has brought discredit to the association.

Lifeguards who support the Municipal Employees Association, on the other hand, feel that representation by the large association gives the life-

guards added clout. Many say it has done a reasonable job given the perilous state of City finances.

Beyond what the dissident effort could mean for the lifeguards, it's being watched as an internal test of strength for the city employees association. The 83-year-old organization functions in many ways as a labor union but is technically a nonprofit association and is not a member of organized labor's largest central body, the AFL-CIO. Local 911 of the Teamsters,



Ed Harris

which is bidding to organize the lifeguards, is a member of the local AFL-CIO labor council.

The Municipal Employees Association has been embattled for the better part

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13 Miles of Metal

By Ernie Grimm

Border Patrol agent Richard Gonzales pushes a button in the shiny white Chevy Tahoe he's driving. In response, a gate

rolls open to allow entry to the no-man's-land between the secondary fence and the



Juan Manuel Rodríguez Esteves

old primary fence. The gate is in Otay Mesa, maybe a mile west of the port of entry.

Gonzales turns west onto a two-lane graded dirt road between the fences. The view here is striking. On the right

completed in May.

By contrast, on the left, the northwest corner of impoverished Latin America piles up against a ten-foot fence made of rusty corrugated-metal panels. Houses constructed of plywood, old garage doors, and bare concrete blocks cling to canyon sides, buttressed by retaining walls made from old tires stacked and filled with soil. Each 15- or 20-foot section of the primary fence bears a spray-painted number. The numbers get lower as we go west. The fence panels are Vietnam-era landing mats — they were used to make instant runways. “That was the material we had on hand when we built this fence in the early '90s,” says Gonzales, who has spent his entire 22-year Border Patrol career in San Diego. “Before



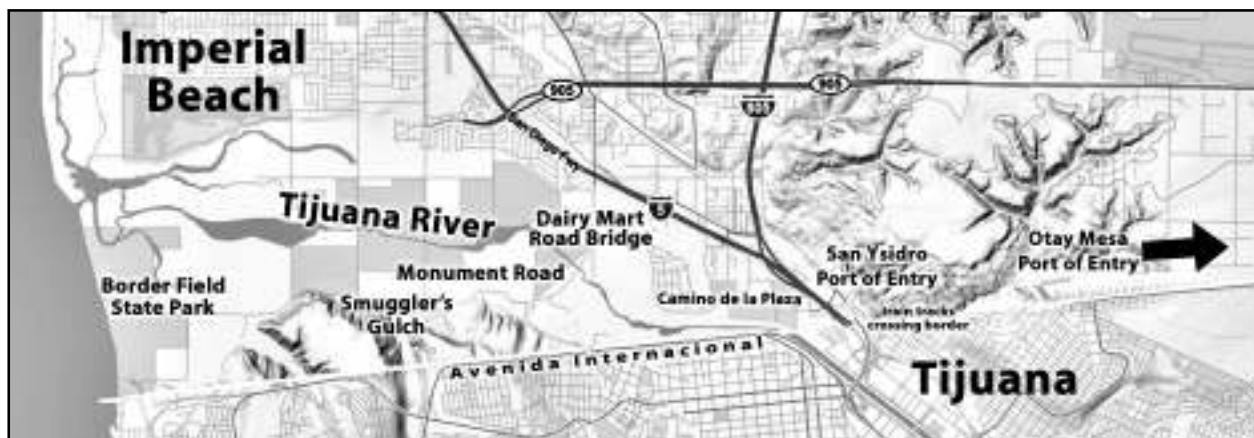
Secondary fence crossing Smuggler's Gulch; San Diego in background

rancas to the border crossers, their guides, and groups of roaming bandits who preyed upon the immigrants. “They knew these people were carrying their life savings with them. So they robbed the men, raped the women, and there wasn't much we could do about it. It was just too dangerous for an agent to be out here alone.”

Every 300 feet or so along the road between the fences stands a light pole. Some of the poles have one-by-two-foot sheet metal signs hanging from them, emblazoned with names such as Soccer Field and Washer Woman's. “Those are the names we called the different areas back in those days. Soccer Field was

has put a stop to that. Not that nobody tries to cross in these areas. Jumping the landing-mat primary fence is not a difficult feat. But the 15-foot secondary fence topped with cruel razor wire is a much more formidable obstacle. “The top of the fence used to lean [southward]. We thought that would be enough. But they were making long ladders out of wood and going right over. So we added the razor wire. A few have tried going over the razor wire by putting blankets on top, but it's dangerous and time-consuming. So mostly what we see now is people cutting through the fence with blowtorches.”

As the Tahoe slowly bounces down the rugged



towers a 15-foot fence made of a perforated metal similar to a front-door security screen. It's the kind of structure that could only be built in a wealthy country. It glimmers with fresh gray paint and is topped with coils of nasty razor wire. The fence stretches 13 miles from east of the Otay Mesa port of entry to the ocean. The final section, in Border Field State Park, should be

that, it was chain-link, some barbed wire.”

The old fence, Gonzales says, didn't stop many illegal immigrants. “In fact, when I started in 1987, we didn't even patrol this area. We waited for them about a mile north of here.”

Outnumbered Border Patrol agents in those days essentially conceded this rugged country of mesas and bar-

a flat area where men would gather and play soccer before they crossed. Washer Woman's is where women would gather and make money washing clothes for the men.”

But nobody plays soccer on Soccer Field anymore, and there are no women washing clothes at Washer Woman's. Operation Gatekeeper, the boost in manpower and border fencing launched in 1994,

dirt road, Gonzales points out areas where the gray fence has been repaired. Dark gray lines indicate where the metal has been cut, then welded. “We have welders out here every day fixing the fence,” says Gonzales. As if on cue, a pickup truck festooned with toolboxes and welding equipment comes up the road from the west.

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Biker Friendly

By Steve Terry, 4/27/09

Imperial Beach — On Saturday April 18, a section of the Bayshore Bikeway was officially opened. The new bike path, built atop the levee formerly occupied by the old San Diego



New section of the Bayshore Bikeway

& Arizona Eastern railway tracks, stretches a little over a mile and utilizes two new bridges. The bridges span the remains of the wooden trestles built in 1919, which are preserved underneath.

The new path connects the north end of 13th Street in Imperial Beach with Frontage Road/Bay Boulevard in Chula Vista. Before the addition, a cyclist desiring to make a counter-clockwise loop around the bay starting at 13th Street faced some challenges.

It had been necessary to ride in the opposite direction — south on 13th for two blocks, left on Palm, east for six blocks, then left again on Saturn Boulevard/19th Street for two blocks — to reach a bike path just north of the Southland Plaza Shopping Center. These streets are “bike routes” with some “bike lanes” that pass through busy, traffic-signal-controlled intersections (rather than separate, safer “bike paths”).

Although the official “start” of the 24-mile Bayshore Bikeway is the ferry terminal near Broadway and North Harbor Drive in San Diego, many undertake the loop by parking at the end of 13th

Street and setting out east in a counterclockwise direction. By doing so, they avoid fighting a headwind on the Coronado Strand at the beginning, but instead enjoy that same prevailing sea breeze at their back on the final leg south.

Allow six to seven hours (depending upon when you arrive at the ferry landing for the ride across the bay) to complete a leisurely trip around the entire Bayshore Bikeway.

First Swine, Now Squirrels

By Cindy Winslow, 4/25/09

Pala — On April 2, a ground squirrel from the Doane Valley Campground on Palomar Mountain tested positive for plague, the “black death” disease that ravaged Europe and killed millions during the 14th Century.

“The number of positive squirrels varies from year to year, but finding six to ten in a season would not be unusual,” says Chris Conlan, supervising ecologist with County Vector Control. According to Conlan, plague-infected squirrels only seem to be found at the higher elevations in San Diego County, most often during the summer months.

“This recent [squirrel



find] is a bit on the early side,” notes Conlan. Local campgrounds are an ideal place for testing squirrels for plague, due to the moderate to high squirrel populations. However, a busy campground also means an increased

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of this decade over its role in supporting the pension-underfunding scheme. The employee group has also faced ongoing pressure from the City to roll back wages and benefits, which it agreed to cut by about 6 percent in a contract ratified by members last week. Top that off with a push by some City leaders to outsource City services to private — read, nonunion — companies, along with relentless anti-union campaigns by local media.

The association's weakness hasn't gone unnoticed by leaders of the region's mainstream union movement, which considers the association an outsider. According to the Teamsters, employees other than lifeguards have inquired about bolting from the association and affiliating with them. Lorena Gonzalez, secretary-treasurer of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council,

declined to confirm these contacts. But Gonzalez made clear where her sympathies lie in the lifeguards' case.

"It is to the MEA's advantage to have the lifeguards," said Gonzalez. "But it is not to the lifeguards' advantage."

The city's top labor leader said it was difficult for an organization that includes diverse employee groups to represent the unique needs of lifeguards.

Industrial-labor-union organizers have argued to the contrary for decades, saying workers of all types with a single employer enhance their clout by presenting a united front to employers. But Ed Harris, a lifeguard for 20 years and recognized leader of the movement to affiliate with the Teamsters, says the association is not responsive enough to its members. He pointed to the recent labor agreement with the City as an example. He said the association gave members the materials that explained the

agreement only one day before they voted on it.

Harris is also critical of what he says has at times been an excessive emphasis put on seniority by the Municipal Employees Association — giving guards with seniority better work schedules and perks — and says the association hasn't been responsive to the needs of younger guards. He says pension gains won by the association mean less to lifeguards than to other City workers because injuries and better opportunities cause most guards to leave before reaching the mandated retirement age of 50.

The Point Loma resident bristles at the requirement to join the association and pay the dues. The Teamsters have offered to lower initial dues to \$30 monthly, compared with up to \$58 now paid by top lifeguards.

Earlier, the dissident lifeguards had sought to affiliate with the city's firefighters' union but were rebuffed, even

though the lifeguard service is technically part of the fire department. So much for labor solidarity. Harris is more diplomatic: "We learned that it was not a good fit for the firefighters."

Dissidents did get a welcome from Teamsters Local 911, which represents some employees at the Port of San Diego and other public-sector employees near its home base in Long Beach. Harris acknowledged that the Teamsters have considerable tarnish of their own, as evidenced by a long list of federal convictions of the union's officers for racketeering, embezzlement, and other serious crimes. In fact, Local 911's president in the 1980s was among those convicted of federal crimes.

"Every organization has history," Harris said. Talking with employees currently represented by Local 911 left him assured that corruption was in the past, he added. "And because the Teamsters are an

actual union, they have rules and regulations to ensure it does not happen again."

Concerns about the regulation of public-sector labor organizations were raised by Mike Aguirre when he was San Diego city attorney. In a report last year, he sought to make the case that public-sector labor groups elude many of the legal safeguards established to ensure the integrity of private-sector labor unions. He called for reform of federal labor law to hold the public labor groups to the same standard.

The dissident lifeguards claim to have gathered the signatures of more than 70 percent of the city's lifeguards on a petition calling for a vote to determine a shift in representation from the Municipal Employees Association and to the Teamsters. But earlier this month, the City's human resources director rejected the petition on technical grounds. The guards quickly filed an appeal to the

city council, which is obligated to rule on the matter within the next month. One legal issue revolves around whether the lifeguards have a common community of interest with other members of the association.

Some lifeguards say they've been motivated to leave the Municipal Employees Association because of its role in the pension crisis and because of allegations raised against its longtime leader, Judie Italiano, who now serves as general manager. Those allegations have included charges of special treatment by the City's pension board and personal use of a union credit card, both of which Italiano denies.

"We have been contacted by big groups who want out of the MEA, people who are pretty much fed up with Judie Italiano," said Chester Mordasini, president of Local 911.

Mordasini insisted Local 911 would handle affairs differently than the association

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has. On contract ratification, for example, he said that “911 would have distributed the information a week in advance.”

Daryl McDonald, a lifeguard for 23 years and a member of the association’s negotiating team, says the organization has been responsive to lifeguard issues.

“Everything I have presented [on behalf of the lifeguards], MEA has supported 100 percent,” said McDonald, a Mission Valley resident. “And there has been nothing but open communication.”

McDonald said many of the younger lifeguards are unaware of what the association has accomplished for the group. He acknowledged that lifeguard towers and other facilities and equipment are deteriorating. “But that’s not the fault of our union,” McDonald said. “It’s the fault of the economy. Our union has fought for years to get us better conditions.”

McDonald says he is skeptical that dissidents have gathered the signatures of more than 70 percent of the city’s lifeguards. The number could not be independently verified.

Italiano said that within any union there are dissatisfied members. But she said that the Municipal Employees Association has negotiated added retirement benefits — a so-called supplemental pension savings plan — for lifeguards that exceeds those for fire and police.

“No other safety employ-

ees have that,” said Italiano.

She rejected criticism of the organization’s role in the pension-underfunding crisis and her personal conduct. Representatives of the Municipal Employees Association on the pension board agreed to underfunding only after receiving expert advice at the time that the proposal was actuarially sound, Italiano said.

“Our job was to ask and the City’s job was to fund,” said Italiano. “Am I going to quit asking? No.”

Italiano said there are drawbacks to being an AFL-CIO-affiliated labor union. She said the Municipal Employees Association was not bound by a central labor organization’s dictates and preferred its financial independence.

“We want to keep our money here,” she said. On several occasions, she noted, a local government AFL-CIO union has been placed in receivership by the big central organization.

Regarding allegations that she has inappropriately steered union business to a company run by her son, Italiano said the deals have been good for the association’s members and not particularly good for her son. She noted that her son’s company also does business with other labor organizations in town.

Italiano declined to respond to questions about other union business directed to relatives. But she said allegations that she used the association’s credit card for

personal business have been “put to bed” by the association’s internal investigation.

Teamsters Local 911 has its own history of family business. Mordasini was hired as a Teamster organizer in the early 1990s by his mother, who headed the union after an indictment against her was dismissed.

Mordasini says the Teamsters have for 20 years worked to rid their organization of corruption. Since a consent decree with federal justice officials, he said, “We are mob-free and a democratic union.”

For lifeguards, representation issues boil down to the brass tacks of working conditions and compensation. Many guards said that the public doesn’t understand the full scope of their work. The guards note that few know they provide law enforcement services such as issuing citations and making arrests, along with their better-known activities such as ocean and cliff rescues and providing emergency medical assistance.

While top-paid lifeguards earn around \$70,000 annually, roughly two-thirds of the 300 lifeguards are seasonal and earn much less. But even veteran lifeguards believe they earn substantially less than others doing similar work in police and fire departments.

Guards don’t expect raises during the economic crisis, but they say the City should make improving and replacing deteriorating equipment and facilities a priority. Towers have been condemned, stairways have collapsed, and

lifeguards have suffered from the effects of gas leaks and sewage spills, which in one case doused a guard with sewage. Alex Riley, a lifeguard for 14 years, suffered a serious injury when the shutter on a tower that guards had long complained about came unhinged and slammed into his shoulder. “We have dismal facilities,” said Riley.

Bill Russell, who has also worked for the lifeguard service for 14 years, says the Teamsters would allow them to represent themselves, and he says the Teamsters’ lower dues structure provides a better bargain. Others, like Maureen Rabe, a guard with 3 years’ experience, support a move to the Teamsters unless the Municipal Employees Association reorganizes the lifeguards into their own bargaining unit.

Darrell Esparza, a lifeguard for more than 30 years, argues that the association has been helpful. He agreed that injuries and working conditions make it difficult for most lifeguards to serve as long as he has and said he has wished at times that the association had taken more strongly supportive positions.

“But this is the wrong time to make a move,” said Esparza. “With the economy the way it is, and the City going through what it is, it does not seem wise to make a move now.”

Charles Davey, a 28-year veteran, says younger guards fail to appreciate what the association has accomplished for them. “This has nothing to do with MEA and the Team-

sters, it’s a generational gap,” said Davey, who lives in La Jolla.

John Bahl, a lifeguard for 24 years, says he has no reason to believe the Teamsters would do better for the lifeguards. “The Teamsters [Local 911] are an 8000-person union, and we would be their only public safety union,” said Bahl, an Alpine resident. The association has done a good job in contract negotiations and in dealing with workplace grievances, given the current circumstances, Bahl said, although he says it could do better at lobbying for improved working conditions.

That is something lifeguards on both sides of the union-representation issue seem to agree on: the City is being shortsighted in not assuring that lifeguards have adequate equipment and facilities.

“If San Diego did not have a beach, it would be Columbus, Ohio, with a nice view,” said Alex Riley.

“People really come here for the beach and the coast, and the City does not invest enough in one of the most import parts of the beach — public safety.

“If the beaches got a reputation for not being safe, that would hurt tourism.” ■

13 miles of metal

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But people taking this route are not often successful, Gonzales says. Pole-mounted lights and cameras allow remote monitoring of every inch of the fence, and cutting through takes a little time. Even if they

make it through, Gonzales says, they usually don’t make it far.

A hundred yards east of the San Ysidro port of entry, train tracks cross the border. The trains “get x-rayed when they come north, right in there.” Gonzales points to a small rail yard just north of the secondary fence. The numbers on the primary-fence panels go down to zero at the border crossing. They start going up again on the other side as the Tahoe rumbles down the narrow dirt road between the fences, which now stand on the crest of the Tijuana River levee. A shopping center lies over the fence to the north. After a couple of hundred yards, the fence stops. Here the Tijuana River and the border cross each other, an eternal monument to borders drawn without regard to natural landmarks. There’s no fence across the channel. Today, barely a trickle runs down the middle, but during times of heavy rain, a wall of water roars down the concrete channel through Tijuana, bearing with it raw sewage and all manner of urban runoff, before spreading out over the floodplain and meandering through a maze of natural channels five miles to the Pacific. On this early April day, the floodplain is a lake of purple, white, and yellow wildflowers. The flowers have grown up in the moist soil as the floodwaters of winter’s rain receded. The colorful carpet hides the garbage that has washed down the river, though not completely. Here and there, an old tire, a sofa, a car door stick up through the mud. Plastic grocery bags litter the

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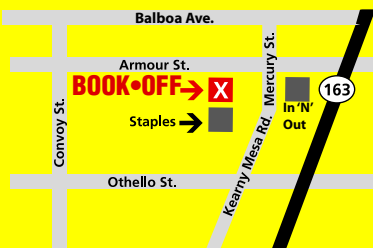


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Gonzales steers the Tahoe onto Camino de la Plaza, then crosses the floodplain via the Dairy Mart Road bridge. On the south side of the river, he turns onto Monument Road. Ahead lies the field headquarters of Kiewit Corporation, the firm building the new all-weather road west to Border Field State Park. Half a dozen or so yellow-and-black Kiewit vehicles are parked around the headquarters. A wry smile flickers on Gonzales's face as he drives by. "Recently, we apprehended a juvenile female driving a truck painted to look like one of those Kiewit trucks. Their foreman happened to

spot the truck, realized it wasn't theirs, and called us."

Past the Kiewit yard, Monument Road meets the secondary border fence. Gonzales pushes a button, the gate slides open, and the Tahoe is back in no-man's-land, heading west. Soon the graded dirt road becomes smooth blacktop, so new the blacktop is unfaded. The road climbs, paralleling the grade on Avenida Internacional, which hugs the south side of the primary fence. At the crest of the hill, the road levels out and stretches across the top of a newly completed earthen berm. The berm stands about 150 feet tall and stretches four times that from end to end. It was constructed with 1.3 million cubic yards of earth cut from the surrounding hills. It fills in Smuggler's

Gulch, a deep wash that extends north from Mexico and ends at the Tijuana River floodplain. Until Operation Gatekeeper, the gulch, as its name implies, was a hangout for smugglers of drugs, immigrants, and illegal alcohol, during Prohibition. As he steers the Tahoe down a road that descends the south face of the berm, Gonzales recalls, "When I started, this area was full of immigrants and smugglers staging here, waiting to cross. There were a lot of old burned-out cars down there because they used this canyon for drive-overs."

A drive-over is when illegal immigrants attempt to beat *la migra* by piling into a vehicle, opening a hole in the fence, and driving through. But the days of driving through Smuggler's Gulch are defi-

nately over. The berm, bristling with light standards, crowned with the secondary fence, has put a stop to that. At the bottom of the hill, a shorter berm, across which runs the primary fence, funnels water into twin concrete culverts, each ten by ten feet. Gates made of six-inch-thick steel bars block the culverts to foot traffic. Culverts of similar dimensions run under the main berm and spill out in the river valley. Today, there's no water running under the berms. "But a lot of water comes out here when it rains," Gonzales says. "So we open these gates to let it through, otherwise there'd be a lake in Mexico."

Some in Mexico are concerned that not enough care was taken to ensure proper drainage of the Valle Montezuma, as Smuggler's Gulch is known south of the fence. Dr. Juan Manuel Rodríguez Esteves, director of the Department of Urban Studies and the Environment at Tijuana's Colegio de la Frontera Norte, is concerned that the berm will "clog the arroyo. The problem is that on the Mexican

side, there is a deficit in public services, for example, garbage collection. This has been going on for many years within the history of the city. In Tijuana, it rains about 240 millimeters [about nine and a half inches]. But in years of El Niño, like in 1993 and 1998, it doubles. And when the intense rain comes — and they are intense rains — it brings all the trash, it brings abandoned cars to the lower part of the canyon, and what is going to be happening is the berm is going to become a dam."

Told of Rodríguez's concerns, Gonzales shrugs and says, "I don't know why he's worried. The Mexicans built their own berm across the gulch a long time ago." He points to the berm about 500 yards south of the border. The highway connecting Tijuana Centro and Playas de Tijuana runs across the top. "If there were going to be a problem, it would have happened over there."

Before the berm was built, Border Patrol agents had to traverse the canyon via steep dirt switchbacks on the canyon sides. The roads were narrow, bumpy, and subject to washouts in bad weather. Now, Gonzales's Tahoe zips across Smuggler's Gulch in a couple of minutes. West of the gulch, the road descends gradually and crosses over a much shallower gulch running north from Playas. "We discovered Kumeyaay artifacts here, so we had to build up this area so as not to disturb them."

Here there are three fences,

the landing-mat primary, the razor-wire-topped secondary, then a chain-link tertiary fence, maybe 30 feet north of the secondary. "We recently bought this area from the County," Gonzales says. "The third fence is basically to delineate the boundary between federal and county land."

The all-weather road hasn't been completed all the way to the ocean yet, so Gonzales turns off onto a dirt road still flooded from winter rains. He drives 100 yards through water halfway up the tires; then the road climbs to the little mesa on which sits Border Field State Park. The only thing that marks this as a park is a handful of concrete picnic tables surrounded by thigh-high weeds. The Playas bullfighting ring and lighthouse loom across the fence. Until recently, people were able to come to this park and talk to people on the south side. Newspaper stories reported that families would hold binational picnics here, passing food through the fence and playing volleyball over it. But the Border Patrol doesn't allow that anymore. "It was reported as if we were trying to break families apart," Gonzales says, "but it was a smuggling nightmare. All sorts of things were being passed through the fence. People were using their crossing cards, then passing them through the fence here to someone else. Drugs were being passed through, even babies were being passed through. The volleyballs you heard about — they were filled with marijuana." ■

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risk of squirrels interacting with humans. To make matters worse, campers have been known to unwittingly exacerbate the problem.

"By feeding the squirrels, they may allow an area to support a much higher population than it normally would," says Conlan. "If there are more squirrels running around, it just increases the odds of a disease being able to multiply and spread." Conlan recommends that campers avoid contact with squirrels and to keep their food items in an area where squirrels cannot get to them.

Comments

1. First of all, there have been SEVERAL plagues in the world, not just one. Specify the bubonic plague please.

Secondly, squirrels CANNOT transmit the

plague to humans. They can be infected, but not transmitters. Small parasites, such as fleas, transmit the disease from small mammals to larger mammals.

Thirdly, the bubonic plague is very simple to cure these days with antibiotics. It is not dangerous at all, as long as people who suspect they may be infected head to a hospital and tell their doctor where they've been and what they've been doing, why they think they're infected.

While it may be true that large populations of squirrels increase the chance of infected squirrels, and feeding squirrels increases the population, the squirrels are not the inherent problem. Please don't frighten your readers any more than they need to be and try to

get your facts straighter in the future.

By somefarker 7:59 p.m., Apr 26, 2009

2. Well, I for one am not going to be feeding the squirrels anytime soon. It says on the Center for Disease Control website (cdc.gov) that you CAN get it from touching the animals. Just let the squirrels fend for themselves!

People usually get plague from being bitten by a rodent flea that is carrying the plague bacterium or by handling an infected animal. Millions of people in Europe died from plague in the Middle Ages, when human homes and places of work were inhabited by flea-infested rats. Today, modern antibiotics are effective against plague, but if an infected person is not treated promptly, the disease is likely to cause illness or death.

By Hobie74 9:17 p.m., Apr 26, 2009



Site of Pasadena Drive burglary

Thieving Trio Surprised

By L. Leitter, 4/24/09

La Mesa — On Wednesday, April 22, at around 3:00 p.m., three would-be burglars attempted a residential robbery on Pasadena Drive in the Mt. Nebo neighborhood of La Mesa. According to the homeowner's son, Dave, two males and one woman of Hispanic descent who had stolen a pickup truck in Chula Vista attempted to rob his elderly mother's home. Fortunately, his mother was not home at the time.

The trio parked the pickup in the driveway of the home, walked around

the back, and smashed out a window to gain entry. A neighbor noticed the hooligans breaking the window from her yard and called the police.

Dave relates that La Mesa police were there within minutes, surprising all three burglars while they were still in the home. They were immediately arrested. The home was in disarray (presumably trashed while they searched for valuables), and many items had been removed. Everything taken seemed to have been recovered.

Comments

4. I live in this area.

Recently we have had someone jumping our back fence and sleeping in our pool house, leaving beer or vodka bottles and a pizza box. And then we had an older Mexican guy come to the front door to ask if he could look in the back for his Mother's plant. He said his brother used to live in our home and left the plant. Seriously? Our dog, who is usually a

pussycat wanted to take the guy's throat out. I think animals get a sense of what's up with folks. When I asked the guy for his name and number and said I'd get back to him, he took off. "No thanks," he said and waved me away. He and his buddy drove off in a medium-sized, painted blue moving-type truck parked on the wrong side of the road. People are desperate more and more these days especially on the other side of the border. Don't tell me it is a good place to visit. If so, why are you all so eager to come here? The good thing about our neighborhood is we have not gotten too big to forget to look out for each other. We are watching you.

By jmc1969 3:02 a.m., Apr 26, 2009

Water Survey Says

By Dorian Hargrove, 4/24/09

On April 23, the San Diego County Water Authority released results of a survey conducted last month in which 700 county residents were asked about water-supply awareness, conservation measures, restrictions, and the development of additional water sources.

Here are some of the findings from the survey:

***The majority of respondents believe seawater desalination is the "single most important thing that can be done to ensure a safe and reliable water supply."**

***60 percent of respondents said they would vote in favor of additional property tax increases — up to \$20 per month — as funding for alternative water-supply projects.**

***Lastly, about potable reuse (often referred to as "toilet to tap"): "Support for using recycled water as part of the**

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region's drinking-water supply has increased substantially since 2005, the last time it was asked in the Water Authority's public opinion poll. About 63 percent of respondents in 2009 favored adding recycled water that had received advanced treatment to drinking water supplies, compared to only 28 percent in 2005."

The survey indicated 53 percent of those polled said recycled water can be made safe enough to drink.

Comments

2. I am truly amazed that 63% percent of people are now supporting recycled, aka toilet to tap, drinking water. What are people thinking? Even if the technology is out there, ever heard of human error?!! There are probably viruses in human waste that haven't even been identified yet, and they're going to be making it drinkable?

Before we go down that road, why doesn't CALTRANS start using recycled water to irrigate the freeways instead of drinking water? And why are we all watering our lawns with drinking water? Does this make sense? I'd like to see the City use recycled water for all irrigation, and leave our drinking water

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alone. It tastes bad enough already, for gosh sakes!

By Hobie74 10:12 p.m., Apr 26, 2009

3. They obviously did not survey my neighbors who constantly over water their lawns!

By poff 8:06 a.m., Apr 27, 2009

Fury Lane Incident

By Steve Terry, 4/23/09

Rancho San Diego — At 5:24 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, the plaintive cries of a man could be heard in the parking lot of the shopping center at the corner of Jamacha Road and Fury Lane in Rancho San Diego.

"I didn't do anything! I didn't do anything! That hurts my back! My back is hurting!" Two sheriff's deputies had subdued a shirtless man, possibly in his 20s, and had him handcuffed facedown on the asphalt. One deputy was crouched down with both knees pressing gently on the man, who was being agitated and uncooperative.

Within a minute or two they helped the now-handcuffed prisoner to his feet and put him in the back of one of the two patrol cars parked nearby. A deputy then motioned toward the front of the nearby Ralphs grocery store and beckoned a woman, perhaps the complainant, to approach them. She also seemed to be in her 20s, wore a

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tartan-patterned red-and-white sundress, and had a large tattoo on her back.

While she stood next to a burgundy '90s-era Mercury, the deputies spoke with her and took notes. The passenger-side door was damaged, as if it had been kicked, although the paint looked intact. Later, at 5:53 p.m., while the male suspect sat in the back of the patrol car, one of the deputies took a photograph of the woman's face. A few moments later, the suspect, now calm and quiet, allowed the deputies to transfer him to the second patrol car, which drove off at a couple minutes before six o'clock.

What happened? Witnesses working at the Town & Country Car Wash said there had been loud yelling, and someone observed the woman, on foot, being chased by the man.

One witness said the cops "grabbed the guy" as he attempted to leave the shopping center by the Fury Lane exit next to the car wash. Another witness raised his foot and thrust it down to indicate the action a deputy needed to take to subdue the suspect.

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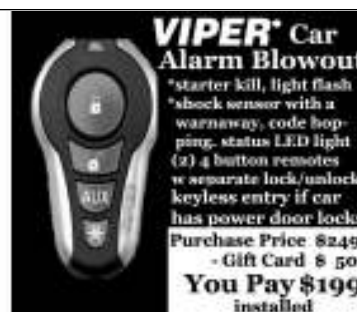
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edited for length and clarity.

Korean Goodies

I enjoyed Moss Gropen's article on the Korean spirit soju ("Our Favorite Drinks and Where We Drink Them," Cover Story, April 23). I was introduced to the stuff by my friend and his Korean in-laws. I love it! Especially the variety made from sweet potatoes and green tea. Just a few suggestions, however,

Go to the Zion Market in Kearny Mesa. It is a Korean supermarket and devotes an entire section to the elixir. While I enjoy going to upscale Mitsuwa for uniquely Japanese items, Zion carries everything Korean and is less expensive than its counterpart down the street.

Soju, in my opinion, is best complemented by the Korean beer Hite (pronounced "hee-tay").

Gun bae!

Tom Farrell
via email

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When Naomi Wise first started doing her reviews for the Reader, I wrote to thank her for intermittently



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including information concerning wheelchair/handicapped access to the restaurants that she reviewed. Inclusion of this information has been spotty at best but much appreciated when included.

It is astounding to now see that she has awarded her highest rating ever to El Bizcocho, a facility that is one of the least handicapped-friendly in the area (Restaurant Review, April 23). Prior to the most recent renovation, wheelchair users had to enter via the trash-and-storage area of the restaurant. There was no way to enter the main dining area, so then — as apparently now — chair users are segregated, and the only accessible restroom was approximately a half-mile away via an uncovered walkway. We discovered the preceding information when we attempted to eat at El Bizcocho based on a prior review.

We were informed by the management that all of these problems would be solved by their remodel and that they would like to comp a return visit. We simply wanted to eat a wonderful meal in the same area as all the other patrons and to use the same facilities, so we simply waited and re-

turned unannounced after the renovations. We were unpleasantly surprised that there was still no access to the dining area via the main entrance, and the restroom near the restaurant was still inaccessible. I take it from the comments in the "need to know" box that wheelchair users are still segregated and require special valet assistance for entrance. As usual, there is no comment in the review about the restroom facility accessibility.

The Michelin criteria for that much-coveted third star include a restaurant that is worth a special trip just to eat there. It's hardly worth a special trip when you require special assistance to enter the place, are forced to eat in a special area, and have no convenient toilet. No matter how wonderful the food is, all of the other inconveniences leave a bad taste in your mouth. Perhaps Ms. Wise should rethink her five-star selection or there should be a separate category for food.

Needless to say, my socks are still on, and we probably couldn't even hear the music in the "special" accessible section, let alone face it and dance.

Dr. Bill Casper
via email

My Hero

I, for one, feel safer knowing that Mr. Xtreme is out there ("San Diego's Superhero," Cover Story, April 16). Thanks for the story and the way it was written. The description, for example, of the 30-plus-year-old nocturnal skateboarder riding through downtown, oblivious to our hero, evoked a comic book feel. Well done.

Keith Vertrees
via email

Goodman Good, Coe No

Re "Blurt" — "Long hair can't cover my red neck" (April 16). It was Steve Goodman, not David Allan Coe, who wrote the ultimate country song, "You Never Even Called Me by My Name."

Eric Reichard
via email

Too Old, Too Out-There

First of all, I would like to thank the Reader for publishing great articles that affect San Diegans. Mr. Varela responded on April 16 to one of my letters, and now I would like to respond back.

I'm glad that someone out there has been paying attention. I welcome the response to my views. Mr. Varela must have spent many sleepless nights to write to the Reader. His letter was filled with outdated information and lacked any form of reality. He obviously doesn't understand the threat to the United States from what he calls "a few isolated criminal incidents." I won't bother giving all the examples of violence the drug war brings. All you need to know is that people are getting brutally murdered, kidnapped, and raped very close to the United States. Without our borders being protected by military forces, it opens the door to violence and terrorism.

I would agree that enlistment numbers are somewhat up. But after speaking with a few recruiters, they attribute this to the bad economy and fewer jobs for

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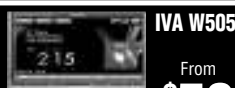
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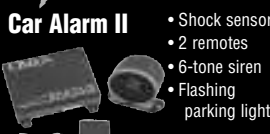
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Hi, Matt Alice:

I cleaned my silver necklace's cross using a name-brand silver cleaner, but my wife says I am a stupid, ignorant, ugly male idiot because silver, as she briefs me from watching antique shows, gets a valuable patina which adds to its allure. I think my cross looks a lot nicer, myself. After investigation, I found many websites about "patina." I'm wondering, though, the Statue of Liberty is green due to its copper patina. Was it ever copper color, like a new-penny color, when it was new?

— Patrick Reardon, moved to Davis, CA

If patina adds allure, then Lady Liberty is drop-dead gorgeous. She's fully patinated and has been since about 1900.

(If you need a definition, patina is a surface change, both chemical and color, caused by exposure of various metals to air.) The 350 copper plates that make up the decorative surface of the statue were completed in Paris in 1885. We put the thing up on its iron skeleton on (then) Bedloes Island in New York Harbor in 1886. And she was a shiny copper color, probably just shy of new-penny bright. We know this from illustrations of the day.

Copper exposed to the salty, turbulent air of the harbor would be fully patinated in one to two decades. This caused a gaggle of uninformed bigwigs in 1906 to convince Congress to set aside money to have the statue painted. They were put off by the blue-green patina. Painted! *Gack!* Judging from what we do to concrete statues in front of our houses these days, it's hard to imagine what we'd do to a canvas as big as the Statue of Liberty. Anyway, brighter brains prevailed, and she dodged a garish bullet. When repairs were made to the statue in the 1990s, the shiny replacement copper was chemically patinated so it matched all the rest.

As for your silver cross, you ignorant male, silver is one metal that corrodes to an unattractive black that is best cleaned away. Leaving a little black in the tiny corners, though, helps any design stand out. There might be some argument to make for leaving a valuable silver antique unpolished if you're planning to sell it, since buyers like their purchases as untouched as possible. Your wife might be confusing silver with bronze, on which patina is a must. But corrosion does silver no good. And

take care with silver-plated things, since polishing removes a scant layer of metal. Pretty soon your cherished silver-plate tray will have big copper patches, copper being the base metal that the silver's attached to. Anyway, you might be a stupid, ignorant, ugly male idiot, but not because you polish your silver.

Hey, Matt Man:

Answer me this; why is it that the popcorn in Cracker Jack (or Fiddle Faddle, or just about everyone else's commercial product) has popcorn shaped for the most part like little marbles (small and round), and the popcorn I pop at home pops with random results in its shape? Very, very few pop out like small marbles. Are the commercial popcorn poppers using a special corn not available to the rest of us? What gives?? How do I get my

hands on some of that popcorn?

— Curious in Clairemont

Whoa! The elves and I don't think we've ever run into anybody who's studied their popcorn so closely. Go to a lot of boring movies? Sure your daily life is full of enough exciting things? Grandma Alice has put together a nice embroidery kit for you, just to ease you into what the rest of us call "outside interests."

Your round, marble-style snacks are known in the trade as mushroom popcorn; the free-form, wingy things are butterfly popcorn. Theoretically, any scoop of kernels will explode into either type, but as you've noticed, the mushrooms are rare. (It's some magical combination of kernel hull thickness and temperature that produces a mushroom.) But just as popping corn was created as a genetic variant of regular corn, so have the popcorn professors separated the mushrooms from the butterflies. You can buy an all-mushroom sack of kernels; the commonest will weigh, oh, 50 pounds or so. That's a heap o' snackin'. Mushroom popcorn is tough, not light and airy like butterfly popcorn, and doesn't have easily breakable "wings." That makes it the form preferred by makers of caramel corn, kettle corn, and any other popped corn that gets tumbled around in flavoring vats. You'll probably have to cruise the internet to find a commercial popcorn vendor willing to sell mushroom corn in small quantities. Be sure to store it in glass with a tight lid, or eventually your corn will poop, not pop.

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SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Sports Quiz Edition



These things are fun every long once in awhile. Every long once in awhile has passed. Let the fun begin.

Short-Term Memory section, 2008 NFL division. 1. One of these teams won all their home games: Patriots, Steelers, Vikings, Panthers.

2. Regard these four kickers. Who won the 2008 NFL scoring title? Stephen Gostkowski/Patriots, Sebastian Janikowski/Raiders, John Kasay/Panthers, Olindo Mare/Seahawks.

3. Which NFL team had the biggest 2008 attendance? Baltimore, San Diego, Washington, or New York Giants? I'll give you a hint. Here are their numbers: 708,835; 632,554; 570,152; 545,107.

Long-Term Memory section, High Up subdivision. There are 14 eight-thousand-meter (or 26,246 feet and change) mountains on the planet. Which one was climbed first?

I'll give you this one. It was Annapurna, squeaking in at 8091 meters and successfully climbed on June 3, 1950. Mt. Everest was climbed three years later. The last of the 14 mountains, Shishapangma, coming in at 8027 meters, was climbed in 1964.

Follows are the 14 eight-thousand-meter mountains, all located in the Nepal/Tibet/Pakistan/China corridor (hang in there, dear reader, there's a point to this): Everest, K2, Nanga Parbat, Gasherbrum I, Gasherbrum II, Broad Peak (Kangchenjunga), Lhotse, Makalu, Cho Oyu, Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Shisha Pangma, and Annapurna.

Now, then, which mountain kills the most climbers?

The equation we need to know is death-to-summit ratio. How many climbers reached the summit versus how many died along the way either going up or coming down?

Take a minute.

Mt. Everest is a wuss, killing a paltry 9 percent of those who tried to mount her. Number three is K2, killing 27 percent of her mountaineers. Number two, by a hair, is

Nanga Parbat, killing 28 percent. And now, the champ, in the blue corner, introducing Annapurna. That mountain kills 40 percent of her climbers. Blame it on frequent avalanches, deep snow, and insane derring-do.

Man and Animals section, Rodeo subdivision. 4. In men's rough-stock events (bronc and bull riding), how many seconds must a rider stay on his rough stock? Pick one: 8, 6, 12, 10.

5. Consider calf roping. We have man, horse, calf, and rope. What is the rope in the roper's mouth called? Rawhide, Piggin' string, Mother's helper, Honey pot.

Fishing section, Ice Fishing division, Staying Alive subdivision. 6. The ice should be this thick before you walk on it. 10 feet, 18 inches, 3 inches, 4 feet.

Prehistory section, Horse and Buggy subdivision. 7. Which teams played in the first World Series in 1903? San Diego Padres, Dayton Firefighters, Worcester Hilltoppers, New York Knickerbockers, Boston Pilgrims, Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia A's, Pittsburgh Pirates.

More baseball. Up to the Minute subdivision. 8. Name the ballpark that charges the most for one beer. Padres/PETCO Park, Baltimore Orioles/Camden Yards, New York Yankees/Yankee Stadium, Boston Red Sox/Fenway Park.

9. How much do they charge? \$6, \$3.50, \$7.25, \$8.

10. The Yankees have the highest average ticket price at \$72.97. Which team has the lowest average ticket price? Detroit Tigers, Tampa Bay Rays, San Diego Padres, Arizona Diamondbacks.

11. How much is the lowest average ticket price? \$29.43, \$23.42, \$32.29, \$14.31.

Frozen Water section, Men with Skates subdivision. 12. When was the National Hockey League founded? 1851, 1897, 1917, 1932.

13. Today is Wednesday. How many franchises does the NFL have? 24, 30, 18, 26.

Going Fast section, Motor Racing subdivision. 14. What does NASCAR stand for? National American Stock Car Automobile Racing, Nextel Association of Stock Car Automobile Racing, National Association for Stock Car Automobile Racing, National Annual Stock Car Automobile Racing.

15. There are only four cities (not counting metropolitan areas) that can claim teams from the four major sports (NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL) within their boundaries. Name them. Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Diego, San Francisco, Washington, D.C.

Answers: 1. Carolina Panthers. 2. Stephen Gostkowski/Patriots. 3. Washington Redskins. 4. Eight seconds. 5. Piggin' string. 6. Three inches. 7. Boston Pilgrims and Pittsburgh Pirates. 8. New York Yankees. 9. \$7.25. 10. Arizona Diamondbacks. 11. It's \$14.31, cheap. 12. 1917. 13. The number is 30. 14. National Association for Stock Car Automobile Racing. 15. Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, and Philadelphia.

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—EVE KELLY

‘How’s life in the new house?’ I asked my friend Suzy, who recently bought a North Park bungalow.

‘New?’ she answered. ‘More like old. I’m still charmed, but ever since we decided to have a baby, I’ve been thinking about that instructional video on *The Simpsons: ‘Lead Paint: Delicious But Deadly.’*’

Dave Weaver, operations manager for JMR Environmental Services (619-858-7260), told me that ‘lead can cause a variety of health issues. Birth defects in children, mental retardation. It depends on how heavily you’re exposed. It gets into you by ingestion or inhalation. If paint is intact — not chalking, not deteriorating — it’s not really a health issue. It’s when you physically impact the paint, causing it to chip or become dust, that you have an issue.’

According to Weaver, ‘The City of San Diego considers anything built before 1978 to be suspect for lead. People will call us to come and do a survey if they’re thinking of remodeling an older home. Sometimes, we get called out for citations when someone does exterior work without a survey.’

Surveying a standard two- to three-bedroom home takes JMR ‘about two hours and costs about \$350. We use an X-ray fluorescence gun — we hold it against a painted surface, and the gun will analyze all the way down to the substrate and let you know if you have unsafe levels of lead. The California Department of Health Services says that’s anything from 5000 parts per million or greater. If it’s borderline or if the results are inconclusive, we’ll send a paint chip to an accredited lab for analysis.’ If your levels are unsafe, ‘You need to contact a certified lead-abatement contractor.’

Derek Grant of Grant Construction (619-713-5263, grantconstructioninc.net) is such a contractor. ‘The vast majority of what I do is called paint-film stabilization,’ he explained. ‘That’s where we wet-sand or wet-scrape an area and then prime and paint it. We spray with a water bottle as we work, and that way everything is saturated and falls down when you remove it. That makes it easier to contain.’

Most lead paint, said Grant, ‘is found on windows and doors — especially old wood windows with wooden jambs. Lead paint was extremely durable, so they used it where there were lots of friction points. A lot of people just

‘Lead paint was extremely durable.’

replace windows instead of removing the lead-based paint because removing the paint is enormously expensive. Typically, they need to plastic off everything, remove the windows, and strip them. And if you have an older house with peeling exterior paint, sometimes the best thing to do is to mask everything off and just stucco the house. Don’t even bother removing the lead-based paint — it’s just so labor intensive and expensive....

‘The biggest thing,’ he continued, ‘is to follow the HUD guidelines for safety requirements. I can’t tell you how many times I drive through old neighborhoods and see guys grinding old paint off a house with a belt sander. They’re taking lead-based paint peelings and pulverizing them into dust, so that the wind takes them everywhere. That’s a violation. And if the wind is over 20 miles per hour, you can’t do any kind of scraping’ — even wet-scraping. ‘Workers need to be fully clothed, and they need to wear masks and goggles. If you’re doing the outside of a window, you have to have at least ten feet of plastic spreading out from the house. Everything has got to be covered — containment is the hardest part. It’s also expensive to dispose of the lead paint chips. You need a hazmat company for that. As a result, the cost will typically be 50 percent more than a regular paint job.’

Glenn Montague with H.M. Pitt Labs, Inc. (619-474-8548), gave me more details about those HUD guidelines. ‘If you want to remove from a one-square-foot area or less inside a house, you must have a drop cloth that goes ten feet in all directions. If you’re working on windows outside and doing more than a certain number of square feet, then you have to put two layers of six-millimeter polyfluorine on the inside of the window and then cover the entire room with one layer of poly. And that’s just on the inside.’

Further, after the work is finished, ‘You must do a triple clean. You wet-wipe, then HEPA vacuum, then wet-wipe again, working from the area furthest from the door toward the exit. You let the area set one hour so that any remaining lead can settle, then you do a visual inspection and a wipe sampling. If the area doesn’t meet certain criteria, you have to do the triple clean again. You have to follow the guidelines, or fines can be levied.’

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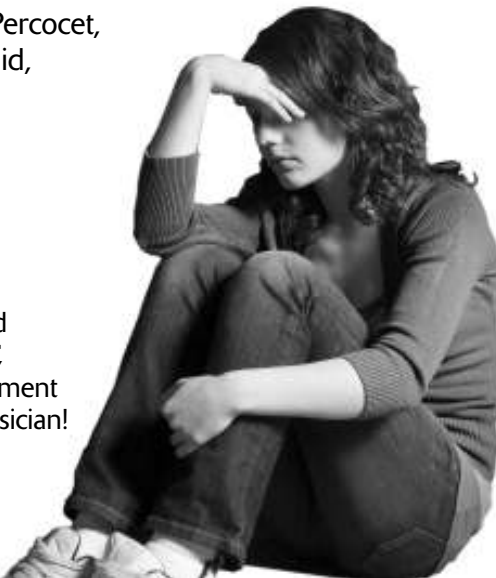
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One sunny day I make plans to go

snorkeling with my sister and her kids at the Cove. It is noon, the seagulls yelp, the kelp glows amber. Despite the fact that it is a Monday, it's crowded and I can't find a spot on the beach. Squished between cliff walls and surrounded by five different towels, each its own fiefdom, I manage to situate myself semi-comfortably in my area for a

while, watching an ambiguously European family spray some aerosol substance all over each other. The youngest son seems more interested in the BBQ-flavor Pringles than the scenery. I waddle into the sparkling ocean waters and maneuver my way through fins and swim trunks. Suddenly one guy turns

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toward me and gurgles through his snorkel-face, "There's a sea turtle!" There it is, fins flapping away, slowly disappearing into the watery blue shadows, elusive yet adorable. It wouldn't have been more magical if we had just seen a unicorn. Even though I was born and raised in San Diego, I had never seen or heard of sea turtles here.

And so my summer ended in San Diego. I had no job and was completely broke. It was only two weeks since I had moved back into my parents' house after living in San Francisco.

I have a lot of pressure to realize the American dream. My father is Syrian, my mother is American. Ever since I was a kid I have been told how great it is to be an Atassi. I'm told that being an Atassi in Syria is something akin to being

a Kennedy in America. Sure, we've had our share of Syrian presidents in the past, but these days Atassis are getting ridiculously educated abroad. We have even published books about our great legacy. In fact, someone has put them in the

myriad hobbies, such as solving the turtle mystery, to my family. I do some research and find that it is actually an Eastern Pacific green turtle with a distribution typically between 30 degrees north and 30 degrees south. San Diego is

"Imagine you're a sea turtle. Wouldn't you stay here, too?"

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Being an Atassi heiress is something I might mention casually to boyfriends to mix things up. It's a convenient parlor trick. I even got complimentary baklava once.

It's difficult to explain my obscure interests and

right outside this range. Was that turtle I saw smuggled home over the Mexican border in a suitcase packed with novelty-size sombrero hats and artisan ceramics? All it would take is one accidental spill down the storm drain for a clutch of eggs to spawn an exotic species.

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San Diego is home to a thriving and established colony of approximately 60 turtles. There are several stories explaining their origins.

One story describes the sea turtles as renegades busted free from turtle-meat farms where they awaited slaughter during the earlier half of the 20th Century. Another eerily posits the turtles being attracted to the warm-water canals of the power plant in south San Diego Bay.

Sandwiched between Interstate 5 and the South Bay, the electric power plant sits on the edge of the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. This complicates things because it seems these endangered sea turtles are protected in an area where they exist artificially. To a species swimming around, foraging for eel grass and generally being turtles, it makes no difference.

I call ecologist Jeff Seminoff at the Marine Turtle Research Program for the Southwest Fisheries Science Center. According to his findings, the turtles are in the bay for the bounty of eel grass. That thing about tropical power-plant waters is a rumor, he says. He goes on to explain that sea turtles travel thousands of miles foraging for food. The Navy plants eel grass out in the Bay.

"Imagine you are a sea turtle," he says. "Wouldn't you stay here, too?"

He seems rushed, and we don't get to talk much before the phone conversation ends. His obvious explanation doesn't explain why there are so many stories about the turtles.

One day, back in San Francisco, I was having a chat with my fun-loving boss, Mustafa. He owned Cafe du Soleil, where I worked as a barista. Mustafa held a wad of receipts in one hand and used the

other to pour beer from the tap. The foam spilled onto the bills, when he said to me, "You're young, you don't need to be so serious. Just go have fun, get yourself a boyfriend or

two, get yourself a girlfriend — I'm not the kind to judge — enjoy yourself. I'm stuck here, I gotta go down to city hall, I gotta get some papers signed, the kids are driving me

nuts, the customers..."

I sold everything I owned and flew to South America.

My parents reminded me I was running out of money, but I explained that

the exchange rate would actually make me better off. All I needed was my backpack.

When I came home, my dad took me to Syria. It was a bummer. The idea

of getting married was brought up by relatives between suggestions about grad school. Why wasn't I pursuing a profession or an engagement, the family asked. There was a cousin

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in Ukraine asking about me, and another man in Alberta, they said with optimism.

This was nothing new. While I was away in San Francisco, I would call home when I desperately needed cash. If I needed to see the dentist, my dad would suggest I marry one. There was a husband for whatever professional service was needed.

"There is a man in San Francisco asking about you," he would say. "He just bought a Lexus, new!"

According to my dad, marriage would solve any of the self-inflicted headaches I was experiencing. Turning down marriage was as ludicrous as turning down free health insurance, which I still don't have, free or otherwise.

I am living at home with my parents. Since I'm

not about to move to a commune, I need to figure out how to get some cash without turning into a complete square who hates her job.

I spend days driving around looking for work, thinking about all the evil gas I am guzzling and how

to hate paradise.

"San Diego has high rates of car theft because there are too many roads," I might hypothesize. "If you want to fight crime, plant trees. Turn highways into blooming oxen trails. Down with cars, down with crime, down with

I am sick of being a customer-service whore.

San Francisco is far superior in that regard. But I am in suburbia now, a tedious place to walk. Freeways, roads, neighborhood associations, these are the things responsible for my new habit of driving anywhere and everywhere. I've put on a couple of pounds, too, since lately I've been so well fed. Another reason

loneliness!"

One hot afternoon, while no one is home, I let myself weep during a particularly moving segment of a NOVA television special. There is a shot of the Earth from the perspective of the moon. A scientist says he hasn't stopped thinking about the human genome for the past five

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years. It is followed by a clip of him saying, "After that photo was taken of our delicate little planet sailing through the universe, humanity began to see itself differently." The scientist used succinct terms like "recombination" and "linkage."

One of the special things about sea turtles in San Diego is that they are residents, not wanderers. I visit Victoria Touchstone, conservation planner for the San Diego National Wildlife Complex. The

complex is a series of nature refuges scattered between Orange County and Tijuana. Their offices are in Carlsbad.

Despite being located in a sleek business park, the interior of administrative headquarters gives the feel of a park ranger station, from the decor in shades of brown down to the government-rationed bulletin board. Victoria greets me wearing full ranger garb. She is also wearing gold earrings depicting marshland birds.

Under her arm is the refuge plan, a thick binder with a small section about the resident sea turtles.

"The issue you have is that you save these small pockets of habitat that are as natural as you can get them," she says while flipping through the binder. "All the species are competing against...amongst themselves to try to survive."

That sounds like my job search. Victoria is aware of the different stories explaining about the sea turtles living in San Diego

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Bay.

“I like to think — but I am a big turtle fan anyway — that even if the power plant goes away, the turtles are gonna stick around.”

Victoria is not a biologist. She is a writer. She knows all the tiny details about the conservation plan, from the sea turtles to the nesting habits of the California least terns. What is the point of habitat conservation? Why does she care about the green sea turtles or the California least tern? She pauses for a minute.

“You tug on this piece of the web and it all moves, so you have to look at that too. I don’t know if the Cal-

ifornia least tern has some effect on us all, but I think it does.”

Later that week, things improve when I am hired at a breezy café situated along Highway 101. The inside is decorated with surfboards, giant pink conch shells, and palm fronds to accent the happily tanned employees. I might as well do San Diego all the way, I think, and put on some corduroy shorts.

On my first day, I notice the manager’s habit of saying “No worries.” I wonder about the sorts of worries I could be having while spreading peanut butter on bagels and fastening plastic monkeys onto smoothie straws. After

receiving winks from old surfer dudes, I make a brash decision.

I quit that first day, with hopes of finding something better. Emboldened by my quitter’s high, I come home with the ambition to make a statement. I am sick of being a customer-service whore. I am going to shave my head.

I call my younger sister Nedda, who lives in San Francisco. I tell her I am bald.

She scoffs through the phone, “So, you’re one of those feminists?”

This is not the reaction I want. I tell her I am not actually bald.

“What do you mean you aren’t bald? Why did you tell me you’re bald?”

“I’ve just been thinking about it,” I say, fishing for some sort of encouragement. “I’m not bald yet.”

“Well, good, because you already dress pretty ugly. People will think you’re a dyke.”

“But I want people to think I’m a dyke, if that is the only way to be taken seriously. I’m thinking forward.”

“What?”

My sister’s doubts are annoying, but I don’t want to shave my head anyway.

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ing for someone who is Westernized.

I block him from my profile and continue scouring the web for office jobs on craigslist.

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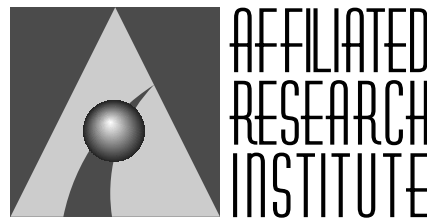
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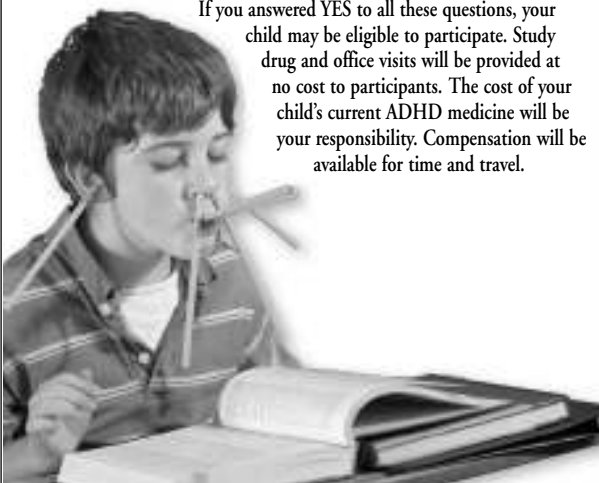
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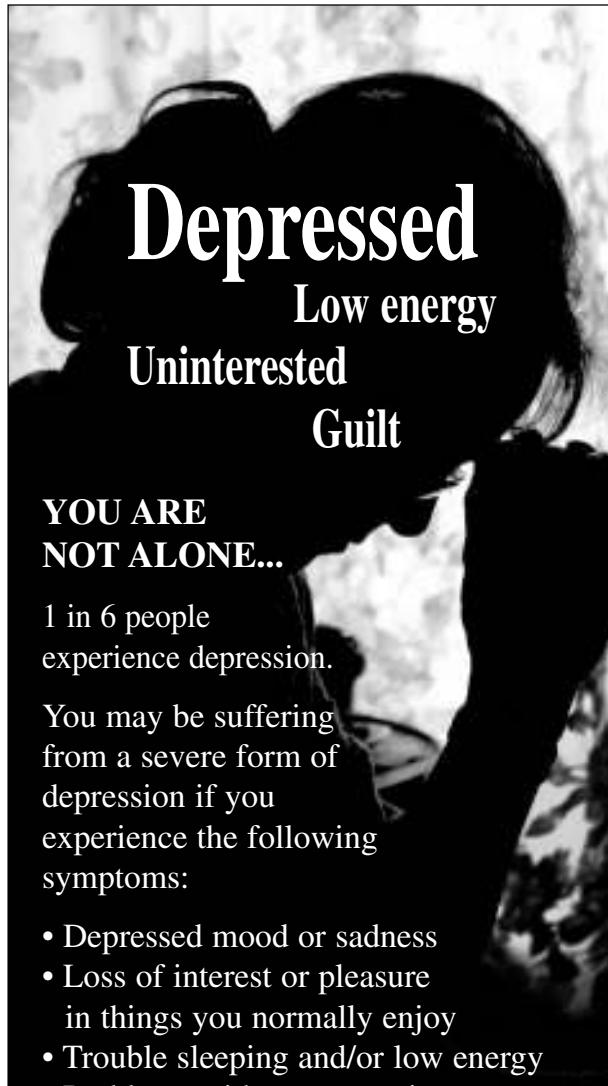
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around at the bottom of the service industry, not quite sure where I fit. I take a break and dream of turtles.

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basis.

I find a job at a sushi restaurant minutes away from my house. It's in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center, the fancifully named strip mall. My official title is server, and I have to share 40 percent of my tips with the master sushi chef, but at least this job is within walking distance. There is another server in the same situation as I, a college graduate with a degree in anthropology.

Much of my job entails dumping plates of uneaten sushi into a large plastic tub. It is spotted with rainbow flecks of sea life. I ask myself how many fish have ended up here, eons of evolution halted by nibbling trophy wives. Getting in my car after my closing shift one night, I lick something sticky off my knuckles and find it to be eel sauce

splatters. I am vegetarian.

So I quit my job and think about marriage. At this point in time, my goal is to acquire money. I would never be a prostitute, but it is the same as working at a job I can't stand. America suggests that I take the

I quit my job and think about marriage.

highest-paying job, despite how lame it is. At least with marriage, I could throw in some home decorating and get elaborate with the baking, which would make it fun.

Driving to my sister's apartment in Imperial Beach, my mom and I chat about finding work. She is supportive of me but thinks

I should get some sort of temp position. Maybe at the real-estate company where she used to work. It is a long drive. Then, tucked between Interstate 5 and the South Bay waters, I see the power plant rising up out of the marsh with elec-

trical lines draped over the marsh.

I know a job is never permanent, but how many people start working as a temp and end up getting sucked into spending the rest of their lives dreaming about the weekend? Exactly.

I decide to be more direct in my job search and head to a neighborhood I like. I spend half a day pounding the pavement on University Avenue. I have one résumé left when I spot something promising.

I see a busy café with yoga types stretching and hipsters leaning on things outside. Vanilla and hot sweetness greet my tired nose. Cinnamon rolls sit on the front counter. One is missing from the pan. Already, I can see myself flinging open the curtains with the rise of the sun and pouring second helpings of coffee into cold, empty mugs.

A large man, the manager, smiles and walks toward me. The last job I enjoyed was at a place just like this, crowded and warm. We talk about the fresh homemade bread. He needs a barista. I can pour hearts and fern leaves into latte foam.

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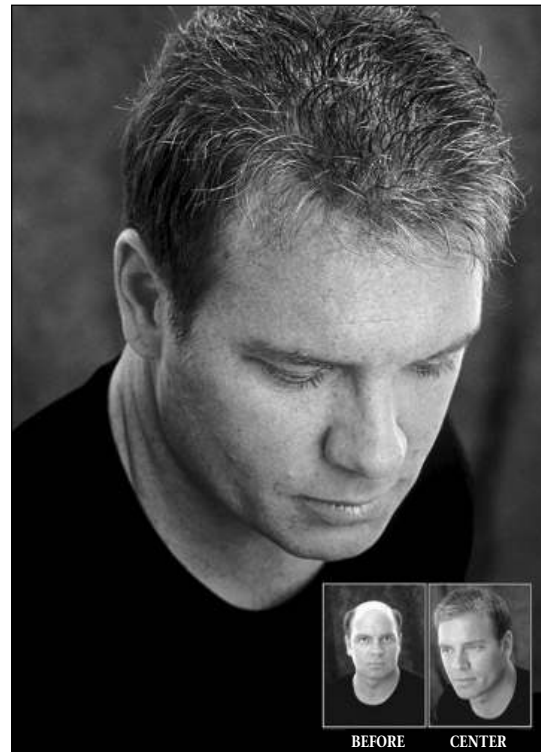


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ting at the next stool over wishes me luck through a syrupy mouthful of pancakes. I thank her and think, *You're a sign!*

He comes back and I hand over my application, with bubbly dots over each *i*.

He thanks me and says he needs to fax my app over to corporate. He says human resources will call me back to schedule an interview.

Wasn't this the interview? I write him off as one more plebe following another management script. I am more than a resumé. I don't get the job.

The weather is freakishly nice, so I take a walk through the pristine desolation of my neighborhood. Houses look the same, row after row, punctuated by a crystal studded license plate frame on an Escalade that reads "Spoiled Rotten." Joggers

wear technologically advanced shorts sporting labels such as Clima Cool. A woman with a securely fastened ponytail pushing an all-terrain stroller jogs by, her small child sipping from a bubbly green bottle of Perrier. This is the dream and I don't get it.

The next morning I drive down to Sweetwater Marsh, the refuge closest to the power plant where the turtles were first spotted.

I navigate streams of rush-hour traffic winding down from North County to Chula Vista. When I approach the entrance gate, I slow my car to 5 mph. A light-footed clapper rail darts across the road. Looking closely, I see these birds are everywhere, their long necks barely stretching above the thicket. A man dressed in taupe crawls quietly through the terrain.

After parking, I walk lightly so as not to disturb.

I am greeted by the sandy-haired refuge manager, Don Brubaker, who informs me that the biologist I was scheduled to meet has broken out with a rash and couldn't make it this morning. We step up to the management trailers to survey the misty expanse. He tells me that things have changed a lot since the Kumeyaay Indians first used this site. Brubaker pauses to mention the most important feature. "As you can see, this site has a nice view of the bay."

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boxed buildings lining the Silver Strand. Brubaker looks out across the water and tells me that at one point you could have sailed a boat straight out to the ocean. To our left is the power plant, and to our right is a shipping dock.

There are trails meandering through the shrubs of the marshland. I can hear tiny bird tweets com-

ing from the bushes around us over the din of the distant freeway.

"All this development," he points to the sidewalks, "is for people to come out and see history, to hear a Caspian bird call. Do you hear that? Those are juveniles."

Hearing a bird call is a lot like experiencing history. It puts things into per-

spective. The bay has changed, and so have the wildlife populations. I ask him about the green sea turtles living in the refuge.

He tells me that they are attracted to the warm water around the power plant.

This takes me back to the beginning. It is hard to know why the turtles are here. They just are. ■

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Bob the Hermit Crab

A rainy-day trip to Wings on Newport (amuse the outta-town guests — Seattle/Pasadena — with some local O.B.



Author: Tennyson
Neighborhood: Clairemont
Age: 65
Occupation: Retired

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

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color), my oldest granddaughter approaches with an obscenely blue shell embellished with a garish Tweety Bird. "Grammy, can I get this hermit crab? I will pay

with my own money! He can live at your house, here in San Diego!"

No! Of course I say "no." A common character defect: I open my mouth before engaging my brain. What the hell would I want with a hermit crab? But I look at this kid — almost a teenager, on the verge of real babe-hood — and me, now 100 miles



away. The lightbulb flashes: We can keep in touch; we can email about the crab soon to be known as "Bob." So...okay, you can get him, but ditch that blue shell for a "real" one. She does, and on that rainy day, bobthehermitcrab leaves the edgy, gritty splendor that is Ocean Beach and comes to the strip-mall/tract-house

haven that is Clairemont.

When I moved here earlier this year I wanted to live in O.B. or maybe Point Loma. Clairemont just wasn't parta the plan, but houses in O.B./Point Loma were trashy or scary or too small or too expensive or not receptive to the 100-pound dog that shares housing with me

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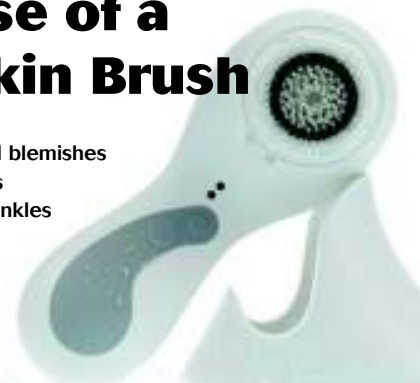
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(and now Bob!). So here we are in Clairemont in a condo — too good to be true. And Clairemont, well, it just is not all that bad.

I grew up in a waterfront town east of Seattle. Bill Gates et al. have turned that small haven into an art gallery—infested chichi wonderland, and you need to drive to a town ten miles away to buy socks or underwear. In Clairemont, commerce that sustains real life is all around us, everywhere. I have never seen so many everyday-life stores all practically within walking distance. And the people — they are all smiling! In the Vons, the pet store, the key place — all are smiling. I know all the guys in Home Depot from helpful and happy encounters. I can see the sunset from my dining room, the bay view is a two-minute drive... and the off-leash park? Where else could there be an off-leash park with an almost 200-degree ocean/bay/skyline view like Cadman?

My neighbors in this tiny complex all seem to know each other, look out for each other, notice cars and wanderers that do not belong, and actually approach with a “Do you live here? May I help you?” I was welcomed with goodies. I awoke on Valentine’s Day to find a little bag of heart-shaped candies on my doorknob, and everything I want, everything I need is less than eight miles in any direction. La Jolla in the

morning, downtown in the afternoon, Sunset Cliffs at sunset — all easy drives. And then back to Clairemont, safe and comfortable by a real fire with the big dog, bobthehermitcrab, and another

email from the kid detailing the website she has set up for the care and nurturing of Bob (one section: “Bob the crab in puberty” — she adds, “if he lives that long”) and how we can blog each

other re: his progress. From a six-figure corporate controller to a cyberspace grammy in the suburbs — I rush too quickly to judgment. Clairemont is teaching me once again to remem-

ber the Stones’ profound epiphany: We may not always get what we want, but in Clairemont I just ended up getting everything I need, and I like that. Clairemont is not just Bob’s but *my* new

neighborhood, too, where I am cherishing the lesson that somehow took a junk-store hermit crab and the friendly, happy, down-to-earth folks in Clairemont to help me see. ■

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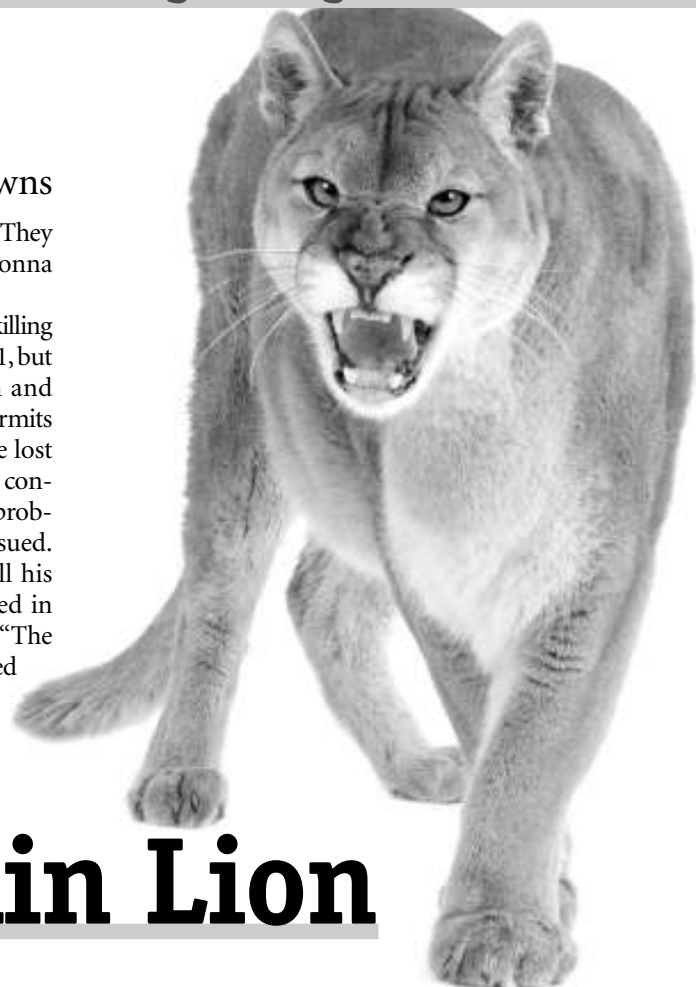
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on Angel Mountain, ten miles south of Mount Palomar, the property was so thick with manzanita and chamiso that a person couldn't walk through it. So he bought a few dozen goats to eat the brush, and by the time they had eaten their way through 120 acres, the goats had increased in number to 580. Then about two years ago the goats began disappearing — sometimes two or three per night. The 73-year-old Johnson, who describes himself as “just an ornery old cowboy who says what he thinks,” knew exactly what the problem was. He buttonholed the local game warden, Carl Baumgarner, and said, “The goddamn lions are eatin’ all my goats up! I ain’t gonna feed two or three head a day to the goddamn lions

just so the gov'ment can protect them! They go killin’ my stock, that’s when I’m gonna go killin’ them!”

There has been a moratorium on killing mountain lions in California since 1971, but the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) can issue depredation permits to ranchers who can prove they have lost livestock to lions. Johnson was able to convince Baumgarner that he had a lion problem, and a depredation permit was issued. The next night Johnson brought all his goats into a holding pen, then waited in the dark for the lion to come around. “The lion I shot that night must have weighed 200 pounds,” Johnson says. “I skinned it out and saved them [the DFG] the



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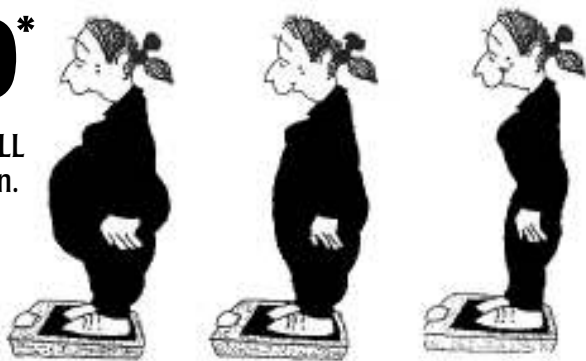
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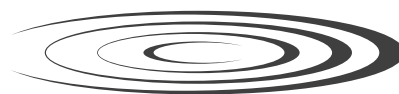
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hide, but they said they wanted the whole animal. Said they wanted to 'analyze' it. So a few months later I shot them another one and dragged it out on a rock where it sat in the sun and bloated up real big. I called up the warden and said, 'I got one o' yer four-legged friends here if you wanna come analyze it.' When they finally come out to look at it, it stunk so bad they wouldn't put it in their van. Said they didn't need to analyze it after all."

Johnson continued to lose goats to the lions. He says he lost 30 or 40 goats before he finally sold them all and started running calves on his land. "Now the lions are eatin' the calves," he says with disgust. "They've run all the deer out of the country and now they're turnin' to livestock. I seen a lion three weeks ago Saturday night had a calf in its mouth — a month-old Hereford. The lion jumped

I bet six feet in the air with that calf in its mouth. I went out next day to look at the tracks, and they were bigger'n my hand."

California is the only Western state with a moratorium on mountain lion hunting, a ruling that to Buzz Johnson ranks second in stupidity only to Franklin

get involved in politics, but I'd like to see lions opened up to hunting again so we can at least keep them under control. All these damn preservationists that want to protect the lions — why don't they come up here and feed 'em? Better yet, why don't they take 'em home with 'em? Better yet,

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why don't they ship all the lions out to San Clemente Island? That'd solve their goat problems out there."

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Buzz Johnson is a holdover from that time in the American West when the mountain lion was considered to be nothing but a four-legged

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devil, to be shot on sight. Teddy Roosevelt, who liked to think of himself as a conservationist, once described the mountain lion as that "big horse-killing cat, destroyer of the deer and lord of stealthy murder, with a heart craven and cruel." The President had probably been reading too many pocket Westerns when he said that, but the sentiment was typical of his time, and there are still plenty of ranchers who agree with him. Spike Alford, a rancher from Mesa Grande [south of Lake Henshaw] and past president of the San Diego County Cattlemen's Association, says he has no doubt that the once-rare cats are making a comeback in San Diego County, particularly in the Mount Palomar area. "I was born and raised around here, and I never saw lion tracks except once in a great while. Now just about every time I go out I can find tracks. Lots of other people are saying the same thing. We had a lion out in the yard just the other night. We couldn't see it, but we heard it screaming just like a big ol' housecat. Our watchdog was tied up outside and he tore the screen off the window trying to get in. My sister-in-law up in Dyche Valley [south of Mount Palomar] lost a couple of goats out of her yard. They were dragged off in the brush and covered up with limbs and grass. A lion will cover up its kill after it eats on it, then it'll come back the next night. A coyote won't do that. Two years ago a fellow up on Palomar had some sheep inside a seven-foot-high fence. A lion jumped the fence, went in and killed three sheep, took one in its mouth, jumped back over the fence, sat outside, and ate it. The deer population has been short around here for the last ten years. Once the lions wiped out the deer, they had to eat something, so they started on domestic animals. Someday they might eat a little kid. I don't think the lions should be exterminated, but I think we should thin them out some. There's too damn

many of them. If it gets to where the ranchers have to do something to get rid of some of them, I'm sure we'll do it, with or without the state's approval. We have to protect our livelihood."

Bill Tulloch, a rancher from the Ramona area, says he's lost at least three calves to lions in the past year. He hasn't asked for a depredation permit because he doesn't think it would do any good. "This country's pretty brushy, and lions move around a lot. It'd be out of the ordinary to see one just standing there in the open, waiting for you to shoot it. I do think there's enough lions that they should become a game animal again and let hunters have a chance at getting one. I'd hate to see every one of them killed off, and I think most ranchers would agree with me. But this cattle business isn't so good that I can afford to feed my family and the lions, too. If the lion problem around here gets bad enough, ranchers are going to take it in their own hands."

Yet most ranchers nowadays seem to have mixed feelings about the cats, hating them for what they can do to their livestock but admiring them as a symbol of a lost era. Willie Tellam, who runs cattle on 26,000 acres near San Pasqual, says, "You hear all these goddamned mountain lion stories, but I don't know. Once in a while, a cow will show up without her calf, and we don't know what happened to it. It would be taking unfair advantage

of the lion to say he got it; it could have been a lot of things. But lions *are* out there. The last one I saw was on October 10. We were out deer hunting, and the east wind was blowing. I came around the corner of the road, and there it was, standing right there, an immense cat. It made the hair stand up on my arms. I don't know why, there's just something about

seeing a lion. It was a beautiful animal, just beautiful. If I was out riding today and saw a lion, I'd probably sit there a long time deciding whether to shoot it or let it go. By the time I decided, the lion would be gone. But if I caught it killing my calves, I'd shoot it in a second."

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by so many different names — mountain lion, cougar, puma, panther, catamount — that many people are unaware these are all the same animal. It is a secretive, nocturnal beast, so distrustful of even its own kind that, except for fighting and mating, it spends most of its life in solitude. It is extremely territorial: when a transient male invades another lion's ter-

ritory, the result is often a fight to the death, after which the victor does not hesitate to devour the weaker cat. Practically all males bear battle scars. The lions are exceptionally wary of humans; people who spend their entire lives in lion country rarely get a glimpse of one. Says Willie Tellam, "I've lived here 53 years, I'm out riding all the time, and I've seen three lions in my life.

Of course, I see their tracks every day." Bill Tulloch, who has seen only one lion in the last 35 years, agrees. And Spike Alford, who has been out in the brush all his life, saw his first lion only a decade ago.

In the United States, mountain lions once extended from California to Florida. Today in this country, there are no lions at all east of the Rockies,

with the exception of a small remnant population in Florida. They have been known to inhabit mountains, deserts, jungle, and prairie, but in San Diego County they prefer the rocky or brush-covered land that provides good camouflage for their ambush style of hunting. They may grow to weigh as much as 160 pounds, and wild exaggerations of larger cats are common, perhaps because the sight of a cat nearly as large as an average-size man has a way of distorting one's perception.

Mountain lions almost always coexist with deer, which are their favorite prey. An adult lion will take about 50 deer per year. Some biologists say this has no effect on a healthy deer herd, that lions and deer have been

coevolving for thousands of years, and that this predatory relationship benefits both animals. Other biologists contend that if the lions are too densely populated, they can decimate a deer herd. They are superbly designed for killing large prey; their powerful jaws can crush a deer's skull, and their claws are curved in such a way that the harder the prey struggles, the more they curl in deeper. Lions will also eat smaller prey such as rabbits, squirrels, birds, and other predators, but they will not eat spoiled meat. During warm weather they will seek fresh meat rather than eat from an old carcass. They seem to relish killing for killing's sake — a lion in Placer County once killed 45 sheep in one night, then didn't eat from any of

them.

Lions prefer a large territory, one that might range somewhere between ten and 100 square miles per lion, depending on the number of deer the land can support. The lions' solitary habits benefit them in some ways — they rarely transmit parasites and disease to each other — but because their individual territories are so extensive, a very large, contiguous body of land is necessary to support a healthy lion population. In the San Diego area, habitat destruction caused by overdevelopment is undoubtedly their greatest threat today.

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ardy. By the mid-'40s, with lion populations drastically reduced, the deer populations in some parts of California had increased to such a degree that herds were starving, and professional hunters were hired to slaughter them.

By 1963 lions were dangerously scarce in California, and the bounty on them was lifted. For a while the Department of Fish and Game governed lion-hunting policy, during which time the cats were classified as a game animal. But in 1971, under pressure from environmental groups, the state legislature took control over the lions, reclassified them as protected nongame animals, and placed a moratorium on hunting them. Since then, the population of lions in the state has grown to somewhere around 5000, making: California's lion population the most dense in the United States. Lion depredation incidents in

California are also more frequent than anywhere else in the nation, having increased twentyfold between 1972 and 1984. The moratorium on hunting lions has been extended several times but is scheduled to be lifted in December of this year. What will happen to lions then is an issue over which animal protectionists and hunters are fighting in the legislature right now, with the Department of Fish and Game, as usual, caught somewhere in between.

San Diego County, because it is so dry, can't support as dense a lion population as can some counties in northern California. On the other hand, because there is so much undeveloped and government-owned land in the county, there are plenty of lions here, and the evidence indicates their numbers are increasing rapidly. Although no accurate count exists, one measure of lion trends used

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by the Department of Fish and Game is the number of lions killed by motor vehicles on the state's roads. During a 12-week period early this year, there were three lion road kills in San Diego County alone: one young lion was killed on Lyons Valley Road, north of Jamul; a second was killed at Camp Pendleton on Las Pulgas Road; and still another lion was killed in Oceanside on Rosicrucian Drive (this lion is being stuffed and will soon be on display at Torrey Pines State Park). Last year, in all of California, there were only 12 lion roadkills.

Another measure of lion populations is the number of confirmed lion depredation incidents. Between 1971 and 1984, San Diego County had 16 confirmed incidents, 9 of them occurring in the final 2 years of the documented period. In these same 13 years, Riverside County had 6 incidents,

Orange County had 2, and Imperial County, none. Monterey County, which has long been the mountain lion center of the state, had 68 incidents during that same period.

The lion depredation incidents and sightings gathered by fish and game wardens in San Diego County give an indication of where the lions are and what their movements are. In September 1983, people at Warner's Ranch reported seeing five lions crossing the road (although the Department of Fish and Game considers this report suspect); a month later a lion killed a domestic goat at a ranch near Julian; in November 1983, a dead lion cub was found on the road near Santa Ysabel. In January 1984, at the Christian Conference Center near Mount Palomar, a lion killed 20 goats. That same month, a lion was accidentally caught in, and later released from, a

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coyote trap near Mesa Grande. In April 1984, an adult lion was killed by a car near Lake Henshaw. This past June a lion was seen on the I-8 freeway on-ramp at Lake Jennings, and in a recently developed area of Chula Vista, residents periodically spot a lion patrolling what used to be his hunting territory. In Anza-Borrego the remains of bighorn sheep killed by lions are found from time to time.

Many incidents of livestock depredations are blamed on lions but remain unconfirmed. A rancher in Pine Valley claims a lion killed 30 of his pigs. A rancher near Warner Springs claims a lion killed one of his calves. In July 1983, the San Diego Wild Animal Park reported that a lion was killing antelope at the park and requested a permit to capture the lion, but when a Department of Fish and Game trapper examined one of the kills, he found it to be the work of a coyote, not a lion. The Department of Fish and Game says most reports of lion depredations are actually the work of large bobcats, coyotes, or wild dogs, while lions get blamed for the kills because it sounds more dramatic. The department emphasizes that a rancher must prove his livestock losses were caused by a lion before a depredation permit will be issued. Nevertheless, if a rancher without a permit kills a lion in the process of taking his livestock, no arrest is made if he turns the carcass over to the department and if his story seems to be a plausible one.

Some biologists claim the Department of Fish and Game's estimate of 5000 lions in the state is meaningless, since it is based on available lion habitat, rather than on actual lion counts, which do not exist. To some degree, department biologists agree with this, saying their budget allows for little more than compiling records of dead lions and plotting them on a map. Without packs of dogs to tree the lions, researchers would rarely see one. But

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There are two bills before the state legislature concerning mountain lions: SB 76 would extend the current moratorium on hunting the lions and is supported by a coalition of animal preservation groups, including the Sierra Club and Defenders of Wildlife. The other bill, AB 947, would return mountain lions to the status of game animals and allow for controlled hunting; this bill is supported by sport-hunting groups.

Robert Fusco, an engineer for the Department of Defense in San Diego and president of the California Wildlife Federation (a coalition of hunting and fishing clubs that has about 100,000 affiliated members statewide and approximately 6500 members in San Diego County), credits the Wildlife Federation with the basic construction of AB 947. According to the proposed bill, the Department of Fish and Game would deter-

mine — on the basis of its own area studies — which lion populations can support hunting. “For example, if the Palomar District of Cleveland National Forest showed there was a surplus of three male lions, the

department could issue three tags for the taking of three male lions. It is not an open hunting bill.”

Fusco says that the Wildlife Federation’s philosophy is, if there is a renewable resource such as a game

animal, there is no reason why the resource should not be used. But he also says a desire to hunt lions is not the federation’s primary motive. “There must be some members who would like to hunt lions, but many more have

said they have no desire to ever hunt one because it’s a pretty expensive proposition — you need a pack of dogs to really do it right. We felt that California needed a lion conservation plan and that the morato-

rium was not going to work, that there are more lions attacking livestock than ever before, and more importantly, that high lion populations are holding deer herds below reasonable levels.” Fusco cites studies done

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in the Sierra National Forest that indicate that mountain lions are responsible for killing 30–40 percent of newly born fawns. He says, “We believe hunting should be used as a management tool to control the lion population.”

Fusco says he has little faith in the Department of Fish and Game's ability to deal with the lion problem. “The trouble with the DFG is that they've been politically hamstrung.” Because of the Wildlife Federation's lack of faith in the department, the federation has donated funds to finance independent studies of lion populations, some of which will be conducted in San Diego County. One biologist who has received their donations is Lee Fitzhugh from UC Davis. He believes it is possible that lion populations in Southern California have become genetically isolated by freeways and urban development.

The lions in the Santa Ana Mountains that terminate on Camp Pendleton, for example, are probably isolated from other lion groupings. If that is true, Fitzhugh suggests that the most effective way to manage the problem would be to remove resident male lions periodically through sport hunting and then replace them with male lions from other areas. Fitzhugh also believes it is possible that lion populations are unnaturally high because the lions, after depleting the deer herds, survive by killing domestic animals — in other words, the natural checks and balances on mountain lions are not in effect.

Marie Savino, a writer and teacher's aide, is one of the most active animal preservationists in the San Diego area. She has been president of the Animal Rights Coalition and is a member of People for the Ethical Treatment of Ani-

mals. “Hunters always try to appear to be concerned about the lion and the deer, but that's not really it,” she says. “They've been waiting for lion hunting to open up again so they can go kill one. For a hunter's prestige, one lion is worth 20 deer. We want the moratorium on lion hunting continued through 1990. We understand there has to be some compromise when it comes to ranchers. We believe it would be acceptable for a rancher to kill a mountain lion if he could prove it was taking his animals. But there is no reason why mountain lions should be opened to hunting. We are afraid the situation will go right back to where it was in the 1970s when mountain lions were extremely rare. If lion trophy hunting is reopened, that's exactly what will happen. There are more hunters than the DFG can control.”

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If studies show that lion populations are too high in San Diego County, Savino says, "First we would want our own study done to see if we get the same results. We don't like listening to the Department of Fish and Game studies because they have a lot of hunters on their commission, and they're hunter-supported. If the deer population is low, is that really caused by the

predators or by the thousands and thousands of hunters?" Savino would also investigate the possibility of a lion transfer program, taking lions from one area and moving them to another. Though this would be extremely expensive, Savino says, "Cost has nothing to do with it. Animal rights groups can afford it. We got the goats off San Clemente. We'd like to see the DFG get off

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their asses and do something for the wild animals they're supposedly protecting, but they won't because of the hunting lobby. So it will probably be up to animal-rights groups to move the animals."

Besides being expensive, though, relocating lions has been shown to be ineffective. Lions will not remain in the area they are placed, or they will fight the resident lion, often to the death.

"If the lion population proved to be abnormally high," Savino says, "then it would be time to talk about a compromise — possibly

keeping the moratorium but allowing the DFG to thin the population. But no trophy hunting. Hunters try to make a macho game out of killing something. But it's not a game; it's trying to put a balance back in nature.

"Right now, in San Diego, the mountain lion is a legislative issue," Savino says. "It's a letter-writing campaign. But if the moratorium is lifted, then it absolutely will become a protest issue. The hunting lobby is so big, they're probably going to win. In that case, we will take more radical action."

Governor Deukmejian has said he will veto any bill that extends the moratorium on lion hunting in California. The animal protectionists are said to be rewriting their bill to avoid the veto. Whatever the outcome might be, it is certain that lions have benefited from all the public atten-

tion. Lion populations in San Diego County will be more closely monitored than ever before. Ranchers will retain the right to protect their livestock, but if enough undeveloped lion habitat can be preserved, mountain lions will continue to thrive under a level of protection which they haven't known for most of the 20th Century.

Update: According to the California Department of Fish and Game's website, between 2001 and 2008 there have several hundred mountain lion sightings per year. Fewer than 3 percent have resulted in an animal being identified as an imminent threat to public safety and killed. In 1990, California Proposition 117 made permanent the ban on mountain lion trophy hunting. ■

— Steve Sorensen

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young adults rather than bonuses, as Mr. Varela states. The true number of active military personnel is not known to the general public. The low-intensity conflict you speak of from the '70s to the '90s did not have the manpower or the technology of today. Ever heard of the Predator?? Yes, the U.S. is not perfect. They have tried many things that ultimately failed. Ever heard of the Vietnam War? For the same reason we failed in Vietnam, we will fail in border security.

We need to go full force at it or not at all. Yes, it will be expensive, but I'd rather spend my tax dollars on that than bailing out Wall Street, the banks, etc. Joint Task Force 6 failed because there was no political will to make it succeed. This time I'm talking about the same type of effort as in Desert Storm. Let the Border Patrol conduct operations within the country and not on the borders. No need to resurrect Alexander the Great. If it meant the preservation of our safety, culture, and mankind, I would pay the \$5 for produce. That's the difference, Mr. Varela, between you and me. I'm willing to pay the price for freedom. You would rather enslave people that have no legal right to be here. And your rant about the 90 percent of guns in Mexico coming from the U.S., when it's actually 17? Yep, the good old Department of Homeland Security put out that number, and Fox News put the actual number at 17. I see how trustworthy the Department of Homeland Security is. Putting our veterans, people that oppose illegal aliens, and those that don't agree with the president on radical watch lists. Very credible.

D.S.
via email

On March 17, 2009, representatives of the Drug Enforcement Administration

and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms testified before Congress that "90 percent of the weapons that could be traced were determined to have originated from various sources within the U.S." (emphasis ours). Fox News calculated that the weapons

traceable to the United States constituted only 17 percent of the total weapons found at Mexican crime scenes. — Editor

1 Across: Appreciation

Thank you so much for of-

fering these challenging crossword puzzles each week in the Reader, and especially thank you for the newly designed and very trendy T-shirt you sent me.

For the past many years that I have participated in the weekly puzzle, I have

won three or four times, and I was thrilled with the plain white shirt with the red Reader.com. All my family members wear them proudly during a special occasion.

I will continue to be an avid participant, and I read

all the articles. My favorites are "City Lights," Don Bauder, Stringers, and, of course, the feature article.

Keep up the good work, and I will try to do mine.

Elenore Stephens
Potrero

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Why Transit's Troubled

It is easy to criticize transit in San Diego, so no special credit to Ollie for his March 5 cover story "Waste time. Save money. Ride the bus!" It is more difficult to defend it, so a tip of the hat to Robert K. Johnston for his letter in the April 2 issue, "Master-Planned Bad Transit."

But the problem is that so few understand transit in San Diego and why it will never be greatly successful. To be a success, transit needs two basic elements: a dense concentration of potential riders and financial support beyond just those who ride the systems.

San Diego has too little density, and what we do have is broken up by canyons, valleys, mountains, and water bodies. Look at a map of the Metropolitan Transit System or North County Transit District and see how long some of the

routes are. Successful transit attracts a high number of riders for each mile it operates. It is easy to see that most routes here do not and cannot meet that measure.

To the best of my knowledge, no public transit system in the U.S. pays its own way; some level of subsidy is required. A subsidy is the difference between operating costs and operating revenues — fares, to you and me. San Diego has an unusually low level of subsidy support. Most of what is generated by sales tax that goes to transportation is utilized for capital expenditures: building roads and buying trolleys and buses. Very little is available for paying drivers, maintenance, and fuel.

This is why the MTS and NCTD cannot afford to provide a level and distribution of service that would be attractive to a much larger percentage of our population.

If this bothers you, discuss it with your elected officials.

Tim Price
via email

The Doctor Is Out

The January 22 *Reader* carried an article titled "Deadly Mosquitoes Breed in Our Urban Drool."

On page 37, there is this statement attributed to Dr. Lieu: "Wherever it has peaked, and then the number of cases has started to go down, the virus has never circled back. If you look at New England and New York, where they had a whole bunch of cases seven or eight years ago, in the past couple of years, they hardly had any." Data I obtained from the Centers for Disease Control website (cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/) demonstrate that the data is inconsistent with the statement just quoted. (In the years 1999 through 2008, the number of cases

was 62, 14, 15, 82, 71, 10, 38, 24, 22, 46, respectively.)

On page 38, there is this statement attributed to Dr. Lieu: "And that starts about three to seven days after the bite." The CDC website, (cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/clinicians/clindesc.htm#fever), states, "The incubation period for WNV infection is thought to range from about 2 to 14 days, although longer incubation periods have been documented in immunosuppressed persons."

Also on page 38, there is this statement attributed to Dr. Lieu: "But about 1 in 100 people who get infected develops encephalitis." On the CDC website in 2004, there was this statement: "Approximately 1 in 150 infections will result in severe neurological disease." There is a difference between severe neurological disease and encephalitis. The CDC website states, "About 60% to 75% of people with neuroinvasive WNV infection reportedly have encephalitis or meningoencephalitis, which is characterized by altered mental status or focal neurologic findings." Both encephalitis and meningitis have varying degrees of severity.

It seems to me that it is important to be as exact as possible when printing information such as is in the article referenced. I do not know if Dr. Lieu was quoted accurately. It seems to me that a reporter should check figures quoted by someone he/she interviews with some authoritative source, and if

discrepancies are discovered between information stated by one interviewed and sources considered authoritative, such as the CDC, then the reporter should contact the person interviewed and present the discrepancies prior to any publication so that inaccurate information is not disseminated.

Roger Bitar, M.D.,
M.P.H.

Comments from Reader Website

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Diary of a Diva Published April 22

Posted by deniseathome on April 22, 8:08 p.m.

I hope that you never again have to watch your niece because of an emergency but in the event that you find yourself with a child and no way to entertain them the answer is goop. What is goop you may ask? It is simply cornstarch and water. It seems terribly messy and kids love it. However, it really is not messy. Cornstarch is an inert substance that does not harm anything. When it dries, you can simply vacuum it up. In a bowl, mix about 1/2 cup of cornstarch with approximately 2 cups water so that it feels like clay - not too powdery, not too wet. Now pick up this goop and squeeze it - it's crumbly. Hold it loosely - it oozes through your fingers. Knock on the mixture (inside the bowl) and you will

find it feels hard. Put your finger slowly into it and...it is liquid. Its solid one minute, liquid the next. Magic! It has become non-Newtonian fluid, In other words a liquid that does not behave like a typical liquid. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-Newtonian_fluid Ketchup is another non-Newtonian fluid. That is why when you shake the bottle it comes out all at once. Stick the child outside or in the shower or bathtub with a plastic bowl, add water and let them stir and play with this mixture to their hearts content. Remember it will dry and be easily swept/vacuumed up or rinsed down the drain. I guarantee you will have at least an hour of peace.

Cover Story Published April 22

Posted by lallaw on April 24, 2:19 a.m.

Mr. Lickona: great recipes and great piece! I'm going to print all of them out and keep them poolside for a sweltering day. Thanks for putting that together and making me look good the next time I host a bacchanal. Cheers!

Posted by lickona on April 24, 9:19 a.m.

Thank you, lallaw! I must confess, it's not really my piece - I just wrote the intro (and one section). The fine editorial staff of the *Reader* put it together. But I'm very glad you enjoyed it!

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Thursday | 30

FRAGRANCE FORUM

An artist, an art critic, a fragrance expert, and a psychologist discuss the power of smell and how a simple sniff can alter your perception of the world around you. See **LECTURES**, page 58.

SPIDER'S WEB

Oh, the tangled web she weaves when she chooses to hide the dead body she finds in her living room. The Coronado Playhouse presents the Agatha Christie classic about murder and mystery. See **THEATER**, page 102.

Friday | 1

I CAN DO IT!

“Go for it now,” says advice guru Wayne Dyer. “The future is promised to no one.” Dyer is one of many motivational masters, including Louise Hay and Christiane Northup, to offer nuggets of inspiration at this self-help seminar. See **LECTURES**, page 58.

ALLIED GARDENS SPRINGFEST

The little neighborhood north of San Diego State University is hosting its tenth annual bigger-than-a-block party at Allied Gardens Park. Live music, beer/wine garden, carnival rides, a rock-climbing wall, and more than 100 vendors make for plenty of things to see and do. See **SPECIAL**, page 61.



Saturday | 2

UFO CONFERENCE AND WEBCAST



Was ancient man visited by aliens? What will happen in 2012? Is the government hiding information about UFOs? Hear experts in “ufology” tackle these questions and more. See **LECTURES**, page 58.

URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL

In a future world short on water, it is a “privilege to pee,” and nothing — not even the most basic of human functions — is free. This comedy satirizes capitalism, corruption, and greed. See **THEATER**, page 102.

Sunday | 3

FIESTA OLD TOWN CINCO DE MAYO



This 26th annual festival spans 22 blocks in and around Old Town. Take in Latin sounds, ballet *folklorico*, storytellers, children’s activities, and food and beverages from restaurants in the area. See **SPECIAL**, page 61.



SATURDAY, MAY 2: UFO CONFERENCE AND WEBCAST

WORLD LAUGHTER DAY CELEBRATION

Laughter is the panacea for all of mankind’s ailments, and yogis say it promotes friendship and peace. That is, of course, unless you’re the one being laughed at. See **SPECIAL**, page 61.

Monday | 4

ANOTHER INCENDIARY TOPIC!

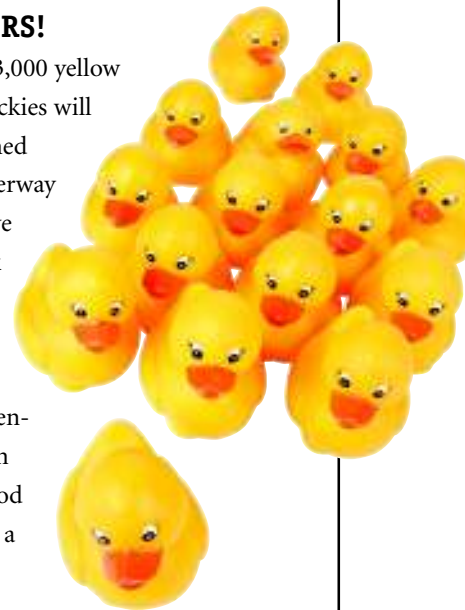
This just in: The world does revolve around you. Psychology professor Jean Twenge, author of *Generation Me*, will discuss her new book *The Narcissism Epidemic*. See **IN PERSON**, page 57.



Tuesday | 5

QUACKERS!

Around 13,000 yellow rubber duckies will be unleashed into a waterway at the Wave Waterpark for this “Quacker Dash” event to benefit the San Diego Blood Bank. Buy a duck and dash it for prizes! See **SPECIAL**, page 61.



Wednesday | 6

THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN

Tiny Tim, eat your heart out. This drama — set in Ireland, circa 1934 — is a black comedy about a Hollywood filmmaker who transforms Billy Claven, a handicapped orphan, from a “cripple scorned” into a star. See **THEATER**, page 103.

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DANCE

"First View" California Ballet closes season with "fusion of classic and contemporary" works. Program includes *Pas de Duke*, with music by Duke Ellington/Tchaikovsky; *Souvenir de Florence*, set to Tchaikovsky; *The Mist Leaves No Scar*, with choreography by Jean Issacs to traditional kabuki music. Also promised: winning pieces from April choreographic competition: *Orbits II*, *Over the Face of the Waters*. 858-560-6741. Saturday, May 2, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$25-\$80. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

A Cross Between Bollywood and Belly Dance Hailing from Rajasthan, India, Queen Harish gives workshops on "Bollywood" (noon) and Gypsy dance (1:15). 619-347-9021. Saturday, May 2, noon; \$25-\$30. Bamboo Yoga and Bodywork Center, 1127 Loma Avenue. (CORONADO)

Cajun and Zydeco Dancing Zydeco lesson and dance. Beginners' dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes 8 p.m. 619-857-8409. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Contra Fun! Martha Wild takes on calling duties, Gray Beard makes music for contra dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage. Beginners' dance workshop 7:30 p.m.; dances taught and called to live music 8-11 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.; \$7. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Dance Break 2009 Annual spring concerts with diverse choreography by faculty and students in a variety of classical and contemporary dance styles showcased. 760-795-6815. Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$12. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Dance Jam Dance Lindy, East Coast, jitterbug, and swing during "Jam" community swing dance. Dance lessons for all levels before dance (\$40 for four weeks). Admission to dance is free if you take class. 619-291-3775. Friday, May 1, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Dance for 2, 7528

OUT & ABOUT

EPIC AND TIMELESS Compañía Nacional de Danza 2, Mandeville Auditorium, Tuesday, May 5.

(SEE DANCE)



Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Dances from the Palace of Rajasthan Hailing from Rajasthan, India, Queen Harish gives two performances with Danyavaad

and the Shimmy Sisters. Cover: \$10. Dinner show reservations: 619-222-7678. Friday, May 1, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; \$10. Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Epic and Timeless Compañía Nacional de Danza 2 fuses "contemporary style with classical roots," adds "some of Spain's essential characteristics — passion, romance, and spontaneity" for Art-Power! Post-performance conversation. 858-534-TIXS. Tuesday, May 5, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$39. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Get Swing Dancing! Firehouse Swing Dance Promises '20s and '30s vintage swing tunes played by DJ Joel Plys. Featured classes this month: Lindy hop 1, Lindy hop 2, Balboa 2 (7-8 p.m.). Classes are progressive; no drop-ins after May 13. Intro-to-swing lessons for total beginners every Wednesday (8-8:45 p.m.); including paid admission to dance. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Women's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

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IMAGOmoves: iMan and Garden of Deadly Sound iMan combines dance and theater and humor with "with ominous sounds and images" in work inspired by African animals. *Garden of Deadly Sound* is "surrealist twist on the characters of Maria Von Trapp and Mary Poppins." Under 18 must be accompanied by adult. 619-235-8466. Thursday, April 30, 8 p.m.; Friday, May 1, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 7 p.m.; \$15. Ages 18 and up. Sushi Performance & Visual Art, 390 11th Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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Samahan Filipino American Dance Dance performance followed by sampling of traditional Filipino food. 619-463-3236. Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m.; free. Casa de Oro Library, 9805 Campo Road #145. (SPRING VALLEY)

San Diego May Ball San Diego English Country Dancers host annual dance, with music by Off the Cuff, calling by Sharon Green, Ellen Riley, Judee Pronovost. "Regency attire admired but not required." 858-676-9731. Saturday, May 2, 6 p.m.; \$40. Soledad Club, 5050 Soledad Road. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FILM

Freedom Riders Catch mountain-biking film capturing "the evolution of freeriding from stealth trail building to forging a working relationship with the U.S. Forest Service to establish the first-ever downhill specific trail...in the Teton Pass area of Wyoming." 619-922-0446. Thursday, April 30, 8 p.m.; Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.; \$10. Ray Street Studios, 3436 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

Persepolis Ann Zivotzky leads discussions before and after "coming-of-age tale about finding one's place in the world" when Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes. Cinema chat at 1:30 p.m. In French with English subtitles. 760-602-2026. Saturday, May 2, 1:30 p.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at

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Adjoining the vast spaces of Angeles National Forest, Claremont Hills Wilderness Park spreads over foothills spilling down toward the college town of Claremont. The Cobal Canyon Loop, the one significant hike in the park that it seems nearly everyone in and around Claremont likes to take, is particularly rewarding in the green and flowery month of April. The route is entirely on wide fire roads, so there's plenty of room for leashed dogs and mountain bikes, as well as walkers and runners.

Exit the 210 Freeway at Baseline Road on the border between the cities of Claremont and Upland. Go west on Baseline for 0.7 mile, then turn right (north) on Mills Avenue. After 1.1 mile the main road (signed Mount Baldy Road) veers sharply right, while the dead-

end Mills Avenue continues straight. Follow Mills Avenue to its end, which is where you find the trailhead for Claremont Hills Wilderness Park.

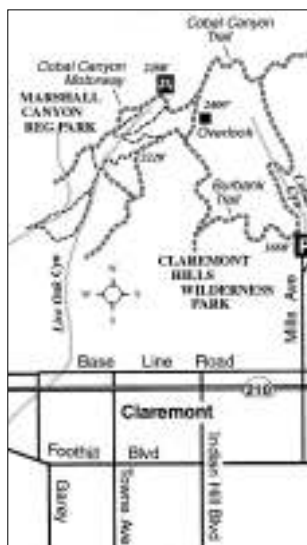
From the trailhead parking area, proceed up the bottom of Cobal Canyon on the Cobal Canyon Trail (aka Cobal Canyon Motorway). You quickly plunge into the deep shade of coast live oaks, the survivors of repeated wildfires, including the 2003 Grand Prix Fire. Large brown mileage signs tick off the half-miles along the route, but they count backward from 5.0 on the counterclockwise loop you are following. This direction is preferred, since you get to go uphill and slower on the more scenic Cobal Canyon piece of the loop.

By 1.0 mile you're rounding a horseshoe curve and climbing out of Cobal

Canyon. Looking back you can see a handful of big-cone Douglas firs clinging to the north-facing slope. They are about as low (1800 feet in elevation) as these evergreen trees can grow in their native habitat.

Continue a steady climb on sunny slopes to an unmarked fire road on the right (1.8 miles) which connects with fire roads in Angeles National Forest.

Stay left. After another half mile of climbing you reach a crest; right afterward there's another fire road (the continuation of Cobal Canyon Motorway) branching right (2.5 miles). This



leads to the fire roads and trails of adjacent Marshall Canyon Regional Park. Stay left again.

Just ahead, off to the left side, is an elaborate shade ramada perched atop

COBAL CANYON LOOP

Hike or bike Claremont Hills Wilderness Park in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 126 miles
Hiking length: 5.0 miles
Difficulty: Moderate

a knoll for maximum panoramic impact. The view from there stretches from the relatively nearby summit of Mount San Antonio to distant features such as San Jacinto Peak, the Santa Ana Mountains, and Santa Catalina Island.

The remainder of the loop hike is somewhat anticlimactic. Continue south along the fire road, ignoring yet another wide fire road on the right that leads toward Marshall Canyon Regional Park. Stay with the main, undulating ridge on the wide, south-going fire road called Burbank Trail (aka Burbank

Motorway), and stick with that route as it curls down dry, brushy slopes overlooking Burbank Canyon. At 5.0 miles you arrive back in Cobal Canyon very close to the trailhead parking lot.

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



Cobal Canyon loop

Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired Documentary by Marina Zenovich reopens Polanski's controversial case. 619-236-5800. Monday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Vincent Who? San Diego Asian Film Foundation kicks off Asian Pacific Heritage Month with screening of Tony Lam and Curtis Chin's documentary focusing on "the historic murder case of Vincent Chin and its impact on our community." Co-director Curtis Chin is expected to take part in discussion about racism, dangers of labeling, more. Film at 6 p.m., reception at 7:30 p.m. 858-565-1264. Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m.; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Food for Thought Film Series Scott Hamilton Kennedy's documentary *The Garden* tells story of 14-acre community garden in

South Central Los Angeles whose farmers fought back when their garden was threatened with destruction by city hall. Event — fittingly, held in campus cafeteria — includes discussion about local food movement, ways to support return to locally grown, fresh, healthy food. 619-255-0345. Saturday, May 2, 6 p.m.; free. San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

FOOD & DRINK

"Make-Ahead Meals" Learn to prepare and store three main dishes "that are better after freezing" during class led by chef Elizabeth of Elizabeth's Kitchen. Menu includes rosemary beef stew served over egg noodles, Texican-style shredded pork, four-cheese macaroni. Tastings, recipes for each dish taught. 619-255-0203. Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Beer and Cheese Pairing Classes led by Tom Nickel and George Plamer promise six to seven flights of beers and cheeses, with short discussion on each. Registration: 858-715-1745. Sunday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.; \$40. Ages 21 and up. O'Brien's Pub, 4646 Convoy Street. (KEARNY MESA)

Fresh Dinner! Chef Alex Carballo and Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens crew descend upon organic farms of S.D. to cook "the freshest, untouched ingredients from the farm to your plate all in the same day." Fee includes tax and tip. Reservations: 760-471-4999. Monday, May 4, 6 p.m.; \$49. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Taste of Spain "Home-cooked cuisine and world-class performances" offered during ArtPower! event in the International Center. Traditional Spanish dinner precedes Compañía Nacional de Danza 2 dance performance in Mandeville Auditorium (additional cost). 858-534-TIXS. Tues-

day, May 5, 6 p.m.; \$12. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Taste of the Nation Share Our Strength's fund-raiser battling childhood hunger includes participation by more than 25 of city's "finest chefs and restaurants" in Sculpture Court Café and garden. 877-26-TASTE. Sunday, May 3, 3 p.m.; \$75. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros" Meet children's author Jane Tenorio-Coscarelli, author of *The Tamale Quilt*, *The Ants*, and *Confetti Eggs*. Learn how author "combined her Hispanic heritage and love of quilting to create these...books." Books available for purchase, signing. 760-435-5590. Saturday, May 2, 2 p.m.; free. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

"Stones and Bones" Learn about physical anthropology, dig up some artifacts, figure out how to tell if a skeleton is male or female, diagnose ancient diseases, and more during Explorer Saturday. 619-239-2001. Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.; free. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Abel Lincoln's Hat Enjoy reading of Martha Brenner's story, coloring page craft, and construction of paper stovepipe hat. 619-236-5847. Thursday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Princess and the Pea Big Joe Productions presents this story about being different. 619-544-9203. Thursday, April 30, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Friday, May 1, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Astronomy Day Explore the cosmos during "annual out-of-this-

world activity day." San Diego Astronomy Association will set up telescopes outside for public viewing of surface of sun. Celebrate International Year of Astronomy with hands-on activities. Included in admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Go Green! During family art day, "design wearable recyclable clothing, build sculptures out of recycled materials, and make scented watercolor paintings." View exhibitions "Lowbrow Art: Nine San Diego Pop Surrealists," "Institutional Wellbeing: An Olfactory Plan for Oceanside Museum of Art," and "Vortex Plastique." Art activities reflect concepts, themes from exhibits. Materials provided. Docent tours geared specifically for kids: 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. 760-435-3720. Sunday, May 3, 1 p.m.; free. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

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Off to See the Wizard! Follow Dorothy down the Yellow Brick Road when San Diego Junior Theatre brings *The Wizard of Oz* to the stage. Performance on Saturday, May 9, is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, May 10, \$8-\$13. Ages 6 and up. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Union-Tribune Kids' Magic Mile Organizers promise non-competitive, age-staged series of one-mile runs/walks for kids and adults. Each registered child receives a finisher's medal. This Race for Literacy event starts near Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. 760-692-2900. Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m.; \$15-\$20. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"An Intimate Evening with Charles Arlington" Original and "unique magic show" on offer when Charles Arlington — star of *Triple Espresso* — hits stage. 619-220-8663. Friday, May 1, 8 p.m.; \$15. Ages 8 and up. North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

"One Mike...San Diego: The Hilarious Show" Comedy show with guest host Aida Rodriguez, featuring Clayton Thomas, Don-nivin, headliner Ron G. 619-708-7975. Wednesday, May 6, 8 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Ages 21 and up. The Comedy Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

"Sounds of Desire" Enjoy spoken word and melodic solos based on USD graduate Heather Raffo's play *9 Parts of Desire*. Piece chronicles lives of nine women in modern-day Iraq. Jazz trumpeter and

Iraqi *santoor* player Amir ElSaffar will perform urban and classical sounds springing from Iraqi and American roots. 619-260-2727. Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

"Voces of the New Califas" Spoken word, music, and theater from across "the Latino Golden State," including Cesar Cruz and headRush from Oakland, San Diego's Aileen Reyes, Quino, and Teatro Izcalli. 858-822-4059. Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.; free. Centro Cultural de Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

"WordMagic" "Word wizard" Laurel Airica presents her "Word-Magic" literary entertainment in Warren Auditorium (located in SOLES building). Expect to gain "a new understanding of words... through stunning stunts of cunning punning." Refreshments provided. 415-497-1535. Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Family Plots Bay Area author Mary Patrick Kavanaugh discusses and signs her book, which was "awarded 16 rejections from prominent NYC publishers." 858-454-0347. Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Oklahoma Rigs Church's annual "dessert playhouse" presents this

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Rock to Riches Andrew Chapman and Lee Silber celebrate release of their new book. Party promises live music, rock fashion show, music trivia contest, libations, "stories about how some of the biggest bands made it, and the lessons we can all learn from them." 858-273-3332. Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. Dirtbag Music, 1135 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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A Cello Goddess! Maya Beiser "throws down the gauntlet in a genre-defying solo performance" for ArtPower series. Expect "part performance, part lecture, part audience interaction." 858-534-8497. Thursday, April 30, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; \$5-\$15. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Agitprop Reading Series Poets Brian Kim Stefans (*Kluge*) and Geoffrey Dyer (*The Dirty Halo of Everything*) read from their work. Reception follows. Donations encouraged. 619-384-7989. Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m. Agitprop Gallery, 2837 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Another Incendiary Topic! Psychology professor Jean Twenge discusses, signs *The Narcissism Epidemic*, focusing on "repercussions for every age group and class." Her first book: *Generation Me*. 858-

454-0347. Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate National Poetry Month Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Poetry winner Mari L'Esperance discusses, signs *The Darkened Temple*. She'll be joined by members of San Diego Writer's Ink reading from their *Anthology Volume 2*. 858-454-0347. Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Cirque D'Or Golden Dragon Acrobats show off athletic tradition going back 2000 years. 800-988-4253. Sunday, May 3, 4 p.m.; \$10. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Drama Showcase Drama students showcase "their individual strong points" while performing an electric array of musical numbers, monologues, dramatic scenes. 619-475-8556. Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.; \$7-\$10. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

Maytime Reading Evening celebrating San Diego's community of writers hosted by *Poetry International*. Featured poets: Chris Baron and B.H. Boston, along with members of *Poetry International* editorial staff. Refreshments, "indelible

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poetry" served. 619-594-1522. Friday, May 1, 7 p.m.; free. The Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet an Olympic Gold Medalist Track athlete Monique Henderson, who won Olympic gold medals in 2004 and 2008, speaks about her experiences. 619-463-3006. Wednesday, May 6, 3 p.m.; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Open-Mike Poetry Read poetry and short fiction — your own or something from your favorite authors. Reception at 12:30 p.m.; reading at 1 p.m. 760-480-4101. Sunday, May 3, 12:30 p.m.; free. Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Powerful and Rousing! Jimmy Santiago Baca reads from and signs

his work in Student Center. "Of Apache and Chicano descent, Baca is renowned for his powerful prose and poetry and rousing performance style." 619-644-7495. Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Spring Concert The 75-member chorus and 48-piece orchestra of San Diego Festival Chorus and Orchestra perform pieces by Rossini; Lerner and Loewe songs including "Camelot," "They Call the Wind Mariah," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," many others. 619-670-3588. Sunday, May 3, 3 p.m.; \$5-\$17. College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

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Tea Symposium British writer, historian, world tea specialist Jane Pettigrew leads afternoon tea in "authentic English setting." Will sign books. Reservations: 619-858-2848. Tuesday, May 5, noon; \$59. Tea-Upon-Chatsworth, 2180 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

They Really Mean "Open" Evening of open-mike entertainment — from comedy routines to poetry to theatrical monologues to acoustic music piece to karaoke (bring your own CD), even short speeches welcome. Time limit: three minutes. Admission free; purchase requested. 619-299-9360. Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

LECTURES

"AIG, Obama, and the Fight for Economic Democracy" "What would a progressive economic policy — one that would fight foreclosures, unemployment, and poverty — look like?" Get one perspective during talk sponsored by International Socialist Organization. 619-865-0621. Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Abraham Lincoln's Journey of Faith" Eminent Abraham Lincoln scholar Ronald C. White Jr. examines Lincoln's religious ideas for

UCSD Burke Lectureship in Student Service Center multipurpose room. White is author of *A. Lincoln: A Biography*. 858-534-0999. Thursday, April 30, 8 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Budgets, Budgets, and More Budgets" Series of grant-writing and nonprofit development workshops continues with focus on differences between organizational, program, project, and equipment budgets, along with tips on formatting them into "one-page wonders." Classes offered in room SSC-1. Registration: 619-460-2738. Friday, May 1, 10 a.m.; free. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

"Climate Change and Southern California Ecosystems" Track the changes in temperatures, rainfall, wildfires, and carbon dioxide levels through research of UCSD biological sciences professor Elsa Cleland. 619-232-3821. Thursday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Coffee, Culture, Conversation" Physician Dr. Geoff Smith focuses on "The Status and Role of the Disabled in Ancient Society." Talk will include discussion of numerous items Smith is donating to the museum. Included in museum admission. 619-239-2001. Tuesday, May 5, 4 p.m.; free. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Contemporary Visual Interpretations of the Parable of the Prodigal Son" Anne Hoehn discusses how artists have interpreted the universal themes in this tale over time. While at gallery, view exhibit in which artists have interpreted parable through painting, photography, digital art, and works on paper. 858-205-4354. Sunday, May 3, 5 p.m.; \$25-\$40. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Fragrance Forum" Fragrance expert Jan Moran is joined by artist Brian Goeltzenleuchter, art critic Kevin Freitas, and psychologist Dr. David Peterzell to explore "the power of olfaction." 760-435-3720. Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.; free. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

"Global Warming: The Impact on San Diego" Talk by UCSD professor of biological sciences David Woodruff hosted by International Museum of Human Rights at San Diego. Many San Diegans fail to realize we depend on resources from elsewhere. 619-223-8074. Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

"I Can Do It!" Louise Hay, Wayne Dyer, Doreen Virtue, Caroline Myss, and Dr. Christiane Northup scheduled to appear, among others, during inspirational, self-help workshops. 800-654-5126. Thursday, April 30, 8 p.m.; Friday, May 1, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m.; \$50-\$475. San Diego Con-

vention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Ice, Snow, and Water: Impacts of Climate Change on California and Himalayan Asia" Compare "climatic causes and impacts of declining mountain snows on water availability in California (and the American West) and in Himalayan Asia" during public session with results discussed by scientists from India, Nepal, Singapore, China. Moderator is Vice Chancellor Tony Haymet, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD. Reception follows. 858-822-2521. Wednesday, May 6, 3 p.m.; free. Ages 10 and up. UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Jewish Composers in Popular Song and on Broadway" Leonard Bernstein is focus for final installment of "Conversations from the Piano" by UCSD professor Steven Cassedy for San Diego Jewish Music Festival. Jazz singer Coral MacFarland Thuet will accompany. 858-362-1348. Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.; \$14-\$18. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Moving Beyond Fear: Faithfulness in Changing Times" Reverend Barbara Lundblad, professor of preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, leads workshop. For more than 20 years she "has been a tireless advocate for the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the life of the church." Offering. 619-234-6149.

Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.; First Lutheran Church of San Diego, 1420 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated when Spot won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Rembrandt in Southern California" Anne Woollett, associate curator in department of paintings at Getty Center in Los Angeles, presents "Art in the Evening" lecture. 619-239-5548. Thursday, April 30, 5:30 p.m.; Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"San Jose State of Mind" Deborah Crown, associate dean of business at San Jose State University, discusses 20 years of research on leaders within professional and collegiate sports. Also planned: screening of *Fumi and the Bad Luck Foot*, the SJSU student-produced short film screened at Sundance. Reception, university update from President Jon Whitmore precedes screening. 408-924-1109. Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.; \$15. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The Essence of Elegance In Japanese aesthetics, between the gorgeous and the dull lies a territory of perfect, restrained elegance called *shibumi* (in adverb form: *shibui*). Hollis Goodall, curator of Japanese art at Los Angeles County

Museum of Art, considers concept of *shibumi* within context of aesthetic concepts traditionally practiced by Japanese artists. History of *shibumi* and its precursors as they evolved in Japanese art will also be discussed. 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, May 2, 4:30 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Stem Cell Therapy: Are We Ready?" The "Exploring Ethics" series continues with panelists pondering what needs to be known before stem cells are used in clinical trials in humans. "Are the risks of such research different than for other clinical trials?" 619-238-1233. Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Future of Energy Policy" Ambassador Reno Harnish, (acting) assistant secretary for Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, speaks for Hansen/Hostler Distinguished Lecture Series. Talks examining key international issues facing President Obama take place in Hardy Tower room 140. 619-594-6244. Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"The Planet Moon Project" Poway-based lunar science and exploration expert David Schrunck divulges findings from his book *The Moon: Resources, Future Development, and Settlement* in building 51, room 575. 619-644-7312. Thursday, April 30, 11 a.m.; free. Ages 16 and up. Grossmont Col-

lege, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

"Young Art 2009" Talk Amy Briere leads tours of "this unique and exciting exhibition" of approximately 150 works created by San Diego-area students. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. Sunday, May 3, 4 p.m.; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

All Things Stencil Russell Howze plans slide-illustrated "overview of the art form" with examples from his book *Stencil Nation*, as well as outside sources, materials, "interesting items." Howze will bring "actual cut stencils," allow time for questions. Talk offered in Groundwork Bookstore, located in UCSD's old student center H-100. 858-452-9625. Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Artist Lecture: Jean Lowe Gallery talk by artist Jean Lowe in art room 412, whose work is included in current "Animalkind" exhibition. 619-594-5171. Thursday, April 30, 4 p.m. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Behind the Scenes! Artists from *Madama Butterfly* participate in Artists' Round Table — offering look at music, characters, behind-the-scenes work — hosted by San Diego Opera in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre. 619-232-7636. Thursday, April 30, 5:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Computer Crimes FBI agent Travis F. Johnson provides look at current threats posed by cyber criminals, including computer intrusion, Internet fraud, identity theft. 619-691-4929. Friday, May 1, noon; free. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Cultivating Food Justice Conference opens on Friday with reception and keynote speaker LaDonna Redmond. "Learn about food justice and food security, what's wrong with our food system and how to fix it."

On Saturday, take part in hands-on workshops and discussions to empower local communities to build sustainable and affordable food systems. Maximize self-reliance and social justice! 619-717-6380. Friday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m.; free. San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Drought-Tolerant Plants Salvias and lavender are two of the "30 Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden." Find out about the other 28 during talk by landscape designer Doug Kalal. 619-200-7066. Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m.; free. Carmel Mountain Ranch Library, 12095 World Trade Drive. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Find Your Inner Fish Distinguished scientist, "evolutionary adventurer" Neil Shubin divulges "evolutionary origins" in Summer Auditorium (on Scripps Oceanography campus). "Shubin discovered *Tiktaalik roseae*, a 375-mil-



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LOCAL EVENTS

lion-year-old fossil fish unearthed in the Canadian Arctic in 2004 that has been dubbed 'the missing link' between fish and land animals." 858-534-3624. Tuesday, May 5, 3 p.m.; free. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Dissecting Madama Butterfly Historical and cultural background, music analysis, plot synopsis, musical selections from Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* presented by Ron Shaheen to highlight upcoming San Diego Opera production. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Play Like Django! Gonzalo Bergara leads Gypsy jazz workshop (5 p.m.), followed by performance with his quartet (6:30 p.m.). Pay \$40 for workshop and show; \$15 for show only. 760-434-4567. Saturday, May 2, 5 p.m.; \$15-\$40. Buffalo Brothers Guitars, 4901 El Camino Real. (CARLSBAD)

Slavery Has Not Gone Away Author Siddarth Kara discusses his new book *Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery*, in I-House International Affairs Group Great Hall. Book investigates mechanics of global sex trafficking industry, takes stock of its human toll. Kara is a former investment banker who serves on board of directors of Free the Slaves. 858-822-5297. Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD Visiting Artist Lecture Series: Fritz Haeg "Artist/gardener/educator/architect Fritz Haeg has a geodesic dome in Los Angeles that serves as his home, studio, and eclectic schoolhouse for visitors." Haeg brings multidisciplinary approach to creation of "Edible Estates," an agricultural project replacing suburban lawns in U.S. and England. Get the skinny in Visual Arts Facility Performance Space (at intersection of Lyman Lane and Russell Lane). 858-246-0015. Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

UFO Conference and Webcast "Ancient astronaut theory" — just one of the topics explored during event that can be attended in person (\$100) or online (\$20). Was ancient man visited by gods or aliens? What is hidden on the moon? 323-982-8777. Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.; \$20-\$100. Ages 13 and up. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

What's a PET Scanner? Find out when UCLA's Michael E. Phelps presents "Molecular Imaging of the Biology of Disease with Positron Emission Tomography" in North Education building room 60. Phelps — co-inventor of the PET scanner — has used PET to study biological basis of organ function, cancer, disorders of brain and heart, more. 619-594-6240. Friday, May 1, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Wonders of the Universe Jay Lavine of NASA/JPL explains marvels of the universe revealed by tel-

OUT & ABOUT

CELLO GODDESS!
Maya Beiser,
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escapes in space and on ground when LIFE "lifelong learning group" meets in room 1068 (1 p.m.). Talk followed by discussion of California Prison System (2:30 p.m.). 760-721-8124. Friday, May 1, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

You'll Know Her Voice Monica Zech, public information officer for City of El Cajon, presents "Driving Safely." She "has researched this subject for 25 years." Bring nonperishable food items for donation to Lakeside HELPS Center. 619-443-1021. Saturday, May 2, 1:30 p.m. Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church, 9909 Channel Road. (LAKESIDE)

LIVE MUSIC

Seussical Saint Augustine High School Saints Players tell Dr. Seuss stories through music. (*Seussical* was co-created by Monty Python's Eric Idle.) 619-895-0531. Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.; Friday, May 1, 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m.;

Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.; \$10-\$45. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

OUTDOORS

Monkey Flowers of various species are putting on an excellent display this month around San Diego. Look for these low, shrub-like plants with tubular yellow, orange, or red flowers wherever native vegetation clothes the landscape — from the coastal bluffs to the lower slopes of the mountains. As you drive Interstates 8 or 805 near Mission Valley, look for the rust tint these flowers give to the steep hillsides. On the terraces just above San Onofre State Beach, you can usually see springtime monkey flower blossoms of every intermediate shade from yellow to red.

Mustard, a nonnative plant more like a weed than a wildflower, is blooming profusely on grassy slopes all along the coastline of San Diego County. An old story, prob-

ably apocryphal, tells of the padres scattering mustard seed along the El Camino Real so that the bright, yellow mustard blossoms would help them find their way in future spring seasons. More likely, the plant was introduced to western North America in the form of seeds carried in the hay used to feed livestock brought in by the early settlers.

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

Desert Agaves, or century plants, are sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks on rocky hillsides throughout much of the Anza-Borrego Desert. On warm, sunny days the stalks may grow almost one foot per day (fast enough for you to notice the sharp leaf tips at the bud actually separating from one another). After the stalk reaches a height of 10-20 feet, clusters of waxy, yellow flowers appear, ready for pollination by bees and other insects. After blooming, the fleshy, dagger-like leaves at the base of the plant die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk, bearing a crop of seeds, dries up as well.

Balboa Park Architectural Tours San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours highlighting Spanish Colonial Revival buildings constructed for 1915 and 1935

International Expositions in Balboa Park. Tours start in front of Museum of Man. 619-232-1385. Saturday, May 2, 9:50 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

BioBlitz This "24-hour inventory of species found in a given area" hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum "creates awareness and appreciation of biodiversity in our region and beyond." Hikes start at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. Activity stations for entomology, herpetology, mammalogy, ornithology, paleontology, more. Final tally of species identified announced at 3 p.m. 619-255-0203. Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

California Native Plant Society Walk Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Carlsbad Beach Fest Second annual festival to highlight local coastal and lagoon waterways within Carlsbad, raise awareness of effects of marine debris hosted by California State Parks. Also planned: beach cleanup, activities for children, native plant tour. Informational booths on grassy area adjacent to intersection of Carlsbad Boulevard and Pine Avenue and on beach directly below. Bring gloves for cleanup. 760-720-7001. Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.; free. Tamarack Beach, Carlsbad Boulevard at Tamarack Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Gaze Through a Telescope Search for a shooting star or Saturn and Jupiter during stargazing

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parties planned (weather permitting) in MiraCosta College's baseball field. Call to confirm: 760-757-2121 x6201. Friday, May 1, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 8 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Guided Nature Walk Take-in a different view of the park during outing starting in parking lot at 5700 Genesee Avenue. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, May 2, 9:30 a.m.; free. Marian Bear Memorial Park, Highway 52 and Genesee Avenue. (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, May 2, 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Know Dove Canyon? California Native Plant Society members Betsy Cory and Paul Hormick lead hike in Dove Canyon, starting at First Unitarian Universalist Church (two paid parking lots in the area). 619-297-2957. Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.; free. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

Rediscover Old Escondido East Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, May 5, 6 p.m.; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Spring Fling Observe "amorous nature" activities during trail guided interpretive walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 2, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Walk in Tecolote Canyon Look for flowers and birds with Walkabout adventurers. Expect 1.5-hour walk over flat, dirt terrain at moderate pace. 619-231-7463. Wednesday, May 6, 10 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

SPECIAL

"A Legacy of Liberty" Exhibit focuses on Abraham Lincoln's legacy. Learn "interesting parallels between President Lincoln and President Obama," learn about suspension of habeas corpus and *Merrymann* case, see selected resources from library's Lincoln collection displayed with commentary. 619-685-6552. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m.; Friday, May 1, 9 a.m.; Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; free. San Diego County Public Law Library, 1105 Front Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Time for Tanner" Summer kickoff bash benefits Tanner Rico, who has a severe form of muscular dystrophy. Tickets include tastings from local restaurants, silent auction, acoustic performance by Dave Boodakian, activities for kids. Beer (donated by Stone Brewing),

wine available for purchase. Tickets: \$20 apiece, or \$30 for two. 858-692-9609. Saturday, May 2, 6 p.m.; \$20. Pat D'Arrigo ARTS Center, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite 106. (POINT LOMA)

"Creative Fix" In this project, Sheryl Oring asks artists how they'd fix the country if they could do anything at all. Oring "is calling artists...to discuss their creative solutions for our country." She creates one-minute videos of their answers to post on YouTube. Artists of all types — writers, musicians, visual artists, architects, others — invited to participate. Final shape of project depends on creativity of respondents. 858-822-7755. Saturday, May 2, 3 p.m.; free. Agitprop Gallery, 2837 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

"Galaxies and Beyond" Enjoy "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show, then view real sky through telescopes after show (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.; \$9-\$10. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Gourd and Basket Weekend in the Gardens" Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild sponsors event. Variety of classes in basketmaking and gourd art taught by instructors from all over U.S. Basketmaking and gourd art suppliers offer wares. Exhibition of original work by guild members and instructors. Fees for classes. Advance registration recommended: 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m. Quail

Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Moda" Palomar College's fashion department plans fashion show. 760-744-1150 x2349. Friday, May 1, 7 p.m.; \$12-\$15. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

"Plein Air North Park" San Diego Art Department and California Art Club invite artists to take up challenge of plein-air painting, participate in competition and exhibition. Organizers plan "North Park community paint out" between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Participants will meet at SDAD by 3:30 p.m. for group discussion led by Judith D'Agostino. Final exhibition runs May 15-June 14. 619-299-4ART. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; San Diego Art Department, 3830 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Rock Through the Ages" Wear your grooviest attire for 18th annual pug party sponsored by Pug Rescue of San Diego. On tap: cupcake chomp, wet t-shirt contest, kissing contest, dog costume contest, more. 619-685-3580. Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.; \$5-\$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

"The Saturdays of May with Matt Curreri" Series of five events centered around Matt Curreri and the Exfriends, highlighting a selection of visual artists, musicians, poets from all over the county. Series opens when Curreri is joined by steel drum "virtuoso" Keli Ross-Ma'u and local band the

Perry Edwards. Mixed-media visual artist Andre Couturier exhibits his new series, "Guys and Dolls." 760-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m.; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 North Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Allied Gardens SpringFest Tenth annual event features parade, live music, beer/wine garden, carnival rides, rock-climbing wall, and over 100 vendors offering food and merchandise. Rockola kicks things off with concert Friday night. 619-335-3864. Friday, May 1, 6 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; free. Allied Gardens Park, 5155 Greenbrier Avenue. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Beach Cities 101 Cruise Cruise along historic Highway 101, including Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, La Jolla. No registration, no fees, no judging, no awards, "just the love of the car and driving." Event begins on Harbor Drive, just off I-5, ends near La Jolla Shores. 760-439-1319. Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m.; free. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Carlsbad Village Faire Organizers promise over 850 unique vendors offering arts and crafts, antiques, unique clothing, items from around world, more, along the streets surrounding Carlsbad Village Drive and State Street. 760-945-9288. Sunday, May 3, 8 a.m.; free. Carlsbad. (CARLSBAD)

Cinco de Mayo and Quinceañera Extravaganza Celebrate Mexico's heritage during

12th annual festival. Live entertainment, food, art, fashion show, crafts, singing/dancing contest, and fun zone for kids. Over 200 vendors and 40,000 attendees expected! 619-422-1982. Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m.; free. Third Avenue Village, Third Avenue at K Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Co-Ed Drumming Circle Circles blending African, Middle Eastern, and Japanese traditions offered first Sunday of every month. Drums provided if you don't have your own. Offering. 619-303-6609. Sunday, May 3, noon. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

Consider Chaos Theory Join San Diego Great Books for discussion. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, May 2, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Desperately Seeking Unique Art Objects? Time for semi-annual student art and craft sale, located to left of Brubeck Theater. Artist demonstrations: 4-6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday. 760-744-1150. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m.; Friday, May 1, 9 a.m.; Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; free. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo "Zesty cuisine and caliente Latin beats" promised during 26th annual event honoring Mexican culture. 619-296-3236. Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.; Sunday, May 3, 10

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a.m.; free. Old Town State Historic Park, 4002 Wallace Street. (OLD TOWN)

Fiesta en la Playa The 18th annual Cinco de Mayo celebration promises traditional food, family entertainment, reggaeton by Flex, more. 858-715-6426. Sunday, May 3, 11:30 a.m.; free. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Goin' to Juvie County of San Diego Probation Department hosts annual Juvenile Hall open house. During one-hour tours, guests see how detainees live, what they wear, where they sleep, where they attend school. 858-514-3212. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; free. Juvenile Court, 2851 Meadow Lark Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Hawaiian Plantation, Dutch Colonial, California Ranch... Coronado Historical Association's 2009 historic home tour showcases homes in these styles, as well as California bungalows, dating from 1903-1938. Reservations: 619-435-7242. Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m.; \$30-\$40. Coronado Museum of History and Art, 1100 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

House of Poland Enjoy lawn program with ethnic costumes, music, and dancing at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.; free. House

of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Law Week Continues Legal clinics hosted by North County Bar Association. 760-940-4386. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Law Library North County, 325 South Melrose Drive. (VISTA)

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

Mother's Day Gifts? Student pottery sale — look for pots, plates, mugs, bowls, more. 619-584-7151. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; free. Plum Pottery, 2361 30th Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Quackers! Fifth annual Barona \$1,000,000 Quacker Dash benefits San Diego Blood Bank. "Thousands of little yellow rubber ducks will be spilled into a large body of water at the Wave Waterpark... 'dashing' to the finish line to compete for prizes." 619-400-8176. Tuesday, May 5, 11 a.m.; \$5. Ages 18 and up. The Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

R-Rated Trivia Trivial fun returns with mini-games, comedy, and trivia. Cost: \$3 per person. Winning team takes all. "Crowd in-

teraction is encouraged and sometimes mandatory." 619-294-4848. Sunday, May 3, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

R-Rated Trivia in the North Enjoy trivia, comedy, mini-games. Fee: \$3 per person. Free to play, "with \$25 bar tab up for grabs." 760-944-0233. Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.; free. Ages 21 and up. First Street Bar and Grill, 656 South Coast Highway. (ENCINITAS)

Ranked? Unranked? You are invited to play chess. Organizers say "kibitz at your own risk." 858-568-1641. Saturdays, 1 p.m.; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Ranunculus Rainbows The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$5 general). Sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers. Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Mondays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Sunday, May 10, free. The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Read, Discuss, Change Your World You don't have to be an alumnus to join the UCSD Alumni Book Club, "created to bring students, alumni, and the community together by reading and talking about books based on current

events." This month: Clive Cusler's *Arctic Drift* is up for discussion in UCSD Bookstore coffee shop. 714-478-3017. Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Celebrates Israel Festival Annual Yom Ha'atzmaut festival, marking Israel's 61st Independence Day, promises music, entertainment, speakers, food, arts and crafts. Also on tap: "A Star Is Born," an Israeli version of *American Idol*; San Diego finalists will perform. 858-571-3444. Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m.; free. San Diego Jewish Academy, 11860 Carmel Creek Road. (CARMEL VALLEY)

San Diego Iris Society Spring Show and Sale Judged show of iris and floral displays using iris. Sales of potted iris, all in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-840-2768 or 760-788-1378. Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Spikes for Sale Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society hosts plant sale in Palomar College Arboretum. On offer: plants acquired from several estates, club members, and vendors, plus garden art. 760-741-7553. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m.; free. Palomar College, 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Talmadge Art Show Local artists exhibit and sell work created in all manner of media. 619-559-9082. Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m.;

free. San Diego Women's Club, 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

The Easter Lilies Are in Bloom Again Three hundred fragrant Easter lilies on display among permanent collection through Wednesday, May 6. 619-239-0512, 619-235-1100. Fridays, 10 a.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.; Mondays, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.; through Wednesday, May 6, free. Botanical Building, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Tower After Hours Museum of Man celebrates Ukrainian culture. Cuisine, art, culture, and live music will be featured. 619-239-2001. Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Ages 21 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Pardon Me...Where Is the Village of Falconbridge? Find out during Renaissance Faire, when Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, accompanied by entertainers, food vendors, merchants, and Renaissance reenactors, gather for annual festival. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Weekend passes available. 805-496-6036. Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m.; \$8-\$16. Felicita Park, 742 Clarence Lane. (ESCONDIDO)

Laughter Day Celebration Festivities "promote friendship, brotherhood, and peace through laughter." Join local "laughter enthusiasts" for a laughter circle (11:30 a.m.),

picnic (1 p.m.). Arrive anytime. 619-255-4622. Sunday, May 3, 11:30 a.m.; free. Mission Bay Visitors' Center, 2688 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

You Are Here Gain an understanding of the genome map when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

SPORTS

"Thursday Night Fights" Seven fights on card. Main event features Benji Garcia versus Eduardo Morales. Also on tap: local professional fighters Denis Grachev and Christopher Chatman. First fight: 7:30 p.m. 800-871-6226. Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.; \$30. Ages 21 and up. 4th&B, 345 B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Walk for Animals" San Diego Humane Society hosts 15th annual event with quarter-mile walk (9 a.m.), vendors, food, more. Registration: 7:30 a.m. Donation/pledge. 619-243-3408. Saturday, May 2, 7:30 a.m.; Crown Point, 3700 Crown Point Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Best Athletes on the "Beach" AVP Crocs Tour Pro Beach Volleyball tournament promises competition by players including 2008 Olympic gold medalists Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers, among others. Double elimination tournament played on four courts created with 1500 tons of trucked-in sand. 760-751-3100. Friday, May 1, 1 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$40. Harrah's Rincón, 777 Harrah's Rincón Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

Black Mountain 7k Summit Run Take on this trail run described as "very difficult to run due to the steep summit climb; only experts can expect to run the entire distance." Views from top are worth the effort. 619-890-6067. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$40. Black Mountain Summit Run trailhead, Sundevil Way and Bassmore Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Bowl-o-Rama Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc., and Polio Plus benefit. Fee includes two games, shoes, two tacos, two raffle tickets. 760-941-1032 x101. Sunday, May 3, noon; \$19. Vista Entertainment Center, 435 West Vista Way. (VISTA)

Del Mar National Horse Show: Hunter/Jumper Week Competition culminates in \$100,000 Grand Prix of Del Mar on Saturday night. Admission is free for weekday events, \$10-\$18 for entry on Saturday and Sunday. 858-792-4288. Thursday, April 30, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Friday, May 1, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Echo Pacific Cinco de Mayo 5k Valley Elementary School benefits from 5k following challenging Lake Poway Trail through foothills around Lake Poway (7:30 a.m.). Noncompetitive race for

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kids steps off at 8:30 a.m., following easy path in Lake Poway Recreation Area; race is designed for kids under 10 but is open to parents. Race-day registration: 6:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 7:30 a.m.; \$10-\$30. Lake Poway, 14644 Lake Poway Road. (POWAY)

Gentle Yoga Four-week introduction to yoga for all sizes, ages, and health-challenged. Daytime class good for seniors and "inactive bodies." Must be able to get on hands and knees for nighttime class. Bring small pillow, blanket/yoga mat. Donations appreciated. 619-464-4331. Thursday, April 30, 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; free. San Carlos United Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

Hilly! Bicycle to Ramona by way of Del Dios with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders. Expect 75 miles of pedaling. Bring money for lunch in Ramona. 619-473-8513. Sunday, May 3, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Make Time for Tennis Tennis Fest returns to Balboa Tennis Club, promising on-court clinics with teaching pros from all around the county; featured guest is Wayne Bryan, father of Mike and Bob Bryan, the number one doubles team "in the world." 619-299-8647. Sunday, May 3, noon; free. Morley Field sports complex, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

No Brakes, No Gears! Tuesday night bicycle racing season contin-

ues with racing in many categories. Racing is open to all riders with an appropriate track bike and sufficient track racing experience. Free for spectators. 931-233-5749. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 29, free. San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Padres vs. Rockies San Diego Padres take on the Colorado Rockies. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Monday, May 4, 7:05 p.m.; Tuesday, May 5, 7:05 p.m.; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Padres vs. Diamondbacks San Diego Padres host the Arizona Diamondbacks. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Wednesday, May 6, 7:05 p.m.; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Run for Fun Locate new routes in the city, "test-drive" latest Nike footwear, run with motivated people. Runners, walkers of all levels meet to run their choice of three-, five-, and seven-mile routes, starting from Nike Fashion Valley. 619-294-9385. Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; free. Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sun Diego Surf Series Surf competition takes place at south harbor jetty. Free for spectators. 760-607-1225. Saturday, May 2, 7 a.m.; Sunday, May 3, 7 a.m.; free.

Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis Event with casual two- to three-mile stroll benefiting Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America steps off at 6:30 p.m. Registration: 3:30 p.m. Donation. 619-497-1300. Saturday, May 2, 3:30 p.m. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

To Dana Point and Back Join Knickerbiker bicyclists for a pretty 60-mile round-trip quest for lunch in Dana Point. This "easy" ride has only a few moderate hills. Bring money for food. Gather in parking lot east of railroad track, through blue tunnel. 858-581-9292. Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

U-T Race for Literacy The 8k run/walk starts near Spreckels Organ Pavilion, winds through Hillcrest, takes runners onto (closed) Cabrillo Parkway. Final mile passes through Gaslamp District before finishing downtown on G Street near Pantoja Park. Race-day registration: 7 a.m.; run at 8 a.m. 760-692-2900. Sunday, May 3, 7 a.m.; \$27. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

World's Fastest 5K? Carlsbad 5000 promises flat and fast seaside course that has seen 16 world records shattered. 800-311-1255. Tuesday, May 5, 7 a.m.; \$50. Downtown Carlsbad, State Street at Grand Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

MUSEUMS

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center "Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits bringing out "your inner inventor" with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the "Tinkering Studio," kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectrometers, more. Closes Sunday, June 7.

Decades of NASA research and color photography from robotic spacecraft illuminate "Giant Worlds: A Voyage to the Outer Solar System," a three-dimensional, interactive exhibition continuing through Sunday, May 3. Exhibition consists of 20 individual exhibits filled with interactive experiences, models, and murals revealing "the grandeur of these amazing planets."

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

San Diego Air and Space Museum "The Da Vinci Experience" reveals how Leonardo Da Vinci's conceptual designs for many technological wonders were centuries ahead of their time. "For the past 50 years a group of Florentine artisans have pored over

Da Vinci's notes and drawings in an attempt to faithfully create replicas of his many inventions, relying solely on materials that were available in 15th-Century Italy. The result is over two dozen fully functional models, 11 of which are full-sized." The interactive models are displayed with a facsimile of relevant Leonardo Da Vinci drawing. Closes Sunday, January 3, 2010.

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft, including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of *Spirit of St. Louis*, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS

Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane; 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame. 2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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The Anti-Coachella

Fest? Slab City lies at the southeast corner of the Salton Sea, where the Anza-Borrego Desert becomes the Colorado Desert. The “slabs” are what’s left from WWII training facility Camp Dunlop. And there’s an

flaged canopies.

“Ever since we started the band [Slab City], we’ve wanted to play out there,” says Quintero. “I started going out there a lot in the past two months and got to know everybody, and they [the ‘slabbers’] started asking

ting the open space, jacking into generators, and playing to friends and fans who find Coachella fare a bit too... polo.

“That one’s a pussy fest!” Quintero says jokingly about Coachella, which was the same weekend, 50 miles up the Salton Sea spine. “The Slab City Fun Fest is the real man’s drinking fest. No \$75 a night for camping, no \$5 bottles of water... You just bring your own shit and have a blast.”

And that’s what Quintero did along with several San Diego and SoCal-based bands on two stages. On Friday, Slab City performed, sharing “the Stage Door” slab with Anasasis, Heavy Cessna, and Destroy L.A. On Saturday, the show was moved 100 yards north to “the Range.” After being lost in the desert for hours, the Bible Brothers materialized and played their songs of the Lord without a sound check. Chango Rey & His Raymen followed with their shake-it-don’t-break-it overtones and had high praise for all things Costco. Los Sweepers played an electrifying set, almost entirely in Spanish. And the Widows inspired the crowd to destroy a Tecate piñata, which spilled Mexican candy, thong panties, and miniature handcuffs.

“They call it the last free place on earth,” says Quintero, who is considering

doing another Slab City fest next year. “And I made a point to make everything free at the festival — all camping, skating, and shows are free. Just bring your board and beer.”

— Chris Woo

Raising the Red Flag

Eighties electronic duo Red Flag performed for the first time in San Diego since 2002 on April 22 at the House of Blues. Originally a project of siblings Chris and Mark Reynolds, the show marked the first local date since the latter’s suicide on April 7, 2003.

The Reynolds family relocated to the U.S. in the mid-’60s from Liverpool, arriving in San Diego in 1970. Chris Reynolds admits there was culture shock. “I remember being picked on at school because of my accent,” he laughed. It was Mark Reynolds’s purchase of a synthesizer in 1982 that got the ball rolling for the pair. Originally named Shades of May, in 1984 the two contributed their track “Distant Memories” to a 91X-sponsored compilation album, *Local Heroes*.

The brothers changed their name to Red Flag and signed to Enigma Records in

1989. Their debut album, *Naïve Art*, scored them two dance hits on the *Billboard* charts with “Russian Radio” (#11) and “If I Ever” (#12). The band appeared on ABC’s *American Bandstand* and MTV’s *120 Minutes*, but following the release of a remix album, *Naïve Dance*, internal label strife brought their connection with Enigma to an end. The brothers moved to



THAT WAS THEN (RED FLAG; CHRIS ON RIGHT)

IRS Records in 1992 for the release of *Machines*. They founded their own label, Plan B Records, in 1996, releasing 11 albums and two box sets to date.

Mark’s death brought operations to a halt until 2007, when Chris released *Born Again*. Since then, he has played a handful of shows and is now looking to return to music full time.

For Reynolds the decision to use the Red Flag name wasn’t taken lightly. “It’s something I still think about; it was a hard choice. But, I was Red Flag too, and in the long run, I think it would be

a disservice to the music and all that we’d built up to use something else.”

A change in the current edition of Red Flag is the use of live musicians. “It’s an electronic band, so using computers I could do it all alone, but I get lonely by myself up there,” he joked. “Besides, there’s no way that a bass player, for example, could play what’s on the records without computers involved, as some tracks have three simultaneous lines inter-linked. But having live musicians adds something that’s both visually appealing and makes the sound more epic.”

Plans include a new album later this year (*Nemesis*), a package tour next summer with ’80s-era artists, and a move toward producing and remixing other performers. “In starting over, I’m being very selective about the shows I’ll play. I have a family, and touring is grueling.”

— Bart Mendoza

Kiss My ASCAP From 1994 to 2004, guitarist Ryan Ruiz and bassist Steve Van Wyk played in Surf Report, a band known for retooling metal songs (“Ace of Spades,” “Crazy Train”) into instrumental surf tunes. They opened for Link Wray, Los Straitjackets, and Bill Clinton’s brother Roger, and they played at a Chargers

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blurt

the inside track

Olympic-sized swimming pool, long used by desert-dwelling skate rats — if the graffiti and grind marks are any indication — who camp and party with the locals.

This was the site April 17–19 of the inaugural “Slab City Fun Fest,” conceived and organized by Ernie Quintero, who is commonly known for highlighting garage bands — Black Lips, Pierced Arrows, the Spits — and skateboarders in his *Vacilander* videozine. After skating and camping at Slab City, Quintero decided to name his band after the rustic squatters’ community of motor homes and camou-

us when we were going to play. Finally, we just thought about doing a skate-rock-



LOS SWEEPER SWEEP AWAY

camping kind of thing.”

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game and were selected in a 2000 *Reader's* poll as people's choice for best local band.

When MTV came to town in 2004 to tape a *Real World* series, Surf Report was asked if they would share some of their music from the 1996 CD *Inferno*.

"The producers called us," says Van Wyk. "The guy I talked to said our music was



SURF REPORT: BLOWN OUT

perfect because it had no lyrics. They put surf music and San Diego in a search engine and came up with us.... They said, 'We can't pay you, but you'll get all the producing and writing royalties from ASCAP.'

Van Wyk says that all four band members agreed to

share the royalties equally, "...although the songs were mostly written by Ryan."

Van Wyk says that snippets of three different Surf Report songs were used. "There was a scene where some girl slapped a guy and she gets thrown in a police car while they're playing our song." He says the royalty checks have stopped coming because MTV is no longer airing *Real World San Diego*. "I just got a statement that said I had no royalties due."

Ryan Ruiz, however, never did receive royalties.

"I just never bothered to sign up [with ASCAP]," says Ruiz. "It was a stupid mistake. All the guys told me to sign up. It was totally my fault."

Ruiz and Van Wyk still make some money from the sale of that 12-year-old CD. But they understand that the instrumental surf genre is probably never going to bring a big payoff.

"Instrumental music has been deteriorating in popular appeal ever since the Ventures dominated the charts in the '60s," says Ruiz. "A big demand for surf guitar doesn't really exist. You know if you are playing in an obscure niche you will forgo a lot of popularity."

Van Wyk and Ruiz's new

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surf-rock band, Secret Samurai, appears May 9 at Brick by Brick and May 20 at the Radio Room.

— Ken Leighton

Mixed-Media Leucadia

Matt Curreri of the Exfriends has been looking for a venue where he can play weekly shows, like the dive bar on Manhattan's Lower East Side where he used to play every Sunday with his singer-songwriter/girlfriend Joanie Mendenhall.

"It's a great way to work on music if you aren't a touring band," writes Curreri in an email. "And it develops a community of regulars who come out each week to enjoy the music and the scene."

Finding the right venue

was a challenge until Curreri collaborated with Drew Snyder, owner of Andrews Gallery in Leucadia.

Snyder told Curreri his

idea of meshing different artistic media together in a series of events. Shortly after, they came up with the idea of hav-

ing a mixed-art series on each of the five Saturdays in May. "The idea of a series was even more attractive because we wanted something that was



CURRERI CURATES GALLERY GIGS (EXFRIENDS)

more than just one night, something that could have an opportunity to gain momentum and develop itself over a

period of time," explains Snyder in an email. "There will be multiple sets by bands, poetry readings in between musical performances, and time dedicated to viewing the art on the walls."

Curreri will be the headlining musical act each night and will share the stage with steel drummer Keli Ross-Ma'u for the May 2 opening. Local country act John Meeks will play May 16 and Joanie Mendenhall and her band on May 23.

For a detailed lineup on each of the all-age free events, visit theandrewsgallery.blogspot.com.

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Thursday 30

Anaheim roots-rock revivalists **Dusty Rhodes and the River Band** flow into town tonight. The sextet is due to drop *Place and Stage*, the follow-up to rock-and-soul mash-up *First You Live*. Check the Space take of fan fave "Dear Honey" for a



DUSTY RHODES AND THE RIVER BAND AT BEAUTY BAR

sampler'. With the accordion and mandolin interplay, Rhodes's big Hammond sound and rock-minister zeal, violin leads, and full-band choruses, easy to see why this act's such a SoCal hit. With an opening set of full-bodied pop from L.A. big band **his Orchestra**, it's a do-right date at Beauty Bar, dudes. Little pedicure, little martini.... Elsewise: Canadian troubadour **Rufus Wainwright** plays a solo set at Belly Ache, I mean, *Belly Up*...Bar Pink books punk minimalists **Christmas Island** and the **Anasazis**...**Black Mamba** will release an EP of

pretty piano pop at Casbah. **Drew Andrews and Tape Deck Mountain** set the stage there...and Chi-town metal heads **Dope** drop industrial-strength new one *No Regrets* at Brick by Brick.

Friday 1

Remember alt-hop act Soul Coughing? The NYC band's quirky pop poet **Mike Doughty** is out to tout his latest solo set *Golden Delicious*. The songsmith's pen flows fluidly, and his baritone's still unfiltered. Serves to douse his bonfire acoustic. He'll have an early show at Casbah, which will stage sets by **Transfer** and **Holy Rolling Empire** later on. Looks like the place to be May Day.... Honorable mentions: Ché Café stages Angelino ambients **Beware of Safety** and **Signal Hill** with like-minded locals **Dream Tiger**...pop-punk poster boys **Arm the Angels** play O'Connell's in Bay Park...local folkies **River City** shore up at Bar Pink...greezy garage rockers the **Widows** and **Creepy Creeps** make a Whistle Stop stop...Ruby Room plants **Bloodflowers** with the **Shys** and **Halloween Town** (Vegas)...and believe it, girls, Soda Bar has **Mice**.

Saturday 2

Busy for gigs Saturday — throw a dart and win a prize: Hip-hop Hassid **Matisyahu** and local indie-pop duo **Pinback** team up at Liberty Station for Elemental Experience, an all-day-starting-at-9a musical benefit for homeless youth. The show also features **Mason Jennings**, **Bassnectar**, **Dirty Sweet**, **Pete and J**, and **Jay Nash**.... Fugazi bassist **Joe Lally** has a couple of solo records out. Though his soft vox was often lost between MacKaye and Picciotto's — and whose wouldn't be? — Joe could carry a tune, and the songs he penned were solid Fugazi fare. On 2006's well-received solo debut *There to Here*, Lally let out his inner prog, while last year's *Nothing Is Underrated* upped the electronics and ambiance for something spare, contemplative, "polite." Joe joins **Mr. Tube** and **David Scott Stone** at Casbah for late-night sets. **Damien**



BLOWFLY AT RADIO ROOM

Jurado and **Laura Gibson** play an early-evening show at the Middletown mainstay.... English grind-core gang **Napalm Death** drops on Soma Saturday night. After 28 years, the original lineup shows no sign of slowing, unleashing a world tour behind their 14th release, *Time Waits for No Slave*.... And then comes: Radio Room dials in Miami rap crack-up **Blowfly** and local lady of the stage **Lady Dottie and the Diamonds**...Sixties garage-rock pioneers **Billy Vera and the Beaters** hit Anthology...actor-rock **Dennis Quaid and the Sharks** attack Belly Up with, well, actor-rock...the Ché Café has a host of hard-cores, including **Ceremony**, **Lewd Acts**, **Waco Fuck**, and **Warscroll**...**A.M. Vibe** and **Better Class of Flying Man** land a load of self-serious alt-rock at Bar Pink...and Soda Bar draws a draught of pop tonic with "short songs for tall people" by **Secret Apollo** and — bring your suits — **Swim Party**.

Sunday 3

Acoustic blues baritone **William Elliott Whitmore** plays a worthy Sunday-nighter at Casbah. The Iowa native is out behind his new

Anti disc *Animals in the Dark*, a collection of punk-to-roots crossovers. *Banjo solo!* Florida acousti-punks **Fake Problems** set the stage.

Monday 4

House of Blues hosts a biblical-sounding bill with **Kreator**, **Exodus**, and **Belphegor**. Fact is, German metal act Kreator's breakout disc was called *Enemy of God*. They'll headline this death-metal gig billed "Horde of Chaos".... Casbah jumps the Cinco de Mayo gun on Monday with **Manic Hispanic** and **MEX**. Margarita Monday, tequila Tuesday.

Tuesday 5

Red Rocker **Sammy Hagar** holes up at House of Blues Tuesday night. The Monterey madman is set to drop this summer's supergroup set *Chickenfoot*, featuring Joe Satriani, Michael Anthony, and Chad Smith. Ask for it.... Jazzman **Arturo Sandoval** checks in at Little It'ly supper club Anthology for two nights. The multi-instrumentalist — though he is an award-winning trumpeter — defected from Cuba in 1990. Netflix *For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story* for a primer and then go meet the Latin legend in person.... And Pill Hill bikini-wax station the Undercarriage celebrates three years of trimming your prickles with sets by **Team Abraham**, **French Semester**, and **Mia Valentine** at Casbah. Burns so good.

Wednesday 6

Idiot Flesh + Skeleton Key = avant-garde Oaklanders **Sleepytime Gorilla Museum**, who'll lay it down at Casbah Wednesday night. The quintet's "Dada-inspired deathcore" ain't for everyone, but their freak show's something to see. Have a look at some YouTube clips for a prevue. L.A.



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‘What Do All the People Know’ was a fun song, and I still enjoy listening to it,” says Rusty Jones, whose San Diego band the Monroes toured with Rick Springfield, Toto, and Greg Kihn in the early ’80s. At their one-hit-wonder peak, the Monroes performed their best-known single on *The Merv Griffin Show*.

“Sometimes we were a really great band, too,” says Jones. “But, sadly, fighting through the fragile egos and drug problems, just to play my music, became too much... Bob [Davis, bassist] and Eric [Denton, keyboardist] are just not my friends, musically or otherwise.”

Referring to a *Reader* website feature on Denton, who later founded Guitar Trader, Jones says, “Nowhere does it mention that I wrote at least half of the songs the Monroes performed and recorded. I know that my songwriting and musicianship played a huge role in getting the band signed because people were constantly trying to lure me away. After I left, what happened? Where are all the memorable Denton-Monroe tunes? They’ve constantly bothered me through the years to do a reunion. Bob has asked me to write with

him many times. If I was such a side player, why not just reunite with a different guitar player?”

Today, Jones often performs around North County with Monroes singer Jesus Ortiz, and he’s reconnected with Monroes drummer Jonnie Gilstrap.

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thought they were too slick.”

2. Louis Prima, *The Call of the Wildest*. “Prima is so underrated. He fused Dixieland jazz, Italian popular music, rhythm and blues, and ’50s pop music into these peppy three-minute songs. Keely Smith’s voice still gives me goose bumps.”

3. Anoushka Shankar, *Breathing Under Water*. “It’s sensual, hypnotic, and eclectic music; great for the car. She plays sitar like a demon and, well, she’s hot!”



Rusty Jones

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Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Vienna Teng. With Ben Sollee. Jazz. \$25.
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — Billy Vera & the Beaters. Rock. Coupons not

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Friday, 10 p.m. — River City. Acoustic/country/rock. Ages 21 and up.
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Sunday, 4 p.m. — Rhythm and Blues Matinee. R&B. Ages 21 and up.
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Saturday, 6 p.m. — Luna Llana. Latin/tejano/mariachi. \$50.

The Calypso Café: 576 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8252.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Blues/rock.

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Friday, 6 p.m. — Blue44. Jazz/funk.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — Little John. Reggae/hip-hop.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Katchafire. Reggae/dub/surf. \$25. Ages 21 and up.

Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Tan Sister Radio. Indie/punk/rock.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — Black Mamba. EP release with Drew Andrews, the Spectral Cities, the

Paddle Boat, and Tape Deck Mountain in the Atari Lounge. Indie/rock. \$6. Ages 21 and up.
Friday, 6:30 p.m. — Mike Doughty. Indie. \$16-\$18. Ages 21 and up.
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — Damien Jurado. With Laura Gibson. Folk/rock. \$10. Ages 21 and up.
Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — William Elliott Whitmore. With Fake Problems. Country/rock. \$10. Ages 21 and up.
Monday, 8:30 p.m. — Manic Hispanic. With MEX and the Screamin' Yeehaws. Punk/rock. \$14. Ages 21 and up.
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Team Abraham. With the French Semester and Mia Valentine. Pop. \$6. Ages 21 and up.
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Sleepytime Gorilla Museum. With Stolen Babies and the Fuxedos. Experimental/rock. \$10-\$12. Ages 21 and up.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-2311.
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! OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I don't want to say that **Damien Jurado** is somber. Let's just say that he's the kind of guy who writes lyrics like "Happy birthday, John/ Where has your sweetheart gone?/ She left today with one week's pay/ And the boy she calls your son." That's right: If the first three lines weren't enough, Jurado throws in that fourth line to cast doubt on the kid's paternity. Something tells me John won't be inviting Jurado to any more birthday parties.

Seattle-native Jurado started playing in Christian-oriented emo bands in the late '80s alongside similar-minded types such as Jeremy Enigk of Sunny Day Real Estate and

David Bazan of Pedro the Lion. By the mid-'90s, Jurado was releasing home recordings in that singularly bleak style he uses to this day. He'll occasionally kick in electric guitars and a full band, and he has a fondness for sampling old answering-machine tapes he's found at thrift stores, but for the most part Jurado sticks to a folk-inspired bedroom indie sound that's part early Elliott Smith and part late Johnny Cash. And why not? He's good at it.

Last year's *Caught in the Trees* found the usually solipsistic Jurado in a relatively social mood, collaborating in songwriting with bandmates Eric Fisher and Jenna Conrad. Conrad's backing vocals do wonders to lighten the atmosphere. Still, this is Jurado. There's only so much Conrad can do to cheer up lyrics such as "Your passing will make the headlines/



DAMIEN JURADO

But sadly no one will read/ Just how the town's hopeless romantic/ Had his heart on his sleeve/ Died alone in the car park/ Of a local library."

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Sunday, 6 p.m. — Deejha Marie. CD-release party. Jazz.
Sunday, 2 p.m. — Mas Grande. Tango. \$15.

Dream Street Live: 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.

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The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.
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Friday, 7 p.m. — Knock 'em Staff. With Tsunami Blue, the Kasket Krawlers, Gino and the Lone Gunmen, and the Bleeding Irish. Psychobilly/punk.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Deverb. With Exxes, Mr. Mustard, and Making Love Into Life. Rock.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Graceland. With the Wild Winds and Lone Gunmen. Covers/pop/rock.

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Thursday, 9 p.m. — The Charles Burton Band. Blues/swing/jazz.

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Saturday, 9 p.m. — Drew Andrews. With Maren Parusel and the Paddle Boat. Acoustic/indie.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Ben Lee. With Low Vs Diamond. Alternative/pop/rock.
Sunday — Bird by Snow. Indie/rock. \$8.
Wednesday — William Basinski. Indie. \$10.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — The Manic Brothers.

Mission Bay Park: Vacation Isle, off Ingraham Street, Pacific Beach, 858-581-7602.
Saturday, noon — Matisyahu. With Mason Jennings, Pinback, Bassnectar, Dirty Sweet, Pete and J, and Jay Nash. Reggae/rock/indie.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
Friday, 9 p.m. — RadioStar. '80s new wave/rock.

Museum of Making Music: 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-438-5996.
Thursday, 7 p.m. — The Vespa Experiment. Featuring Jason Reeves

and Brendan James. Acoustic/ blue-grass/pop. \$10.

Nancy's Pub: 4246 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-5834.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — No Risk. Rock.

New Village Arts Theatre: 2787 B State Street, Carlsbad, 760-433-3245.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Gunnar Biggs. CD release party. Jazz. \$10.

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Friday, 9 p.m. — Arm the Angels. With Say When, "d," Given Life, and Summerset. Alternative/pop/rock. \$7. Ages 21 and up.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Londons Falling. With Strike Twelve, Eken Is Dead, and Critical Me. Punk rock.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — I. Trimble. With Power of You and the Sara Meisrow Band. Indie rock. Ages 21 and up.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Red Llama Dog. With DJ Ev. Rock. Ages 21 and up.

Old Time Music: 2852 University Avenue, North Park, 619-280-9035.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Mendoza y Los Guys. With Bobby Ryan, Rick Schmidt, Steve White, and more. Alternative. \$10.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-7278.
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Bill. With Dave Booda. Indie/rock.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Ronnie Lane & the Twisters. Blues/rock.

ON NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

From the first downbeat of a **Mike Doughty** song, you know you're in for something crafty and powerful and maybe a little strange. He's a flawless modern craftsman, and that encourages a listener to embrace his nonconformity and trust that they are in safe hands. That he builds his songs using polar opposites (complicated but simple, quiet yet loud) eventually goes unnoticed, and by the end of a record, or a performance, it feels as if you've shared something incisive and personal. I got the notion Doughty and I could be soul brothers after I listened to "27 Jennifers" — "You might be the strange delightful," he sings, "You might be the girlie who shall end all girls/ You might be the sweet unspiteful."

Damn, I thought. He's writing about a Jennifer that I too had once known and craved.

Mike Doughty lives in Brooklyn. In the late 1990s he had a band called Soul Coughing. They were hard to nail down; I never have quite figured out what to call their music. I just knew that I dug it for its unexpected funky coolness. Commercially, Soul Coughing appealed to the hip underground in New York where they were home-based, and Doughty as front man was caught somewhere between beat poet and rapper. When Soul Coughing ended, Doughty was hooked on drugs. He cleaned up and later hit the road as a solo artist, and fans of his previous band came out to see Doughty and buy his first solo CD.

Doughty had more good fortune when a fan named Dave Matthews signed him to his label and eventually re-released Doughty's



MIKE DOUGHTY

entire catalog of solo recordings. Doughty writes on his MySpace page that there is no tour band this time around. Instead he'll be performing in a duo with his friend, cellist Andrew Livingston.

MIKE DOUGHTY: Casbah, Friday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$16; \$18 day of show.

Friday, 5 p.m. — "All-Night Blues Jam." Blues.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Family Style. Blues/rock.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Shelle Blue. R&B.
Tuesday, 9 p.m. — 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Blues/funk.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues/soul/rock.
Patrick's Irish Pub: 13314 Poway Road, Poway, 858-486-0764.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — West of 5. Covers/rock.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-757-2827.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Soul Plow. Rock. Free. Ages 21 and up.

Qualcomm Hall: 5775 Morehouse Drive, Mira Mesa, 858-259-5508.
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — The Fab Four. A tribute to the Beatles. Benefit show presented by the Vision of Children Foundation.

RT's Longboard Grill: 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-4030.
Friday, 10 p.m. — Freeze Frame. '80s hits.
Saturday, 10 p.m. — The Alternatives.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008.
Friday, 8 p.m. — The Chop Tops. With the Strikers and the Rumlbers. Rockabilly/punk.

Rancho Buena Vista Adobe: 640 Alta Vista Drive, Vista.
Sunday, noon — The Peter Puppung Quartet. Flamenco/jazz/Latin. \$15.

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May 22 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.
May 23 — SOJA.
May 24 — Atomic Punks.
May 24 — Dazed and Confused.
May 28 — Parker & the Numberman.
May 29 — Hot August Night.
June 7 — The Legendary Shack Shakers.
June 20 — Wild Child.

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May 7 — The Devil Makes Three.
May 8 — The Mother Hips.
May 11 — Spectrum.
May 14 — Cloud Cult.
May 15 — Isis.
May 16 — Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys.
May 22 — The Dears.
May 23 — The Obits.
May 29 — The Answers.
May 30 — St. Vincent.
May 30 — Hair Theatre.
June 2 — Big Business.
June 6 — The Slackers.
June 21 — The Queers.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD, 858-534-2311.
May 29 — The Spits.

Cox Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.

June 20 — Yanni.
July 18 — Il Divo.
July 19 — Joan Sebastian.

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May 7 — Red Lane.
May 8 — Restless Natives.
May 10 — Billy Watson.

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May 8 — The Black Eyed Peas.
May 16 — Nine Inch Nails.
May 22 — No Doubt.
June 20 — Vicente Fernandez.
June 22 — André Rieu.
July 9 — Incubus.
July 10 — Rise Against.
July 11 — 311 and Ziggy Marley.
July 25 — Snoop Dogg.
July 28 — The Fray.
August 14 — Depeche Mode.

August 22 — Vans Warped Tour.
September 5 — Nickelback.
September 12 — The Dave Matthews Band.
October 2 — Brad Paisley.
October 16 — Jimmy Buffett.

Del Mar Fairgrounds: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1161.

May 17 — Ezequiel Peña.
June 13 — Melissa Etheridge.
June 17 — Bret Michaels.
June 18 — David Cook.
June 20 — David Archuleta.
June 21 — La Arrolladora Banda Limón.
June 23 — The Guess Who.
June 25 — The B-52s.
June 26 — Switchfoot.
June 27 — Fifth Annual Gospel Festival.
June 28 — Intocable.
June 29 — Clint Black.
June 30 — Creedence Clearwater Revisited.

July 1 — KC & the Sunshine Band.
July 2 — Arrival.
July 3 — Joan Jett and the Blackhearts.
July 4 — Smokey Robinson.
July 5 — Kelly Clarkson.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
May 7 — Joey DeFrancesco.
May 9 — Wayne Shorter Tribute.
May 12 — Diana Moser Benefit.
May 14 — Scott Feiner and Freddie Bryant.
May 22 — Rondi Charleston.
May 28 — J.J. Johnson and Kai Winding Tribute.
May 31 — Joni Mitchell Tribute.

Downtown Café: 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687.

May 7 — Chet & the Committee.
May 8 — Hugh Gaskins & the G String Daddies.
June 6 — The Pine Creek Posse Band.

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May 13 — The Rocketz.
June 13 — Dead as Dillinger.

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 May 22 — Cowboy Mouth.
 May 26 — The Crystal Method.
 May 27 — Robin Trower.
 May 28 — Lady Sovereign.
 May 30 — Hillsdale Music Department Benefit Concert.
 May 30 — Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Elvi Dinner.
 May 31 — Mayhem.
 June 3 — DJ Quik.
 June 4 — Gavin Rossdale.
 June 10 — Testament.
 June 11 — The Orb.
 June 12 — Billy Ray Cyrus.
 June 13 — Live.
 June 14 — She Wants Revenge.
 June 18 — The Circle Jerks.
 June 20 — Ben Kweller.
 June 25 — Xavier Rudd.
 July 11 — Led Zepagain.
 July 17 — All.
 July 22 — Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine.
 August 5 — Pat Green.
 August 23 — Babasónicos.
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 May 21 — Palomar Concert Band and Palomar Brass Ensemble.

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 May 29 — Dennis Jones.

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 June 7 — '70s Soul Jam.
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 June 20 — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.
 June 23 — Three Girls and Their Buddy.
 June 26 — Rock Royalty.
 June 28 — Ani DiFranco.
 July 9 — Heart.
 July 10 — Joan Baez.
 July 12 — The Indigo Girls.

July 14 — Gregg Allman.
 July 15 — The Cowboy Junkies.
 July 19 — Jewel.
 July 20 — Tears for Fears.
 July 21 — The Moody Blues.
 July 22 — Hapa.
 July 26 — Chicago.
 July 28 — George Thorogood and the Destroyers.
 August 2 — Hippiefest: A Concert for Peace and Love.
 August 7 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.
 August 10 — Diana Krall.
 August 11 — Lyle Lovett.
 August 13 — Jackson Browne.
 August 14 — America.
 August 21 — Tower of Power.
 August 25 — Chris Isaak.
 August 28 — Dave Koz.
 August 30 — Susan Tedeschi.
 September 4 — Bob Weir and RatDog.
 September 11 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
 September 17 — Bon Taj Roulet.
 September 18 — LeAnn Rimes.
 September 21 — The Australian Pink Floyd Show.
 September 25 — The Beach Boys.
 September 26 — Keali'i Reichel.
 September 27 — Pink Martini.
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 October 2 — Chris Botti.
 October 4 — Cecilio & Kapono.
 October 14 — Jesse Cook.
 October 15 — Loggins & Messina.

Karl Strauss Brewing Company: 5985 Santa Fe Street, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2739.
 May 9 — Sixth Annual Beach to Brewery Beer and Music Festival.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
 May 14 — Thom Lyons.
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 May 24 — The Robin Henkel Band.
 June 6 — The Predicates.

The Loft: 9500 Gilman Drive, UCSD.
 May 7 — Alela Diane and Mariee Sioux.
 May 9 — Her Space Holiday.
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 May 13 — V. Sjöberg New Jazz Ensemble.
 May 17 — Loney Dear.
 May 26 — Jens Lekman.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Po County** featuring **Big Money Blue**
 Song: "Po County Livin' It Up (Slamming)" (from their two-song CDR)



Richard

Heard By: **Richard Medlen**, San Diego

It was good; it had a great beat to it. It was something you could definitely listen to and move your head. The style of music was rap

with a little bit of a Southern twist. They really expressed where they were from. The lyrics were about country living and the South. I'd say it's a cross between Gym Class Heroes and some of the more famous rappers nowadays. There was also a little bit of blues and jazz mixed in. I could see it being played on some of the major rap stations here in San Diego. That'd be a good song for driving — a Sunday cruise.

Old Poway Park: 14134 Midland Road, Poway, 858-679-8587.
 May 9 — Sam Hinton Folk Heritage Festival.

Old Time Music: 2852 University Avenue, North Park, 619-280-9035.
 May 8 — Rick Ruskin.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.
 June 3 — The Offspring.
 August 4 — Judas Priest.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-7252.
 July 12 — Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs.

July 29, July 30 — Journey.
 August 9 — Diana Krall.
 September 13 — The Gipsy Kings.

Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10): 1140 West Mission Road, San Marcos.
 May 7 — The Spectrum Jazz Singers.
 May 7 — Palomar Women's Chorus.

Patrick's II: 428 F Street, Downtown, 619-233-3077.
 May 7 — Kofi Baker's Tribute to Cream.
 May 8 — Catherine Denise Blues.
 May 9 — Shari Puorto and the Rhythm Addicts.
 May 10 — The Buzzbombs.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-7008.
 May 8 — Rip Carson.
 May 23 — Back to the Garden.
 May 30 — Playback.
 June 6 — Rachael Stark and Bob Karwin.

June 12 — The Midnight Ramblers.
 June 13 — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire.
 June 19 — Los Boogie Boys con Pachuco Jose.

Rimac Arena: 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla.
 May 20 — Flight of the Conchords.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Midway District, 619-224-4171.
 May 24 — Taylor Swift.
 May 30 — Pennywise.
 May 31 — Fleetwood Mac.
 July 18 — American Idols Live.
 August 29 — Ricardo Arjona.
 September 6 — AC/DC.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Midway District, 619-226-7662.
 May 8 — Get Back Loretta.
 May 9 — A Dull Science.
 May 11 — The Shins.
 May 15 — The Hoedown.
 May 22 — Jack's Mannequin.
 May 30 — Propagandhi.
 June 4 — Kate Voegelé.

June 5 — Taking Back Sunday.
 June 6 — Tribal Seeds.
 June 13 — Strung Out.
 June 19 — Jeffrey Star.
 July 29 — Vamps.

Spanish Landing Park: 4077 North Harbor Drive, Downtown.
 May 9, May 10 — Gator by the Bay.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.
 June 7 — Julio Iglesias.
 June 9 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.
 August 21 — Randy Travis.
 September 12 — Three Dog Night.
 September 26 — The Beach Boys.
 October 3 — The Temptations and the Four Tops.
 October 9 — REO Speedwagon.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
 May 14 — Gretchen Wilson.
 August 15 — Los Lonely Boys.
 October 3 — Brooks & Dunn.

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Eclipse79**
 Song: "Beauty Lies" (from their three-song CDR)
 Heard By: **Jake Hubbard**, Clairemont



Jake

It really pumps you up. It sounds similar to Audioslave with bits of grunge like Pearl Jam and Nirvana. It has a little bit of a techno beat, too. Not only does this music pump you up, but

there are parts where it slows down and makes you catch your breath and relax. These breaks help you take in the experience of the harder-edged stuff. I think the lyrics were something about beauty and how that makes you feel. If it was on the radio, I would definitely turn it up. I heard drums, I heard guitar, I heard a little bit of bass — it sounds really authentic to me. It's good music to drain your troubles away. I would give it an 8.5 out of 10.

Artist: **SO3**
 Song: "MIA" (from their CD *Lose the Girl*)
 Heard By: **Evan Berry**, Mira Mesa



Evan

It's all right. I liked the way the song moved, and it definitely had a nice rock 'n' roll feel. The whole song had a kind of '80s pop sound. The singer's voice doesn't seem like it fits in with what the band's

doing. The lyrics were the same old "this girl who I never should have gotten with in the first place gets me wrapped around her finger and fucks me up and now I can't stop." It reminds me a lot of every other band out there. On one hand, it's kind of good, but for the most part, a lot of the people who've done it before have done it better. It's kind of middle-of-the-road, so I'd give it a 5 out of 10.

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AUSTRALIAN RULES

by Josh Board

In late March, I went to a park in Hillcrest for a going-away party. People there dubbed the theme “crokaoke” because they were playing croquet and singing karaoke. The guest of honor was a local actor who was moving to L.A.

I ran into a woman I’d met at other parties. She had a baby with her. I remembered she was on the San Diego Derby Dolls team. I asked her how being pregnant affected her game. She said, “I did some coaching while I was pregnant...right up to the eight-month point. I also did a little fundraising. I’m back to playing now.”

The subject of knitting came up, and I asked her if she had knitted little roller-skate booties for her baby. She said, “We didn’t do any of that, or buy clothes. We didn’t know if it would be a boy or a girl.”

I talked to a guy who’s a local musician. I mentioned one of the bands I’ve seen him play with. He told me he was no longer with them.

I grabbed a Coke and talked to a guy named Dave. A woman was running her hand through his hair and talking about how much she loved his curls. He told me, “I was born in ‘71. And, growing up, my mom would put a pick in my hair.



Left: Australian-rules football players; Right: Dave (right) with angel wings

She said it was the style. I told her I wasn’t black. I’d be walking to school and put the pick in my back pocket.”

We all agreed that parents didn’t do us justice when it came to hairstyles.

We brought our dog to the party, and after we met another person with a big dog and they

“She said it was the style. I told her I wasn’t black.”

played, my girlfriend took our dog for a walk.

I saw a guy wearing a kilt, and I talked to him about it. He even-

tually started talking about his appreciation for the Highland Games. As he was talking about his background, someone called him up to the microphone. He used one of the croquet mallets to play air guitar.

Someone offered me a beer and told me that the park we were at is one of the few in town at which you’re allowed to have alcohol. I saw a few other parties going on and asked what the rule is about having karaoke and if a permit was required. At that point, three people had three different answers. I think they were winging it, hoping the cops didn’t show up.

And speaking of wings, I noticed Dave had a pair on. The look seemed to work when he got up and sang a Black Sabbath song. He came over and said, “I’ll sing anything. I don’t care what I sound like.”

As another person took the mic, I heard a shout of “You suck!”

I talked to the actor and asked how hard it would be to make it in L.A. He told me he already has an agent.

A guy told me I had to sing at least one song. I said, “With people yelling, ‘You suck!’?” He then replied, “Well...at least hit one of those balls into a parked car or something.” I laughed and said, “Yeah, that’s why I parked on the other side.”

My girlfriend came back from walking the dog and told me she saw a cemetery. I thought it would be fun if the guy with wings went over there and freaked a few people out.

As I was leaving, I heard someone on the mic that sounded really good. I turned around to see it was Adam Gimbel of the band Rookie Card.

My girlfriend and I dropped our dog off and drove to the party in P.B. for the San Diego Lions, an Australian-rules football team.

Outside the house on Beryl Street, there were all kinds of No Parking signs, but I found a spot.

Nobody answered the front door, so we walked around the back. In the parking lot and patio, we saw people throwing a football around. There was a guy that was 6’4” and looked as if he could be a

model. He was with an attractive woman, and I was told he was a famous football player in Australia.

I talked to a few guys about their injuries. One told me he had his ACL replaced last year. Another told me he separated two ribs. One player told me sheepishly, “The worst I’ve gotten are shin splints.”

The footballs they were throwing were red and shaped like our footballs, just a bit wider. They felt like rubber. Someone told me the traditional footballs are made from kangaroo skin.

One person had on a promo shirt for Cooper’s beer, which I found out is Australian and one of the team sponsors. Someone came up and said that Americans only think of Foster’s when it comes to Australian beer and that the cans we buy here are brewed in Canada.

Another person came up to tell me that Cooper’s became a lot more popular because it wasn’t as processed and had sediment. He told me that a lot of beer drinkers like it more for that reason.

Everyone was eating meat pies. I had some chips and salsa.

Someone pointed out a player who had tried out for the Cowboys and Raiders.

Bill, who was one of the guys behind this team, told me a lot about the history of how a team was started in San Diego. He men-



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tioned an L.A. team that went to the nationals a few years back and how tough the games are when they play Australian teams.

One guy wore a shirt that read "Down Under Plumbing" with a kangaroo on it. He explained the rules of Australian football. He's a referee and has been a professor at UCSD for 29 years.

I heard one of the stereotypes playing the Easybeats hit "Friday on My Mind." I asked, "Are you guys playing this because they're an old Australian band?" Bill came over and gave me a 30-minute history on all Australian bands. I was most interested about a band called Hayseed Dixie, which does country versions of AC/DC songs.

The UCSD professor started talking about the blues. We had both seen *Cadillac Records* and were talking about the way it portrayed Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, and Willie Dixon.

He told me about a student who gave him some rare recordings and told another story about searching for some rare album by Muddy Waters.

As I was leaving, someone gave me a football to take along. Bill then said, "I hope you took advantage of those No Parking signs we put up." My girlfriend laughed and said, "I wondered about that. They all had different days written on them, so I figured we could park there. We just didn't want to risk it." ■

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La Mesa Goes Downtown

When the new Gio took over the space of the old Village Garden, the charming neighborhood of La Mesa Village acquired something like a “downtown-y” restaurant, a sophisticated but family-friendly indoor-outdoor bistro and wine bar. Posse stalwarts Marty and Dave live just a few miles north, and I hoped this might be a new, food-serious neighborhood haunt for them.

The tree-lined eponymous outdoor patio of Village Garden remains, still seating over 250 diners arranged around a “wall of water” fountain and tables shaded by umbrellas, tempting for hot inland brunches and sizzling summer twilights. But Sam and I arrived on a blustery spring night, and we found our friends seated beside a glassed-in faux fireplace (gas and faux-wood) in a cozy roofed patio, doubly warmed by heat stanchions.

I settled into a black metal chair that looked embracingly open-armed. But those arms curved sharply inward at seat-level, and I discovered what Marty had already learned: The chairs may fit hip young sylphs, but for an old hippie gone hippy, they're iron maidens out of Vincent Price's castle basement. There are seat-cushions on the fireplace ledge to kidnap at will, but the problem isn't texture but shape, a war of cheap-chic geometry against human anatomy. Similarly, as of this writing, viewing the complete dinner menu is impossible on the website, where flashy e-glitz overmasters usability.

We began with a round of wines by the glass — Gio's forte. The array is interesting and priced for mercy (typically \$7.50 for a good pour, or \$5 for a half-size “taste”). A sprightly White Knight Viognier won the heart of this princess, and Dave's soft Sonoma Merlot was a velvet cloak for the tongue. Sam ordered a South African Ken Forester Chenin Blanc, which seemed austere for that grape (much dryer than previous samples of this bottling). When I looked over the final bill, it turned out they'd instead poured the same



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vineyard's Chardonnay. Marty's obscure-label kiwi Sauvignon Blanc was neither here nor there, but the big fun was exchanging tastes.

Our selection of tapas was all over the map, geographically and in quality. Shrimp-and-scallop ceviche, with plentiful chopped avocado, was unique and surprising. It was emphatically spicy (more than expected in this context) but also sweeter than a typical rendition. It came with a heap of multicolored corn chips, Kemo Sabe-style.

A trio of fresh sautéed chopped mushrooms (oysters, baby 'bellas, shiitakes) was also surprisingly sweet, in a buttery sauce that tasted as if it might include a Marsala dessert-wine deglaze. The ramekin of mushrooms was surrounded by a stockade of “roasted rubbed-garlic crostini” in which none of us could discern any garlic; rub-

bing is evidently not enough. But they were pleasant neutral crunchies to balance the rich, soft fungi.

A quartet of lobster spring rolls were nearly excellent, but finally not. The pastry shells were thin and crisp, filled with substantial small chunks of fresh local lobster, asparagus, carrots, bean sprouts, and baby spinach. What was missing? How about Asian condiments to bring these ingredients together? There was a standard sweet-tangy dip sauce, but the filling maintained strict diplomatic neutrality — where were the seasonings? Asian cuisines require a special repertory of herbs, spices, and condiments, requiring research and tasting (finger to jar to mouth, then spoon to jar to pan) to learn how best to use them. Not even a veteran cook (amateur or pro) can pick this up overnight. Gio's website names chef Manny

DINING REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Gio

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Eclectic California-Italian-Asian “something for everyone,” strong on fusion-y tapas. Fun international wine list of 35 mainly affordable bottlings, with plenty of “tastes” and glasses at easy prices.

PICK HITS: Shrimp-and-scallop ceviche, trio of sautéed mushrooms, grilled Gulf shrimp pasta, grilled Margherita flatbread.

NEED TO KNOW: Roofed patio with heat stanchions, plus vast scenic garden (bookable for parties) for fair-weather and summer-evening dining at umbrella-tables. Patio chairs hard and narrow. Three vegetarian entrées (one vegan). Website food menus flaky or unusable at this writing. (Online wine menu is functional.)

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambience, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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Chavez but includes no professional bio. If (as I suspect) he may have cooked for Village Garden (and the menu does include numerous carry-overs), then he's steeped in Italian flavors and faces a challenge to incorporate Asian flavors into the bill of fare.

Another blandness problem beset “lollipop lamb,” three marinated New Zealand baby rib chops plated over demi-glace. The meat was tender and juicy and tasted like good lamb — no



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more, no less. The sauce was so laid back it was more a smooth texture than a flavor, lacking even sufficient salt. The table shaker helped a bit, but lamb is such a friend to herbs that leaving it plain seems a waste of opportunity — especially when planters all around the restaurant are filled with fresh rosemary, lamb's garden girlfriend.

A buffalo-milk mozzarella caprese salad had passable tomato slices (given the season) layered with mild sliced

cheese and basil leaves over a tasty balsamic glaze — but the cheese was too cold from the fridge to relax into the lushness it develops at room temperature.

First entrée to land in front of me was brined grilled pork rack chop — a 12-ounce behemoth. While ordering, we'd been specific as to doneness, our quartet chorusing "rosy," "medium-rare," and "take it off the heat at 130 degrees and let it rest a bit." We figured we'd made ourselves clear. From the first touch of knife to the surface, I knew we were doomed along with our pork, requests ignored, the chop murdered

most foully: there was no "give," only the rigidity of overcooking. Such a waste of good piggie! (I ate a few bites from the doggie bag at home and discovered flavorful meat lost to mishandling. If we're gonna be carnie-omnivores like Ma Nature made us, the least we can do is treat our prey with respect in the cooking.) Like the tapas, the pork and its slick of natural gravy were under-seasoned, with no particular flavor except overcooked hog and a touch of salt from the brine.

Alongside was an odd polenta. The menu said it came with mushrooms and bacon and tomato, but what wasn't clear was that these ingredients would be mixed into the cornmeal mush rather than crowning it. It no longer seemed like polenta but a fragmented starch mix holding the garnishes — not bad, but less than hoped for, if you love polenta for its own sake. For veggies, the chef's sweet tooth (evidenced in the ceviche and

the mushroom tapa) reappeared in young carrots sweetened beyond their natural sweetness, balanced against pretty emerald spears of un-garnished Broccolini.

Identical veggies reappeared on the entrée of "wild, line-caught Mesquite-kissed" Pacific salmon, "lightly smoked," according to the menu. It made us ask, Does the menu have *any relationship at all* to the actual food? I'll grant that the salmon might be wild. But there was no hint of mesquite in Gio's salmon, nor of smoke, and there was no sauce to liven it. The starch served with it was lean mashed potatoes, tasting like potato-water instead of milk and butter. Why do so many restaurants skimp on the dairy in their mash? Milk's not all that expensive, why not use some?

The unexpected bargain entrée was a \$10 "grilled Margherita flatbread." We expected an appetizer-size slab of focaccia — instead, it was a ten-inch round of thin, chewy

pizzalike crust, topped with fresh tomatoes, marinara, fresh basil leaves, and mozzarella. Dave liked it so much he was tickled when I offered him my doggie-bag portion — you know, guys and cold pizza for breakfast. I did keep one slice and liked it even better nuked for dinner the next day.

We all developed a guilty attraction to grilled Mexican Gulf shrimp pasta, slightly overcooked linguini tossed in "lobster sauce" (a thick seafood cream sauce, lobster none too evident), with mushrooms and bacon. It wasn't easy to identify the cubes of firm-tender veggies in the sauce — my guess was undercooked eggplant. The downside: the soft pasta, in a very cooked-down creamy dressing, tended to clump together. Nonetheless, the tastes were seductive, especially the fine, tender grilled shrimps. Call it *belle-laide*, beautifully, as the French describe certain eccentrically attractive girls. We perceived its flaws but were captivated by the fla-

vors — even the questionable texture.

We couldn't even contemplate dessert, especially since they were all pretty standard (chocolate lava cake, crème brûlée, etc.). The meal's cost was righteous — wines about \$50 total for seven glasses, and around \$30 each (before tip and tax) for food. But the real bottom line is about food flavors. "How are you going to rate this?" Dave asked provocatively. "It's two and a quarter stars," I said. "But in La Mesa, with not a lot of serious restaurants, I'll average up to two and a half." He nodded, satisfied. "It's a nice atmosphere," Marty said, "but the food's better at our local branch of Mona Lisa or the new Vietnamese place nearby." "I wouldn't come back," Dave concluded. "We tend to look west for food. Kensington isn't that long a drive."

"I can see coming back just for tapas and wine-tasting," said oenophile Sam. "The prices by the glass are lower than downtown, and they don't press you to order a \$20 glass of something that's \$20 by the bottle retail. And the tapas are no worse than at other wine bars." Summing up the story, he said, "It's not great food, but it's good for snacks and bargain wine."

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Gathering Lunch

I notice two ladies chasing a sea urchin across their stall table.

Slow down, you move too fast. You've got to make the morning last..." Can't help humming that Simon and Garfunkel ditty. Life's pouring through my veins again. How not? It's one of those crisp, sunny mornings, Saturday, day of Little Italy's *mercato*, their farmers' market. Looking down Date Street, with the white and yellow tents and canopies billowing in the breeze, you really feel you're in an Italian town market. *Bong! Bong!* The deep bell of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic church at Columbia, starts clanging. Man, that completes the postcard. Perfect place to kill an hour before meeting up with the lovely Carla. She's having lunch first with her buddy Eva, so I need to scavenge a market brunch.

I come to a tent at the corner of State and Date. Schaner Farms. Has a load of fruits and veggies, \$5 herb posies, even edible roses. Uh, roses might be tough on an empty stomach, but what catches my eye is the fresh-squeezed blood-orange juice. Two bucks. That'll do nicely. The lady, Kayne Schaner, says they squeezed it on their farm in Valley Center last night. It's red, it's tart, it's a darned good start. I ask where she'd eat here at the *mercato*. "Oh, Sebastien, the French panini guy," Kayne says. "He buys his basil from me. My daughter Rose always gets his roasted chicken and Brie panini."

Ah, yes, a moment later I spot a yellow canopy topped by a sign: Seb's Paninis. And a banner: "Delicious Toasty Sandwiches. Authen-

tic European Eatery." Sebastien is the guy with the hands working at blur speed and talking ten to the dozen. "*M'sieur-dame!* The finest paninis outside of my hometown, Marseilles!" He has a young fellow Frenchman, Romain, helping him put the sandwiches together, as he rushes between four little burner-grills, checking progress on each squished-flat six-inch sandwich.

Turns out Sebastien studied law in France, came to California in the surfboard business, and now wants to have his own restaurant.

Looks as if he's made a good beginning. He has a line of folks waiting to put their order in. I check the list. First up is a roasted-chicken panini with spinach, tomatoes, cheddar, and aioli. Seven buckeroos. Then there's a "Paris Paris" panini with ham, Brie, spinach, and aioli (\$8), and an "Exquisite," with prosciutto, mozzarella — ham and cheese again — basil, tomatoes, and "herbes de Provence" (\$7). They even have a tuna melt (\$7) and a breakfast panini with egg, bacon, spinach, cheddar, aioli, and basil (\$8). Oh, and dessert panini: banana and Nutella (\$6) or hot apple with brown sugar and cinnamon (\$6). So I join the line, hemming and hawing between the roasted chicken and the Paris Paris. When it comes down to it, I go for the Exquisite, maybe because prosciutto tastes less Spammy than straight ham. And, while I'm at it, I add a banana dessert panini.

I juggle them hot in my hands over to Cafe Virtuoso next door, an organic coffee tent,

where this switched-on coffee guy Stephan talks about the stuff like a wine buff.

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Wow. What can I say? I buy a 16-ounce Peruvian-Salvadoran for \$2 and head down Date to where it crosses India, where I hear a voice singing. Sounds kinda like Bonnie Raitt. Oh, man. I sit down on one of the chairs under a green "Mercato" banner, among red "Little Italy" umbrellas, and I'm right next to apple-cheeked Lisa Campbell, the gal who's belting out "Hotel California." Her voice has bright, citrusy notes but also delivers smoky, chocolatey sides. Heh-heh. But listen, she's good. In fact, this whole place is great. Sun's shining through the new-budding trees, breeze is *fresca*, and my crispy hot panini's prosciutto/mozzarella/herby tastes really come through. And, yes, Stephan's coffee is rounded, not biting or bitter. I chomp through the Exquisite in no time and get to the banana-Nutella while it's still warm. I half wish I'd had the hot apple with brown sugar, but this is sweet, chocolatey, messy. What more could you want?

This is when I notice two ladies, mother



Sebastien

and daughter, chasing a sea urchin across their stall table.

"Last one," says the lady to me. "Want it?"

"Now why would I want that little porcupine?" I ask.

"It's an aphrodisiac."

Uh, oh. That's an interesting pitch. Shall I or shall I not? Hmm... definitely starting to feel an urgin' for the urchin.

Stay tuned. ■

The Place: Seb's Paninis, at Little Italy Mercato, Date Street, between Kettner and Union, Little Italy; 619-838-2273, market tel 619-233-3898

Type of Food: Italian, American

Prices: Breakfast panini with egg, bacon, spinach, cheddar, aioli, basil, \$8; roasted-chicken panini (spinach, tomatoes, cheddar, aioli), \$7; Alpine (with ham, mushrooms, cheddar, aioli), \$7; Paris Paris (ham, Brie, spinach, aioli), \$8; Exquisite (prosciutto, mozzarella, basil, tomatoes, herbes de Provence), \$7; tuna-melt panini, \$7; banana and Nutella dessert panini, \$6; hot apple dessert panini with brown sugar, cinnamon, \$6

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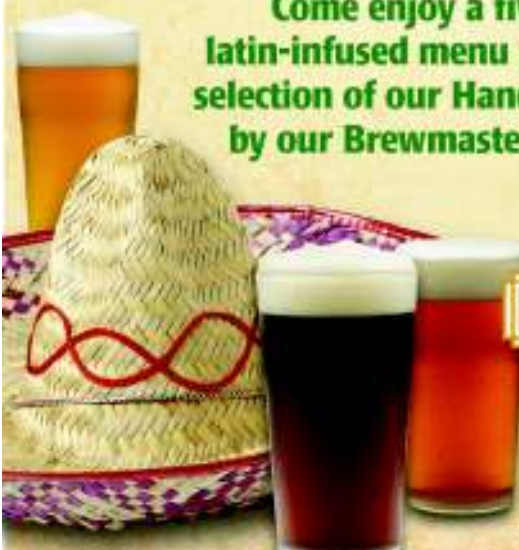
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SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a midrange entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$29; **very expensive:** more than \$30. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

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bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$15 all-inclusive for food; mimosas extra); closed Monday. Low-moderate. — N.W.

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (half-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. This old-timer is a fun place to eat and let the *bon temps rouler* to the sound of live blues (Thursday through Saturday) and Sunday champagne jazz brunch. Despite many changes of owners, Chateau Orleans has always kept the same old ersatz recipes — it's high time the kitchen had a refresher course in authentic Louisiana cooking, as most of the dishes kind of "dis" the two great cuisines of that state. But if you choose carefully, you can get some pretty good stuff to complement the tasty music and colorful art on the walls: Texas cornbread, crawfish bisque, gushy "purple fries" (fried eggplant appetizer, the best dish on the menu), Cajun popcorn (fried crawfish tail meat), and gumbo are the ones to choose. Stay far away from the jambalaya. Reasonable wine list, numerous Louisiana and Southern beers; full bar, but the Hurricanes are so weak that they barely qualify as a drizzle. — N.W.

Crab Catcher 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9587. This is one of those coastal "view restaurants" that offer...views. If you luck onto a window table. Which isn't guaranteed, as this vast eatery has many nooks and crannies. It's lasted as a sentimental native and tourist favorite since 1979, but maybe back then the oyster shuckers didn't leave shell-grit in the bivalves; maybe the bussers used to remove dirty silverware between courses. If you like your seafood overcooked and your desserts undercooked and heavy, this is your place. The most attractive items are "market price," which means if you have to ask, it's overpriced. Wear whatever. Brunch/lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W.

The Pearl 1410 Rosecrans, Point Loma, 619-226-6100. This motel hints at a little corner of South Miami Beach, and it's all about fun: You can eat and drink in a tiny indoor dining room furnished wholly with high bar tables and stools (neither wheelchair accessible nor acrophobic acceptable) or out on the heated area surrounding the swimming pool where movies screen for free on Wednesday evenings. The fare is California-eclectic and emphasizes grazing, with simple preparations of local produce and sustainable meat and fish. Candied pork belly, "deconstructed" shrimp nachos, wings du jour, and salmon with skin are among the hits. International wine list at wide price range, some bargains, plenty by the glass. Full bar. No reservations except for large parties (six and up) and special occasions. — N.W.

Portugalia 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-7678. This spacious, informal room decorated with strings of Christmas lights resembles an ethnic community center — and indeed, O.B. is home to a long-term Portuguese fishing community. The fascinating menu is split between the homeland and its former colony, Brazil, including several coconut-milk-swathed seafood dishes from tropical Bahia that are rarely found locally. The array of appetizers

from both countries embraces addictive *bolinhos de bacalhau* (salt cod fritters) and *rissóis de camarão* (fried pastry pockets filled with shrimp). For entrées you can choose Portuguese specialties like the earthy *gomes de sá* (codfish with chick peas) or Brazil's *bife apimentado* (spicy beef) or even an African-inspired *bife de moçambicana* (beef with shellfish). There's also a *rodizio* option of skewered meats and/or seafood. Save room for the owner's mom's homemade desserts, especially *pastéis de nata* (delicate custard-filled pastries). Portuguese wines, full bar. Not all dishes always available. Service quality variable. Long stairway up to second-floor restaurant. Live music most nights after 10 p.m. Easy parking. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, to midnight or later except Sundays. Moderate. — N.W.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Solare Ristorante Lounge 2820 Roosevelt Road, NTC Promenade, Point Loma, 619-270-9670. Lucky Point Loma! At this offshoot of the well-respected Bella Italia in P.B., the bill of fare is "green" — it's creative, well-executed Northern Italian cuisine with Asian-fusion touches such as a luscious sea bream carpaccio with lychees. A chef with a second home in a Ligurian vineyard makes it all from scratch with mainly local and

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Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras *torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course *prix fixe*) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course *prix fixe* "sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W.

Whisknadle 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-7575. As you enjoy the weather on a roofed, sheltered patio, you'll find a menu full of craftsmanly virtue — Chef Ryan Johnston's local, natural, artisanal, and seasonal cuisine with global flavors and an emphasis on grazing plates (shareable appetizers). This kitchen bakes its own bread and makes charcuterie/salumi from scratch. Among the extreme pleasures a meal here may afford are roasted bone marrow (don't try to share this, everyone will want their own bone), chorizo-and-date fritters, pristine

"simply grilled" sustainable fish, and delicate *panna cotta*. Serious wine and craft beer list; full bar with creative cocktails including a fabulous Lavender Cosmo. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

BAJA

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

La Espadaña Avenida Sanchez Taboada #10813, Tijuana, 664-634-1488. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it were cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. Vegetarian upon request. All terracotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadaña* (holes cut in the mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B.

El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, al-



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El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 664-686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef-liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, carne asada, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Vegetarian upon request. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B.

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toleo de Tijuana), Tijuana, 664-686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcantar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta*, a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chili. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeno*, packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chili, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is

good, but go for the *torta*, which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

CENTRAL

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-220-0692. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy maicita (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Anthology 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. This spiffy, multi-level nightclub offers pleasant, user-friendly, modern-American cuisine (local produce, natural meats, wonderful breads) conceived by consulting chef Bradley Ogden. But when good musicians are cookin' onstage, the eats are liable to become mere background music for the mouth. A great date venue for jazz lovers. \$15 minimum (easy to meet on beverages alone) or \$5 cover when there's live music. No cover charge Tuesdays and some Sundays — otherwise ticket prices (bought separately) vary,

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Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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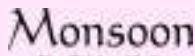


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fave may be the veggie option: sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Grant Grill 326 Broadway, Downtown, 619-744-2077. The hotel has reopened after its \$52-million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill, too, is changed and freshened. In days of yore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "slow food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce, and artisanal products include house-made burrata mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amuse-bouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the "needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

Hancock Street Café 3354 Hancock Street, Midway District, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars,

and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ikea Restaurant 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful home interiors chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Izakaya Masa 928 Ft. Stockton Drive #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An izakaya is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. Chuka kurage, superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (kaki), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and kara-age (spicy fried chicken)

stand out among the hot appetizers. Kushi-age, a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. Maguro yamakake, a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine — a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner six nights. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Jimmy Carter's Café 3172 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This cozy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, University City, 858-458-9007. Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window, and there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the waitstaff. But this busy mall Chinese chain (130-plus restaurants) has a certain cool. Those reproduction Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, and the Sichuan from the Sea shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, if one

searches for them. And — not that it's all Chinese — the massive Great Wall of Chocolate dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

The Ritual Tavern 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-283-1618. North Park is becoming a hotbed of ethical food culture, and Ritual is one of its proponents. At this cozy, civilized, Old World-style pub where the music always plays softly enough for conversation you'll find classic pub dishes plus some more exotic forays, cooked with consistent care to emphasize the fine, natural flavors of humanely raised Niman meats, gourmet Jidori chicken, locally grown organic vegetables. Want a burger? The ketchup is made in-house. The wildest dish is a tasty, mouth-filling, étouffée-thick "Saddlebrush" (Yankee) gumbo that's not remotely Cajun or Creole (it's got carrots — and no okra or file!), served over long-grain wild rice instead of the sticky white stuff. Vast list of local and international artisan beers includes a Porter milkshake for dessert; nearly all of a dozen affordable international wines are available by the glass. Soft drinks include Mexican Coca-Cola (made with cane sugar, not corn syrup). Small parking lot behind restaurant. Several vegan and gluten-free menu items. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday to 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W.

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Shelltown, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Lao root," help make it unfishy. Other must-tries: BBQ beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Open 10 a.m. to 8

p.m. six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday). Inexpensive. — N.W.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-488-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-682-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas Bar-B-Q 6904 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-566-2333. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are re-

peatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). In this family-owned restaurant, they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad; vegetarian and senior-citizen specials also available. Wheelchair accessible. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Centre City Café 2680 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early-bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W.

Corner House Café & Pizzeria 11815 Sorrento Valley Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-755-3183. This must be the last farmhouse standing in Sorrento Valley's glassy, glossy business park. Corner House Café shares the nearly century-old, yellow, two-story clapboard house with Lily's Closet Café and Caliente Mexican Food. You eat outside in patios and gardens among flowers, fountains, farm carts. It feels like the country. Sandwiches reign. Try the Ironman (chicken, avocado, cheese) or Sorrento's Choice (turkey, cream cheese, sunflower seeds). Also terrific are the full meals. No fancy tableware, but dishes like chicken tequila fettuccini with its green pasta and sinful golden creamy sauce are sophisticated, delicious, and interesting. Open daily till 5 p.m. (3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Fiore's 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an oyster bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports.

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Sand Crab Café 2229 Micro Place, Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy house-made key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

NORTH COASTAL

Armenian Café 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a loss leader featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meat-

ball) is outstanding, as is her *kashita lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great Armenian salad and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlán 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612. Enticing

aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taquería, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlán, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla.



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Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-942-5642. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni

salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Milton's Deli 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a nonkosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, *so go!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Nozomi 3050 Pio Pico Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-7877. Put together a young entrepreneur with a real talent for restaurateur and decor, an ex-head chef from Japengo, and a classic sushi chef of high principles lured away from Sushi Ota in a gorgeous but unpretentious three-story restaurant embodying Japanese esthetic principles (running water, ponds, "country inn" comfort) and you've got a "wow." The food runs from classic *nigiri-zushi* in the Ota style to wild party rolls to fusion grazing dishes and entrées (including genuine Japanese Wagyu beef) and back to a few Japanese standards. Party rolls default to Krab (fake crab), but just ask for the real stuff. It's all good, and the at-

mosphere is welcoming. Don't miss the outstanding *ankimo* (monkfish liver pate). Wheelchair accessible from parking lot to lower-level "turtle pool" lounge (with full menu, restrooms). — *N.W.*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Star of India 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY

1500 Ocean 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. A lovely indoor-outdoor dining venue replaces the venerable walled-in Prince of Wales at the Del. Now the food is breezier, too — Chef Brian Sinnott's savory California-Mediterranean cuisine is constructed

with the beautiful luxury ingredients of each season. His skill with vegetables can turn even brussels sprouts into treats and celeriac into manna. There's everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that's dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Café 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Since the place changed hands a couple of years back, the food has definitely gotten more interesting. Breakfast omelets, for starters. The Cortez has sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, Jack cheese, avocado, sour cream, plus fruit or sautéed potatoes. *Paninis* like the Tuscan come stuffed with roast beef and bleu-cheese crumbles. They do a fine chicken pecan salad, too. But at heart this is still a Left Bank sort of coffee place for hanging out, talking, arguing, and having deep thoughts. Grab a joe or a large bottle of their hoppy Mermaid's Red Ale, take it outside, start a conversation. Open 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (kitchen 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.) daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetable pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting. Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And Mediterranean Chicken Salad works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Romescos 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-8627. Given the post-9/11 transit hassles, Romescos is a Tijuana restaurant family's way of bringing their fine food to this side of the border. This branch of the respected Casa Plasencia and Villa Saverios features seasonal "Baja Mediterranean" cuisine, a creative blending of southern European and Mexican flavors, highlighting inventive uses of Baja ingredients. Don't miss smoked marlin carpaccio, grilled duck breast, escolar. The whole menu is worth exploring, full of surprising treats. Wide-ranging international wine list includes Guadalupe Valley bottlings. Ambience is dressy-casual; reserve for dinners. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Spiro's Gyros 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their Californian), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill 555 Broadway, Suite 1076, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more unassuming. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Uno's expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak 'n' cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime

customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY

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.*

Lake Murray Café 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-433-0180. This is the neighborhood café this neighborhood lacked for years. Which explains why, since it opened in 2005, it's been busy, mostly filled with locals. People come because the waitresses know them and know what they like, but also because the plates are usually overloaded. All the omelets are four-egg, with generous sides like biscuits and gravy. Portuguese sausage scramble is a bulky way to start the day. Evening meals include fish served European-style with the head still on. Other comfort foods include liver and onions, meat loaf, and pork chops with stuffing. Open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road, Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M.*

Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, 619-441-0480. Here, 100 years ago, stagecoaches and gold miners from Julian would raise a ruckus

at this very crossroads every morning. Today, what has to be the smallest counter-restaurant with the tiniest kitchen in El Cajon serves up decent, straightforward breakfasts, soups, and sandwiches, along with good conversation that can't be a lot different from stagecoach days. Breakfast scrambles, burritos, and panini are filling. They have a little living room area packed with books and a cool deck out back. Coffee and a toasted bagel with tomato and avocado are delicious. But be good — Maria, the owner, is an ex-cop. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ye Olde Bicycle Place and Café 6792 University Avenue, La Mesa, 619-582-4024. You're eating in a museum

here. You can nibble your panini and check out ancient bikes like Rudge's penny farthing or the three-seater bike the Three Stooges used. The little black-board menu's basically a list of toasted paninis and cold sandwiches. Each sandwich gets its name from the bike world. The Tandem is a double-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The Tour de France has ham and Swiss on a croissant; the Tour d'Italia is salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and a pot of marinada. Add their rib-sticking chicken soup with wild rice and you'll have a cheap and enlightening lunch. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Bleu Bohème, Kensington

Bleu Bohème is located at 4090 Adams Avenue, the former location of the Green Tomato, so the comparison is inevitable. The first thing I noticed is that the table captain is now an attractive and attentive young lady — an improvement. The second is that, whereas the Tomato's tables were square with comfortable upholstered chairs, now the tables are rectangular two-facing-tvos with hard wooden chairs — not an improvement. And the third is that the Tomato's draperies have been eliminated, so there's more light but also more noise. My companions rated their wine, a Bordeaux Château Fonfroid, superb. My Yellow Tail beer tasted green, so I switched to a Karl Strauss, which was up to standard. Our koulibiac de saumon and boeuf bourguignon were smartly presented — except for the large chip out of my plate — and delicious. And the mousse and pyramid desserts were heavenly. Our server was attentive and engaging throughout. Even the busboy showed a proprietary interest in ensuring our satisfaction. I can't help wondering why the restaurant's name is Bleu Bohème instead of Bohème Bleue; shouldn't that adjective follow the noun and have the same gender? And why its customer-comment card asks for "vos recommendations" instead of "vos recommandations." Perhaps I'll ask the owner when I return, *et je vais retourner*.

By **mannic** 5:21 p.m., Apr. 15

Caffe Forte, North Park

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By **sdtom** 10:22 p.m., Apr. 17

Alfresco's Italian Buffet, San Marcos

Remember the old commercial for Celeste Pizza, where the grandma shouts out, "Abundanzal!"? Alfresco's Italian Buffet in San Marcos embodies that term, which means abundance. This is no mere pizza and breadsticks palace. Alfresco's is more like a fancy sit down Italian restaurant but with the price and comfortable atmosphere of a Home Town Buffet. They certainly do serve pizza and breadsticks here, but they also feature a huge assortment of seafood and meat dishes. It's a great place to eat when you have a large group of relatives in town, all with different needs and desires. Picky eaters will rejoice! Grandpa can get plenty of carved roast beef with au jus sauce and roasted potatoes, or he might like spaghetti with meat sauce and giant meatballs. Mom might prefer a lighter lunch of salad, poached fish, and pasta primavera. Even your cousin who's visiting from Santa Cruz will love Alfresco's because there are several vegetarian options. She might choose pasta marinara or pan-roasted vegetables with an accompaniment of Italian-style rice pilaf. Alfresco's is an equal opportunity gastronomic delight. They have a traditional salad bar, but down at the end of the counter they have six or eight cold specialty salads and appetizers that on any given day might contain cheese, vegetables, fruit, seafood, or grain. Did I mention that their crispy garlic bread is the best I've ever tasted? If you're not yet swelled up like a dirigible by this point, you might want to end with dessert. They have an entire ice cream freezer that joyfully features Italian spumoni! And if that's not enough, you might like the biscotti or fruit that has been dipped in the chocolate fountain. Look before you leap, then try everything. Alfresco's is delicious and abundant!

By **Mango** 10:28 a.m., Apr. 19

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Instead of the “murky canyons of tangled clotheslines” Williams wanted.

In Spain there was Guernica! But here there was only hot swing music and liquor, dance halls, bars, and movies, and sex that hung in the gloom like a chandelier and flooded the world with brief, deceptive rainbows.”

Tennessee’s back in town. Lamb’s Players is staging Williams’s early masterpiece, *The Glass Menagerie*, and no matter how many times one sees the play, his language, at once precise and ethereal, resonates. Raymond Chandler, eat your heart out!

Williams says the play’s about memory and “therefore nonrealistic” (he wants the interior “dim and poetic,” whatever that means), but his stage directions — and the script — call for photographic representation as well. Lamb’s production wavers uneasily between realism and reverie.

On Mike Buckley’s set, tall, floral-patterned bolts of gauze, autumnally lit by Nathan Peirson, loom over scruffy furnishings. But young Tom’s fire escape’s just a grill on the floor, downstage, and instead of the “murky canyons of tangled

clotheslines” Williams wanted, the huge fourth wall has an airy, expansive feel — a far cry from the claustrophobia the play calls for and that Amanda instills when she terrorizes her children with good intentions.

In his notes, Williams defends Amanda, the controlling mother much like his own (“she has endurance and a kind of heroism”). In effect, he says, don’t play her as a monster. Deborah Gilmour Smyth’s performance releases Amanda’s positive characteristics, especially when she greets the Gentleman Caller and momentarily sheds her sorrows. She wears a faded green antebellum dress and imagines herself the belle of the ball, courted by 17 gents. Smyth makes Amanda a chattering magpie, and some of her speeches flow like arias. In spite of Williams’s protestations, however, Amanda has a smidge of the harpy (as when she shouts “cripple” at Laura, which the production plays down but which should flare like a nova). Smyth excels at what she does. But her defanged choices evoke laughter, in act 2, when the play calls for less flattering responses.

THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Sarah Zimmerman, Sean Cox in *The Glass Menagerie*

The Glass Menagerie, by Tennessee Williams
Lamb’s Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado
Directed by Robert Smyth; cast, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Sean Cox, Sarah Zimmerman, Jason Heil; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Nathan Peirson
Playing through May 24; Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-437-6050.

The Cripple of Inishmaan, by Martin McDonagh
Ion Theatre, Lyceum Stage, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown
Directed by Glenn Paris; cast: Rich Carrillo, Jason Connors, Dana Hooley, Morgan Hollingsworth, Trina Kaplan, D’Ann Paton, Charlie Riendeau, Walter Ritter, Morgan Trant; scenic design, Claudio Raygoza and Matt Scott; costumes, Jennifer Braun Gittings; lighting, Raygoza; sound, Matt Lescault-Wood
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Sean Cox has done wonderful work on local stages, but his portrayal of Tom makes no sense. Cox doesn't use a Southern accent — for puzzling reasons, only Amanda does — and too often he blasts his speeches, headlining every word. This over-the-top, ungentlemanly caller approach makes Tom more irritant than advocate.

At one point as she tries to inflate her daughter's self-confidence, Amanda says Laura isn't "crippled." She just has a "slight defect." Sarah Zimmerman's Laura can't quite decide which. To her credit, Zimmerman locates Laura deep within herself, like a diving bell in a murky sea, occasionally coming up for air. Her visit with the Gentleman Caller (one of the most precisely crafted scenes in dramatic literature) is quite touching. As if plucked from an Arrow shirt ad, Jason Heil looks as if he's teaching Laura the power of positive thinking. And he is, some. When she sees him, Amanda sheds 25 years. Laura's adulation of the once-heroic Gentleman Caller flips him back in time. Heil slowly reveals that the Caller's been pumping himself up all along. In the process, Laura breathes fresh air for the last time.

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Billy Claven isn't Irish drama's equivalent to Laura Wingfield. He's much more assertive, with a touch of her brother Tom as well. But like Laura (and John Merrick, the Elephant Man),

the young "cripple of Inishmaan" lives below the bottom line, in a cruel, blinker-minded world that treats him like a living mistake.

On Inishmaan, a rocky island off the western coast of Ireland, people watch cows, talk to stones, and become "half doolally" for the latest news. The best in years: an American crew, led by director Robert Flaherty, has come to film *Man of Aran* (which he did in 1934). He wants locals for color, may take a few to Hollywood. The least likely candidate, Billy, goes.

In Martin McDonagh's remarkable *Cripple of Inishmaan*, information and disinformation, comedy and tragedy dance a bittersweet jig. It's as if everyone's been cemented to the rocky coast for eons. Since everyone knows everyone else, and boredom shrouds them like a fog, villagers express themselves, especially sadistic urges, freely. The only thing they repress: the truth. Like Flaherty's movie, much of which wasn't filmed on location, the truth's a patchwork, often used to torment their neighbors.

Ion Theatre had a competent opening night, but it lacked fire. The performers sided away from playing Irish stereotypes, but at the cost of lively eccentricities. A fairly wide gap lay between the two, which actors could narrow before reducing their roles to obvious types.

Wearing Jennifer Braun Gittings's textured brown costumes, Jason Connors and

Walter Ritter anchor the cast as Billy, who courageously makes "a try for something," and Johnnypatteenmike, who's been trying to murder his mother, with drink, for decades, and for whom the truth must never intrude on a good story. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Anon(ymous)

USD Theatre presents Naomi Iizuka's drama about a young refugee named Anon. In an adaptation of Homer's *Odyssey*, Anon navigates "the chaotic landscape of the United States." UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALÁ PARK, USD. 619-260-4600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 7.

Bed and Sofa

Cygnat Theatre reprises its popular production of Polly Pen's "silent movie musical," based on a 1926 Russian film. Sean Murray directed. CYGNAT THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

The Cripple of Inishmaan

Ion Theatre stages Martin McDonagh's drama. A Hollywood filmmaker comes to the West Coast of Ireland in 1934 and makes orphaned Billy Claven, a cripple scorned by the island's inhabitants, a star. Glenn Paris directs. 619-544-1000. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA,



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The Glass Menagerie

Lamb's Players stages Tennessee Williams's poetic memory drama about the evening the Gentleman Caller came to the Wingfields' for dinner. Robert Smyth directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUN-

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The Good Person of Szechwan

"No one can live in this world and remain good." In Bertolt Brecht's "parable," three gods come to Szechwan in search of someone who can. They identify the prostitute Shen Te, but to stay good, she must devise an alter ego, Shui Ta, who isn't, and who subjugates the people. SDSU's opening night has

sporadic jitters and persistent sound problems (background music drowning out the songs, actors not projecting). But the Peter Larham-directed production has worthy features as well. Andrew Hull's set, sliding walls of warped cardboard strips, recalls the Cubist paintings of Georges Braque. Shirley Pierson's costumes reflect the region's poverty and the gods' eccentricity (they're more hedonist than holy and refuse to admit flaws in the world they created). Performance skills vary, but Annie



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Pritchard's Shen Te/Shui Ta is impressive: expert physical and vocal changes make the good person a "slave master." And young Thomas Hodges is on a roll: he composed music for Diversionary's *Dear Harvey* and some terrific numbers for *Good Person*, among them "Buy My Water" and "Saint Neverkin's Day."

Worth a try:
DON POWELL THEATRE AT SDSU, 5500 CAMPANILE DRIVE, SDSU. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 3.

The Hit

Mike Buckley's lite, entertaining romantic comedy has one of theater's more conflicted villains. Samm, short for Samantha, means ill but is new at her work as a "hit man" and tends to become personally involved. The real villain is the hospital that convinced Susan, owner of an antique shop in San Francisco, that she's dying of cancer. Susan hires Samm for a whack job so Susan's brother can use the insurance for graduate work at Stanford. Complications unfold in a briskly paced show. Buckley's a triple threat: he wrote the script, he plays Sam, and he designed the prop-rich set. Susan's "bipolar," and Cynthia Peters handles both sides with skill. Season Duffy has a lark as Samm, the garrulous villain. Chris Bresky could reign in his physicality, at times, but offers an engaging Steve. David Cochran

Heath scores as Slavo, resident thug. *The Hit* has a thematic subtext: call it "buyer behavior," as half a dozen people shop in odd, often funny, ways. 619-437-0600.

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Mauritius

Passive Jackie needs a few shekels, so she brings her ancestral stamp collection to an appraiser. Two stamps, just "tiny pieces of paper," turn out to be the "crown jewel of philately" worth, in Theresa Rebeck's talky thriller, lying, cheating, and conniving for. Jackie runs a gauntlet through many a practiced tactician, but so, it turns out, is she. Jessica John heads a game Cygnet Theatre cast as Jackie, the lamb that John expertly converts into a lion. John DeCarlo's compulsive-talking Dennis, Sandy Campbell's upscale, backstabbing Mary, and Jack Missett's sleazy Philip contribute. Skin-headed Manny Fernandes (who's getting scary good in these roles) ladles essentially comic scenes with a palpable menace as Sterling, dapper-dressed thug (and stamp fetishist extraordinaire). George Ye's fight choreography, some of the best around here in many a moon, turns Sean Fanning's inventive, two-way set into a danger zone, especially when Sterling doesn't have his way.

Worth a try:

CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATUR-



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MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. 619-295-4999. FRIDAYS, 7:30 AND 9:45 P.M. SATURDAYS,

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The Phoenician Women

The Theatre, Inc., stages Euripides' drama about Oedipus's warring sons, Eteocles and Polynices, who fight for control of Thebes. Douglas Lay directed.

THEATRE, INC., 899 C STREET, DOWNTOWN. 619-216-3016. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

Psychopathia Sexualis

Compass Theatre stages John Patrick Shanley's comedy about an obscure artist with a fetish for his father's argyle socks and an upcoming marriage for which the socks, now missing, will play a crucial role. Mark Stephan directed.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

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CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

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Veronica's Room

Patio Playhouse stages Ira Levin's thriller. An older man and woman say Susan reminds them of a woman named Veronica. This is not a good thing. Jay Mower directed.

PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO. 760-746-6669. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 17.

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Woyzeck

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Report from the front: pressure mounting, resistance weakening, defenses leaking. Try as I might to hold the line, more and more movies in recent months and years, mainly movies of the “alternative” as distinct from mainstream cinema, forgo the 35mm press screening in favor of the DVD screener. On general principles it has always been my preference to see a movie in a theater rather than on my television set, the first principle being that I am in some fashion a movie reviewer and not a video reviewer, and the second principle being that, as such, I have an obligation — over and above a preference — to view the movie under the same conditions the public will view it, even if that means I don’t get to see it till the public gets to see it. Better late than errant. Beating the competition to the punch was never to begin with a very realistic goal for a weekly reviewer in the provinces, and (if we’re talking about me) an over-taxed, poky, and procrastinating reviewer

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at that. With the ascent of off-the-cuff and from-the-hip online commentators free of concerns with things like deadlines, grammar, and spelling, the goal can only be given up as a hopeless cause. I’ve had to learn to live with the fact that in the online edition of my own paper I cannot be assured of having the first say on a movie. The traditional letter to the editor, an avenue of response, can now be dashed off before there’s anything to respond to. It becomes, in effect, a scoop. I’ve learned to live with this by looking the other way.

No longer, meantime, can the aforesaid second principle — viewing the movie under the same conditions — be followed by a third principle of viewing it under the optimum conditions. The frequency with which films today are shot on digital video has overthrown the long-standing rule of thumb that a film will always look better on a movie screen than on a television screen. The rule now is, some-

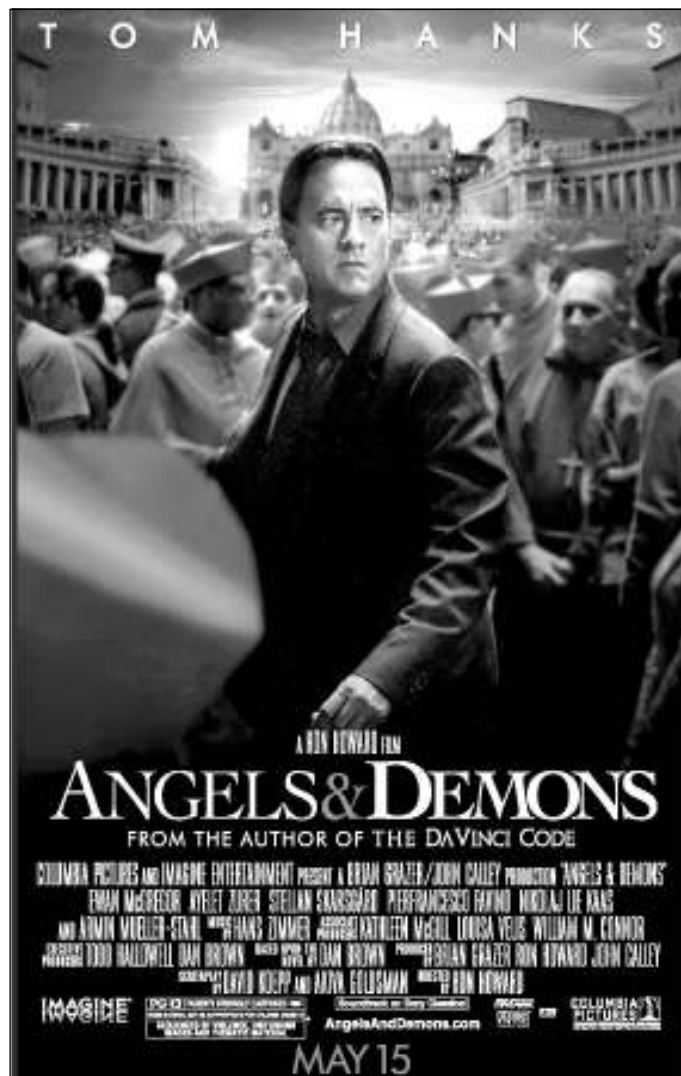


The Edge of Love

times yes, sometimes no. You never know. A movie that is digitally shot and then transferred to 35mm for theatrical distribution will often, not always, look worse in a theater (grainy, fuzzy, faded, etc.) than in your own living room, where it will look exactly like a TV show. On the opposite hand,

a movie that is shot digitally and then projected digitally (as more and more theaters are equipped to do) will often, not always, look just as good in either venue, home or theater, simply smaller or bigger. Watching such a movie on a DVD screener will tell the reviewer that it was shot digitally — will in other

words put him on high alert — but it will not tell him how the movie will look to the customer who shells out ten dollars to watch it on a big screen in mixed company. I can get sniffy about people who prefer to wait to see a movie on DVD, to say nothing of people who prefer to download it to the



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postage-stamp screens on their cell-phones, but I cannot fault anyone for waiting to see a movie on DVD when it means waiting to see a movie look its best. Advising them on such a matter has come to be an unwanted part of a reviewer's job. If filmmakers elect to turn out a TV show, they deserve to be kept waiting.

All of this, however, is taking me a distance from what was going to be my main gripe: that when the reviewer's only pre-screening option is a DVD, he is being coaxed and coerced to adopt the standards of the very people he likes to be sniffy about, those who choose to wait for the DVD. In the majority of cases, when the film was shot in 35mm (I hope that's still the majority), he is being asked to settle for an inferior visual experience, and more-

over asked to judge the film on the basis of that experience. Maybe he can manage to feel flattered that his professional expertise is expected to compensate and overcome. But hold on. I haven't yet got to the worst of it. In all cases — even in cases where the film looks as good or better on DVD — the so-called visual so-called experience will almost invariably be compounded, clouded, cluttered up, with extraneous elements meant to discourage the reviewer from afterwards peddling the disk on eBay or falling in with a band of film pirates. I am speaking of the assorted printed messages and graphic icons designed to undermine the DVD as a commercial commodity at the same time as they undermine it as a visual experience. "Property of Whoozit Pictures," "For Screening Purposes Only," "Not for Re-Sale," are common kinds of wordage to be positioned above, under, or right on top of the image, typically in fluorescent white, in many instances never going away for the dura-

tion of the entire film and in other instances disappearing for a while and then reappearing to disrupt a scene just when you had begun to put it out of your mind. Sometimes a studio logo will be stamped in the corner of the image, much like the self-promotional logos with which every TV channel now feels compelled to brand every image they broadcast (excepting of course the images of paid commercials), knowing full well that this distracts the eye and the attention, that it's more damaging to the program than any commercial interruption, and yet doing it anyway, openly communicating a disregard for their own offerings. Some screeners I've seen even come with a five-digit timecode that busily counts off every passing second of the film's running time, never in sync with the film's intended tempo.

To get down to a sample of specific cases: the recent *The Edge of Love*, which had no local press screening and which I couldn't find time to get to in its one week at the Ken Cinema, not only had "Property of Capitol Films Publicity" permanently emblazoned across the upper half of the picture (albeit in a ghostlier shade of white), it also had a squeezed anamorphic image such that the normally willowy Keira Knightley appeared abnormally whittled. And after attending a proper screening of another Ken presentation, the digital *Cherry Blossoms*, I recommended to my wife my unused DVD of it, wary yet unaware that a "Property" claim would be posted high up on the letterboxed screen, which my wife resourcefully masked off by

draping a towel over the top of the television. Why did I never think of that? Screeners, granted, would have been the sole means by which I could have written about any of the films in the Latino Film Festival before they had come and gone. Well, tough. Fortunately I refused (as is my stubborn custom, under continual bombardment) to look at my screener of *Silent Light* until after I had seen it on the big screen. The DVD boasted just about every feature short of a timecode: the proprietary printed matter, the branding by logo, a squeezed image in an incorrect aspect ratio, too pale in light scenes and too dark in dark. I have no confidence that on the evidence of the DVD I would have recognized this as an enthralling film. Last week, in spite of everything, I broke down and agreed to look at a screener of *Love n' Dancing* (don't film companies employ proofers? shouldn't someone have suggested an apostrophe before the "n" as well as after?) so as to be ready to write about it for its May 8 release date. But I agreed only after receiving assurances from the publicist that the DVD, passing her personal inspection, was clear of visual impediment. I don't think she lied to me. I just think she didn't count, or somehow didn't notice, the bright white "Property of Cold Fusion Media" that never budged from the bottom of the screen, but that, in fairness, blocked no more of the image than would a team of basketball players seated in the row in front of you at a theater. I note with no displeasure, in fact with hope for a reactionary countermovement, that Sony Classics, a

major supplier of alternative cinema, has lately instituted a policy of no screeners. As long as they maintain a policy of screenings, that suits me to the ground. Pirates might prove to be my strongest allies.

The implicit meaning in all this extraneous clutter is plain enough: *We don't trust you. You're unworthy of trust.* And although that's not what you want to be conscious of when watching a re-enactment of the love life of Dylan Thomas or an excavation of hidden passions among Mexican Mennonites, it can be easily set aside as nothing personal. The same meaning, after all, comes across at group press screenings where security personnel guard the door with metal-detecting wands and, in your peripheral vision, patrol the darkened auditorium on the lookout for verboten recording devices. But at least they don't get in the way of the screen. Obstructions to your line of sight are not so easy to set aside. If it matters so little what a movie looks like — if the single thing that matters is what "happens" in it — why not just print out a plot synopsis and ask the reviewer to judge it on the basis of that? Are movies a visual medium or not? ■

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Canadian metal band, still sticking together and struggling for acceptance twenty years past their stumpy peak. It would no doubt have brought to mind Rob Reiner's rock mockumentary, *This Is Spinal Tap*, even had the drummer in Anvil not been named Robb Reiner, and even had the band not paid a reverential visit to Stonehenge. Though the laughs here may be fewer and smaller, the poignance is unmatched: "Family's important shit, man," gushes the lead singer, "Lips" Kudlow, when his big sister ponies up the financing for a new album. 2009.

★★ (KEN, 5/1 THROUGH 7)

Battle for Terra — Disenfranchised earthlings invade a distant planet in clayey 3-D animation. Stirring music and excellent space-travel effects at the start, and a well-imagined other world, and an anti-war, anti-imperialist (i.e., anti-Earth) campaign that offers no easy solution, only a naive one. With the voices of Evan Rachel Wood, Luke Wilson, Justin Long, Chris Evans, Dennis Quaid, James Garner, Danny Glover, and Brian Cox; directed by Aris-tomenis Tsirbas. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/1)

Crank: High Voltage — Jason Statham, his stolen heart, his beat-the-clock recovery effort, chronicled with a spastic camera, warping lenses, sophomoric smut, stupefying action. With Amy Smart, Bai Ling, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Dwight Yoakam; directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

Earth — The circle of life, all around the globe, arctic to tropic, desert to ocean, illustrated everywhere in luscious calendar art, crystalline in digital projection. The Disney nature documentary allows some survival-of-the-fittest brutality, but none of the gore that would accompany it. "Yes," concludes narrator James Earl Jones, "it's full of harsh realities, but sometimes it's just *paradise*." Directed by Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Fast and Furious — Stripped-down action sequel. Or anyway, the title is stripped down, dumping the definite articles and demoting the nouns to adjectives. The tricked-out action, meanwhile, barrels ahead with total disregard for lucidity or credibility. It's not precisely a reunion of the original four stars, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Michelle Rodriguez, inasmuch as before they can come together one of them gets bumped off. Thoughts then turn to revenge. Shallowly. Just the right depth for the juvenile target audience. ("Are we cool?" "Yeah, we're cool.") With John Ortiz, Laz Alonso, and Gal Gadot; directed by Justin Lin. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Fighting — A polite Alabama hick makes his rapid way in the New York underground of bare-knuckle boxing, a lazy daydream with pretensions of toughness. The dialogue periodically dries up, leaving the actors floundering. Channing Tatum, Terrence Howard, Zulay Henao, Michael

Rivera, Luis Guzman; directed by Dito Montiel. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past — Dickens's *Christmas Carol* rewritten as a sex comedy, holding gallons less water. The girl-juggling glamour photographer, a seriously slimy Matthew McConaughey, learns overnight that he is, and always was, a one-woman man. Jennifer Garner is the high-achieving hardbodied hottie who has been cooling her heels for the heel. With Michael Douglas, Breckin Meyer, Lacey Chabert, Robert Forster, and Anne Archer; directed by Mark Waters. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM

PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/1)

Gran Torino — Clint Eastwood, director, serves Clint Eastwood, actor, a nice fat one, a softball lobbed right down the middle of the plate and effortlessly belted over the fence: a sort of Grumpy Old Man version of Dirty Harry, a scowler and a growler (looking and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants ("HUM-mong," in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War and the '72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life's work on the Ford assembly line. The character's blatant bigotry toward his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past "fishhead" and "gook" all the way to "zipperhead") is somewhat problematic. Eastwood's endearing presence in the role


automatically takes the edge off the racism in a way that just wouldn't happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it. What ultimately redeems him and his film is not the conventional, formulaic, soft-hearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of wrath on the Asian street gang that's terrorizing the neighborhood, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No, none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind *Unforgiven*, *A Perfect World*, *Mystic River*, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary's after a long-post-

poned trip to confession. It was, so it would appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Hannah Montana: The Movie — Singing sensation Hannah Montana, "the most popular teenager in the world," has a secret, an ordinary life as a normal high-schooler under her real name of Miley Stewart (played by Miley Cyrus, alias Hannah Montana), daughter of a down-home Tennesseean, Robby Ray Stewart (Billy Ray Cyrus). Only a blond wig hides her true identity from friends and tabloids, a thinner disguise than Clark Kent's eyeglasses. Sugar-frosted as it is, the film sheds no credible light on the actual existence of Hannah/Miley, but it does summon up the incredible innocence of a Hollywood teen musical of old, a Deanna Durbin, let's say. With Emily Osment, Lucas Till, Margo Martindale, and Vanessa Williams; directed by Peter Chelsom. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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Is Anybody There? — Retirement-home pablum about the warming relationship between an inquisitive eleven-year-old (interested in ghosts, interested in “what happens”) and the old crank, formerly The Amazing Clarence, who takes over the boy’s room. Vibrant color photography by Rob Hardy, and a vibrant performance by Michael Caine, perhaps too vibrant for the role. With Bill Milner, Anne-Marie Duff, and David Morrissey; directed by John Crowley. 2008.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 5/1)

Knowing — A schoolgirl’s sealed submission to a time capsule fifty years ago seems to have predicted every major calamity up to the present and beyond. A couple of authentically nightmarish disasters and a couple of creepy moments with a group of silent stalkers known as the Whisper People provide small compensation for the dragged-out overwrought climax (the slow movement of Beethoven’s Seventh once again gets dragged out, too) and the lingering plot questions. With Nicolas Cage,

Chandler Canterbury, Rose Byrne, and Lara Robinson; directed by Alex Proyas. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Lymelife — Adolescent angst and adult adultery on Long Island. Your regular dose of flaunted family dysfunction, seriocomic in tone, a bit sadistic in effect. With Alec Baldwin, Rory Culkin, Kieran Culkin, Jill Hennessy, Timothy Hutton, Cynthia Nixon, and Emma Roberts; directed by Derick Martini. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Monsters vs. Aliens — Machine-made cartoon from DreamWorks, credited to codirectors Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon. It posits a secret government quarantine of benign monsters modelled on such Fifties archetypes as the Blob, the fourth-fifths-human Fly (except now a Cockroach), Mothra, the 50-Foot Woman (a girl-power placebo), and the Creature from the Black Lagoon. None of the figures, human or non-, merits a second glance as a work of graphic art. And the insufferable insouciance of the premise, fully and accurately summed up in the title, hides behind a smokescreen of computer wizardry, 3-D diversion, jaded in-jokes, capitalist confidence. Hides, but not successfully. With the voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett, Kiefer Sutherland. 2009.

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Newcastle — Surf froth that features naturalistic male camaraderie, lyrical slo-mo aquatics, a laughable masturbation montage, no less laughable tragedy and triumph. Only the Aussie accents, and perhaps also the gay ingredient, restrict it from the multiplex and relegate it to the art house. Lachlan Buchanan, Xavier Samuel, Reshad Strik, Shane Jacobson, Joy Smithers, Barry Otto; written and directed by Dan Castle. 2008.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/1)

Observe and Report — Delusional mall cop (a close-cropped, clean-shaven Seth Rogen) with real-cop aspirations comparable to those of the title character of *Paul Blart*, but with a deeper and wider vein of psychosis: manic highs, sadistic lows. The maker of *The Foot Fist Way*, Jody Hill, enters the mainstream for the purposes of pushing the envelope, a spectacle more clinical than comical. Troupish performances from Anna Faris as the hero’s unworthy object of affection, Collette Wolfe as his worthier one, Celia Weston as his self-medicating mother, Ray Liotta as a derisive police detective. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Obsessed — Sort of an interracial *Fatal Attraction*, except the attraction is all one way. The hot blond temp — “I think you mean ‘temp-tress’” — sets her cap for the

married Executive V.P. the first time they share an elevator. Her great sin is obviousness, his is thus obtuseness, and the film’s is timidity. With Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles, Ali Larter, Jerry O’Connell, Bruce McGill, and Christine Lahti; directed by Steve Shill. 2009.

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17 Again — Second-chance fantasy that, through the agency of a bewhiskered supernatural school janitor, sends the middle-age-crazy hero not back in time, but back in age, back to the high school of his youth, so that he must fend off the incestuous flirtations of his teenage daughter and make age-inappropriate advances to the disaffected wife he had long since lost interest in (and who, incidentally, has the minimum mental wherewithal to notice, if not to make adequate fuss about, his uncanny resemblance to the boy she married twenty years ago). We expect to encounter logic problems in any time-travel tale, so it’s best not to compound them with extraneous nonsense whereby the daughter’s brutish boyfriend — inexplicable in itself — would also be her brother’s chief bully and tormentor. And it’s hard to be happy at a happy ending that assumes the wife, who has travelled nowhere, would have learned the same lessons as her time-tripping husband. Leslie Mann, seemingly doomed to subsist at the level of *Drillbit Taylor*, *Knocked Up*, *Big Daddy*, *The Cable Guy*, et al., is very good as the wife, carrying a lot of tension, intelligence, sensitivity, pain, and whatnot in her pop eyes and pursed mouth, without ever forgetting she’s in a comedy. The compensation she provides, although not small, is not sufficient. Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, Thomas Lennon, Michelle Trachtenberg; directed by Burr Steers. 2009.

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Shall We Kiss? — Lightweight romantic comedy to heavyweight classical music, Schubert, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Dvorak. The framing story, which is to say the actor and actress in it (Michaël Cohen, Julie Gayet), has more charm than the arch central story and arch central players (Emmanuel Moret, the writer-director to boot, and Virginie Ledoyen), swathed in bloodless beige, cream, ivory. Happily, we return periodically to the framing story and to full color. Added up, the whole is overlong. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Sin Nombre — A heartbreakingly lovely Honduran emigrant (Paulina Gaitan) makes her perilous way, with father and uncle, through Mexico en route to Texas and New Jersey, her path converging with that of a sensitive, pensive Mexican gangbanger (Edgar Flores), a teardrop tattoo by his right eye, who runs afoul of his blood brothers. First-time filmmaker Cary Koji Fukunaga offers a soft-hearted view of a hard world, seeking out tender innocence and then stomping it for our horror and pity. The illegal-alien film and the gang-life film are both genres that are prone to a certain sameness, and the combination of the two into one film doesn’t produce a sense of differentness so much as a doubled sameness. Slickly done, nonetheless. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Soloist — A *Los Angeles Times*

columnist (Steve Lopez by byline) finding a story in a homeless schizophrenic classical musician, and making something of it, is quite different from a team of filmmakers finding the same story predigested. What they chiefly make of it is a couple of outsized performances by Robert Downey, Jr., and Jamie Foxx. Director Joe Wright devises a nice subjective effect when the cellist’s solo part is joined in his mind’s ear by a full orchestra, drowning out the passing traffic in a freeway tunnel. But the accompanying birds soaring over the city are a bit much. As are the Jupiter-landing psychedelic lights accompanying a rehearsal of the L.A. Philharmonic. A sprinkling of flashbacks to How He Got Here adds little but filler. With Catherine Keener, Tom Hollander, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Stephen Root. 2009.

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State of Play — The Americanization of a BBC miniseries qualifies as a ripped-from-the-headlines thriller, and from more than one type of headline: the political sex scandal, the privatization of the military, the death throes of newspapers. The topicality inevitably gives rise to some soapboxing, and along with it some playing on the pieties of the audience, though it is doubtful whether this either enhances or erodes the main business of generating thrills. Those are generated aplenty, even if, in the end, the plotting descends into mechanical trickery for its own sake. By then the discriminating moviegoer should be in a frame of mind to take what he has got. With Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, Rachel McAdams, Helen Mirren, Robin Wright Penn, Jeff Daniels, and Jason Bateman; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 5/1; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sunshine Cleaning — Thin slice of American nulloaf, the main ingredients of which are two Albuquerque sisters partnered in the business of “Crime Scene Cleanup.” (A pre-credits shotgun suicide demonstrates the need.) Amy Adams, a single mom in an adulterous affair with an old boyfriend, is a roller-coaster actress overtly sharing every little rise and fall of feeling, while Emily Blunt, as her irresponsible junior, maintains a shivery tension, not exactly steadier but at any rate not as wide-ranging. And Alan Arkin, as their crackpot entrepreneurial father, is evidently on board for luck: seeing as how he was in the “indie” hit *Little Miss Sunshine*, maybe there’s box-office mojo in the combination of Arkin and *Sunshine*. Clifton Collins, Jr., is easily the most appealing as the one-armed model-airplane hobbyist behind the counter of the cleaning-supplies store. Jason Spevack, Steve Zahn, Mary Lynn Rajsikub, Eric Christian Olsen; directed by Christine Jeffs. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

X-Men Origins: Wolverine — Comic-book prequel with Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber, and Danny Huston, directed by Gavin Hood.

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Hannah Montana: The Movie 2009

I admit that *Hannah Montana* wasn’t my first choice of movies to go see, but I had some free passes and I figured, how bad could it be? Turns out that it wasn’t bad at all and it was really pretty terrific. I know a lot of adults out there are groaning at the thought of having to take their pre-teen daughters to see this movie, but if you go, I think you will be pleasantly surprised. I think I may have even developed a little crush on Billy Ray Cyrus. He sang a beautiful, bittersweet song called “Back to Tennessee” that made me want to go out and buy the soundtrack. If you enjoy country & western music, you will probably like this movie. There’s also a nice cameo by Taylor Swift, who performs “Crazier.” Obviously, Billy Ray Cyrus is Miley Cyrus’s dad in real life, but thankfully, even though this movie is not real, he comes off as totally genuine. I felt so bad for him when he was on “Dancing With the Stars,” but this movie made me forget all about that. Billy Ray’s great and he even did a little bit of dancing. I was unfamiliar with Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana’s music until I saw this movie and now I think I “get” why all of the kids like her so much. I really enjoyed her song, “Hoedown Throwdown” as well as “Butterfly Fly Away” which she sang, as a duet, with Billy Ray. Unlike the TV show, which is kind of fluffy, with regards to the dialogue and scenery, this movie was very well done and some of the scenes that were shot in the Kentucky countryside were breathtaking. Take a chance on this one.

By **Mango** 11:40 a.m., Apr. 21, 2009

Crank: High Voltage 2009

This movie is an adult cartoon, nothing more. The first movie was at least original and ended succinctly. And when you fall out of an airplane without a parachute, you splatter, period, end of story. But, miraculously, the Jason Statham character survives (just like a Bugs Bunny cartoon) and lives to die and live and die in this sequel. I am a Statham fan, and I was compelled to see it because of it, but say to you that I regret every minute that I did. Strictly a movie for the videogamer crowd; those are the only ones who can get into this ridiculous mayhem fest.

By **pilote** 11 a.m., Apr. 23, 2009

The Other Boleyn Girl 2008

This is the way history is supposed to be told without leaving out all of the juicy details. If I had had all of these details when I was learning about British history in tenth grade then I would have probably paid more attention in class. All I knew was that Henry VIII had six wives and he desperately wanted a male heir to the throne. When Catherine of Aragon couldn’t give him a son, he strayed and found Mary Boleyn who produced a son — unfortunately out of wedlock and therefore not a true heir to the throne. A short time after Mary was pregnant, Henry had already developed a lust for her sister Anne. We know what happens after that. It is just so amazing how much influence one woman had on the history of England. Her marriage to Henry and the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon that preceded it, forced the separation of England from the Roman Catholic Church and led to the creation of the Church of England.

By **spooks69** 11:14 p.m., Apr. 25, 2009

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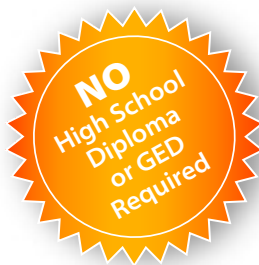
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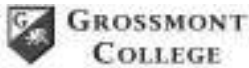
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This week's questions

- Which member of the Monroes unwittingly blew off Neil Young at one of their local shows?
- Name the community that hosted a music fest the same weekend as Coachella did, only about 50 miles south of the better-known festival and much more cheaply.
- The chef-owner of Seb's Paninis originally studied what field back home in France and came to California to work in what other business?
- Naomi Wise uses what French phrase, translating as "beautiful-ugly," to describe the grilled Mexican Gulf shrimp pasta offered at La Mesa's Gio restaurant?
- Name two late-'80s rock groups that Damien Jurado did time in.
- Josh Board crashes a party that combines croquet and karaoke to create a hybrid theme the partygoers call what?
- In the U.S.A. it's known as Smuggler's Gulch; what is this same area called south of the border?
- Give the stage names of the collaborators on *The Live Sick Compilation*.
- English grindcore act Napalm Death, visiting Soma this Saturday, has now been together how many years and put out how many records?
- According to HUD guidelines for removing lead-based paint, one shouldn't remove paint if the wind is blowing over ___ mph.

Last week's answers

- The Old World Restaurant. (p. 96)
- El Bizcocho. (p. 93)
- YouTube. (p. 20)
- No. (p. 16)
- Forty. (p. 72)
- Huanglongbing. (p. 6)
- Vinnie Appice. (p. 91)
- A febrile seizure. (p. 22)
- Pilgrim Road*. (p. 82)
- Psychedelic Horseshit. (p. 69)

This Week's Winners:

Ben Javier, Nellie DeSouza, Brenda Fass-Holmes, Jonathan Wardell, and Arnold Melvin

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Across

- Victor's cry
- Jerry of "Law & Order"
- Dog with a curled tail
- Actress Madlyn
- Catch sight of
- United
- News anchor who was a cheerleader in high school
- "The Black Cat" author
- Besmirches
- Muslim title of respect
- ____ Mae Brown ("Ghost" role)

- Singer of the national anthem at Super Bowl XXVIII
- Fix
- Court figs.
- Court figure
- ____ a high note
- Author Ferber and others
- Denom. established in 1830
- "You Are So Beautiful" singer
- Run-of-the-mill: Abbr.
- Unaccompanied
- 2000 Kevin Spacey movie "____ Forward"
- Italian saint Philip ____
- Suffix with insist
- Ho Chi ____ City
- "School's Out" singer
- WNW's opposite
- Pool competitor
- Dye used on recordable CDs
- First or Park in NYC, e.g.
- What 17-, 24-, 37- and 52-Across all are at "heart"

- Yank's foe
 - Like some sweaters
 - Even, after "in"
 - Ice cream maker Joseph
 - Unveil
 - Saturn models
- ### Down
- Annoying
 - Pulitzer-winning poet of 1948
 - Berkeley Breathed comic strip
 - Armstrong of note
 - "Christmas Comes But ____ Year" (1938 cartoon)

- Fowl place
- See 22-Down
- Run on TV
- MV divided by V
- "Men in Trees" actress Anne
- High hit behind the catcher, say
- Squeaky, maybe
- Old coots
- "Ich bin ____ Berliner"
- Appliances with 7-Down ratings
- Enlarge, as a house
- Armstrong of note
- "Out of Africa" author Dinesen
- Attorney General's cabinet div.
- "... ____ thousand times ..."
- Low-budget prefix
- Fall mo.
- Util. bill
- Butt
- How some risks are taken
- Experienced anew
- Pass in one's car
- Don't pass in one's car
- Kind of shot
- Apt anagram of "they see"
- Hotel freebie
- "Maid of Athens, ____ part": Byron
- Whittles down
- Online periodical
- Wade's court opponent
- ____ B'rith
- "Friends" costar Courteney
- Alley ____
- "Alice" spinoff

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

◆ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 16. "Big thanks to Rosy, Catherine and Alekha. Girls rule!"
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 16. "Learn to learn."
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 16. "S is the turtle who bit the dog's tail!"
Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 16. "Go away, trouble. Smile at us, good luck."
Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 16. "So much love to express, so few words allowed."
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 16.
E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 16.
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 16. "What? Only 5 T-shirts weekly? Will I ever win one?"
Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 16.

Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 16. "Bye, Flower. You were a good kitty."
William Edwards, Kensington, 16.
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 16. "Welcome Larry English and other new Chargers!"
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 16. "Conserve water. Ride your bike."
Rand Feura, Santee, 16. "Took 8 year old granddaughter to Rain - Beatles show."
Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 16.
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 16.
Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 16. "Ho hum."
Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 16. "Why paint it yourself? Skip the mess. paintwithdan@yahoo.com - free estimates."

Ron Meyer, Santee, 16. "Do the magic, AJ."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 16. "Take the A train... sdmm.org."
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 16. "Visit www.animalrescuesite.com."
Jim Odell, Vista, 16. "Will this rally catch bulls in a bear trap?"
Julie Osburn, North Park, 16. "Just another perfect week in San Diego."
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 16. "Sweet 16."

Gil Patricio, San Diego, 16.
John Pertle, Santee, 16. "Titus 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16; Romans 3:20-28."
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 16. "Nana, Papa, and Aunt Carole - Happy you're here! WLY, DKSR"
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 16. "Welcome back to San Diego, Amy and Thomas."
Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penasquitos, 16.

Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 16. "Never good to hear the word pandemic."
Ted Scaffidi, Hillcrest, 16. "Save water. Shower at fire hydrant accidents."
Eddie O. Spaghetto, Coronado, 16. "143U15! Skuzzywuzzywuzza-bore. Skuzzywuzzyhad no whore... CIUM21."
Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 16. "The environmentalists are killing us with regulations!"
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 16. "Never admit it if you think the puzzle was difficult!"
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 16. "oBAMA: Blue smoke And Mirrors."
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 15.
Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 15. "Wake up, Canadian!"
Jen Barnes, University Heights, 15.

Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 15. "Jeff Bridges would have been a better answer."
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 15. "Scrapbook memory: In the Zone, Spring Fling, Ruth and Marilyn."
Leslie Chase, Campo, 15. "Pine Valley Wilderness Trail next time to include Bear's Lair!"
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 15. "Welcome to God's country, Reverend Salz!"
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 15. "Rose - Love, I'll be back soon! Goin' a walkabout! CC"
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 15. "I am serious - and don't call me Shirley!"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 15. **Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 15.** "The shriveled scrotum is a shrunken treasure."
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 15. "Happy Birthday Joy. Go Manny Pacquiao. Mabuhay Philippines!"

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Harry Engel, La Jolla, 15. "Happy Birthday Max and Sue."
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 15. "Happy Second Birthday, Samuel Barnett Firks Herrera. We love you!"
Marie Grace, College Area, 15.
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 15. "God bless America and its troops and Eli."
Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 15. "Thank you for the memories, Mr. Quast. R.I.P."
Ron Hootman, Santee, 15. "Hoot 101: I agree, Hush Limbaugh and Hannity, too! Esp. O'Reilly!"
George Jackson, Oceanside, 15.
Jim Kozio, UTC, 15. "Lukie scores!"
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 15. "Pelosi, Boxer, Feinstein - we can do better, Californial!"
Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula Vista, 15.
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 15. "Was I A dope - did I letter cost me perfection?"
Irving Metzger, San Diego, 15. "My Marcia."
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 15. "Keep on a-rockin' me, baby."
C.J. Mueller, Spring Valley, 15. "Con almighty! Neopuzzlers take heed!"
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 15. "Hi John Benefield! How you doin'?"

Robert Phillips, Downtown, 15. "How many times do I have to tell you?"
Jim Pibum, Point Loma, 15.
Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 15.
Matt Read, La Mesa, 15. "Other thematic answers: No Bama, Foe Biden, Shrill Clinton."
Dave Small, San Carlos, 15.
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 15.
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 15. "P-town 4 life."
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 15. "Happy Anniversary, Dennis. Here's to 23 more blissful years!"
Pamela Swain, College Area, 15. "Party on!"
Frank Walker, Pacific Beach, 15. "A twat is a dope! Do I hear a second?"
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 15. "Neocons for the fail!"
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Martha Awdziejewicz, Clairemont, 14.
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 14. "Appropriate criticism of neocons!"
A.T. Certik, Bonita, 14.
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 14. "Was a fun puzzle - Puzzle Master must be angry!"
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 14. "For He is truly His brother's keeper and the finder..."

Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 14. "Now that's more like it!"
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 14.
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 14. "Happy Bday Lisa!"
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 14. "I can't wait to see your face, Pooh. Luv u."
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 14. "And Hen Beck."
Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 14.
Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 14. "Life is good only if you get the Reader crossword."
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 14. "Ben, to bike across the country - 4,200 miles."
Thisby Krakatoa, San Diego, 14. "Dogs, dogs, dogs, dogs, dogs."
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 14. "Politicians are lying to you - no on 1A through 1F!"
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 14. "Tommy, do your homework!"
Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 14.
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 14. "Go Padres."
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 14. "Pine Valley pigs in a blanket our orange."
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 14.
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 14.
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 14.
Gaile Studer, Mission Valley, 14.
Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 14. "MCP: Male chauvinist pig - not me!"

Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 14.
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 14. "I hope you count me this time."
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 13. "Neocons feed on the fear of the ignorant!"
Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 13. "Tacking my way to the back of the fleet."
Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 13.
Sue Coffey, Southwest SD, 13. "Thanks, Tom. 4.75% not too shabby."
Jim Corbett, San Diego, 13.
Pat DePew, San Diego, 13. "Here I go again!"
John L. Dreher, North Park, 13. "I love you, Bumpy Boy!"
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 13. "Mayday! Mayday! I'm going down!"
George Elam, Vista, 13. "Get serious about water. Fix the pipes! Please."
Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 13. "Aya has arrived."
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 13. "Back at last! Hi Kiera! Hi Bodo! Go Cavs!"
Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 13.
B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 13.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 13. "My anagrams for neocon are unprintable!"
Susan Morfe, Little Italy, 13. "Hey Miss Danielle - it's me, Aunt Flo!"
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 13. "Goodnight, sweet Bea Arthur. Mourm her."

P. Drew Papis, La Jolla, 13. "Take that, Hasselback!"
Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 13. "You're down to only 5 shirts a week - how cheap!"
John Prince, Serra Mesa, 13. "Dog pants, crickets chirp, mockingbird sings. Get used to it."
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 13. "Lili Bite is hiding from the Toe Torture"
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 13. "I lost my wife, house, dog, and job, but I'm..."
Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 13.
Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 13. "Go Padres, please?"
Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 13. "Bella White is the smartest dog in the world!"
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 13.
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 13.
Bob Werner, Bay Park, 13. "Sell scrap."
Westie, San Diego, 13.
Steve and Dawn, North Park, 12. "Rush Sean, Ann, Bill to DNC."
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 12. "Candle gives a lovely light."
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 12.
Robin Drubin, Vista, 12.
Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 12. "Kathy, let's do it."
Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 12. "Go crazy!"
Billy Horton, Santee, 12.
Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 12. "www.vlque.com"

Bev Longdon, El Cajon, 12. "Will you still love me when I'm?"
Willie McGee, San Diego, 12. "Pirates should be hung."
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 12. "He loves Lego, I love puzzles. Love conquers all!"
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 12. "David Wilk and Obama are clueless, radical left-wing losers."
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 12. "Pen Beck: Put this neon in an animal enclosure!"
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 11. "But Chunks is my dog's name."
I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 11. "Much learning does not teach understanding. - Heraclitus"
Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 11. "Us neocons love America, unlike most liberals you find today."
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 11.
N.C. Lyman, Poway, 11. "Baby Cakes, let's hold hands, walk, and laugh...143."
Alex Moran, San Diego, 11. "All people are born alike, except republicans and democrats. - GM"
Carol Rabner, Escondido, 11.
Denis Rees, Alpine, 11. "Thank you!"
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 11. "It is gone."
Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 11. "Happy Birthday D. My Real Name Is Dick Whitman."
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 11. "Thanx for the Fox News plugs!"
Dave Washington, La Jolla, 11. "God bless Carrie Parjean!"

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Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 10. "Farewell two years of blue sky, high window, white walls."
Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 10. "Double digits, baby!"
Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 10.
Mike Deliman, Santee, 10. "Give me the water board over nonstop Celine Dion!"
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 10. "I would like a colored T-shirt, please."
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 10. "Happy Mother's Day, Laurie."
Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 10. "What about Mal Franken and Lames Carville?"
Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 10.
Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 10. "We'll be 'Dining Out for Life tonight. Will you?"
G.R. Morse, San Diego, 10. "Evita lives."
Laura Patterson, Azalea Park, 10. "Big thanks to my family and friends. Love you all!"
Donna Swing, La Mesa, 10. "Happy Birthday, Nancy H., Teacher Extraordinaire."
Philip Blase, San Diego, 9. "That's it for me in Africa."
Marilyn Cooper, Chula Vista, 9. "Life is always good when you wake up above ground."
Jenny Hughes, Escondido, 9. "Crazy one."

Rosalie Dow, Tierrasanta, 9. "Happy Birthday Doug...you're my hero!"
Don Romero, Ramona, 9. "I love Mei Ling smoochies!"
N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 9.
Jack Tripp, San Diego, 9. "Dear Abby - You're a dear."
Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 9.
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 8. "Those 5 are true conservatives, not neocons!"
Andre Desilets, Downtown, 8.
Chris Donnelly, Carlsbad, 8. "Cheney should be tried for war crimes."
Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 8. "Happy Birthday Kammy. I love you!"
Letty Hernandez, Chula Vista, 8. "What did you learn, Stu? Don't do sword without me!"
Cindy Quinto, Golden Hill, 8. "Welcome to the family, Matteo!"
Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 8. "Happy Birthday, Ann!"
Sal Vitale, Pacific Beach, 8.
Brian and Suzanne, Point Loma, 7. "Who is Heath Ball?"
Glen and Tesi Chavira-Coumoyer, Chula Vista, 7. "Thanks Jen and Randy - the cruise was fun!"
Joseph Gold, San Diego, 7. "No brain fart this week - send me a T-shirt."

Jim Hitchcock, Chula Vista, 7. "The sun will come out tomorrow."
W Hodgson, Escondido, 7.
Jon Hutchens, Encinitas, 7.
Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 7. "Steps to Heaven. Watch Breaking Bad, go to myspace/neilthebeerman"
Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 7. "A blessed Beltane to those who celebrate it."
Karen Steepy, Bonita, 7.
Rob Warren, Sabre Springs, 7. "Love the theme this week!"
David A. Weim, Chula Vista, 7.
Gail Jones, El Cajon, 6. "I'm back!"
Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 6. "Common courtesy, like common sense, is not that common. - Gordon Kanteena"
John C Pipes, Lemon Grove, 6. "Don't blame me - I didn't vote for Obama."
Chris Baker, Huntington Beach, 5. "I love San Diego."
Judy Emaus, Carlsbad, 5.
Estefano Hill Jr., El Cajon, 5.
Philip Paradissis, Del Mar, 5. "Maybe we can!"
Mike Van Nordheim, Poway, 5. "To the sweaty girl!"
Spanky's Toilets, Carlsbad, 5. "Spank this! www.spankysps.com"
P.J. Patel and Steve Thomas, Mission Valley, 4. "JamboreePet-Care.com: Professional, affordable dog and cat sitting, dog walking."

Rick Chambless, San Diego, 4.
Mike Crowley, Ramona, 4.
Sandi Heida, Poway, 4. "Congrats Brad and Taryn on the wedding and the baby on the way!"
Jane Reilly, University City, 4.
Les Sherman, Pacific Beach, 4. "Yep."
Rod Wastier, South Park, 4. "Thanks, Jim, for your right way of thinking."
Susan Williams, North Park, 4. "Happy Birthday Andrew!"
Jean Marie and Jayne N., Allied Gardens, 3.
David A. Asencio Jr., Ramona, 3. "6 months sober!"
Leah Dadich, Pacific Beach, 3. "Cheek to cheek, heart to heart! Hee hee!"
Debbie Finch, La Mesa, 3. "Boat-drinks, I!"
Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 3. "3rd time."
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 3. "Not Joyce."
Tommy Thick Fingers Corwin, Ocean Beach, 2. "If a neon gets darted in the woods, would anyone care?"
Danny Day, Ocean Beach, 2. "Hey, tweakers! Stop making OB smell so bad! Mahalo!"
Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 2.
J.M. Glick, El Cajon, 2.
Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 2. "Listen up! I got nothing to say."
Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 2. "Successful entry #3. Greetings!"

Ken Sirios, El Cajon, 2.
Fallyn Smith, Ocean Beach, 2. "Randy, tell your friends t get thier RV's outta OB!"
Avril Varga, Poway, 2. "Go Irish!"
Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 1. "Bring back the Sockers and the Mariners."
Gabriella Allen, La Jolla, 1.
Sarah Peters and Danny Santovin, Oceanside, 1. "I hope Orlando was worth it!"
Julie and Jaqueline Angelini, University Heights, 1. "We finally remembered to submit it in the but-ter-dish."
Rhea Blasdel, Pacific Beach, 1. "Love, if you love me, lie next to me."
Eddie El, Downtown, 1. "Practice silence."
Montana Eury, San Diego, 1. "That's all for today."
Jason Janus, 1. "Maelin, Logan, Esther, my family. I love you."
Sarah Johnson, Hillcrest, 1. "We need more sailing destinations."
Georgia Konkoly, San Diego, 1.
Bruce G Kosak, North Park, 1. "At last."
Eric BP Lauren, North Park, 1. "Now who wishes...?"
Sy Mallis, La Jolla, 1. "Quit smoking!"
Ramiro Murillo, Chula Vista, 1. "Be happy."
Butch Rosser, Chula Vista, 1. "Come see me spin at Stout House Friday nights!"

Kathleen Sheres, Mission Valley, 1.
Steve Sims, Carlsbad, 1. "Eat yourself fitter!"
Nicole Skidmore, San Diego, 1. "Miss you, Dakota."
Kristin Stuart, Normal Heights, 1. "Happy Birthday Stuart!"
Angela Sturman, Ramona, 1. "Bastille Day is in June; the 14th to be exact."
Gina Watson, Chula Vista, 1.
Gary Welder, El Cajon, 1.
John Wilkerson, Point Loma, 1. "Yo quiero Rae-Rae!"
Joseph Wilson, Carlsbad, 1. "Fla Fla Flo Fly. Bass."
Mandy Youngblood, San Diego, 1. "Stinky helped!"
Buckstiff, Tierrasanta, 1. "Hey Shawn, guess what we were doing at work."

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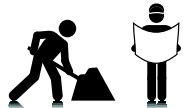
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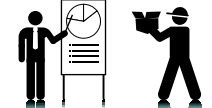
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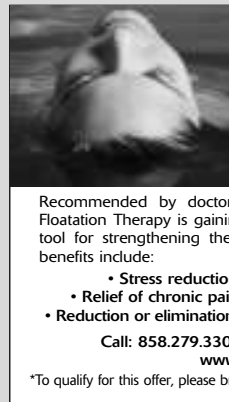
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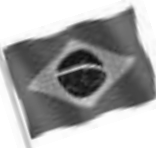
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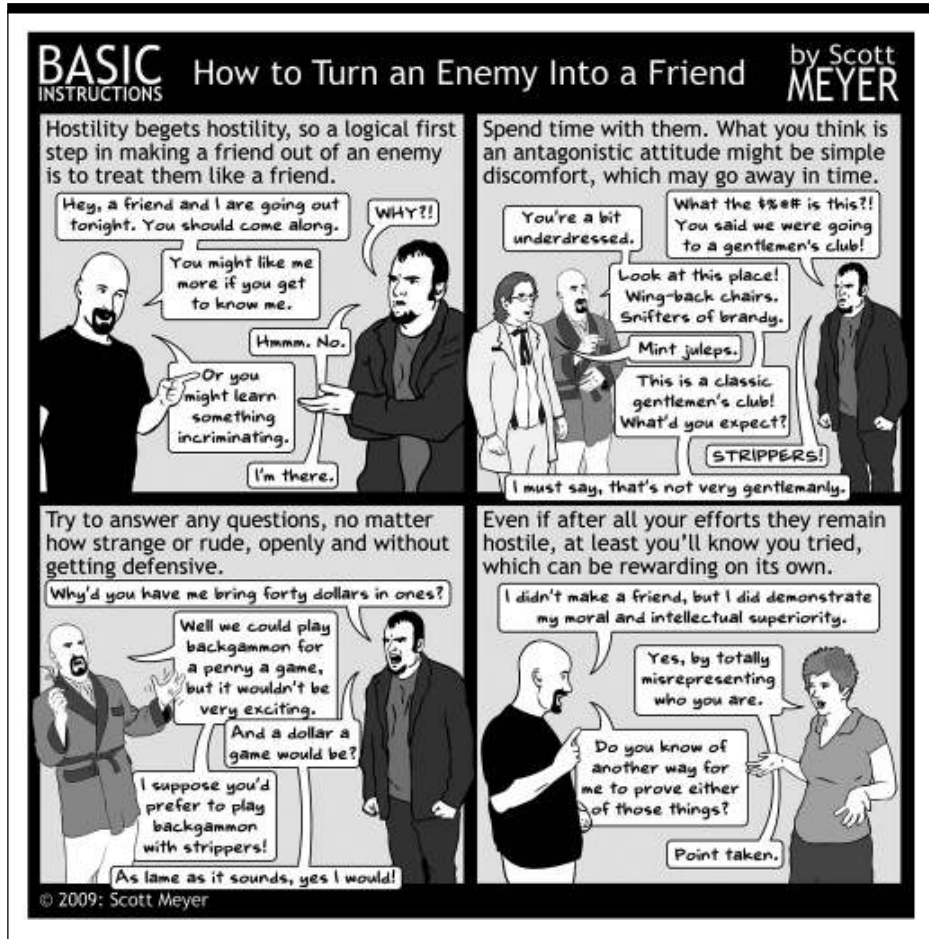
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— A 1970s-style San Francisco commune is organized around the practice of “orgasmic meditation,” but for women only, in daily sessions that start promptly at 7 a.m. Men belong to the commune, too, but are useful only digitally to the women and must remain clothed, according to a March report in the *New York Times*. The founder of the One Taste Urban Retreat Center, Nicole Daedone, 41, is considered by some former members to be running a “cult” because of her dominant personality and ability to play on the vulnerabilities of her members, but the three dozen now in residence seem to admire her vision.

The Continuing Crisis

— Researchers recently revealed that they have observed monkeys (1) planning future combat and (2) perhaps teaching their young to floss. A researcher from Sweden’s Lund University, writing in the journal *Current Biology*, described a daily ritual of a 30-year-old chimpanzee that loathes his human visitors at a zoo north of Stockholm and thus begins every morning by roaming his enclosure to collect stones and place them strategically in handy piles for subsequently hurling at

visitors. And a researcher at Kyoto University’s Primate Research Center told Agence France-Presse in March that he had observed mother long-tailed macaques in Thailand flossing their teeth (with strands of human hair) more frequently if their young are present and hypothesized that they were teaching dental hygiene.

— **Questionable Pricing:** (1) Yale University student Jesse Maiman, 21, filed a lawsuit against US Airways in March because someone stole the Xbox console from his luggage, for which he wants \$1 million. (2) In January, after the New York City subway system barred the oversized “assistance dog” of Estelle Stamm, 65, she filed a lawsuit for \$10 million. (3) In Lonnell Worthy’s lawsuit against Bank of America, filed in November in California, Worthy values his now-ruined iPod playlist at \$1 trillion.

Bright Ideas

— At least four culinarily daring food emporiums in the U.S. serve deep-fried pizza, including the takeout Pizza Snobz in Wilson, Pa., though owner David Barker admits the specialty is more common in Scotland. The key point, he said, is to begin only with frozen pizza; otherwise, the cheese soon slides off into the fryer.

— When a supporter of the animal-rights organization PETA contributed, for a fund-raising auction, a towel that had recently been used by actor George Clooney, PETA president Ingrid Newkirk had what she thought was a better idea: extracting Clooney’s perspiration from it and using the sweat to flavor a tofu dish. “I can see people having parties to try CloFu,” she said. (Clooney rejected the idea, according to a March *Washington Post* report.)

Oops!

— In December, Idaho State University sent certified-mail letters to its adjunct faculty to disclose (as required by law) that some of them would soon be laid off. However, only the first-class mail fee was billed to the university, leaving each professor to pay on receipt the certified-mail surcharge. (The *Idaho State Journal* reported that it was the postal service’s error.)

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— (1) The venerable 17th-century astronomer Galileo Galilei was honored at a gallery in Florence, Italy, in February to mark the 400th anniversary of his transformative work, which was widely discredited at the time (as contradicting

the Bible) and which subjected him to vicious slanders. The exhibit includes Galileo’s only preserved body part: a middle finger. (2) London’s Royal Opera House announced in February that its next biennial original production will be a libretto based on the life of the late Anna Nicole Smith.

Recurring Themes

— **Least Competent Criminals:** (1) Alleged bank robber Feliks Goldshtein was arrested after a brief chase by police, who were summoned to National City Bank in Stow, Ohio, in January. Employees may have been tipped off because Goldshtein, wearing a ski mask, had waited patiently in a teller’s line and only displayed a gun when he finally reached the counter. (2) Romeo Montillano, 40, who was being sought in the December robbery of a Kmart in Chula Vista, Calif., surprised the cops when they learned that a “Romeo Montillano” had registered for the upcoming police officers’ exam on Feb. 25. Indeed, he showed up, and he was arrested.

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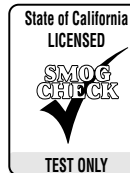
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Thirty Years Ago

Easter at the Colorado River is like a holy pilgrimage for those who believe. They pour out of the hot cities of Southern California in endless caravans, crossing the mountains and deserts, enduring the merciless heat, suffering robbery at the hands of the Bedouin gas merchants, forging onward through the savage regions of Brawley, Indio, and Blythe.

Day and night the campgrounds that dot the riverbank are a throbbing bazaar of dusty cars, lawn chairs, picnic tables, boat trailers, ice chests, wet dogs, and unconscious bodies. Rock and roll blares out from every direction in a howling symphony of confusion.

— "PILGRIMS BY THE SHORE," Steve Sorensen, May 3, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

BLM rangers' job is to see more than the rest of us, to know things about people that most of us don't care to

know, and then somehow try to go on believing that the whole world isn't made up of the human trash they call "dirtbags." You might think the desert would be a place where you could get away from people like that, the rangers say, and maybe it was, once; but not anymore.

— "WHERE DEMONS THRIVE," Steve Sorensen, May 3, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Rollie Fingers is flat broke. The one-time Cy Young Award-winning pitcher, the American League's Most Valuable Player in 1981, the million-dollar-plus-a-year man with the most saves in major league history at the time of his retirement from baseball in October 1985, is presently out a job as well as funds, according to bankruptcy filings. A Mercedes, along with his \$200,000 deferred salary from the Milwaukee Brewers, the last team he played for, went to ex-wife Danielle back in '85. He lost his house and now lives in a rented

condominium in Rancho Bernardo.

— CITY LIGHTS: "FINGERS BROKE," Matt Potter, May 4, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

A beach is a good place for not thinking. There's no work at a beach. Everyone's there to hang out. Normal rules of life are suspended. That makes the beach safe, in a weird way. Especially for growing girls. When I was a growing girl, I spent a lot of time at the beach. That was in the '70s. The '70s were good years for not thinking.

I took the bus there faithfully every day, ignoring the weather. Days when the marine layer didn't burn off were sad. Colder. Barren. Fetid ocean wind spilled down the east-west running streets. I wore beach clothes, stuck to the north-south streets to stay out of the wind. They were side streets, so there was less traffic.

— "SEASIDE TUTORIALS," Anonymous, April 28, 1994

Ten Years Ago

I am a solitary pedestrian, migrating over vast asphalt plains adjacent to the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Ron Willis, 54, is an Encinitas farrier.

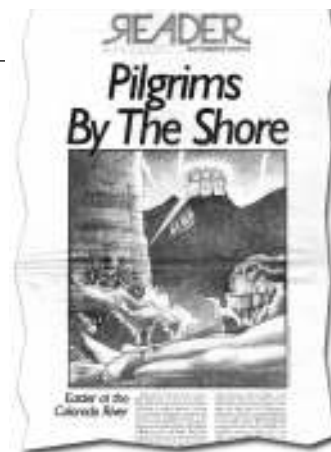
"I'm at it 30 years and I still don't think I know what I'm doing. It's not like changing the plugs on a car. Horses are living things and they are all different, their confirmations are all different. I use a hoof gauge. I'll look at their confirmation and determine what angle I want the hoof to be and I'll cut to get that angle. Usually, it's between 55 and 58 degrees. You want to stand them up a little in order to take the strain off their tendons."

— SPORTING BOX: "NIGHT WORK,"

Patrick Daugherty, April 29, 1999

Five Years Ago

Barbarella began keeping a blog, or Web log, in 2000. The following are selections from her website, <http://barbylon.diaryland.com>.



San Diego Reader, May 3, 1979

Well, at least I have a way to describe myself accurately in retrospect, in my memoirs perhaps. I admit it. I find myself endlessly fascinating, which is one of the reasons I journal so much. It makes me feel like I know myself.

— "LOST IN THE MOMENT," Barbarella, April 29 2004

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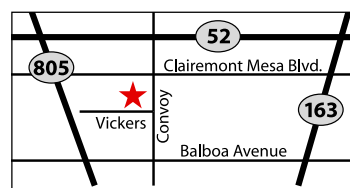
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Denomination: Presbyterian Church USA
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Founded locally: 1954
Senior pastor: Markus Watson
Congregation size: 180
Staff size: 8
Sunday school enrollment: 15
Weekly giving: variable
Annual budget: \$300,000
Singles program: no
Dress: semiformal to formal
Diversity: mostly but not entirely Caucasian
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Website: northminstersandiego.com

A loaf of bread and a pitcher (presumably of wine) flanked the oversized open Bible on the long stone altar at Northminster Presbyterian on Sunday, but there was no communion service. There wasn't much liturgy at all beyond the worship leaders' prayer of absolution: "We know...no matter what we have done, You will forgive us. You will take our sins and cast them away...and for that, we thank You, Lord." Rather, the emphasis was on activity outside the high, curving walls of the oval church building.

After an announcement touting the virtues

of the upcoming Mother's Day luncheon — "Where can you go and get a deal like that, a whole meal, dessert and beverage and everything, for seven dollars?" — Pastor Markus Watson pitched an upcoming homebuilding mission to Mexico. "We're not just giving them a house, we're giving them hope. It's \$400 to go, but we'll share the cost as a congregation. Even if you can't go, you can be a part of what God is doing by sharing with those who can go." (He showed a video from a previous visit; of note was a young girl applying a second coat of stucco to the newly built home and saying, in unforced tones, that her job was fun.) "Just two and a half days," he concluded, "and lives were changed because of it."

The announcement fit with the sermon: Fully Engaged in the Community (the conclusion to a series that covered engagement with faith, with relationships, and with church). "We want to be fully engaged in our community because God is fully engaged in our community..."

Jesus was fully engaged in His community" of Jerusalem — He wept at the sight of it. "Do we weep, the way Jesus wept, for the people in our community who are disconnected from God?"

Occasional moments of self-deprecating lightness did not blunt the message. An older woman came forward and talked about her work volunteering for Community Christian Service Agency. "I used to be able to put in a whole week's worth of client information in three hours, but these days, the need is so great that sometimes I type for four hours without stopping and I've done only two days' input."

"How has it affected your relationship with God?" asked Watson.

"I think it makes you see the needs of those around you. We live in our own little houses, in our own little lives. So many people struggle. You see these people come in, and they're not deadbeats, they're good people. I see what people need, and I can't help but want to help. I will type

until I can type no more."

"We need to see our community as people, with real histories, real pain, real joy," continued Watson. "We need to see God-given opportunities and act." He called another congregant forward who reported, "If you look at the alleyway behind the church, it's got a lot of overgrown vegetation, it's got a lot of graffiti, and it's got a broken fence. I said, 'Well, why don't we beautify the alleyway?'" He had developed a plan that called for 70 volunteers to work in a dozen different capacities. "There's a job for everyone. We're working on getting donations for the materials."

Already, the work had provided the opportunity for outreach. "We have to get the owners' permission to paint the fences, and we have 12 of the 17 so far. One was a little hostile — we might go back and approach her in a different way. One said, 'This is an answer to my prayers.'" Another, who had been a congregant at Northminster, said, "I might come back, now that



Markus Watson

Northminster Presbyterian Church Clairemont Mesa

★★½

Sermon	
content	★★★
delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational	★★
band	★★
Snacks	★★
Architecture	★★★
Friendliness	★★½
Poor to satisfactory	(none)
Good	★
Very good	★★
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I see the new things you're doing."

Watson concluded, "Some of you are thinking, 'Wait a minute — we're doing this on Sunday morning? What about church?' That's going to be church on Sunday. That's going to be our worship service. We are here to serve.... It's

more than just cleaning up — we are connecting with real people in our neighborhood. Some of them will ask, 'Why are you doing this?' The answer is, 'Because God loves Clairemont...and because we are followers of Jesus, we love this community too.' We want to be able to share the wonderful grace of God."

"Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done in this city," sang the band at service's end.

What happens when we die?

"We either continue to live in God's presence or not in God's presence," said Watson. "Sin cuts us off from God, but Jesus paid the penalty we earned from sin. It's following Jesus that connects a person to God — not just intellectual belief, but action. It's through faith — faith is following Jesus. And sometimes, people don't even realize it's Jesus they're following."

— Matthew Lickona

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