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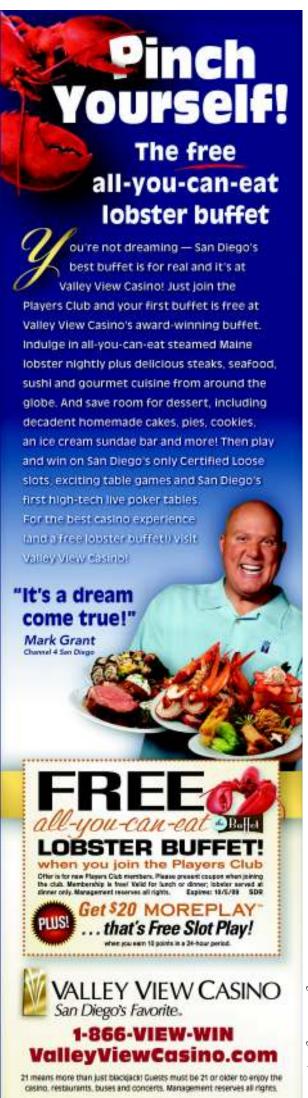
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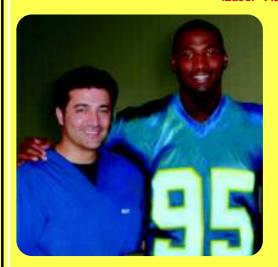
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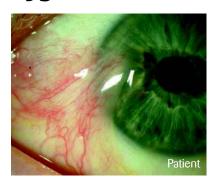
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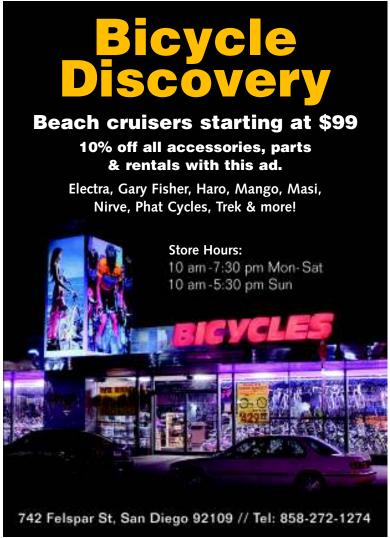
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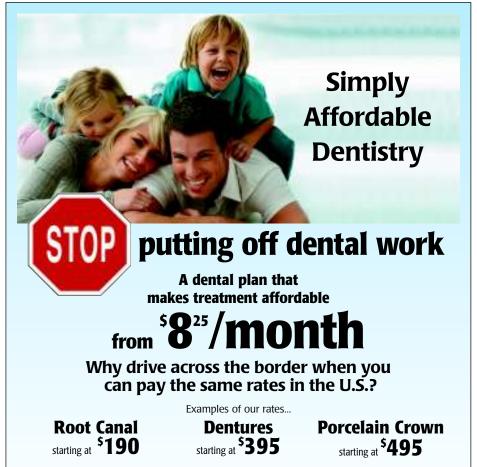
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Mobley's money Some insiders predicted he would be UCSD's first million-dollar

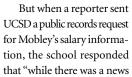


cial meltdown apparently dashed those plans. Still, don't fret for Dr. William Mobley, new chairman of the department of neurosciences at the university's medical school. According to a compensation agreement dated January 12 and released by the univer-

sity last week, he's getting a total of \$500,004 a year and will be able to take advantage of a 40year mortgage loan of up to \$1.33 million bearing an interest rate of 4.65 percent and a \$58,000 relocation allowance, plus moving expenses. According to the records, the state directly funds \$177,400 of Mobley's salary, with the balance derived from "grants, clinical revenue, and Department resources."

Back on February 26, UCSD announced Mobley's appointment in a news release in which David Brenner, the university's vice chancellor for health sciences and dean of the medical school, praised the then-Stanford professor: "We are truly fortunate that Dr. Mobley will be at the helm of the prestigious team of researchers

and physicians in UC San Diego's neurosciences department." The release added that Mobley's expected start date was April 1.





David Brenner

release stating that Dr. Mobley will begin his position April 1, UCSD is still in the process of hiring Dr. Mobley and anticipate a new start date of June 1." As it turned out, final approval came on May 26, in the form of a letter to Mobley from senior vice chancellor Paul Drake.

University records reveal that Mobley was not the school's original choice for the job. According to the final report of the Neurosciences Chair Search Committee, dated February 4, a field of eight candidates, including Mobley, was considered by the committee. For reasons unspecified in the report, Mobley subsequently dropped out of contention, and another candidate, whose name was redacted from the report before its release by the university, was chosen for the position and began salary negotiations.

"Unfortunately, after several months of negotiations, Dr. Brenner could not reach an agreement with [redacted]," the report says. Three new candidates, along with one left over from the original search, were subsequently interviewed, according to the report, but none were invited for a second visit. "It was then that Dr. William Mobley reconsidered his decision to withdraw from consideration and requested to be reinstated as a candidate. Dean Brenner then agreed to negotiations with the last two remaining candidates, [redacted] and Mobley." Mobley ultimately prevailed during a January interview with Brenner and other administrators, the

Serial office-holder Termed-out Democratic state Sen. Christine Kehoe has



Christine Kehoe

apparently set her sights on returning to the Assembly. After a failed bid for Congress in 1998, Kehoe, at the time a member of the San Diego City Council, was first elected to the Assembly in 2000 and then jumped to the state senate in 2004. A recent financial filing of her "Friends of Chris-

tine Kehoe for Assembly 2012" committee reveals she raised \$43,900 during the first half of this year, largely from special interests with legislative business, including Sempra Energy, Southern California Edison Co., Sprint, AT&T, Hawaiian Gardens Casino, and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. The committee spent \$10,581, including big tabs for fundraising at posh Sacramento eateries, including Chops Steak Seafood & Bar (\$2000); Ambrosia Fine Food (\$795); and Lucca Restaurant (\$663).

Playing post office The Centre City Development Corp. is paying \$10,160 to Heritage Architecture to create a "list of potential new uses, creative adaptive reuse design scenarios and provide cost-estimating services for the selected alternatives," for rehabilitating the old downtown post office building on E Street, according to a July contract. CCDC's Derek

Danziger says there are no immediate plans to move the post office, but the agency ultimately wants to build a park on the south half of the block...Democratic Assemblyman Marty Block is gradually paying back the big debt his campaign owes to Richie Ross, the well-connected cam-



paign consultant to ex-Speaker Willie Brown. According to recent financial disclosure filings, Block's campaign paid \$100,000 to the Sacramento-based Ross during the first half of this year. That leaves just \$15,000 to go.

— Matt Potter

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Swine Fear

By Rosa Jurjevics

ina is 11, slight in her turquoise hoodie, and dark-haired. She's finishing up the fifth grade at a private North County

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middle school where, she says, "there's a lot going on." Though she's too young to join the studio audience, as she and her mother lament, she loves the Ellen Degeneres show. A few weeks ago, she completed the STAT 10, a reading, writing, math, vocabulary, and language exam given at some San Diego schools, which took almost a week in total to do.

But what's been occupying Dina's mind is swine flu. Is this a legitimate fear that I have, she often wonders, or is it just my obsessive-compulsive disorder?

"I've had it ever since I was four," she says, matter-of-factly, sitting in a metal chair by the fountain in the UTC mall. Her mother sits across from her, wearing sunglasses to

tors raised \$14 million, says the SEC.

shield her eyes from the bright sun overhead. "My parents didn't know I had it so I just called it 'my game."

complicated blinking rituals designed to ward off bad luck, finally made sense to her. Her parents took her to a doctor for a diagnosis. Turned out, she was right.

In addition to movementbased compulsions — blinking, dragging her feet around obstacles in her path — Dina has a lot of anxiety surrounding the possibility of illness.

"I have a lot of fears about throwing up and getting sick



Two years ago, when Dina saw a television program about the disorder, she identified with the guests being profiled. Her "game," which involved

and needing to go to the hospital," she says.

Dina first heard about swine flu on the news, which, she says, is always on in the morning in her home near Encinitas. At first, the outbreak didn't generate much worry for her.

"I just thought they were just exaggerating, but I was

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Unappealing Banana Trucks

By Dorian Hargrove

n a Tuesday afternoon in June, Barry Jung, Dole Food Company's general manager of West Coast operations, drives

his white Ford pickup toward a green-and-black freighter.

Every Monday since 2002, when Dole moved its West Coast headquarters to San Diego, one of three Dole cargo ships has arrived just north of the Tenth Street Terminal loaded with pineapples and nearly 40 million bananas from Paita, Peru; Guayaquil, Ecuador; and Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica. In a year's time, more than 500,000 tons of fruit from Central and South America will enter the port.

Jung, a tall, slender man in his late 40s, stops alongside the 587-foot-long by 89city," says Jung.

In coming years, to reduce pollution, the state will require ships to turn off their engines when they dock — called cold-ironing — and use shore-based power instead. Jung says Dole is eager to comply. "We've recently applied for a federal grant to start the cold-ironing process, instead of waiting until 2014, when the state's mandate goes into effect," he says.

Five stories above the dock, 21 longshoremen bustle onboard, loading the ship for its voyage back to Latin



Alejandra Jaramillo

passes a newly constructed 60-foot-tall metal bay where an additional 120 containers can be stacked. "Our business is expanding," says Jung. "In times like these, people aren't buying flat screens; they're buying food and fresh fruit for their families."

He drives slowly between two rows of refrigerated containers loaded with fruit. Truckers from as far north as Canada and as far east as the Rockies drop off empty containers in the yard, exchanging them for new loads. leasing Dole's can pick up the product.

At the gate, inspectors examine two Dole trucks that have just arrived, looking for damage that may have occurred on the trip. "All trucks are required to turn off their engines while they wait for inspections," Jung says. "We're averaging just over 20 minutes from the time after the incoming trucks are inspected to when they drive off the lot."

Jung is eager to point out other changes that Dole has



10th Street terminal

foot-wide freighter. "This ship arrived early yesterday morning with a full load — about 500 40-foot containers," he says. "And they are already almost finished reloading it with empty ones."

A loud, steady hum comes from the freighter's diesel engines, which run while the ship is in port. They power two Liebherr vessel-cranes, located in the center of the ship. "The engines are capable of producing enough energy to light up a small America. Diesel yard tractors position the empty, fourton containers on the dock. From inside their glass cabins, the two crane operators hoist the containers and stack them eight high — four below deck and four above — the entire length and width of the ship.

Jung puts his pickup in gear and drives east on the 22-acre site, toward an expansive, neatly kept lot with four rows of diagonally parked containers. On the way, he "That's nearly a thousand truckloads a week, if you count arrivals and departures," says Jung.

On his way to the main gate, Jung passes a distribution warehouse run by San Diego Refrigerated Services. Outside on the loading dock, workers with pallet jacks move six-foot-tall crates of bananas into the building. Nearly 20 percent of the fruit is stored inside until companies that prefer to use their own containers instead of

implemented to lower diesel emissions. Since 2007, Dole has purchased 15 new diesel-powered yard tractors, retrofitted 710 generators used to refrigerate the containers, and worked to streamline operations, such as expediting the truck-inspection process.

"This has been a unique and challenging site for us," says Jung, "because of our proximity to nearby communities and to downtown."

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Good-Luck Jerky

Tijuana — A case could be made that the grind of a slowing economy and rising unemployment has brought a degree of prosperity to the witchcraft trade in Tijuana.

Although it is unfair to lump the herbalists' medicaments with the accoutrements of sorcery, they are commonly sold



A curandero's menu in Tijuana

side-by-side in the small shops that dot the commercial landscape in the city.

The sale of amulets, charms, spirit candles, volumes of magical incantations, aromatic soaps, herbal purgatives, and rattlesnake jerky (carne seca de serpiente de cascabel) — all in the name of attracting money or work — is up in TJ.

Requests for economic good fortune have superseded the usual market for potions, elixirs, and charms to win love.

Concoctions of exotic oils are whipped up daily with labels such as "Trabajo" (work), "Abre Caminos" (open up pathways), "Exito" (success), and "Ven Dinero" (come on, money!).

They are sold for around 30 cents per dose, whereupon the purchaser then slathers his or her body with the ointments in the hope of bringing about the desired circumstances of prosperity.

Customer traffic for this type of mojo is up 40 percent since the U.S. eco-

nomic downturn began affecting Tijuana, according to the woman who operates a shop dealing in what the Mexicans call esoterica.

Source: Frontera

By T.B. Beaudeau, 8/1

Bicycle Thief Caught

Downtown San Diego — Last week, San Diego sheriff's deputies and investigators arrested 38-year-old Ismael Sanchez Carrillo for attempted grand theft in front of the Hall of Justice at 330 West Broadway.

During the past six weeks, jurors and court staff members have reported the thefts of at least four bicycles from near the front steps of the downtown courthouse.

"There were many similarities among the thefts, including the time of day that they occurred," said Sgt. Dave Brown in a press release.

Deputies decided to lure their perpetrator by using a decoy bicycle. Undercover and uniformed deputies and detectives who worked at the courthouse were positioned nearby and out of view while "maintaining observation of the decoy bicycle."

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on the way to school and my dad said, 'Dina, don't share food with anybody, and wash your hands,'" she says. "Then my friends came to school and I said, 'There's a flu going around!' And they said, 'Yeah, swine flu, 80 people got killed from it!' And then I got *really* scared."

Swine flu is not the first illness to have exacerbated Dina's OCD. A water-contamination scare that hit Del Mar in November of last year frightened her. "I had to go somewhere with my mom. I was thirsty and she said to go drink some water," Dina, who heard about the contamination from the news, recalls. "I said, 'No, Mom, there's contaminated water in Del Mar.' And she said, 'Dina, I'm going to drink it to show you.' And so she drank it, and it got me really scared that she was going to die."

Lori Riddle-Walker, Dina's therapist, explains that this sort of thing is fairly common for those with obsessive-compulsive disorder, especially children. "That's who it usually hits the worst," she

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says, as she sits in her converted attic office in Escondido. "Back when we had that spinach [*E. coli* scare], I had some kids freaking out. They'll stop eating spinach, then they don't want to eat lettuce, and then anything that's green, [then they] don't want to go to restaurants... Usually it seems to affect the kids worse."

Riddle-Walker, a marriage and family therapist, specializes in obsessive-compulsive disorder. She says, in the case of widely publicized illness scares, the most common symptom in children is the repetitive asking of questions. "Swine flu comes along and a child is asking every five minutes, 'Am I going to get sick? Am I going to throw up? Do you think I'm going to get the swine flu? What are the symptoms of the swine flu? Do I need to wash my hands again?" she explains.

For Dina, it is the continued media coverage of the swine flu that helps feed her fear. "The headlines always say 'swine flu,' and it scares me a lot," she says, her orange-painted fingernails twisting her zipper pull. "[They] say 'outbreaks in schools,' and that makes me scared that it will be in [mine]."

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When Dina began to feel as though she had a few of the listed symptoms, "I told my mom, 'Mom, we have to go to the doctor!" Dina recalls. "She [said,] 'Dina, you're just worrying about this because of OCD."

This reassurance served to calm Dina. Riddle-Walker uses a form of counseling designed to help sufferers safely confront their fears and has been doing this with Dina, who recalls one of Riddle-Walker's techniques in which patients sketch out the center of their worries or phobias. "One time we drew a picture of barf," Dina says. "And then, when I would drag my feet or have to step over certain things, we would go outside where there were lots of leaves and things where I could walk without worrying about it."

After each activity, Riddle-Walker checks in with Dina and asks her, on a scale of one to ten, what her anxiety level is.

"Then we'd play a game or something and then she'd ask me again," she continues. "Once [my anxiety level] was to one or three or two, then we'd go back outside and start over again. That was what she started with."

"Usually," Riddle-Walker comments, "the compulsions will be extra or excessive handwashing, [and] avoiding places. Somebody told me they were avoiding restaurants in the first part of the scare. Sometimes, it will get really extreme and a person might start avoiding things that don't really make any sense, like, say, because [the scare] started in Mexico, they might start avoiding the word 'Mexico."

Dana Terrell, a licensed clinical social worker who specializes in a treatment method called eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, a therapy that is generally used to treat post-traumatic stress disorder, has also had patients react irrationally to what they perceive to be a threat. Though her patients know their fear is unfounded, it may feel very real to them and send them into a wave of

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anxiety. She offers the example of a man she treated who was cripplingly afraid of contracting AIDS. At a restaurant, this man became terrified he had contracted the disease by having a gay man wait on him. "Even though his rational mind knew there was no known case of any type of spread through that means — hand contact or having a hand on a plate or something like that — he was

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just obsessed it could happen," Terrell says.

Riddle-Walker says the way to treat such fears is to coach each patient toward confronting the symptoms the new fear raises. "If they were washing their hands, say, three times every hour, then we work on reducing the handwashing," she says.

Other times, when faced with something like swine flu, obsessive compulsives get mired in a thought pattern rather than a series of avoidances or rituals. For Bre, 18, it was the worry about swine

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flu that was hard for her to manage.

"[I have] mental-type rituals," she says, at a table in an Escondido coffee shop. "A thought will pass in my head when I'm driving—like, I'm going to swerve off the road. That'll happen to anyone, but with OCD, it gets stuck in your brain and you keep thinking about it over and over again. At the same time, you know it's irrational, but the fear grips you."

Bre, who is soft-spoken and dressed for the hot Escondido evening in jeans and a tank top, is a recent graduate from Valley Center High School. Soon she'll be moving on to Palomar Community College and then to Azusa Pacific University, where she hopes to study teaching and photography.

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Bre was diagnosed with OCD at age 12, when she was in the seventh grade. "I was having thoughts of wanting to kill myself even though I didn't [want to], because I'm a very happy person," she recalls. "I thought, Why am I thinking this? I love my life.

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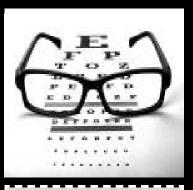












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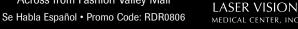
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What's going on? It scared me. I thought, Do I really want to do it? even though I knew I didn't. I told my mom, 'I don't want to! I don't know what's wrong with me!""

Bre, like Dina, was diagnosed by a doctor after going to her parents with her concerns and began therapy with Riddle-Walker shortly thereafter. She also began taking a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor and the anti-anxiety drug Buspar to augment the counseling. Six years later, she has completed therapy and only sees a specialist at the University of California San Diego's psychiatric department for routine medication adjustments. Though she is doing well, Bre acknowledges that the disorder never fully ceases to be a part of a sufferer's life. The swine-flu outbreak, she says, was something that piqued her anxiety, if only for a brief period. "I'm more worried about infecting other people, if I'm sick," she says. "It's like I have an over-responCITY LIGHTS

sibility for other people's feelings. I was kind of worried, being at school. [I thought,] Am I going to get it? Am I going to die? Do I need to be washing my hands more? The way people who didn't have OCD were reacting to it and freaking out about it [made me think], Well, should I worry about this? I'm usually the one who's worried!"

Bre and Dina both say that their worries surrounding swine flu have abated. Dina reports that speaking with Riddle-Walker on the phone between scheduled meetings calmed her anxiety greatly. "I couldn't wait," she says, "I had to tell her about swine flu, so I called her and she told me to just not listen to OCD when it told me to do something. She said it was like a baby that cries or makes noise; you have to ignore it for it to go away, but if you listen to it, it will stay there."

Bre says that reminding herself that her fear is based in a disorder has helped keep her fear at bay, though there have been instances when the worries resurfaced. "My AP biology teacher played this

mockumentary about smallpox from 2002 about biological weapons," she says. "They made it seem real. Everyone was getting it and there weren't enough vaccines and everyone was dying and they said, 'It's a pandemic!' That kind of didn't help." ■

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Banana trucks

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For many residents of Barrio Logan, it's what happens when the trucks leave the terminal that seems to affect their neighborhood most. More business for Dole means more traffic, noise, and pollution on their streets.

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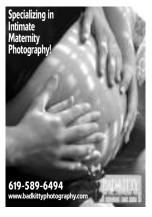
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On a Wednesday morning, a blue semi hauling a Dole refrigerated container travels south down Main Street and stops 60 feet past the warehouse loading dock. A man with slicked-back hair and black sunglasses puts the truck in reverse, cranks the steering wheel, and swings the 40-foot trailer down the loading ramp. As the truck backs up, it blocks the entire street, coming within 2 feet of a row of diagonally parked

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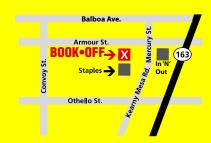
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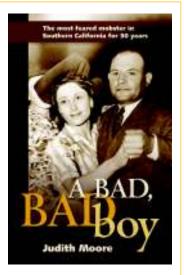


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LETTERS

keener, then surely I would

have chosen a more remu-

nerative profession than that

of a weekly scribbler.) To put

it more formally: I am not a

business specialist, merely

an eater and describer of food

and therefore had only the

vaguest concept of the spe-

cific financial causes of the

Better Half's demise. I did

know that the restaurant's

new owner succumbed to

debts, but having no clear

idea of the normal practices

involved in restaurant own-

ership changes, I assumed

(evidently incorrectly) that

part of these debts were inher-

ited, rather than incurred

purely by the purchase of and

then the expenses of running

the restaurant. Certainly no

slander toward you was

intended or even dreamed

of. I extend my humblest

apologies. (And since you

demand a speedy response

on threat of a lawsuit in case

of any delay, we are print-

ing this apology in the let-

ters column, both because

this is where corrections nor-

mally run in this newspa-

per, and also because it will

appear more promptly than

in my next review, which due

to standard weekly newspa-

per scheduling is several weeks

I found your article very

well written and was glad to

have read it ("Do You Live

Close to Snoop Dogg?" Cover

Story, July 30). Most people

who live here in San Diego

don't have a clue what peo-

ple in Southeast really live

with. Once in a while they

hear about something in the

from publication.)

Reality Check

Dear Mr. Rice.

We welcome letters pertaining to the contents of the Reader. Phone them in at 619-235-3000, ext. 460; address them to Letters to the Editor, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803; fax them to 619-231-0489; or use our web page at SanDiegoReader.com/letters. Include your name, address, and telephone number. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

No Debt Load

This letter is in regards to the following comments by Naomi Wise in her latest restaurant review section ("Top of the World, Ma!" July 16). As a former owner of the Better Half, I take offense to the statement regarding the "load of debt from the previous owner." The new owners did not inherit any or all parts of the restaurant. The restaurant was purchased legally by the new owners. As I'm sure you will understand, no new buyer buys the debts or losses. Hence, the statement by Naomi Wise about inheriting "loads of debt from the previous owner" is incorrect and is a slander towards my

I expect a formal, written apology mentioning my name and a clarification of the facts by Ms. Wise in her next restaurant review section. Please be assured that a delay in this matter or failure to comply with my request will result in my seeking legal counsel to sue you for slander and printing a false statement.

Zubin Desai via email

Naomi Wise responds: My phrasing was evidently infelicitous, deriving from my lack of knowledge of business practices and the language and laws of commerce. (Or to put it another way, I hereby slap myself on the forehead and confess that when it comes to money matters, I'm clueless. Were my interest in financial matters

news, but they don't live in the situation every day. Since it is not their reality, it doesn't exist. Two different worlds living side by side and don't know much about the other.

I am sorry about your life experiences; there are no words that I can offer that can change what has happened. What I can say is that I respect your honesty, your courage, and your right to stand up and tell people what has happened and what you have experienced. You have written a good article, and I am proud of you for doing it.

> J. Eder via email

Homie Talk

I really enjoyed this story ("Do You Live Close to Snoop Dogg?" Cover Story, July 30). It was intelligently written. The only part that had me rolling in laughter was that whenever Vic or any other "homies" were talking, they lost their intelligence: "What's hatnin' wit you, boy?" Maybe he can't talk the way he writes. Hey, Vic, what's happening with you, boy?

> E. Bonics via email

It's All Your Fault

Is the Reader now looking to expand their readership to include gang-bangers? What in the world were you thinking printing this story ("Do You Live Close to Snoop Dogg?" Cover Story, July 30)? Next week are you going to print a story glorifying rapists and murderers? Victor Rice, and his kind, are precisely what has turned what used to be the coolest places in MY San Diego into a ghetto. Great job in glorifying the street thugs who are screwing up America's Finest City.

Gregory Senoff via email

Point Made

On page 53, the first page of the Calendar section, at thebottom there is an advertisement of the play called Welcome to Ramallah ("Your Week," July 30). The play has a Jewish theme, so to highlight that you placed a picture of a star underneath the headline. Unfortunately, you mistakenly used a five-pointed star instead of the six-pointed Star of David, which is the symbol of the Jewish religion. Also, you say the play is about the "Jewish-Palestinian" conflict. This is also unfortunate wording; more appropriate would be the "Israeli-Palestinian" conflict. By using the word "Jewish" you are implying that Israel is not a country, while using the word Palestinian, instead of "Arab" or "Moslem," you are inadvertently taking sides in the conflict.

> Sid Schipper via email

How It Should Be

Yikes! Please reconsider the new "first 50" rule. It was sweet when all correct puzzlers' shout-outs were published!

The new rules should not have gone into effect until the new quarterly ranking system goes into effect (October 1). The limiting of publication of messages to the first 50 correct submittals may place at a disadvantage those of us who turn our puzzles in in person. It seems to me that between the time the Reader hits the streets at zerodark-thirty and the time the office opens up, there may have already been more than fifty electronic "winners."

The idea of a certain reward for a correct puzzle seems to be a thing of the past, lost in the name of saving a few precious column inches of ad space. For shame!

> Eddie O. Spaghettio Coronado

Sensitive Server

I was trying to find a way to thank Mr. Bedford for the fun article he wrote on my restaurant ("Art of the Q," "Tin Fork," July 23) and for including me in it. It was great getting to serve him, and I'm really glad he enjoyed the food as well as hanging out at Piggy's.

I found out today I got a complaint — my first from a customer that I've heard of in ten years in the service industry. I think it may be bogus but nonetheless am scared and looking for another restaurant to put my heart and time into as a server. Any suggestions!?

Name withheld by request via email

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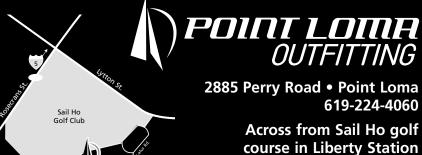
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

RYMATTHEW ALICE

Help, Matt:

My friend sings to her plants. She likes to sing anyway, but she says the carbon dioxide she emits when she sings to them helps them grow,

since plants absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. She's an okay singer, I guess. I can take it for 15 minutes or so, as long as there aren't too many high notes. So, that's not my problem. My problem is that it drives me crazy that she really helieves her carbon dioxide singing helps all her houseplants, even though she's right, plants absorb carbon dioxide. I've got to develop a plan to wake her up to the truth. I'm starting by collecting facts. Of course, that means I have to write to you. I think the woman's

— Barney Fife, no, not really

Oh, man, it's the '70s all over again. Dippy hippies playing Mozart to their ivy, poetry to their tomatoes. Grandma had her Jethro Tull onion patch and Pink Floyd zucchini. She'd go out in her love beads and tie-dyed apron and serenade the backyard every day. But I've never heard any family stories about a decade of monster vegetables, so... However, we don't think Grandma is nuts. Well, not so nuts we can't deal with it.

But we think you're a little nuts, believing you can shake the logic stick at a lady who's operating in the woo-woo zone. A little out there...in a sort of adorable way. So, she's all crazy about CO₂. Well, all (photosynthetic) plants need CO2, and where do they get it? The air around them. Your friend's little poof of gas when she sings is a drop in the atmospheric ocean compared to what's around her in the house. And in the long line of history, plants predate people, so they can get along without us very well. Greenhouse gardeners in cold climes shoot CO2 onto their plants in winter when ventilation is restricted. Otherwise they'd harvest funky crops. Maybe if your friend is growing stuff in sealed containers, then green things would need her help. But otherwise, her little extra contribution is a mere tweet. On the other hand, don't tell her that NASA is fooling around with experiments that involve CO₂ exchange with green plants in space stations.

And speaking of tweet, we've read about a visionary gardener who's marketing a supergrow combo for agricultural crops. He theorized that plants respond to the flocks of songbirds, which sing heartily at daybreak, by opening the stomata in their leaves, ready to soak in nutrients. Daggone if he didn't find a physicist who bought the theory, and

together they devised a tone that is nearly identical in frequency to the birdsong, whipped up a seaweed-based fertilizer, and applied both

to Farmer Grey's garden. Come harvest time:

12-foot-tall corn stalks, walnuts the size of oranges, 1200-foot-long passion flower vines.

Even food-processing giant Cargill was interested in the farmer's acoustic agriculture. He hopes to end world hunger with his invention. Sorry, but I haven't heard about that revolution lately. Not sure what's happened to the

farmer's plans.

All this does suggest that your friend's singing might have a better effect on her houseplants than her breath. Since sound is an electromagnetic impulse, same as light, just at a different frequency, it's not completely out of the question that it could have a beneficial effect. A scientist recently managed to get a sound out of a yeast cell. It putted along like a machine and changed tempo with temperature. Then he killed the cell, and the sound slowly pooped out to a wavery, sick-sounding bleep. Spooky. (If we put our ears up way close to a peanut butter sandwich, could we hear the bread hum?) So, all the academicians who in the '70s booed the hippie notion of singing to plants will have to eat their word.

Dear Big Cheez:

Where did the expression come from — the big cheese? Or cheez, maybe. Why is my boss the big cheese?

— Ms. Mid-Level Cheez, San Diego

Oh, the word nerds again. Cheese? Indian. *Slumdog* Indian, not Tonto Indian. From *chiz*, "thing." Adopted by the Brits during their sojourn there in the mid- to late 1800s. As in, "That yummy tandoori chicken was the real *chiz*." "Running roughshod over India is the real *chiz*, wot, Major? Haw-haw!" Ahem. Anyway. When the Brits left, along with a number of other things, they took with them the expression, which quickly became the more familiar-to-the-Anglo-ear "cheese." From there it morphed into things of the big-shot persuasion, like the boss.

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SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

Come On Over



From sandiegowiffleball.com

e started a month or so ago. Right now we're running tournaments twice a month. Our first tournament had five teams. Second tournament, seven. We've got 10 or 11 teams signed for Saturday."

Speaking is Chris Perkins, 26, who, along with his brother Daniel, are owners of what appears to be San Diego's first wiffle ball league. I ask, "Where do you play?"

Perkins says, "Lakeside [Lakeside American Little League Field]. We just signed a couple-year contract to use their fields."

Perkins is married, with a ten-month-old son and another child due next month. He's a local, graduated from Santana High School, works a day job as freight broker for an outfit in Rancho Bernardo. I ask, "How did you get onto wiffle ball?"

"Me and a bunch of buddies play every weekend at the beach or in my backyard," Perkins says.

I take a deep breath and man up. I have to go here, at least once. "How do you play wiffle ball?"

Perkins says, "You can have three guys, four guys, or five guys on a team. Only three can take the field. You have a pitcher and two fielders. There is no base running. There's a 100-foot fence. You have a strike zone. The pitcher is 40 to 45 feet away from the plate and he can throw as hard as he wants."

Got that? Thinking out loud, I say, "No base running. So, if I hit a wiffle ball, how do you determine whether I go to first, second, or third?"

"There's an infield line, the base path, it's 45 feet," Perkins says. "So, if the wiffle ball goes past that line, it's a single. If it rolls and hits the fence, it's a double. If it hits the fence in the air, it's a triple. And over the fence, of course, is a home run.

"And then," Perkins says, "to get the player

out, you have to get to your infield line. If a player bobbles the ball, it's a single. If he fields it clean — there's a big screen behind home plate that's like a first baseman — you've got to throw the ball against that screen, in the air, for it to make an out."

I'm still back with the wiffle ball and getting to the infield-line part. Takes a moment to pull out and move forward. I say, "After the player gets a hit — say it's determined he hit a single — does he go to first base?"

"No, he just hits the ball..."

"He hits the ball and it's counted as a single...where is the hitter?"

"He goes back and stands with his team behind the fence."

Chummy. "Is there any base stealing?"

"No base stealing. You just push your runner. If you've got a guy on first base and the batter hits, and the ball rolls up to the fence for a double, that person from first goes to third and you've got a guy on second and third."

Sounds good, except those two runners are standing behind the fence bullshitting with their mates and drinking beers. "How about outs?"

"Three outs in an inning."

"How do you make outs?"

Perkins says, "You catch the ball in the air, strike out, or if a ground ball is hit and a player fields it in front of the infield line and throws it to home plate, where the screen is, in the air."

In front of the line. Screen. Home plate. In the air. Got it. "How many strikes and balls?"

"Same as in Major League Baseball: three strikes, four balls."

"And three outs?"

"Three outs."

"What kind of bats do you use?"

"Plastic bats, however length you want."

"And who plays in your league?"

"Everybody. It's all-ages. It's just a fun backyard game that we're bringing to the field. We play four innings, takes about 30 to 40 minutes. It's a double-elimination tournament. If a game ends in a tie after the fourth inning, we start the fifth inning with bases loaded."

STOP THIS BEFORE I SHOOT MYSELF! "What do you do for fun, besides wiffle ball?"

"Go to church. Crosspointe. The senior pastor is Barry Sappington. He's a wiffle-ball guy, loves it. Other than that, I work and be home with my family as much as I can. Everybody loves to come to my house and play wiffle ball and barbecue."

I invite readers to glide over to *sandiego-wiffleball.com*, click on "Multimedia," then click on "Videos," and play one. You'll be impressed. Wiffle ball is a real sport, requires real skill. Directions and times for Saturday's tournament are on the home page.

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BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

"You wouldn't need blasters in space. That's rubbish!"

Marlon Castle, 22, got in line for the entrance to the San Diego Convention Center after having stood in line for 20 minutes at the will-call window for his ticket. The ticket is worn around the neck and also serves as a name plate: "Marlon Castle: Professional."

It was Friday, July 24, and Marlon was becoming vaguely nervous about being found out. He hadn't actually sold any of his graphic novel manuscripts. Not yet. So far, no one at Comic-Con had, apparently, checked. His name tag was right there.

Princess Leia brushed past him, cutting ahead in line.

He was astounded at the size of the crowd. How do you fill a convention center this size as well as several downtown streets? With 200-, 300,000 people. That's how. "Teenyboppers," his dad would call them.

Chaos, resounding, echoing voices in a room larger than an airplane hangar. People jostled each other at every other elbow. The first distin-

guishable voice Marlon heard was from a man about his own age. He was enormous, brown crew cut, neat beard. He was saying, "You wouldn't need blasters in space. That's rubbish! The most efficient weapons would be some form of zero-G slingshot..." Then his voice blended into the din, but Marlon knew he was referring to a display he had just passed made up of sci-fi illustrations of space-opera dog-fighting ships. The enormous boy was yelling to a teenaged *Star Trek* crew member.

How would he find Jack Black and Kevin Smith in this deafening, colorful sea? They were supposed to be here. That would be so cool to hang out with those guys and party. More importantly, how would he find a publisher or agent? Someone who could do him some good with his stuff, who wouldn't laugh at his proposal for the G.N. featuring Zack Kane, the tortured immortal mercenary?

He paused at an exhibitor's booth with some great old paperbacks and

pulp magazines. Here was a *Galaxy* mag from 1972. He bought it. He loved these old writers. Only \$7. These were the guys to steal from, not other graphic novelists and comic-book hacks.

"Are you Japanese?" He heard this from behind him and turned. He saw a pretty Asian girl, maybe younger than him and wearing Raggedy Ann red-andwhite-striped stockings. She also had a wig of blue braids.

"No, but I get that a lot." He had to shout. The girl was referring to his eyes and spiky, long, jet-black hair atop a pale face. Marlon was, and presumably still is, not terribly tall. He told her his name and asked hers, which was Terry. Terry was dressed as her character idea that she would try to sell here: Missy Void.

They wandered the Con together for the rest of the day. They passed a comic-book writer, famous and holding court with a group of some 30 young fans. One asked, "Where do you get your ideas from?"

"Rock Springs, Wyoming." Deadpan. The blueeyed, white-haired writer had the flushed face and peanut eyes of a habitual drinker.

Comic-Con seemed to flow past them rather than they through it.

They had dinner together at Kansas City Barbecue. Marlon is from L.A.; Terry, Chicago. They returned to the Con that night. Marlon then realized that many other fans and attendees were carrying the same kind of large shoulder satchel as he and Terry. Were they all aspiring writers, artists armed with manuscripts and samples? No. Probably most were carrying those things to hold posters, comics, and toys and role-playing software.

They watched a screening of some fantasy film late — at, like, 11 or so. They didn't pay much attention, and neither of them could tell you what it was about or what it was called or who was in it. They were more interested in each other, an interest veiled in a feigned fascination with the internal logic of the respective universes of Missy Void and Zack Kane. The crosstime dimensions in which Zack moved, the heartbroken loss of Missy Void's character-driven wanderings after the murder of her parents by Zoraxians — these were code. Code for "You are wonderful/I am wonderful too."

At no point on that Friday did either of them realize, or maybe just acknowledge, that they had not taken care of business. They had not sought out publishers, agents, illustrators for their inner worlds. Their inner worlds were occupied, though. Just not with Zoraxians or crosstime, doom-laden mercenaries.

In his hotel room, Marlon could not sleep. He watched television without seeing it, just staring at the thing as if it were his father's lava lamp. At one point he panicked that he might not find her in the crowd Saturday morning.

Don't know if he did. That's all he told me.

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by Barbarella

When did the future switch from being a promise to being a threat?

— Chuck Palahniuk

his is just the kind of thing I was in the mood for," I said, gesturing at my plate of pasta.

"It's a smart move, this change of direction," said David. "You know, taking a higher-end, white-linen kind of restaurant and turning it into a rustic Italian place." It's impossible for my man to patronize an establishment without imagining the changes he might make as proprietor. His present focus was Cucina Urbana, which had replaced Laurel, a restaurant we frequented when money was flowing in, not gushing out of our bank accounts. "Warm lighting, a pizza oven, wine — it really taps into people's need for comfort. Especially these days."

"Mmm, yes, comfy cozy carbs," I said. "What do you

mean, 'especially these days'?"

he's finished. This time I

"First we're "I mean, people are afraid right now. Afraid attacked, then they're not going to have a job tomorrow, that they we're at war, and might not be able to pay their mortgage, afraid of terrorists, then, just when or that our country is going to disintegrate past the point you think things of no return." David paused, as he does while talking can't get any long, formidable pauses I often misinterpret to mean worse..."

Comfy Cozy

decided to wait it out, mostly because my mouth was full.

"I heard of a study on NPR." There it is, I thought, congratulating myself for my restraint. I nodded silently at this long-awaited revelation, imagining myself graceful and composed, a person who enjoys the back-and-forth of intelligent discourse, one who doesn't require constant possession of the conch. So focused was I on my exceptional listening skills that I missed a good chunk of what David said. As he now seemed to be waiting for a response of some kind, I mentally backtracked and retrieved a handful of words to repeat in a way that would encourage him to elaborate.

"So, basically, when things are unstable and chaotic, people prefer songs with a steady beat, and when times are good and stable, they like more variety in their music, like weird time signatures or shifting rhythms," David explained.

"Huh. So is that why so much crap has been on the radio recently?"

"Probably...I wouldn't know. I only listen to NPR," David said with a wink.

"I guess it makes sense that people would seek comfort and stability right now," I said. "First we're attacked, then we're at war, and then, just when you think things can't get any worse, the entire economy implodes unemployment rates skyrocket and incomes plummet, institutions crumple like yesterday's grocery list, and 'corporate reliability' turns out to be a flimsy curtain for a handful of twisted and greedy little wizards. Nothing is right anymore. It's like our blankie got snatched away."

"Speaking of which, I still have my childhood teddy bear in storage," said David. "If things continue this way I might just dig it out again." I couldn't tell if he was joking. When he continued, his tone was all business.

"I wonder if all people are drawn to soft objects when they're stressed. I know you are." I began to shake my head, but then David added, "Think about Cecil. And the hedgehog."

Cecil was the name David had given to the giant, Japanese anime-styled stuffed hamster I bought at the Asian toy store adjacent to Tofu House. The hedgehog — a smaller, squishy plush toy — was acquired from Fry's Electronics. Both were impulse buys, each on days I had been particularly stressed. David has witnessed me seeking solace in these inanimate creatures, sometimes walking in to find me hugging pillow-sized Cecil or stroking the silken back of the small hedgehog while contemplating one stressful situation or another.

"Did you have a stuffed animal when you were growing up?"

"What, like, am I regressing or something? I don't think so. I think it's human nature, or even nature-nature," I answered. "Soft is maternal — all kinds of animals make soft nests for their young; a human baby rests on its mother's soft breasts. Don't mean to go all Freud on you, but think about it — isn't everyone attracted to soft stuff?"

"Yeah, maybe, but not as much as you, especially when you're wigging out over something," David said.

"Foxy," I declared. David's brows performed a dance of inquiry. "That was her name. You asked if I had a stuffed animal as a kid, and I did — a big fox with a long tail, and I named her Foxy. Only, she wasn't the first Foxy. See, there was an incident..."

David, exhibiting the silent encouragement of a good therapist, listened as I relayed the saga that led to the first panic attack I can remember. I'd only had my new stuffed animal for a few weeks - long enough for a five-year-old to personify an object and become attached. Foxy wasn't just a toy, she was my confidant, my cohort, my friend. That is, until I let her down.

It wasn't intentional, but then again, negligence rarely is, at least not consciously. One minute I was enjoying my Happy Meal with Foxy at my side, and the next I was in the backseat of the family van, presumably in a digestive stupor. We hadn't made it far when the fast-food fog vanished as a sudden and acute fear of loss swept over me. Because I wouldn't stop screaming, my mother drove back to McDonald's so I could search the empty booth in which I'd sat moments before. Foxy had become such a stable and major part of my short life that it seemed impossible she could be gone.

When Mom finally managed to extricate me from the restaurant, she brought me to Foxy's birthplace, where only one such



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creature remained on the shelves...that is, until my relieved mother purchased it, and, with the sigh of a woman who had been through a trying day, bequeathed to me the instrument of calm. "I never let her go again," I said to David, who had listened to the entire tale without interruption.

"Eventually, I grew out of my need for Foxy. When I was 23, I finally said goodbye and, with one last hug, placed her in a box of old stuff bound



for the dump."

"Right," David said with a gleam in his skyblue eyes. "So then you won't mind if I—

"Don't you touch Cecil," I said. "You lay one hand on that hamster's head and I swear to God you'll need a lot more than your precious old teddy to comfort you."

David adjusted his features into an eloquent smile and for the moment found solace in a sip of wine. ■

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SALSA SUSIE, TANGO TONY

by Josh Board

n the same weekend last month, I went to two dance parties. One was for a salsa dancer who turned 40. The locale, in P.B., was decorated with pictures of him. A DJ played salsa tunes. Later in the evening he played hip-hop, which lured more people to the dance floor.

I went into the kitchen and heard a woman say, "This is weird. They spent so much money on this party, with the deejay, bartender, all this food...and the wine they have is this 'two-buck Chuck.'" A few minutes later, I saw her pouring it down the drain, saying, "I found this bottle of wine — it's a lot better."

As I grabbed a few chips, she said, "You know what? I don't even know if we're allowed to open this."

A blonde gal opened the freezer to get some ice and said, "What asshole put a beer in the freezer? That is so not cool!"

The bean dip was delicious — spicy and with lots of cilantro. I heard Susie introduce herself to someone as "Salsa Susie." She pointed to someone else and said, "That's Tango Tony." She saw me standing nearby and said, "That's Jit-





Left: Anne on right, Hollywood cameraman in middle; Right: The women pick up Bruce for his send-off

terbug Josh."

One guy walked in carrying a ham sandwich. Someone asked him where he got it. He said, "At the gas station down the street." A woman yelled, "That's disgusting!" He took a bite and with a mouthful said, "That's

"I'll volunteer to be the pole."

the difference between men and women. We'll eat food at gas stations if we're hungry."

When Susie and a few other people brought out the cake, someone said, "That cake is bigger than she is."

After we sang "Happy Birth-

day," Susie passed around pieces of cake to everyone. I asked her about what dance moves she picks up on TV shows or in movies.

"We love watching them, but we always say, 'That isn't salsa' or 'What kind of move is that? You won't win the competition doing that.' You also notice a couple is clumsy if they've only been dancing together a short time."

The second dance party I went to last month was for a guy named Bruce, who was moving to England. Because it was a potluck, I bought a cake at Ralphs and asked a bakery department employee to decorate it with a Union Jack design. The woman behind the counter told me, "You can't just walk in

here and want a cake designed a certain way and expect us to do that in four hours."

I then went and bought the colors to add the flag myself. I also bought some stickers at Michael's — double-decker buses, telephone booths, Big Ren.

When I was introduced to Bruce, I asked why he was going to the U.K. I realized why when he spoke — he's from the U.K. He told me he was going to teach.

Someone else at the party told me he was going to teach dance, but when I tried to clarify that, a few people pointed to an Asian guy named David Nguyen, who was the dance teacher for many people at the party.

I went up to ask him a question, and he pointed out the pen in my ear. He said, "I can show you how to put it behind your ear in a much cooler fashion." As he showed me, I thought about making a joke about how he could dance "cooler," but he is an amazing dancer.

I asked David about how he got started dancing. He said he started a swing club when he attended Scripps Ranch High School. It eventually disbanded when swing's popularity ebbed.

I loved listening to him talk about how he didn't care for the showy nature of *Dancing with the Stars* and his love of a '40s movie titled *Top Hat,* with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

As David explained some of the philosophies of Arthur Murray, I heard a guy yell out to the crowd dancing, "How about some pole-dancing?" Another guy piped in, "I'll volunteer to be the pole."

A woman asked why I wasn't dancing. I glanced down at the plate of food I had, which consisted of a variety of fruits and a few chocolate brownies. She said, "Put that down and come cut a rug." I said, "Uh...it's all hardwood floor. And, I'm not going to dance unless I can do the Cabbage Patch and the Running Man. Those are the only dances I remember from high school."

A couple was leaving at 9:30 p.m. They had to be up by 6:00 a.m. Another woman told me her husband had to leave because he was really sick. I didn't ask for details.

But another woman did give me details of her sickness. Her name was Anne and she danced beautifully. When she came over and sat on the couch, she had a



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hit of sweat on her forehead. She confided that she had Lyme disease. I was surprised when she mentioned it was possible to get Lyme disease in San Diego.

I met a guy who worked in movies. When I heard he worked on the set of The Blues Brothers, I asked him about it. He said, "They told me it was only going to be a threeday shoot, but the filming went so long, it put me in a whole new tax bracket. I knew the movie would be big. Belushi was great to talk with. Aykroyd wasn't as friendly at first. Once I started talking about Canada, he opened up and wasn't as quiet."

After I asked if he ever got a thrill from working with certain stars, he said, "Sometimes. My wife was excited when I worked with Harry Connick Jr. on Will & Grace. She bugged him for a picture."

He told me his son, a former gymnast, is now a

stuntman in Hollywood.

"He's getting a lot of work. Since he's fullblooded Japanese, that's a look that is getting a lot of work in that field."

As I attempted to leave, Leslie, who held the party at her house, tried getting me to dance. I told her I wouldn't. She settled for a hug goodbye, and I stepped on her foot. I said, "Look at that! I

step on feet even doing something as simple as hugging. Imagine what I would've done to your toes if we were out there dancing." ■

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Get out of the house, says The Voice. Do not go gentle into that good night. Do you expect me to believe that you can't find a life without paying a cover charge. You sorry sack of...

Okay, okay, fine.
I'm going. But where?
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SUNDAY, MAY 17

"'Do You Believe in Gosh?' Allison Gill performs Mitch Hedberg's final album in tribute to the late comedian, 8:00 p.m., Blarney Stone Pub, Clairemont. Admission: Free."

"Blarney Stone," reads the caption below an image of the storefront hanging to the left of the pub's tiny stage. A huge, creamywhite certificate hangs to the left of the tiny stage inside the Blarney Stone, looking for all the world like an oversized diploma. A photo of the storefront adorns the center of the certificate; the caption below reads, "Blarney Stone: 5817 Balboa, San Diego, California. Established in 1978. A Bass Certified Proper Pint Establishment." Looking around at the low, rough-hewn rafters and the proliferation of proper tables, you can almost accept the designation and all it implies — almost forget that you are at the far end of a monster strip mall in a part of America that can lay little claim to the whole Irish in America experience. But then, there are reminders: the flatscreen TV hung on top of the mural depicting a pub fireplace, the paper shamrocks adorning the rafters, and the douchebags.

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Well, that's maybe a little harsh. But there's something about the young guy sitting at my table maybe it's his shiny button-down shirt, the sleeves rolled smugly all the way up above the elbows; maybe it's his agitated "I heart Red Bull" demeanor, maybe it's the way he's saving places for his friends with a cell phone, keys, and a pack of cigarettes that rubs me the wrong way. Because I'm old and grumpy. Mind you, not as old and grumpy as Crazy Old Guy over at the next table — you know, the one with the standard-military-issue eyeglasses and the haircut that reduces his graving patch to a kind of hair-beanie. Even when he's happy, buttonholing a nearby listener with his latest observation, he still sounds aggravated.

But enough about them. They are just two, and the bar is full and loud and happy, and here comes Ms. Gill, slouching up to the stage in a flannel shirt, boy jeans, glasses, and New Balance sneakers (you must not forget the sneakers, O Best Beloved). Her breasts are bound up with an Ace bandage — though that won't become clear until later, when she returns to the stage holding it aloft and expressing gratitude for her newly regained freedom. She pushes her hair back out of her face in an appropriately dudelike fashion and gives a brief disclaimer in a whiskey-rich voice:

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trying new material on the crowd. Keep that in mind when you're listening — you can almost hear how the jokes would have turned out had he not done a bunch of heroin that night in March. I love him, and this is for him." With that, she slips into character and gives us a taste of Mitch working out his act: "I was at the DC Improv, and they used my name for all sorts of shit, and it was embarrassing... they were, like, 'Ladies and gentlemen, please do not yell out Mitch's jokes during the performance,' because I guess one time this guy yelled out my joke and he was too drunk so I got mad and it's like...I don't know, that shit's funny. It's f***in' hilarious — trust me. Go into my head and come back out and tell me I'm wrong."

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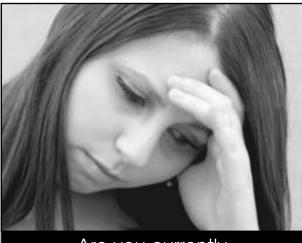
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(It's a good save — by the end, the crowd is back on his side. And what do you know — my shinyshirted friend is such a fan that I catch him delivering punch lines right along with Gill — almost like the *joke*. Better still, one of his friends is so deep into his iPhone that he can't bear to put it down during the performance, and Crazy Old Guy is so annoyed by the phone's glow that he storms off, muttering, "There's one in every crowd." Shiny-shirt and his buds will later conclude that the old man is an asshole.)

I listened to Hedberg's "Do You Believe in Gosh" on YouTube before heading out to the show, and hearing Gill now, I am suitably impressed with her impersonation of the man. A lot of Hedberg's

charm comes from his inflection — simultaneously enthused and bemused, friendly and yet tending to trail off inwardly, as if he's considering what he's just said. Gill nails it. "I taught myself how to play guitar, and that was a stupid decision, because I did not know how to play. I was a shitty teacher. I would never have went to me."

joke; many are much shorter. "I'm wearing New Balance shoes, but they're old, so I might start falling." (See, I told you not to forget the sneakers, Best Beloved. Gill did her homework.) Occasionally, (s)-he'll bust out an actual story. "I was watching TV and there was a show about a lady who was born without arms — like, literally, she was born with her

That's a mid-length

hands attached to her shoulders. And it was, like, that's sad, but they were, like, 'This woman doesn't understand the meaning of the word "can't," 'and to me, that's actually kind of worse in a way. Not only does she not have arms, she does not understand simple contractions. It's very simple, Lola: you take two words and put them together, take out the middle letter, put a comma in there and raise it UP!" This works on so many levels, partly because Hedberg himself never used contractions when he spoke.

I learn that particular tidbit from Gill, who has made a study of such things. "I'm hugely influenced by Mitch Hedberg as far as the kind of comedy I write," says Gill after the set, standing in the cool outside the bar for a

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To possibly qualify for the study, must be:

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- 8 years (operative report must be available)
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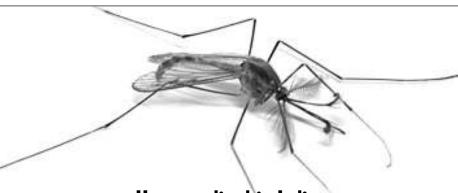
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LA JOLLA INSTITUTE ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY minute before heading back in to sing bawdy, comedic songs under her own persona. "I just don't do heroin. I think he's one of those accidental geniuses, like the Beatles. There are tribute bands — I figured, why not tribute comedy?"

Adopting the Mitch persona, says Gill, takes little more than "a couple of drinks. If you f*ck something up, well, Mitch messed up all the time because he was so f*cking high. So you can just be, like, 'Ah, f*ck, I f*cked that up,' and people will be, like, 'That's so right!' When, actually, I f*cked it up."

But then, there is that inflection, and you don't get that out of a couple of drinks. "I have a freakishly good memory, and it's auditory," Gill says. "If I hear something once, I've

got it. When I was four or five, I started doing talent shows, memorizing Shel Silverstein poems. But I had to have someone read them to me to memorize them, and in a very overacted manner. The inflection makes it almost like a song, and I'm good at imitating that. If a comic

There were, like, six people there," but one of them was the owner, "and he said, 'You're hosting open mike from now on.' " (When she starts into her own set, it becomes clear that she's developed a following of her own. When she launches into a song about one-night stands,

"You're hosting open mike from now on."

has that sort of thing, there you go."

Gill saw Hedberg perform once at Spreckels in 2004, six months before he died. By that point, she was already working Sunday nights here at the Blarney Stone. "They had an open-mike night, and I came in and performed.

a trio of young women at the bar roar out responses to each line: "Well, it's 2:00 a.m. and I don't know your name [KNOW YOUR NAME!] You might think it matters, but you're all the same [ALL THE SAME!]...")

These days, she says, "I'm pretty selective. I had

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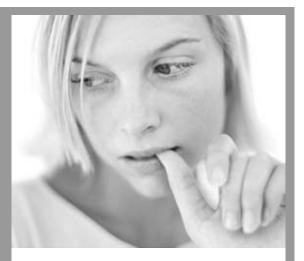
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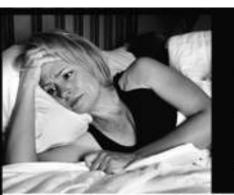
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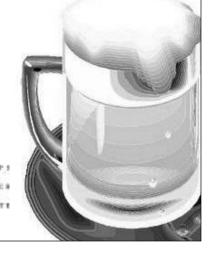
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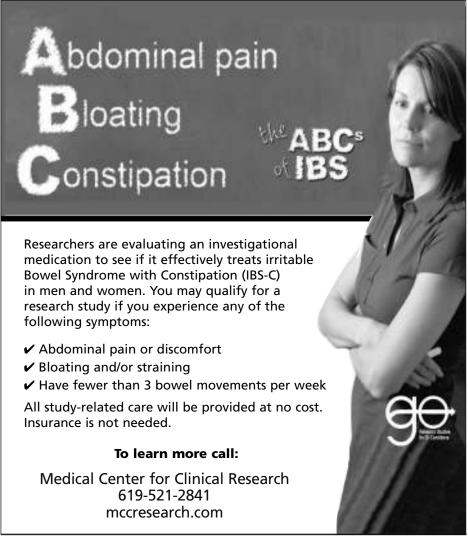
- 1) 18-50-year-old females (including smokers 35 years or younger)
- 2) Regular cycles between 25-35 days
- 3) Must have moderate to severe cramps and/or headaches with your period

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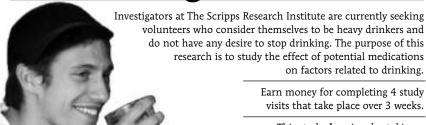
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some people who weren't that great, and they drove people out of the place, so now it's more 'I'll book you to play on Sunday and you won't get paid, but the owner is usually here,

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When your TYPE 2 DIABETES is out of control, finding harmony is essential.



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Even when you follow all of your doctor's instructions, your blood sugar levels can still be difficult to maintain. And, the inconvenience of multiple daily doses required by other medications can often disrupt your daily routine. Now, the HARMONY program is evaluating the effectiveness of an investigational type 2 diabetes medication, which could require less frequent dosings than many current treatments.

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dians get a lesson in working a bar. "People come here to try out comedy because when they come here, they can get good at dealing with hecklers and dealing with a room that's not set up for comedy. It's just a regular open mike at a bar — it's not the Comedy Store, where everybody's laughing because it's nice to do that."

MONDAY, MAY 18

I watch most of my TV and movies on a 15-inch computer screen, which makes the promise of seeing Terminator 2 at something approaching cinema-size up in the Loft at UCSD pretty tempting. Yeah, I've seen it twice — but it's a durable action movie and would make for a fun run-up to Terminator: Salvation. On the other hand. I've seen it. Twice. A better call: Special. "This darkly comic riff on our relationships with our heroes and our medicine cabinets, starring Michael Rapaport, screens for Film Forum, 6:30 p.m., San Diego Public Library, downtown. Admission: Free."

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tually possess, I'm betting it won't be able to match the old main branch for stubborn charm. The term "stately pile" is usually reserved for old English country houses, but it's what I think of every time I behold the library's façade, with its faux-stone front, its glassy entry level, its short columns below the roofline. And my favorite room in the stately pile, hands down, is the third-floor lecture hall, tucked behind a single door framed with smooth wood paneling. It's dated, but in the best possible way — there's not a trace of wear on the wainscoting; the movie-style seats are still springy and comfy, and the acoustic beveling of the ceiling still looks futuristic. Pull down a movie screen in front of the stage curtain, fire up the overhead projector, and you've got a fine free movie house

"I work on the idea that if something intrigues me, there will probably be others who feel the same way," says Ralph DeLauro, who runs the library's film program. "And because it's free, you can go for art with a capital A and see what happens. *Special* seemed like an oddball film that fit in with what we do."

DeLauro started screening films in the early '80s, "on the rooftop of a Fifth Avenue artists' colony." In 1984, he walked into the library, proposed running a film series, and got the go-ahead from PR officer Lois Hyman. Over time, he developed relationships with community groups, political organizations, and various film festivals, so that now he finds himself premiering PBS-bound POV films like Tintin and *I*, hosting director Grace Lee for a screening of *The* Grace Lee Project, and welcoming scholars to discuss films like *Crips and Bloods: Made in America*. And thanks to a screening license, he can show films from most of the major studios, as well as "smaller labels like Lion-

sgate and FirstLook."

The hair on every head among the first arrivals is gray; some of it is more kempt than others. A carefully assembled couple take their seats near the front; the gentleman in front of me is less put together — white French cuffs jutting from the sleeves of his blazer, an incongruous web belt around his waist. "How do you like the movie so far?" he calls to a friend across the aisle, though of course, the movie hasn't started yet. "I thought I'd add a little humor," he adds, "because you might as well be happy."

As we get closer to showtime, a few younger folks arrive. "All these people are regulars," says DeLauro as he fiddles with the DVD player at the back

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of the theater. "We do this every Monday unless there's a holiday, and they come pretty much every week."

DeLauro welcomes the crowd, the room goes dark, and the screen lights up. Starting a film with a voiceover is almost always a sign of narrative infirmity, but Rapaport sells it with his plaintive reading: "I used to dream about flying. It went the same way every night. I realized I could fly — no, that's not quite right. I realized that there was no reason I couldn't fly, and after that, I'd float off the ground. But I haven't had that dream in a while. Now, lately, I dream about more ordinary things, like doing my laundry or shopping for groceries. I wonder why that is."

"You might as well be

happy," said the man in front of me. Twenty minutes into Special, I'm shaking my head in wonder dude is prescient. Happiness, and the (super)heroic struggle to attain it, are at the core of the film.

Let me back up a bit. I actually start Monday night at Reds Espresso Gallery in Point Loma for their Meeting of the Minds. " 'Thinkers' Gatherings planned. Draw a topic out of a hard hat or bring your own theories and hold court. 5:00 p.m. Admission: Free." It sounds promising, but by 5:30, the only attendees are a couple of graving Boomers, and their discussion is more about process than anything else: whether it was more fruitful to mix it up with someone deeply opposed to

you, your opinion, and everything you stand for or to hash out distinctions with someone who shares your basic worldview. (The proprietress told me they were just getting started with the series — maybe it will pick up.)

I don't stick around to hear their conclusions, but I do check out a case in point of the latter scenario: the 7:00 p.m. monthly meeting of Activist San Diego at the Joyce Beers Community Center in Hillcrest. Tonight's topic for the 30 or so people seated in a circle in the otherwise empty room: Obama's first 100 days.

Our host is Matt young and loose, sporting a black bowler hat and a beard big enough to bind up at the base. "The purpose of this meeting was to try to have a sort of discussion collectively with the people in the progressive community," he explains — which is why he's invited folks from the Green Party, the Peace and Freedom Party, and others to share their thoughts.

agrees Matt.

Over the next hour, the president takes a beating from the left. The Activist San Diego presentations lambaste him for increasing spending on border security, refusing to go after "those people

After that, Barbara Storey, program director for health care for the League of Women Voters of California, excoriates the Obama administration for not even allowing the discussion of single-payer health coverage

Over the next hour, the president takes a beating from the left.

He's also teamed with fellow members of Activist San Diego to present short overviews of Obama's actions with regard to the bailout, immigration, the war in Afghanistan and Iraq, torture...

"And health care," adds a woman sitting in front

"And health care,"

involved in ʻharsh interrogations' under the Bush administration," leaving troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and allowing the continued use of mercenaries (such as Triple Canopy), and propping up the banks and Wall Street with no risk to anyone but the American taxpayer.

at the Baucus-led Finance Committee hearings. "To date, more than 13 people have been arrested because they've gone into the hearings and talked about it and these are doctors and nurses. There is no way you can finance this system and keep the healthinsurance industry in it. They've got to go. The

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Obama-Baucus plan is a disaster happening."

Her ire also spills out on those closer to home. "We've actually passed single-payer the last two legislative sessions here in California, but... I don't like to use his name, so I just call him 'him' most of the time, that's how I deal with my frustrations..."

"Well," says a gentleman seated nearby, "you could refer to him by his most famous movie role, the Terminator."

"Well, he terminated our health care twice now. But we will pass it in 2011. It's just mushrooming, and we finally started pulling people in from Hollywood. Lily Tomlin does this thing where she's a phone operator for an HMO. She says, 'Surely you don't believe that HMO stands for Help Me Out?' She's doing some great stuff."

A young white man opines that Obama "is a follower — he has to follow the center. Our job is to shift the center to the left, to a more progressive area. We've failed to do that because we've failed to get our message out. We don't have access to the media. We don't have access to the political parties that are in power. We have to infiltrate those minds and open them. I've been working with the La Jolla Demo-

cratic Club, and we've developed a system of Focus on Change groups at focusonchange.org" for speaking to "the general public that is normally apathetic."

A young black woman comments, "Republicans are on the run — they're marginalized. Yet it seems to me that the administration is still consistently playing to the right. On the major issues, it seems like we're still waiting for the right to decide what should happen. On the Employee Free Choice Act, we're still looking to big business to see what they want to do. The left should be stronger than at any time in my lifetime; why

are we not making bigger gains?"

An older black man disagrees. "I didn't vote for Obama — I voted Green. But for me, personally, this is the best 100 days I've seen since Kennedy. The atmosphere has changed. I don't think people are as bigoted or as racist as they were a few years ago. African-Americans look at the justice system and think maybe they have a better chance."

But wait! Who is that readying a rebuttal? It's Crazy Old Guy from the Blarney Stone on Sunday! What are the odds? "This man is dangerous," he booms. "We knew that before the election. As charismatic as he is, see how rotten all his lines are: about giving the Biblethumping bigots more pork. He said, 'I am going to cut out pork earmarks' — he flat-out said that! And then he walked in and gave the Zionists money! He gave AIPAC money! Take statements that he's been allowed to get away with — 'Oh, hell, honky firefighters who have better scores and better abilities don't deserve equal pay.' Put that in the context of a woman, or a different race, and see how badly his stuff stinks. Europe has had a reduction in racism, but America, as Dawkins points out, has had an increase. That's just a fact. And Obama, in his bigotry and ignorance — unequal pay for equal work — is one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse."

"Okay," says Matt. "Well, thank you for that. And now, let's see, we're going to hear from..." But how do you follow such a bravura performance? Time to go.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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the importance of promoting debut authors," says Susan McBeth to the nine people seated before the podium set up next to the cash register at Warwick's. "We've supported authors before they were known to the world...Khaled Hosseini, who wrote The Kite Run*ner*—was here for his first book, and we had maybe 40 people here, 39 of whom were in his family. At his next event, we had almost 600 people."

The crowd is almost entirely female (and two more women will arrive during the proceedings to bring down the median age). But both Shaw and Brown are eager to point out that their novels are not chick-lit. Says Brown, "I think chick-lit began as 'single girl in the city, drinking cocktails, looking for love.' Very plot oriented. There's always a Mr. Wrong and a Mr. Right. They can be charming, and they're very, very light — they're not really concerned with bigger issues about society or relationships. And I think that over the last decade, those books have become so popular that all fiction by women that involves women has been pushed in that direction in terms of marketing. In my book, there's no love at all — there are a lot of bitter relationships. And there's no shopping. And yet, when the book came out, there were roundups that said, 'This summer's chick-lit novels include All We Ever Wanted Was Everything."

Shaw felt the push over the title first (her own idea was *Do You Know Who I Am?*) and then again when it came to the cover — and she had a sheaf of mock-ups to prove it. "You feel like you're writing literary fiction, and you picture your book as this really artsy, literary thing. Our

original had this blackand-white photo of a woman sleeping in a bed. At the end of the day, Barnes & Noble didn't like it — they thought it was too serious, too somber. They basically said, 'You can go ahead with it, but we're not going to buy that many copies, because we don't think it will sell that well.' "Random House started bringing

Shaw options, and she rifles through the lot for our benefit. "Way too chick lit...bland...totally generic...hated the high-heeled girl the most...bride crying into a pillow, too

immature...bride and groom pushing a beat-up car I liked; it told a story...bride standing on half a wedding cake...husband dropping the bride..." At the end of the

day, "everybody ended up liking the final" — a torn and slightly crumpled valentine heart. "They felt it was clean and pretty. I was surprised to be so happy with it."

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"I had a very similar experience," says Brown. "My first cover was a picture of a dead Gerber daisy. Barnes & Noble didn't like it. Eventually, we decided on this picture of a melting sundae. It's all about approachability, and this was approachable but also hinted at the darkness of the book. I think the book has done well, but whether it's because of the cover or because of the content, I couldn't tell you."

Blonde, thin, and ram-rod-straight, Shaw reads first, after McBeth quotes from a starred *Booklist* review: "Shaw's graceful prose and razor-sharp observations make this absorbing debut a true standout." The main character, a New York—born divorcée named Lacey, has fled her new home in L.A. and snuck into a Nebraska

writer's colony, passing a TV script off as a play. She runs into a hostile Marine sergeant at a local bar but apparently makes a good impression:

"I went back to the bar to settle my tab.

" 'I already got it,' said the sergeant.

"'Really?' I said, looking up at him.

" 'Really,' he said.

"We spent the rest of the night walking the town and talking. The streets were quiet, their homes, small and white and tucked away for the night, lamps glowing yellow and warm behind unlocked doors. Later, we headed out beyond, to the dirt roads, by the farms and the rolling fields, where it was silent except for our footsteps and the low murmur of our talk. He talked to me about war and duty and

loyalty and commitment. It was so dark we could see the Milky Way. Toward dawn, we went down by the river. The green grass was firm and new. Afterward, he kept me so warm, it was like he had a skill for it. Then we watched the sun come up. I hadn't done anything like it since I was a teenager.

"I told him that, all of it. I said I would never forget him.

"'Where do you think you're gonna be when I get back?'he said.'I mean, what is it you want out of life?'"

"I was touched by the question but felt it was too late to ask it. Whatever I'd wanted — well, I hadn't gotten it. Ten years ago, or even five, when I was in my twenties, I'd had time to figure out what I wanted. But now, at

thirty-three, there wasn't any time to think about wanting; I had to go ahead and get it. And suddenly I realized I couldn't say what I wanted from the future, because the future and I were at the same place. Whatever I wanted from the future, I was living it right now.

"'I guess I want this,' I said happily, hugging myself, exhilarated by my realization. 'A night like this. More nights like this.'

"He smiled. I knew he thought I was talking about him and that was okay."

McBeth takes the podium again to introduce Brown, whose novel was voted Best Book of the Year by *Library Journal* when it came out in hardcover. Brown has brown hair and is wearing a brown dress and is

expecting. ("When did that happen?" asks one of the ladies in attendance before the reading. "I could explain..." replies Brown.) She introduces us to Janice, one of her three protagonists: newly divorced from her husband of 29 years, who has just struck it rich and shacked up with her best friend. Janice is at the supermarket, shopping for dinner:

"She trots the cart down past the fresh herbs in the refrigerated bins just as the sprinklers hiss on. She pauses for a brief second and — she can't help it, it looks so cool and enticing, and she feels just a tiny bit wobbly — tips her head in, just over the dill, tilts it up, and lets the mist come down over her face and neck. It feels marvelous, as soft and delicate as a feather, damp-

ening the top of her blouse, catching in her hair. She is reminded of a trip she once took to Hawaii with Paul — a walk in a tropical rainforest, a waterfall that she longed to step under but didn't dare, lest she ruin her sundress and sandals. Only now can she sense the bliss that comes with that kind of abandon.

" 'Janice?'

"The voice seems to come from a thousand miles away.

"Janice steps back with a jolt, realizing with alarm what she has done, and opens her eyes. Water is in her eyes, she can't really see, but she recognizes Barbara Blint by the throatish rasp of her voice.

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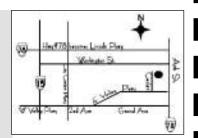
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wrong with Barbara. It's just that she's a bit too enthusiastic. Like a puppy that won't stop licking your foot, no matter how much you discourage it. If there is a charity planning committee, Barbara will undoubtedly volunteer for the most demeaning tasks that no one else will touch; if there is a Thanksgiving church feed for the poor, Barbara will be stuffing donated turkeys at 4 a.m.; if there's a death in the neighborhood, Barbara's the first to arrive with a casserole and a tear-stained face. And then there's Barbara's overt religiosity, an acquisition after the death of her husband...five years ago and a slightly gauche novelty in a neighborhood of understated religion. Barbara now talks about God in the same familiar way poor people in the Midwest did, as if he lived in the double-wide next door and was coming over that night for a Hamburger Helper dinner."

Then it's time for the standard Q&A about the writing process, about writer's groups, about MFAs, and most importantly of all, about how did you get an agent/how did you get published. (Brown made connections with other writers through her work as a journalist; Shaw, a former TV writer, joined a writer's group and landed a story in Swink.) Finally, the attendees make their purchases and line up to get their books signed. I can't bear to check and see whether Shaw or Brown sells more.

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Ah, contemporary arts spaces. So. Much. White. (And. Concrete.) But the high school kids add both color and personality, and the fun starts before I even finish ascending the concrete stairs. Over and above — or rather, under and around — the echoes of chatting teenagers, I can hear something scraping. The effect is grating, unsettling. It's David Ciani's Untitled Soundscape.

"The concept of my project," he explains, "was to capture the struggle between humans and animals and to show how animals are often subjugated to human interests. They're kind of an underdog. I captured sounds of animals in situations where they're being subjugated. I took a trip to Thailand for spring break, and they had this elephant show. They had the elephants play harmonicas. We rode the elephants, and the whole backtrack for the sound piece is the sound of the chains on the elephant harness swinging back and forth."

From the stairs, I head

down the white hall to the newsroom. A large television runs five "newsy" segments on a loop — or, if you want to watch just one, you can slap on some headphones and get up close to one of five portable DVD players. Clint Buchhauser and his partner Jonathan Le decided to focus on small businesses. "It's just kind of a news report," says Buchhauser, "with small businesses as the underdog in this economy. We talked to a couple of business owners about how they're dealing with the current crisis. But we were kind of limited by the seven minutes." At the other end of the hall, a photo display depicts a shut-down Coffee Bean Bar, its jaunty red-and-yellow paint job mocked by the chain-link fence demarking its demise. The caption: "As of February 2008, there are more than 11,000 Starbucks stores in the US. Any other

coffee shop seems hopeless in the face of such a giant. So, this coffee shop is the underdog."

Two segments man-

age a neat juxtaposition regarding Christianity's status in society, with one interviewing Christians about the difficulties they face in evangelizing and another scanning the news for evidence of bias against atheists in a largely theistic country. Another profiles wheelchair-bound tennis players. "My project is a simple message showing people in wheelchairs living life to the fullest," explains Bob Landry. "I chose this topic because I have an uncle who is paralyzed. Once he became paralyzed, he chose to stop living a full life. I wanted to show that life does not stop and that a new and satisfying life can be created."

"A lot of people are doing projects on personal issues," says Amanda Schoepflin, co-creator of the experimental video Exemption."I went through downsizing, and it was a very emotional process for me. The other project members went through the same thing — one couldn't go to the college he wanted to attend, another couldn't get aid she needed. Our project is about going from middle-class to that little bit under middle-class."

"The girl I did my piece with, someone she's very close to was raped as a kid," says Ivan Vandenbergh, explaining The Unspoken, a video remix he made with Megan Davenport. "She felt the need to push the idea forward, because we feel that when people start talking about rape, no one wants to listen."

The film, which screens in the "mature audiences" Education Room, features a number of clips from the Jodie Foster rape drama The Accused. Most of them focus on the crowd in the tavern during the rape itself, the way the men egg each other on. "Rape is attributed to four things," reads the intercut text, "peer pressure, alcohol, all-male groups, and male dominance." Cut to a nasty pre-rape scene from Farrah Fawcett's Extremities. "Ninety-nine percent of offenders were aroused by the description of beating and raping a woman. Is it morally right for these explicit scenes to be shown in movies? Rape is so prevalent that one in every four women will be raped in her lifetime."

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for its nine-minute rape scene — "but we thought it might be a little much. We didn't want to be encouraging it," especially in light of that 99 percent statistic. "We wanted people to question themselves when they were watching this."

The Education Room — white, with benches made from egg crates and Astroturf also features a film exploring domestic violence, and another, Bitch! Make Me a Sandwich, which steps back from this or that particular experience and addresses the structure of traditional gender roles. "I did a project on feminism last year, so I sort of got into it then," says creator Alejandra Ewing after the screening. "I just wanted to show how it is in a lot of families. I think

it should be more equal, so I flipped it around. I wanted to show girls breaking out, showing they're fed up with it." The climax: an angry woman asking her man, "You know what, bitch? Why don't you make *me* a f*cking sandwich?"

It's not all edges and bruises and sorrow. Out on the deck overlooking the harbor, a carnival basketball-shoot game is set up alongside a clip mix of underdogs in sports films. "Americans love the underdog because we can all relate to their circumstances," reads the text. An ex-gangbanger has recorded a song about finding God and escaping thug life. Back inside, the main screen features an aspiring dancer interviewing actual pros about the challenges they face.

("It's difficult to be in a career where you're judged so much on the way your body looks, even what your face looks like.") And Ashauncy Diaz-Nixon sticks up for love. "I went around to all my peers and asked them what they perceived love as. I also went to a life coach and interviewed her. I think love is the underdog. Lust and sexual attraction are way bigger than love and often confused with love." Says the life coach, "It's really just finding a person who is willing to try to get there with you, that's willing to endure stuff so that you can get closer to unconditional love."

The (white) Burgland Room has the biggest screen, and it is there that I see my two favorite pieces. The first is Dar-

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ian Silverman's Hidden Angel, a tribute to single mothers. What I love about it is the careful opening sequence — the camera at ground level, filming a toddler as she goes about the laborious business of obtaining Apple Jacks, bowl, milk, and spoon, setting up a dining spot on the kitchen floor, pouring cereal and milk, eating a few bites, and then leaving the whole mess behind. Followed by an equally careful and laborious cleanup sequence, all underlaid by a lilting, Feist-y song. It is the finest example of visual storytelling I see tonight, followed closely by Dustin Emerson's action drama The Hall Monitor, which tells the story of a hall monitor who gets pushed one step too far by the evil forces

that plague his halls.

"What do you want?" asks his frightened girl-friend before he goes off to confront the bad guys.

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"JUSTICE!" he screams again as he jogs out the door, and the room laughs even harder. And justice he gets — bloody, hilarious justice.

"I just wanted to do something cool," says Emerson, when I talk to him about his project. "Everybody was doing documentaries, and I didn't want to do one. There were a bunch of superhero movies coming out, and for some weird reason, I was reading an article on hall monitors on Wikipedia. I couldn't remember ever seeing a hall monitor. I was work-

ing too much on it and I turned it in late and got a C, but I'm just happy I had a good project."

THURSDAY, MAY 21

"The Sandy Chappel Quartet, Appearing every Thursday with Burnett Anderson, Marley Weak, and various pianists. Standards/jazz/blues. Cafe La Maze, National City, 6:30 p.m." (Admission — well, it's a restaurant/bar, so they'd probably prefer you to buy something. But there's no cover.)

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Iames McClaine's orchestra has gone the way of phone numbers like Greely 7-5822 and the illegal gambling room that used to operate upstairs from the cafe back in the day. But the management has done everything it can to make you forget the intervening decades. Cafe La Maze, in its current incarnation, is the finest recreation I have ever seen of the sort of '40s nightclub I'm nowhere near old enough to have ever actually seen. The red (p)leather on the semicircular booths is immaculate, if not quite as red as the fuzzy pattern overlaying the silver foil wallpaper in the dining room. Somebody's done a halfdecent knockoff of an Al

Before

Hirschfeld mural on the wall next to the marble-topped bar — there's Kate Hepburn, there's Abbott, there's Costello. (More stars show up in black-and-white photos surrounded by enormous, ornate frames — Gable, Garbo, even Jean Harlow.)

And the orchestra? That's been replaced by the musical stylings of Sandy Chappel and Burnett Anderson since, oh, about 1989 (excepting three brief absences). "We came here from Texas," says Chappel, plunking down at the bar and pulling up a glass of white wine. "We were headed for San Francisco because of the jazz scene, and Burnett's cousin was working at the jazz station as a DJ. There was a piano player in town who Burnett had worked

with — an English guy — and we were going to visit him and move on. We went to the Abbey, and man, we met everybody there — there was a benefit the next day for Leon Petty, who had been Nat King Cole's drummer. The music director approached us and said, 'I need somebody to conduct music on Sundays.' I said, 'Burnett, I think we're home.'

The La Maze gig turned up courtesy of the local weekly. "We wanted more work, and somebody said, 'Look in the *Reader*.' The guy that was playing guitar here had an ad in the paper, and he hired Burnett and me, and we've been here through five managements — 20 years this August."

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tiny stage, so tiny that drummer Weak must set up his kit on the somewhat less tiny dance floor below in order to make room for pianist Ed Kornhauser.

Chappel sits on a high stool when she sings, one leg crossed over the other so that her silver flip-flop dangles a bit. She tucks her glasses into the black shirt she wears under a diaphanous purple jacket and croons Cole Porter's "'S wonderful...'S marvelous..." She doesn't hang on to the notes, and Anderson fills in the silences between phrases with lines so gentle that you fear they will warble and fail — but they never do, not quite. Weak matches his feel — lots of brushes and mellow beats, verging only occasionally into tom-tom. Kornhauser's piano is by far the loudest element, and his solos lean toward what I would call bebop if I knew anything serious about jazz, which I don't. There are TVs behind the bar, but nobody's watching them.

Chappel reels off four or five standards including "All of Me," "The Way You Look Tonight," and "Fly Me to the Moon" — then takes a break. Listening to the way she approaches the high notes, I get the sense that she has reached the point in her career when she needs to conserve her strength in order to perform throughout an evening. She has been singing, she admits, for 47 years.

"So, since you were two, then?"

"Thank you," she says, sipping her wine. "I smoke, which is a big nono. I've lost some of my upper range. I have charts from 30 years ago from a piano player back in Texas, and I've had to rechart

them maybe a step lower because of age and smoking. I have to be really disciplined with breathing exercises and vocalizing, but I live with the most disciplined man in the world. There's no day that he doesn't put that horn to his mouth, and I have to live up to that. I don't know why he's not famous. Sometimes I forget to re-enter on a song because I'm listening to him"

Burnett plays three, sometimes four nights a week at Cafe La Maze, and Chappel joins him every night except Wednesday (jazz night). Tonight, Thursday, is standards, and thanks to Michael Buble, "A lot of people who come in here really love standards — young and old." She sighs. "I wish I could write one.

We've both opened up more on the writing — it really opens your heart. But we always fall back on the standards."

While we talk, Chappel's fans pay their respects. An older gentleman puts his arm around her and croaks in a deep, grinning bass: " 'It's impossible, tell the sun to leave the sky, it's just impossible...' " At the far end of the bar, three folks from Santee sip their beers and smile. "We love it here," says one of them. "We love that the people and the musicians interact. The only music we have where we are is a jukebox." It's just the sort of thing Chappel wants to hear. "When I was young," she says, "I wanted to be rich and famous. Now I just want to sing."

Standards can be tricky things to maintain, of course — the same notes again and again, the same sentiments, the same musical payoff. Chappel likes to think of songs as stories, with beginnings, middles, and ends. Eamon Carroll, who sings Irish songs down at the Field in the Gaslamp every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night, doesn't have as exact a formula. "Pete St. John said there are no tired songs, only tired singers," he says, as if by way of agreement, then adds, "You can be singing a song for years and years, and then one night, it'll be reborn for you. It takes on a new meaning, and the song impels you. I don't know why. And playing in places like this helps keep you

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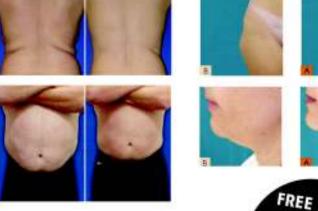
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on your toes, because you interact with your audience. Mostly, they're great, but you can get people who give you a hard time." Like the Blarney Stone, the Field is a drinking establishment first and a performance space second, and you have to learn to work a room. (Carroll doesn't even sit on the stage when he sings; he prefers a corner by the great stone fireplace, in part for the view it gives him of the whole Field. "You can see people coming in and tapping their feet as they walk in, and you can throw out feelers and see what people are into.")

Because of the Gaslamp's tourist-heavy crowd, Carroll finds it's best to lean on the standards pretty heavily. He figures he's got a couple of hundred songs in his head, but he generally limits his repertoire to 20 or 30 pub classics, "what I call 'black pudding' stuff. The fellow who sat down just before you asked for 'The Green Fields of France,' but on a normal night, you'd be reluctant to do that. It takes seven minutes to sing, and it's slow and meaningful, and there's great emphasis on the lyrics. But on a quiet night...."

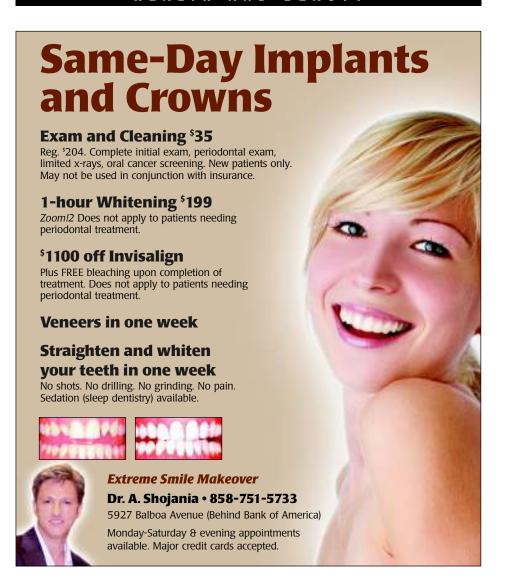
On a quiet night, it still might be a hard sell. "People's attention span for songs is about 30 seconds," grants Carroll. "I do a lot of medleys. You go from one song into another and then back to the first, and people don't even realize it. The whole time, I'm reading the crowd — if I'm losing them, I'll switch to

another song."

Not that he's complaining. "This is the best Irish pub I've ever played in the U.S. — by a mile," he says, looking about during a break at the alcoves, the tables, and the high shelves behind the bar. "My idea of an Irish pub comes from what it doesn't have. It doesn't have a jukebox or a pool table or a dartboard or a television except for sports." (The Field's screens go dark after the NBA playoff game is finished.) "It's a great, great pub. People come back here year after vear."

One of those repeat visitors is Kevin, a 24-year-old sailor on the USS *Ronald Reagan*. And when he comes, it's at least partly for the music. "When I was stationed here in San

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Diego, I came to the Field and heard Eamon play he's excellent at the old folk songs. I bought his CD, and it's one of the main things I listened to while we were on the Surge in '07. I've been one of his biggest fans ever since, and he's been teaching me, giving me advice on how to sing. Every time I'm out at sea, I'll practice down in the engine room — try new songs, try to get better. I'll probably get up there in a little bit and make some noise. I really like 'The Wind That Shakes the Barley.' I'll sing it a cappella — it's a great song. I've had people start paying attention to where the whole bar was silent."

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Look, I'm old, married, and white. You didn't really think I was going to get through an entire week of free outings without attending a single dinner party, did you? Don't you read Stuff White People Like?

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Geez, it's Saturday, and I haven't heard a lick of live rock and/or roll. I am old. I'm so old that I fail to anticipate that a four-band show at O'Connell's in Linda Vista is going to have a \$5 cover (such a bargain, but I'm in it for the freebies this week). I'm so old that I show up at 8:30 for a gig that the paper says will start at 8:00, when everybody else knows it's not gonna start until 9:00.

That would be Nick Z. at the Wit's End in Hillcrest. The bar is under new ownership, and it

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shows: the dark-red walls and black ceiling bear no smudge of age or grime. "It's hotter than Hasselhoff up here," says Nick from the stage in back — but he doesn't remove his signature cap. "We've got three bands coming here tonight," he says to me and the couple at the bar. "Hopefully, this place will get crowded. I'll do my part."

And he does, singing in a style that puts me in mind of Jason Mraz, with all of the earnestness but little of the self-regard. "I was playing at the Ivy downtown," he says, "and this woman jumped onstage to sing with me, and it inspired this next song. The lyrics are shallow and simplistic, but it's what came out. It is what it is...sometimes it has to be simple to get it

across."

Get a little closer so I can get to know ya...I want to make it work for the two of us...Let me break it down to the sunshine sound...

Joey's in Allied Gardens, and even TNT's version of "You Shook Me All Night Long" at Dirk's Niteclub in Lemon Grove. It's just that Nick Z. said it already: It is what it is.

Somebody gets up to dance. It's not that pretty to watch.

I'm off after four songs, but though I stop at any number of clubs and hear any number of bar bands, I don't find myself taking too many notes. It's not that the bands aren't good — I'm pretty impressed with the Buick Wilson Band's cover of James Brown's "I Got You (I Feel Good)" at Pal

The band cranks up a familiar song, the patrons nod and tap their feet as they drink, and somebody gets up to dance. It's not that pretty to watch, but then, I'm sober, and anyway, they're not dancing for me. They're out on the town, having a good time.

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A Walk on the Stingaree Side, PART 6

THE RAID. On September 10, 1909, city prosecutor Edgar Luce, chief of police Keno Wilson, and a detective named Smith crossed the Market Street "dead line" and took a stroll through the Stingaree, San Diego's notorious red-light district. Expecting enough material for several steamy columns, a reporter from

complied. A liquor license on the wall would prove they hadn't.

They began their inspection at 10:00 p.m., when the district awoke from a day-long slumber. Even though he wore plain clothes, denizens recognized Wilson. Curtains cracked an inch and floated shut. Locals sought the

tache already had a reputation for being "short on poetry, long on action."

The first stop: Ed Hayes's Legal Tender dance hall, corner of Fourth and J.

"Where's your government license?" Luce asked the bartender.

"Right here." The haggard-eyed man jerked his

soda. Luce took a sip of the bitter, sparkling fluid. "Nope," he said, shooting his companions a soureyed squint, "a man couldn't get a jag on that."

The quartet visited eight cheap dance halls. In several, they saw underage boys in the company of "half-drunk" women. At the Pacific Squadron, Luce spotted a "brightlooking, well-dressed little fellow," as a reporter later wrote, "on the road to ruin." Luce grabbed the youngster by the ear, paraded him outside, and told a beat cop to take him to juvenile hall.

"These are final orders," Luce announced to saloonkeepers in the *Sun* article, "boys this age are barred from your establishments," or else.

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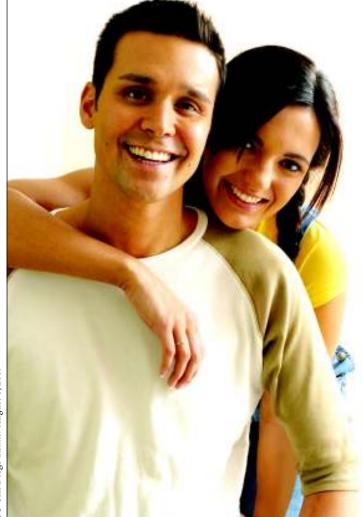
the San Diego Sun went along.

In March, Luce authored an ordinance converting dance halls into non-alcoholic "temperance saloons." He arranged the walk to see which ones shadows. They walked quickly, knowing that if they ran, Wilson would nab them for crimes unknown. Though only on the job for six months, the six-foot-three-inch cop with the handlebar mus-

thumb over his shoulder. "But we only serve soft drinks."

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ing each other's skulls, and brazen nymphs du pave in dishabille, the reporter couldn't hide his letdown. The Stingaree, he wrote, is "well cleaned up." It will "remain there, for the new city administration doesn't want to...spread it all over town. But it is not what it used to be."

Luce, however, saw a morass of "social evil." He vowed that, if they didn't mend their ways, he'd close every dance hall and saloon "in the very near future."

Between 1910 and 1912, cities across the nation conducted cleanup campaigns: trash hauled more often, crackdowns on vice, and even laws against spitting in public (to prevent the spread of TB). In San Diego, reform grew to a frenzied pitch. The Vice Suppression Committee — aka the "Purity League"— urged the city to polish its image for the upcoming Panama-California Exposition of 1915 and "slam the lid on the Stingaree."

In October 1912, ministers and prominent women, among the latter Mrs. R.C. Allen and Dr. Charlotte Baker of the WCTU, gathered over 200 names on a petition to close the "hell hole" once and for all.

Most civic officials, led by Chief Wilson, argued that San Diego was better off having a "segregated" district for "half world" activities. If the police closed the Stingaree, Wilson said, prostitutes would "scatter" to other parts of the city. Having them in one place made it easier to "keep an eye on them."

Dr. Baker, one of San Diego's first female physicians and a leader of the Women's Suffrage Movement, argued against the "scatteration theory." She'd visited Los Angeles, which closed down its red-light district early in 1912, and claimed that evicted prostitutes would stick together. The key was to "keep them moving" and not let them settle.

Unlike other reformers who advocated a moral crusade against vice, Dr. Baker made her case for medical reasons. Since an estimated "25 percent of the race" will

suffer from venereal disease, "we ought to wage against it a campaign as scientific and as thorough as...we are waging against tuberculosis."

'The Stingaree became a three-cornered political issue," wrote Jerry MacMullen, "involving the Navy, the sporting element, and what were called at the time 'long-haired men and short-haired women.' It was the victory of the latter in a municipal election which upset City Hall and put in a reform party."

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On October 2, 1912, the Purity League demanded official closure. Hearing that San Diego would "open up," prostitutes who'd been run out of Los Angeles came south. They rented rooms at boarding parlors, hotels, and apartments, and plied their trade outside the Stingaree. Addicts evicted from L.A. also came to San Diego, writes Ray Brandes, "to obtain cocaine, morphine, and opium." The "snow birds" (i.e., the addicts) sought out Sunny Ramsey, legendary

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www.ShumwayCosmeticSurgery.com www.abetterbreastaug.com any street in the city," the *Union* reported, "and pick out a dozen fallen women any night of the week." Wilson had his officers arrest those streetwalkers for vagrancy. The punishment: leave town.

So many men propositioned women who weren't prostitutes, there was talk of an ordinance allowing the women to carry revolvers.

The Purity League's demand prompted diverse reactions. "I had nothing to do with it," said Mayor James E. Wadham. A letter to the *Union* puzzled: "Why have preachers and the Purity Union undertaken to dictate the community morals? The majority of citizens of San Diego are satisfied with the existing conditions." R.H. Harbert, an African-American minister, argued that "the social evil will not be uprooted or killed by closing the Stingaree."

Conditions in the district, countered Reverend R.D. Hollington, "touch upon

the health of some of the boys in the high school of this city."

The Purity League promised to reform prostitutes at the Door of Hope, a "home for fallen women" recently moved from Front Street to City Heights. The city "should dump its human garbage someplace" else, property owners shot back. "Let the hysterical reformers maintain their own homes!"

Of the Door of Hope, a prostitute wrote, "The name alone would keep me away. Every woman in this district is just where she wants to be. We don't need anyone to reform us."

On November 9, 1912, the superintendent of police, health, and morals, John L. Sehon, announced closure. Chief Wilson, a Sehon appointee, promised to enforce the order but warned that "others will come, and I see no means of preventing it." He added, "When all is said and done, these women are still women. They are out-

casts, but not criminals, and while I will do my duty, I do not propose that this order shall work any unnecessary hardship upon them."

Sehon wanted the raid kept secret to prevent "a general scattering to other parts of the city." But before dawn, on Sunday morning, November 10, about a dozen women and several male "lovers" --pimps — donned heavy coats, threw hastily packed bags into several carriages, and clopped through a thick fog to the Santa Fe Depot. The women, rumor had it, were madams warned in advance. They took the "Owl," the first morning train, to Los Angeles. "These women," the Sun reported the next day, "were more wanted by the police than any of the unfortunates taken to headquarters."

Because prostitutes couldn't leave the district, for years messenger boys on bicycles ran errands for clothing, trays of food from the Minneapolis Cafe, and liquor. As

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dawn broke on November 10, messengers cycled through the district, ringing the thick brass bells on their handlebars and pounding on doors: THE COPS'RE COMING!

A few women left, but most didn't. "Sehon," wrote the San Diego Sun, "had halfpromised to bring down the lid. But below the dead line, they didn't dream it was coming down so soon."

At 8:00 a.m., Wilson and over 30 officers and detectives left police headquarters and marched to the corner of Fourth and Market. Armed with pistols and billy clubs, half of the group moved forward. They formed lines across entrances to the "bullpens," rows of cribs, mid-block, between Third and Fifth. The remaining officers at Market divided, making way for Black Maria, the department's paddy wagon, to lead the way.

Wilson blew a whistle, long and piercing.

"Get into your clothes," he shouted. "Be quick about it. The Stingaree is to go. You are all under arrest."

Although the raid was allegedly a secret, clusters of males formed on streetcorners, eager for "an exciting look" at the "painted girls." Packs of men, many with their hats pulled low to hide their faces, scampered after the paddy wagon and queued up when it halted.

First stop: William Olson's Oasis at 416 Fourth. Four women, rubbing sleep from their eyes, and six men climbed into Black Maria. At the station, the women were booked. The men, who proved they were upstanding San Diegans, were set free.

During the raid, writes Pliny Castanian, "not a single 'John' was taken into custody. Prostitution in those days was strictly a female crime."

When Wilson's squad moved to the Canary Cottage, a few doors down from the Oasis, a trend became clear: onlookers expecting a pageant of "painted wine girls" in alluring attire would be disappointed. As they emerged from the Cottage, the Dewey, the Green Light,

and other dance halls and brothels, most of the women dressed as if for church: long, dark coats that touched the tops of their high-buttoned shoes, and wide-brimmed picture hats, several plumed with ostrich feathers. They wore no makeup and huddled together in the damp

"There was nothing of the anticipated spectacular," wrote the *Union*, "to repay [onlookers] for the trouble of the early morning walk."

Around 8:00 a.m., the circulation manager of the *Union* phoned his wife. "Big

day at the office. Better have breakfast without me." He hung up and raced to the Stingaree to see what he could see. The next morning, just under the headline, the *Union* printed a photo of a man, hands on hips, leering over the shoulder of a police officer at the parade of bundled women: the circulation manager.

Since the paddy wagon had a ten-passenger limit, the arrested women became so numerous the police decided to herd them to the station. If one lagged behind or threatened to bolt, an officer would blow a whistle and shake his billy club at the offender.

"There was not a single case of resistance or protest," wrote the Union. "The women laughed their way to the station good naturedly... [they] treated the round-up as a joke."

"Some wept, others cursed," wrote the Sun. "Some tried to be gay. The attempt was pitiful. All were miserable....Witnesses of the scene will never forget it. It will never be duplicated in San Diego."

Throughout the raid, and for weeks later, most residents of Chinatown staved indoors, fearing that they would be next.

By early afternoon, the police had rounded up 138 women and Rags, a heavily perfumed terrier that trailed behind his owner, a prostitute named Goldie. They

filled the police station's "big room," at 732 Second, smoking enough cigarettes to create a fogbank. Mrs. F.W. Alexander of the Purity League spoke. It wasn't the league's intention to coerce the women "in any way," she said, "just to bring some happiness into their lives and help them reform."

After a long silence, a woman replied, "We haven't eaten. Could we have

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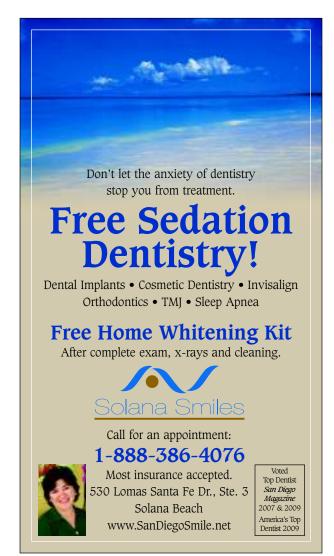
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breakfast?"

A short time later, police produced coffee and ham sandwiches.

For the next seven hours, Chief Wilson interviewed the women one at a time in his office. He sat at a table with deputy city attorney D.F. Glidden and an immigration officer. Wilson created a dossier for each one. He asked their names, where they were from, and would they prefer to reform or leave San Diego the next day?

Many gave their last name as "Doe." The younger ones said they were born in 1888, so they wouldn't be arrested as juveniles, though about 70 percent were between 13 and 17 years old. Wilson estimated that at least nine-tenths of the women had come to San Diego in the last six months, since the closing of Los Angeles's redlight district.

Wilson heard their stories and urged each to reform. Then he ordered those who wouldn't to appear in municipal court the next morning for sentencing. Only two chose to reform.

One woman told Wilson: "I would like to be good again, but the world won't let me. It must keep me as I am. Please don't say any more. God! Don't I know? Haven't I tried?"

The next morning, 136 prostitutes filled the municipal court. Some sat on rough pine benches; others stood around the rostrum and even behind Judge George Puterbaugh as he sentenced five at a time to vagrancy — a misdemeanor, under the Penal Code, and subject to a \$100 fine. Puterbaugh added a proviso: if they'd leave town by 3:00 p.m., he'd suspend the fine.

The women's behavior surprised deputy city attorney Shelly J. Higgins: "Even though I was charged with the duty of closing them out of business, I had to admit I witnessed nothing in their conduct or language that I could criticize or reproach

That afternoon, 16

women bought steerage on the steamship Governor for San Francisco. Most of the others made a mass exodus from the Stingaree to the Santa Fe Depot. The Pacific Transfer Company piled its wagon-bed trucks with valises and trunks, crammed with unfolded clothing, bric-a-brac, and small keepsakes (most had only enough personal belongings for one suitcase). Groups walked to the station "in their most fashionable duds." Behind them, carrying the women's suitcases, carpetbags, and birdcages, were bartenders and bouncers — many about to lose their jobs — along with, wrote the Union, "opium sellers, gamblers, runners, and panhandlers."

The next day, the San Diego Sun closed the lid on the district: "Thus the Stingaree, called a necessary evil by some, a cancer and an eyesore by others, the Stingaree, which had survived many crusades and administrations, making it famous from ocean to ocean, has ceased to be."

Prostitution in the Stingaree — where 100 stray cats now ran loose amid, as health inspectors discovered, filth, open sewers, and diseaseinfested shacks - had stopped. And its inhabitants moved on, many buying train tickets to Los Angeles.

But most bought roundtrip tickets. They didn't come back, knowing that Wilson would identify them and throw them in jail. Instead many sold — or just gave, some say — the return tickets to L.A.'s evicted ladies of the evening, who rode south, became "hostesses" in Mission Hills, or walked the streets beyond the Stingaree.

In 1913, police arrested 92 women for prostitution. In 1914, writes Clare V. McCanna, "that number more than doubled."

QUOTATIONS:

1. Harry McKee (quoted in the San Diego Union): "What a lot of tommyrot! [Closing the Stingaree] doesn't

solve any problem!" 2. Mrs. Rae Copley Raum

(San Diego Union): "We have said to the women of the redlight, 'You aren't fit to stay here, get out and be unfit to live some other place.' We haven't struck at the root of the problem." 3. Reverend E. R. Watson (San Diego Union): "I think the men who go down to those places are just as bad as the women, and I believe it is wrong to arrest the

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DADGONEMAD

See **SPECIAL**, page 58.

What happens when a man who has everything begins to lose his mind? Blogger Danny Evans discusses his memoir, Rage Against the Meshugenah: Why It Takes Balls to Go Nuts, in which he shines a hilarious light on a dark depression. See IN PERSON, page 64.

with fellow board-game enthusiasts.

Friday | 7

WICKED: A NEW MUSICAL

There are two sides to every story. Broadway San Diego hosts this popular musical based on Gregory Maguire's novel about the green-skinned and greatly misunderstood "Wicked" Witch of the West. See **THEATER**, page 115.

NORTH PARK MUSIC THING

In a bid to support local musicians, the San Diego Music & Media Conference and Festival will feature 150 musical acts from the Southwest on 20 stages at this three-day street festival. See **SPECIAL**, page 59.

Saturday | 8

FAIRY FESTIVAL

Don your best pair of wings to visit the Fairy Queen, shop at Fairyland Market, and take part in song, dance, stories, and crafts at this festival for sprites aged 2 to 12. See FOR KIDS, page 62.



and...best kisser? What's more, you can have Drupon Samten Rinpoche of the Tibetan Meditation Center bestow dog blessings upon you. See SPECIAL, page 59.

Sunday | 9

LEMON FESTIVAL

Chula Vista is puckering up for this celebration of its lemon-growing heritage with lemon contests, stage entertainment, art, rides, and a classic car show — the one lemon-free part of the fest. See SPECIAL, page 59.



At Camp Pendleton during World War II, the U.S. military employed Native Americans to develop and interpret a secret code based on the Navajo language. At the "Come Fly with Me" family program, kids can learn how to create and decipher messages just like the original "code-talkers." See FOR KIDS, page 62.

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SOMETHING INCREDIBLY **WONDERFUL HAPPENS**

From working on the first atomic bomb as part of the Manhattan Project to founding San Francisco's Exploratorium, Frank Oppenheimer was always, first and

foremost, a scientist. K.C. Cole discusses and signs her book about the American physicist.

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CYRANO DE BERGERAC

Size doesn't matter, as this classic character realizes when his profuse proboscis does nothing to hinder his abundant panache — the stuff that wins over his lady love. This interpretation of the classic is presented by the Old Globe. See **THEATER**, page 116.

Wednesday | 12

ALTERED CLOTHING

No need to throw it away when you can use it to make something new! Recycle an oversized dress or transform

jeans into a retro-'60s skirt during this class. Learn sewing, fabric dying, and appliqué techniques to remake your wardrobe without spending a dime at the mall. See SPECIAL, page 58.



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ROAM- _____-RAMA | A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

ong gone are the days when tourists traveled to Inspiration Point — high above Pasadena in the San Gabriel Mountains by way of the Mount Lowe Railway. The railway, Southern California's premier tourist attraction for a time, carried more than three million passengers between the 1890s and the 1930s. These days, only occasional hikers make their way to Inspiration Point to gape at the now-almost-completely-transformed Los Angeles Basin.

To get to Inspiration Point in the most expedient way. navigate by car to L.A.'s Foothill Freeway (Interstate 210) and exit at Angeles Crest Highway in the community of La Canada Flintridge. Drive 13.5 miles north and east to Red Box Station and the intersection of Mount Wilson Road. Turn right on Mount Wilson Road and proceed 2.4 miles to a roadside parking area at Eaton Saddle. The remainder of your journey is on foot, six miles round-trip, with a drop of about 1500 vertical feet and a climb back up. Make sure you save most of your energy for the trip back, and do take snacks and water!

From Eaton Saddle, walk past the gate on the west side and proceed up the dirt road (Mount Lowe Fire Road) that carves its way across a sheer slope and through a short tunnel. At Markham Sad-

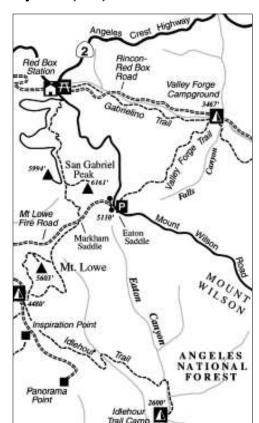


Sighting tubes at Inspiration Point

dle (0.5 mile) the fire road starts to descend slightly. Don't continue on the fire road. Instead, find the Mount Lowe Trail on the left (south). Using it, you contour southwest above the fire road for about 0.6 mile and then start climbing across the east flank of Mount Lowe without much change of direction.

At 1.3 miles, there's a trail junction. Go either way (straight for the east trail, sharply right for the west trail), but plan to use the other trail on your return. These two alternate trails were popular during the era of the railway, and both were reconstructed for modern-day hiking in the late 1980s.

Either way (east or west trail) you'll end up descending to meet the Mount Lowe Fire Road at a spot near the Mount Lowe Trail Camp, a popular site for overnight backpackers. Go south on the fire road to Inspiration Point (3.0 miles from the start), where the view is indeed inspiring as long as the marine



inversion layer lies low across the L.A. Basin. On very clear days (more characteristic of winter than summer) Santa Catalina Island and San Clemente

INSPIRATION POINT

Hike to Inspiration Point in the San Gabriel Mountains, where the L.A. Basin lies at your feet.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 150 miles Hiking length: 6 miles round-trip Difficulty: Moderately strenuous

Island can be seen far to the south.

Inspiration Point marked the terminus of the Mount Lowe Railway, but by 1915 tourists could jump on board a mule-pushed (not drawn, so passengers could avoid dust) observation car that rolled along narrow-gauge rails leading one more mile to an even more panoramic spot known as Panorama Point. You can do that same side trip today, not by riding but rather by walking along a near-level roadway that ends at a concrete water tank. Views of the L.A. Basin from that spot are probably more fantastic than from any other land-based vantage point. On a clear night, the view of millions of lights almost a mile of elevation

lower is surreal. From this close-in point, less than two beeline miles from the edge of the city, the soft droning of a hundred thousand engines, accented now and again by an accelerating motorcycle or unmuffled car, floats upward on the updrafts.

Return the way you came, except in circling Mount Lowe.

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.

OUTDOORS

San Diego's Warmest Weather, on average, should occur in August through early September, according to statistics compiled from several decades of measurements taken near the San Diego International Airport. In an average year, coastal

residents enjoy an average daily tem-

perature of 70°, which compares favorably (depending on your viewpoint) with the January average daily temperature of 55°. The range between the high and low is typically 10° or less this time of year. August's warm, semi-tropical weather will eventually give way to September's and October's slightly cooler days interspersed with occasional heat waves brought on by Santa Ana



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conditions - dry, hot winds that sweep down the mountain slopes from the interior.

Grunion will be active on area beaches this week (Wednesday through Saturday, August 5-8), roughly during the hours of 10pm and 1am, following the nocturnal high tide. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer (except in those areas classified as ecological preserves) by those possessing

a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only, and should be eaten (not wasted). Additional grunion information can be obtained by visiting www.grunion.org.

Various Sandpipers are now being seen in considerable numbers within San Diego County's coastal wetland habitats and along the ocean beaches. Some have just arrived from the north; others are juveniles that have bred locally. You'll find sanderlings and willets scurrying along the wet sand on the beaches. Several other members of the sandpiper family can be found

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in mudflat areas such as the Tijuana River Estuary, the south end of San Diego Bay, the San Diego River flood channel near Sea World, and the margins of most North County lagoons.

The Perseid Meteor Shower,

the best known of the many meteor displays that return year after year, will take place under fairly poor conditions this year because of the glare of the moon, which will be in a waning gibbous phase. During the late-night/early-morning hours of August 11-12 and August 12-13 you might see about 15-30 bright meteors per hour under the clearest possible skies, which can be found in the local mountains or desert. The Perseid meteors, like those in similar annual meteor showers, occur when the Earth plows through a broad stream of tiny dust particles left

over from the past disintegration of a comet. The particles burn up as air friction slows them at heights of about 50 miles, resulting in luminous streaks visible for a second or two from the ground. The bright Perseids often leave a lingering luminous trail that may remain for several seconds or more. Lie in a comfortable position, facing west to avoid the glare of the moon rising in the east, for best results. Strong coffee is essential.

"Coyotes, Kids, and Cowboys" Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing discusses ranching days and habitats of today's Daley Ranch inhabitants while leading approximately threemile hike over Creek Crossing, East Ridge, Middle Pond, and Ranch House Road trails, 760-839-4680. Saturday, August 8, 8:30am; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

"Nature Calls" Trail guides "heighten your awareness as you discover a surprising variety of sounds and sights along the trail." Native creatures, plants identified; expect "fascinating facts and interesting lore." 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 8, 9:30am; Sunday, August 9, 9:30am; Wednesday, August 12, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, August 8, 11am; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

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Temecula Wine Country

By Danielle Shirley

Going to Temecula for a Saturday of wine tasting has to be one of my favorite things to do. We usually plan our trip with our wine-club membership pickups in mind.

I am a little embarrassed to admit that my husband and I have memberships to three Temecula wineries. Although three sounds like an exorbitant amount, the benefits of always having

good wine around and many wine pickup dates to look forward to outweigh the cost and the looks I get from people when I tell them.

We first signed up for Ponte, one of the most popular wineries in Temecula. At the beginning we were a little turned off by the crowds, but after sampling their wines (my favorites being the Isabel and Juliet) and eating at their restaurant, the Smokehouse Grill, we learned why Ponte is so favored.

The key is to put your name in at the restaurant before you begin your wine tastings and then by the time you are done, your table is ready — if not, roam around their alluring grounds or amble through their specialty store called the Marketplace.

Ponte's basic membership requires you to purchase two preselected bottles of wine eight times a year, which rounds out to approximately one pick-up every other month. Members get 20 percent off of

these bottles as well as any other bottles you purchase as a member. Other than the two-bottle commitment, there's no cost to being a member; savings include free unlimited wine tastings and a 10 percent discount on the Smokehouse restaurant.

Ponte's membership program is typical of the dozens of winery memberships in Temecula. The hardest part is deciding which one(s) you'd like to commit to. Currently, I would say Wilson Creek is my favorite membership due to the Port that they serve in an edible chocolate cup. My husband's favorite is Mount Palomar for their signature Cloudbreak red wine. Cloudbreak is so sought after that they hardly ever have discounts on it, even for their wine-club members.

I have also tasted at Callaway, Falkner, and Maurice Carrie, and there are plenty more wineries in Temecula.

If you go only for the day, it's a good idea to eat a meal last, as it gives your body some time to absorb and digest the

Canadian Rockies

wine. It has also been beneficial for us to grab a coffee at Starbucks right off Rancho California Road in the Jefferson Plaza strip mall before hitting the I-15.

Bugaboo Range Heli-Hiking, Canadian Rockies

By Michelle Williams

While on a "heli-hiking" trip in the Canadian Rockies, we were hit with a heavy snowstorm, unusual for July.

Heli-hiking involves a small group with a guide getting dropped off on a remote mountain peak, where they explore all day. I was on one peak watching the helicopter fly in to collect another hiking group from a different peak. It was crazy, watching it navigate through the storm like that. To collect our group, the pilot landed the machine right between the pile of hikers and the pile of gear with about six inches of clearance.

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JG_Photography: Sunset at an ice camp (200 miles north of Prudhoe Bay, AK), executed by the Arctic Submarine Laboratory where I am stationed here in Point Loma



DSchroeder: Maui Ocean Center starfish



misshottie45: The Taz, my kayaking charter, in Haines, Alaska

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, August 8, 10am; \$8-\$15. 10 and up. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Beat the Heat Start morning strolling in shade of oaks, sycamore, willows, and poplars near Kumeyaay Lake, San Diego River, and historic Padre Dam during trail guide-led interpretive walk. Hear about local flora, fauna, and a bit of Kumeyaay and mission history. 619-668-3281. Saturday, August 8, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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flowers along the trails," 760-436-

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landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, August 8,

10am, Balboa Park Visitors' Cen-

ter, 1549 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water, 858-581-9944, Saturday, August 8, 9am; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

Tracking Walk Easy tracking walk for everyone (beginners and intermediates), starting at Los Peñasquitos Canvon Preserve Adobe Ranch House. Learn to track animals, discover their environments, 858-484-3219, Saturday, August 8, 8am; free. Los Peñasquitos Canvon Preserve. 12020 Black Mountain Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

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Bennett (assemblage), David Fobes (duct tape), Tara Smith (paintings), and Duke Windsor (paintings). These artists were selected from the 26 artists featured in "2009 Juried Biennial" exhibition by Karen McGuire. 760-602-2021. Thursdays, 11am; Fridays, 11am; Saturdays, 11am; Wednesdays, 11am; through Sunday, August 16, free. William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

"Knitting 101" Learn to knit a dishcloth during class; introductory classes offered every Thursday in August. Fee for first class is \$20,

includes a materials kit; pay \$10 for subsequent classes "if you purchase materials at Clever Knits or \$15 if you bring your own materials." Materials list, registration: 760-806-6744. Thursday, August 6, 6pm; \$10-\$20. 17 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue, (VISTA)

"Origami — Art of the People" Origami novices and masters are welcome to folding festival. Stations for beginning, intermediate, advanced folders will enable participants at all levels to create origami works, augment their skills. Instruction by San Diego and Orange County origami artists. Materials provided. 619-239-0003 x405. Saturday, August 8, 1pm; \$5-\$10. Mingei International Museum North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Quiet California" Reception for Patty O'Connor Lauritzen's solo photography exhibition, in conjunction with Ray at Night. On display through August. 650-455-6627. Saturday, August 8, 6pm; free. OBR Architecture, 3805 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Vino and Vinyasa" Enjoy complimentary yoga class, then mingle with glass of wine and watch sunset. Lululemon provides "celebrity yoga instructors for each event." No cover. 619-398-3092. Thursday, August 6, 5:30pm; free. 21 and up. W Hotel, 421 West B Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Zing Zang Zoom" Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus

hits town, with a show merging "magic with traditional circus arts." Ninety minutes before performances begin, see animal open house (for all ticket holders). One hour before show time, ticket holders invited "to join Clown College and learn how to be a circus clown." Tickets available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-8497. Thursday, August 6, 7:30pm; Friday, August 7, 11am and 7:30pm; Saturday, August 8, 11am, 3:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, August 9, 1:30pm and 5:30pm; \$16-\$82. San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Thank God for Evolution "For years, I demonized Darwin and clung to religious beliefs as fire insurance that would save me from a hellish afterlife," says Reverend Michael Dowd. "Now, I thank God for Charles Darwin." Reverend Patti Paris conducts four-week class based on, exploring Dowd's book. Offering. 619-303-6609. Monday, August 10, 6:30pm. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

Altered Clothing Recycle an oversized dress, make a cool summer top from a man's button-down shirt, or remake jeans into a retro-'60s skirt during classes. Learn easy sewing skills, appliqué techniques, fabric dying. Bring a piece of clothing to alter or choose from stock. Fee: \$15 per class, or \$40 for month. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Wednesdays, 5pm;

through Wednesday, August 26, \$15-\$40. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Art in the Village Browse over 200 exhibitor booths with art in many media on display in village of Carlsbad (along State St., Roosevelt St., Grand Avenue). 760-434-2553. Sunday, August 9, 9am; free. Downtown Carlsbad, State Street at Grand Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Board Game Nights Enjoy "old-school gaming" nights; bring your favorite board game or use one at the shop, from checkers to poker. 619-523-5540. Thursdays, 5pm; free. Reds Espresso Gallery, 1017 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

Bring Your Quiver Participants place hundreds of surfboards nose-to-end to create "Survivor Beach," raising cancer awareness and supporting cancer survivors. Surfboard line begins at Scripps Pier, extends toward La Jolla Shores. Help break last year's record — three football fields in length! Heali'i's Polynesian Revue performs. 760-518-2097. Saturday, August 8, 8am; free. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Concentration, Visualization, Meditation Learn techniques for stress reduction, relaxation during free meditation classes, as well as advanced breathing techniques and "essence of yogic philosophy." 619-640-4438. Tuesdays, 7:30pm; through Thursday, December 31, free. Pilgrimage of







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the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Dog Days of Summer Dogs and their people invited to street fair with obstacle course, contests (cutest puppy, best-dressed dog, best kisser, dog-owner look-alike), kids' zone, vendor booths, music by Circus Mafia. Blessing of dogs by Drupon Samten Rinpoche of Tibetan Meditation Center. Karla Ogilvie signs copies of her book Encinitas InSight: A Photographer's Journey. 760-436-0431. Saturday, August 8, 10am; free. Headline Printing and Graphics, 131 Aberdeen Drive. (CARDIFF)

Dog Days of Summer Book Sale Browse, buy from 4000-plus items on offer, including foreign languages, children's titles, albums, VHS movies. Face painting, games for kids. 858-220-3312. Saturday, August 8, 9am; free. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Fiesta Del Sol San Diego 2009 Street festival celebrates "history, diverse cultures, and engagement of the people of San Diego." Children's activities, jalapeño eating contest, music, arts and culture, food, games. 619-696-9474. Saturday, August 8, 11am; Sunday, August 9, 11am; free. Logan Ave., Logan Avenue between Evans and Sampson Streets. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

From Album to Timepiece Transform an old record album into an "artful clock" with painting, decoupage, stenciling, and airbrushing techniques. Fee includes clockworks, album. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Friday, August 7, 5pm; \$25. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Full-Moon Walk on Scripps Pier Explore the pier (normally closed to public) and learn of structure's history, collect plankton, dissect a squid, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; \$23. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Handprinted Parasol? Handprint a sun umbrella using Soft-Kut rubber blocks, oil-based printing inks. Participants cut designs or choose from provided stamps. Fee includes umbrella. Reservations: 619-593-2205. Saturday, August 8, 10am; \$25. Sophie's Gallery, 109 Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

House of Perú Lawn program of songs and dances at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, August 9, 2pm; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Insistently Independent! Get to know the philosophy of Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza when P&R Discussion Group gathers. 619-370-1027. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Into Orchids? Palomar Orchid Society holds annual orchid auction, boasting many varieties to choose from, both species and hybrids. Preview at 11am, auction begins at noon. 760-726-7763. Sat-

urday, August 8, 11am; free. Woman's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe Street. (CARLSBAD)

Keeping It Green! Workshops, talks by "green experts" on achieving "healthier, more sustainable lifestyle by reducing your carbon footprint, lowering your energy costs, and curbing your waste and water consumption" during commercial sustainability fair. 858-244-1177. Thursday, August 6, 9am: free. California Center for

Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

KnitNight Gather with fellow fiber artists for social knitting, crochet, spinning. 760-806-6744. Tuesdays, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Clever Knits, 214 South Indiana Avenue. (VISTA)

Lemon Festival Chula Vista celebrates its lemon-growing heritage with lemon contests, live entertainment on two stages, art displays, rock-climbing wall, community

dance performances, classic car show, carnival rides, vendor booths. 619-422-1982. Sunday, August 9, 11am; free. Third Avenue Village, Third Avenue at K Street. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Music, Mantra, and Poetry Live music and meditation for deep meditation with Sujantra. 619-640-4438. Saturday, August 8, 8pm; free. Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

North Park Music Thing San Diego Music & Media Conference and Festival hosts three-day music event, opening with party at the Casbah (2501 Kettner Boulevard), Friday (7-10pm), with music by Midnight Rivals and Thin Man.

On Saturday, conference registrants learn about music business during panel discussions, workshops, demo review sessions. Trade show runs noon-5pm. Following workshops, enjoy performances by nearly 150 musical acts on 20 stages

All ages invited to enjoy Street Fest on Sunday, with concerts by Night Marchers, Presidents of the



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United States of America, Scott Russo and the Big Big Bang, Avi Buffalo, many others. Fees, details: 619-549-2644. Friday, August 7, 7pm; Saturday, August 8, 11am; Sunday, August 9, 12:05pm. Lafayette Hotel & Suites, 2223 El Cajon Blvd. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Open Cockpit Days Climb aboard four historic aircraft at this Marine Corps aviation museum. 858-693-1723. Saturday, August 8, 9am; Sunday, August 9, 9am; free. Flying Leatherneck Museum, Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station). (MIRA MESA)

People, Planet, Prosperity Learn to reduce your carbon footprint, lower energy costs, curb waste and water consumption during residential "sustainability fair." 858-244-1177. Sunday, August 9, 10am; free. California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Avenue. (KEARNY MESA)

Philippine Cultural Arts Festival Enjoy presentations of traditional Philippine folk dances, rondalla music, shows with authentic folk costumes and jewelry, Philippine martial arts, choral folk music, crafts, food, more. 619-444-7528. Saturday, August 8, 11am; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Qi Gong Meditations Healing meditations with Qi Gong and oriental medicine practitioner Dawn Asher. Donation. 917-620-2666. Tuesday, August 11, 7:30pm. Dwell Sanctuary, 3752 Third Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Running of the Bulldogs "Launch PAW-ty" hosted by DowntownDogLover.com for all breeds of bulldog (American, Aussie, English, French), "Participants — who must dress in all white or light khaki — may run. walk, or wheel their dogs through a small downtown course for \$10 per dog." Also planned: Furry Friends Fashion Show, vendor exhibits, more. FACE Foundation benefits. 619-410-7253 or 619-549-5294. Saturday, August 8, 1pm. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive.

Trance Channeling and Message Circle! Elivia Melodey leads event with singing bowl meditation. "Bring your questions for answers, wisdom sharing, and special teachings within the channeling circle." 760-745-9176. Friday, August 7, 7pm; \$20. Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association, 2975 Washington Circle. (ESCONDIDO)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

"A Little Night Music" Cappella Gloriana chamber choir presents songs with night and evening

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RUNNING OF THE BULLDOGS Saturday, August 8, San Diego Wine and Culinary Center.

(SEE SPECIAL)



themes by Britten, Mendelssohn, Barber, Schubert, Elgar, Fauré, Brahms, others. "Nightcap" reception follows. 619-291-3055. Sunday, August 9, 4pm; \$15. Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas, 890 Balour Drive. (ENCINITAS)

"Bravo Broadway Now!" Songs from Miss Saigon, Hairspray, Wicked, Rent, others may be heard during San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops concerts. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Friday, August 7, 7:30pm; Saturday, August 8, 7:30pm; \$15-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way.

"Passport to the World: A Night in Italy" "Pops Goes Classical" for San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops concert. Enjoy selections by Puccini, Rossini, Respighi, others when conductor Matthew Garbutt and symphony are joined by guest vocalists. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Sunday, August 9,

7:30pm; \$15-\$75. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Pipe Organ Encounter with Civic Organist Carol Williams performs for series hosted by American Guild of Organists. Donations welcome. 619-702-8138. Friday, August 7, 4pm. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Municipal Organist Ray Cornils holds the post in Portland, Maine; he plans concert for Summer International Organ Festival. 619-702-8138. Monday, August 10, 7:30pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in concert. 619-702-8138. Sunday, August 9, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Summer Pops in the Park Orchestra Nova and conductor Jung-Ho Pak present "innovative lineup

of classical favorites that everyone is sure to recognize and love." Listen for tunes from High School Musical, Superman Returns, Out of Africa, a "Muppet medley." Guest artist (KUSI) Dave Scott joins group to perform Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me" on trombone. Bring chairs, blanket, picnic. Donations sought for canned food drive for Interfaith Community Services. 760-839-4176. Sunday, August 9, 7pm; free. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

SummerFest Continues La Jolla Music Society's series continues with "20th Century Romantics" including Webern, Barber, Janácek, Hindemith, Bruch on August 8. Enjoy "(Nearly) Forgotten Masterpieces" by Dvořák, Glinka, Dohnányi on August 9. "Mendelssohn II — Family Portrait" is slated for August 11, boasting selections by Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn. Listen for pieces by Strauss, Brahms, and Wagner-Liszt during "An Evening with Andreas Haefliger and Michael York" on August 12.

Festival — continuing through Sunday, August 23 — includes coaching workshops, open rehearsals, encounters. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Saturday, August 9, 3pm; 7:30pm; Sunday, August 9, 3pm; Tuesday, August 11, 7:30pm; Wednesday, August 12, 7:30pm; \$40-\$75. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Symphony Pops on the Green

Fallbrook Music Society presents 24th annual concert with San Diego Symphony Orchestra playing American pops, light classical favorites. Guest tenor Hugh Panaro played the Phantom and Raoul in Broadway production of *Phantom of the Opera*. Gates open at 5:30pm for picnicking (bring your own or purchase boxed dinner for \$14); music at 7:30pm. Reservations: 760-451-8644. Thursday, August 6, 5:30pm; \$5-\$25. Grand Tradition Estate, 1602 South Mission Road.

This Is the End... Pipe Organ Encounter series hosted by American Guild of Organists concludes when Ronald McKean plays Aeolian-Skinner organ. Offering. 619-702-8138. Friday, August 7, 7:30pm. Saint Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

DANCE

"Ballet at Twilight" Annual summer intensive workshops hosted by City Ballet of San Diego culminate in performance for Twilight in the Park series. 858-274-6058. Wednesday, August 12, 6:15pm and 6:15pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

"Let's Cha-Cha!" Month-long class focuses on cha-cha for beginners. \$40 fee covers four classes. 858-451-3775. Thursdays, 6:30pm; through Thursday, August 27, 18









and up. Dance Motions, 12120 Alta Carmel Court, Suite 410D. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Belly-Dance Show Marianna performs. DJ music, open dancing, hookahs. 619-470-8000. Friday, August 7, 11pm; \$5. 18 and up. Sapphire Mediterranean Cuisine & Lounge, 4076 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

English Country Dancing Judee Pronovost calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6pm. 858-676-9731. Sunday, August 9, 6pm; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hot Salsa Dance Classes Salsero Jose Bello leads salsa and meringue classes. Pay \$10 per class or \$32 for four lessons. 619-275-3533. Friday, August 7, 6pm. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Hustle Dance Party Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers (\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers). Hustle dance party follows 8pm—midnight (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers), with beginner lesson 8-8:30pm (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, August 8, 7pm; \$5-\$15. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Blvd., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners Band makes music for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club and Gator by the Bay Festival. Dance instruction at 6:20pm, live music from 7-10:30pm. 858-496-6655. Saturday, August 8, 6:20pm; \$14. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Ranting Banshee Caller is JoAnn Koppany during San Diego Folk Heritage contra dance. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30pm. Dances taught and called, 8-11pm. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8557. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

Summer Swing School Firehouse Swing School hosts progressive three-week classes in beginning Lindy Hop and Big Apple Jazz Routine (a partnered and circle dance made popular in 1930s Harlem still danced today). Class fee includes admission to Firehouse Swing Dance (8-11:30pm). Fee: \$15 per class or \$40 for three weeks. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, August 12, 7pm. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Woman's Club: 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

West Coast Swing and Country Dance Party DJ plays West Coast swing, country and Western two-step, requests for singles, couples. Dance lesson 8pm; open dancing 8:30-10:30pm. First time is free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, August 8, 8pm; \$5-\$8. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

FILM

"Man's Best Friend" Enjoy Marley and Me, starring Owen Wilson, Jennifer Aniston, and a slew of dogs, during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Ann Zivotsky leads prefilm (5:30pm) and postfilm discussions. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, August 12, 6pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARL SBAD)

"Summer Movie Mania" Liberty Station hosts movie series on Saturday nights under the stars on big screen moved to various locations. Enjoy *Kung Fu Panda* at Ingram Plaza. Bring blankets, lawn chairs. 619-794-1290. Saturday, August 8, 8pm; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)







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Eat Drink Man Woman "Flicks on the Bricks" series continues with Ang Lee's film "about love, family, and loss." Wine expert Barbara Baxter serves "crisp and dry red and white wines from Europe which pair deliciously with Asian cuisine." Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, August 6, 8pm; \$15-\$20. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Movies in the Park series continues at Viejas Outlet Center. 619-659-2070. Tuesday, August 11, 8pm; free. Viejas Casino, 5005 Willows Road. (ALPINE)

Shadow Magic Screen on the Green 2009 series concludes with this story about the arrival of cinema in Beijing in 1902. Screenings take place on east lawn. 619-232-7931. Thursday, August 6, 8pm; free. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

The 39 Steps Enjoy Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 mystery during "evening of film, food and drink, and light conversation" at hotel's poolside lounge and theater. Bring your bathing suit to lounge in heated pool. Reservations: 619-226-6100. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; free. 21 and up. Pearl Hotel, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

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SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Carlsbad City Library, Saturday, August 8.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



A GAROTA

Diego presents this 1954 classic musical boasting comedic and musical talents of Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor, Marilyn Monroe for "Classics of Comedy" series. 619-239-8836. Sunday, August 9, 2:30pm; Wednesday, August 12, 7pm; \$7-\$9. Birch North Park Theatre, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Grossmont College Film Festival Enjoy 20 films produced by students, independent filmmakers in variety of genres, including music videos, horror, comedy, drama, mystery, education, documentary. Also planned: workshops on script writing, casting calls, tips on making films for under \$500; speakers include actress Mickey Harrison, filmmaker Michael Gier, cinematographer John Snedden, and San Diego Film Commission location manager Kathy McCurdy. 619-279-1532. Saturday, August 8, 9am; \$5. Stagehouse Theatre, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

Micah Film Festival Showcasing documentary films advancing "cause of justice, mercy, and humility in the world." See As We Forgive (Friday), The Least of These (Saturday), Shooting Beauty (Sunday). Tickets: \$5 per film, \$12 for weekend pass. 614-506-6615. Friday, August 7, 7pm; Saturday, August 8, 7pm; Sunday, August 9, 2pm; \$5-\$12. Crest Theater, 102 North Freeman Street. (OCEANSIDE)

FOOD & DRINK

"Beer U: Cellaring Vintage Ales" Didja know "that certain fine brews...improve when cellared properly for months or even years"? Join "most infamous beer hoarder ever, Bill Sysak," to learn how a good beer can change and its flavors develop over time. Participants will taste different vintages of the same beers. 760-471-

4999. Tuesday, August 11, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

"Rhythm 'n' Spice" "Savor fine wines, fresh grooves, Asian fusion foods." 760-274-6083. Saturday, August 8,7pm; \$35.21 and up. San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sun and Sea, Vino and Tapas" "Favorite" wines paired with appetizers from Vigilucci's Osteria. Among the offerings: Ramos Pinto ruby port paired alongside tartine alla frutta (miniature fruit tarts). RSVP by August 6: 760-757-1037. Saturday, August 8, 6:30pm; \$35. Vine to Glass, 210-A N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

Wine and Food Festival City of Hope hosts seventh annual festival of wine tasting, foods from local eateries, live music. 858-452-6846. Sunday, August 9, 4pm; \$55. 21 and up. Coronado Civic Center, 1845 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

FOR KIDS

"Palekh Inspired" Family Storytelling Professional storyteller Harlynne Geisler shares tales inspired by "Palekh: Icons to Souvenir Boxes to Icons" exhibition, encouraging visitors to broaden their perspectives about art. 619-239-5548 x105. Saturday, August 8, 11am; free. 5 and up. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado.

A Pirate's Life for Me! Cast and crew from ages 12 to 25 stage swashbuckling musical. Singing, dancing, swordfights promised! 760-809-6628. Friday, August 7, 7pm; Saturday, August 8, 7pm; \$12. Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Encinitas, 1001 Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

Les Misérables San Diego Junior Theatre presents school edition of "the most popular musical in the world, chronicling Jean Valjean's struggles against injustice in 19th-Century France." Performance on Saturday, August 8, is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Friday, 7pm; Saturday, 2pm; Sunday, 2pm; through Sunday, August 9, \$8-\$13. 10 and up. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

Pirate Paul's Pirate Party
You're invited to Big Joe Production marionette shows. 619-5449203. Thursday, August 6, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Friday, August 7, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Saturday, August 8, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; Sunday, August 9, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. 4 and up. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Something's Fishy A curious little garibaldi finds trouble and is rescued by his mama in Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales performances. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, August 12, 11am, 1pm and 2:30pm; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides. Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. Saturday, August 8, 12 noon; Sunday, August 9, 12 noon; free. Rohr Park, 4548 Sweetwater Road. (BONITA)

Earthworm Wiggle! Author, musician Alicia Previn — a.k.a. the Worm Lady — reads her new children's book *The Earthworm Book*, teaches benefits provided by these "wiggly little wonders." Also promised: hands-on demonstrations, sing-along, and worm hunt in garden. Signed books available (for purchase). 760-471-4999. Sunday, August 9, 2pm; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

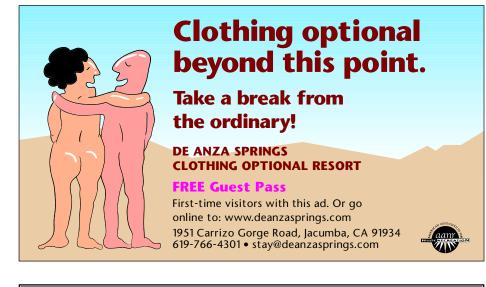
Fairy Festival Children (2-12) invited to wear favorite fairy costume and join in song, dance, stories, crafts. Visit Fairy Queen, shop at Fairyland Market, leave messages on "wishing bush." 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, August 8, 10am; free-\$12. 2 and up. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Make and Fly Eagle Gliders During family science day. Sessions last 45 minutes, included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. Saturday, August 8, 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2:30pm; free-\$15. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Put Creativity to Work! Asia Bur-Min, owner and designer of A.B. Bags, leads craft workshop. Materials provided. 858-573-5007. Thursday, August 6, 10:30am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego International Children's Film Festival Enjoy hour-long blocks of films from around world made for children and teens, including animation, live action, documentary. Films clustered for different age groups. 760-805-9510. Saturday, August 8, 10:30am; free. Carlsbad City Library. 1775 Dove Lane. (CARL SBAD)

Secret Codes and Espionage Learn about secret code created at Camp Pendleton by Navajo people used by U.S. military during World War II which defied deciphering by enemy. Explore "Navajo Code Talkers Dictionary," create







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Sunday, August 9, 4:00 pm Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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your own messages to decipher in this "Come Fly With Me" family program. 619-232-6203. Sunday, August 9, 1pm; free-\$5. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Talented Teen? Show off skits, instrumental music, and talents ("other than singing and dancing") during teen talent show for those in 7th-12th grades. Competitors judged by three-person panel; prizes for all contestants. Registration, information: 760-602-2058. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

GALLERIES

"Bars, Women, and Fast Food" Opening reception for exhibition of paintings by UCSD art

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professor Raul Guerrero. View this attempt "to bridge cultures and time in order to present a more graphic and poignant picture of the culture of California" through Saturday, September 12. 760-436-1440. Friday, August 7, 6pm; free. Eric Phleger Gallery, 828 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

"Scientific Evolution" Opening reception for work by 20 artists who "have created various visual statements from the conception of the first cloned sheep, Dolly, to the idea that the controversy could lead us into war." Proceeds benefit stem cell research at UCSD. Requested donation: \$5. Closes Wednesday, September 2. 760-781-5779. Saturday, August 8, 6pm. Distinction Gallery, 317 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

"Solo" Receptions for exhibition of works by Rob Benavides, who states "my primary influence re-

mains tattoo, though I am also heavily influenced by comic books and sex." Benavides is owner of Flying Panther Tattoos. Through Sunday, August 30. 619-297-9663. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; Saturday, August 8, 6pm; free. Planet Rooth Gallery, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

"The Language of Abstraction" Reception for Texas-based artist Ron Tomlinson, whose paintings may be seen through September.

760-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Saturday, August 8, 7pm; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (LEUCADIA)

"Visions From a Perfected

City" Opening reception for exhibition hosted by Harbor Art, with "explorations of hope, healing, and restoration by San Diego artists, encouraging a community conversation about how we can help San Diego suck less." 619-829-







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4844. Saturday, August 8, 6pm; free. Z+T Architects Gallery, 3956 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Visual Variations" Opening reception for exhibition of painting and photography by Jeffrey R. Brosbe, Dana Levine, Caroline Morse, Gwen Nobil, John Valois. Closes Sunday, August 16. 858-459-1196. Saturday, August 8, 4pm; free. La Jolla Art Association Gallery, 8100 Paseo del Ocaso, Suite B. (LA JOLLA)

More "Language of Abstraction" Meet Texas-based artist Ron Tomlinson and view exhibition of his paintings. 760-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; free. Brushworks Studio in the Arts Complex, 2400 Kettner

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"4 x 4 x Floor" Take in new dance performances by Iza Moon Dance Collective, somebodies dance theater, Kim Gregg/Parade, Kristopher Apple Music and Dance Ensemble, Bradley Lundberg, the PGK Project, others. Requested donation: \$5.619-886-7924. Tuesday, August 11, 7pm; 21 and up. Bluefoot Bar and Lounge, 3404 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

"Nomadic Circus" Danyavaad, the Shimmy Sisters, and friends perform. Expect live music and circus arts. 619-884-7707. Thursday, August 6, 9pm; free. 21 and up.

Stage Saloon, 762 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Imperial Author/journalist William T. Vollmann, "known for his penetrating meditations on poverty and violence," discusses and signs his book, which wraps up ten years of travel, interviews, research on U.S.-Mexico border. Vollmann's novel Europe Central won 2005 National Book Award for fiction. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, August 12, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Rules of Vengeance Espionage, thriller author Christopher Reich discusses, signs his sequel to Rules of Deception. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, August 11, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Something Incredibly Wonderful Happens K.C. Cole discusses and signs her book about the life of Frank Oppenheimer (brother of Robert Oppenheimer). 858-454-0347. Monday, August 10, 7:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Mosquito Tapes Local topical thriller author Chris Holmes signs, discusses books. 858-268-4747. Saturday, August 8, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

DadGoneMad Blogger Danny Evans signs his memoir *Rage Against the Meshugenah*, detailing "his trip through depression in a hilarious way." 760-480-2760. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Escondido, 810 West Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)



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Meet the Artist In "Delayed Gratification," Dave Ghilarducci "playfully confronts the contemporary paradigm that if man willingly submits to technology he will become more efficient and therefore lead a more meaningful life.' Meet Ghilarducci, hear about his work. Included in museum admission. 760-435-3720. Saturday, August 8, 2pm; free-\$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Meet the Brothers Gonzalez San Diego Padres All-Star and Golden Glove-winner Adrian Gonzalez joined by his brother Edgar Gonzalez, San Diego Padres and SDSU Aztecs player, for autograph signings. Fee: \$35 for flats and balls, \$50 everything else with Adrian; \$15 for flats and balls, \$25 everything else with Edgar. 858-487-0636. Saturday, August 8, 12 noon, American Icon Autographs, 11305 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite #109. (RANCHO BERNARDO

Nomads Show Enjoy live original Middle Eastern-flavored music by Danyavaad, fusion belly dancing by Shimmy Sisters. 619-222-7678. Friday, August 7, 8pm and 10pm. Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Southern California Crime Author Richard Lange visits to discuss, sign The Wicked World. 858-268-4747. Sunday, August 9, 2pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy

Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Speculative Fiction Author High school student Cooper discusses her first novel Turned, an adventure in a magical world. 858-268-4747. Friday, August 7, 7pm; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

Squeaky-Clean Comedy! Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7pm; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Poetry Slam Buckle up "for a literary ride on human emotions" when Full Moon Poets host annual slam. Poets call at 6pm; performance at 7pm. 760-944-6027. Thursday, August 6, 6pm; free. La Paloma, 471 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

The Spy Novelist and the **Bookstore** Daniel Silva visits to discuss, sign The Defector, set six months after conclusion of his Moscow Rules. 858-454-0347. Thursday, August 6, 5:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

Education and the Community Representatives from Chula Vista Elementary School District and

Sweetwater Union High School District discuss strengthening relationships between local government and businesses, the residents/parents and the student population, how each can contribute to shared interests during Chula Vista's Northwest Civic Association monthly town hall meeting. 619-307-3460. Monday, August 10, 6pm; free. Seniors on Broadway, 845 Broadway. (CHULA VISTA)

"Iran: Myth and Reality" Iranian-American political activist and North County businesswoman Farrah Douglas speaks for Life learning group in room 1068 (at 1pm). Michael Hogan, former general manager of Encina Wastewater Authority, discusses "Resource Recovery" (2:30pm). 760-721-8124. Friday, August 7, 1pm; free. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive.

"Microsoft Excel 2007 for **Genealogists"** Former computer science professor Dorothy Miller speaks for Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 858-755-1934. Tuesday, August 11, 10am; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"New Insights on the World Trade Center 9/11 Puzzle" NASA engineer Dwain Deets presents "some of the latest scientific discoveries and research within the 9/11 truth movement" when San Diegans for 9/11 Truth gather. 619-222-2120. Sunday, August 9, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"Plumerias in the Matrimandir Gardens" Richard Eggenberger discusses gardens of Auroville in India for Southern California Plumeria Society. Eggenberger is author of The Handbook on Plumeria Culture. 619-461-5942. Sunday, August 9, 1pm; free. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

"Really Reliable Recall" Frustrated when Spot won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. Saturday, August 8, 9am; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Some Like It Hot!" Summer writing marathon led by Judy Reeves promises "creative madness" to "get the ink flowing and the ideas exploding." 619-284-1343. Saturday, August 8, 10am; \$72-\$90. The Ink Spot, 710 13th Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Encounters Series Composer/ Los Angeles Philharmonic lecturer Russell Steinberg shares new approach to listening to music; AudioMaps use "series of simple words and graphics to describe music as it unfolds." This Summer-Fest series talk presents "examples from Mendelssohn and Beethoven that will take listening to a new level." 858-454-5872. Thursday, August 6, 12:30pm; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street, (LA JOLLA)

Find Your Voice Composition, melody, becoming one with audience explored during music workshop with legendary bassist Freebo. 760-753-5786 x849. Sunday, August 9, 1pm; \$35. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive, (ENCINITAS)

How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog Workshop covers topics such as house training, socialization with people and other animals, calmness in home, communication with your dog, basic nutrition, more. For people only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Tuesday, August 11, 6:30pm; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Naqshbandi Sufi Meditation Sufism, the "mystical" or "inner tradition of the Islamic faith," includes silent meditation practiced by the Naqshbandi. Class explores silent dhikr (remembrance of God). Suggested donation: \$8.619-808-9847. Friday, August 7, 1:30pm; free. Ideal Hotel, 540 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

Use Value to Push Color! San Dieguito Art Guild Demonstration hosts demonstration by local artist Ron Lemen in Ecke Building, focusing on "sketching in oil and using the medium as a sketching tool to make quick indications under short spans of time." Learn ways for "simplifying the subject down to its abstraction, using value to push the color, and illusion of light and brushwork when quickly painting." 760-942-3636. Thursday, August 6, 1:30pm; free. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

What Are the Plants of the Month? Pam Badger discusses "The Genus Melocactus" and George Plaisted focuses on Pelargoniums for San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society in Casa del Prado room 101. Woody Minnich presents "Brazil, Bahia to Minas Gerias." 858-270-5544. Saturday, August 8, 12 noon; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

"San Diego Sites and Sights" Bike historic Old Town, surrounding area during 25-mile outing hosted by Knickerbikers, 619-787-7427. Saturday, August 8, 8:45am: free. Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street, (OLD TOWN)

And They're Off! Del Mar Thoroughbred Club horse racing meet runs through September 9. Handicapping seminars offered Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. "Donut Day"

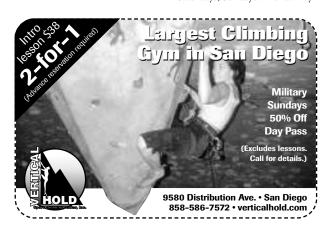


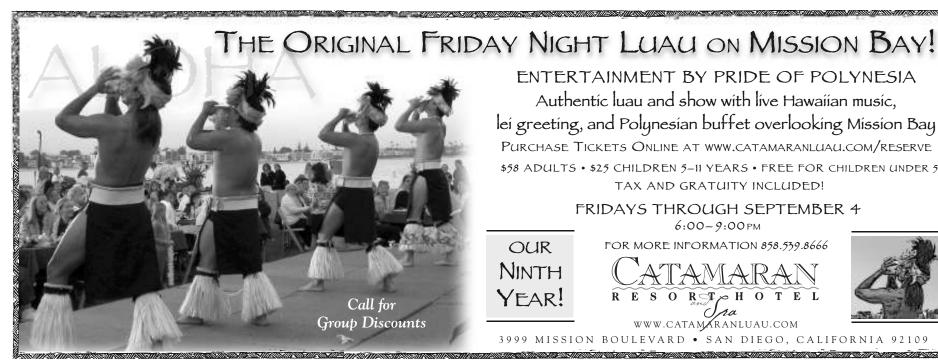




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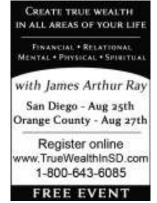
offered August 29; take in morning workouts with free doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, appearances by jockeys and trainers (free).

Reggae Festival planned Saturday, August 22 (beginning at 3:30pm). Pacific Classic Racing Festival runs September 4-September 7, with \$1 Million Pacific Classic on Sunday, September 6. Labor Day (September 7) is Jockey Photo Day. Season concludes with Party in the Paddock on September 9. 858-755-1141. Thursdays, 2pm; Fridays, 3pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; Wednesdays, 2pm; through Wednesday, September 9, \$6-\$10. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Board and Brew the Long Way Bring money for lunch during 50-mile ride with San Diego
Bicycle Society. 619-647-3212. Saturday, August 8, 8:45am; free.
Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road.
(UNIVERSITY CITY)

Elizabeth Hospice Charity Regatta Seventh annual event promises sailboat racing, entertainment, meals. Details: 760-722-5751. Friday, August 7, 8am; Saturday, August 8, 8am; Sunday, August 9, 8am. Oceanside Yacht Club, 1950 Harbor Drive North. (OCFANSIDE)

Full-Moon Paddle on Mission Bay Gain introduction to kayaking and enjoy scenic nighttime tour of one of San Diego's most beautiful playgrounds. Fee includes equipment and paddling instruction. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Thursday, August 6, 7pm; Friday,



August 7, 7pm; \$20-\$65. 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

H₂O Audio Surf Monkey Organizers promise 5km beach run/walk, one-mile ocean swim, four- and eight-mile paddleboard race, three-event stage race combining run, swim, paddleboard race (winners are crowned King and Queen Monkey). Registration opens 5:30am. 760-635-1795. Saturday, August 8, 7am; \$35-\$50. Oceanside Pier, Mission Avenue and Pacific Street. (OCEANSIDE)

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. 619-426-3212. Sunday, August 9, 8:45am; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Padres vs. Mets San Diego Padres take on the New York Mets. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM), XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, August 6, 7:05pm; Friday, August 7, 7:05pm; Saturday, August 9, 1:05pm; \$7-857. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks, guitarfish, and smoothhound sharks during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Sunday, August 9, 8am; \$30. 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

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MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

Black Historical Society Museum of San Diego African American History 740 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Campo Railroad Museum Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars. Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11am, 2:30pm) over portion of

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

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

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

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown Works in "Attempt to Raise Hell" are said to "range from poetic meditations on life, death, and religion to political responses that have a contemporary resonance beyond specific historical events." Exhibition includes pieces by Dennis Oppenheim, Vito Acconci, Chris Burden, María Fernanda Cardoso, Russell Crotty, Lewis de-Soto, James Drake, Charles Gaines, Ann Hamilton, Jim Skalman, others. Through Sunday, September 27.

"Octagon" (named for eightsided cages in which mixed martial arts fighters compete) presents photographs by Kevin Lynch, who was given access to document the Ultimate Fighting Championship mixed martial arts athletes, both ringside and behind the scenes. Centerpiece of exhibition is "monumental grid of before-and-after photographs of the competitors prior to and following their matches." Closes Sunday, September 27. 1100 and 1001 Kettner Blvd., 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts "Ansel Adams: A Life's Work"

includes over 80 photographs by the master, celebrates Adams as an artist and conservationist. Exhibit features an overview of Adam's work from his early years in Sierra Nevada and Yosemite Valley to his work in Japanese internment camp at Manzanar, along with his wellknown masterpieces. Closes Sunday, October 4.

"Picturing the Process: The Photograph as Witness" explores the variety of ways photographers and photographs document people, places, events throughout history. Exhibit from museum's permanent collection closes Saturday, February 6.

The interface between nature and urban technological culture is explored in "Jo Whaley: Theater of Insects." Over the last 25 years, Whaley's photographs have ranged from allegorical nudes to a revision of the "vanitas" still-life tradition to fusion of natural history and environmental issues. Pieces juxtapose organic and man-made elements to reflect issue of environmental degradation in an imaginative manner. Through Tuesday, October 13. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (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

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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.

San Diego Archaeological Center Center hosts monthly archaeological-themed lectures, workshops, and family events on second Saturday of each month. Museum is dedicated to curating and sharing archaeological collec-

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

San Diego Maritime Museum Sailor's Days offered Wednesdays through August 26. Guests experience activities such as rope making, moving cargo, raising and lowering sails, more. Children may participate in scavenger hunt to learn about history.

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

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

props used in making of the flick.

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

San 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. Selfguided 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 Rd., 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Timken Museum of Art "Palekh: Icons to Souvenir Boxes to Icons" is exhibition of works steeped in "rich cultural tradition of the Russian village of Palekh, one of the great icon centers of the 18th and 19th Centuries." Show displays traditional icons and folk handicraft of decorated papiermäché black lacquer boxes. Through Sunday, October 4.

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

Valley Center History Museum The museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as

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No Joke On July 7, 31-year-old Nick Pizana, aka Big Yikes, of South Bay hiphop crew South Psycho Cide, passed away from cardiac arrest following a bout with pneumonia.

Jackson memorial stuff.... Not one of us thought it was serious when we first got the news. No one would believe it. They thought he'd jump out of the back room and

the inside track

Pizana's enjoyment of practical jokes had his bandmates and friends thinking the news was a put-on. "He

South Psycho Cide was formed in 2000 by Sweetwater High School students Charles Quimiro (aka



FROM PSYCHO CIDE TO THE OTHER SIDE (BIG YIKES)

was known for cracking jokes," said the band's Charles Quimiro. "And he died during all the Michael

CooKoo) and Julius Macalanda (aka Sir Booz). In 2003, Macalanda's younger brother Joe and Pizana joined the group.

The quartet has been nominated for five San Diego Music Awards: three times for Best Hip-Hop Group (2003, 2006, 2008) and twice for Best Hip-Hop Album (2002's Back to da Street and 2005's Welcome to Reality).

Pizana's death leaves a number of South Psycho Cide projects in limbo, including their upcoming third album, Tha Repedemic. "We stopped playing in April so we could finish our new CD and were about to start playing live again when this happened. Everything will come together again, eventually, but for now, we're just recovering from [Big Yikes's] passing."

Quimiro was working with Pizana on a solo Big Yikes project that was near completion. According to Quimiro, there was only one track left to finish on the untitled disc, but Pizana left a book with more than 400 songs in it for future projects. "Music was all he wanted to do, so he was constantly writing. He would joke around about it being important to consider your legacy because anything could happen at any time."

While Quimiro plans to finish the recordings, he has been reluctant to reenter his home studio since the news of Pizana's death reached him. "It was the last place I saw him," he said.

A memorial show with proceeds going to Pizana's mother is planned for later this summer.

- Bart Mendoza

says a former 91X employee. "Plus, back in the glory days, it was just 91X and KGB. Radio revenue is down for everybody, but now you have



FEST FAVORITES YEAH YEAH YEAHS

X-Fest Takes a Rest?

Last year's X-Fest, headlined by Offspring and Pennywise at the Concerts on the Green facility near Qualcomm, may have ended the event's 25-year run.

When it became clear that 91X would not bring back X-Fest this May, 91X staffers told listeners that the alt-rock festival would be held in August or September. Now they're saying X-Fest is probably not going to happen in 2009.

"They have no money,"

91X as the fourth of four stations that play new rock."

The latest Arbitron ratings show Rock 105.3 in 9th place among all listeners, 94/9 in 16th, KPRI in 17th, and 91X in 20th.

General manager Trip Reeb would not respond to a request for comment about why 91X is postponing its annual event indefinitely.

"It's just easier for [91X] to piggyback on other concerts," says one promoter. "They are hanging their name on the Del Mar racetrack concerts and on the Warped Tour, which they are presenting. But they don't want to risk losing money on their own shows."

In previous years, promoters such as AEG have backed X-Fest, assuming all the financial risks and booking the bands. This year neither Live Nation nor AEG offered to step up.

"Radio is not as relevant as it used to be," says one longtime promoter. "Your major concert promoters are struggling like everyone else, and they just don't see the benefit in partnering with 91X just for the free radio ads."

One 91X competitor managed to stage its own multi-band concert in June: FM 94/9 acted as the promoter for Independence Jam at the Oceanside Amphitheatre, which featured national acts the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and the Black Keys as well as local bands. "We sold out in a week and a half," says 94/9 program director Garett Michaels, who adds that 91X didn't do itself a favor when it had emo darlings My Chemical Romance headline its '06 Christmas concert. "They have swung to whatever bad flavor of the month is happening at the time, from that awful rap-rock to corporate rock to emo. Now they are just trying to copy KROQ in L.A.

— Ken Leighton

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It's All About Closure

"It came as a pretty big surprise," says John Cota, guitarist and vocalist for San Diego hardcore act Hostile Comb-Over, after sipping from a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon inside North Park's Live Wire.

Last month, after nearly five years of playing music

start a family. I totally get where they are coming from, and I don't blame them for wanting that. There are no hard feelings; I'm bummed, but that's the nature of playing in a band with other people."

As for the 11 songs they recorded at Archival Studios, instead of shelling out the money needed to release the album, Cota says the songs will be posted onto the band's website and MySpace profile as free downloads.



I'M READY TO TOUR" (COTA)

together — and eight months into recording their second full-length record the jarring hardcore trio called it quits.

"I'm ready to tour," explains Cota, who will join bassist Cole Mears and drummer Ben Johnson for Hostile Comb-Over's final show August 11 at the Radio Room. "Those guys aren't able to commit to that. They have obligations and want to

For Cota, only weeks after the members of Hostile Comb-Over announced their final two shows, he is at work on two new projects: Black Flag-inspired hardcore band Rats Eyes and a new project with Irradio drummer Greg Sudor.

The untitled project with Sudor will have the same aggressive approach as Hostile Comb-Over, says Cota, but in place of a bassist, Cota will play guitar out of two separate amps and use an octave pedal to give it a heavier, fuller sound.

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"It's less complicated with just the two of us, and I know Greg is down with touring."

After another swig of beer, Cota adds, "It's definitely a bummer that [Comb-Over's | done with. Now, it's all about closure."

— Dorian Hargrove

A Book and a Brew "I

wrote a song that became a children's book," says New Archaic singer-violinist Alicia Previn, who will perform "The Earthworm Song" at an August 9 release party for The Earthworm Book at Escondido's Stone Brewery. "The project took form because of my experience making compost," says Previn, "and understanding the importance of what earthworms do for the earth.

We're inviting children to come see me perform, read from the book, dig for worms, and demonstrate

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CD that accompanies the book, as well as a third performer making his first public appearance.



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ACCIDENTAL AUTHOR ALICIA PREVIN

building a worm box."

The Stone Brewery event features Wild Truth bassist David Ybarra, who wrote and produced the music on the

"My worm-puppet Tola is a hand-knitted replica of a real worm, with no eyes or ears," says Previn, who doesn't mind if someone

takes Tola's real-world brethren fishing. "One of the aspects of the book is the making of a worm box to grow more worms, so, yes, go ahead and use them to fish. In fact, I like to fish and cut bait."

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But why have a children's concert at a brewery? "Stone Brewery happens to be unusual in that they run their whole operation using sustainable methods of growing, including their garden setting for the restaurant. The Earthworm Book is a good complement for their philosophy. Their events include 'A Book and a Brew,' including a children's version.

"With nonalcoholic brew, of course."

– Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday

The double-X chromosomes are out to rock you tonight, as Casbah hosts Maren Parusel's anticipated debut seven-inch from Single Screen Records. Since departing Wild Weekend, Parusel's made do with the limited skill sets of Mario Escovedo, Jackson Milgaten, and Brian Karscig, among other local luminaries, interested in seeing the young artist realize her potential. Some songs are up on HerSpace. Cat Power's a reasonable comp. Paddleboat and Gray Ghosts up first...

Anna Troy Band rolls into Bar Pink to play a CD release for their latest, a concerts collection called Live!... The Venezuelan dance-iams band **Los** Amigos Invisibles

And the

materialize at House of Blues. Presumably you can hook up with the Amigos at their "official after at the Beauty Bar.... The folk-rocking River City flows into Radio Room with noisy New Mexico trio Zagadka.

Friday

Gearing up for this year's North Park Music Thing (née North By North Park), Casbah stages two shows Friday night. The early haps have the Collapse making their debut. The band features a bunch of rock-roll born-agains such as Charlie Ware and Mike Santos (Lucy's Fur Coat), Pete Reichert (RFTC), Morgan Smith (the Front), and Mark Maigaard (Louis XIV). The late sets bring electro acts Quintron and Miss Pussycat and Gram Rabbit back to town with like-minded Los Angelinos **Static Static**.... Alt-rock party band Sprung Monkey swings into Canes with heavy metal Mower and Bad Habit for a friendly bene for Miranda Jones.... L.A. acoustic-comedy act the **Fresh** play Bar Pink Friday night. Check out "Man

got the Beaters at Tower Bar highlighted, the Lanterns at Radio Room, and, whoa, hold your boa, Barbarella, Beauty Bar's booked drag-strip rockers Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver. This'd be their dress rehearsal for the big street thing on Sunday and best of the

bunch Saturday night. The and alsos: El Ten Eleven lands at Bar Pink. And, appropriately enough, you got Scarlet Symphony at Ruby Room.

Sunday

Sunday's the Big Day on El Cajon for the North Park Music Thing. I guess it's right out front of the Lafavette Hotel where the speakers are all talked out about the ramifications of pop and how to make it b-i-g big ramifying, so, on with the shows. And they're doozies. In a nut-shell: **Night Marchers**, Black Heart,

Presidents of, UJBOD, El Vez... Get to sandiegomusicfoundation.org to plan your day... Post-fest highlights, if you've got the gumption, include fuzz-pop up-and-comers This Is Manic with Lions and Nautical Disaster at Ruby Room, while Bar Pink sticks Portland punx **Roxy Epoxy** on its stage (titter).... The non-fest rest: British blues band Savoy Brown hits the boards at Anthology behind founder and guitar great Kim Simmonds...and downtown hot spot Voyeur stages Italian electronica duo the **Bloody Beetroots**.



Belly Up books a boo-ya Monday-nighter with althop icon Talib Kweli. The Brooklyn MC will be joined by DJ Hi-Tek Slum Village, and Pete **Rock** for his Reflection Eternal tour.... Casbah's Anti-Monday Leaguers kick back with

SanFran punk band American Steel

New Trust and Drug Wars set the Midtown mainstay's stage for that one



SOLILLAQUISTS OF SOUND AT CASBAH

Tuesday

Orlando's hip-hopping rockers **Solillaquists of Sound** roll up on Casbah behind their new Anticollection No More Heroes. Check the Space takes for a taste of the gang's machine-gun rhythm-n-rhymes. Like-minded locals Brendan B & the Breaks and psychtronica duo Illuminauts set it up.

Wednesday

Hump night's Respect Your Elder (Rockers) night, as Nawlins native Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk visits House of Blues. Check them out at dumpstaphunk.com and go prepared to shake ya junk...Allman Bro. **Dickey Betts** and his band **Great Southern** hit Belly Up with local folkies **Grizzly Circus**...and the eldest of the elder statesmen, trad-jazz cat Buster Williams, plays Anthology. The hard-bop bassist came up with none other than Herbie Hancock, yo.... Can't get behind Respect Your Elder (Rockers) night, Ruby Room's got Screaming Females from Jersey.

- Barnaby Monk



release their spanking-new Single Screen sevenincher (giggity).... Ruby Room rolls out Rockabilly Shakeout, featuring Raw Deal (TX) and the SideWynders (L.A.). That's a Rompin' & Stompin' CD-release gig for the L.A. act... Airborne Toxic Event overtakes the track's postrace-in-the-paddock stage this week. They're the L.A. indie kids who hit back after getting *Pitch*-slapped (1.6) for aping then–flavors of the day Arcade Fire, Strokes, Interpol, etc., etc.

ing on Kobe Bean Bryant big time.... Soda Bar

stages an ex-Sess set by the **Beaters**, who will

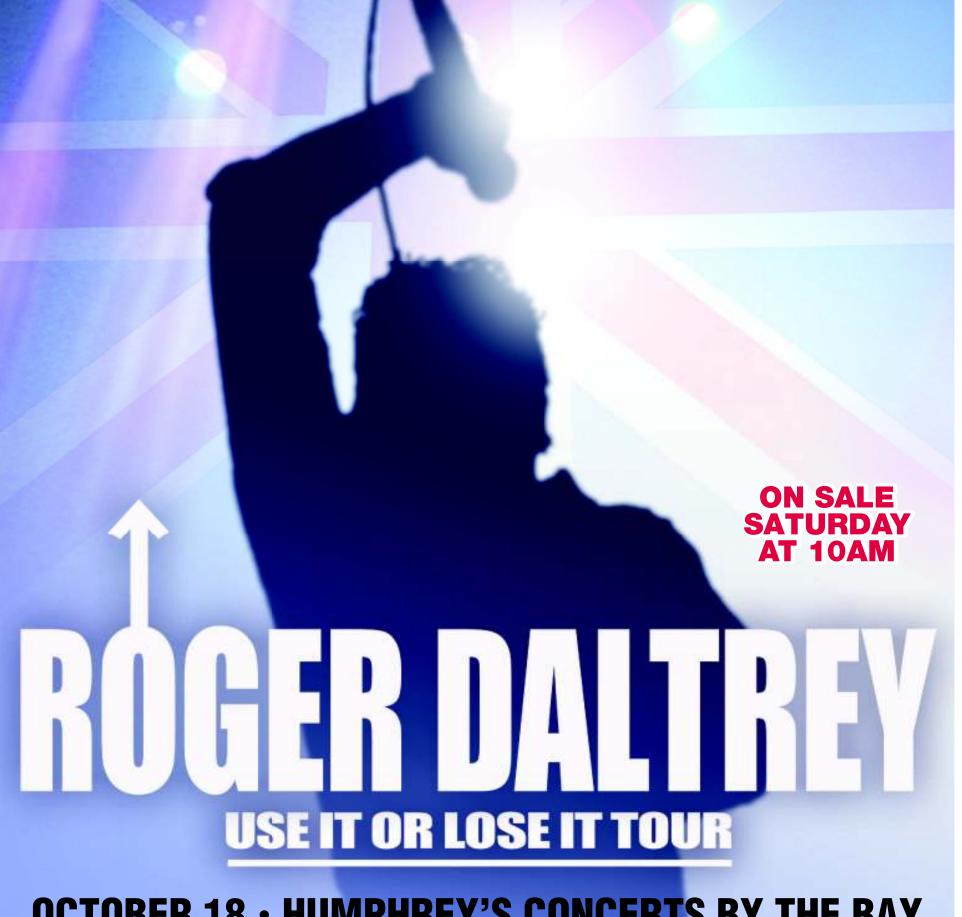
Saturday

Boogie-woogie baby doll Sue Palmer — sucker for that schoolmarm look — grinds out an early set for the happy-hour crowd at Belly Up Saturday afternoon. Check out Palmer's Sophisticated Ladies t'hear why this longtime Candye Kane cohort is tops in San Diego's backdoor blues scene.... A diva of another stripe, Gwen Stefani, and her ska-pop outfit No Doubt join Vegas quartet Panic at the Disco for a big ticket at the Cricket. Panic's out to tout its latest award-winning Billboard climber Pretty. Odd.... Been trying to pare down these North Park Music Thing club sets for you, but it's a bear — 150 bands on 20 stages looks like more bands than fans, but who knows, it could work. I









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Almost a Dreamer

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

"Sometimes I introduce my footwear like a band member."

hen people ask what I'm like onstage," says Lindsay White, "I tell them to imagine Bob Dylan with a skirt." The soulful singer-songwriter got her local start playing open mikes around town at venues like Lestat's Coffee House in Normal Heights.

"At first, I gigged with nothing but my guitar and a mike stand, and that was really intimidating. Especially since coffee-shop peo-

ple are usually just pounding on their laptops and ignoring you. I mean, I got a few gigs that paid, but everyone suggested I get a band together. Kind of a Tori Amos syndrome — 'We love what you do, but we wanna hear a half dozen people do it with you.'"

Instead of a full band, White settled on one-man band Joel Mendoza, a percussionist with a dizzying array of musical toys and playing styles. "I found him through an ad I placed on craigslist," says White, "and thank God he wasn't one of those crazies you hear about. A lot of people around town know him....

"Almost all the local clubs are more likely to pay a duo than a solo. I find it's much better than a full band, not just because [a percussionist] suits my music better, but because you only have to split the paycheck two ways."

Having moved to San Diego four years ago, the 26-year-old White has now hit the stage of over a dozen local venues. "The best was the first time I played Humphrey's Backstage Lounge — my parents came to San Diego to see me on my first date back after a tour. I was thrilled about the stage, the sound, [and] the crowd. Even though they did misspell my name on the marquee out front. It's all about the dues, people."

Lindsay White performs Saturday, August 8,

at the North Park Music Thing three-day festival and hosts the "Listen Local" showcase at the Bare Back Grill in the Gaslamp every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

1. Jasmine Commerce, Somewhere in Between.

"I'm not sure why Jasmine isn't a household name by now because she's a great songwriter and a beautiful singer."

2. The Cathryn Beeks Ordeal, *Desert Music.* "Another local CD, and this one is perfect as a road-trip CD. Cathryn's voice is like melting butter."

3. Bob Dylan, *Blood on the Tracks*. "This is my favorite Dylan album. 'Idiot Wind' blows my mind. 'Buckets of Rain' is so simple and pretty. 'Lily, Rosemary, and the Jack of Hearts' paints the most vivid pictures in my head."

4. Gnarls Barkley, *St. Elsewhere*. "This record is so unique. Most of the writing has a lot of depth, but it's always masked by some really cool hip-hop beat that makes it even more interesting."

5. Amy Winehouse, *Back to Black*. "Her album *Frank* is a good record, but it's more of a jazz throwback, whereas *Back to Black* feels straight out of the '60s. I love that she just writes and sings with her guts, with no holding back, and she has a sharp sense of humor."

FAVORITE FASHION ACCESSORY?

"Shoes, shoes, and more shoes. I practically collect them and hoard them. I wear a different pair at every gig, and sometimes I introduce my footwear like a band member. At [size] nine and a half, they usually get noticed and commented on — whether I call people's attention to them or not."



Lindeau White

BRUSH WITH FAME?

"None for me, but my friend's mom went to see a Bob Dylan concert in New York back in the day.... Afterward, she marched up to him and told him that the concert was the best thing she'd ever seen in her life. He looked at her and said, 'That's some kind of life you've had.'"

FAVORITE HANGOUT?

"Either the Bare Back Grill or chillin' on the couch with my husband."

WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT YOURSELF?

"I wish I was a little bit less practical. I want to be a songwriter, but it's not a steady paycheck, so I'm always stuck doing jobs I don't want to do so I can share the responsibility of bills with my husband. I wish I could just be more of a dreamer and take that leap into full-time music."

WORDS TO LIVE BY?

"I try to live by the Bob Dylan lyric 'He not busy being born is busy dying.' I have it taped to my computer screen to remind me that I better not let myself get stuck in a cubicle forever."

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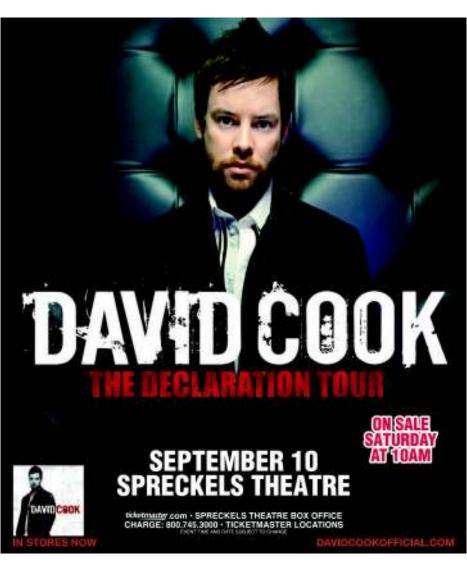
"I don't envy him the task at hand, that's for sure. I come from a very conservative family, so I get an earful about what he's doing wrong. But, put it this way — I'm glad we finally have a president who can construct a complete sentence."

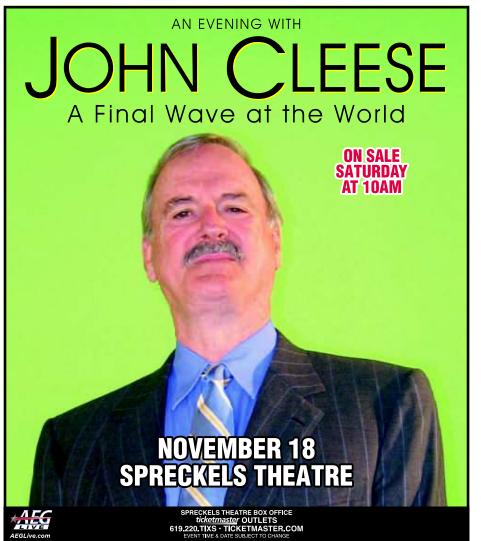
SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"Basketball is my other love. My dad was a basketball coach, and up until a couple of years ago, I thought I would follow in his footsteps. I played D3 college basketball, and I still play every week in a rec league."













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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

4th&B: 345 B St., Downtown, 619-231-4343. *Friday* — Aleks Syntek. Latin/pop. *Saturday*, 7:30pm — LBC Sublime. A tribute to Sublime. Rock/ska. \$15. 21 and up.

AcousticMusicSanDiego:

4650 Mansfield St., Normal Heights, 619-303-8176. Sunday, 7:30pm — Jesse Winchester. Acoustic/folk. \$25.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300.

Thursday, 7:30pm — Susan G.
Komen Benefit Concert. Featuring Miz Mandy. Pop. \$25.

Friday, 7:30pm — Leela James. R&B/jazz. \$27.

Saturday, 7:30pm and 9:30pm — Firefall. Folk/rock. \$22-\$28. Sunday, 7:30pm — Savoy Brown. Featuring Kim Simmonds. Blues/rock. \$18.

Tuesday, 7pm — The Anthology House Band. Jazz. \$5.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Buster Williams Quartet. Featuring Patrice Rushen, Bennie Maupin, and Cindy Blackman, Jazz. \$18.

Bar Pink: 3829 30th St., North Park, 619-564-7194.

Thursday, 10pm — The Anna Troy Band. With the Stone Foxes. Rock. 21 and up.

Saturday, 10pm — El Ten Eleven. Experimental. 21 and up. Sunday, 10pm — Roxy Epoxy & the Rebound. With the Action Design. Punk/rock. 21 and up.

Beachside Grill: 215 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-433-8850

Friday, 8pm — Avitia. Alternative/country/rock. \$7. 21 and up.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Bl., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.

Thursday, 9pm — Gran Sasso. Punk/rock. \$5. 21 and up. Friday, 9pm — Nipsy Russel. With the Lassie Foundation and DJ Morgan Young. Alternative. \$5. 21 and up.

Saturday, 9pm — Hotel St. George With Crash Encore, Long Live Logos, Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver, and DJ Morgan Young. Rock. 21 and up. Wednesday, 9pm — Peach Cake.

Wednesday, 9pm — Peach Cake. With Jamuel Saxon, the Crush, and DJ Skullcrusher. Blues/soul. \$5. 21 and up.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Ave., Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.

Thursday, 8pm — Bedford Grove. With Pullman's Standard and Ninja Love. Rock. \$8. 21 and up. Friday, 9pm — Michael Rose. With Cualli and DJ Boomstyler. Reggae. \$25-\$27.

Saturday, 4pm — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra. Swing. \$8. 21 and up.

Saturday, 9pm — Stepping Feet. A tribute to the Dave Matthews Band. Rock. 21 and up.
Sunday, 4pm — The Swingin'

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Kings. Swing. 8pm — Orquesta
Primo. Salsa. \$10. 21 and up.
Monday, 9pm — Talib Kweli. With
Hi-Tek, Slaughterhouse, Slum
Village, and Supernatural. Hip-hop.
\$33-\$35. 21 and up.
Tuesday, 9pm — Jah Blood Fiyah

Tuesday, 9pm — Jah Blood Fiyah Angels. With Dub Traffik Control DJs. Reggae. \$8-\$10. 21 and up. Wednesday, 8pm — Dickey Betts and Great Southern. With Grizzly Circus. Blues/country/jazz. \$28-\$30. 21 and up.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: 7007 Friars Rd., Mission Valley, 619-295-2464. Friday, 7pm — David Patrone. With Sky Ladd and Grant Clarkson. Jazz/lounge. Free.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park. Saturday, 5:30pm — Ruby and the Red Hots. Blues. Free.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-9300. *Thursday*, 9pm — Jacqueline Grace. Pop/R&B/Latin.



Wednesday, 8pm — The Eben Brooks Band. With the EJP Band.

Borders Books and Music - Mission Valley: 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-295-2201.

Friday, 8pm — Kim Evans. Blues/rock/soul.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Ave., Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. Thursday, 8pm — Dilana. Rock. \$10-\$12. 21 and up. Friday, 9pm — Circa Now. With Full Revolution, Wither, and Hocus. Rock. Saturday, 8pm — FM Revolver. With River Runs Red, Streamview, October Burning, and Young Royals. Rock. \$10. Wednesday, 7pm — Battle of the Bands. Winners play local Warped Tour date. \$10. 21 and up.

Café Libertalia: 3834 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest. *Friday*, 9pm — Nick Z. With Rob

Friday, 9pm — Nick Z. With Rol Deez. Acoustic. \$5.

Calavera Hills Park: 2997 Glasgow Dr., Carlsbad. *Friday*, 6pm — The Screamin' Primas. Swing. Free.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8pm — JetWest. With Spero Lumina, Iron Works, and Even Break. Rock. \$8. 21 and up. Friday, 9pm — Sprung Monkey. With Slower and The Habit. Rock. \$20. 21 and up. Sunday, 5pm — Lloyd Street Rockers. Reggae. Free. Wednesday, 7pm — Revol Concept. With La Deriva, Dead Record, Ottly Mercer, Los Incontentibles Del Amor. Reggae. \$10. 21 and up.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. Thursday, 8:30pm — Maren Parusel. With the Paddleboat and Gray Ghosts. Indie. \$6. 21 and up. Friday, 7pm — North Park Music Thing Kickoff Party. Featuring Midnight Rivals, Morgan Smith, Mark Maigaard, and Thin Man. Rock, \$5, 21 and up, 10:30pm -Quintron and Ms. Pussycat. With Gram Rabbit, Static Static, and Leg Lifters. Pop/rock. \$12. 21 and up. Saturday, 8:30pm — Buckfast Superbee. With This Is Not My Life and guests. Alternative/indie/rock. \$8. 21 and up. Sunday, 8:30pm — The Apes of Wrath. With Lights On and the Growlers. Indie/rock. 21 and up. Monday, 8:30pm - American Steel. With the New Trust and Drug Wars. Punk/rock. \$10. 21 and up. Tuesday, 8:30pm - Solilloquists of Sound. With Brendan B & the Breaks and guests. Electronica/ hip-hop. \$10. 21 and up. Wednesday, 8:30pm — Northern Towns. With Braains. Punk/rock.

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College-Rolando Library: 6600 Montezuma Rd., College Area, 619-533-3902. *Tuesday*, 10am — Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. Celtic/jazz.

Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. Saturday, 7:30pm — No Doubt.

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Davina's Cabo Grill: 212 North Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-637-2450.

Friday, 6pm — Roots Covenant.
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Saturday, 2pm — SuperWave. Surf/rock.

Sunday, 3pm — Roots Covenant. Reggae.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Bl., Del Mar, 858-755-1141.

Friday, 3pm — The Airbourne Toxic Event. Indie/rock. Free.

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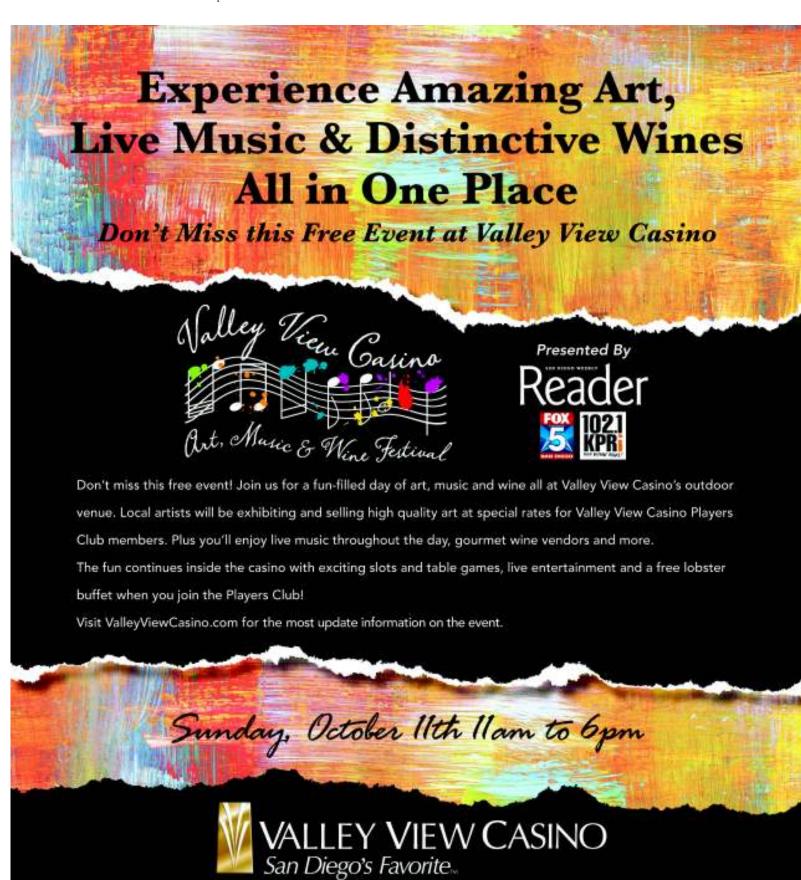
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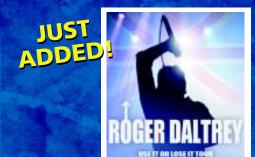






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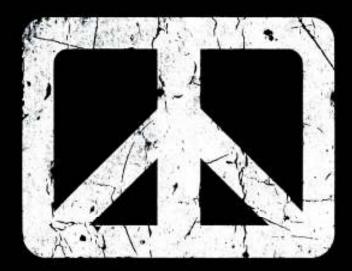
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House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. Thursday, 7pm — Los Amigos Invisibles. Dance/electronica. \$17-\$32. 21 and up. Friday, 8:30pm — Highway 61 Revisited. A tribute to Bob Dylan and the Grateful Dead. Rock. \$12. Saturday, 7pm — Who's Bad? A memorial tribute to Michael Jackson. Pop. \$17-\$32. 21 and up. Wednesday, 8pm — Dumpstaphunk. With Eric Krasno and Chapter 2. Funk. \$15-\$32. 21 and up.

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Tuesday — Citizen Band. Rock show following the Lyle Lovett concert.

Wednesday, 9:30pm — Larry McCray. Jazz/blues.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. Friday, 7:30pm — The Alan Parsons Live Project. Rock. \$50. Monday, 8pm — Diana Krall. Jazz/blues/covers. \$99. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Lyle Lovett. Country. \$75.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos, 760-7417778.

Friday, 8pm — Mycin. Rock.

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

Friday, 10pm — Nancy. Rock. 21 and up.

Saturday, 9pm — Silent Comedy. With Happy Hallows, the Modlins, Roxy Jones, and Deatheaters. Rock. 21 and up.

La Mesa Village: Spring Street at La Mesa Bl., La Mesa. *Thursday*, 5pm — The Kyle Van Band. Bluegrass/country/rock. Free.

Logan Heights Library: 811 South 28th St., Logan Heights, 619-533-3968.

Wednesday, 3pm — Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. Celtic/jazz.

Manhattan Cocktail Lounge: 400 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-6641.

Friday and Saturday, 9pm — Stone Wolf. Rock.

The Marquee: 835 25th St., Golden Hill.

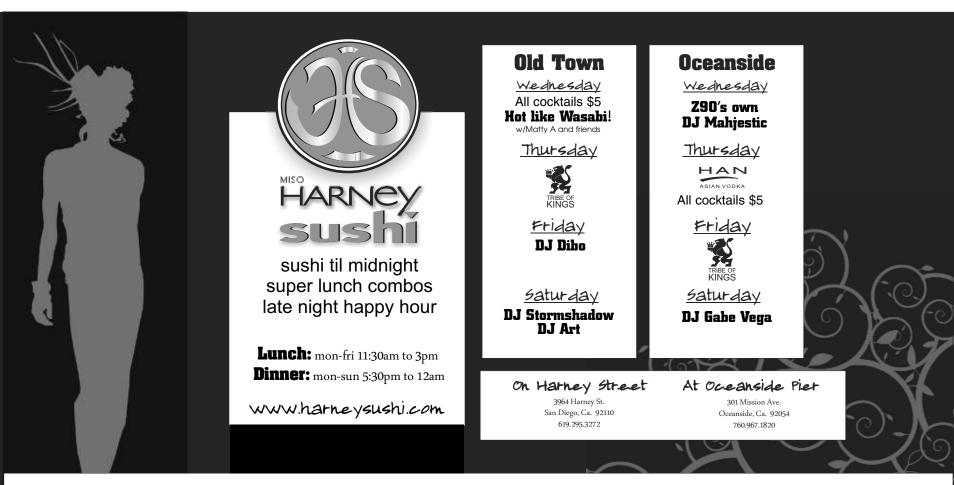
Saturday, 7:30pm — DJ Red Lite. With Gill Sotu, Dave Booda, Elaine Faye, Dizzy Order, Ibo Brewer, Jason Oneil, and special guest. Funk/hip-hop/soul. \$10.

McCabe's Beach Club: 1145 S. Tremont St., Oceanside, 760-439-6646. *Friday*, 4:30pm — The California

The Merk: 820 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-814-6375. *Thursday*, 7pm — David Patrone.

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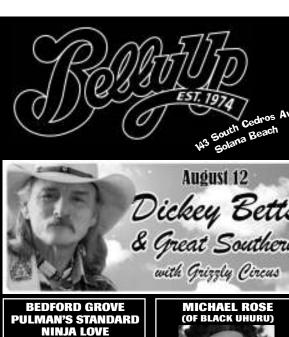






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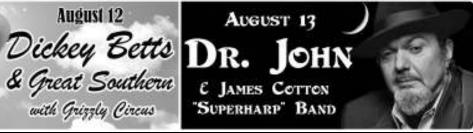






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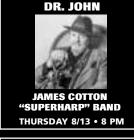






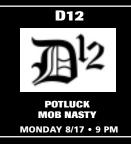
























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8/29	Tail Chasers - Matinee!
8/29	Danger Kitty
8/30	Laura Roppe
8/31	Heavy Young Heathens & Jamuel Saxon
9/1 & 9/2	Israel Vibration

8/16 Firehouse Swing Matinee w/ Swingin' Kings



9/4 Johnny Winter

10/17 Buju Bantor 10/20 Bob Mould Band 10/21 Grizzly Bear 10/22 Poncho Sanchez 10/23 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy 10/24 Tommy Castro Band 11/4 Dinosaur Jr. 11/12 The Raveonettes

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Friday, 8pm — Belen. With Plan B. Pop/rock. \$5.

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North Park: University Avenue (between 30th and 32nd Streets), North Park.

Saturday, 7pm, Sunday, noon — North Park Music Thing. Featuring the Presidents of the United States of America, Scott Russo & the Big Big Bang, the Night Marchers, Black Heart Procession, Steve Poltz & the Rugburns, El Vez, Uncle Joe's Big 'Ol Driver, Avi Buffalo, and more. Acoustic/indie/rock.

North University Community Library: 8820 Judicial Dr., La Jolla, 858-581-9637.

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Monday, 6:30pm — Leonard Patton. Jazz/R&B. Free.

O'Connells Pub and
Nightclub: 1310 Morena Bl.,
Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
Saturday, 9pm — The Devotees.
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Sunday, 9pm — Tyler Jakes & the
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Tuesday, 7:30pm — The
Melodramatics. With Rough and
Steady and Jamm Quest. Hip-hop.

21 and up.

Wednesday, 9pm — Vision. With BMSB. Hip-hop. 21 and up.

Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

Friday, 9pm — Lipstick N Leather. Metal/rock.

Onyx/Thin: 852 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-235-ONYX. Thursday, 9pm — Steph Johnson. With Julia Jordan, DJ Sachamo, and MC Miki Vale. Blues/hiphop/lounge.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Rd., Pala, 877-946-7252. Friday, 8pm — Bonsallpalooza. Featuring Steve Poltz, Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz, and Patti Zlaket. Alternatve/blues/soul. \$45-\$65. Sunday, 7:30pm — Diana Krall. Jazz/blues/covers.

Patrick's II: 428 F St. Downtown, 619-233-3077. Thursday, 9pm — Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak. Blues/ funk/rock. Friday, 5pm — First Friday. Featuring Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak and Johnny Vernazza. Blues. Saturday, 9pm — The Bill Magee Blues Band. Blues. Sunday, 9pm — Chet & the Committee. Blues. Monday, 9pm — 3rd Degree Blues. Blues. Tuesday, 9pm — Blue Four. Blues/soul. Wednesday, 9pm — The Buick Wilson Band. Blues/soul.

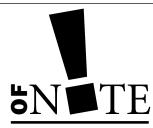
Pechanga Resort & Casino:

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. Saturday, 8pm — Which One's Pink? A tribute to Pink Floyd. \$15-\$30.

Prescott Promenade: 211 1/2 East Main St., El Cajon. *Friday*, 6pm — The Heroes.

Radio Room: 3519 El Cajon Bl., North Park, 619-284-3323.

Covers/standards. Free.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I was flipping through a newspaper and came across an article about an upcoming show featuring four tribute bands that impersonate, respectively, Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, Alice in Chains, and Rage Against the Machine. The same paper carried a full-page ad for a reunion concert by Creed. Yes, it seems the long-expected '90s revival is finally upon us. The Spice Girls have already reunited, and Sugar Ray is back on tour. Any day now, some Brooklyn hipsters will quit playing gentle indie-folk and start holding retro-raves where they break out into semi-ironic renditions of the Macarena.

In the meantime, we can enjoy, without guilt, the reunion of No Doubt. Because **Gwen Stefani** has been so inescapable for most of the past decade, you might have forgotten that her band had gone on hiatus. When you see her on the cover of a magazine. single-handedly bringing Hammer pants back into style, you might forget that she was ever anything other than a major solo pop star and fashion leader. But No Doubt was the Orange County ska

band that made Stefani famous, and she couldn't have done it without them. She cofounded the band with her brother Eric in 1987 (he left the band just before they made it big), and for a time she dated bassist **Tony Kanal.** (It was their breakup that inspired many of the songs on the band's 1996 breakthrough album *Tragic Kingdom.*)

But beyond those connections, No Doubt



was, and remains, a hardworking and musically solid band. When I get nostalgic about the '90s, it's partly because in that decade a good little ska band like No Doubt still had a chance to take over the world.

NO DOUBT: Cricket Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 8, 7:30 p.m. 619-671-3600. \$59.50 to \$80.

Saturday, 8pm — Lanterns. With Local Natives, Weather Box, Drug Wars, and Superunloader. Pop/punk/rock.

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub: 626 Main St.,

Ramona, 760-789-7008. Friday, 7:30pm — Castillo. With Tren a Marte, Ruletta, and Psyclo. Latin. \$15.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Gods of Thunder. A tribute to Kiss. With Tokyo Swatt. Covers/rock. \$15.

Riley's Music Lounge: 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma, 619-2558635.

Thursday, 9pm — Surviva Summer Concert Series. Featuring S*ence, D-Rough, St. Cyr, Surviva West, and Lonestar. Hip-hop/R&B. \$5. 21 and up.

The Royal Dive: 2949 San Luis Rey Rd., Oceanside, 760-722-1911. *Wednesday*, 8pm — Delilah Jones. Rock.

Ruby Room: 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7372. Sunday, 9pm — Double Standard. Rock. 21 and up.

San Diego Harley-Davidson:

5600 Kearny Mesa Rd., Kearny Mesa, 858-616-6999. Saturday, 11:45am — Willovealot Band. Funk. Free.

San Diego Public Library:

820 E St., Downtown, 619-236-5800.

Thursday, 10:30am — Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle. Celtic/jazz.

Santee Trolley Square Town Center: 9884 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-596-5677. *Thursday*, 6:30pm — Emerald River. Country/covers/rock. Free.

Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Bl., La

Sunday, 2pm — Delta Heat. Blues/R&B/swing.

Seaport Village: 849 West Harbor Dr., Downtown. *Sunday*, 1pm — Breez'n.

Jazz/blues/rock. Free.

Second Wind (Magnolia):

8528 Magnolia Ave., Santee, 619-596-8350.



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Sunday, 8pm — Zero Gravity. Blues/rock/soul, \$5.

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Monday, 9pm — Says Rally. With Red Automatic. Rock. 21 and up. Tuesday, 9pm — Team Abraham. With Rademacher. Pop. 21 and up. Wednesday, 9pm — Marasol. With X-Ray Press and Witt. Rock.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. Friday, 7pm — The Skank Agents. With Bucket of Fish, Bandalus, the RIver City All Stars, Dr. Sakura, and Self-Made Men. Rock/ska. \$10. Saturday, 7pm — Without Warning. With Durty White Chucks, Tan Sister Radio, One Way Flight, and Midnight Rose. Punk. \$8. 21 and up.

Spreckels Organ Pavilion: 2211 Pan American Rd., Balboa Park.

Thursday, 6:15pm — Ron Jermain Band. Big band. Free. Tuesday, 6:15pm — The Coronado Big Band, Jazz/swing.

Stage Saloon: 762 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-696-9436. Thursday, 9pm — Danyavaad & the Shimmy Sisters, World. Sunday, 9:30pm — Jessie Taylor & the Riffs. Blues/country/rock. Free.

Stockdale's: 6523 University Ave., College Area, 619-265-1494. Friday, 6pm — Fred Heath. Blues/jazz. Free.

Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: 8778 Cottonwood Ave., Santee, 619-562-0833.

Saturday, 7pm — Peter Sprague and Deborah Liv Johnson, Jazz.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734. Thursday, 9:30pm — The Jay Bradlev Band. Friday, 9:30pm — Tornado Magnet. Alternative/country/rock. Saturday, 9:30pm — Pushin Rope. Country/punk/bluegrass. Wednesday, 9:30pm — Giant Peach.

Tio Leo's: 6333 Mission Gorge Rd., Grantville, 619-280-9944. Friday, 9pm — Oh! Ridge. 21 and

UCSD Arts Library, Geisel Library: 9500 Gilman Dr., La Saturday, 8pm — Braden Diotte. Experimental. Free.

V Lounge: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. Friday, 8pm — Makai. Covers/standards. Free. Saturday, 8pm — Sensation.

VFW Post 2111: 299 I St., Sunday, 2pm — Downbeat Big Band, Jazz, \$5-\$7.

Dance/standards. Free.

VFW Post 5179: 1116 South 43rd St., Southcrest, 619-262-0566. Wednesday, 8pm — Willovealot. Blues/soul. Free.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Dick Fox's Golden Boys. Pop/rock. \$45-\$55.

Viejas Casino: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 800-847-6537.



BY DAVE GOOD

I don't care that Venezuelan pop stars Los Amigos Invisibles sing in Spanish and weave cumbia rhythms and congas into their music — they are the sound of American dance floors in the early 1980s. Slightly disco, but with more of the R&B sound that, at the time, was redefining itself into dance music. Ironic that a band would revive the old club vibe that essentially put cover bands out of business for a few years. DJs ran that show and created the mixes that became the soundtrack for the giant and seemingly endless party that was disco. The music was only about two things: dancing and hooking up. And listening to LAI is like bringing that all back to life, but this time with a hazy acid feel and the aforementioned Latino presence.

"Thanks to ex-President Caldera's economic policies," the band writes in their bio, "LAI decides to try their luck with 20 CDs under their arms in New York." They shopped the CDs to a record store. As luck would have it, David Byrne (ex Talking Heads) bought one. He called the band and offered to sign them to his own label. For the Venezuelans. this was a fortuitous move. "From now on," the LAI bio continues, "music is no longer a hobby and becomes

the profession of the band members." That entry was dated 1997.

By 2003, critics were calling The Venezuelan Zinga Son, Vol. 1 a masterpiece. Just short of jam-band status, the Grammy-nominated Los Amigos Invisibles have a killer sense of humor - there is as much buffoonery crammed into their videos as there are cameos by hot Latina babes. And they crank

LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES

with as much dance-floor passion as did their '80s forebearers. It sounds so good that you have to wonder if disco is going to rise again, on the backs of newcomers — in polyester and bad wigs and platforms.

LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES: House of Blues, Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$17.50

Sunday, 6pm — Big Country Showdown. "Country cover band competition." Band registration on website. Free.

Vieias Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Rd., Alpine, 619-445-5400. Saturday, 10pm - Siren's Crush.

Covers/pop.

WaveHouse Bar & Grill: 3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-228-9283.

Friday, 8pm — Blue October. With Longwave. Rock. \$20.

Wine Steals: 1953 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-230-2657. Thursday, 7pm — Robin Henkel. Blues/jazz.

WorldBeat Cultural Center: 2100 Park Bl., Balboa Park, 619-263-7911

Thursday, 8pm — Dezarie. Reggae.

UPCOMING SHOWS

AcousticMusicSanDiego:

4650 Mansfield St., Norma Heights, 619-303-8176. August 15 - Baskery. September 10 — Cheryl Wheeler. September 18 — Pieta Brown. October 1 — Jolie Holland. October 10 — Willy Porter. October 11 — Eliza Gilkyson.

October 22 — Tony Furtado. October 24 — The Ditty Bops. October 25 — Catie Curtis October 30 — Tim Flannery. November 6 — The Battlefield Band

November 14 - Peter Mulvey. December 4 — Tom Russell.

Anthology: 1337 India St., Little Italy, 619-595-0300. August 13 — The Jesse Palter Quartet August 14 - Vincent Gallo and



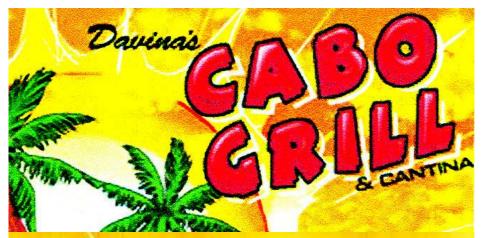












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Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. *August 13* — Grandview. August 14 — Method Man & Redman. August 15 — Katchafire. August 16 — High Tide. August 18 — Clipse. August 19 — Jedi Mind Tricks. August 20 — Southtown Generals. August 21 — Lipstick N Leather. August 23 — Foundation. August 26 — Lee "Scratch" Perrv. August 27 — George Clinton. August 28 — Fat Joe. August 29 — Dead Man's Party. August 30 — Pau Hana. September 4 — The Pharcyde. September 6 — Children of the Grave. September 11 — Cash'd Out. September 23 — Living Colour. September 25 — SOJA. October 15 — Mayer Hawthorne. October 21 — Brother Ali. The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Bl., Little Italy, 619-232-4355. August 13 — Hotel St. George. August 14 — The Muffs. August 15 — High on Fire. August 16 — Pissed Jeans. August 17 — When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth. August 18 — The Lonely H. August 19 - Matt Vasquez. August 20 — As Tall as Lions. August 22 — The Zeros. August 24 - Built to Spill. August 25 - Six Organs of Admittance. August 26 — The Dirthombs. August 27 — The Warlocks. August 28 - Cash'd Out. August 29 — No Age. September 17 — The Charlatans. September 23 — Sondre Lerche.

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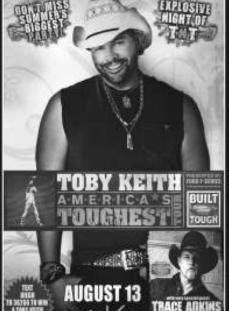
October 4 - School of Seven Bells. October 14 — The Jesus Lizard. **Copley Symphony Hall:** 750 B St., Downtown, 619-235-0804. September 29 — Wynton Marsalis. Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre: 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600. August 13 — Toby Keith. August 14 — Depeche Mode. August 22 — Vans Warped Tour. September 5 — Nickelback. September 9 — Def Leppard and Poison. September 12 — The Dave Matthews Band. September 16 — blink-182. October 2 — Brad Paisley. October 10 — Marco Antonio Solis

East Village: 13th & K Streets, Downtown. August 28, August 29 — Street Scene 2009.

Hard Rock Hotel: 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 866-751-7625. September 25 — Sugar Ray.

Harrah's Rincón: 777 Harrah's Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-751-3100. August 23 — Tom Jones. September 11 — Gary Allan. September 19 — Pitbull. September 26 — Grandmaster Flash. September 26 — Chickenfoot. October 3 — Richie Jen and Rene

October 4 — Vince Gill. House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-299-2583. August 13 — LMFAO. August 14 - Noches Rockeras.



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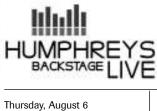
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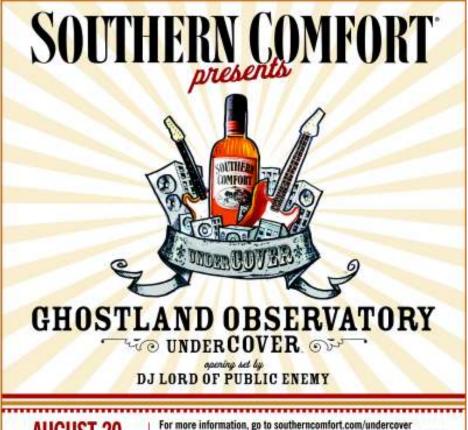
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October 22 — Lila Downs.

November 1 — Deadmau5.

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November 7 — Matt Kearney.

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 16 — John Legend. September 17 — Bontaj 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. September 28, September 29 — Crosby, Stills & Nash.

Open Air Theatre: 5500 Campanile Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. October 17 — Snow Patrol.

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Pechanga Resort & Casino: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 951-693-1819. *August 28* — The Original Latin Legends.

September 18 — Train.
September 19 — John Legend.
October 2 — Lee Salonga.
October 8 — Kenny Rogers.
October 23 — Rob Thomas.

San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-224-4171. *August 29* — Ricardo Arjona. *September 1* — Pedal to the Metal

Tour.

September 6 — AC/DC.
September 24 — Britney Spears.
October 17 — Wisin y Yandel.

Soma: 3350 Sports Arena Bl., Midway District, 619-226-7662. *August 14* — Children of Nova.

August 15 — Medford Falling.

August 19 — Four Years Strong.

August 21 — Northwall. August 28 — Social Green.

September 4 — The Mars Volta. September 11 — One Drop. September 14 — The Arctic Monkeys.

September 18 — Every Time I Die. September 21 — Placebo.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Rd., Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

August 21 — Randy Travis.
September 12 — Three Dog Night.
September 15 — James Taylor.
September 26 — The Beach Boys.
October 3 — The Temptations and the Four Tops.
October 9 — REO Speedwagon.

Viejas Arena: 5500 Canyon Crest Dr., SDSU, 619-594-6947. August 20 — Green Day. August 21 — Kings of Leon. September 18 — The Killers. October 9 — Pearl Jam and Ben Harper.

Viejas Casino: 5005 Willows Rd., Alpine, 800-847-6537. August 16, August 23, August 30 — Big Country Showdown. September 6 — Big Country Showdown Finals.

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Bacchus House: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Club '80s. With DJs Bryan Pollard, Arzola1, 101G, and Restless. 3054 University Ave., North Park. 619-299-2032.

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Camel's Breath Inn: Fridays, Saturdays: Live DJ. 21 and up. 10330 Friars Rd., Mission Valley. 619-281-1722.

Candelas: *Thursdays.* DJ ALA. Deep soulful house music. *Fridays.* Sessions at 420 Third Avenue. DJ Chris Renzulli and DJ Eric B. Adult/contemporary. 416 Third Ave., Downtown. 619-702-4455.

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The Coyote Bar & Grill:

Thursdays, 10:30pm: DJ Earl Henry. Fridays, 10:30pm, Saturdays, 10:30pm: DJ Steve Hasty. 300 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. 760-729-4695.

Dakine's Plate Lunches: *Mondays*: Club MAW. 1635 Sweetwater Rd., National City. 619-477-8494.

Davina's Cabo Grill: Friday, 9pm: DJ Sinn. Top 40/hip-hop/R&B. Saturday, 9pm, Sunday, 5pm: DJ kidRIZ. 212 North Tremont St., Oceanside. 760-637-2450

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619-696-3326.

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Fannie's Nightclub: Thursdays, 8pm: DJ Mick B. Spins hip-hop tunes. Thursdays, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. Sundays, 9pm: DJ Demond. '80s/hip-hop/pop. Free. 21 and up. Mondays, 9pm: DJ Undaground. With guests Hip-hop/rap/reggae. Wednesdays, 9pm: J & Biko. Hip-hop/reggae. 9143 Campo Rd., Spring Valley. 619-698-2204

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The Flame: Saturday: Club Sabbat. Gothic and industrial every second and fifth Saturday of the month. Resident DJs Robin Roth, Atom, and Diskdroid spin along with special guests. Wednesdays, 9pm: Cookies with DJ Dirty Kurty. 3780 Park Bl., Hillcrest. 619-295-

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Gaslamp Tavern: *Thursdays*, 8pm, *Fridays*, 4pm, *Wednesdays*,





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8pm: C-Phish. 868 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-3339.

Hard Rock Hotel: *Sunday:* Crystal Method. Dance/electronica. 207 Fifth Ave., Downtown. 866-751-7625.

Harney Sushi: Wednesdays, 9pm: Hot Like Wasabi Wednesdays. With DJ Matty A. Electronic. 3964 Harney St., Old Town. 619-295-3272.

Hawthorn's Restaurant:

Wednesdays: DJ Kiki. 2895 University Ave., North Park. 619-295-1688.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: *Fridays and Saturdays*,
9pm: DJ Kool T. Spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 15 and up. 775 Metcalf

St., Escondido. 760-741-1271. Jack's La Jolla — Ocean

Room: Thursdays and Saturdays, 10pm: Wall Street Bar. DJs and dancing. 7863 Girard Ave., La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

The Jumping Turtle: Saturday, 8pm: Return of the Luau. Featuring DJ Digital Opinion and DJ Frankie Lektro. 1660 Capalina Rd., San Marcos. 760-741-7778.

Kadan: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: Darkwave Garden. Featuring B. Pollard, Heather Hardcore, MarieScaryMary, and guests. Gothic/industrial. 4696 30th St., North Park. 619-640-2500.

McDini's: *Tuesdays*, 9pm: '90s Throwback Tuesdays. Hosted by Zerland of Pali Roots. 105 E. 8th St., National City. 619-474-6771.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, 9pm: What's Good. DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B,

and Top 40. Free. 832 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill: Wednesdays, 10pm: DJ Tony. 860 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: *Mondays*, 6:30pm: Metal Mondays. Metal all night long. 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-2827.

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Wednesdays: DJ Famous Dave. Mixes music videos. 1466 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.

Riley's Music Lounge:

Thursdays: '80s Night. Fridays: Hip-Hop Night. Mondays: College Night. With guest DJ. 2901 Nimitz Bl., Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

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Side Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Ruby Thursdays. 536 Market St., Downtown. 619-696-0946.

Sixty-Seven Bar and Grill:

Thursdays: Tattoo Thursdays. With DJ Viktor and DJ KB. Fridays: DJ Tony Sleeze. Spins Top 40 and hip-

hop hits. *Saturdays*: DJ Girth. Spins hip-hop and rock hits. *Sundays*: Soul Glo Sundays. With DJ Girth and friends. *Wednesdays*: Beer Pong. With DJs. 10109 Maine Ave., Lakeside. 619-561-6767.

Soda Bar: *Thursdays*, 9pm: Expressway to Yr Skull. Punk/rap/rock. Free. 21 and up. 3615 El Cajon Bl., City Heights. 619-255-7224.

Static Lounge: Friday, 9pm: '70s Night. Hip-hop/pop. \$15-\$20. Saturdays, 9pm: Club Backbeat. Hip-hop/rap. \$15-\$20. 18 and up. 634 Broadway, Downtown. 619-544-1609.

Stingaree: *Fridays*, 9pm: Live Fridays. Featuring DJs Sanjay and Jorge Luna. 21 and up. 454 Sixth Ave., Downtown. 619-544-0867.

Tavern at the Beach:

Thursdays, 10pm: DJ D-Skwiz. Fridays, 10pm: DJ BDP. Saturdays, 10pm: DJ BDP. With DJ MIC-E. Wednesdays, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hiphop/rock. 1200 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-272-6066.

Tiki House: *Tuesdays*, 9:30pm: Tunes by Trent. Every Tuesday. 1152 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

True North: Thursdays, 10pm: DJ Bacon Bits. Fridays, 10pm, Fridays. DJ Ramsey. Hip-hop. Sundays, 10pm: DJ Waly Mayhem. Mondays, 10pm: DJ Wonderbread. Tuesdays, 10pm: DJ WhO. Hip-hop/rock. 3815 30th St., North Park. 619-291-3815.

U-31: *Thursdays*: Mark Marcelo and Big Willie Styles. With Richy the Kid. '80s/'90s/hip-hop/booty

bass. Fridays, 9pm: Feel the Noise. With Gabe Vega and Saul Q. Dance/indie/rock. 21 and up. Sundays, 9pm: Tribe of Kings. Featuring DJs Jestor, Peril, Dash Eye, Unite, and Rashi. Reggae. 21 and up. 3112 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4188.

Voyeur: *Sunday*, 8pm: The Bloody Beetroots. Electronica/punk. 755 5th Ave., Downtown. 619-450-6655.

WaveHouse Bar & Grill:

Sunday, 2pm: Steve Aoki. Electronica/indie/pop. Sunday, 2pm: The Bloody Beetroots. Electronic. 3125 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-228-9283.

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Pal Joey's: Sunday, 7pm-close: \$1



Alpine Inn: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.75 wells, house wine, \$4.75 calls.

BALBOA PARK

The Prado: Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

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Azuki Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$.50 small sake w/ large beer, \$5 house wine, sangria, sake tini. Classic sushi rolls \$3.50 and up, specialty rolls \$8-\$9, appetizers

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Pizzicato: Every day, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine; \$6 pizza slice + pint or wine.

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The Coyote Bar & Grill: Mon-

day-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer,

Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill:

Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-midnight:

\$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 mar-

Greek Village: Monday-Thursday,

Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine

Karl Strauss Brewing Com-

pany: Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm:

Mr. Peabody's: Monday-Friday,

10am-6pm: \$2.50 domestic beers,

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CLAIREMONT

Fat Tony's Pizza: Thursday, 5pmclose: \$2 Karl Strauss, \$4 taps.

Viva Vino: Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

COLLEGE AREA

Casa Machado: Monday-Friday. 4-7pm: \$2.75 domestic, \$3.75 margarita, wells. Free nachos and quesadillas.

Marie Callender's: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1.95 draft, \$2.50 well, \$3.50 house margarita. 1/2-price appetizers (in bar only). Saturday-Sunday, \$2 Bloody Mary/mimosa w/ purchase.

Satin Lounge: Thursday, \$1

CORONADO

Primavera Ristorante: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off all drinks; \$2 off daily

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Shimbashi Izakaya: Monday, 4-6pm: Martinis 1/2-off. Tuesday, 4-6pm: \$5 glass of wine. Wednesday, 4-6pm: Ladies' special: \$5 cocktails. Thursday, 4-6pm: \$5 Genki cocktail. Friday-Saturday, 4-6pm: 1/2-off Asahi & Sapporo. Sunday, 4-6pm: \$5 Shochu (Japanese

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine: Friday, \$6 pomegranate martini. Saturday, \$6 cosmos

Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 Imperia vodka, \$4 local beer, \$6 wine. Free samples of Basic pizza.

The Bitter End: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks, bottles of wine 1/2price.

Bondi Bar and Kitchen: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 select beer, wine, spirits.

Café Sevilla: Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangarita. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price gara-

Candelas: Every day, 5-7pm: All drinks 1/2-price.

Downtown Johnny Brown's: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. 40% off appetizers.

East Village Tavern and Bowl: Monday-Thursday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday-Saturday, 11pmclose: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm: \$3.50 wells. 1/2-off appetizers.

The Fish Market: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer, \$.95 ovsters, \$4 fish tacos, \$5.75 mahi mahi

The Fleetwood: Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls.

Fuddruckers: Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells. Sunday, all day: \$3 drafts, house wine, wells.

La Gran Tapa: Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. \$3 tapas. Wednesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

Las Hadas Bar & Grill: Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm; 10pm-mid-night: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria. 1/2-off seafood bar and appetizers.

Hive Sushi Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$2 domestic, \$4 micro, \$2.50 sake, \$3.50 well, \$4 house wine. Miso, edamame, \$.99

Horton's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 draft beers, \$5 wells, \$6 house wine, \$7 margaritas/cosmopolitans; \$7 potato skins & mozzarella sticks, \$7.50 nachos grande & buffalo wings.

House of Blues: Every day, 2-7pm: \$2 drafts, \$3 wells, wine, \$4 martini. \$4.95 any dish.

Jewel Box: Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs w/military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls. Must show apron/pay stub.

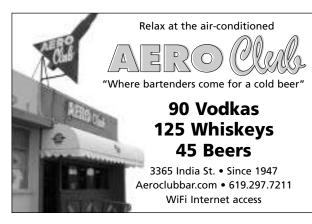






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The Local: Monday, 4pm-close: \$3 Bud Light, Miller Lite. \$6 burgers. Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Dos Equis. \$2.50 chicken/steak tacos. \$3 lobster/fish tacos. Wednesday, 4pm-close: \$10 big pitchers. \$2 BBQ pork slider, corn dogs. Thursday, 4pm-close: \$3 Jäger, wells, drafts, bottled beer. \$3 lobster tacos. Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, wine, drafts. Saturday, 8-10pm: \$5 premium liquors.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant: Every day, 3-7pm; 9-11:30pm: Wine and drink specials; 1/2-lb. cheeseburgers \$2.95, other \$1.95 specials. Join us for Padres games, next to Petco Park.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge: Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine. \$5 sushi roll specials, pu pu specials.

O'Brothers: Every day, 3:30-6:30pm: \$5 glass of wine, 24-oz. organic beer \$7.

Patrick's II: Every day, 10am-8pm: \$2.50 bottle beer, \$3 wells, Bud Light pints, \$4 calls, margaritas, Bloody Marys.

RA Sushi: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7pm: 1/2-off select sushi & appetizers; \$1 hot sake, \$2 domestics, \$3 wells, imports, \$4 speciality cocktails and wine, \$5 Kinn with sake.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

Rockin' Baja Lobster: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

San Diego Wine and Culinary Center: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee, 12-9pm: tasting flights.

The Shout House: Tuesday, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos, \$3 fish tacos. Wednesday, \$1.50 domestic bottles, \$3 fish tacos. Thursday, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots. Friday, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. Sunday, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

Stage Saloon: *Every day*, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

Stout Public House: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 premium pints, \$4 wells, \$5 cosmo, appletini, margarita; 1/2-price appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, till 6pm: \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, \$4 wells, Bloody Mary, \$5 minosa

Suite & Tender: *Monday-Friday*, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

Tabule: Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 5-6pm: 50% off all drinks and appetizers. *Tuesday*, 5pm-close: 50% off all drinks and appetizers. *Saturday-Sunday*, 2-6pm: 50% off all drinks and appetizers.

Taste & Thirst on Fourth: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-8pm: All drinks 2 for 1

Tivoli Bar: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.





Xavier's Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine. \$2 off appetizers.

EL CAJO

El Cajon Grand: *Monday-Friday*, 4-8pm: \$2.50 domestic beer, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, \$5 20-oz. Bloody Mary w/ jumbo shrimp.

Main Tap Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. \$5 nachos.

Thornton's Irish Pub and Grill: Wednesday-Sunday, 11-6pm: \$2 wells. \$3 drafts.

ESCONDIDO

Holiday Wine Cellar: *Monday*, 5:30-7:30pm:\$5 for 5 wine tastings

Tango Restaurant & Lounge: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off bar menu.

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Tio Leo's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).



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Café Bleu: *Monday-Saturday*, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles.

Wine Steals: *Tuesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

KEARNY MESA

94th Aero Squadron: *Monday-Friday*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2.75 Bud Light on tap, \$3 wells. *Saturday-Sunday*, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm:

\$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints. Free munchies.

Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern: *Monday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$1.25 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine.

Pampas Argentine Grill: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials. \$2.50 empanadas (bar only).

Shogun Kobe Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: 30% off sushi and rolls (no giant clams, fatty tuna, or sea urchin). 30% off saki and beer

Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas: *Monday-Thursday*, 5:30-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

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Beauty Bar: *Monday*, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. *Tuesday*, \$4

bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$4 Three Olives. *Wednesday-Thursday*, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles. *Friday*, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$3 Fernet.

The Kensington Club: Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

Kensington Vine: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine. \$5 appetizers

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla: *Every day*, Patio menu: Featured items at 1/2-price.

Beaumont's: *Every day*, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

Clay's La Jolla: Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6





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The Shack Bar & Grill: *Every day*, 3-7pm: \$1 off wells, domestic taps.

The Shores Restaurant: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: Five for \$5 menu food/drink specials. *Sunday*, 3-7pm: \$7 glass, \$25 pitcher red/white sanoria

Su Casa: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: 1/2-off wells; 1/2-off appetizers (excludes seafood & guacamole).

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LA MESA

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Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm; 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$1 off all mixed drinks, bottled beers, glasses of wine.

Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room: Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts; \$2 off 8-oz. sirloin.

FUCADIA

Bar Leucadian: *Monday-Friday, Sunday,* 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperiala.

The Calypso Café: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

LINDA VISTA

Brick by Brick: *Every day*, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.

Tio Leo's: *Monday*, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

LITTLE ITALY

Anthology: *Monday-Friday*, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis.

Illume Bistro: *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$3 draft, \$5 wells, wines, \$7 martinis.

MIDWAY DISTRICT

Brick Alley Bar & Grill: Every day, 3-7pm, 9pm-close: \$1 off pints, \$2 off tall beers.

Wine Steals: *Wednesday*, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. *Saturday*, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

MIRA MESA

The Filling Station: *Monday*, \$2 kamikazes. *Wednesday*, premium beer \$3.50/pint. *Saturday*, \$3 Bloody Marys. *Sunday*, \$3 mimosas.

Mira Mesa Lanes: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitch-

ers. \$2.50 wells. \$3.50 chicken strips, chicken wings.

MISSION BEACH

Canes: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2.50 beer of the month. \$3 wells, margaritas. \$4 margarita (keep shaker). \$4.95 fiesta nachos, \$3.95 cheese quesadilla, \$4.95 Southwest spring rolls.

Guava Beach Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. Saturday-Sunday, \$12 Bionic Beavers, \$2.50 kamikazes, \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.

Sandbar Sports Grill: Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestics/drafts, wells, \$1 off premium beers/wine by the glass, \$3 off pitchers. 1/2-off appetizers. Friday, 4-9pm: 1/2-off all drinks.

MISSION HILLS

The Aero Club: *Every day*, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.

Starlite: *Monday-Saturday*, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. *Sunday*, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles

MISSION VALLEY

950 Lounge: *Wednesday*, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.

Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge: *Monday-Saturday,* 3-7pm: \$3 draft beer, \$5 wells, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 house cocktails.

In Cahoots: *Wednesday*, \$2 drinks. *Friday-Saturday*, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. *Sunday*, any drink \$2.50.

The Little Fish Market Restaurant: Every day, 4-6pm,

8:30-close: \$4.25 fish tacos, \$3.75 spicy tuna roll, \$4.50 Cajun shrimp skewers, more.

NATIONAL CITY

Café La Maze: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off all drinks; 1/2-off appetizers in the bar.

Lai Thai Restaurant: *Every day*, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.

McDini's: *Monday-Friday*, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Air Conditioned Lounge: *Monday-Friday*, 7-9pm: Everything 1/2-off

Blind Lady Ale House: Tuesday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza. Saturday-Sunday, 11:30am-6pm: \$20 60-oz. pitcher local beer and margherita pizza.

Triple Crown Pub: *Saturday*, 12-2am: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers. *Sunday*, 12-5pm: \$1 off all pints, \$2 off beer pitchers.

NORTH PARK

Apertivo: *Tuesday-Friday*, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine, imported beers. *Sunday*, all day: \$2.75 glass of wine.

Crazee Burger: Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 select glasses of wine. \$2.99 bratwurst, \$3.99 turkey burger.

Cricket's Pub and Grill: *Monday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.

Lips: *Sunday*, \$5 homojitos. \$10 build-your-own tacos.

Redwing Bar & Grill: Monday-Thursday, 11am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. Friday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$2.75 wells, domestic bottles. **Toronado:** *Monday*, 11:30am-5pm \$1 off drafts, 6-10pm: \$3 drafts. *Tues-day-Sunday*, 11:30am-5pm: \$1 off drafts.

True North: *Monday*, 12pm-close: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Tuesday-Saturday*, 12pm-7pm: \$1 off all beer, wine, spirits. *Sunday*, 7pm-close: Industry Night, \$3 calls.

Vesuvio Gourmet & Lounge: *Tuesday*, 4-7pm: \$5 martinis.

OCEAN BEACH

Blue Parrot: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. \$2.50 tacos, \$5.25 nachos or wings. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises, grey-hounds.

Dream Street Live: *Tuesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.

Portugalia: *Tuesday-Sunday*, 10pm-1am: \$3 domestic beer, \$5 wine; \$4-\$10 food specials.

The Vine: Every day, 4-6pm: 1/2-price entire wine and specialty beer list

Winstons: *Monday-Saturday*, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.

OCEANSIDE

Hana Japanese Restaurant: *Every day*, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, 1/2-off cocktails.

Harney Sushi: *Thursday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PCH Sports Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Saturday, 2-8pm: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines. Sunday, 2pm-close: \$2 domestics, \$1 off premiums, \$3 house wines.

Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate. **Tremont Street Bar & Grill:** *Monday-Friday*, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.

OLD TOWN

Harney Sushi: *Wednesday*, \$5 specialty cocktails.

PACIFIC BEACH

710 Beach Club: *Monday-Thursday,* 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. *Friday,* 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Two fish tacos for \$7.10. *Saturday-Sunday,* 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.

The Australian Pub: Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 Bloody Marys.

Costa Brava: *Every day*, 4-7pm: 1/2-price sangria. 1/2-price tapas.

The Dog: *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* \$6 pitchers.

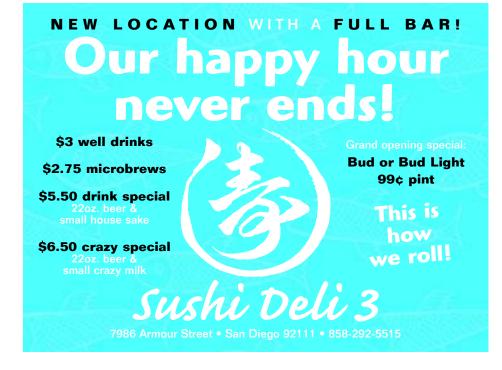
Hennessey's Tavern: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic drafts, \$1 off house wine, wells, \$3 well shot/\$4 call shot, \$5 drink specials. Saturday-Sunday, till 1pm: \$3 Bloody Marys.

Johnny V: Tuesday, 4pm-close: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. \$1.95 street tacos, \$3 off appetizers. Wednesday, all day: \$3 wells, drafts, selected wines. Friday, 4-9pm: \$2 drinks. Complimentary appetizers. Saturday, all day: \$2.50 Bud Light bottles, Absolut, \$3 margarita.

Miller's Field: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$1 wells. \$2 street tacos.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.

Moray's Lounge: Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. 4-6pm: \$4 appetizers: spicy chicken wings, fried calamari, potato skins, more.









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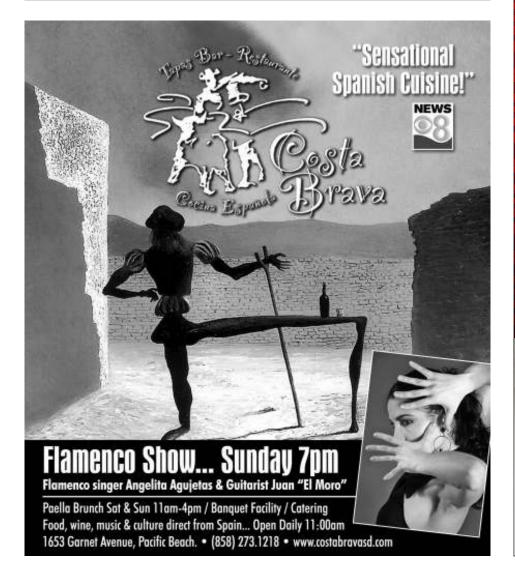
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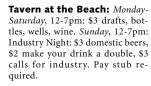
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Too Many Cooks

She can get a laugh without benefit of a funny line.

s per its own punchy subhead, Julie and Julia is "based on two true stories," parallel stories of feminist self-determination, set half a century apart, then and now. One focusses on Julie Powell, a beleaguered

and not terribly committed phone operator at the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, to aid victims

of 9/11. In search of personal direction and fulfillment, she lights upon the idea of, in a single self-imposed year, cooking her way through volume one of Mastering the Art of French Cooking (although she herself, she claims, had theretofore never in her life eaten an egg), 365 days, 524 recipes, in a cramped little efficiency kitchen in her and her husband's Queens apartment above a pizzeria. And, a more important idea than the project itself, writing a blog about it. The other story is that of the American co-author of the aforesaid Mastering the Art of French Cooking, Julia Child, a diplomat's wife in post-WWII Paris, also in search of personal direction and fulfillment (the pain of Julia's childlessness is made wordlessly plain), trying her hand at hat-making and bridge-playing before enrolling in the male bastion of the Cordon Bleu culinary school and getting the notion of

writing the first French cookbook in the English language. Television stardom was well down the road.

Though each story in turn gets equal time, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, the film suffers from a built-in imbalance. The women, no need to be overly polite about it, are not equal pioneers. The one — the earlier — the pathfinder — was, in her own humorously grandiose phrase, out to "change the world," while the other — the follower — the copier the coattail rider — was only out to carve herself a niche in the blogosphere and eventually the publishing world. Well, bully for her, but she did so — not to diminish the measure of hard work in it — with what amounts to a stunt, a mere gimmick, a piece of grandstand-



Julie and Julia

ing. And nor are the players equal. Amy Adams is an agreeable light-comedy actress (not so agreeable a heavier actress), whose Julie has been drastically watered down from the real McCoy, the real Powell, evidently out of primary concern that everyone should like her and every woman identify with her. Meryl Streep, meanwhile, is nothing less than the prima donna of contemporary

American cinema; the virtual monopolist, inasmuch as she can play practically *anything*, of the plum female roles "of a certain age," few as they nowadays are; the envy, and conceivably the voodoo doll, of the fallenaway actresses of her generation (Glenn Close, Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek, Debra Winger, Kathleen Turner, et al.); not only the absolute ruler but just

about the sole survivor. And her Julia, far from a bland Everywoman, is a one-of-a-kind: a stylized self-parodist parodied to perfection, but softened and molded into a rounded, humanized, full-service screen character, one who nevertheless can get a laugh without benefit of a funny line, benefit simply of those inimitable clarinetty whoops and whinnies, blastoffs and nosedives,



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MOVIES

all the ups and downs, twists and turns, of that exhilarating vocal rollercoaster. We want at all times, not just half the time, to be with Julia. (Who in real life, as she neared ninety, reportedly thought little of Julie, and never granted the latter's wish of a meeting.) We should probably be grateful to writer and director Nora Ephron, whose title comes from Powell's blown-up blog but whose source material expanded to encompass Child's autobiography, that we have Julia-slash-Meryl even half the time. It could have been less.

Funny People stands as a monument of Success Going to One's Head. The head in question belongs to writer-director-producer Judd Apatow, previously of *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and Knocked Up, but more widely known as just producer and/or writer, weather

vane, fashion plate, brand name, school headmaster. In these capacities he has apparently accumulated sufficient Hollywood capital to command what fairly shrieks of Final Cut (one shudders to imagine a DVD of the Director's Cut, unless it would be the Director's Second-Thoughts Cut), a paceless, desultory, two-and-a-half-hour comedydrama centered around a terminally ill comedian played by and modelled on Adam Sandler, who hires a struggling stand-up comic (a slimmer Seth Rogen whose slimness is much commented on) as a joke writer, gofer, and all-purpose companion, and who, upon his miraculous recovery under a program of experimental drugs, tries to reconnect with and reignite a now married Old Flame played by Leslie Mann, Mrs. Apatow in real life. Among the selfindulgences, besides merely the running time, are Memory Lane clips of the young Sandler and Mann, key roles for the two preteen Apatow daughters, a raft of as-themselves celebrity cameos, and more penis references, in a wide variety of synonyms, than you could shake a stick at - or a sheaf of sticks at. The serious bits at least see to it that there are some laughs in the film, and it's a tribute to Mann (to whom I await a decent opportunity to pay higher tribute) that her own serious bits can indeed be taken seriously. She also, at a different time, gets an actual intended laugh when in the course of a marital row she mimics the Aussie accent of her husband (Eric Bana). I suppose it's a credit to Apatow, something less than a tribute to him, that he attempts some difficult and subtle things in human interactions. He manages to make them look more difficult than subtle.

Paper Heart, directed by Nicholas Jasenovec, portrayed on screen by Jake Johnson, is an oddball blend of documentary and pseudodocumentary on the subject of love in general and its absence, in particular, from the life of comedienne Charlyne Yi, who stood out in a small part in the above-mentioned Knocked Up. "It's about I don't believe in love," she sums up the project with characteristic informality and infelicity. This absence might be more puzzling or alarming if the now twentythree-year-old didn't act like she were twelve and boys were frogs and snails and puppy-dog tails. The on-the-road, man-on-the-street interviews, in spots such as Las Vegas, Nashville, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Oklahoma City, would appear to be authentically documentary albeit triflingly anecdotal (the anecdotes occasionally illustrated with low-tech puppet re-enactments). On the other hand, Yi's embryonic relationship with actor Michael Cera under the ever-present eye of the camera, although almost unbearably realistic in self-consciousness and awkwardness, is never really believable as cinéma vérité. They are good enough actors, or anyhow idiosyncratic enough, to create an illusion of reality; not enough to dispel the illusion. And while they each have their childlike charms, Cera's perhaps more abundant and without question more familiar, the unpersuasiveness deprives the spectator of a rooting interest. The fix is in.

The Cove, a call-to-action documentary by Louie Psihoyos, is rather like a magnified detail from The End of the Line, a tight focus on a "little town with a really big secret," the Japanese fishing port of Taiji, where an estimated twenty-three thousand dolphins and porpoises are covertly slaughtered every year. Upon his return from there, Psihoyos has pictures of the blood-red water to prove it. His chief guide and ally in this endeavor is Ric O'Barry, the one-time dolphin trainer on the Flipper TV series in the Sixties, who flipped (if you will) when the aquatic star of the show, real name Kathy, committed "suicide." In large part the film is composed of standard talking-heads sermonettes, but it also records the hugger-mugger "mission" of an Ocean's Eleven commando team in the field: high-def video cameras concealed in fake rocks, and so forth. The operation, for all its justifiable paranoia, doesn't approach the pitch of excitement we would expect of a fictional thriller. But if it is not quite tense, at least it's present-tense.

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Aliens in the Attic — Kiddie science fiction with Carter Jenkins, Austin Butler, Ashley Tisdale, and Ashley Boettcher, directed by John Schultz.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18;

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POWAY 10: RIVER VILLAGE 6: TOWN SQUARE 14)

Angels and Demons - Although the Dan Brown novel was written before The Da Vinci Code, the screen adaptation of it (directed again by Ron Howard) takes care to situate itself afterwards with a reference or two to the returning hero's "recent involvement with, shall we say, Church mysteries" and his consequent strained relations with the Vatican: a sequel, not a prequel. Which one came first scarcely matters. It's just another day in the life of a Harvard symbologist (Tom Hanks again, with a hair trim), spearheading, by virtue of his scholarly tome on the secret society of the Illuminati, a beat-the-clock investigation into the kidnap of four cardinals in line for the vacant papacy, the one-by-one, hour-byhour murder of them in spectacular fashion in far-flung corners of Rome, and, for the pièce de résistance, the scheduled midnight demolition of Vatican City. Sportingly, the mastermind behind this diabolical plan has thought to provide cryptic clues to the Path of Illumination, leading from murder site to murder site to bomb site. Perhaps the builtin benefit of its earlier position in the bibliography of Dan Brown is that the plot can't top The Da Vinci Code in nonsensicality and grandiosity. To cancel that, it does try. And try and try. With Ayelet Zurer, Ewan McGregor, Stellan Skarsgard, Armin Mueller-Stahl. 2009.

• (GASLAMP 15)

Blade Runner — Two of the more socially conscious of cinematic genres - science fiction and the detective story — have been mated to produce a future-generation Los Angeles (A.D. 2019) that looks like Tokyo or Hong Kong gone to seed. The detective work is somewhat scamped, except for a good scene (echoing Antonioni's Blow-Up) involving a computerized photo scanner and enlarger. And several nostalgic throwbacks to Bogart's heyday simply misfire: the hard-boiled, first-person narration (eliminated in the re-released "director's cut"); the Venetian-blind shadows; the Ioan Crawford hairdo and fashions on the female lead. The sci-fi elements are more fully elaborated, but aren't always sure-fire either: the topography of the cityscapes often seems as flat and jumbled as a Cubist painting, and even the tightest of shots is apt to be busied up with reflections, moving lights, colored mist. With Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer, and Sean Young; directed by







The Con

Ridley Scott. 1982.

★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/8 AND 9, 8:30 P.M.)

Blood: The Last Vampire — Live-action replay of a Japanese anime dated 2000, a license for a swordswoman in a sailor dress, or swordsgirl more accurately, to slice-andice a legion of humanoid demons en route to "the oldest, vilest demon of them all," who killed the heroine's father. Moderately stylish and extravagantly mindless, the movie delivers on the first word of the title — in gelatinous cartoon splashes and splatters — if not on the last word. With Gianna Jun and Allison Miller; directed by Chris Nahon. 2009.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Brüno — A reteaming of the star and director of Borat, Sacha Baron Cohen and Larry Charles respectively, to peddle the same or a similar shtick in a different persona: a different funny accent, different funny wardrobe, different funny hairdo. The shtick, should you need to be reminded, is to inflict the persona on unsuspecting innocents untipped that it's a disguise; and the persona on this occasion is a flaming homosexual fashionista (and oxymoronic fascist) out of Austria, dismissed as host of the Funkyzeit TV show after a public faux pas on a Milan catwalk in a Velcro suit, determined now to start afresh in the U.S. The first and foremost point to be made is

that the film is not a mockumentary in the manner of *Borat*, slightly slicker than it in technique. Most of the time, there is no excuse for a camera to be present, as there was for the Kazakhstan journalist on his journey across America. (Very much a secondary and subordinate point would be that the stereotype of the Third World boor was at least somewhat novel, whereas the stereotype of the Euro swish is no more than yellowed comic book.) There is, in consequence, a precipitous drop in opportunities to ensnare unsuspecting innocents and a steep rise in staged scenes with undeclared actors, thus narrowing the gap - not all that wide to begin with — between the guerrilla comedy of Cohen and the mainstream gonzo comedy of a Ferrell, a Stiller. To be able to believe, or partly believe, or almost believe, in the "reality" of a scene, turns out to be vital to Cohen's identity and individuality. Without it, the guerrilla is shooting blanks. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Captain Abu Raed — The first Jordanian cinematic import, nothing to awaken a craving: an ineptly manipulative heart-tugger about an airport janitor who fishes a captain's hat from the trash and regales the neighborhood kids with fictitious tales of his world travels. Nadim Sawalha, Rana Sultan; directed by Amin Matalqa. 2008.

● (KEN, 8/7 THROUGH 13)

The Cove — Reviewed this issue. With Ric O'Barry and Louie Psihoyos; directed by Psihoyos.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/7)

500 Days of Summer — Chronicle of

the relationship of a young couple brought together at the office, a greeting-card company, through their shared taste for the music of the Smiths, among other things: "She likes Magritte and Hopper!" It is a maddeningly mixed experience, beginning (and continuing) with the two leads. A dimply Joseph Gordon-Levitt, often a tortured soul on screen (Mysterious Skin, Brick, The Lookout, etc.), proves himself capable of being a real charmer, a chick-flick dreamboat who believes wholeheartedly in the preordained One-and-Only and who deserves better than his halfhearted object of desire: "There's no such thing as love. It's fantasy." As the latter — Summer is her name, 500 days her shelf life - Zooey Deschanel is by contrast her usual saucer-eyed, spacey, sedated, affectless self, some of which may be ascribed to the character, but most of which must be ascribed to the actress, and all of which tends to signal and soften the bumps in the road, the body blows. ("You should know up front," intones the off-and-on

omniscient narrator, "that this is not a love story.") The main gimmick of the film, the directorial debut of Marc Webb, is not just its nonlinear narrative but its advance identification of each and every scene by its placement on the timeline (Day 488... 1... 299...), something like an Alain Resnais film with a road map and rounded edges. The resulting juxtaposition of discordant moods, often for facile comic effect, is no longer fresh, yet forever ageless. Bits of cleverness, plentiful enough, are balanced equally by bits of cutesiness. 2009.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Food, Inc. — Educational as well as motivational film about where our food comes from and where else we can turn. Documentarian Robert Kenner, guided largely by activist authors Eric Schlosser (Fast Food Nation) and Michael Pollan (The Omnivore's Dilemma), goes behind the persistent "pastoral fantasy" of agrarian America ("The reality is a factory. It's not a farm, it's a factory"), explores the monopolization by multinational corporations, takes offshoots into health hazards like E. coli, diabetes, and obesity, avoids the easy temptation to turn stomachs, maintains the whole while a calm

and rational tone, and wraps things up with Springsteen's rendition of "This Land Is Your Land." All in all, a useful introduction or summary, depending on your initial level of awareness. 2009.

★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 8/7)

Funny People — Reviewed this issue. With Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen, Leslie Mann, and Eric Bana; written and directed by Judd Apatow.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSS-MONT CENTER 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

G-Force — Computer-animated guinea pigs, with the voices of Nicolas Cage, Penelope Cruz, Sam Rockwell, Steve Buscemi, directed by Hoyt Yeatman.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER 10: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA













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CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684)
Aliens in the Attic (Not Rated); Funny People (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); G.I.
Joe: The Rise of Cobra (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG); Julie and Julia (Not Rated); Orphan (Not Rated); A Perfect Getaway (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13) Public Enemies (Not Rated); The Ugly Truth

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684)
Aliens in the Attic (Not Rated); Angels and Demons (PG-13); Blood: The Last Vampire (Not Rated); Brüno (Not Rated); The Collector (Not Rated); Food, Inc. (PG); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Julie and Julia (Not Rated); Local Color (Not Rated); Orphan (Not Rated); A Perfect Getaway (Not Rated); The Proposal

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Funny People (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); The Girl from Monaco (Not Rated); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated); Ice Age: Dawn of the Di-nosaurs (PG); Moon (R); Public Enemies (Not Rated); Star Trek (PG-13); The Taking of Pelham 123 (R); Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (NotRated); **Up** (PG)

KENSINGTON

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Captain Abu Raed (Not Rated); Tulpan (Not

LA JOLLA

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) Aliens in the Attic (Not Rated); 500 Days of Summer (Not Rated); Funny People (Not Rated); G-Force (Not Rated); G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (Not Rated); The Hangover (R); Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Not Rated): The Hurt Locker (Not Rated): Julie and Julia (Not Rated); A Perfect Getaway (Not Rated); The Proposal (PG-13); The Ugly Truth (Not Rated)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Iolla Drive (619-819-0236) The Cove (Not Rated); In the Loop (Not Rated); Paper Heart (Not Rated); Séraphine

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Mira Mesa 18

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Aliens in the Attic; Brüno; The Collector; Funny People; G-Force; G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra; The Hangover; Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince; Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs; Julie and Julia; Orphan; A Perfect Getaway; The Proposal; Public Enemies; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; The Ugly Truth

LIPTOWN

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SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra — Stephen Sommers's action adventure with Dennis Quaid, Channing Tatum, Marlon Wayans, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Sienna Miller. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/7)

The Girl from Monaco — An introspective attorney, in the midst of a high-profile murder trial, falls under the spell of a miniskirted coquette who would appear to have slept with half the male population of Monaco, including the lawyer's taciturn bodyguard. Mildly amusing clash of personalities, and, in proportion, mildly disconcerting when it takes a mildly grim turn. Always a pleasure to look at, shot by Patrick Blossier with clarity, sheen, and a full spectrum of color. Fabrice Luchini, Roschdy Zem, Louise Bourgoin, Stéphane Audran; directed by Anne Fontaine. 2008.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 8/7)

The Hangover — Sledgehammer comedy about four buddies (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Justin Bartha) who go to Vegas for a bachelor party and wake up the morning after with no memory of the night before, a tiger in the bathroom, a baby in the closet, and the mystery of a missing bridegroom. Boys will be bores. With Heather Graham, Ken Jeong, Jeffrey Tambor, and, as himself, Mike Tyson; di-

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Hard Boile

PHILIP BARRETT

Associate editor, atomicpopcorn.net

Hard Boiled is what most action films aspire to be but lose their plot along the way. Directed by John Woo, this opus of bullets actually has a story worth telling about two men who've been pushed to the edge of sanity. Chow Yun-Fat gives a terrific performance as Tequila, the brash hothead of the force who leaps (literally) before he looks. He's counterbalanced by Tony Leung as Alan, a quiet undercover cop blurring the line between good and evil. Action is in abundance and it's all top-notch, featuring a teahouse shootout and an explosive finale at a hospital. Hard Boiled is a near perfect action film that deserves your attention.

HARD BOILED: ULTIMATE
EDITION (Hong Kong) 1992,
Dragon Dynasty
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Rushmore

ROBERT PATRICK

Editor, cinemaspartan.com

The cackle of distortion rages over 1960s rock songs, while Max Fischer, a wunderkind at a prestigious academy, stargazes over a teacher in director Wes Anderson's idiosyncratic romantic comedy Rushmore. The movie is a buoyant ode to style and love as ribbons of color shoot over the screen. Rushmore is spattered by witty dialogue, and one of the best, most unlikely love triangles in movie history. Make sure to pay attention to the breezy, flippant score by former Devo member Mark Mothersbaugh.

One of the best horror films ever made is *The Innocents*. Deborah Kerr, ravaged by reveries of washed-out colors and the creepiest children, battles for her sanity in this 1960s film adaptation of *Turn of the Screw*.

RUSHMORE (USA) 1999, Criterion Collection List price: \$35.95

THE INNOCENTS (USA) 1961, Twentieth Century Fox List price: \$14.98



Jack Frost

IAN FORBES

Founder/senior editor, soberingconclusion.com

Jack Frost. No, not the Michael Keaton version but the 1996 B-comedy-horror film with a Shannon Elizabeth cameo. In this delightful romp, a killer mutates into a snowman and uses his newfound powers to begin a bloodbath. The special effects are hilariously (and intentionally) bad enough to make this a perfect "horrible but fun" film to enjoy with friends.

Susanne Bier's After the Wedding is a beautiful portrayal of the lengths people will go to in order to spare their loved ones pain. Whether that means pandering to a rich man to save a haven for poor children in India or revisiting painful former relationships to mitigate the pain of loss, Bier triumphs at bearing the human condition on screen like a badge of honor.

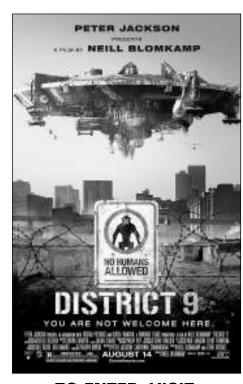
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Harry Potter and the Half-Blood

Prince — Part VI — Pot VI — comes close to a complete cheat. The once child actors, children no more, are developing faster than the story, and indeed the foretold war with the Dark Lord tends here to be crowded out by assorted amorous hankerings among Hogwarts classmates. (Those broomsticks for games of Quidditch are now looking more phallic than at first.) Whatever climax we had built to by the end of episode five, directed as was this one by David Yates, is no longer in evidence, as we begin a new school year with a new guest star in the cast, Jim Broadbent (more or less assuming the prior guest spots of Imelda Staunton and Miranda Richardson) as the faculty's new Potions Master, first introduced in disguise as an overstuffed armchair, a promising shape-shifting gift never glimpsed again. The laden production muggy atmosphere, congested décors, piles

of bric-a-brac, oodles of CGI — further gums up the plot machinery, impedes forward progress; and the infrequent action, when it comes, comes out of nowhere and quickly returns thereto. Toward the end, the sustained scene in the cavern does attain a degree of creepiness, not hard to do when you've got a battalion of the mutant offspring of Gollum from Lord of the Rings, and this admittedly is followed by a Major Development. To get to that, however, oughtn't to have required a two-and-a-halfhour running time. If anything, we seem further from a final resolution than we seemed at the finish of the previous episode, with two more still to go. The entire series shapes up as the exemplary opposite of economical storytelling, and the exasperated spectator can but concur with the character who declares at the curtain, "It was all a waste, all of it." Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Alan Rickman, 2009. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

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The Hurt Locker - Fictitious countdown of the final six weeks in the twelvemonth tour of an army bomb squad in Baghdad. The living and working conditions in a color-free wasteland appear perfectly credible, and the quasi-sciencefictional details of the job — the spaceman protective suits, the remote-control bombsniffing robot, the tangle of colored wires, the hide-and-seek triggers — are highly enlightening. And the defusing of bombs the constant prospect of their blowing up in our faces - carries a guaranteed tension, as witness such forerunners as Robert Aldrich's Ten Seconds to Hell or Michael Powell's and Emeric Pressburger's The Small Back Room. The ambush in middesert, outside the squad's normal sphere of operations, is if anything even tenser: more unpredictable, more open to possibilities. Kathryn Bigelow, one of the rare female action directors, dead-set on matching any man in muscle, favors here the combat-



Funny People

footage filmmaking style of jostles and jars to the camera, punchy zooms, whiplashing pans, and a chronic shaky hand, not necessarily restricted to scenes of combat. This is trendy at best, a tired cliché at worst. (The amplified heartbeat and the slo-mo explosion ought to be put to bed for a rest period of not less than a generation.) She takes a lot of time on the action scenes, or more broadly the tension scenes, and not much time in between, so that the three principals — Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty, each of them looking the part - are thin on character, static in development, no more than generic as opposed to individual soldiers. With Guv Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse. 2009. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4: HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs - A deferral of extinction and a detour to a subterranean tropical paradise, save some rapacious reptiles and a river of molten lava. The intermittent enlivener of the two earlier installments, the obsessive squirrel, is now as tedious as everyone else (in a mating dance, to a Barry White tune, with a bushytailed femme fatale squirrel); and the new character of a one-eyed weasel (voice of Simon Pegg) fails to take up the slack. No more beneficial is the added attraction of 3-D. Extinction can't come soon enough. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Queen Latifah: co-directed by Carlos Saldanha and

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Mike Thurmeier. 2009.

In the Loop — Satirical postulation of how the U.S. and the U.K., on idiotic intelligence, came together to wage war in Iraq (unnamed but unmistakable). The actors are real pros, and can well handle the rapidire dialogue, probably better than the overwhelmed viewer can handle it. The raggedy documentary-style camerawork, on top of it, generates an excess of turbulence. Tom Hollander, Peter Capaldi, Gina McKee, James Gandolfini, Mimi Kennedy, Anna Chlumsky, Chris Addison, David Rasche; directed by Armando Iannucci. 2009.

★ (HILLGREST CINEMAS: I.A. JOLLA VILLAGE)

Julie and Julia — Reviewed this issue. With Amy Adams, Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, and Chris Messina; written and di-

rected by Nora Ephron.

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The Lady from Shanghai — Orson Welles takes a nose-holding leap toward Low Camp with a pulp thriller (narrated, first-person, in Welles's unctuous Irish brogue) about a gullible, ham-fisted sailor who is sucked into a murder scheme, making him the patsy. The cast of characters is peopled by twisted, obscene predators Rita Havworth in a blond hairdo styled like shampoo lather, the pop-eved Everett Sloane tottering around with leg braces and canes, Glenn Anders whining and whinnying through a sweaty mouth. The famous fun-house sequence is a virtuoso turn, all right, although Welles does not trouble to find a plausible way into it or out of it. 1948

 $\bigstar\, \bigstar\, \bigstar$ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 8/6 AND 7, 8:30 P.M.)

Local Color — George Gallo's semi-autobiographical coming-of-age film, extraearnest, middling-maudlin, about a teenage old-fashioned representational landscape painter who nuzzles under the wing of a cantankerous old Russian impressionist, one summer in Pennsylvania in the mid-Seventies (that's 1970s, not 1870s). It dishes out a lot of fundamental art talk, only once verging on the insulting, and the cinematography is rich enough in color to back up the pretense of sensitivity. With Armin Mueller-Stahl, Trevor Morgan, Samantha Mathis, Ron Perlman, and Ray Liotta. 2007. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Moon — Speculation on the anomie of the self-knowing human clone, a reasonable stand-in for the self-knowing human. Written and directed by the British team of Nathan Parker and Duncan Jones respectively, it's a nice little piece of short-story-sized science fiction freighted with reminders of 2001 — some of Silent Running

as well, less burdensome — and stretched out to just barely endurable length. As in its eminent forebear, the human cast is very limited, mostly Sam Rockwell in a dual role - at one point playing pingpong with himself in the same frame, at numerous points matching the ostentatious torment of Bruce Dern in Silent Running - supported if not upstaged by a talking computer called GERTY 3000 (smarmy voice of Kevin Spacey) instead of HAL 9000. A sufficient innovation in design is the emblematic Smiley Face that signals the computer's "mood," or alternatively a Frowny Face, Quizzical Face, or Noncommittal Face, every bit as expressive as the Jack-in-the-Box of fast-food TV ads. It's quite astonishing how even the most modest-budget science fiction now approximates the nonpareil special effects of the Kubrick monument of forty years ago. 2009. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

My Sister's Keeper — An eleven-yearold girl, "engineered" in a petri dish to be a genetic match for her leukemic older sister. sues her parents for "medical emancipation" — a recipe for a Lifetime Channel movie, with an extra cup of butter in Caleb Deschanel's lighting. Outside of the neversay-die mother, the drama is designed for minimum stickiness and maximum lubrication. Indeed, the dilemma could have been cleared up with a simple family conference in lieu of a court date. Compared with the other tearjerking tactics, the interlude of teen romance between the sick sister and a fellow cancer patient is persuasively gentle. With Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Sofia Vassilieva, Jason Patric, Alec Baldwin, Thomas Dekker, and Joan Cusack; directed by Nick Cassavetes. 2009. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Orphan — Adoption nightmare wherein an affluent suburban couple, parents of two children already, immediately replace their stillborn baby with a nine-year-old Russian of cute accent and evil intent. Outside of a committed performance from Vera Farmiga as the troubled mother, it's all very routine until the dilly of a surprise twist, creepily visualized. With Isabelle Fuhrman, Peter Sarsgaard, CCH Pounder, and Margo Martindale; directed by Jaume Collet-Serra. 2009. ★ (CHUIA VISTA 10: FASHION VALLEY 18:

GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER 10; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Paper Heart — Reviewed this issue. With Charlyne Yi, Michael Cera, and Jake Johnson; directed by Nicholas Jasenovec.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 8/7)

A Perfect Getaway — Thriller starring Steve Zahn, Milla Jovovich, and Timothy Olyphant, written and directed by David Twohy.

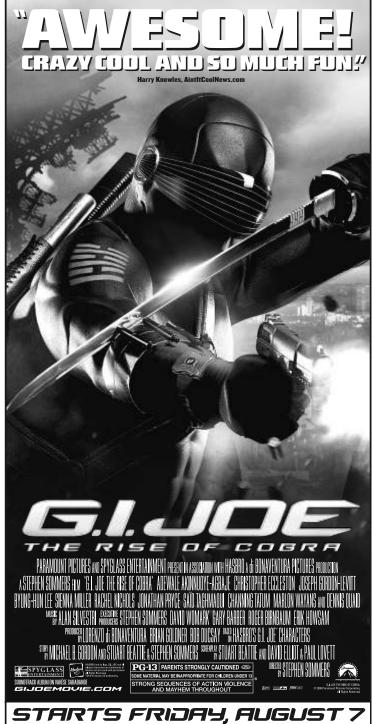
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The Proposal — Anne Fletcher's contemporary romantic comedy has a premise no more ridiculous than something that might

once have featured Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. The editor-in-chief at Ruick & Hunt Publishers, a transplanted Canadian ice queen slash wicked witch of the north, now threatened with deportation for an expired visa, commands her lackey to marry her, true love following along licketysplit. The rotelike working-out of the premise appears heedless of the ridiculousness and therefore increasingly ridiculous, heedless in particular of the age difference between Sandra Bullock and Rvan Revnolds, obvious to the naked eye. The two stars nonetheless display a polished smoothness if something less than a Golden Age luster. With Mary Steenburgen, Betty White, Craig T. Nelson, Malin Akerman. 2009.

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Public Enemies — John Dillinger revamped for a new century, more particu-



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larly Michael Mann-handled: high-def video, flattened perspective, eye-crossing closeups, jittery hand-held camera, frenetic cutting, amped-up sound, and the legendary Lady in Red is now (truth be told, among much romanticizing) the lady in orange skirt and white blouse. Pretty Boy Johnny Depp, not to be mistaken for Pretty Boy Floyd (a fleeting appearance by Channing Tatum), is characteristically bland as Dillinger, but Christian Bale as crime buster Melvin Purvis looks like he means business when taking aim with rifle and pistol or firing a tommy gun from the running board of a speeding car. Marion Cotillard, Stephen Lang, Stephen Dorff, Billy Crudup, Lili Taylor, Branca Katic. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Séraphine — Speculative, segmentary biography — twenty years in scope — of an obscure figure from 20th-century art history, Séraphine Louis, dite Séraphine de Senlis, a pious provincial housecleaner by day, and by night a compulsive self-taught

painter (under past orders from her guardian angel at the convent), whose secret talent is discovered just before the First World War by one of her cleaning customers, a homosexual German art dealer and critic (discoverer earlier of Henri Rousseau) on sojourn in northern France, a prissy connoisseur preferring the label of Modern Primitives to the veiled insult of Naives. Well structured, well proportioned, well (if slowly) paced, the film carries out a dispassionate examination of hidden inner worth, long ignored, thrillingly recognized, hazardously overinflated, and — it's not an Andersen fairy tale — ultimately, tormentingly unrewarded. Anyone can relate. Both of the main characters, the painter and her patron, are complicated people, treated with respect but not reverence, tact but not timidity, by filmmaker Martin Provost, and played for full complication and consequent inconsistency and ambiguity by Yolande Moreau and Ulrich Tukur. The former, primarily a stage actress, and on screen a supporting actress, never raises the least suspicion that she is acting, only the total belief in her being. She is Séraphine, and Séraphine is she. Nor, in the larger picture, is there the tiniest pinprick in the tangible illusion of the place and period, the sights, the sounds, the surfaces, the objects, observed with a near scientific exactitude. The film picks you up, sets you down, seals you

in. Like magic. 2008.

Shrink — Pothead psychotherapist, bestselling author of Happiness Now, unhinged by his wife's suicide, unshaven, unresponsive, uninterested. His Tinsel Town zip code opens the door to all manner of wellknown and well-worn Hollywood types (superagent, aging actress, alcoholic actor, aspiring screenwriter, slutty starlet, etc.), but despite the range of material and of mood, the treatment remains everywhere superficial. With Kevin Spacey, Mark Webber, Keke Palmer, Saffron Burrows, Dallas Roberts, Jack Huston, Pell James, Laura Ramsey, Robert Loggia, and Robin Williams; written by Thomas Moffett; directed by Ionas Pate, 2009.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Star Trek — Enjoyable prequel, thirty years after the same-named debut of the series on the big screen. The chaotic and incoherent prologue might somewhat smother the emotional punch of the birth of James Tiberius Kirk at the same moment as his father's death, but the reintroduction of the old familiar characters — the assembly of

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of the U.S.S. Enterprise — can't help but be fun for initiates. Chris Pine's Kirk, sounding as though modelled on no weightier a prototype than Christian Slater, starts out an obnoxious punk and fails to advance very far beyond that. Zachary Quinto's Spock on the other hand, has some big ears to fill and fills them fully, achieving that elusive goal of undemonstrative intensity. If it's fair to say that the film, rather than stand on its own, benefits from the groundwork of its forerunners - if it safely and securely goes where others have gone before — it would also be fair to object that the speedy evolution of special effects since the last Star Trek outing, seven years previous, serves to render the "ensuing" adventures anticlimactic. Topping what came before — a petty enough creative impulse in the first place is in effect topping what came "after." That may not constitute disrespect, but it constitutes disproportion. Director J.J. Abrams's preference for the rambling Steadicam and the trembling closeup reveals him further to be a man of trend as opposed to a man of tradition. With its gigantic hands-of-Freddy-Krueger enemy spaceship, its Mad Max-v tattooed heathens, and its gratuitous CG monsters, the film is, by the standards of the franchise, skimpy on ideas, apart from a bit of time-travel abracadabra that enables Spock to be two places and two ages at once. Which is to say, enables Leonard Nimoy to play a part. Karl Urban, Anton Yelchin, Zoe Saldana, John Cho, Simon Pegg, Eric Bana. 2009.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Taking of Pelham 123 — Buzzedup remake of the 1974 hijacked-subway thriller, a handy yardstick of early-21st-century style: photographic gimmicks (pixillation, slow-motion, blurs, zooms, whatnot), throwaway car crashes, outlandish one-man heroics from the deskbound train dispatcher, inflationism in theme and plot as well as in ransom demand. It took some smarts to retrieve from the vaults a good film that's not well known, but it took some stupids to lose the focus on average New Yorkers under the gun. John Turturro is blessedly low-key as the NYPD hostage negotiator, and Denzel Washington tries valiantly to play down to his character's status in the bureaucracy, but one or two men can't counteract the mood-swinging, scenery-chewing villainy of John Travolta. With James Gandolfini, Michael Rispoli, Luis Guzman; directed by Tony Scott. 2009. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Transformers: Revenge of the

Fallen — Autobots vs. Deceptions, Round Two, a blur of liquidy computer-generated

metal (robot design by trash compactor) and a mass - no, a mess - of contradictions: apocalyptic pomposity and low comedy; heavy combat and light casualties; a too-fast pace that attains two and a half hours and total boredom (except perhaps for John Turturro's succinct "one-man alone" soliloquy). With Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Tyrese Gibson, and Ramon Rodriguez; directed by Michael Bay. 2009.

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Tulpan — Window on the world: sheepherding on the windswept Kazakhstan steppe, and all the dead lambs you'd ever hope to see. But it's a dirty window, dulling, monotonizing, and a rattly window. With Askhat Kuchinchirekov, Samal Yeslyamova, Ondasyn Besikbasov, and Tulepbergen Baisakalov; directed by Sergey Dvortsevoy.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/6)

The Ugly Truth — Cool-blonde control freak and dark hairy caveman (Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler) in a conflict of philosophies, personalities, and sexualities, behind the scenes at a Sacramento TV morning talk show. The road to the predictable and inevitable is paved with, among other things, a pair of vibrating panties, the remote control in the wrong hands at the wrong time. Hard to imagine Katharine Hepburn or Jean Arthur at that spot in the road. With Bree Turner, Eric Winter, Cheryl Hines, and John Michael Higgins; directed by Robert Luketic. 2009.

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Up — Pixar computer cartoon weaves a web of delusional whimsy around a cantankerous old widower, not too dissimilar to Clint Eastwood in Gran Torino, determined to live out the dream and the adventure he denied to his lifelong soul mate. To that end, he attaches a forest of helium balloons to his two-story house and sets sail for South America, specifically Paradise Falls, "a Land Lost in Time," the stomping ground of his boyhood idol, an intrepid globe-trotter out of Jules Verne. (If party balloons can serve as a means of intercontinental transport, we can hardly be surprised at finding the boyhood idol still alive and kicking. Or at anything else.) This literal flight of fancy and its touchdown in "paradise" might have been taken as a metaphor of suicide were it not for the roly-poly little stowaway, a Wilderness Explorer in quest of a merit badge for Assisting the Elderly, presumably not including assisted suicide. He assists, rather, in a new lease on life: geriatric swashbuckling. (The old man, voiced by Ed Asner, bears an unmistakable likeness to the Penn State football coach, Joe Paterno, and the kid, Jordan Nagai, is a Baby Buddha.) There seems no intrinsic reason for the insipid graphic style, the vacuum-sealed atmosphere, or the general feel of marshmallow and Styrofoam; no reason, that is, outside the limits of taste and talent among the Pixar people. The one glaring success in the picture is the oversized wide-eyed multicolored exotic bird, its resistance to anthropomorphization, its intractable maniacal birdiness. Co-directed by Pete Docter and Bob Peterson. 2009. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN 14; HORTON PLAZA 14)

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Thai Hot, Lao Hot

Sanaa is dropping the evil little peppers in one by one, crushing, grinding. "Say when," she says.

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ot? Hot-hot? Hot-hot?" Sanaa stands there, in one hand a big pestle at the ready, in the other, a bunch of nasty little green and red chili pep-

pers ready to throw in for crushing. Ready to burn my mouth out, too. That foot-long mortar means business.

'Course, I have been shooting that mouth off about how I can take the heat. Now I have to ante up or lose face. Sanaa is

making *tham mak hong*, Lao-style. In Cambodian, it's *bok la hong*. In Thai, it's called *som tum*. But everywhere this can be one lethal weapon if you're not careful. We're talking about green papaya salad.

"On a scale of ten?" says Sanaa.

D'oh...manhood on the line here. I hesitate. But, man, I'm thrilled to be here. I walked up from the 47th Street trolley stop, just to grab a lunch. This place is always good, and always Lao, but it seems to have had a different name posted above the entrance every time I've passed by. It's been Vientiane Food to Go, then Mekong Village, and then Imperial Thai Cuisine. Now I find this revamped, cream-stuccoed building with midnight-blue tile highlights and palm trees and flowers — freshly transplanted — plus a whole swag of signs over the front. "Banh Phonkeo's Food to Go." "Thai Garden Restaurant." "Sinh Mai Lao Silk, Custom Arts and Crafts, Real Estate, Video Rental." And "Under New Management. New Improvement."

Can't tell if Banh Phonkeo's the actual eatery now or the Thai Garden. Phonkeo sounds more Lao. But by the time I get in through the store, rich with Lao silk sarongs

> and crafts, and make my way to the eating area, I realize it's both

"'Banh Phonkeo' means 'Phonkeo's place,' "says one of two ladies behind the counter in this sparkling, freshened-up dining room. She's peeling shal-

lots. "I'm Phonkeo. I do the Lao cooking, and my friend Noy does the Thai cooking. We call it "Thai Garden' because everybody knows about Thai food. Not so many about Lao."

Bunch of older men — Lao, I'm guessing — eat what looks like Vietnamese *pho* from soup bowls. They sit at a long table near a statue of a beautiful, traditionally dressed Lao girl. Some women are eating *larb*, the Lao beef-salad dish.

They have a pretty extensive menu, but all I'm seeing in front of me is a display cabinet with barbecued chicken on sticks, Lao sausages, and what look like 100-year-old eggs. Sanaa says they're "barbecued eggs."

In the end, it's kinda simple to decide—even though the menu has lots on it, and with good pricing, too. Six spring rolls are \$3.95, Thai fried shrimp go for \$5.95, tom yum soup with shrimp, the one with the delish sour-lemongrass flavor (which should be rampant with peppers) is \$4.50. So is the kinder, gentler tom ka gai, with chicken and coconut milk. Larb, the famous spicy Lao salad with minced

beef or chicken and lots of ginger and other seasonings, costs \$8.95.

They have the standards, like *pad* Thai (rice noodles sautéed with chicken, egg, peanuts, \$6.95) and *panang* or *massaman* curry (the one with potatoes, \$6.95). But papaya salad (\$5) it is. The menu says "fresh shredded green papaya and tomato sauce, mixed well with our own garlic and lime dressing," but I know it's really all about the mix with the chili peppers, and deciding on how many you can handle, and how much sugar and salt to crush in the mush.

Sigh. This all suddenly reminds me of those Travel Channel shows where guys wander around Asia sampling the fare at food markets. Shots of women squishing away with mortars and pestles, grabbing handfuls of chili peppers, slicing papaya flesh, chattering and laughing.

But this is for real. Must concentrate. Sanaa is dropping the evil little peppers in, one by one, crushing, grinding. "Say when," she says. Guess she's up to six or seven before I cry uncle.

I add a Lao sausage (\$1), a couple of barbecued chicken sticks (\$2), a barbecued egg (\$1), a little traditional straw basket of sticky rice (\$1), and an *oliang*, sweet Thai coffee without milk (\$2), and after Sanaa has flailed those strips of papaya enough, she sets it all down before me. I inhale the garlicky-lemony, almost woody smells and chomp in. And wait for sweat to break out on the back of my neck. Must say, the egg is great to tamp it all down.



Phonkeo

And the sticky rice. The pork sausage is lemony, garlicky, and wonderful, and the chicken's nicely marinated.

"That's the thing about Lao food," says Phonkeo. "We don't like sweet and sour, like the Thais and Chinese. We say sour food makes healthy people."

Sour makes you smile? Love it. I'll be back, and adding a couple more peppers next time. 'Specially if Carla comes. Got a reputation to think of. ■

The Place: *Thai Garden, 110 47th Street (at corner with Imperial), 619-527-8890* **Type of Food:** *Lao, Thai*

Prices: Spring rolls (6), \$3.95; Thai fried shrimp (4), \$5.95; tom yum soup with shrimp, \$4.50; tom ka gai soup (with chicken, coconut milk), \$4.50; larb (spicy Lao salad with minced beef or chicken), \$8.95; pad Thai (rice noodles sautéed with chicken, egg, peanuts), \$6.95; panang or massaman curry, \$6.95; papaya salad, \$5; shrimp fried rice, \$8.95; red curry frog legs, \$8.95

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Alpine

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef-lovers heaven, with a juicy special ground-in-house (so rare-cooked is feasible) Texas burger. Crowded weekends. Moderate to expensive

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Bl., Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite burning under freshcut beef rib is too much to resist — the secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire. Inexpensive.

Baja

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

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388, Tijuana, 664-685-4955. The food's Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but try baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) à *la vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1, Tijuana, 664-681-4458. House specialties at this hidden mansion are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*); the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork); or the roasted baby Monterrey goat (*cabrito tatemado*). Moderate.

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Rosarito, 646-155-0307. The bilingual menu, written on chalkboards, changes nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house, Baja wines. Great breakfasts, lavish Sunday brunch buffet, blissful patio seating. Inexpensive to moderate

Lonchería la Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Best food stall in the marketplace? Maybe. Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bistek ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Inexpensive.

Original Ortega's Calle Principal (next to Casa de la Langosta), Puerto

Nuevo. The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are fried in lard, finished off on the grill, and served with melted margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Many other starters, entrées, desserts available. Moderate to high, low-moderate specials.

Los Pelicanos Calle Cedros #115, Rosarito, 661-612-0445. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little sister, with a shorter menu. It serves good steaks and surf 'n' turf in a handsome room at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. Moderate.

Super Antojitos Fourth Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 664-685-5070. The house special, *mole poblano*, has complex, delicious house-made mole sauce with an enchilada, eggs, rice, beans, tortillas. Also delicious: stuffed pastries, pork rind *gorditas*. Inexpensive.

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and Third, Tijuana. The cart is only here from 6pm to 6am, but from tongue to chicken mole to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, carne asada, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create meals right there. Inexpensive.

Balboa Park

Japanese Tea Pavilion 2215 Pan American Way, Balboa Park, 619-231-0048. The teriyaki bowl with salmon, the sweetish *udon soba* noodle soup with tofu *kitsune*, and even the California sandwich piled high with "krab" meat are good and feel Japanese. Inexpensive.

The Prado 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. Exquisite setting in the park offers generous portions on a something-for-everyone menu. Top choices: meaty crab cakes, slow-roasted pork loin, banana *tres leches* cake. Moderate to expensive.

Banker's Hill

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is a deli rightly famous for its Original Philadelphia Cheese Steak Sandwich. Inexpensive.

Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine (and house-made desserts) in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Happy-hour bargains at bar; otherwise high-moderate.

Azuki Sushi Lounge 2321 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-238-4760. Skillful, creative sushi and sashimi in a convivial atmosphere. Don't miss the spicy Pon Hama (yellowtail sashimi wind yuzu juice and chili powder) or the fusion-y RU Kidding Me roll, the owner's favorite. Moderate to expensive.

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-294-2132. Also 1430 Union St., Little Italy, 619-294-7001. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by her travels from Paris to Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Uptown location desserts only; downtown offers light grazing meals, too. Moderate.

Hane 2760 Fifth Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-260-1411. This city branch of legendary Sushi Ota is more comfortable, with bilingual chefs at the counter exercising impeccable craftsmanship, emphasizing pristine rolls and sashimi, not party rolls. The *omakas* sashimi platter offers Ota's most popular and showy creations. Moderate-plus.

Joe's New York-Style Deli 3401 First Ave., Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boar's Head liverwurst is da bomb. Inexpensive.

Borrego Springs

La Casa del Zorro 3845 Yaqui Pass Rd., Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers and entrées with subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Very expensive.

Campo

Campo Diner 1367 Dewey Pl., Campo, 619-478-2888. The burgers are

made from Black Angus beef, so they cost more. But there are deals, too, like the huge The Works omelet and the robust lunchtime homemade soup of the day. Inexpensive.

Cardiff

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff, 760-753-6707. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizas are famous locally. Check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you want to fill up. Inexpensive.

Trattoria Positano 2171 San Elijo Ave., Cardiff, 760-632-0111. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Upper-moderate.

Carlsbad

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Bl., Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza, only here. They make the pies with thin, crisp crusts and toppings like meatball or garlic. Maybe their best is the Bronx Special: pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper, and garlic. Inexpensive.

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also 4645 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. It's not Southern so much as SoCal "Q," but the meats are genuinely smoked. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Mem-







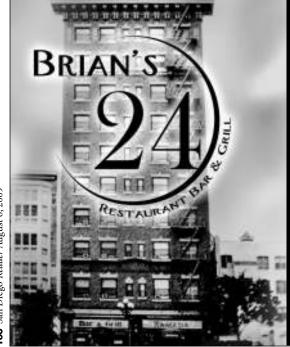
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phis-style flavor; ribs come in three versions. Inexpensive to moderate.

O'Sullivan's Irish Pub of Carlsbad, 640 Grand Ave., Carlsbad, 760-729-4072. Above-average pub grub, especially the moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, salads, and housebaked brown bread. Noisy interior, serene patio out back. Inexpensive.

Pizza Port 571 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, 760-720-7007. Also 135 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the Pizza Carlsbad or the Pizza Solana. Inexpensive.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish. Inexpensive.

Carmel Valley

Arterra 11966 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-369-6032. Local, sustainably raised ingredients in treatments growing bolder over the years, offering treats for both palate and mind. A blithe patio, sushi bar, and happy hour at the booze bar offer more casual (still serious) eats. Expensive-plus.

Athens Market Café 11640 Carmel Mountain Rd., Carmel Valley, 858-675-2225. Vickie Pappas (sis of Mary) serves up the Greek classics at this offshoot of Athens Market, with particularly flavorful lamb souvlaki and lamb chops. Inexpensive to moderate.

Chula Vista

Jimmy's 1198 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Also 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, 619-448-8994. Family-friendly restaurants offer a six-page plastic menu of good old-fashioned American food — huge breakfasts, big dinners like steak with all the trimmings, homemade desserts. Inexpensive

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. Rustic-looking family-run restaurant offers Italian-American standards, big portions, low prices, late hours. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite" eight-inch pizza. Inexpensive.

El Dorado Seafood & Grill 311 Palomar St., Chula Vista, 619-426-4545. Zesty Peruvian dishes include *papa relleno* (creamy potato with a lively beef and raisin filling), *seco de cabrito* (young goat in a complex, herbal stew). Mexican-style seafood served here, too. Inexpensive to moderate.

Restaurant el Patio 410 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-9745. Old-fashioned Cal-Mex with nothing new except the Flying Saucer (fried tortilla stacked with beef, tomatoes, and a mound of salad). Otherwise, go for the *chile rellenos*, enchiladas, taco combo, and open-faced chiliburgers. Inexpensive to moderate.

City Heights

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-281-1355. Specializes in fascinating Mexican lamb dishes, including spicy, smoky *mixiote* (lamb cooked inside thin maguey skin) and *pancita*, similar to haggis. Inexpensive

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Ave., City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned Ethiopian cuisine served on a porous pancake, *injera*. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is good, the *gored gored* (meat in spicy

butter) is excellent. Vibrant veggies, too. Inexpensive.

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-284-4215. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the filling Vietnamese beef-noodle soup meal. Another safe bet is stirfried crispy or soft egg noodles with seafood and assorted vegetables. Inexpensive

Super Cocina 3627 University Ave., City Heights, 619-584-6244. Mexican housewives prepare specialties for the restaurant. They're complex meat or poultry stews made without border

compromises. The dozen entrées change daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. Inexpensive.

Tom's Chinese BBQ 4414 University Ave., City Heights, 619-563-8225. The roast ribs, roast pork, and BBQ spare ribs are excellent. So is pork fried rice and the dim sum. But you should also try the pig's rectum, duck's feet, stomach lining, ears, and wiggly small intestines. Inexpensive.

Trieu Chau 4653 University Ave., City Heights, 619-280-4204. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko"—fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Inexpensive.

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Bl., City Heights, 619-584-2535. Flower-strewn patio, plush interior, with sandwiches named after navy bases, rich entrées like eggplant Parmesan, chicken with mushrooms, served until midnight weekends. Inexpensive.

Van Hoa Vietnamese Restaurant 4016 54th St., City Heights, 619-582-2642. They have 20 versions of *pho*—*dac biet* ("special combo") is a good place to start — plus rice and rice ver-

micelli plates and Vietnamese crepes and spring rolls. Inexpensive.

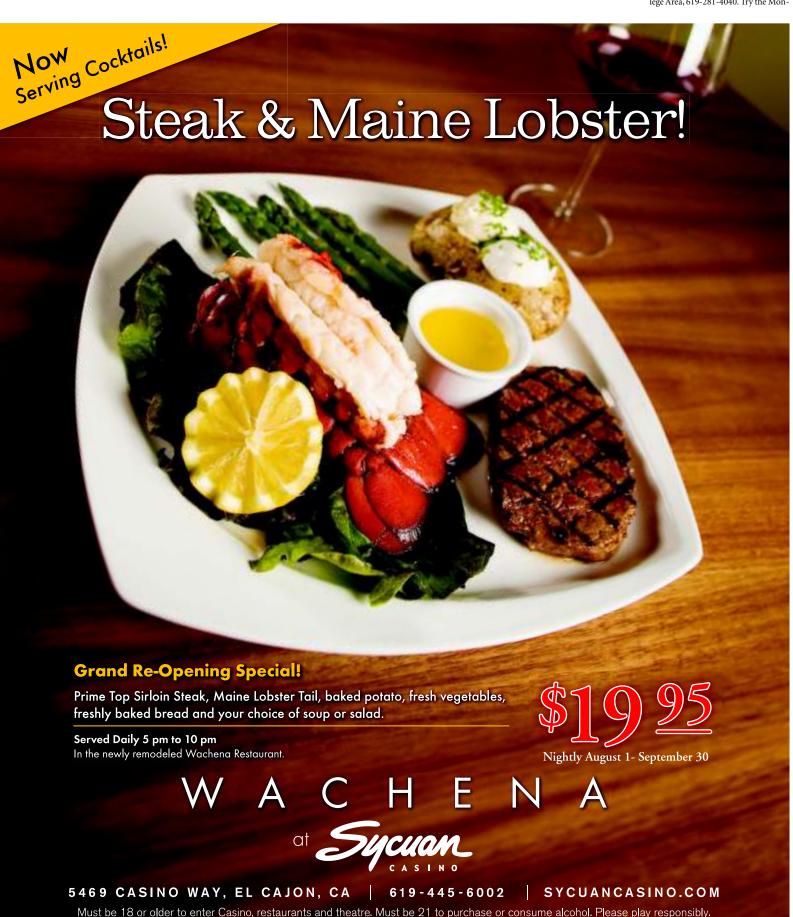
Clairemont

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint 4577 Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-483-9500. Create-your-burger options include horseradish, artichoke hearts, carrots, cranberries, cheeses, and mushrooms. Chop and tuck these into raw burger meat, like a joey into mama roo's pocket. Inexpensive.

Lightnin' Jack's BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Dr., Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Mall atmosphere, but hickoryfueled Texas-style pit barbecue turns out tender, moist pork ribs and reasonably smoky brisket. Nice fried catfish, too. Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the tastiest sides. Inexpensive to moderate.

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Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Bl., College Area, 619-265-0999. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy. Inexpensive.

Coronado

Bistro d'Asia 1301 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy Lizard Lounge serves gentled-down dishes from East Asia. Good sushi bar in the Lounge. Moderate.

Chez Loma French Bistro 1132 Loma Ave., Coronado, 619-435-0661. In a charming, historic cottage, this bistro offers classic French bourgeois

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Clayton's Coffee Shop 979 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5425. The food is all American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, sandwiches both hot and cold. Dinner specials include pork chops and homemade meat loaf with gravy. Inexpensive.

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. Fun "aloha" atmosphere with a bay view. Herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are tasty, and the tender roast beef is USDA Prime. Moderate.

Crown Room Hotel Del, 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-6611. In this vaulted dining room, presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. Open only for elaborate Sunday brunch, with cooking not quite up to the visual grandeur. Expensive.

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-4545. Sidewalk tables, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta — and dog-friendly, too, plus a nice wine list. A good vegetarian special: *verdure* pasta, with artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives. Inexpensive.

Mexican Village 126 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-3111. Old restaurant revives with new (Mexican) owner. Old Coronadans say the signature burritos (filled with tripe, pork and potato, chorizo and eggs, etc.) match even their gilded Korea- and Vietnam-era memories. Inexpensive to moderate.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-5280. Try Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread loaf or corned beef and cabbage with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Raucous inside, but escape on big heated patio. Inexpensive to lowmoderate.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Ave., Coronado, 619-435-2121. Meat and fish choices are prepared simply with generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Del Mar

Americana 1454 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Casual breakfast/lunch, serious dinners, with flavors of the American melting pot and summer veggies from the chef's home garden. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate, dinner moderate to expensive.

Del Mar Rendezvous Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-2669. Longtime restaurateur Mark Sun came out of retirement to try out a new concept of contemporary Asian tapas and Chinese entrées made over with prime ingredients — clean, creative, and greaseless, with a wide choice of wines. Moderate to expensive.

Iris Food and Spirits 2334 Carmel Valley Rd., Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Moderate.

L'Auberge Del Mar 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-793-6460. Gorgeous seaside resort (renovated in 2008) offers a modern dining room and heated patios to enjoy fine, creative cooking, combining "slow food" craftsmanship and the latest technical tricks to display the bright seasonal flavors of local veggies, sustainable seafood, and natural meats. Expensive.





Market Restaurant and Bar 3702 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-523-0007. Chef-owner Carl Schroeder is all about seasonal, local, organic - and inspired culinary imagination. Menu changes but is always exciting. The vibe is "nice neighborhood restaurant" - diners have a good time here. Expensive.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-509-9293. Italian seafood, garden setting. Best are the daily specials, including spaghetti a cartoccio (baked in parchment) and lobster risotto. Save room for dessert, especially if offerings include torta alla nonna. High-moderate to expensive.

Pacifica del Mar 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803, Fresh fish and organic produce enliven fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. Extremely noisy bar area. Expensive to very expensive.

Poseidon 1670 Coast Bl., Del Mar. 858-755-9345. It's all about the glorious seaside view. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood. Dinner dishes mingle Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. Moderate to expensive.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle. Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Manly retro atmosphere, huge portions. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork - all expertly prepared and served in record time. Expensive.

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th St., Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Pristine California cuisine highlights local produce in deluxe, seasonal dishes that engage the mind along with the palate, e.g., a lemon-pistachio cake that changes as you cut it, crumbling into a berry coulis. High-moderate to

Downtown

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-230-0382. Mainly plain Tuscan cuisine, highlighted by pleasing vegetarian pastas and risottos featuring earthy porcini mushrooms. Moderate (pasta) to expensive.

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-0101. Skillful, healthful cooking from an ancient high cuisine. Refined entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborately garnished; rose-flavored Persian ice cream is a romantic ending Moderate.

Beach City Market 3 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-232-2491. Enjoy soupand-sandwich deals like minestrone and the Londonport roast beef sandwich flavored with port, white herbs, and spices; or the Deluxe roast beef with horseradish. Inexpensive.

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway, Downtown, 619-232-6264, From a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage-link subportions are generous if not exactly gourmet fare. Free neighborhood delivery. Inexpensive

Café Sevilla 555 Fourth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-5979. A loud, convivial tapas bar adjoins a quieter, romantic Spanish restaurant, but you can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar. At both, the choices are varied, interesting, and cosmopolitan. Great sangria. Moderate.

Café de L'Opera 1354 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-234-0425. Pastry chef Thierry Cahez offers a genuine French feeling and food, in a pâtisserie with exquisite dessert pastries, breakfast croissants, and Gallic lunches like mini-pizzas and croque monsieurs (toasted cheese sandwich with ham).

Candelas 416 Third Ave., Downtown

- chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in sophisticated, delectable Mexican haute cuisine made with French techniques Interesting but expensive wine list; food

China Too 916 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-4283. The menu claims "New York–Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." How about decent Bronx-style eat-in/takeout? Cheap but good fare, including huge lunch specials, made with no MSG, minimal cornstarch. Free delivery to a wide area. Inexpensive.

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Ave., Downtown, 619-232-8414. At this Euro-style sidewalk café, try the spicy grilled breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also salads: taco or Southwest chicken. Inexpensive.

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market St., Downtown, 619-677-2695. Big, noisy sports bar/bowling alley with creative pub grub until 2am nightly. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. Or try a *Panino* Cubano or herb-brined chicken wings. Inexpensive.

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Dr., Downtown, 619-232-7581. Faux-fusion fare. The lighter dishes are best not a bad place to graze on appetizers or a mini-pizza when you're starved for a water view. Entrées high-moderate to very expensive.

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon transported whole hog from the Ould Sod, offers Irish music live most nights. Try the herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty — potato crepes with a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Low-mod-

Gaslamp Pizza 505 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-7542. This joint comes alive around 2am, serving good thin-crusted pizzas (vegetarian, BBQ chicken, and chicken pesto are best-o) plus wings, "halapeno peppers" and big salads to revelers seeking post-revel ballast. Inexpensive.

Greystone 658 Fifth Ave., Down town, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on Prime beef, game meats, lobster, and pastas, Loud, conventioneer-y ambience. Extremely expensive.

Hub Market & Deli 748 Sixth Ave. Downtown, 619-544-1917. Take-out only, with a hot pastrami sandwich that draws long lines, Breakfast? Try the giant three-egg burrito stuffed with sausages and hash brown patties. Open morning till late night, daily. Inexpensive.

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-237-4900. Fifties-style surf 'n' turfer owned by King's Seafood, with fine fish quality, simple fare. Best dishes include New Orleans BBQ shrimp — a buttery, spicy Creole extravaganza (available as starter or entrée) — and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Fish moderate, meats

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant Omni Hotel, 675 L St., Downtown, 619-645-6545. Nationwide seafood chain with good, simple, freshfish dishes. Awesome weeknight happyhour offers. Each for under two bud steamed mussels, chicken satav, a halfpound burger and fries, California rolls fish cakes, cheese plate. Regular entrées upper-moderate.

Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-233-1183. Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood are ballast for the real gourmet fare: tropical umbrella drinks. Moderate.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J St., Downtown, 619-696-3369. Swanky, manly Chicago steakhouse offers juicy, marbled grain-fed beef in numerous cuts and sizes, wet-aged and grilled to

your specification, or good fish. Pricey à la carte sides. Very expensive.

Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 I St., Downtown, 619-858-2277. The best dishes tend to be the least ambitious from the "Simply Grilled and Broiled" section. Or you can gamble on more elaborately composed entrées. Great crab cakes. Happy hour at oyster bar moderate, dinner very expensive.

Osetra Watergrill 904 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-239-1800. Las Vegas glitzy decor here. Appetizers tilt Asian, but most entrées are Italianate seafood. The restaurant has switched from the endangered Caspian caviar it's named for to a California-farmed sturgeon product (at the same steep tab). Very expensive.

The Palm 615 J St., Downtown, 619-702-6500. The fare features tender dryaged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Also consider shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes. Very expensive.

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza, Downtown, 619-233-7800. Family-friendly menu offers greaseless dishes to suit all tastes. Tofu with eggplant and the Mongolian Hotpot, a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate.

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

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant creates a high-energy atmosphere with loud music and louder decor. The grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus substantial noodle dishes and entrées. Moderate.

Super Jr. Market & Deli 1036 Seventh Ave., Downtown, 619-232-6367. Sandwiches include Boar's Head meat, cheeses, and fixings galore. Hot dishes sold by the pound: pork loin, chicken fajitas, honey ham, turkey, catfish, tilapia — all with two side dishes like rice, veggies, baked potato. Inexpensive.

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dents clamor for lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread Also breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches, French dip sandwiches, California wraps. Inexpensive.

Soleil @k 660 K St., Downtown, 619-446-6088. The fare here is simple California cuisine that won't scare the conventioneers, but the outdoor dining patio is a nice spot for a light meal. Starters may include a seasonally available fried-calamari salad and crabby crabsticks. Moderate to expensive.

The Strip Club 340 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-231-3140. It's DIY grilling here; no minors admitted. You can take the USDA Choice steaks up a notch with spice blends and sauces. Other choices include burgers, chicken, ahi, shrimp, and kebabs. Inexpensive to moderate.

Taka 555 Fifth Ave., Downtown, 619-338-0555. Top-quality seafood enlivens exquisite sushi, with rice freshly made all evening and savory appetizers like miso-baked cod and mushroomtopped agedashi (lightly fried) tofu. Reserve and go early for quiet. Most dishes inexpensive, but they add up.

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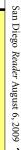
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ond Ave., Downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your Aunt Martha for a genteel lunch that looks ritzy, costs little. Best deal is the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with seafoods. Inexpensive.

El Cajon

Downtown Café 182 E. Main St., El Cajon, 619-440-5687. A Mexican-style patio restaurant serving gringo food. Reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. Inexpensive to moderate.

Geno's Barbecue 291 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted Jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the Ripcurl (hot dog). Inexpensive.

Greek Town Buffet 345 W. Main St., El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Have gyros, but also try chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken) or start with excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). Don't skip Greek desserts. Inexpensive.

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. The salad bar is surrounded by a U-shaped table laden with everything from peel-and-eat shrimp to baked cod to certified Black Angus prime rib. Moderate.

Encinitas

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 N. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Kick back to reggae with a fresh coconut water and the Jamaican sampler, including luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of fillings. The jerk's way mild. Inexpensive.

Saint Germain's Café 1010 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Not French, despite the name, but all-American. Omelets are the best-known dish—14 three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request). Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veggie choices). Inexpensive.

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau serves a changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. Moderate.

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-633-3587. Great sushi, including

fabulous *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. Appetizers like salmon tower tartare and drunken black cod are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Moderate.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarellatomato sauce arrays. Moderate.

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. Domestic and imported meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the Caprese sandwich on focaccia bread. Inexpensive.

Escondido

Bistro 221 221 E. Grand Ave., Escondido, 760-737-7398. Simple dishes shine at this genteel bistro, like sophisticated lunch quesadillas and dinner appetizers like Florida gumbo and Maryland crab cake. Moderate.

El Galeón 503 W. Mission Ave., Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood stars here. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster" in fishermen's terms) are house specialties. Consider a marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish) or savory *albondigas* soup. Inexpensive to moderate.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Bl., Escondido, 760-738-9805. In gorgeous surroundings (mansion and garden), Señora Vega offers sophisticated Mexico City cuisine. You'll find interesting appetizers along with entrées featuring complex sauces and a huge bargain-priced Sunday brunch. Inexpensive to moderate.

Fallbrook

El Parque 2659 Reche Rd., Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Good combination plates include the tostada with beef taco and the burrito with enchilada. Better yet, on Sunday morning, agricultural workers pour in here for menudo, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Inexpensive.

Wayside Café 507 South Main Ave., Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. The place used to be a gas station. You can even sit in the old lube bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain piles of red-skinned home fries as a side at breakfast. Inexpensive.

Hillcrest

Bangkok Thai Bistro 540 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-269-9209. Thai restaurateur Alex Thao (Celadon,

What the Chef Eats by Pamela Hunt-Cloyd

CAFÉ INDIA'S FAMOUS POTATOES

BY KIRTI SRIVASTAVA

Honestly, I grew up in the restaurant. We've had it since I was little, when my parents came to San Diego from Uttar Pradesh to help my uncle. At the time, it was actually a fast-food barbecue restaurant — Chicago-style ribs and things like that. My mom helped my father in the restaurant and she would bring Indian food for us to eat for lunch. One day a customer came in and asked what my mom was eating. At that time, the Star of India was the only other Indian restaurant in San Diego, so people weren't as familiar with the food or culture. But the lady loved my mom's food so much that my mom

offered to bring her food the next day. That's how the concept started for Café India. At home we would make Indian food and bring to the restaurant to sell as lunch boxes and, soon, the Indian food started selling more than the American food. Eventually a customer asked why we didn't just open an Indian restaurant. My mom really wanted to do it so my father went with it. Now it's our 22nd year, and we still have the same

Two years ago, our chef went on vacation and we couldn't find anyone to cover. So, I was, like, "Well, I'll have to go in there and figure it out." I knew the

flavors because all of the recipes are my mom's recipes. But the restaurant has a clay oven that's really super hot, so I had to learn how to do that. And slowly I learned the technical terms and the business side of things. I guess I kind of got thrown into the kitchen. And now I love it.

But Café India is different than other Indian restaurants.... We keep in tune with the community and host art events and dance and musical performances. We try to maintain the healthy, good-living vibe and teach dance and yoga in a room next to the restaurant.

My favorite thing to make, even when I'm not



working, are our potatoes. They are really easy and really good. No matter what happens to society some things never change — family, comfort, and good food.

INGREDIENTS SERVES 4-6

4–6 medium red-skinned pota-

toes, each cut into 4 pieces
44 cup olive oil

½ tsp mustard seed

½ cup onions

¼ tsp turmeric

1 tsp salt

4–6 cups water

Rama) set his sights lower, wider, and cheaper here, serving noodle dishes and rice bowls inspired by China, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Inauthentic but inexpensive.

Bread and Cie 350 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Crusty European peasant breads include anise-fig and black-olive loaves. Focaccia pizza and savory sandwiches (many with thick bread and thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot. Inexpensive.

California Cuisine 1027 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. The menu at this long-lived neighborhood restaurant changes daily, following the seasonal harvest and catch of the moment. Frequent hits: bourbon-brined Neiman pork chop, Asian BBQed jumbo shrimp. Outstanding desserts and romantic back patio seating by a fountain. Moderate to expensive.

City Delicatessen 555 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish-American food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors until midnight (3am weekends). Inexpensive to moderate.

Ichiban 1449 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Inexpensive.

Jack's Barbecue 1290 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-574-1644. Jack's Sampler (four-bone baby back ribs, one half chicken, one portion of BBQ beef, fries, and slaw) is a good intro. Or porkrib tips or just a Cajun sausage sandwich or one of Jack's chili cheeseburgers with bacon. Inexpensive. **Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill** 1459 University Ave., Hillcrest, 619-

297-0660. The only question: which burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's on Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? Inexpensive.

Pasha Mediterranean Grill & Café 3614 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-4444. Turkish specialties (including grilled beef cubes over eggplant mashed with garlic and yogurt) distinguish this Turkish-Lebanese halal restaurant from generic Middle Easterners, with which it shares a menu of kebabs, *shawerma*, salads, et al. Loads for yegans. No alcohol. Moderate.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Some top Basque tapas here include chicken-stuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed green lip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate.

Pizza Fusion 3827 Fifth Ave., Hill-crest, 619-278-0057. Everything's green and organic at this eco-conscious chain. The pizzas are odd-shaped but tasty, with multigrain oval crusts, plenty of veggies, cheese, and sweet Italian sausage or organic steak. Inexpensive to moderate.

St. Tropez 3805 Fifth Ave., Hillcrest, 619-497-0297. Additional locations in Encinitas, Rancho Bernardo, downtown. These bright cafés with indooroutdoor seating offer scores of yummy house-baked breakfast pastries, desserts, and good coffee, plus Parisian-style *croque monsieur* and *madame*, crepes, quiche, onion soup, sophisticated sandwiches, and panini.



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What the Chef Eats

½ bunch cilantro¼ cup ginger, finely chopped1 cup tomato sauce or 1 fresh tomato

1 serrano chile (optional)

HOW TO DO

Cut potatoes into quarters or so the pieces are all of equal size to ensure even cooking. Add oil to a medium-sized skillet over medium heat. Add the mustard seeds to the hot oil and let them sit until they pop. Next, add the onions and continue to cook, lowering the heat if necessary. When the onions are translucent, add the potatoes, turmeric, and salt. It is important to add the turmeric right after the potatoes so the potatoes take on the gold color of the turmeric. Turn the

heat to low and stir occasionally.

While the potatoes cook, add four cups water, cilantro, ginger, tomato sauce or fresh tomatoes to a blender and puree until the consistency is smooth. Add more water for a thinner sauce and the chili for a spicier sauce. Pour blended mixture on top of potatoes and let it come to a boil or simmer. Cook

until potatoes are fairly easy to cut through. Place in serving dish and top with fresh-cut cilantro and a little bit of freshly grated ginger. Best served with Basmati rice or chapati. Total cooking time is approximately 15 minutes.

To get other recipes from local chefs, go to sdreader.com.

Simple French dinners at some branches. Inexpensive.

Terra 3900 Vermont St., Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather. Moderate.

Imperial Beach

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Ave., Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. Great vegan sandwiches on ciabatta or focaccia — the eggplant Baby Greens and the Vegan Fusion (imitation smoked turkey and salami, cheese). But the carnivorous sandwiches are also way better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, house-made soups. Inexpensive.

The Tin Fish 910 Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. Also 170 Sixth Ave., Downtown, 619-238-8100 (lunch only). The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. Great crab cakes. Inexpensive to low moderate.

Imperial Valley

Owl Café 674 Main St., Imperial Valley, 760-336-0298. This café, over 50 years old, serves rib-sticking food. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate din-

ners include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Inexpensive.

Kearny Mesa

B & B Deli & Catering 8690 Aero Dr., Kearny Mesa, 858-292-1636. Airmen's Comfort Food Central, offering plate-bursting lunch specials with all the fixin's: roast pork loin, meat loaf, curried chicken, Polish sausage, pepper steak, cabbage rolls. Generous breakfasts, too. Inexpensive.

Crab Hut 4646 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1678. A local Vietnamese family runs this friendly, barebones eatery, specializing in Louisianoid fried seafood and boiled seasoned shrimp, crabs, and crawfish. Inexpensive to moderate.

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Tiny, plain setting offering authentic northern Chinese and Szechuan dishes. Ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy three-ingredient lo mein (with jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken) and superb jellyfish salad are challenging and exciting. Inexpensive.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Company 3904 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. The menu centers on Philly's two cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is more flavorful than a mere hero. For cheese steak, try the luscious "everything" with provolone, unless you're a Philly-born purist. Inexpensive.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy St., Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. Hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. Try the delicious Rainbow Salad and outstanding dumplings, especially the seafood ones. The jellyfish salad is a treat for the adventurous. Inexpensive.

Kensington-Talmadge

Bleu Bohème 4090 Adams Ave., Kensington-Talmadge, 619-255-4167. Classic French bistro, *très chic* but informal and noisy, emphasizes familiar favorites from the old-fashioned, French-in-America, bourgeois-cuisine restaurant repertoire. High-moderate.

La Jolla

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-7373. Nestled in an English garden, you can dine indoors or out enjoying house-baked sourdough and a daily changing eclectic menu, cooked with imagination. Outstanding fresh fruit crepes in season. Moderate.

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, 858-551-3620. With a penthouse view of La Jolla, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. Expensive.

Come On In 1030B Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Suave Euro bistro with tree-shaded patio, serving sophisticated breakfasts and healthy lunches like fruit plates and veggie-mozzarella sandwiches. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive.

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Dr., La Jolla, 858-459-7222. Sea-level ocean view and Chef Bernard Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with fresh, exotic ingredients make every visit a voyage of discovery. Preparations are so elaborate, each menu listing reads like a whole tasting dinner. Expensive.

Nine-Ten 910 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb's culinary sophistication is big-city smart, offering adventurous seasonal cuisine emphasizing fresh sustainable or organic ingredients and fresh ideas, with flawless flavor matches. Expensive.

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Ave., La Jolla, 858-454-1315. Fresh seafood specials are available every night. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect St., La Jolla, 858-454-0709. The seasonally changing menu could be called avant-garde Italian, a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with international influences. Desserts are superb. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive.

La Mesa

Mario's de La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Bl., La Mesa, 619-461-9390. Tasty gringo-Mex food. Tamales are rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, browned to the barest crisp. Inexpensive.

Lakeside

The Kopper Kettle 12108 Wood-side Ave., Lakeside, 619-561-0628. They "broast," or pressure-cook, the chicken and potatoes in oil. The result is tastier, crisper, less greasy chicken and crusty potato wedges with light centers. Also serving traditional American food like big-plate breakfasts and lunches. Inexpensive.

The Neighbor's Pub and Grub 12169 Woodside Ave., Lakeside, 619-561-8890. A neighborhood place beloved by locals serves until midnight (2am weekends). Big portions of simple, filling food, with standard pub grub and daily specials like meat loaf, roast beef, fish 'n' chips, pork tenderloin. Inexpensive.

Linda Vista

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Bl., Linda Vista, 619-275-4114. Nice introduction to Cuban cuisine, including lush "Cuban sandwiches" of pork, ham and cheese, and ropa vieja ("old clothes") — shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, tomatoes. Inexpensive to moderate.

Sushi Diner 7530 Mesa College Dr., Linda Vista, 858-565-1179. Most places, you can eat good or cheap. Here, you can eat good *and* cheap. No surprise that students from Mesa College cram in at lunchtime for rolls, bowls, curries. Inexpensive.

Little Italy

Po Pazzo 1917 India St., Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted at 1700 degrees, and if

they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the Sicilian steak. The pasta dishes and veggies are even better. Expensive.

Logan Heights

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave., Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. The Estudillo family has been serving Mexican food here for three generation. Rice, beans, pork tacos (no beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs—that's about it. Breakfast/lunch only. Inexpensive.

Tamale Cart 1852 National Ave., Logan Heights, 619-338-9140. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include pork, beef, chicken, cheese, pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. Try the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with masa, chocolate, and cinnamon. Inexpensive.

Midway District

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock St., Midway District, 619-692-1410. Dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can make a meal of appetizers like coxinhas, pasteles, croquetas, and kube (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's kibbe). Moderate.

Mira Mesa

Bamboo Hut 9172 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. A strip-mall taste of Hawaiian plate lunch and sushi, with outdoor wood-roofed patio. Uneven, but ahi poke, chicken katsu, and Rainbow Roll are good. Inexpensive.



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Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 9045 Mira Mesa Bl., Mira Mesa, 858-530-1664. Several San Diego locations. Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. Inexpensive.

Mission Beach

Café Joié 3231 Mission Bl., Mission Beach, 858-4888-5900. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Inexpensive.

Mission Hills

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India St., Mission Hills, 619-497-0914. Delicious simple fish cookery in no-frills eatery, plus a fish counter offering restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood including big, buttery oysters. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Saffron Noodles and Saté 3737 India St., Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy Thai chicken grilling that gets you. Choice of five sauces, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try delicious, spicy noodle soups, like Tom Yum with shrimp. Inexpensive.

Sausage King 811 W. Washington St., Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. The German couple who run this place make 34 sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. Inexpensive.

Mission Valley

Bali Thai Café 407 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-297-0800. This cute spot mingles chefs and dishes from Indonesia and Thailand. Standard Thai fare, but unique Balinese corn fritters, spicy shrimp, comforting chicken noodle soup. No reservations on weekends. Low-moderate.

Seau's 1640 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Vast sports bar offers 70 TV screens and varied pub grub: pizza, hefty burgers, wings with three sauces, sushi, and Junior Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Inexpensive to moderate.

National City

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Rd., National City, 619-477-8494. Although the Hawaiian-style kalua pig here isn't cooked in a hole in the ground, it tastes like the real thing and comes with an islander plateload of cabbage, rice, mac salad, and kimchi. Inexpensive.

Point-Point Joint 916 E. 8th St., National City, 619-474-2866. Dozens of Filipino dishes are available, from the familiar (chicken grilled on a bamboo spit) to more mysterious choices like *kare-kare* (peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) and *dinuguan* (pork meat and blood stew). Inexpensive.

Normal Heights

Antique Row Café 3002 Adams Ave., Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Fill up on all-day breakfasts including huge omelets; Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is a popular lunchtime dish. Inexpensive.

North Park

El Comal 3946 Illinois St., North Park, 619-294-8292. Also 262 Third Ave., Chula Vista, 619-420-381 I. Home cooking from the mainland (Michoacan, Guerrero, others). Stuffed tortilla dishes (no numbered combos) are appetizers or lunches. For entrées, look to casseroles like tongue in tomatillo sauce, tender goat in a lively red "barbecue" sauce, and sweet-spicy mole poblano chicken. Inexpensive.

Old World Deli & Café 3930 30th St., North Park, 619-238-0568. Fine mittel-European casual food, with house-made sauerkraut the badge of honor. Try the bounteous sausage platter or the Great Grilled Grueben sandwich. Inexpensive.

The Philly Grill 2041 University Ave., North Park, 619-688-9437. This tiny café takes Philly cheese steak seriously: delicious thin slabs of rib-eye steak with "fourteen-ingredient seasoning" plus onions, cheese, optional mushrooms — and garlic. Plus a Philly hoagie and an Atkins Lite Philly (on lettuce). Moderate.

Ocean Beach

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. Genuine "Q" of meats and poultry smoked "low and slow" over oak, then charbroiled. Southern-style sandwich (choice of protein plus coleslaw and tangy, spicy sauce) is a good value. Inexpensive.

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Bl., Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Big, convivial German *Bierstube* with all the usual dishes. Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. Avoid entrées with onesauce-fits-all brown gravy. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house Moderate

Oceanside

101 Café 631 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. Try the Original Cheeseburger with secret sauce. Inexpensive.

Johnny Mañanas 308 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-721-9999. On the mainly Mexican menu there's a Caribbean chocolate-y, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. Inexpensive.

Oceanside Café 1938 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. Dieter's Downfall — a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and cheddar — is wicked. Inexpensive.

Ruby's Diner 1 Oceanside Pier, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Ruby's is part of a themed '40s-diner chain. Red-leatherette-and-chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings — try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive.

Old Town

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney St., Old Town, 619-295-3272. Also 301 Mission Ave., Oceanside, 760-967-1820. These trendy spots draw mainly under-35 scenesters with a DJ turning up the amps, a vast choice of sakes, and a menu of sushi (heavy on the party rolls), Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées. Sushi lower than most, entrées moderate.

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-294-2074. The traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettucine Alfredo are there, but go for house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crabmeat, or the scampi dishes. Moderate.

Zócalo Grill 2444 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 619-298-9840. Tropical something for everyone — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Moderate.

Pacific Beach

Baleen 1404 Vacation Rd., Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. The menu features seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, in a room with a water view and monkey-motif decor. Very expensive

Café Athena 1846 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. Sister restaurant, Apollonia Greek Bistro, in UTC. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. The garlicrich Spanish cuisine here includes tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Moderate.

The Fishery 5040 Cass St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. The Fishery's menu is extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahimahi burrito),

lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish 'n' chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées. Moderate to expensive.

Hoboken Pizza & Beer Joint 1459 Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach, 858-270-7766. They offer thin-crust East Coast-style pizza or inch-thick, square Sicilian pizza. Crusts are airy and crunchy, and they paddle-slide your slice into the oven to finish it off, fresh and hot. Open late. Inexpensive.

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar St., Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. Cheerful spin-off of Mission Café serves Latin-Asian-sorta health food. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals and include luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Bl., Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, e.g., fusion-y tapas, many going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. Sushi bar with friendly chefs takes reservations. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Point Loma

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-298-6802. The name is the grade for food, but nice for visiting aunts, with scenic heated patio at water's edge and California-Mediterranean comfort food from chef Deborah Scott in laid-back mode, lovely for a sunshiny lunch. Moderate to expensive.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Point Loma, 619-224-3577. The kitchen features seafood, juicy meats, and Prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preshow prix fixe upper-moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive.

Rancho Bernardo

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo, Rd., Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Brilliant modern takes on French classics. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Expensive but not exorbitant.

Rancho Santa Fe

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. A great neighborhood French bistro where Philippe Verpiand offers seasonal dishes emphasizing his home region, Provence. Don't miss *panisse*, a chickpea cake with marshmallow texture. Great coq au vin, slow-baked salmon, crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate to very expensive.

Solana Beach

Beach Grass Café 159 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Also 1476 Encinitas Bl., Encinitas, 760-942-2741. Imaginative breakfasts are the specialty (reservations vital on weekends). Lunches and dinners feature uneven multiethnic "coastal cuisine" with good veggies. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Blanca 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-792-0072. Sleek, sophisticated cuisine with perfect seasonal ingredients, so radiantly prepared that diners must rouse to rapt attention. Expensive on up, but offerings include a value-priced prix fixe dinner.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. A free-form menu integrates Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the Bag of Bones (house-smoked pork ribs) and any fruit creation for dessert. Moderate to expensive.

Sorrento Valley

Karl Strauss Brewing Company 9675 Scranton Rd., Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739. Additional locations in La Jolla, Carlsbad, and Downtown. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like the mountainous Hump Day meat loaf (Wednesday). Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Moderate.

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples St., Sorrento Valley, 858-450-9557. Luxurious modern French cooking, upscale but comfortable, with vast wine list at minimal markups from wine store downstairs. Lunches highmoderate, dinners very expensive.

University City

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar 8970 University Center Lane, University City, 858-535-0078. Also 380 K St., Downtown, 619-237-1155. Less-masculine atmosphere than many steakhouses, but wet-aged Prime steaks are still the main event. Great wine list. Very expensive.

University Heights

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-298-8440. Eclectic, ever-changing menu can be hit or miss, but soups are good, and lavender-infused crème brûlée makes an aromatic dessert. Inexpensive to moderate.

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-8661. The most popular lunch at this Greek deli with a patio is lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special — Fridays and Saturdays — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Inexpensive.

Farm House Café 2121 Adams Ave., University Heights, 619-269-9662. At this charming spot in a nearrural corner of the central city, chefowner Olivier Bioteau serves rustic but sophisticated French cuisine, including creative chocolates for dessert. Dinner moderate, brunch inexpensive to

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-295-2244. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious corn muffins. Cajun-Creole efforts are uneven. Moderate to slightly expensive.

Park Boulevard Cafe 4646 Park Bl., University Heights, 619-298-5248. The menu offers authentic Iraqi dishes plus echoes of Vietnam and Italy. Try Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Open until late except Mondays. Inexpensive.

Valley Center

Cabana Cove 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. The eclectic menu, from surfing spots around the world, includes terrific smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Moderate.





A Brand New Oz

The scene isn't just a royal hoot: it's a blistering critique of entitled behavior.

nd you thought you knew Oz. I suspect the one thing all Americans have in common, culturally, isn't the Super Bowl or the Academy Awards. It's The Wizard

of Oz. How many times have you heard someone say, "Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore"? Or describe something as if it suddenly bloomed from black and white to Technicolor? Or, when

irate, "Wanna play BALL, Scarecrow?" Because Americans see it for the first time at such a young age, the movie must be grafted to our genetic code.

Maybe this is why, when Wicked opened on Broadway in 2003, most of the New York critics loathed it. The Times called it a "politically indignant deconstruction of L. Frank Baum's Oz tales"; Variety, "a windy exercise in literary subversion." Shakespeare you can tinker with. Even the New Testament has an irreverent musical (Iesus Christ Superstar). But The Wizard of Oz? The last sacred cow in the pasture.

Wicked has since played to a baroque number of people (in the millions). It's been so hyped, when I went to opening night last week I figured nothing could live up to the fanfare. Wrong again, Yellow Brick Road breath. Wicked is wonderful.

"There's no place like home." The movie advocates the status quo. It creates the impression that Dorothy, Auntie Em, and the others were born — and should stay — the way they are and that change only happens in tornado-induced nightmares. Gregory Maguire's novel takes the familiar tale and inserts a surprising backstory. How did the Tin Man lose his heart? The twitchytailed lion become so cowardly? The Wicked Witch of the West so wicked? And just what does "wicked" mean?

Maguire's explanations may not fit your pre-

conceptions, but they dovetail with the story so well that you may find yourself reexamining everything you held dear about Oz. As the musical says, several times, you will be "looking at things another wav."

> Many years before Dorothy had to play flip this house, Oz underwent a fall from grace. Before the fall, animals spoke, even taught in schools, and there were no such

things as cages. The official version says the Great Drought prompted the change, though insiders (way off the record, since dissent was prohibited) point to the new Wizard. To acquire power, he needed to create a common enemy, a scapegoat. The result: a virus of marginalization infected Oz. Animals became "Other," as did anyone — like the winged monkeys or the Munchkins losing their rights — who didn't fit the acceptable mold. Elphaba, ousted at birth for her green skin, says with an alarm worthy of Sinclair Lewis, "It can't happen here...in Oz."

Elphaba will become the Wicked Witch of the West with good reason, bless her defiant heart.

Wicked's loaded with splashy effects, including a large, red-dyed dragon snorting smoke over the proscenium; a silver, bubble-spewing pendulum; and myriad cogs and wheels, like the innards of a watch (when fully lit, Oz resembles the Chicago World's Fair of 1893). And Stephen Schwartz's score boasts showstoppers (like the rouser "Defying Gravity"). But the musical works its major wonders in the characters' interrelations. While Elphaba (the excellent Donna Vivino, who dresses, initially, like Emma Goldman) is adamant, young Glinda ("Are you a good witch or a bad witch?") and Fiyero, the male lead invented by Maguire, come off at first like Ken and Barbie.

Glinda — née Galinda — could be the poster-



Wicked, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, book by Winnie Holzman, based on the novel by Gregory Maguire San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue, downtown

Directed by Joe Mantello: cast: Katie Rose Clarke, Donna Vivino, Richard H. Blake, Myra Lucretia Taylor, Amanda Rose, Lenny Wolpe, Paul Slade Smith, Dominic Giudici, Ben Liebert; scenic design, Eugene Lee; costumes, Susan Hilferty; lighting, Kenneth Posner; sound, Tony Meola; music director, Boki Suzuki

Playing through August 30; Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. 619-570-1100.

person for pure entitlement (like today's youth, she acts as if advertising has assured her for the last 20 years that "you rule," and she's taken it to heart). She begins as a black hole of narcissism. Everything exists for her, and when it doesn't, she's disturbed: "Something is wrong; I didn't get

my way."

Multitalented Katie Rose Clark gives the "good witch" an armada of "cute" gestures, ranging from a Charlie's Angels "hair toss" to spectacular flops on the bed. The musical began, for me, when Galinda decides to teach





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wallflower/dorm-mate Elphaba how to become "popular." In effect, it's a lesson in preferring surface over substance and becoming "Galinda-fied." The scene isn't just a royal hoot: it's a blistering critique of entitled behavior. As *Wicked* unfolds, the sworn enemies will learn from each other as they negotiate their way through the formative years.

Lenny Wolpe's Wizard becomes Exhibit A for Glinda's education. On the surface he's the kindliest old gent going — "A Sentimental Man," he sings. Underneath, he'd okay waterboarding without batting an eye. Myra Lucretia Taylor's Madama Morrible, the Wizard's ally, is a mass of malapropisms. And Richard H. Blake's Fiyero does an unsuspected thing: he begins as an almost brain-dead male ingénue. Then he grows up. And that's part of Wicked's magic. The movie opts for the status quo. In the musical, people can change — for the better. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Because of Cain

Community Actors Theatre presents local playwright Earl Hamilton Jr.'s drama about two buddies. As they play chess and catch up on old times, "truths are unfolded." Jennie Hamilton directed.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., COLLEGE AREA. 619-264-3391. 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 16.

City of Angels

Kit Carson Park hosts a production of the Larry Gelbart (book) and Cy Coleman (music) musical about a best-selling detective novelist and a megalomaniacal Hollywood producer.

KIT CARSON PARK, 3333 BEAR VAL-LEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 8PM FRI-DAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [Abridged]

Lotus Theatre collective and Talent to Amuse present a sprint through the Bard's entire opus. Sophia Anderson-Ziebell directed. SWEDENBORG HALL, 1531 TYLER AVE., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 29.

Coriolanus

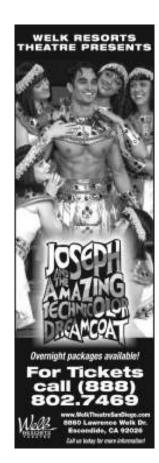
Legend has it that Shakespeare's words flowed unimpeded from mind to pen to paper. Coriolanus, an early Roman warrior, had the same ability. In Shakespeare it's a gift, in Coriolanus a curse, since he cannot be other than himself. Greg Derelian plays Coriolanus at the Old Globe. Though he has an annoying habit of delivering most speeches as HEADLINES, his closecropped hair and swagger give him instant stature in the modern-dress (circa 1930) production. He could trounce anyone else on stage, which is a problem since stronger opponents would have made the Roman, who fights "dragon-like," even stronger (Steve Rankin's fight choreography, usually an ally, has actors make tentative thrusts and parries, as if careful not to do harm). Darko Tresniak, an always inventive director, devised some remarkable overlaps: battles and their consequences appear as if coming from the mind of Coriolanus's domineering mother, Volumnia, In Tresnjak's insightful reading, the gods answer her prayers, but in the extreme. Celeste Ciulla's haunted Volumnia watches nightmares unfold as if staring into a furnace. (Note: Coriolanus runs in repertory at the Festival Stage).

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM SUNDAYS, 8PM TUES-DAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27.

Cyrano de Bergerac

Okay, it's a long show — over three hours — but Darko Tresnjak's staging and Patrick Page's commanding performance make the time fly. Everyone probably knows about his nose and how Cyrano became the





Twelfth Night

17th century equivalent of a "Renaissance Man," skilled and courageous in all things save his heart's desire. One of the fascinating aspects of Page's performance: where most Cyranos accentuate the positive — the panache, the swashbuckling, the Disney of it all -Page faces the rift in the man head on. He admirably walks his own path but pays for being an absolute outsider (in a strange way, the hyperverbal, romantic Cyrano resembles Shakespeare's Coriolanus, who also excels at war and walls himself from intimacy). And the witty Roxane (a terrific Dana Green) pays as well. The Old Globe production unfolds like a pageant. Anna R. Oliver's splendid period outfits dazzle the eye, and Christopher R. Walker's sound merits special mention. When Page whispers, every word is clear. (Note: Cvrano runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.) Critic's pick.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE
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SEPTEMBER 27.

Dickinson

"Tell all the truth but tell it slant.../
The Truth must dazzle gradually/
Or every man be blind." In her
tightly compressed poetry, which
she called "letters to the world,"
Emily Dickinson darts through
ideas, images, and feelings like a
hummingbird. She takes profound

stands against authority — the higher, the better — and aggressively forges her voice (also: the older you grow, the wiser she becomes; she has always been there ahead of you, wherever there is, all along). Lynx Performance Theater boasts a captivating performance. Rhianna Bashore gives Dickinson an entire zodiac of various "sides": impish, sensual, damaged, prophetic. Director Al Germani enriched the script with music and movement, which the supporting cast (Diana Sparta, Charlie Riendeau, Greg Wittman) execute deftly. The play, by William Roetzheim, almost undercuts itself since the vehicle's so intrusive. A stereotypical playwright, blocked and drunk, dreams of Dickinson to come save his play. Throughout he tries to pin her down with such tidy labels (was she agoraphobic, lesbian, an "incest survivor"?) that you hope he never finishes his task. Using Dickinson's own words, playwright Roetzheim runs circles around these facile reductions. Emily Dickinson contained more 'multitudes" than Whitman.

Worth a try.

NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BLVD., NORTH PARK. 619-647-4958. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 7.

The First Wives Club

Commercial fluff. The husbands are self-centered, manipulative jerks (why did the women marry these oafs in the first place?), the

wives gravely wronged but otherwise impeccable human beings, save for a soupçon of low self-esteem. They bond and devise a tripartite comeuppance, not only duping the dopes but getting rich along the way. The Old Globe's world-premiere musical is "Broadway bound," says the pub. And since Broadway embraces shallow remakes of movies set to music, it may find an audience. The songs, by the legendary Brian Holland, Lamont Dozier, and Eddie Holland, who wrote some of the best music the Four Tops and Supremes ever sang, are always serviceable, and boffo when need be (and don't require the rabid overselling the production gives every noteevery MOMENT, for that matter). The book, however, is a stumblethrough, nearly three hours long, with three conclusions before the conclusion, and some of the most narrowly drawn characters in memory. Peter J. Davison's fluid scenic designs, with Big Apple backdrops, are simple and stun-ning, while Lisa Stevens's bland choreography is been-there, donethat. Sam Harris and Sara Chase, in supporting roles, will be headliners soon, Leads Karen Ziemba, Barbara Walsh, and Sheryl Lee Ralph almost raise their characters to the level of sitcom. Almost. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY BALBOA PARK 619-234-5623 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30

The Glory of Living

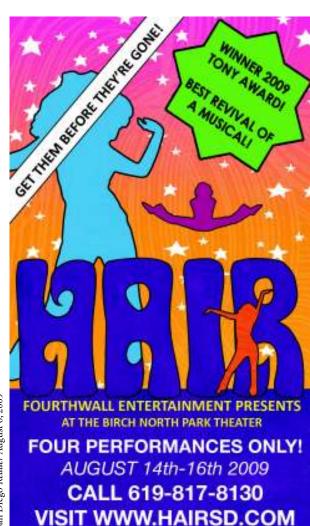
InterMission Productions presents Rebecca Gilman's drama about 15-year-old Lisa, her marriage to Clint, an ex-con twice her age, and the crimes she abets. Carla Nell directed. 619-245-4958.

8TEEN ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER, 3925 OHIO ST., NORTH PARK. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 8PM SATURDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 14.

Godspell

Lamb's Players present this musical, by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, telling parables of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew. Robert Smyth directed. 619-437-0600.
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The It Girl

Coronado Playhouse presents the West Coast premiere of a musical tribute to the Roaring Twenties, silent films, and Clara Bow. Thomas Fitzpatrick directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856, 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 9

Joseph and the Amazing **Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Welk Resorts Theatre presents the tongue-in-cheek musical about the parable of Joseph and his brothers with different styles of music. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO 888-802-7469. 1:45PM AND 8PM THURSDAYS, 1:45PM FRIDAYS, 1:45PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 1:45PM SUN-DAYS, 1:45PM TUESDAYS, 1:45PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 30.

Looking for an Echo

Sam Cooke's "Chain Gang" sung doo-wop, Bill Withers's "Lean on Me," Gene Chandler's immortal "Duke of Earl" — if these songs evoke ardent memories, then go nay, RUN — to the Ira Aldridge Rep's "a cappella musical revue" of the tunes sung under streetlights as hands warmed over ashcan fires. If not, go anyway and check out nine deft local practitioners who flow through music they've polished for a lifetime. Director Calvin Manson assembled the vocalists who "after 40 years still ain't got a band." Don't need one, with Rodger Varmer's ocean-deep bass papa 000-mow-mowing, Aaron Holland and Roosevelt Carter's leads, and Gary Martin, who sings like Drifter-extraordinaire Ben E. King, to whom the two-act show pays a fitting tribute (I'd love to hear their rendition of "There Goes My Baby"). There's a kind of story: rival groups rehearse in a warehouse, in Act 1, and confront each other. In Act 2, all don white sport coats and harmonize - oh, do they ever! The show includes a dinner theater package. 619-283-4574.

Critic's pick.

SUNSET TEMPLE THEATRE, 3911 KANSAS ST., NORTH PARK. 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 8.

Macbeth

For its inaugural production, the Intrepid Shakespeare Company could have made a less-demanding choice than the "Scottish Play." And the uneven, 90-minute version isn't always up to the task. Shakespeare's tragedy sprints by — in modern costumes and ancient weapons its extraordinary poetry and tragic stature at times getting lost in the process. Sean Cox's Macbeth begins too innocent (even though he terrorized his enemy in battle, he sounds like a bovish college student), and he often explains his lines, rather than releasing them on waves of emotion. When the enormity of his crimes overwhelms Macbeth, however, Cox delivers, as does Christy Yael as Lady M., though she rushes speeches (as if talking to herself). Both actors could taint their performances with a touch more evil. The five-person supporting cast, many in multiple roles, builds atmosphere and momentum (especially Jesse MacKinnon's soft-voiced, furious MacDuff and Eddie Yaroch's almost hypnotic Banquo). Danny Campbell and well-spoken Jason Maddy lend support, and Mark C. Petrich's funny porter provides comic relief. 619-688-9210.

Worth a try.

COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVE., HILLCREST. 8PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRI-DAY, 4PM AND 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 9.

Measure for Measure

They're baa-ack! Richard Baird and the always-adventuresome Poor Players are back on a local stage, after far too long a hiatus, reprising their stark, funny, well-spoken production of Shakespeare's "comedy." Between a cross and a hangman's noose, the evening unfolds with crisp scenes and adroit nuances. Baird excels as Angelo, the seeming saint gone power-mad with a "little brief authority" and an unexpected love for Isabella, a nun-to-be (played with clarity, astonishment, and hurt — the apt ending, in particular — by Amanda Schaar). San Diego newcomer Eric Schoen is terrific in four roles, but especially as ne'er-do-well Lucio, whos mouth becomes a parking lot for his foot. The eight-person cast doubles and triples roles, many walking offstage as one character then emerging, in a jiff, as another. On opening night only David Loar's Duke wasn't up to snuff. He rushed lines, tripping over some, and made the Duke a one-note interloper, rather than a man known to have "crotchets" (i.e., "strange whims") in him.

Worth a try.

OFF BROADWAY THEATRE, 131 MAIN ST., VISTA, 760-806-7905, 8PM THURS-DAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM SUNDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 16

Noises Off

It's one thing to put a horse through its paces. Director Sean Murray puts thoroughbred actors through a three-act steeplechase in Michael Frayn's helter-skelter, longish farce about the on- and back-stage doings of a British touring company. An excellent cast keeps funny what in lesser hands could become monotonous (the farce piles ineptitude upon ineptitude and loses some oomph by Act 3). Most of their work resembles a silent film: speechless, they employ often hilarious gestures and movements (thanks to George Ye's intricate stunts, including Jason Heil's breathtaking spill down the stairs). Rosina Revnolds and Jessica John, Craig Noel Award winners for drama, show they're just as adept at comedy. And Jonathan McMurtry, as a doddering thespian, remains the Clown Prince of same. Sean Fanning's ingenious, eight-door set swivels from on- to backstage. The crew that built it merits special mention.

Worth a trv.

CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS 2PM AND 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 23.

Phantom

Moonlight presents Kopit and Yeston's musical, which is not THE Phantom based on Gaston Leroux's novel. Todd Nielsen directed. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN BREN-GLE TERRACE PARK, 1200 VALE TER-RACE, VISTA. 760-724-2110. 8PM WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUGUST 29

See How They Run

PowPac presents Philip King's farce about a vicarage, visitors, and a busybody neighbor. Raylene J. Wall directed.

POWPAC, POWAY'S COMMUNITY THE-ATER, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085, 8PM FRIDAY, 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 9.

Time Flies

New Village Arts stages David Ives's series of short plays that warp logic and bend time. Joshua Everett Johnson directed. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 8PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM AND 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS,

THROUGH AUGUST 16. Twelfth Night

One of the joys of theatergoing is watching a large cast perform with no weak links. When each actor comes back on, you're glad to see them and curious about what they'll do next. The Old Globe's Twelfth Night, directed with flair and heart by Paul Mullins, sports such a nicely honed ensemble it's difficult, even unfair, to single out individuals. That said, however, two stand out. James Newcomb's sadeved Feste frames the production's sprightly antics with an ancient, this-too-shall-pass wisdom. He isn't just a wise fool. This Feste could have written Ecclesiastes, Patrick Page makes Malvolio the exact opposite. Every moment is brand-new. His black hair Hitler-slicked across his forehead, Page shows that a little innocence can be a dangerous thing. Mullins smartly reset the play in the Italian Riviera in the 1950s, a choice that lets costume designer Linda Cho work in Technicolor. Ralph Funicello keeps his set static by design. The focus stays, rightfully, on terrific ensemble acting and Shakespeare's menagerie of cross-gendered, cross-gartered maniacs rendered loopy by love. (Note: Twelfth Night runs in repertory at the Festival Stage.)

Critic's pick.

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The Waves

As part of its SuperNova festival of new works, Vox Nova Theatre stages Kirsten Brandt's "edgy new drama" in which "sex, lies, and literature" take center stage. Ruff Yeager directed. 619-482-6372. SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE, 900 OTAY LAKES RD., SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY

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Banana trucks

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from the semis, Dole representatives and port officials set up a staging area a few blocks south of the warehouse, adjacent to Cesar Chavez Park. Now the trucks wait there until space on the loading dock is available.

Tony LoPresti, director of the Toxic Free Neighborhoods, a campaign for the Environmental Health Coalition, regards this solution as inadequate. "We requested that distribution activities take place on the terminal, not in the community, and we pointed out that there are a number of serious issues related to the location of the Main Street warehouse," writes LoPresti in a June 17 email.

"Besides the health impacts of having idling diesel trucks a stone's throw from the apartments, these trucks were also lining up in the middle of Main Street, blocking traffic, making noise, hitting the cars parked at Mercado Apartments, and causing a nuisance."

Inside a two-bedroom apartment in the Mercado complex, Alejandra Jaramillo and her three-year-old daughter Erica sit on a green paisley couch in a small living room. A semi lumbering down Main Street fills the room with the smell of exhaust. The windows rattle slightly, and the vertical blinds sway from the breeze. Jaramillo waits for the truck to pass.

"It's gotten worse over the past few months," says Jaramillo in Spanish. "There are more trucks now. It used to be only Monday and Friday. Now they come every day except Saturday.

"Traffic is a problem. The trucks stop in the middle of the street with their engines running. There have been car accidents. And there are a lot of kids that live here and play outside, inhaling exhaust all day. It's not safe. My son has to stay in his room because he starts cough-

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ing when he is in the living room. He doesn't understand why."

Outside, another truck lumbers down Main Street. Once again, Jaramillo pauses.

"Normally we have to keep the windows closed, but there are times when it gets too hot and stuffy," she says as the beeping semi begins to back up. "Right when we open the windows we smell exhaust and hear the noise. No matter how often we wipe it down, there's always a layer of black dust around the windows and on the furniture."

Asked about neighborhood complaints, William Goldfield, Dole's communications manager, says, "We have been working with the community, as well as the port, to resolve any issues. This warehouse facility is zoned for this type of business, and all of Dole's equipment is within regulations of the State of California Environmental Protection CITY LIGHTS

Agency. In addition, the third party handling our transfers has one of their own employees directing traffic so as not to cause congestion on the street."

The Port of San Diego set up a telephone hotline for residents to call with complaints, but, Goldfield says, not one person has called.

LoPresti of the Environmental Health Coalition says the hotline and staging area are "imperfect and partial solutions" that have "resulted in almost no improvement."

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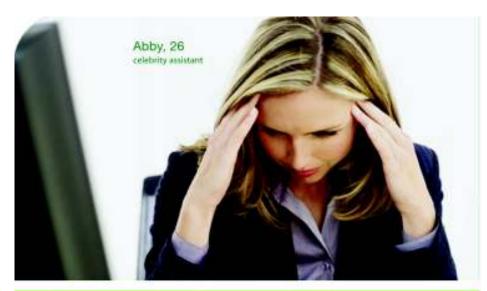
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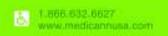
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"We think there are two tracks that we have to take," writes LoPresti. "A long-term solution is to be sure that the new community plan update does not allow warehouse and distribution centers in this area.

"On a more immediate level, we need to get Dole, the port, and the City of San Diego to do what they can to find an alternative to the Main Street warehouse. Fortunately, there is an immediate alternative. A vastly underutilized refrigerated warehouse exists on the terminal, which is run by San Diego Refrigerated Services. The warehouse was designed to distribute the fruit product being offloaded at the terminal. It should do just that. Dole does do some of their business through this warehouse. Early on there were folks saying that the warehouse was at capacity. That turned out to be completely inaccurate. The warehouse is actually quite desperate for more volume. Seems like a simple solution."

Asked about moving operations to the terminal warehouse, Bil Goldfield, a Dole representative, responded, "Although there may indeed be space capacity available at the warehouse, from a business standpoint the location does not offer the flexibility we require to operate efficiently." ■

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Right Place, Wrong Crime

Grantville — The sound of a single gunshot startled residents of La Mirage, a community of apartments and townhomes overlooking Mission Valley, at approximately 1:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 30. The gunshot had reportedly come from a covered parking garage on Ambrosia Drive.

As San Diego police appeared on the scene, police radio chatter confirmed that a gun had been fired — a U.S. customs agent leaving for work had come upon two males attempting to break into a car. As he attempted to stop the would-be thieves. one tried to run over the officer. The officer fired a round at the driver, who was taken into custody. The other suspect managed to flee the scene. No one was iniured.

Police began a search for the accomplice in the parking garage. An officer remarked that there are "...over a [dozen] parking garages he could be hiding in."

After initially refusing to talk, the suspect in custody revealed his accomplice's name. Some officers immediately recognized the name and one referred to him as a "wellknown prolific car burglar" over police radio.

Police units were sent

to the accomplice's parents' residence in Mira Mesa to check on his whereabouts. He was not there. As police continued their search for the suspect in La Mirage's several parking garages, other units were on alert to keep an eye out in the area downhill from the residential community.

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At approximately 2:30 a.m., an officer reported detaining a young male matching the fugitive's description near McGregor's Grill, just over a mile from the scene of the incident. The young man was positively identified as the suspect and taken into custody. It was also discovered that the suspect is on probation for receiving stolen property and burglary.

By Nathaniel Uy, 7/30

Four for Fighting

Hillcrest — Several people were involved in a fight shortly after 11 p.m. on Sunday evening, July 26, near the Hillcrest Medical Center north of Washington Street

According to a resident who had just gone to bed, one of the people involved repeatedly shouted at another person, "Where do you want it [expletive deleted]?"

The commotion of a San Diego police helicopter and at least one unit arriving on the scene followed. The helicopter helped apprehend two suspects. An ambulance arrived.

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San Diego police media services manager Monica Muñoz said three or four people were involved in a fight on Third Avenue. One person was taken to the hospital. No other information was offered.

Neighbors say that homeless people regularly congregate at the medical center after it closes and usually spend the night in front of the building.

By Steve Horvath, 8/1

Driving Drunk Is Not Easy

Carlsbad — Brian Campbell, 50, will spend the next couple of years in prison for a July 12 hitand-run accident in Carlsbad, at which time authorities said he had a blood alcohol level nearly two times the state's legal limit of .08.

Carlsbad police arrested Campbell, who was trapped in his car, after he'd driven it over an embankment into a driveway leading to an RV storage facility, Sgt. Paul Mendes stated in a press release. Campbell had been trying to elude police.

Before his arrest, Campbell struck a pedestrian at the comer of Maple Avenue and Carlsbad Boulevard. The victim, Megan Smith, was treated at the scene for her injuries and released. Campbell's injuries were treated at Tri City Hospital.

This is Campbell's fourth **DUI conviction in the past** six years. He pleaded guilty last July to one count each of misdemeanor DUI and hit-and-run outside of San Diego County, according to court documents. As part of his plea, the charges were reduced to misdemeanors. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

By Randy Kalp, 7/29

Comments

1. What an idiot! Lock that fool up and throw away the key!

> By ChuckMac619 4:31 p.m., Jul 29

2. Like Joe Walsh once sang: "I lost my license,

now I don't drive." My last DUI was a federal DUI. I blew a .154 and the ONLY reason the MPs stopped me was because I was speeding. I'm 275lbs, about 5'9", and have been drinking since I was 10 years old. I'm now 33. You do the math - .154 to me at that time was about .08 to a "normal" person. The BAC threshhold that the feds (and now all 50 states, I believe) use is f-ked. Someone who drinks maybe a beer or a glass of wine every few days is going to EASILY blow a .08 if stopped if he/she has consumed a couple of drinks at dinner. Tolerance. Tolerance. Tolerance. It's ALL about

We're NEVER going to solve the drunk driving problem. Ever. It's here to stay.

the tolerance.

By PistolPete, 7/30

"Compassion and Quality above

Down the Tubes

Imperial Beach — **Residents** of Imperial Beach dig that laid-back Southern California beach vibe of the '50s and '60s.

However, many Imperial Beach residents say zoning recommendations from land-use consulting firm Edaw Inc., who was hired by the city in 2006 to encourage quality commercial and retail development, will bring unwanted density to their small surf community.

At the heart of the con-

troversy are recommendations to raise the height of buildings along certain sections of Palm Avenue, the city's main thoroughfare, to 60 feet, as well as increase height restrictions on the beach from 30 feet to 40 feet in some areas.

In addition, the proposal calls for rezoning the existing single-family residences on the west side of Seacoast Drive for commercial purposes.

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Review Workshop, two years and nearly \$290,000 after the city hired the consulting firm, more than 50 Imperial Beach residents crammed inside a conference room across from council chambers to voice their displeasure with the proposal and the process.

"You're putting the cart before the horse, here,"



said one resident while looking toward the banquet table where members of the city's Design **Review Board (three city** councilmembers, mayor Jim Janney, and representatives from Edaw, Inc.) sat. "The proposed changes are in opposition to the general plan. When you start to increase the density, you're eliminating the small, laid-back atmosphere; the two of them will not coexist."

"[Imperial Beach] residents have not been invited to participate in this zoning review process," said another resident during public comment. "Just learning about this a month ago is, in a word, insulting."

By Dorian Hargrove, 7/29

Comments

1. That was a very accurate article.

By fredjones2005 1:43 a.m., Jul 30

2. http://saveib.com/saveibnow/general/impo...

Here is a link to some pictures and video of some of the comments.

By fredjones2005 6:11 a.m., Jul 30

3. Mayor Jim Janney said where was everybody for the budget meetings? Well, maybe we need to go to these budget meetings to find out how a cash strapped city can afford \$11,000,000.00 to get into the real estate business, \$290,000.00 to hire a consulting firm for this project & how do we find out how

many other places they are just throwing money in the air. Unfortunately in Imperial Beach their sand lobbyist is more important than its citizens. Our government is the "erosion factor."

By cashmann 7:04 p.m., Jul 30

Comic-Conned

Downtown San Diego — On Saturday afternoon, July 25, San Diego Police helped quell an unruly crowd on the main floor of the San Diego Convention Center.

During an appearance of the cast of FX channel's It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, dozens of fans of the show (starring Danny DeVito) attempted to push their way to the front of the line. SDPD officers who were nearby investigating a report of a stolen cell phone stepped in.

One fan demanding a ticket for the event refused

Elite Security guards' requests to move to the end of the line and was told by an officer, "I'm going to give you a ticket if you don't move and will escort you out of the building."

The problem seemed compounded by the handing out of 400 tickets but then only allowing about 160 people to get in line for the appearance.

Josh Hanlin, a fan from Wisconsin trying to keep his place in line, said, "This is terrible. I'm getting kicked, beaten, and pushed just for standing in a line."

A lady in her early 20s proudly declared, "If you're from Philly like me or just a fan of the show, you're an asshole!"

Danny DeVito, asked what he thought of his fans, replied, "They're great!"

Beverly M., from Lomita, disagreed, as during the pushing and shoving, someone stole her convention badge, hotelroom keycard, and other event tickets from around her neck.

By Peter C. Salisbury, 7/29
Comments

1. Don't get between a geek and his icon!

By rickeysays 12:51 a.m., Jul 31

2. Lance Heiskell working the FUNmation booth right across from the FOX booth caught some of the melee on video and included it in a YouTube Video he put together. About half way in, those of you who know me may recognize me trying not to lose my place in line: youtube.com/v/gN_1qd5 CKEw&.

By PeteSalisbury 4:45 p.m., Jul 31

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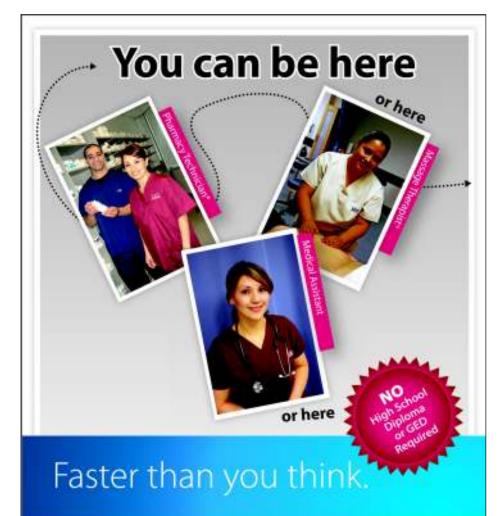
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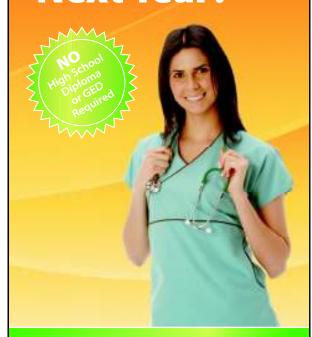
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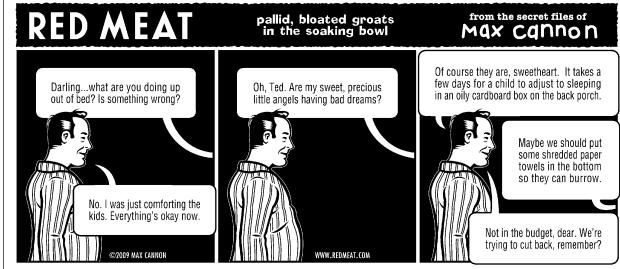
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Chris Cooper Military Hollywood I probably have a few times. The one story that sticks out is when I

first enlisted. I was rooming with three guys, and I didn't get home until 3 a.m. The other two guys got to eat at the mess hall, but it was closed when I was working, so I had to have things at home to eat. I noticed lots of my turkey slices and cheese were disappearing. I asked the guy eating it not to. Then I caught him going through my drawers getting socks. I yelled at him, and he said the other roommate goes through his stuff. At that time, my prized possession was these Iordan Nikes. They were only made for the movie and they were rare. I got them for my 21st birthday. As a form of revenge, I used his toothbrush to clean those shoes on a few different



Thomas Webber Cabinet Maker North Park

At the shop, someone shot me in the head with a glue gun. I got revenge by grabbing a fire extinguisher and yelling "Fire!" That was followed by me spraying him, of course. He said, "That's messed up. I can actually taste it in my mouth. But he knew why I did it, so he got over it.



Decca Graves Payroll Department La Mesa

Someone at work was stealing my pens and got my favorite one. I took all their real estate licenses and turned them around in the picture frame. I rearranged the phone so it was upside down, and they were speaking into the part you listen to. I moved all the furniture around in the office. I moved the entire desk even. I think she was a little upset by



Mary Likos Baker

San Diego

I was running a bakery, and one of my employees came in and said that they had burned all the cakes. I was panicking a little as she explained the story. Then she said, "April fools!" I was so mad. The weird thing was, I took my revenge out on my husband. I called him at his work at a labor law office. His coworker answered the phone because he was in a board meeting. I told him to say that social services came and closed my bakery down and that I was crying and hysterical. I got him good.



Mike Flores

Hairstylist North Park

I was in ninth grade going to Montgomery High School, and there was a girl that was a senior. She was always saying things about me. She was a real bully. I had come out of the closet, but she'd still say things Once she asked me what kind of lipstick she should wear. I told her I didn't know because I didn't wear lipstick, and she said, "That's not what I heard." I went off on this big righteous gay speech and then pushed her and we fought. One of my girlfriends then jumped her.



Kathleen Olivas

Theater North Park

In high school, there was this girl that kept hitting on my boyfriend. She was an underclassman, too. He ended up cheating on me with her. It was strange because she started doing everything that I did. I was in theater, and she started coming to all the plays. Anyway, to get revenge, I slept with her ex-boyfriend. I ended up making them cry. It was nice to have a little eye for an eye.

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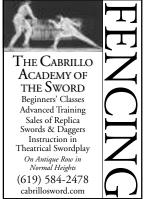
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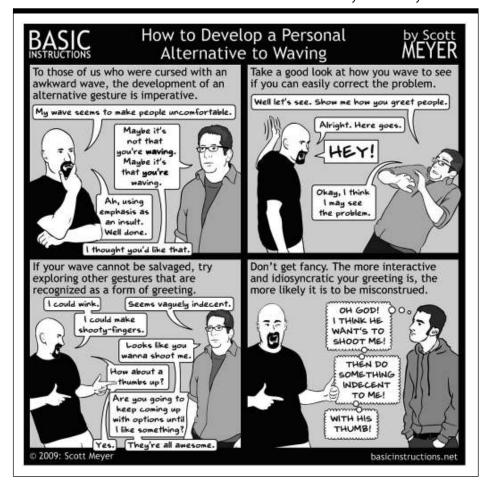






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- 1. Brinks
- 6. Aquarium buildup
- 10. Preceder of bravo in a radio alphabet
- 14. 60 minutes after midnight
- 15. Isao of the PGA
- 16. It may be proper

- 17. "But enough about cars ... which of these two planets do you prefer?"
- 20. "Just ____ thought!"
- 21. Resident: Suffix 22. Zool, or biol.
- 23. "But enough about cars .. which of these two presidents do you prefer?"
- 30. Black Sea nation: Abbr.
- 31. Want ad letters
- 32. God. to Galileo
- 33. Exams for future attys.
- 36. "That was close!"
- 39. "But enough about cars ... which of these two world explorers do you prefer?"
- ___ act
- 43. He hit his 600th homer on 6/20/07
- 44. Steven of Aerosmith
- 45. Little dog, for short
- 46. Actor Vigoda
- 47. Baseball Hall of Famer Durocher
- 48. "But enough about cars ... which of these two astrological signs do you prefer?"
- 53. Actress Lucy
- 54. Victorian
- 55. Org. with a 24-second shot clock
- 58. "But enough about cars ... which of these two mammals do you prefer?"
- 64. Holder of many tracks
- 65. It may be wrinkled
- 66. "Snowy" bird
- 67. Deal (out) 68 Crossed (out)
- 69. Supermodel Cheryl

1. If you're in it, you're out

- 2. Some, in Paris
- 3. Sans-____ type
- 4. Lobbying org.
- 5. Dallas sch. 6. Tell
- 7. Pigeon, at times
- 8. Black Sea nation: Abbr.
- 9. One of 51 in Atlantic City
- 10. Shenanigan
- 11. Singer Reed
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- 18. Frees (of)
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- 24. "Loot" playwright Joe
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Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 29. No rushing for you! You're stuck with the Ukranian.

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 29. Cutbacks continue at the Reader Puzzle doers suffer.

Ron Meyer, Santee, 29. Happy Birthday to me! Jim Odell, Vista, 29. Triente.

Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 29. Humanity: another STD. Eddie O. Spaghettio, Coronado,

29. IVB143DEB! I vove.vou.vove. vovav.vvav.vevvevvav!CIUM. Ric Witt, Clairemont, 29. Bah Humbug on the new rules - it's not a

race!

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 28, Oh no! New rules! Can't delay anymore. Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 28. Limit contenders with harder puzzles, not time limits!

Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 27. For my grandchildren; Julia Ember, Joshua Rubbo, and Talia Joy! Vince Cuseo, Vista, 27. Want to make 14 dollars the hard wav?

Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, **27.** The mistaken patriarch of the Saigon eatery was Pho Pa. Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 27.

Drink nothing without seeing it; sign

nothing without reading it. D. Faulkner, University Heights, 27. Bike nazi chillin! Aloha from Hanelei Bay. Pedal, pedal, pedal.

George Jackson, Oceanside,

27. Show Dr. Obama your hernia so he can fix it.

Sara Khwaia, Poway, 27, We don't like the rules change Kyle Matzke, Vista, 27. Your new rules suck. You've screwed up a anod thing

Robert Ott. Mira Mesa. 27. First

John Pertle, Santee, 27. 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:8: Acts 16:31

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, **26.** 9 was the robber who left

Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 26. Clark vou're famous x2 Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 26. Case of nerves - case of beer - case

Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside. 26. Do not seek the treasure.

Craig Curtis, Escondido, 26. Beat the heat! Hit the beach - it's

perfect! Endless summer! Ron Hootman, Santee, 26.

Hoot 101: My bad! Old age is not an excuse. Failure to read is: Don Reckles, Carmel Valley,

26. Nonnie: Wishing you a very happy birthday! WLY, KDRS Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 25. Right retina OK - now on to the left!

Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 25. Oh Shannon, not you too. Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 25. We the people shall overwhelm the socialistic, evil serpent

Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 25. First 50? No time for a message Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 25. Gordon Ramsay is a close second to

Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 25. Heartland Lions, "we serve

James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 25. Go Padres!

Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 25. "Arete" is Crosswordese 201. M. Zimmermann, Vista, 25.

"The trouble with Theocracy? Everyone wants to be Theo!" - Dunn Jon Connor, Oceanside, 24. "As long as the cuffs and collar matches' Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 24. /

Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 24. Magic Eight Ball says there's a T-shirt in my future.

Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 24. Go, Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley,

24. Spring break! Ken A., Ocean Beach, 23. Enough with the banal whining

Manny Faria, Point Loma, 23. Pooh, my heart is yours!

Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 23. Beware health books - you could die

of a misprint. Robert Phillips, Downtown, 23. I must have it wrong because I

don't get it. Marie Grace, College Area, 22. Congratulations, Kaitlin and Mark! P. Drew Papas. La Jolla. 22.

Not lost! Matt Read, La Mesa, 22. Obama thanks my kids, their own

kids for the loan Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 22. Ohio last week. Lake Tahoe next

Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 21. Charity is better.

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THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

Mary Arana, Encinitas, 13. So, how long does it take to do "Evil"?

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 13. Now / gotta hurry with the puzzles! 123456789! Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 11. You guys

repeated mt message for the past two weeks.... John Pertle, Santee, 11. I'm a sinner and so

are you. Jesus Christ saves. Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 4. What's with

the new rules? Don Bowman, Santee, 3. To my dog "shad-

ow" truly missed! Max Kappele, San Diego, 2. Don't forget to

Chris Thelen, Univercity Hights, 2. These

new rules suck. I'm over it. Thelen out Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 1. For my grandkids: Julia, Joshua and Talia Joy

MEDIUM:

Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 10. 8 was the tiger who chased him to jail

Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 10. Randomly pick

Tiffany Renteria, San Diego, 10. My turtle, my Phillip, has served his country well. Neil Gibbs, Encinitas, 9. More rules!?!

Henry Chung, San Diego, 3. No way, just 50 people? Not cool, not cool.

Kathleen Allegri, Pacific Beach, 2. "D" Allegri was me as well

Robert Crumrine, Downtown, 1. Obama mortgage promise is bull

Robert Lindahl, Collage Area, 1. To my sweet lil honeybug I love you Phyllis

HARD:

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 6. El poder de la bachata

John Strauch, Point Loma, 4. Hike the country and beyond with the Monday Maniacs!

Joe Furia, Pacific Beach, 2. Send me a shirt so I can start sending in...

Edvin Shahmoradian, Escondido, 2. Eight, six, nine

Amanda Garcia, Chula Vista, 1. Hi Juan, I love sudoku! Lynnette Lampton, La Mesa, 1. Evil, here I

come!

Marye Sanchez, Lemon Grove, 1. Ello, Govona! So, Whats for din din?

Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 14. Thank you Eric for your friendship and hospitality

Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 13. Don't think I'll ever win a t-shirt

Clyde Christie, East Village, 13. "the price of freedom is eternal vigilance"...Thomas Jefferson

Glenn A. Walker, Pacific Beach, 13. Changing the rules every week would be even

more challenging!

Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 12./ adooore you!

Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 12. / love O.B. Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 12. What's with these new rules...only 50?

Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 12. I sure would like a black t-shirt if possible!

Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 12. Somebody didn't understand a play on words

Ric Witt, Clairemont, 11. If you have to limit printed entries print the winners

Ken Simmons, San Diego, 9. Was I quick enough?

Delfin Bernardo, National City, 8. Hello to Lutherin PreSchool staff in Clairmont

Mike Maniss, Lakeside, 5. Enjoy the week at the hotel!

Tony Zuban, Carmel Valley, 5. You gotta

Robert Bradley, Spring Valley, 4. Still waiting for desert season! Got Dirt?

Harry Graf, Poway, 4. There's greater evil Robert Varga, Poway, 4. Welcome home Kaltiv!

Claude Dillard, Escondido, 3. Stacy, congrats on your first kyak trip in portland, OR

Zina Wyman, Carlsbad, 3. Return after

Kun-Ying Yang, San Diego, 3. T-shirt t-shirt, I love vou!

Greg Chauncey, La Jolla, 2. This was better Hugo Lara, Chula Vista, 2. Metarocks coming

Sherry Price, El Cajon, 2. I love you mom and dad!

David Schwartz, Clairmont, 2. Go team

Dexter Tiu, SanDiego, 2. Evil is not evil after

Anthony Campbell, San Diego, 1. Evil is hard and hard is easy step it up

Joe Harris, Spring Valley, 1. Even though it seems I have everything

Kathryn Reiol, San Diego, 1. Spencer is the

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I ENDED THE INTERVIEW. ON THE WAY OUT, I SAW A GARDEN HOSE IN THE WAITING ROOM, I HEARD HE WAS A PROMISING APPLICANT SINCE HE NEEDED ONLY MINIMAL TRAINING HOPE YOU LIKE RATS!

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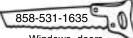
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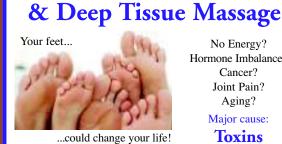
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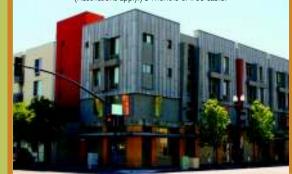
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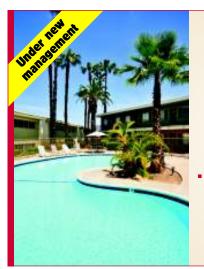
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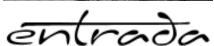
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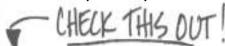
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'We just want to toodle around and see the sights," said Aunt Nancy on the phone before her visit. "And we don't want to put you out in the slightest."

"How does one toodle?" asked my husband Patrick.

"I'll toodle you," I answered.
"You know perfectly well
that she just wants an
easy way to get around
without causing a
fuss — and without
taking the bus."

I had seen the

orangey-yellow
GoCars parked along
Hawthorn on many a
drive toward the airport
and thought they might make
for some good toodling. I called
office manager Enrique (800-914-6227,
gocartours.com) for a little background.

"The GoCar is a little open-top car that you take around the city. It has two wheels in front and one in back — very stable and very easy to drive. There are no gears to change, and because it's registered as a motorcycle, you can park it in motorcycle spaces as well as car

"I just trained an 89-year-old lady for her birthday, and she caught on right away."

spaces. It holds a driver and a passenger, and its 50cc engine has a top speed of 30 mph. The driver must be 21 and have a driver's license, you must wear a helmet, and you have to stay on city streets."

Where to toodle? "The GoCars will give you GPS guided tours. The cars talk to you, but it's a little friendlier than regular GPS. And while it's giving you directions, it's telling you the names of the places you're looking at and giv-

ing you some history. As you go down Harbor Drive, it names all the ships,

then tells when they got here and what they're doing here. You get a full ten minutes of history when you're in front of the USS *Midway*. If you stay on the GPS tour, you learn about the Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, Mission Hills, Hillcrest, and Old Town. We also have a Point Loma tour."

But as long as you stay on city streets you can toodle where you will. "I've had people take it all the way to La Jolla." Just make sure you're back by 6 p.m. [earliest possible pickup is 9 a.m.]. It's \$44 for the first hour and \$24 for each hour after that, up to five hours. Beyond that, there's no charge. Oh, and we offer a collision damage waiver that covers the GoCar for \$9 a day."

I decided to present Aunt Nancy with a cou-

ple of options, so I called David at Pedicabs in the Gaslamp (619-595-0211). "You can put up to three people in our bike cabs," he said, "and we can give you a two-hour tour of the waterfront and the Gaslamp. Our drivers are knowledgeable about the area, and they'll talk to you as they pedal. Or we can do shorter tours of just the Gaslamp or the waterfront. While you're touring, you can stop now and then to check out a restaurant or buy a souvenir. The tours run \$25 per half hour. It's best to call and set them up in advance so I can set up

the price with the driver ahead of time. Otherwise, because they're independent contractors, they'll negotiate the price with you after you hail them. We're open from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m., and I can usually get a bike to you anywhere around downtown about 15 to 20 minutes after you call."

And just in case Nancy wanted her toodling to be high-tech, I gave a call to Segway of Pacific Beach (858-270-2881, segwaypb.com). "The Segway is a platform set on two wheels and outfitted with a handle," explained Uranna. "It's a sidewalk-legal personal transporter, and it will travel at speeds up to 12.5 miles per hour. It's a lot like gliding: you lean forward to make it go and back to make it stop. Tilting the bar on the handle to the right or left makes you turn. The computer

keeps you balanced and tells the separate motors on each wheel when to go and when to stop. We train people to use them before they take them out — it only takes about five minutes. I just trained an 89-year-

old lady for her birthday, and she caught on right away. But you have to be at least 12 years old."

If you're feeling adventurous, Segway of Pacific Beach will give you a map and send you on your way—\$45 for the first hour,

\$30 an hour after that, prorated in 15-minute intervals. But

they also offer guided tours of Mission Bay (\$75 for 90 minutes) and Mount Soledad (\$95 for two and a half hours). "And in the summer, we offer an evening fireworks tour [\$95] that takes you around the bay and then over to Crown Point to watch the fireworks over SeaWorld."

Also check out Gaslamp Segway (619-239-2111, *gaslampsegway.com*) for downtown Segway tours.

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LEAD STORY

 Using GPS and state-of-the-art sonar, Columbia University researchers recently made the first comprehensive map of the wonders submerged in New York City's harbors. Supplementing those findings with historical data, New York magazine reported the inventory's highlights in May: a 350-foot steamship (downed in 1920), a freight train (derailed in 1865), 1600 bars of silver (unrecovered since 1903), a fleet of Good Humor ice cream trucks (which form a reef for aquatic life), and so many junked cars near the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges that divers use them as underwater navigation points. Of most concern lately, though, are the wildlife: four-foot-long worms that eat wooden docks and tiny "gribbles" that eat concrete pilings.

Government in Action

 The Los Angeles Unified School District pays almost \$10 million a year to about 160 teachers and staff who are forbidden to do any work those subject to discipline but whose cumbersome "due process" and appeals take years to carry out. One teacher, Matthew Kim, fired by the school board in 2002 for allegedly sexually harass-

ing students and colleagues, still receives his \$68,000 a year, including benefits, and (by union contract interpretation) cannot be called on to perform clerical or other non-"professional" duties during the appeals, according to a May Los Angeles Times report.

- Emails from Smithfield (Pa.) Township supervisor Christine Griffin, published in May in the Pocono Record, confirmed the longtime complaints of critics about her lack of diplomacy. In one official email, Griffin wrote: "Don't you dare waste my time with your [expletive], you lying cheating son of a [expletive], sneaky back door [expletive] nut [expletive] sucker." In another: '[N]o cement boots for me! Nice try though, a real drama rama! Reminder: I am the quintessential professional! [D]ecorum and common sense are my bylaws!"

The Evolution of Democracy

- (1) Kim Schroeder, running for vice president of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Teachers Education Association in May, promised a five-point program, with the first four being vows to make the union more aggressive toward the school board. His fifth point, he said, was "to make

sure that there is...beer and wine available for our monthly Leaders' Meetings." (He lost.) (2) Josko Risa finished second in the election for mayor of Prozolac, Croatia (pop. 4500) and was in a run-off on May 31 because of (or despite) his campaign pledge of (roughly translated) "All for Me, Nothing for You" (or, "It is definitely going to be better for me but will be the same

The Continuing Crisis

Peter Singer, the author of a new book on battlefield robotics, told LiveScience.com in May he had seen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan grow so attached to their bomb-disposal robots that, in one case, a soldier risked 160 feet of enemy machine-gun fire to retrieve his little buddy, and in another, a soldier brought his robot in for repairs with tears in his eyes over the "injury" to his beloved "Scooby-Doo." Several units, he said, had given their robots promotions, Purple Hearts, and even a military funeral.

People Different From Us

- In the Kings Creek area north of Lenoir, N.C., according to sheriff's deputies, two feuding families created a ruckus in May after a dog killed a neighbor's cat. When the cat's owner found out, he shot the dog dead. When the dog's owner found out, he shot the cat's owner and the man's young daughter. Deputies were called, and when they arrived, the dog's owner shot both of them, but one got off a return shot, fatally wounding the dog's owner.

Least Competent Criminals

(1) Brandon Hiser, 22, was arrested in Kansas City, Mo., in May for trying to break into a bank using only a screwdriver, which would be a daunting task any time but the bank Hiser was trying to enter was the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. (2) Ezedrick Jones, 18, was arrested in Memphis, Tenn., for the attempted robbery of the same KFC from which he had recently been fired. Though masked, Jones was recognized by his former manager via the mask's oversized eye holes, and throughout the robbery the manager kept addressing Ezedrick by name.

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Thirty Years Ago

Joan Baez appears at SDSU's Amphitheatre tonight, Thursday. Baez has always struck me as an opportunist and dilettante, flaunting her political beliefs, her ethnic origins, and her relationship with Bob Dylan.

- "THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS," Steve Esmedina, August 9, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Every month about 5000 Vietnamese people embark on the hazardous escape from their homeland by attempting to cross the Gulf of Thailand. And although last year the number of water-borne refugees dropped to 28,055, from a peak of 202,158 in 1979, the incidence of rape and plunder at the hands of Thai pirates remains high. The most gruesome statistic is the 850 Vietnamese women who were abducted by the pirates and remain missing.

The San Diego-based Boat Peo-

ple S.O.S. Committee thinks it knows where many of those women are, and it has a plan for rescuing them.

- CITY LIGHTS: "THE ABDUCTED," Neal Matthews, August 9, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

Our mayor is the public face of San Diego, and her personal appearance savs as much about our city as it does about her income. What San Diegan didn't feel a twinge of pride while thumbing through the August National Geographic, seeing Our Maureen in a glamorous, dynamic red blouse with white peter pan collar. It said bold. It said young. It said, "World Class."

It was not so long ago that Maureen O'Connor was slouching in her chair at city council meetings, peering out between strands of straight, center-parted hair. Above her ubiquitous blue jeans, a T-shirt emblazoned, perhaps, with a cartoon lion — and underneath that a dark

turtleneck shirt. She was young; and it was, after all, the '70s.

— CITY LIGHTS: "MO'S CLOTHES," Mary Lang, August 10, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

I just love this series on Ramona you have been running!

I especially enjoy the nonlinear format employed in ["Ramona Then, Ramona Now"], referred to as "rambling," "babbling," and "confused stream of consciousness" (Letters, July 21) by the obviously rightwing, close-minded, Cartesian colonialists still infesting the county.

- LETTERS: "CARTESIAN COLONIALISTS INFEST COUNTY," Sean M. Baity, Solana Beach, August 4, 1994

Ten Years Ago

The evening began a little after eight in the bar at Sanborn's on Revolución where eight poets gathered for drinks and *chisme* (gossip). Around midnight one of them suggested we move on to El Lugar del Nopal, a café near

Guerrero Park. When we arrived, the poets waded into the crowded, smoky room where, on a small stage surrounded by candles, a ponytailed folksinger strummed his guitar. At the table beside mine two poets were discussing a famous Tijuana poet who died some years ago of AIDS. The two poets looked at me and smiled.

"It was," said one of them, "an open secret in Tijuana, but we never mention it out of respect for him and his family. He was a great man. A tremendous talent. He doesn't deserve to be spoken about in that way."

THE BODY LEARNS TO BURN ABOVE THE SAND." Abe Opincar. August 5, 1999

Five Years Ago

Thirty years ago, in the late afternoon of Sunday, June 14, 1959, a 33year-old Convair engineer named Robert Pamperin went skin diving for abalone off La Iolla Cove and was never seen again. He was accompanied during the dive by a friend,

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Gerald Lehrer, who later would claim to have witnessed Pamperin being swallowed by a shark.

Two days later, the Union reported that fishermen on the boat Cha Cha had sighted a large shark off the Mission Bay channel entrance. Crewmen estimated the shark to be 20 to 40 feet long. State game wardens began hunting the beast by trailing cattle blood in the water, from their patrol boat, between Bird Rock and the Scripps Pier.

- "TAKEN BY A SHARK," Ed Davies, August 5, 2004

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Sunday school enrollment: 200

Annual budget: \$624,000 Weekly giving: \$12,000 Singles program: yes Dress: casual to formal Diversity: diverse

Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Website: sdcoc.com

"We don't preach a particular culture," said Paul Chacon, explaining Mission San Diego Church of Christ's diversity — of race, of age, even of dress. "It's not a culture of the American flag — Jesus wasn't American. It's not all about the black experience — Jesus wasn't black. Robert Carillo, our lead evangelist, grew up in the Chicano experience, but this isn't a Latino church. It's all about the culture of Jesus. Heaven is the house of God's family, from every walk of life, so shouldn't church be a reflection of heaven?"

"Our basic teaching is, 'Love everybody," added Carillo. "Don't focus on any one group. Reach out to everybody. That's the test of our love. Don't just reach out to the people who look and sound like us."

It sounds like basic Christian PR, but from the second you stepped into the constantly murmuring auditorium at Lewis Middle School on Sunday morning, you could tell that the diversity was real. "We're about a third Hispanic, a third white, a sixth black, and a sixth Asian and Pacific Islander," continued Chacon. "It's a true cross-section. I just wish we had more older. mature Christians."

The music — seven or eight voices working a cappella except for the occasional jingling tambourine, and led now by a black, now by a white, now by a Hispanic — reflected that cross-section. Christian contemporary ("Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"), oldtime Protestant Revival ("To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"), Gospel-style praise ("His Love Endures Forever"),

Psalm 100 sung in Spanish and recalling '50s sock-hop, and a four-part rendition of "Mary's Magnificat" that could hold up against any high protestant choir — and that wasn't even the whole of it. Applause barked off the walls following many of the songs, drowning out the hum of the huge elec-

tric fans down front.

The service also boasted a similarly broad array of preachers. "We are going to have a great service," began one. "You know why? Because we are going to worship our Lord and our God! Thank You for this incredible hot day, Lord! It's so awesome to be able to just sweat, to feel warm, to be close to the brothers and sisters." (There were more brothers and sisters than usual to feel close to: a sister church had just entered into Mission San Diego's fold.) "We feel like we are dreaming because You have blessed us with such incredible marriages with such incredible children.... We can't wait to see all the incredible things You are going to do! We're going to touch the hearts of many men and women in

this city!"

Every part of the proceedings received a similar mini-sermon — the collection, the announcements, and especially communion. "When you read the history of the church...a lot of the first disciples were slaves," explained Mark Wilkinson. "These crazy disciples met at five in the morning before they went to work in the fields...and they practiced some sort of cannibalistic ritual where they ate the body and drank the blood of Jesus. They gathered together to take communion because it meant something to them. The central focus of coming together wasn't the sermon; it was the supper. It needs to mean something to us. It binds us together; it's why we're here."

Carillo gave the sermon proper, beginning with Jesus' prayer "that they may be one." "God pulls us all together to form the church. What binds us together? Jesus. We are one with Him, and He binds us with one another" - with love. He read from Paul's famous ode to love in 1 Corinthians 13, then com-

Robert Carillo

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Sermon content *** delivery $+ + \frac{1}{2}$ Liturgy *** Music congregationalband *** Snacks Architecture **★**¹/₂ **Friendliness** $\star \star ^{1}/_{2}$ Poor to satisfactory (none)

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mented, "These are the vows you took when you got baptized. If you have not love, you've got nothing. What is going to show the world God? It's not your bank account; it's your love. And when somebody hurts you, that's the real test. It's how you handle the difficult person in the fellowship.

You know who it is -go ahead and look at him. No, just kidding!" The crowd guffawed.

Chacon took the microphone to ask for help in building out the church's recently leased Mission Center and to send folks to the church's monthly Love Feast. "We're going to let our honored guests from the West go first," he began, welcoming members of the sister church, "Then the women and children next. And, brothers, we're going to ask that the men go last." After the final prayer, the crowd poured out the side entrance, across the school's courtyard, and into the cafeteria, where they descended upon tables lined with fried chicken, ham, ribs, carne asada, burgers, lasagna, potato salad, beans, rice, chili, and scads of brownies.

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"We face God," said Carillo.

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