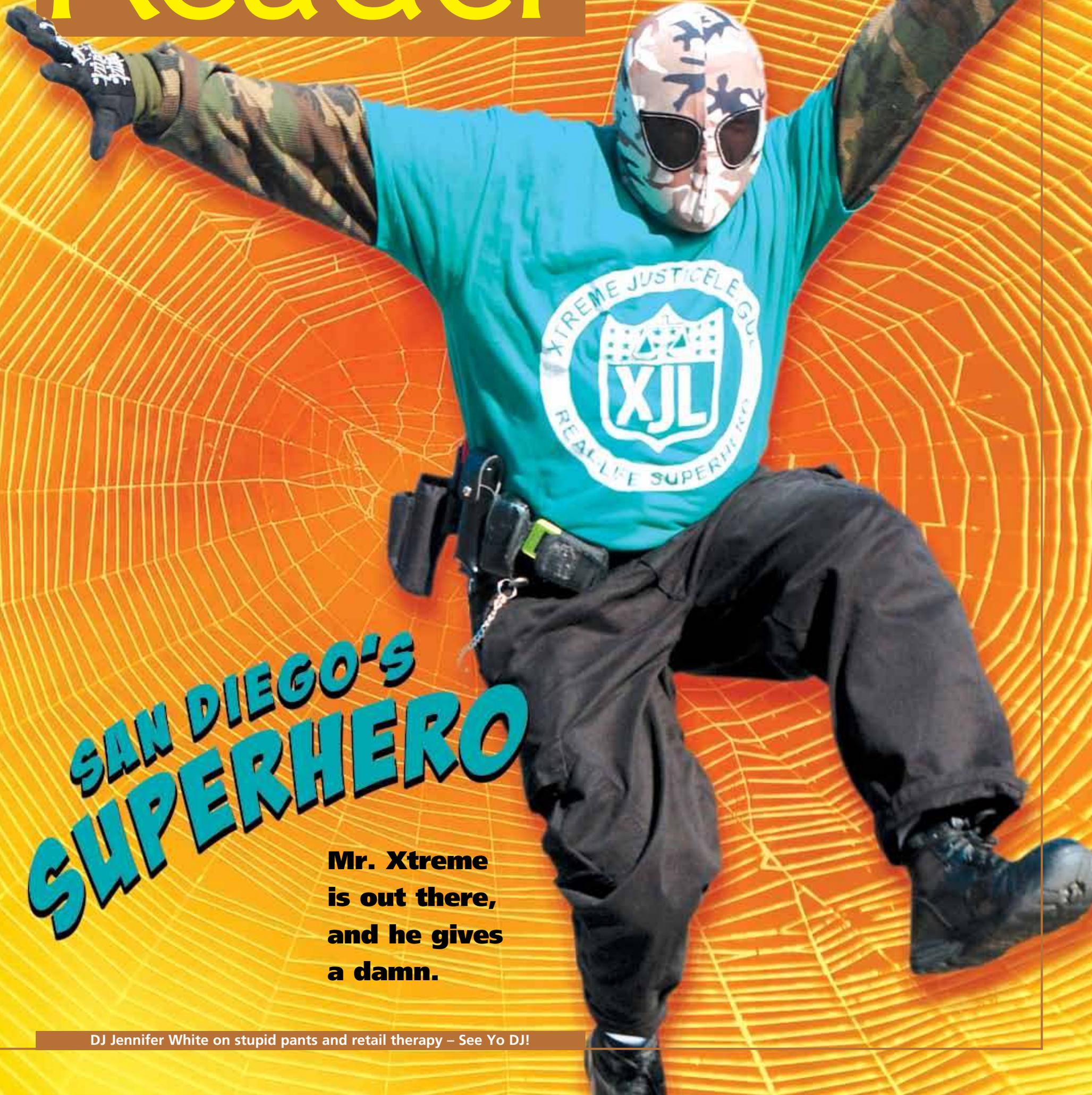


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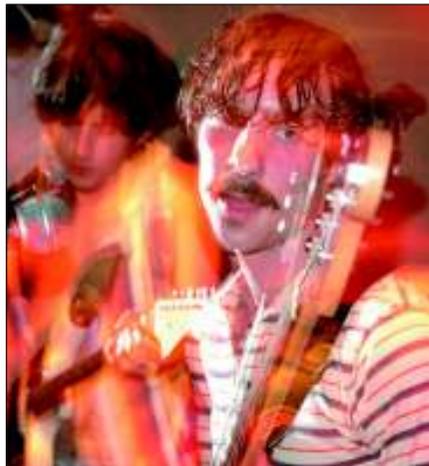
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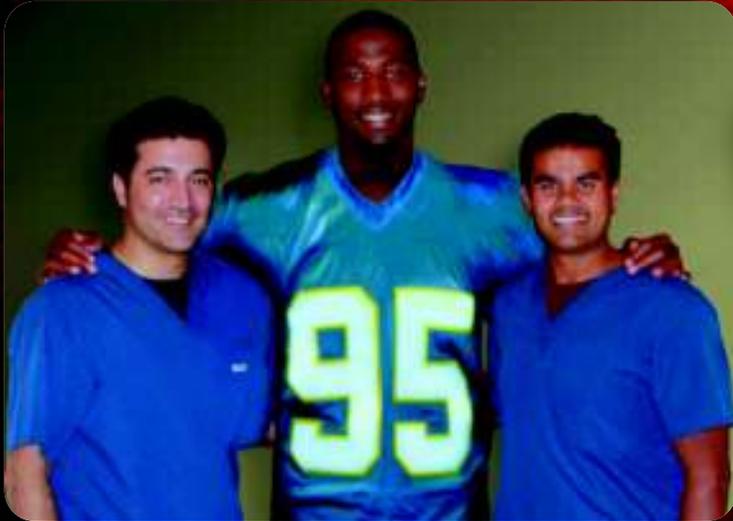
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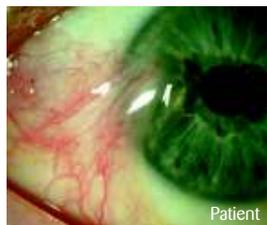
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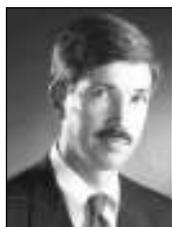


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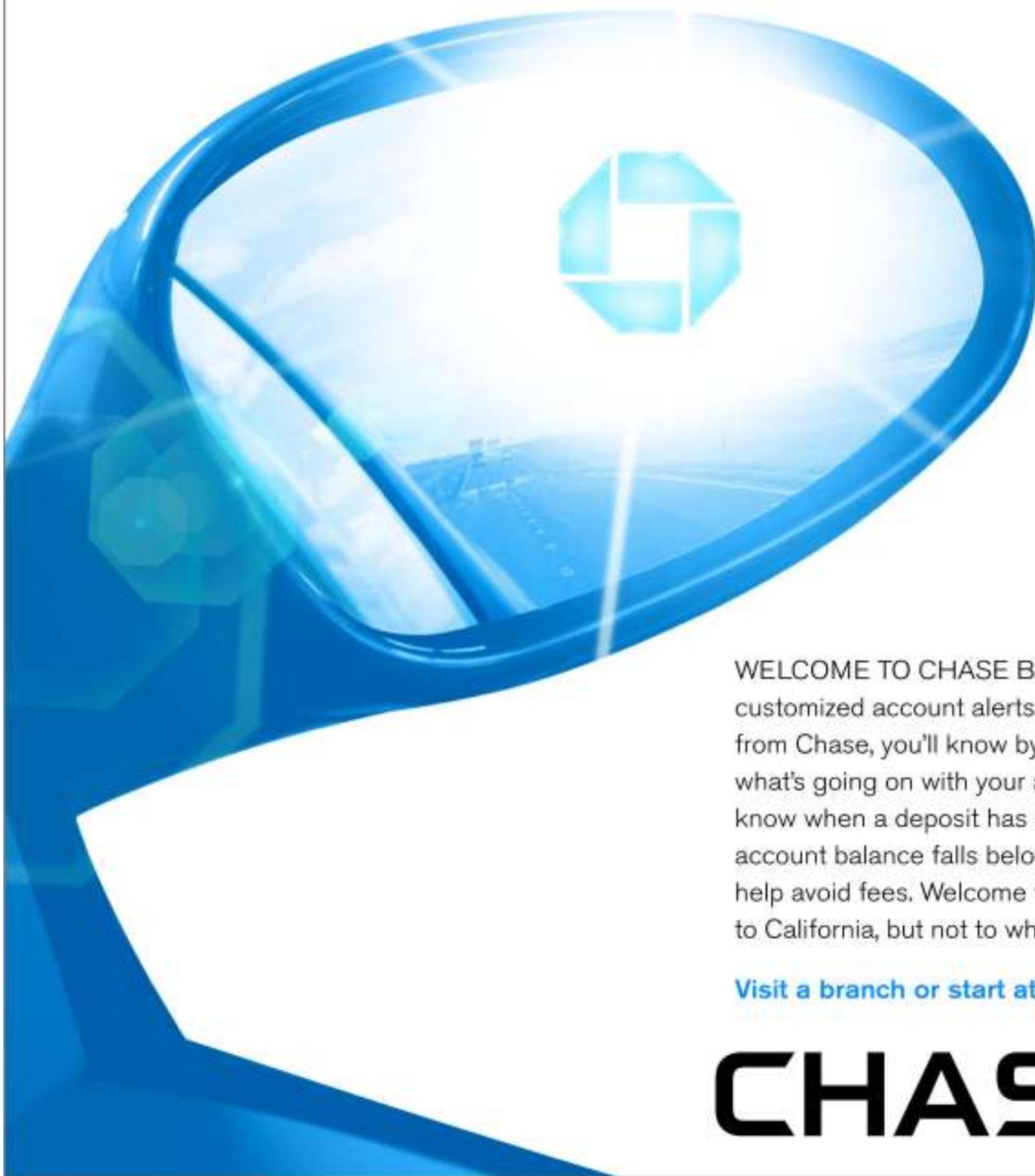
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Sheriff **Bill Kolender** has thrown the race for his successor into a tizzy by deciding to resign on July 2, giving his support as expected to Undersheriff **Bill Gore**, an ex-FBI agent who enjoys the backing of San Diego's big-money insiders. Word on the street has it that the Gore succession plan was hatched well before Kolender's 2006 reelection; among his incentives to leave office were promises of well-paying corporate board seats. The 73-year-old sheriff confirmed the possibility of the board appointments during an interview with the *Union-Tribune* last week but didn't say who was interested in his services.



Bill Kolender

Suspicious grew even further when the *U-T*, in the last throes of ownership by **David Copley's** Copley Press, editorialized that the county board of supervisors should swiftly appoint a replacement and "let the political cards play out as they may." Though the *U-T* didn't mention its preferred candidate, those were seen as code words of support for Gore, who hopes to run for the job next year as the incumbent, giving him a virtually insurmountable advantage over a field that includes ex-GOP assemblyman and former undersheriff **Jay La Suer**; sheriff's lieutenant **Jim Duffy** (now on leave to work for Supervisor **Ron Roberts**); ex-San Diego chief of police **David Bejarano**; and retired deputy sheriff **Bruce Ruff**, a perennial candidate for the job.

Gore has been busy raising money from the usual bunch of downtown kingmakers, including Mission Valley hotelier **C. Terry Brown**; port commissioner **Stephen Cushman**; his brother **Larry Cushman**; ex-city schools chief and airport board chairman **Alan Bersin**; Bersin crony **William D. Lynch** of Rancho Santa Fe; real estate mogul **Malin Burnham**; Cloud 9 president **John Hawkins**; and one-time Pepsi bottler **Frank Alessio**. ... Speaking of campaign cash, Chula Vista mayor **Cheryl Cox**, along with councilmembers **Pamela Bensoussan** and **Rudy Ramirez**, is throwing a no-limit "Fundraising Cocktail Reception" on April 23 for Proposition A, the May ballot measure that would boost the city's sales tax 1 percent for ten years, to 9.75 percent. The party is being held in the downtown San Diego offices of Gafcon, Inc., a construction firm that has been a big player in Chula Vista redevelopment projects, subsidized by taxpayers.



Bill Gore

On the road Ex-GOP state assemblyman **George Plescia** has filed a final accounting for his officeholder fund. During the first quarter of this year, he spent \$17,200, the remaining cash, on settling some tabs from last year, including \$5000 in airfare on United Airlines for the assemblyman and his wife to travel to the GOP national convention in Minneapolis; \$6715 at the Fairmont Hotel in Wailea, Hawaii, for a Pacific Policy Conference; and \$1288 at the Hotel Accademia in Rome, Italy, for a "Senate International Relations" trip. ... Ex-GOP congressman **Bill Lowery** is a big loser in the wake of an FBI investigation into his close friend and fellow Republican, Congressman **Jerry Lewis**. So says the website Politico, which reports that Lowery's K Street lobbying firm Copeland, Lowery & Jacquez made almost \$7.5 million



George Plescia

before the bribery scandal broke in 2005. That partnership broke up, and Lowery formed a new company, Innovative Federal Strategies, which booked only \$3.8 million in business last year.

Springing a leak The *Union-Tribune* has reported that the American Boat Racing Association has dropped San Diego from its 2009 World Series of Powerboat Racing schedule for the first time in 40 years. But though it cited a "dispute between the local event and the ABRA over the race purse and fees," the paper hasn't talked about whether or not the *U-T* will repeat as the main sponsor of Bayfair on Mission Bay, the annual September event that put up the cash for the Unlimited Hydroplane races. Last year the event was known as "San Diego Bayfair, Powered by the *Union-Tribune*."



In addition to giving money, the paper provided plenty of hype. An August news release by the boat-racing association said it had found "a perfect match of sponsors with *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and [the] other major corporate partner The Boeing Company." But this year the paper is awaiting the close of its sale to Platinum Equity of Beverly Hills, supposedly sometime before July. Any decisions on future marketing expenses aren't expected until then. Bayfair organizers could not be reached for comment.

— Matt Potter

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Arthur Levitt — Again

By Don Bauder

In 2006, Arthur Levitt Jr., former head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, came under intense criticism in San Diego.

At the time, Levitt was raking in \$900 an hour as titular head of an outside group probing the City's financial-disclosure practices. His firm, Kroll Inc., and its law firm, New York's Willkie Farr & Gallagher, found the monetary joys of a cut-and-paste job. They took a year and a half to slap together a \$20.3 million report that was greatly borrowed from previous studies. That is, it was a "derivative" report — copied or adapted from the work of others.

Now that word "derivative" is hanging over Levitt's head again. Financial derivatives — or monetary instruments whose value is linked

to, or derived from, some other security, such as a stock — have dragged the global financial system to the brink. There are a



Arthur Levitt



Frank Partnoy



Mike Aguirre

quadrillion dollars' worth of these extremely complex derivatives sloshing around the world, and half are not regulated — something that is now recognized as a hor-

rible mistake. When he was head of the securities agency, Levitt played a major role in this colossal misjudgment. He had some high-powered company: Alan Greenspan, then head of the Federal Reserve; Robert Rubin, then secretary of the treasury; and Larry Summers, then Rubin's top assistant and now President Obama's chief economic guru.

Some of the people that Levitt battled in San Diego three years ago are on his trail once again — this time,

over the financial derivatives issue. Frank Partnoy, law professor at the University of San Diego, has been a longtime Levitt critic. When the professor learned that Levitt was charging \$900 an hour to investigate San Diego, Partnoy cracked that Levitt wasn't worth \$9 an hour. In his 2003 book *Infectious Greed*, Partnoy came down

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Flush It, Sell It

By Dorian Hargrove

Mike Hogan walks toward a small pile of treated sewage sludge, a moist, black, lumpy, faintly malodorous substance

inside a newly expanded processing plant at Encina wastewater treatment facility in Carlsbad.

"That's what biosolids look like before going through the new heat drying process," he yells over the drone of fans and heavy machinery.

Nicely dressed in a blue button-down and dark blue slacks, the 58-year-old Hogan is the general manager at Encina, the second-largest wastewater facility in San Diego County, serving 330,000 North County res-

idents. Set to retire only days after we talk, Hogan is pleased to say that Encina has finally addressed the concerns that plague wastewater facilities throughout the county: how to dispose of biosolids. The new drying system turns the nutrient-rich biosolids into pellets that are cheaper to transport and can be put to more productive uses.



Heat processing drum at Encina wastewater treatment facility in Carlsbad

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Most wastewater facilities produce class B biosolids, a highly regulated cakelike

material containing low levels of pathogens. Class B biosolids can be used to fertilize crops and amend soil, although often they are trucked to landfills. The Encina plant produces class A biosolids, a pathogen-free dry pellet that has few restrictions on usage. The pellets can be sold as fertilizer for homes, golf courses, and parks and are also permitted for use as a biofuel.

"We produce a product now, instead of a residual material," says Hogan. "Being



Mike Hogan

induced draft fan. Wet biosolids are fed into the drum at about 25 percent solids and move laterally through the drum emerging dry at the discharge end."

Larson says temperatures must reach anywhere from 700 to 1100 degrees Fahrenheit

to evaporate the water and kill the pathogens. "The pellets are further processed by separation from the air stream, cooling, and crushing oversized material and screening it to a uniform size. The final product is a one-millimeter pellet with a solids content of 93 percent."

During 2007, San Diego County's seven sewage facilities produced nearly 302,000 wet tons of biosolids. Of that, 160,000 tons were hauled to

farms outside Yuma, Arizona, to fertilize crops. Fallbrook sent its biosolids to Riverside County to be composted. The rest was sent to landfills in Otay Mesa and Yuma, where the material was used to cover garbage at the end of each day.

In recent years, communities near areas where biosolids have been trucked have enacted ordinances to restrict or ban them. "Type B biosolids sometimes contain levels of pathogens that are not acceptable for food production, and then there are the industrial chemicals and medical waste," explains Ron Lew of the California Integrated Waste Management Board. "People just don't want those things on the food crops."

"Also," adds Fernando Berton, the board's senior specialist, "many of these counties don't want to be the recipients of these kinds of materials from other counties. They're saying, 'You produce it over there, you manage it over there.'" The new ordinances have forced San Diego facilities to truck their biosolids ever farther. Over the past seven years, the Encina Wastewater Authority has spent \$2.2 million each year to haul its biosolids 160 miles to a 12,000-acre farm in eastern Yuma County, where the material is used to fertilize alfalfa and Sudan grass.

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Oceanside vs. Applicant

By Dorian Hargrove, 4/10/09
Oceanside — Fabio Marchi stood in front of Oceanside's city hall building during an April 7 demonstration. He held a neon-green sign that



Oceanside protesters

read: "No Clear Master Plan."

Surrounding him were 12 other protesters, some dressed in button-down shirts and wrinkle-free slacks, while others wore faded, paint-stained jeans with globs of dried plaster. They held brightly colored signs. Something different was written on each sign. Some examples: "City Vs. Applicant," "Incredible Waste of Time and Money," "No Consistency in City Policies."

The protesters were there to voice their displeasure with the City of Oceanside's Development Services Department. They accuse city employees of favoring large developers, of departmental disorganization, and of lackluster communication among city employees.

Marchi says the inefficiency inside the Development Services Department has cost him over \$60,000 and four years as he's tried to get plans for turning his home into a four-unit condominium.

"I'm not a rich man," said Marchi in a thick Latin accent. "I wear boots and dirty clothes. I invested hard money into my project, trying to make a living, and now my permits are up and all that money is gone."

The accusations of governmental deficiencies aren't unfounded.

In a February 9 "Produc-

tivity Study of the Development Services Department" conducted by the Matrix Consulting Group, lack of "leadership" along with poor "coordination and communication" resulted in a "below average" score when compared to development service departments throughout the county.

No Flight Risk

By Steven Kendrick, 4/8/09
Ocean Beach — Wednesday morning, April 8, as I was strolling down Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach, I noticed that one of O.B.'s most controversial stores had been vandalized.

Wings Beachwear, located in the Strand Theatre building at 4948 Newport Avenue, had apparently been hit by vandals the night before. In addition to graffiti all over the storefront, the taggers wrote "GET OUT OF OB!" on the window.

The store has been a source of controversy in a town that feels strongly about its locally owned, mom-n-pop businesses. Wings Beachwear, Inc., has its national headquarters in New York City and 28 stores nationwide.



Wings Beachwear window graffiti

Comments

1. Yeah, buddy, let's mess that place up then go over to STARBUCKS for an overpriced coffee.

By x_acto 1:13 a.m.,
Apr 9, 2009

2. The people who put that on the window was a couple of homeless cats who couldn't beg for change in front of their store!

By SpliffAdamz 9:43
a.m., Apr 9, 2009

3. The only good thing about Wings is that they repaired the Strand building. It is

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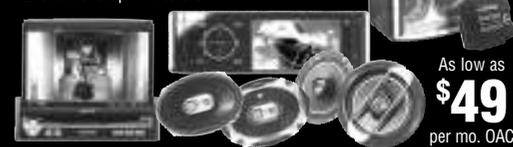
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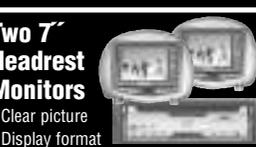
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now up to California earthquake standards. The place looks great. I always hope that this big corporation will go bankrupt and sell the building. It would make the best music venue in O.B.

*By Bajadeano 2:24 p.m.,
Apr 10, 2009*

Road Rage

By Dorian Hargrove, 4/13/09
Leucadia—The project to construct three underground railroad crossings and five roundabouts on a 2.2 mile stretch of Highway 101 (the "North Coast Highway 101 Streetscape Improvement Project") was addressed at a Wednesday, April 8, Encinitas City Council meeting.

The plan for the Leucadia business corridor has been in the works for over a decade. In addition to the five roundabouts, the project includes reducing the four-lane road to one northbound and two southbound lanes, placing a continuous bike lane on both sides of the highway, slowing traffic to 25 mph, adding parking, and planting over 1000 trees.

According to a survey conducted by project consultant MW Peltz and Associates, more than half of the participants that attended the last of three public workshops did not support the streetscape proposal.

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To get things rolling again — after a year of listening to the public and devising a plan — at Wednesday's council meeting, city staff recommended an additional public workshop and an additional traffic study by MW Peltz. The cost: nearly \$86,000.

"You've got the whole community upset. You should just stop the whole project now," said one Leucadia resident during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Despite the rage over the road improvements, city council members unanimously agreed to pay the consultant for an additional traffic study and to host an additional workshop.

Photo Op Gone Bad

By Peter Ervid Tsae, 4/13/09
Rancho San Diego — On the afternoon of Friday, April 3, I was riding my bicycle in the parking lot between the Villa Toscona apartment complex and Kohl's in Rancho San Diego. A friend had recently asked me about Villa Toscona, whether I was aware of any suspicious activity going on there, such as meth labs or a gang presence. Realizing that I didn't know much about the place, I decided to take a spin around the outside of the gated community.

I had my camera in my hand and had begun filming the back wall of the complex to show how diligent the Villa Toscona management is about painting over graffiti. As I'd begun filming, I noticed a single youth getting into his car that was parked next to the wall. Soon I came to realize there was not just one, but seven young men, occupying three cars.

As I rode past, camera in the air, I noticed something white in color fly toward me and hit the front wheel of my bicycle. I made a quick U-turn and confronted the people in the area where the object (probably a plastic bottle cap) seemed to have originated.

The conversation was civil enough, with several of the young men denying they'd thrown anything. However, the one sitting in the driver's seat of a red car demanded to know why I was "taking pictures of [his] car." Communications broke down when my attempt to say "none of your business" in a kind manner came out as "that's my business."

After demanding several times that I produce a business card to describe my "business," another young man could be heard saying "wanna #!% this guy up?" Then the red-car driver got out of his vehicle and charged me, saying he would "take me

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off that bicycle."

I pedaled hard to stay out of the angry driver's reach. Once out of range, I stopped and held up my camera toward the man who'd threatened me. He charged me again. I decided to pull out my cell phone and announce that it was time for some "police action."

The audio portion of the video (posted on Stringers section of Reader website) tells the tale more accurately. The Lemon Grove station of the San Diego County Sheriff has reviewed the video and is deciding what further action is appropriate.

Climate of Fear

By David Dodd, 4/12/09
Tijuana — Police say that nearly 60 reports have been taken recently from residents who said they received telephone calls from purported commanders of Los Zeta, hit men known for working with the drug cartels throughout Mexico.

According to reports, the caller identifies himself as a Zeta commander and then claims to have had several men surrounding the residence for a period of weeks or months. The caller then identifies the name and address of the residence and threatens occu-

pants into cooperating with him.

Tijuana police believe the extortionists are ordinary criminals who are taking advantage of the climate of fear; the violence created by the cartels has many people on edge.

All persons who received the extortion calls confirmed that they are listed in the local telephone directory.

Kids Shot

By Bob McPhail, 4/11/09
Tijuana — The number of minors being treated for gunshot wounds — some children as young as two years old — has increased about 50 percent in the past few months.

In interviews with two Tijuana dailies — *El Mexicano* and *Frontera* — Red Cross trauma center director Victoria García Noriega attributed the increase to "the wave of violence" the city is experiencing.

Last year, said García, the number of patients under 18 treated for gunshot wounds was between 5 and 7, but in the past few months, that number has shot up to between 15 and 20 patients.

Comments

1. These children deserve a better life, and Mexico should clean up its police force and the corruption that puts everyone's life a risk.

By sandybeach 8:26 a.m.,
Apr 12, 2009

2. When are we going to step in and take care of this Tijuana crap.

By x_acto 11:22 a.m.,
Apr 12, 2009

3. Amerikkka has had guns, drugs, and violence since day one, so why is everyone so worked up about Mexico?

By SpliffAdamz
6:37 p.m., Apr 12, 2009

Most Evil Drug

By Sylvia Knust, 4/11/09
El Cajon — "Oh, how I would love for the world to know who you really were." So begins a mother's letter to a son fatally shot by police three weeks ago. The letter is at the center of a roadside shrine on the corner of Avocado Boulevard and Fuerte Drive. Each day flowers are added, fuller and brighter than the day before.

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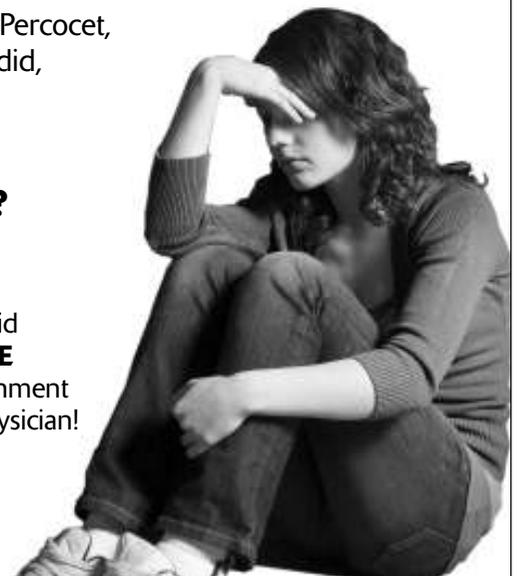
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hard on Levitt. In one passage, he recalled that in 1994, Levitt declared that top derivatives dealers should regulate themselves. "Levitt urged the dealers to form a self-regulatory 'Derivatives Policy Group,' and said legislation should wait until that group had decided on a plan," wrote Partnoy. In 1994 and 1995, "Levitt gave speeches saying the financial industry should police itself."

I have dug up a Levitt speech from 1995. Although he admitted there had been some abuses, he told a group of derivatives dealers, "We must avoid the temptation to demonize derivatives, which are a vital tool in modern financial markets.... We must resist the siren call for stringent regulation."

The way to regulate derivatives was through the computerized risk models of the dealers themselves, continued Levitt. Displaying a prescience he surely never perceived at the time, he said it was critical that "the models are not built on a house of cards." Of course, it turned out that they were.

And Levitt, Greenspan, Rubin, and Summers should have known it, says Mike Aguirre, who as city attorney battled the \$20.3 million bill Levitt and his cronies foisted on the City. (The City sued Willkie Farr for unauthorized practice of law; the firm tried unsuccessfully to get the suit thrown out on the grounds that the City was suing for intimidation purposes. It is now at the appel-

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late level.) "Had Arthur Levitt done his job, the derivatives debacle would never have happened," says Aguirre, who has prepared a voluminous report on how derivatives escaped regulation. He is preparing to file a suit against American International Group (AIG), the notorious insurance company that drowned in derivatives and could have taken the world's financial system with it if it weren't for billions of bailout dollars from the U.S. government.

The unsung heroine in this slimy mess was Brooksley Born, who got her law degree from Stanford in 1964 and was named chairman of the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission in 1996. Once in office, she quickly saw that the billowing market for financial derivatives had to be restrained — and regulated. But that went against the so-called free market religion of Levitt, Greenspan, Rubin, and Summers. They tried to get her to change her mind. She wouldn't budge. Summers told her that lobbyists for derivatives dealers were putting pressure on him, according to an article in the March/April *Stanford* magazine. At a heated meeting, Rubin told her that her commodity agency had no jurisdiction over derivatives. Greenspan told her that the action she proposed would drive creative financial business offshore.

In May of 1998, Rubin, Greenspan, and Levitt issued a joint statement expressing "grave concerns" about Born's regulation proposal, once again warning that interfer-

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ing with the derivatives marketplace might drive the dealers offshore. In June of 1998, Greenspan, Rubin, and Levitt called on Congress to prevent Born from going forward. That fall, Long-Term Capital Management nearly collapsed because of foolish gambles on financial instruments, including derivatives. Nonetheless, Congress froze the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulatory authority for six months. The next year, Born resigned.

"History already has shown that Greenspan was wrong about virtually everything, and Brooksley was right," Partnoy told the *Stanford* publication. "I think she has been entirely vindicated.... If there is one person we should have listened to, it was Brooksley."

Partnoy has now come out with a new edition of his 1997 book, *F.I.A.S.C.O.: Blood in the Water on Wall Street*, the first major probe of the derivatives scam. Late last month, he discussed the derivatives calamity on National Public Radio. He noted that Greenspan "admitted to some mistakes.... Arthur Levitt, the former SEC chair, admitted his errors and called for reform. No one mentioned Brooksley Born." (Actually, three weeks earlier, *Newsweek* had quoted Levitt saying, "We had a warning. It was from Brooksley Born. We didn't listen.")

That same *Newsweek* article told how Born had turned ashen after Summers shouted at her over the phone. In 2006, Summers was forced to resign as president of Harvard when faculty members complained of his arrogance. He also got into trouble suggesting that there are few women in the top ranks of mathematicians because of innate gender differences. Now he is being criticized for accepting \$2.7 million in speaking fees from financial institutions that have accepted government bailout money. "She did a fabulous job," agrees Aguirre.

However, the alpha male

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contingent still gets in its digs. Rubin complains that Born did not act "in a constructive way. My recollection was...this was done in a more strident way."

And Levitt? He says that Born was "characterized as being abrasive."

The macho males who resented Born for being "abrasive" (and for being right) went on to engineer other tragic errors. The Depres-

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sion-era Glass-Steagall Act had barred a bank from offering investment, commercial banking, and insurance services. It had to go, declared the musclemen. So in November of 1999, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which overturned part of Glass-Steagall, permitting banks, insurers, and securities companies to poach on each other's terrain and also consolidate. There followed a wave of acquisitions: banks, brokerages, and insurance companies

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joined forces under one corporate umbrella. The result? Ill-conceived and ill-managed hodgepodes, addicted to derivatives, that the government feels it must pump taxpayers' money into.

Arthur Levitt is contrite about helping to create the derivatives disaster, but he is not contrite about fleecing San Diego. Certainly, he did far more damage to the world. Sums up Partnoy, "Derivatives are the most recent example of a basic theme in the history of finance: Wall Street bilks Main Street." ■



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Davis was fatally shot. Davis was a longtime methamphetamine user, a fact confirmed by his mother in her final letter to him: "I know now even though you were strong as an ox you couldn't beat the meth drug (MOST EVIL DRUG I KNOW OF)."

Imperfect Crime

By Bob McPhail, 4/8/09

Tijuana — Last Saturday night, April 4, a knife-wielding teenager trying to rob a video-rental store in Tijuana's Buena Vista neighborhood looked familiar to the store's owner. And for good reason: the same young man had returned to the scene of a crime he allegedly committed two weeks earlier.

Store owner Dalila Flores flagged down a passing patrol car and told officers that a young man armed with a knife had just tried to rob her, identifying him as the same teen she

had reported to police for an identical crime on March 22.

Not So Great Escape

By Peter C. Salisbury, 4/7/09
Imperial Beach — Shortly before 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 6,



Crashed Escape

a female driver fleeing an accident on Eighth Street lost control of her late-model Ford Escape and nearly crashed into a house a couple of blocks away.

John Hottel was at home in the 1200 block of Eighth Street

when he heard a crash. By the time he got outside, he saw that a woman in a yellow Escape had just hit his neighbor's silver Mazda and was driving away. He followed the hit-and-run driver on foot.

Two blocks away, Hottel

came upon the Escape, stationary in the middle of the intersection at Ninth and Grove. Apparently, the SUV had jumped a curb and crashed into a block wall, coming to a stop just feet from an occupied home.

Fire Code Scrambled?

By Randy Berkman, 4/9/09

Mission Valley — The City of San Diego requires a 100-foot-wide zone of flammable brush clearance between new buildings and existing brush. A 2007 email from San Diego Fire Department representative Mike Benoit stated that since this 100-foot-wide clearance standard became law, no developments have been approved without brush clearance. Other city fire staff have explained that worried property owners sometimes request a city-code-allowed brush clearance zone larger than 100 feet — after a "fire fuel load" study indicates their property is especially vulnerable to burning; less than a 100-foot-wide clearance zone is not allowed.

So it was surprising to read a city planning document (March 29, 2009, Cycle Review) that disclosed that the proposed Hampton Inn, at the base of Mission Valley's south slopes, is plan-

ning a brush-clearance zone of 61.6 feet wide.

In the mid-1980s drought, the valley's south hillsides ignited and burned over 15 homes in Normal Heights. The Hampton Inn proposes building up five stories to add 87 hotel rooms, south of existing Vagabond Hotel buildings and west of Highway 163.

Garbage Pail Bids

By Dorian Hargrove, 4/8/09

Downtown San Diego — Councilmember Carl DeMaio believes the city needs to focus on reducing waste at city hall before it begins charging residents for waste removal at their homes.

The statement comes in response to an April 7 report released by the San Diego County Grand Jury, a 19-person review panel that evaluates local government's "procedures, methods, and systems" for better efficiency.

As a way to bolster the city's depleted general fund, the report

recommends overturning the 1919 People's Ordinance, a law that prohibits charging residents for trash removal. Currently, only those living in multiple-family residences and owners of businesses pay for the service.

The grand jury also theorizes that fees for trash pick-up would create "incentives for citizens to recycle and reduce the amount of trash generated."

According to the report, the city spends over \$52 million a year for trash removal and toward recycling fees at Miramar Landfill.

DeMaio, however, thinks those numbers are garbage.

"They don't even have a billing service to do this," DeMaio told this correspondent in an April 7 phone interview. "That would cost another 3 to 5 million dollars."

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In 2003, Encina officials responded to the rising costs and environmental concerns by exploring new ways to dispose of their biosolids. They settled on building the new drying system.

"We were already in the stages of expanding the plant," says Hogan. "We couldn't get rid of our biosolids where we thought we could, and our costs doubled. So we thought about our options, and this is where we ended up."

Hogan says that the expansion project, including the

drying system, cost \$47 million. "The cost of doing what we did, and the cost of what we would have done was basically a wash."

By pelletizing the biosolids, transportation costs will be lower. Hogan estimates that the weight will be reduced by about 80 percent, from 38,000 to 7,000 tons per year.

Although Encina is still trucking biosolids to Arizona, Hogan thinks within the next two years the product can be packaged and sold to the public as fertilizer. Encina can even sell its class A pellets to counties that banned the class B biosolids.

And there's the energy

value.

"What we're finding is the cement industry in California is very interested in diversifying their fuel portfolio with alternative fuels," says Hogan. "They approached us, and we have been in discussion with several of them to buy our product."

According to an October 2008 study by the Environmental Protection Agency on the cement industry's use of alternative fuels, a performance test using biosolids reduced the coal feed rate

"from 10 tons to 3 tons per hour, with good emissions results."

While Hogan didn't want to mention specific cement companies, in a February 2009 newsletter, Encina announced that negotiations had begun with Cemex, a cement producer that has its largest plant in Victorville, California.

"Cemex's primary fuel for the plant kilns is coal," reads the newsletter, "but they are in the process of

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expanding their alternative fuel supply to include biosolids pellets along with used tires and wood chips. Securing an agreement with Cemex meets one of the priority objectives of [the Encina Wastewater Authority's] 5-Year Biosolids Business Plan, which is to secure a position in the evolving biofuel marketplace."

Jennifer Borgen, spokesperson for Cemex, said the company does not have any contract with Encina to use biosolids for biofuel but said Cemex is "always looking at and researching several alternative-fuel sources to see if they are the right choice for our plants in the U.S. and across the globe, to provide environmental and societal benefits."

Encina anticipates supplying biofuel to a cement company sometime this sum-

mer, when the company's equipment has been adapted to burn the alternative fuel. And Hogan expects that in the next few months an agreement will be reached with local municipalities to use the pellets for fertilizer.

Although Hogan doubts Encina will make a profit selling the pellets, there are other benefits. "We're not going to generate enough revenue to offset operating

costs, but that \$2.2 million we spent in transportation costs becomes much smaller."

It will be the end of sending five truckloads of biosolids to Yuma County every week, which is a good thing, says Yuma County envirothinker if California generates it, they ought to treat it themselves, instead of shipping it off to someone else. Instead, they'd rather flush it, then forget it." ■

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Sunday Junk

With regard to "Church on Sunday" (Cover Story, April 9), why devote so many pages to such religious nonsense? Haven't you seen Bill Maher's *Religulous*?

Ted Rodosovich
Via phone

Go Greek

I have some pretty good information in regard to your article "Church on Sunday?" (Cover Story, April 9). Number one, a more accurate approach to Christianity's core would be to study the original Koine Greek manuscripts. Example, Paska — Passover — was changed to Easter in other translations. That's one example.

Gentile Christianity rejected biblical health laws, diet, calendar, and days of worship, etc., in the untitled messianic Jewish faith. They changed the name and fragmented into many denominations while maintaining the Jewish scriptures, Old

and New Testament, with the messianic message. Therefore, to see a better picture of First Century New Covenant faith, one can see two research organizations' websites. The first is First Fruits of Zion ministry at ffoz.org. The other is yashanet.com.

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Long Gone

Re "Church on Sunday," Cover Story, April 9.

For what it's worth, this sentence should appear in the past tense: "There is a Greek Orthodox Church across the street from Dallas Theological Seminary."

That church has long since sold the property to DTS and moved elsewhere.

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The Peaceful Vegan

I was not surprised to find yet another "Diary of a Diva" column totally focused on food. Before I get strung up for being insensitive, let me say I have admired Barbarella for her candidness in openly discussing her former struggles with food in previous diary entries. She has obviously devoted a good deal of her life to becoming very informed on food and nutrition and developing a healthy attitude on the subject.

That said, I was disheartened by the cynicism and negativity Barbarella used in her recent column "Happy Tummy" (April 9). Being a vegan myself, I am continually surprised by the

combativeness of people towards me based on what I choose to eat. It's not like I get on any sort of high horse and relentlessly throw down moral condemnations. In fact, I take great sacrifices to make sure my lifestyle doesn't adversely affect anyone else. Writing this letter is the most proactive I've ever gotten on the subject; nevertheless, I'm guessing many will be quick to throw me into Barbarella's "militant vegan" category. I actively choose not to judge people based on really insignificant things like what they eat and would hope for the same in return. Words like "militant," "hypocrisy," and "cafeteria Catholic" used to describe a group whose members are largely compassionate and peaceful is irresponsible and shows a clear one-sidedness.

This article goes beyond simple observations of the author's friends and acquaintances' eating behaviors but rather portrays a sliver of American psyche. We are a culture that is obsessed with food. Moving beyond just a source of nourishment, food is now a social tool, a status symbol and a multibillion-dollar industry. We love to do everything hand in hand with food. Watch TV, go on dates, throw parties, and organize reunions. Meals in this country are centered on meat, and therefore vegans and vegetarians are less easily incorporated into the myriad of social encounters we humans enjoy. This is

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Matt:
I drink a lot of water and Gatorade and stuff like that. My friend tells me I can die if I drink too much water. How is this possible? I thought water was good for you. How much water is too much? I've never felt bad from drinking as much as I do.

— *Waterlogged?*,
San Diego

Well, the closest I can come on this one is the day Grandma had finally had it and tried to drown all the elves in a bathtub. Unfortunately, while she was cramming the last of them in, the ones on the bottom pulled the plug; then they wrapped up Grandma in wet towels and escaped. I guess that's not the same, though, is it. They once tried to force-feed the dog grape juice. Ditto with the cat and a Slurpee. When it comes to deaths by various liquids, I guess the Alices are a pretty boring lot. But then so is most of the rest of the world. Waterlogged's friend has about an eighth of the story. We can fill in the missing stuff.

Yes, it's possible to die from drinking too much water. Is it likely? Does it happen often? Do you know anybody who's died from drinking water? No, right? Yes, no. Dying from an overdose of water is actually a little complicated. It's based on the idea that we have in our bodies a particular balance of salt and water inside and outside our cells. If a cell were suddenly surrounded by pure water, the water would enter the cell (and salt exit) in an attempt to balance the saltiness of both. You can end up with a big fat water-filled cell that can rupture.

So in our real-life bodies, what happens? Well, our kidneys constantly sample the salt/water balance in our blood. If it detects too much water, it can send out a hormone that retains salt and diverts the excess water to the bladder as urine. So there's our safety net under normal conditions. Kidneys can process about a liter of water every hour without problems.

"So, okay, Matt," you say. "How about the death part." The death part comes when we overwhelm our kidneys with water. In fact, it's not how much we drink but how fast we drink it. Virtually every recorded death from "drinking too much water" was a death from drinking some amount of water too fast. These deaths

have involved forced water-drinking in several fraternity hazings, as a disciplinary technique for children, marathoners/athletes/outdoor workmen drinking too much unsalted water, a night of dancing and ecstasy, and one infamous radio contest. The most unfortunate aspect of all this is that brain cells are most susceptible to the salt-water imbalance and are usually the first to fall. Unless there is some intervention, the drinker progresses from dizziness to death fairly promptly.

So, 'Logged, if you're just slugging down your required eight glasses a day or even more at a moderate rate, you're perfectly safe. And the Gatorade poses no problem at all, since it contains the salts you need. Sorry your friend scared you to the point that you had to resort to writing to me and the elves.

Mattster:
What do you call people from Tokyo? Tokyoians? Tokyosters? I'm serious about this.
— *Anonymous, San Diego*

Yo, Anonymous. I think you've already guessed the best names. English-language Japanese newspapers call them Tokyoites. So do CNN and the *New York Times*. But in Japanese, Tokyoites are *Edo-ko*, children of Edo — Edo being Tokyo's traditional name. So how about Tokyoettes.

Hey, Matt:
My friend has probably the worst-smelling farts I've ever been victim to, and he thinks it's funny. It's gut-wrenching and clears not only the room but the whole house. He laughs and says, "You smell that? That means the poop particles are floating around and they go in your nose and on your tongue, so if you can smell my fart, you really have my micropoop in your mouth! Ha ha ha!" Not that funny to us victims. You ever heard this? Thanks.
— *Luke, via email*

We-e-e-e-e-ell, poop particles might be a stretch. How about poop molecules. For something to smell, it must contain volatile chemicals that can vaporize when they hit the air. Poops certainly qualify. But rather than carrying big juicy chunks, of course, the smell is reduced to molecules of things like sulfur and methane by the time it floats out as a fart and reaches your nose. So it's only poop molecules molesting you. I don't know if that helps any. Doesn't seem much more appetizing to me.

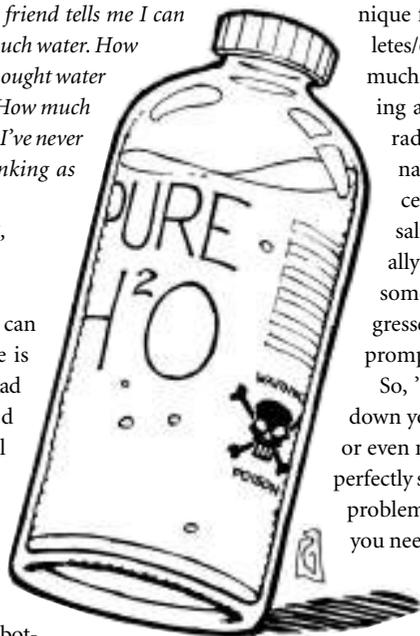


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BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

What Do You Do?



Scott Iverson

Individual athletes contact me because they may be challenged within their sport, may get frustrated when losing a game and watching their play go downhill. They get upset at themselves — ‘I suck. I’m no good.’ Whatever. That affects their game play.”

Speaking is Scott Iverson, 35, a Vista sports performance consultant who can be found at shapeconsultingservices.com on your internet dial. Iverson has a B.A. from Radford University, master’s in Sports Counseling, and a Ph.D. from San Diego University for Integrative Studies. One wonders, what does a sports performance consultant do?

Iverson says, “I help [athletes] use psychological tools — imagery and visualization techniques — to build their confidence and play better games.”

“How old are your clients?”

“Anywhere from 11 all the way up to a 46-year-old. I work with private organizations such as USA Gymnastics, USA Hockey. I haven’t seen a high school player, per se; they are in high school, just not playing at their high school.”

Back to the “what do you do?” question.

“Performance enhancement,” Iverson says. “They could be a top-notch athlete — maybe they do well in practice, but come time for a game, playing in front of a crowd, they get nervous, get high anxiety. They want to do well for their team and make an impression on their coach.”

I say, “You’re not spending years with these people, right? It’s more like weeks?”

“Yeah, it’s only 6 to 12 weeks because there is only so much you can do with someone,” Iverson says. “If they’re not willing to participate and practice what you teach them, then there’s not much else you *can* do. But, you’re right, it’s not an ongoing thing. I’m not diagnosing someone with a major disorder. If something along those lines pops up, then I would refer that person to a clinical

psychologist.”

Back to the “what do you do?” question. “Say, I’m on a high school baseball team and I’m great in practice but freeze up during a game. What would you do for me?”

“Find out what thoughts are going through your head before, during, and after the game,” Iverson says. “You do a visualization. You can do it two ways. You’re on the field, you’re out there playing the game — feeling that emotion, seeing, hearing, using all of your senses to register how it feels — when you start to freeze up and don’t play well.

“Then, you want to start changing to a more positive feeling. You’re amongst teammates, you’re out there with eight other guys, you have the support of people cheering you on. You know you’re good, you remember what you’ve done in practice, you can focus on seeing yourself do things almost perfectly.

“You can also watch it from an outside point of view; watch yourself play the game as if you’re in the stands. See how you’re reacting to certain situations. Do you see yourself getting nervous or are you pulling away when you’re at bat? Are you dropping your shoulder or elbow? Then correct those as you go along.

“The point is to have more of a positive outlook. Use positive thoughts over and over again. It’s something that doesn’t happen overnight, but if you practice day in and day out for five or ten minutes, things eventually get to the point where you’re not as nervous, you’re not feeling that anxiety, and you can play well.”

I mention that sports counseling always seems to be the next big thing but never is.

Iverson says, “It’s been a hidden thing. Individuals speak to psychologists, but they don’t see a psychologist who’s attached to a team or in an organization. But, nowadays, even some universities have a sports psychologist on hand as part of their athletic department. You also have Olympic Training Centers throughout the United States — they have sports psychologists full-time for the athletes to go and see whenever they want.”

I say, “I’m thinking of college basketball. Fertile ground because it’s such a small team. Coaches are so greedy and make so much money, you would think they would use sports psychologists in order to get even the tiniest of edges. Do you know of any Division I basketball program with a sports psychologist?”

“I don’t. And I agree with what you just said. There are coaches who are old school — basketball, football, maybe in baseball — they just don’t believe in this stuff. But, I know UCLA has a sports psychologist on campus for their athletes. I think USD has one. The University of Washington has one and so does Washington State. More and more schools are coming up with them.”

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T.G.I.F.

BY JOHN BRIZZOLARA

I've been told I'm very sensitive, and I freaking well am.

"Remorse, emptiness, relief, disbelief, sadness, feeling older, morally diminished." These are feelings expressed to me in an email from a friend and fellow writer about the death of his son-in-law. But they could as well be an articulation of the existential realities of old age. I am 58, I think my friend is a little older.

Turn the page if you would prefer some upbeat and raucous recommendations for a boogie-fest this weekend. I'm afraid this is another of those columns about the realities of some Fridays — the same as any other day of the week — and not suggestions as to means of escaping them.

"...[D]ied in January of lung cancer. The poor boy was so stoic about it, he took us by surprise when he just kind of went to sleep

one morning with no one there and a half-full cup of coffee balanced on the edge of the mattress. I never realized how much I, the wicked imported stepfather, would miss him."

I certainly hope my friend will forgive me for publishing excerpts from private mail; but he is a good writer, and if nothing else, I have learned where to steal. It is certainly an image that strikes me with equal measures of fear and peaceful reassurance. My father used to say, and often, "Nothing is simple." He died of a heart attack while on a fishing vacation in Wisconsin on the bank of a lake. It was in September of 1968 and a warm day.

I have developed a phobia in old age — an irrational (no doubt) fear of the cold. Triggers can be traced to this fear. No, I have never suffered through arctic nights, but I can trace them all right. But I have agreed to make these columns less about myself.



A difficult business, as I am as self-absorbed as anyone.

It is exactly 3:58 on this Friday morning, and my roommate has the windows wide open. I am writing while wrapped in a blanket given to me by my ex-wife. I think this is the hour, most common, when the human body will expire under duress.

Another friend some years ago, having turned quite yellow from hepatitis C, was brought back to life before finally exiting days later. His comment after the resuscitation was "I was in the palace! I was in the palace and they dragged me back." Was this his brain's way of signing off with stored dream images or depictions from books? Movies? Or was he in the Palace? Wouldn't you like to know? Lord knows I would.

Thoughts at 4:13 a.m.: Hey! How about those Padres? Wonder how their spring training is shaping up? Where do they go? Arizona? I see Melissa Etheridge won't pay her taxes until gay marriage is legalized in whatever state she lives in. How about that? Brad Pitt and whatsername seem very happy for a Hollywood couple. That's encouraging, don't you think?

In the past, being a smartass has worked for me — you know, as a defense against the untenable. Not so much anymore. Just thinking about Brad Pitt's wife makes me think about Jon Voight, her father, whom I saw weeping on television one night because they had become estranged from each other. Wouldn't talk to him. Why on earth even think about that? Because it is 4:25 Friday morning. My mad roommate, whom I love,

is snoring in the next room, and I am cold.

Regular readers will know who my roommate is and understand. Others might assume I'm gay. That's fine. Why not? Judy Garland does nothing for me, but I have been told I'm very sensitive, and I freaking well am. F'n A.

It's 4:30 and bedtime. A terribly funny joke, since I have had the usual three or four hours' sleep allotted to codgers and crones, and that's the deal.

At this hour I am remembering a local weatherman. He was fired from his station here in town because of his drinking. I met him in the rooms of an anonymous organization. He was kind to me and encouraging. He had a pleasing, upbeat on-air presence and never at all appearing intoxicated while working. His face, though, was bloated. It passed for some years as youthful baby fat, even cute. After some years, not so much. He looked dissipated, swollen. I hope he is still alive. He would be in his late 60s, I would think. If not, I hate to think of his leave-taking, as it would undoubtedly be much like my own. A horror.

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—EVE KELLY

"They told me the freeway would sound like the ocean," griped Patrick's friend Jon just after buying his first house. "It doesn't. It sounds like the freeway."

"A good solution might be our acoustical curtains," said Scott Somit, owner of both Complete Soundproofing and Quiet Curtains in Pacific Beach (858-272-3615, completesoundproofing.com, acoustic-curtains.com). "They're very effective for blocking residential noise — things like traffic and street noise.

Lots of people can't replace their windows, either for economic reasons or because they have site limitations — say, if they're living in a historical site. The main thing is to cover the window and the surrounding area — noise leaks in, not only through the window, but also through the

frame. These curtains have a unique lining, a very thin layer of mass-loaded vinyl. It's the same material used as a sound-block inside walls and ceilings for the past 20 years, but we've rolled it out really thin, so you can use it for a curtain lining."

Somit tells customers that the curtain lining will cut noise entering through their windows by at least half. "They measure this with what's called an STC rating — it measures the average decibel reduction across a range of frequencies. The curtain lining was tested at 2 STC, which means it blocks 20 decibels. Every time you reduce the number of decibels a human hears by 10, it means the noise is cut in half. That's why I say 'at least' — depending on how much there is, the curtain may even cut it in half again."

The company offers a range of fabrics to serve as the actual curtains, "or customers can use their own fabric. But you can't dry-clean them. We provide a cleaner — you take a sponge and soap and wipe. All our fabrics are easy-clean." Somit estimated that "for a typical window, one that is four feet wide and up to seven feet tall, the curtains will run \$350. Manufacturing takes about two or three weeks."

The "complete soundproofing" side of Somit's business comes in when people want to manage sound that's already inside the house. "People want soundproofing for music practice rooms, but increasingly, they also want it for rooms with home entertainment systems.... I'll use the sound-absorbing curtains, fiberglass panels wrapped in fabric, or panels of acoustical foam that can be put on the walls or ceilings....

"Also, there are some general rules for place-

"We provide a cleaner — you take a sponge and soap and wipe."

ment. Typically, you want to use sound-absorption materials placed at perpendiculars. You're trying to reduce the reflection of sound — you want to keep it from bouncing around the room. Perpendiculars let you deaden a particular wall, sound-wise. It usually doesn't take as much material as people think." Somit estimates that sound conditioning a home-entertainment room will run, on average, \$500 to \$1500.

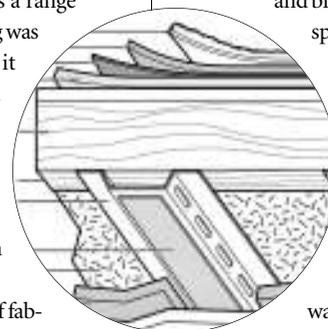
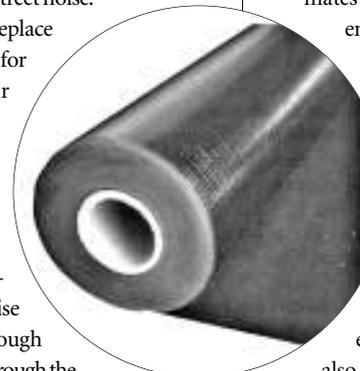
If more drastic measures are called for, Somit can retrofit and soundproof a room by placing sound-blocking material — usually mass-loaded vinyl — on the walls and ceiling and then drywalling or paneling over it. "In certain circumstances, you can even put the vinyl under carpets. We also offer a quietized sheetrock that you can paint right on. Either of those solutions will block up to 30 decibels. But," he noted, "it's cheaper to do that sort of thing during construction."

Thinking along those lines, I spoke with Joel Fannin at Super Soundproofing Co. in San Marcos (760-752-3030, soundproofing.org). "We're geared toward contractors and people who do it themselves," he said. "There are four basic elements for soundproofing. First, absorb and block sound within a contained space — inside the wall or ceiling or floor. Insulation does that. The second is barrier the remaining airborne sound — that's what the mass-loaded vinyl can do. Third, you can use something like padding tape between the studs and the dry-wall to isolate vibrating surfaces and eliminate structure-borne noise.

Fourth is resonance — something you can fix with a damping compound. It lowers the resonant frequency of an assembly. We also have materials for sound conditioning."

Fannin continued: "We make sure people understand what's involved in their situation — what's happening with the sound and how to solve it. We carry installation instruction sheets. We even have systems we don't put on our website. We don't charge for consultations we do here or over the phone. There is a small fee if we go off-site to somebody's place."

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by Barbarella

What's the big mystery? It's my vagina, not the sphinx!
— Miranda on Sex and the City

We were at Target, a store Jane hits up an average of three times a week. While Jane and I perused cosmetics, my five-year-old niece Bella entertained herself by climbing in and out of the red shopping cart. I was comparing two shades of lipstick when I heard the little girl shout, "Ow! That hurt my *vagina!*" This is Bella's new favorite word. She knows it's a naughty word by the way adults react when she says it. She realizes *this* naughty word holds a power most profound, for even though adults wince and giggle in embarrassment when she utters it, she is never reprimanded, as when she speaks the other handful of forbidden words she's gleaned in her short life.

The exclamation had so caught me off guard that my first reaction, before establishing that my niece was okay, was to swivel my head to check if anyone had been within earshot. Jane rushed to her daughter's aid, helping Bella swing a leg over the edge of the cart.

Then my sister met my wide-eyed gaze, and we shared an uneasy chuckle. As we hurried to finish our shopping, I caught a glimpse of Bella's satisfied smile.

You'd think it would not be so jarring for two grown women to hear the anatomically correct word

Junk Talk

for female genitalia. I was disturbed by my reaction to my niece's innocent reference to what, for her, should be no more than a word for the area of her body that she had inadvertently bumped. I wasn't about to correct her, but I did have the thought that if she'd wanted to be more accurate, Bella would have said "vulva," not "vagina," for the latter refers only to the inner canal portion of a girl's whoozy-whatzit.

It was only a few months ago that I first saw a production of *The Vagina Monologues*, the Eve Ensler play that debuted over ten years ago. The only reason I went was to support my friend Kristen, who was performing in the show. Kristen was shocked that I had never seen the piece — not because I'm a woman but because I'm a *strong* woman. I don't mean strong as in I can lift heavy things, but dominant, not meek, the kind of woman who takes the word "bitch" as a compliment because it denotes one who doesn't

pussyfoot around. Bitch is bold. Maybe that's why I'd never gone out of my way to see the show — as a dominant and sexually liberated lady, I didn't feel the need to confront my femininity.

Kristen was to play a dominatrix. I loaned her a selection of *femme domme* books to help her get into character and a red-and-black riding crop to complete her ensemble.

The show was mostly what I expected: a lot of raunchy, vivid descriptions of female genitalia mixed with a handful of heartbreaking tales of abuse. The most overwhelming part of the show was when performers asked all victims of sexual abuse to stand. I remained seated and swallowed the lump that rose in my throat as I watched a shocking number of women rise to their feet, both on stage and in the audience.

Aside from the sorrow I felt at the harsh realization that so many have suffered, all I took away from the show were graphic mental images of OPP that I was not exactly "down with." Between my freak-out at my young niece's eloquence and the *Vagina Monologues* material I'd found borderline unpalatable, I had to wonder if it was possible that I'd somehow turned prudish. As soon as the question entered my head, however, I recognized its silliness: anyone who knows me would guffaw at such a suggestion. As if a woman whose license plates broadcast her prurience could ever be considered a

prude.

So why was I put off by all the crotch talk? While pondering an answer, it occurred to me that in my day-to-day life, I rarely have cause to refer to my womanhood. I don't think I avoid the subject so much as it's not relevant to most of the topics of conversation in which I find myself engaged. As my friend Jen says, "I don't think many people want to talk about their junk."

Once the proverbial Eve pasted a leaf to demarcate a "private" area, talk about our genitals was relegated to reticence. Aside from informing my sexual partner or my doctor where attention is required, any mention or reference to my vulva is superfluous, intended only to amuse or disturb others.

References to one's nether regions made for the sake of throwing people off balance is not solely the province of children. Like a grown-up version of my niece, my friend Kimberly wields the wand of words. The other night, Kristen was enjoying a glass of wine in my kitchen when Kim called from outside. After I buzzed the front door to let her into the building, I turned to Kristen for a quick rundown of what to expect. "My friend Kim, she likes to bust out the word vagina."

Kristen smirked at me. "Hello, I was in the *Monologues*, remember? I can handle it."

"Right, yes, of course, I forgot," I said.

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“Still, just FYI. She uses it a lot. It’s, like, her *vadge* of honor.” I giggled at my pun. David rolled his eyes, demonstrating how above my potty humor he was.

Kim and her husband Shawn were at the door. Ever generous, they’d brought with them not one, but three bottles of wine, a rack of ribs and sausages for our new grill, and a gorgeous bouquet of red-orange gerbera daisies. I’m not sure why, but I made note of the time displayed on the microwave. Perhaps I was curious to see how long it would take Kim to bust out the V-word. When she

did, just over one minute after walking through the door, I couldn’t help but share a look with Kristen to communicate a silent “Told ya.” I could see on Kristen’s face that, despite her experience on stage discussing all things vaginal, and regardless of the warning I’d given her of Kim’s blunt crotch commentary, she’d been taken aback, just a little. On Kim’s face, as I’d seen on my niece’s, I noticed a certain sly, satisfied smile. ■

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nor have there been recent leaps in weaponry or nuclear technology. It is hardly a superhero's arrival. Scientific advancements of the time include commercially available computers, which are apartment-sized. NASA engineers are nearing completion of the prototype space shuttle *Enterprise*. Paleontologists pick over the bones of "Lucy," a skeletal specimen of an extinct hominid classified as *Australopithecus afarensis*. Political lines and powers are as stable as political lines and powers can be. That night, California Governor Jerry Brown and San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson each presumably sleep with no notice of the newborn baby boy.

Pass ten years.

The boy's father treats him harshly, as some

fathers do, whether to denigrate or inspire the child, only the father knows. "Use your head," the father pleads, exasperated. "Don't you have any common sense?" When the boy stands up for another round of dinner, his father casts a judgmental eye. "Maybe that's why you look the way you do."

Through their working-class neighborhood, the boy walks to and from school. He earns no better than average grades. Socially, he's alone. Onlookers define him by his weight, the only characteristic about him that exceeds. He dresses similarly to his peers, but there the comparison ends. He ostracizes himself in deed and demeanor. Entering adolescence, he lags a shade behind. To encounters he brings awkwardness; inter-

nally, he struggles with the pain of interaction. Uninterested in athletics, he develops no sports skills and therefore can claim neither victories nor defeats nor the accomplishment of confidence. The lessons elude him.

As others grow taller and stronger, he grows apart, eating alone, walking alone; in a classroom filled with others, still he's cleaved of them. After the final bell rings, he lopes toward his family home. Along the way he is bullied. Two young men mock and insult him. They knock his tin Muppets lunchbox from his hand. They punch him. He's unharmed, though, and finally the older boys let him go, realizing he threatens no one, especially them. The child retreats further within.

Meanwhile, the pop-

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ulation of San Diego breaks the one million mark. Crime increases. Instances of larceny and property theft jump by thousands. By 1986, street gangs have learned the lucrative process of converting cocaine into crack. California and the Federal government have yet to ban assault weapons. Drive-by shootings proliferate.

Age the boy forward two years. 1988. Not quite teenaged, he's retreated further from the world outside his windows. Anything but reality. Action movies and comic books soothe his angst. Is it any wonder? In fantasy, the underdog comes from behind; the normal are transformed into extraordinary; revenge is sought and extracted from persecutors of the innocent and unassuming. One of his favorite films is *They Still Call Me Bruce*, a karate farce flick ladled with puns and stereotypes, featuring an affable, bumbling lead. The *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* cartoon series tethers him to the television.

His one connection to the city around him comes from the newspaper. He clips articles of

crime and punishment and collects them. Soon his collection more than doubles. He no longer saves the articles, he only reads them now, internalizes them.

Crime is reality. South of the outcast child's neighborhood 300 citizens protest the wave of violence by taking to Market Street and marching; some carry cardboard coffins as symbols of the killings. After the march, assailants in a passing automobile shoot a man in the leg. At a National Conference on Crime, San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Connor admits, "We are losing ground in the war against drugs."

Six months thence, in the summer of 1989, the end of the decade of decadence draws nigh. Mayor O'Connor asks Governor George Deukmejian to declare a state of emergency in San Diego and to commit \$34 million in state funds to combating drug deals and shootings in her city. Governor Deukmejian declines the request. San Diego swirls in a whirlpool tide of crime.

See the boy in high school, a teenager now. Accustomed to eating alone, on a lawn, on a curb, a park bench. Accustomed to walking alone. He orbits popular teenage culture as the Earth does the sun; gravity holds him to it,

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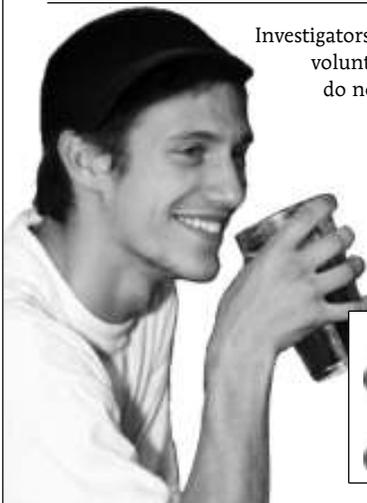
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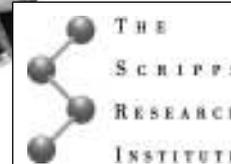
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light from it reaches him, he understands but can never touch it. His presence affects it very little.

On his way home from school again. Two older boys again. Different boys this time, but still taller than he. Again. This time, they're dressed in the matching red shirts that denote the Bloods street gang. The boys mock him. Punch him, just like before. One has a knife, but it only flashes in the sunlight, never jumps from the waistband where it lives. They order him to take off his shirt, bare his globular flesh to the light of day, bare his shame. The misfit teenager remains unharmed; the older boys let him pass. The pariah teen seeks solace in fantasy justice, more movies and comics, as an answer to his welling dis-

taste for street crime.

By 1993, every community in San Diego lives with the fear of crime, some streets and districts more than others. City Heights' violent crime rate surpasses the citywide rate

index, which includes all crime, violent or not, levels out at 72.75 incidents per 1000 people. Mayor Susan Golding endorses a plan for brighter white streetlights downtown and temporary expansion of

The Nag outgrows his online persona, buys superhero masks, and becomes Mr. Xtreme.

by more than double: there are 29 violent crimes for every 1000 City Heights residents, 13 violent crimes for every 1000 San Diegans of other neighborhoods. The citywide crime

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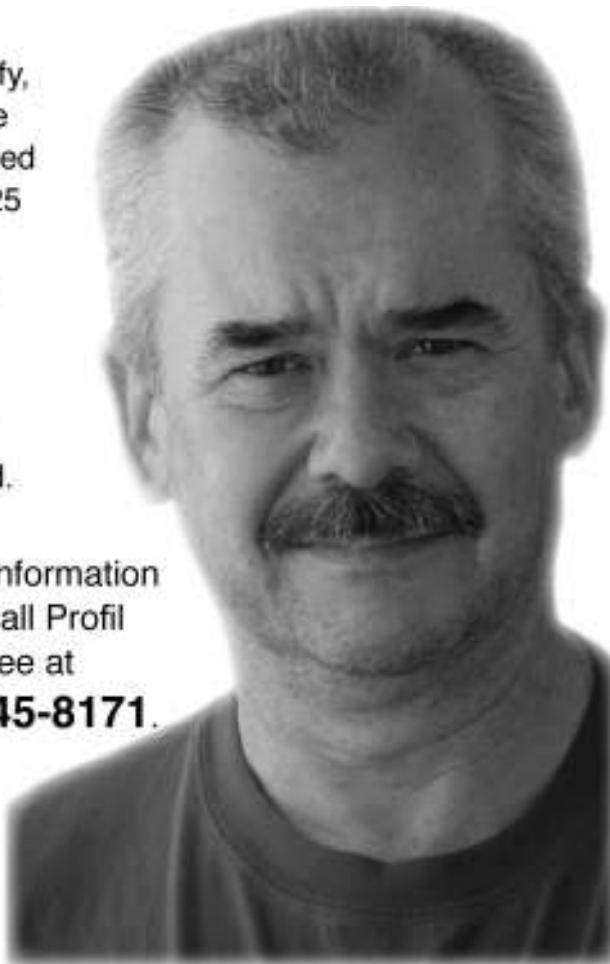
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just a doughy child in the eyes of his dad. At night, he studies plumbing and electrical at a junior college. He studies security. He tests to obtain a license in security and passes; California awards him a guard card. He enjoys the *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers*. He still follows crime news.

In 2002, San Diego crime rates drop to half of what they were a decade before.

In this year, on the first Friday in February, a man, Damon van Dam, tucks

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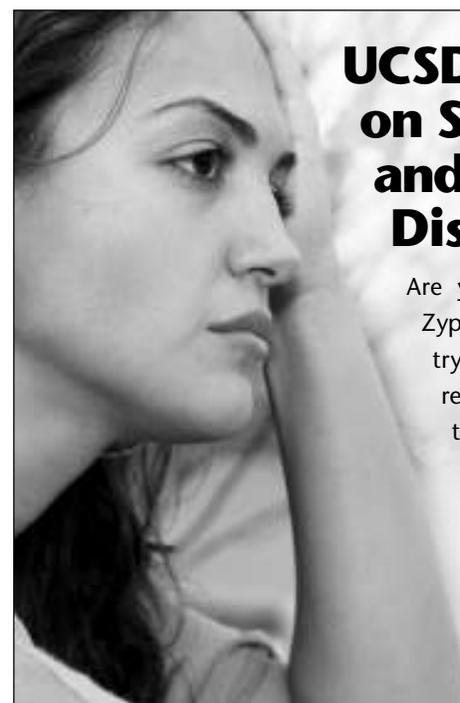
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finger rubbing her teeth. The ugliest of man's abject compulsions burst outward. Streams of it run in the city streets, and the details are relayed across the country in news reports. The event sickens and saddens many, our socially inept security guard included.

March 1, 2002, Lincoln Park, a gun battle erupts along Logan Avenue. José Misael Alegria-Urbe and Larson Tufi, teenaged boys, lose their lives that day. Wounded and running,

José collapses and dies near the doorway of Dr. J's liquor store.

January 1, 2003, Lincoln Park, a crowd of New Year's revelers mills about. A car stops, young men armed with guns disembark the vehicle and open fire, injuring four people and killing two women, Carol Waites and Sharen Burton, in the parking lot of Dr. J's liquor store.

May 1, 2003, Lincoln Park, schoolchildren find a body in a pool of blood in the back room of Dr. J's liquor store. The body is that of Eddie Meram, owner of Dr. J's liquor store.

Our man follows the news as closely as ever. He reads of the innocent dead that lie stricken, shot in the head, chest, and legs. Bullets bite and tear flesh like an inimical creature

commanded by wicked boys. Our man reads on. He leaves his maintenance job for full-time security work.

Advance three years. Three years of reading the

ities. Neither science nor providence has supplied to him magical or technological bracelets, lassos, capes, belts, glasses, superlative strength, or heightened senses. He

Bullets tear flesh like a creature commanded by wicked boys.

news, watching action movies, and daydreaming of comic-book heroes. Twice he leaves his father's house, and twice he returns, swatted back by an unforgiving city. He's now approaching his 30th year under the same stars that never afforded him superiority or alien abil-

would be painfully normal if he weren't so cast down. Still, in spite of his awkwardness, he wonders if he can't insert himself into the fabric, the porous boundary, between the innocent and the criminal. It's 2006 now, and already so much time has marched on without him.



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He wonders if he can change the course of wrongdoing.

Wait, though.

To understand our man, we have to understand his influences. Now he searches for an out-of-print comic, *The Human Fly*. Marvel comics printed 19 issues of *The Human Fly* from 1977 to 1979. It details the fantastic exploits of a stuntman, and its pages feature photographs of a real, live stuntman in the superhero's crimson costume. The stuntman of the book is Rick Rojatt. He captured America's attention and inspired the creation of the eponymous comic-book line, by wing-walking on a DC8 over the Mojave Desert. In real life, he jumps buses on a rocket motorcycle; in the comic, his illustrated avatar battles a campy arch-criminal named Copperhead. The book's tagline reads: "The Wildest Super-Hero Ever — Because He's Real!"

This fate swarms our man, our awkward guard. This fate: real-life superhero.

Through his family's computer he finds a network of others like our guard: the World Superhero Registry at world-superheroregistry.com.

He creates a persona known as "the Nag."

I meet the guard, the hero of this story, at a coffee shop to talk to him.

"Why 'the Nag'?"

"Because I nagged the criminals, I nagged the cops to do something; I was a thorn in everyone's side," he tells me.

"Did you ever patrol as the Nag? Were you ever in any scuffles?"

"No, I just made a MySpace page. Oh, also I called myself the Nag because of the group known as the NAGs in the movie *They Still Call*

Me Bruce. The name was inspired by them."

Those NAGs were a band of citizen enforcers, modeled after the Guardian Angels, famous from 1980s New York.

The Guardian Angels

In 1979, a McDonald's night manager formed a group known as the "Magnificent 13" and began patrols of New York City subways. The original

group of 13 grew to 48 as newspaper reports rolled out about the group's protectionism — 48 young men and women in red berets. They stomp the vomit of night trains with

heavy combat boots. *Time* magazine publishes an affectionate and outlandish article detailing an incident in which members of the Magnificent 13 stopped six men from rap-

ing a woman, noting that the leader of the Magnificent 13 patrol disabled the shotgun-bearing attacker with a "kung fu kick to the head."

Numbers of the Mag-

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nificent 13 swell beyond the 48, and the group changes its name to the "Guardian Angels." Now they patrol in waves. Now they openly and brazenly fight fist-to-tooth, knuckle and blood, with criminals and police. Now the McDonald's night manager, the originating member, receives a beating at the end of a police

baton, and the police dump him in a river. Now a Newark City police officer shoots one of the Guardian Angels. Apartment doors, known to hide crack dens, splinter open with a kick from heavy combat boots, and the Guardian Angels beat and menace the drug dealers and junkies inside. Their chemicals are

flushed, their pipes smashed and ground under black heels.

Heroes, the Guardian Angels are called. Vigilantes, they're called.

Magnify the details, though. The night manager faked his own kidnapping, beating, and dumping into a river. It never happened; it was pure fantasy. Stories of wandering gang members raping, pissing, swindling, robbing, and shooting — all deterred by Guardian Angels — flow from Guardian Angels' mouths; but in fact these stories

are small lies, exaggerations, or wholesale fabrications from the Angels' members. Some of those crack dens with splintered doors, it turns out, were normal apartments, the inhabitants working-poor citizens, lawful people, abused, and now so fearful of authority as to never seek redress of their civil rights. Some of the "known dealers" were nothing more than bystanders, pulled and pushed, hassled, their pockets surrendered, and the contents strewn over concrete in search of evidence that never existed.

The Guardian Angels and professional wrestling link together. The Big Bossman, a wrestler, becomes, for the World Championship Wrestling league, "The Guardian Angel," and wears the signature red beret. A wrestler named Vampiro heads the Mexico City chapter of the Guardian Angels.

To the Guardian Angels, lawfulness exists as a definite line, much like those drawn on the subway maps or streets, bounded under their protective patrols. The line delineates right and wrong,

legality and illegality, whether those offenses they fight are real or imagined, whether actual or fictional, as in pro wrestling, often faked; stories born of fantasy.

This is what vigilantes and superheroes are in the sunshine of day: imagination become flesh.

The Nag only ever existed online as a MySpace page. His nagging of cops and criminals occurred only in his own mind. But just as the Magnificent 13 outgrew their combat boots and became the Guardian Angels, our lowly security guard, the Nag, eventually outgrows his online persona. He buys superhero masks and becomes Mr. Xtreme, his first superhero persona who operates out in the world. He walks among us still.

His reception is typical of his previous existence, marked by both polite and impolite refusal of his presence. Mr. Xtreme dons a mask emblazoned with a skull. He drives the hot blacktop — past flowered offramps and beige weedy hills — from a small house in East San Diego, the Xtreme Cave, to the twists of concrete curbs and painted metal signs of the city center and the maze of streets called Hillcrest. He walks in the hot bright sunlight, exposed on the white sidewalks; he's in his death's head mask and genial Hillcrest denizens, tugging on leashed dogs, jogging in flimsy shirts, and concluding meetings over lunch tables, take a moment as he passes. Of course, people stare, as they stared at him in elementary school, as they stared at him in high school. He encourages that. He seeks attention that might discomfit others because it is a part of him.

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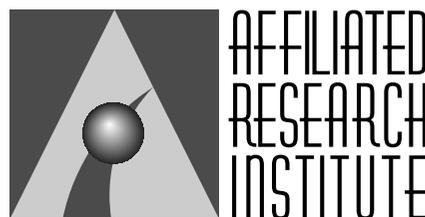
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He attends a Hillcrest community meeting and is asked to leave. The meeting organizer tells him that the skull mask disturbs the meeting and frightens people. Our man, however, persists. He wants to inform the police of the real-life superhero network, the World Superhero Registry, and how they're here to help. He wants to interact with law enforcement, get information from them as to where he might be needed and how he can serve. Again, he is asked to leave.

He buys a new mask, a camouflage one with large mesh eyes, similar to Mexican wrestlers' *luchadores* masks.

Over the next year, he attends other community meetings. The meetings are arranged for citizens to

speaking to councilmembers and police about crime and blight in their areas. Mr. Xtreme attends to do the same, and over and over again he's politely asked to leave.

Enter 2009. On Janu-

ary 10, the second Saturday of the year, the sun postpones its rise until 6:52 a.m. standard time, the latest hour it will rise this year. It reaches full height at midday, but the air is still crisp. San Diegans

Mr. Xtreme attends the Hillcrest community meeting and is asked to leave.

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Down 16th Street we follow a skateboarder. He enjoys an extended adolescence, because from the looks of his graying, shaggy beard he's seen 30 or more winters, but from the tiny wooden toy beneath his feet and the backward hat resting on his shaggy head, he looks to be pretending he's 17. Past Market Street, he slaloms his board along the yellow line, down the center of the street. He passes a church adorned with a blocky asymmetrical cross made from a string of Christmas lights tacked to its front wall. The vagrants depend on darkness, away from the lighted cross. One darts into the bushes, a lighter flickers. An ozone smell of burning drugs billows, and then a small pennant of white smoke rises. Around the bright cross sits no one; the addicts skirt its luminous range. Farther down 16th Street now, the skateboarder passes J Street, and in the abandoned forecourt of a former auto garage scurry more fiends and outcasts, dipping into their tents to retrieve God knows what. The windows of the former garage have been relieved of their glass, and it's been sprinkled about in semicircles on the fore-

court, and the chips of it twinkle on sidewalks and pavement, under the beaten tennis shoes of the vagrants and on the cement floors of the tarpaulin shelters. The skateboarder rides

into the cold dark, heading toward K Street. The full moon backlights dense clouds. Teenage girls hide their beers as the skater approaches. At K and 16th, the skater passes the inter-

section without noticing that on the corner, standing in a pool of yellow sodium light, is a man in a bright green shirt, a bulky black security guard belt, and a camouflage mask:

Mr. Xtreme. He's on patrol in this, the ugliest of neighborhoods.

Mr. Xtreme no longer carries a waistcoat of flab as he did as a teenager, but neither does he possess

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down. His arms curve like parentheses around the thick belt. Clinging to the belt are holsters and pockets filled with a first-aid kit, a long, black, baton-like flashlight, and a stun gun. He removes the stun gun. It fits in the fist, a short plastic horseshoe with double metal electrodes at each end. When Mr. Xtreme activates it, blue lightning arcs around the metal prongs. The sound cracks and chatters, formidable and alarming. He has no pistol; for himself, he doesn't believe in them. Which is the superhero standard.

What Is a Superhero?

Following a line back there are antiheroes of late: Spawn and Wolverine. Before them were giant beasts like the Thing and the Incredible Hulk,

mutated by mysterious scientific rays. There was Hawkman and the Flash in the 1940s and 1950s. Batman as well. Preceding them was Superman.

Superman is the line of demarcation. Superior abilities or powers had never been coupled with skin-tight, colorful clothing and a recognizable logo. Jerry Seigel and Joe Shuster created Superman in the early 1930s and sold the story and iconic image to DC Comics in 1938. They were the first to use the prefix "super" to describe the actions and powers of a person involved in protecting others from harm.

Before Superman, there was a radio serial and newspaper comic strip of a costumed detective known as the Phantom. The Phantom had no

superhuman abilities. Athletic and smart, he devoted himself to fighting crime but was not an alien as Superman is and was not imbued with strength from strange rays as were the Thing or the Hulk. He was not a mutant like the X-Men. The Phantom was a detective, the first crime-fighter to wear colorful tights and a mask in which no pupils are visible — which later became a comic-book standard.

Before the Phantom, heroes were either normal men, usually without a mask, who addressed social injustices, men such as Robin Hood and the Scarlet Pimpernel, or they were gods and demigods, such as Hercules, Thor, and Gilgamesh. There have been archetypes of human morality, bravery, or god-like powers since recorded

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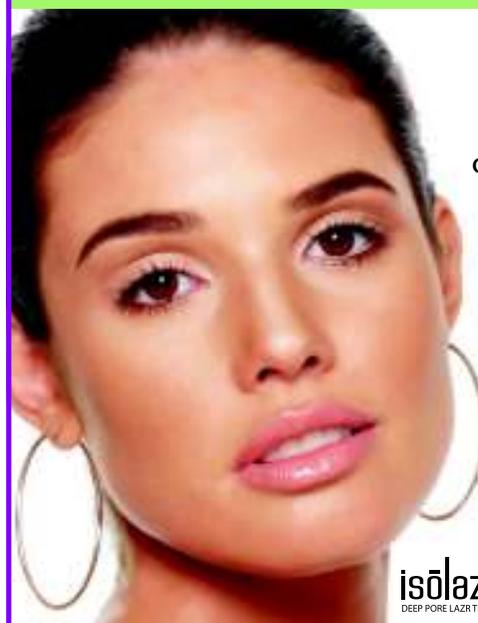
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If crime is down, perhaps we don't need Mr. Xtreme; or perhaps we do. Overall crime is down, but homicides are up 10 percent. Rapes are up 34 percent. Gang-related crimes — vandalism, drugs, theft — are up 8 percent.

We round 17th and

K streets. I can see 16th Street, where there are four police cars and two uniformed officers talking with a woman. She stands outside her tent and points to something in the distant night. The police write on pads and touch the radio microphones strapped to their shoulders. The cones of light from the cruisers undulate and carom across the graffitied brick walls of the former garage. The woman seems hysterical. I can hear her yelling and weeping from a block away. Another cop car arrives. For all our conflicted feelings about the police, we can say this: they are a force, a computer-connected team of able people determined to affect crime. I look to Mr. Xtreme in his security belt and camouflage

mask. He is not a force but one man in a costume.

"Do you think you help out here?" I ask.

"Of course."

"Have you ever broken the law?"

"Yes."

"By accident or intentionally?"

"Intentionally," he says, and touches his chin to think. "Let's see. I've jaywalked, jaywalked quite a bit, actually. I've littered; I used to smoke and throw the butts on the ground, but I don't anymore. I'd say it's been a long time since I broke a law."

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threat remains. But I've never hurt anyone, never used my stun gun as Mr. Xtreme. I don't violate anyone's rights. We all have the power of citizen's arrest. I wouldn't use it unless it was absolutely necessary, a clear situation that called for it. But I don't think I'd arrest anyone, even if they were dealing drugs or something. I might get close to them and watch and let them know I'm here, but I wouldn't want to take on the responsibility of arrest. I see myself as a preventative measure. Most likely, I'll end up stopping fights, or maybe an assault."

"Have you ever stopped a crime?"

"I've stopped a case of road rage — you know, prevented a fight." In this case, Mr. Xtreme had traveled to Chula Vista to

search for a sexual assault suspect. "Around Third Avenue, in an intersection, two guys got out of their cars, you know, ready to fight." Mr. Xtreme got between the two men. He held his hands out to block their eye contact with each other, and he told the men, "It's not worth it. It's not worth getting hurt or hurting someone, and it's not worth going to jail." The men got back in their cars and left.

"You were in Chula Vista as a volunteer to catch this guy, this molester. Will you show up for any volunteer situation, any search?"

"No," Mr. Xtreme says. "But for anything violent, for maybe sexual assault or kidnapping, murder, or rape — anything violent, I want to help out."

"Like Danielle van

Dam? Volunteers found her body."

"Yes, like Danielle. Anything like that and I'll be there."

"What are you going to do in the future? What is Mr. Xtreme becoming?"

"I'm taking correspondence courses in private investigation."

"Like a detective?"

"Yes."

"Are you going to be a PI?"

"Probably not. I'm taking them so I can help out more. So I can do more for the community."

There it is. He might be a bumbler, awkward and ill at ease — more *They Still Call Me Bruce* than Captain America. His résumé of crime fighting is still thin. But he's out there, and he gives a damn. ■

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Author: Louis Caru
Neighborhood: University City
Age: 58
Occupation: Wine salesman

Editor's note: This is the winner of March's \$250 second-place prize for our monthly neighborhood essay contest.

Deadline for the next contest is April 30, midnight.

To post your entry, go to SDReader.com/neighborhoods, find your neighborhood or campus, and follow the instructions to create a blog.

I popped the hood. "Not now, please," I whispered to the engine.

I had overdue DVDs and books to return, dry cleaning to pick up, groceries to buy, a package to send, a prescription to fill. The tailor called to remind me my suit was ready. And I was expecting a check at the post office.

Then there was work. I am an outside salesman, and a salesman needs his car as much as a cowboy needs his horse.

Neighbors gathered around the open hood and offered diagnoses. Out of gas. Dead battery. Bad starter. Bad spark plugs. Too much gas.

"Could be a number of things," said



Jack, the neighborhood sage. "Or could just be having a bad hair day." That brought smiles on this dark and dreary morning. Jack, as usual, was wearing his maroon robe and black slippers, held a coffee cup, and leaned on a cane.

A new neighbor joined us. She was in a pink hat, pink raincoat, and pink rubber boots. Her poodle wore a pink bow.

"The most problematic aspect of automobile ownership is the unpredictability." Her East-European accent

was strong. "An expert could promptly ascertain the dilemma here."

Yes, let's bring in the experts, I thought. And the sooner the better, because it had begun to rain.

The tow-truck driver loaded my car and drove away. The mechanic called shortly after lunch. "We can fix your car, but it's going to cost you a new engine. And they ain't cheap."

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within my budget and within University City, cars I could walk to. I quickly found a silver Ford Taurus. The price was right, and it was near the post office. What luck. I could pick up my check in the same trip. I'd have wheels by the end of the day, and I'd be back in action. I left right after lunch.

Within a few blocks of walking I found that driving had turned me into a stranger in my own land. I never realized how steep some hills were or how many office buildings had sprung up or how soaked a pedestrian can get when a car hits a pothole or how warm are the diesel fumes of buses.

I walked by a high school, where a group of students huddled on the edge of the school grounds. I assumed they were doing something forbidden, like smoking cigarettes or sharing dirty jokes or cheating on tests. But as I got closer I saw they had an iPod with small speakers and were listening to music.

On a chilly street corner an angel held up a sign advertising hot coffee. Her scanty costume was a white bedsheet and a halo of coat hanger and tinsel. She wore sandals. As I neared the cherub, I saw goose bumps on her bare arms, and her toes were red from cold. You'd never see that driving, I thought. Or smell the espresso.

The silver Taurus was standing at the curb. The young man waiting for me quickly apologized — he knew little about the car because it wasn't his car. A friend had asked him to sell it.

Other than the car had never been cleaned, it looked great. No dents, no cracks, no missing parts. The tires were good and the shocks firm. All the chimes chimed and all the blinkers blinked. On the free-

way, it handled well in the rain. But on the way back the "check engine" light went on. And stayed on.

"Better look into that," I said, and left the fellow scratching his

head.

There was now just enough time to get to the post office. Crows squawked like clarinets with broken reeds, warning of an imminent downpour. I ran, and I

almost made it.

Maria was behind the counter. I stood in the doorway, dripping.

"Bad time to be taking a walk." Maria had a reputation as the post office sense of humor.

She was observant, too. She noticed the disappointment when I saw my empty mailbox.

"Expecting something?"

"A check."

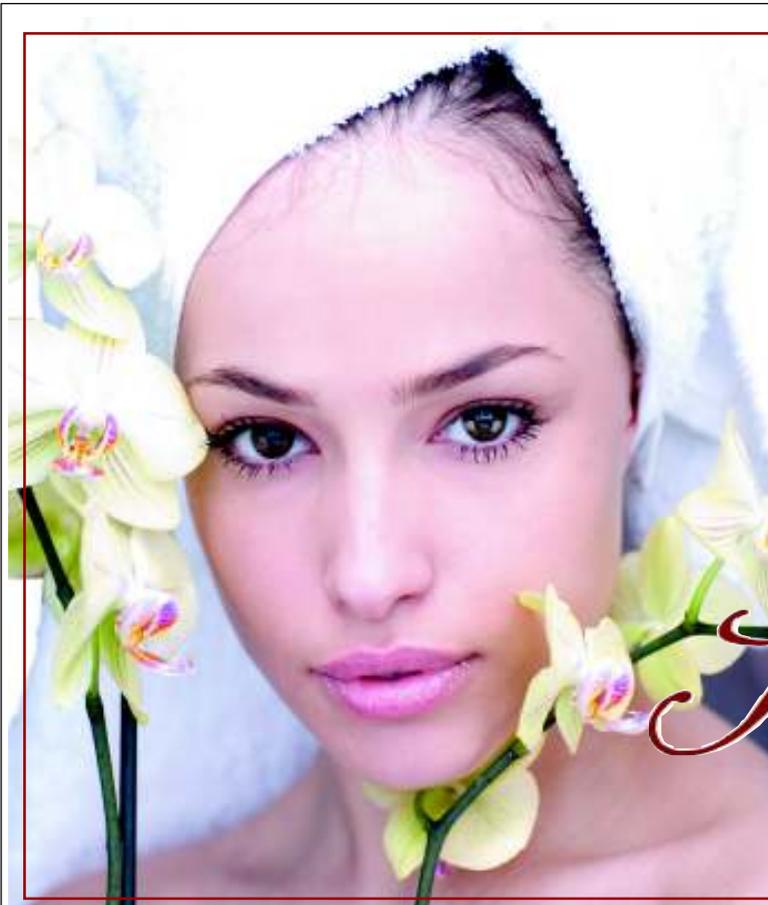
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There is a large fountain on the edge of my apartment complex, and parked across the street was a black Cadillac convertible. Even in the dusk and drizzle that car had character, beauty, class. Now, that's what I need to find.

DAY TWO. The next morning I found a red Volvo and a green Pontiac station wagon. In the photo the Volvo looked immaculate. It was at a used car lot on Miramar Road, and I left right after breakfast. When I closed my front door, crows hopped from the treetops and flapped eastward.

My walk skirted the Marine Corps air station, passed the water-treatment plant, and came to an overpass where the cars below looked like migrating salmon.

Someone had spent a lot of time detailing the

red Volvo. The chrome was gleaming, the wax brilliant, the windows spotless, the tires shiny black. The seats and carpets had been freshly shampooed.

When I opened the hood, however, it was another scene. Frayed fan belts; rusty radiator water; gooey, gritty motor oil; burnt power-steering fluid as brown as cheap syrup. The salesman wanted me to go for a spin, but after I'd seen what was under the hood I declined.

At a strip mall near my apartment complex I entered a soup-and-sandwich shop and met the new neighbor.

"Has your automobile been restored to functionality?" she inquired.

I explained the situation.

"Oh. How unfortunate." Then: "There was a

nice black car parked near the fountain this morning. Perhaps you should venture a look-see?"

"I saw it last night, but I didn't see a For Sale sign."

After my sandwich I walked to the green Pontiac station wagon. The quickest route was through Rose Canyon, following the train tracks to Regents Road. I'd never been down there before. The air was cooler than at street level and smelled like wet wood. I passed the decomposing carcass of a coyote — no doubt the victim of a train, its pelt dried and torn, white ribs exposed.

The cold wind increased so I quickened my pace. Avoiding rocks and puddles, I kept my eyes on the ground and my head down against the gusty wind, so I

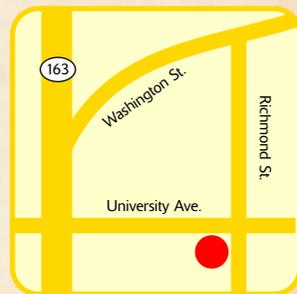
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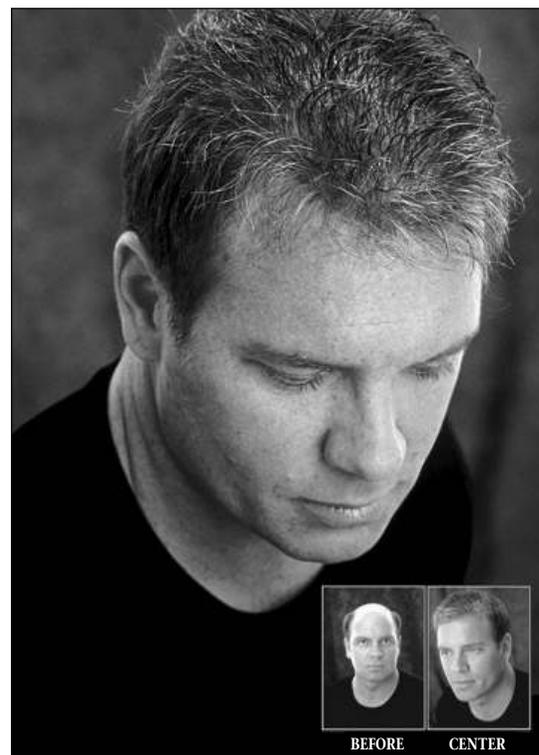
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didn't hear the commuter train behind me. When it blasted by my heart rocketed. Wow!

The Pontiac station wagon was in front of a doctor's office. The faded green paint once had been bright green; the roof rack once had resembled chrome. The cluster of gauges and dials, switches and knobs looked like the cockpit of a jet airplane. The engine roared to life and rocked the car when I accelerated. I feared this dinosaur would need as much gas as a Boeing 747.

The doctor understood my reluctance to buy his car, which he, too, referred to as a dinosaur.

"It's more of a family car," he admitted.

I passed by the fountain on the way home and noticed that the black Cadillac convert-

ible was no longer there.

I stopped at the grocery store and dry cleaners, so the day was not a complete loss.

DAY THREE. Maria called. There was a check in my mailbox.

Great timing, I thought, because my search had come up with "the deal of the century," guaranteed by the owner to be the best used car in University City. Ignore the high mileage, his ad said; she's been immaculately preserved. And forget the old beauty's age; she runs like a spring chicken. She had been driven and maintained by his late aunt.

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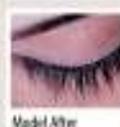
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windshield, and a bent antenna. The hood latch was stuck, and I couldn't open it. I saw a puddle of oil under the engine. One door had a huge gash, and the other was a different color. A rust patch on the roof was the size of a dinner plate.

I looked inside. Auntie must have eaten and slept in her car, living on fast food and using old

clothes for bedding. Maybe she was dead in the back seat, buried under the food wrappers and T-shirts.

I was not going to find out and walked quickly away from the "deal of the century."

Crows in the pine trees watched the whole scene as the owner pulled up. I was 100 yards away when he saw my back.

"Hey!" he yelled. "How much will you give me for it?"

"Hey!" the crows cawed. "How much will you give him for it?"

Hands in pockets, deep in thought, I headed for the post office. My lack of car-buying success was starting to gnaw on me. Sure, I was enjoying the walking. But I needed to start

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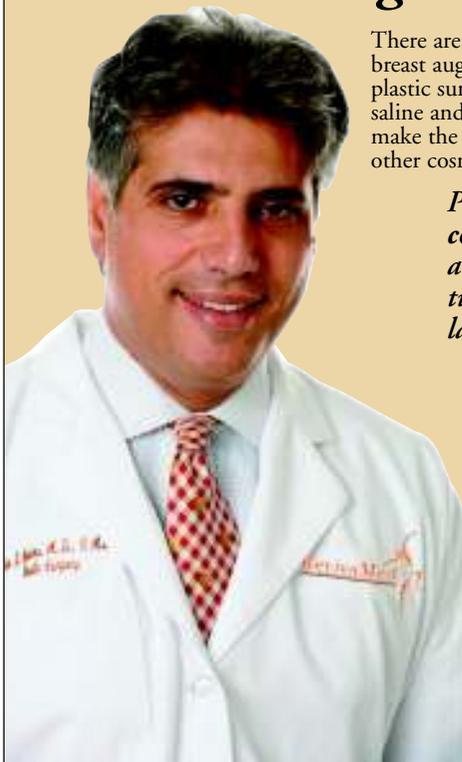
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"Guess you haven't found a car yet?"

"Still looking," I told him, and he heard the frustration in my voice.

"What about that black Caddy convertible, the one parked by the fountain?"

"I didn't know it was for sale."

"Had a For Sale sign on the passenger's side. Great price."

"Well, it's not there anymore. Someone must have bought it."

The check was in my mailbox. I gave Maria the thumbs up, and Jack gave me a ride home.

"You've been doing lots of walking these days, I bet?" he said as we shook hands and I got out of the car.

"Yes, I guess I have."

"I envy you."

DAY FOUR. I stepped out my front door into mist. My bank was in a high rise in Golden Triangle, less than a mile from home. I walked briskly, cashed my check, and returned.

On the way home I took a different street. By now the sun had burned through the mist, and the crows were tuning up again. I turned the corner and there it was, gorgeous in the sunshine. The black Cadillac convertible.

When I crossed the street for a better look, I saw the sign on the passenger's window. There was not a tear in the cloth top or a rust spot on the shiny body. I peered inside. Tan leather seats. CD player. Clean floor mats.

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"My wife passed away a few months back."

He insisted I drive it, and I obliged him with a

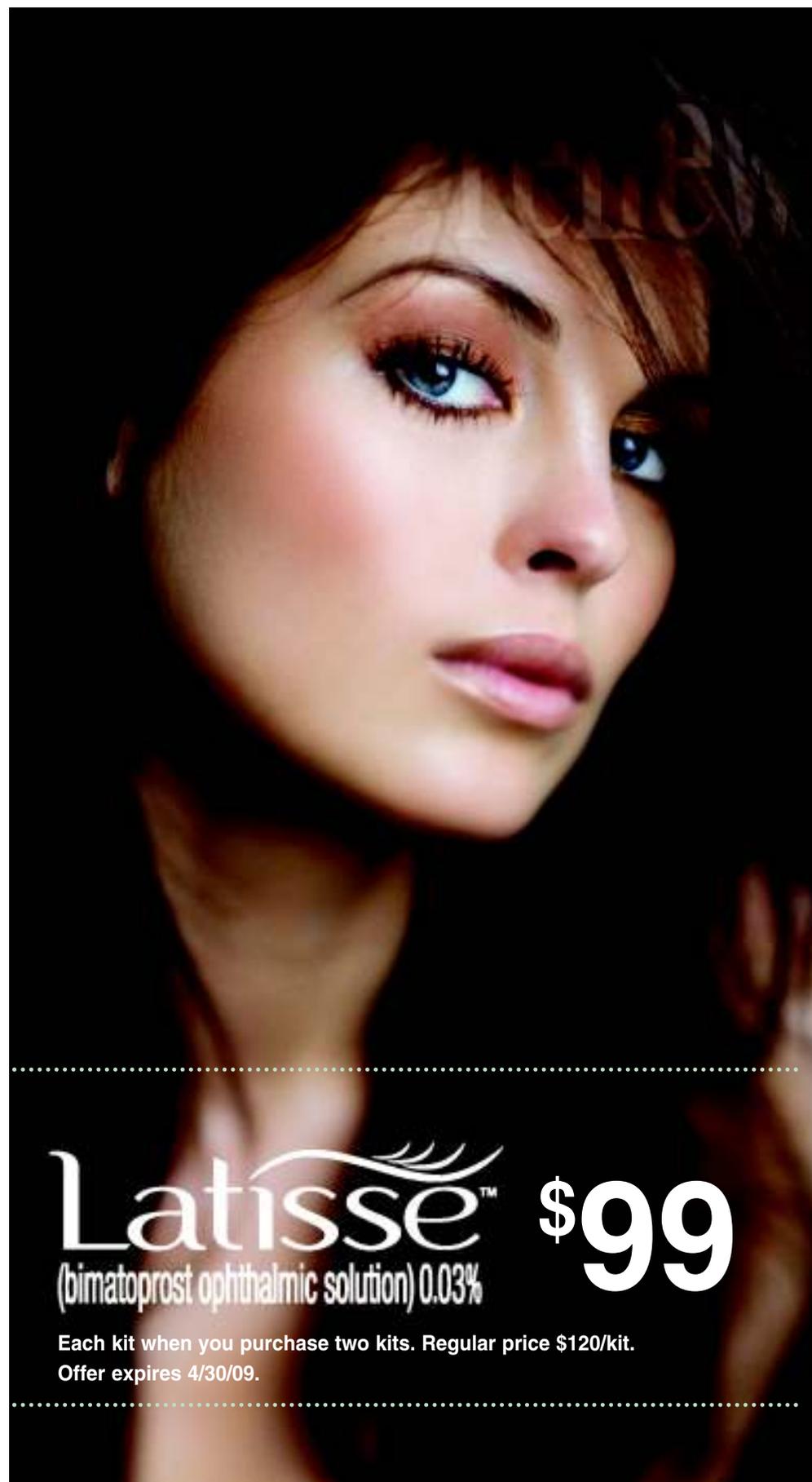
quick spin around the block. I handed him the cash, which he stuffed in his pocket without counting, and he handed me the signed title.

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I thought of what I had experienced during the last four days. "You know, it seems like I just moved in." ■

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LETTERS

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somehow threatening to all the non-veggers out there who feel they need to adjust their life to accommodate their ostracized friends. The vegan or vegetarian is then resented for being such a perceived disruption. Bottom line is no one really cares about the choices another makes until they perceive it affects them. People are inherently selfish.

We all have opinions. However, coming from a journalist's standpoint (which is what I am currently studying to be), writing opinions for media audiences' consumption has to carry a little more weight, as well as responsibility. A suggestion would be doing more research than looking up the ingredients of cat food, for example, or interviewing people outside of your own close social network. Please be better informed before you pass judgment on an entire group of people already vilified by the ignorant masses.

I realize my own bias

here and have refrained in this letter from getting on my soapbox to extol the virtues of a lifestyle I fiercely believe in. Why, when I have such an opportunity? Because that will discredit all the points I have made in criticizing this article, just as Barbarella's obvious bias has discredited her whole article.

Erin
via email

High School Algebra

This concerns today's *Reader*, Holy Thursday, April 9. Page 54, on the left side of the page there's an advertisement the full height of the page. San Diego Access Care. "Women 25-55...suffering???" It concerns uterine fibroids. And in the middle of the ad it says something that makes no sense at all. It says, "...you may have uterine fibroids. 3 in 4 women do. 80% affected are African American. Hispanics 2nd at risk."

Okay, just high school algebra. Let X equal the number of women in the universe. Three-quarters of them have uterine fibroids. So you have three-fourths of X. Okay, 80 percent of them are African American. Okay, 0.8 times three-fourths of X. That is equal to 60 percent of X; 60 percent of X equals Y. Y is African-American women with uterine fibroids. So, in other words, that's saying 60 percent of all the women in the universe are African-American women with

uterine fibroids. There's something screwy about that ad.

Name Withheld
via phone

Focus On Fear

I would like to say that your recent article about Tijuana is nothing more than attempting to sensationalize the problems at the border ("Mommy, Why Are They Shooting at Us Again?" Cover Story, April 2). At a time when the Mexican government is making huge arrests, seizures, and working cohesively, you choose to focus instead on some overly dramatized fear.

What you should instead focus on is the true unwillingness of the U.S. to deal with their own problems of gun dealing and drug addiction.

I have seen the changes in Tijuana, and you have not recognized them nor done anything constructive in your hit piece on the area. I truly believe this is more political than practical.

Max Katz
via email

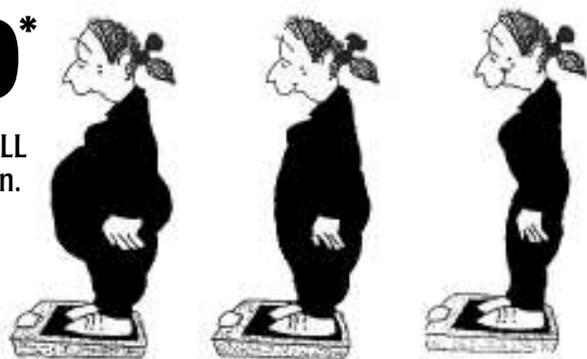
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About Tijuana: we could not obtain affordable dental service in San Diego, so we went to Dr. Erico Carreño in Tijuana (listed in the *Reader's* Baja beauty and health directory). As our dental work requires being in Tijuana very often, we have gotten to see another side of Tijuana not reported

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by the *Reader*.

We have never met anyone who is impolite or unhelpful.

We feel safer in Tijuana than on some parts of El Cajon Boulevard, with its drugs, guns, and prostitution. Certainly we feel safer there than in some U.S. schools, where there are student shootings and killings. In some San Diego high schools shooting classes are held, all guns supplied by the United States, as they are to the Mexican trade.

The most violent nation in the world is the United States — not Mexico.

As an aside, Tijuana has some of the finest hotels, coffeehouses, music lounges, restaurants, and shopping areas. It has wonderfully affordable medical clinics, health resorts, and spas, such as Las Rocas and Sanoviv in Rosarito, La Puerto in Tecate, and Thermal Waters Spa, Tijuana.

We have found reasonably priced tailors who do not charge two dollars to sew on a button as they do in San Diego.

Where else but in Tijuana can you ride a local bus and have someone serenade you with a guitar and song?

Where else can you sit at a taco street counter and have mariachi street bands perform music to cheer the heart?

Unfortunately, the *Reader* has been portraying Tijuana and Mexicans as extremely dangerous and degenerate. Do you think the *Reader* might balance your Mexican reportage by giving a more realistic picture of a nation rich in history and culture whose contributions to civilization were anything but guns and shooting?

Clyde Peston
University Heights

Get Me Out Of Here

In regards to the April 2 article "Mommy, Why Are They Shooting at Us Again?" Well, it *made me sick!* Just that day (April 2), a man murdered 13 people and then himself. How many

times has that happened in the good ol' U.S.A.?

The Mexicans get their guns from this country. It's so easy here. I've always hated Mexico. I think of it as one of the most ignorant, crooked, filthiest, etc., countries in this world. And

this country is becoming just like them. The very rich, selfish, and greedy, and then the poor. Pretty soon we will have cardboard shacks all over our hillsides. Oh, but it might be against the law here.

Thank God for that

Second Amendment. Here somebody stressed out, who's lost their job, has a mind disease, etc., well, they can always get a gun and kill, kill, kill. The drug war, well, Mexicans love drugs. Maybe it is something in the male Mexican's DNA.

Here we have the hicks, Republicans (disturbed), and a lot of brain-dead people (mostly men, of course). And these people who buy guns for protection and safety, nine times out of ten, the gun is never used in self-defense! Man kills wife.

Man kills wife and children. Child kills parents. Human hunting.

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Then even the poor will have a massive protest against their crippling government. They have a real lack of human rights, worse than China and all these other countries that the rich or the celebs get involved in. Maybe they ought to get off their *loaded* butts and protest against the Second Amendment. Maybe the government should offer financial rewards to all those who turn in their guns. Or

give them a bow and arrow, possibly even a knife, a sword. Also maybe all those rich and/or famous should start protesting for human rights in Mexico. Then the Mexicans could stay in their own country.

Meanwhile, would someone please send me a one-way ticket to one of those intelligent countries in Europe? I hate guns, and I hate people who like them. More people die from a gunshot

than an overdose of drugs in this sick country.

Kathleen Steeley
Rolando

Boots On The Border

In response to D.S.'s "Leaning Lane Leaders" (Letters, April 9): What movie are you watching? Military personnel numbers may have grown a bit recently thanks to extra reenlistment bonuses, but to think they have enough

men, women, and resources to secure a 1962-mile border is ludicrous — that's over eight times the Berlin Wall and Korean Armistice Line combined. Think about it. ¡*Mucha tierra!*

And that's not even the real issue. Even if we resurrected Alexander the Great and made it happen, the border was arguably an area of militarization from the late '70s to the early '90s in the form of the "low-intensity conflict" doctrine developed in the '80s as a way of combating perceived foreign threats to U.S. national security, i.e., revolutionary insurgencies in Central America, and was applied in the border region by military equipment and training. For example, by 1988 all nine border sectors were equipped with 22 OH-6

spotter-observation helicopters loaned or donated by the Army. Also in the late '80s, the Border Patrol gained access to military-issued M-14s and M-16s. And by 1990, the military became directly involved by the inception of Joint Task Force 6 (JTF6) as part of Bush's National Drug Control Strategy. Marking the first time active military personnel from all branches worked on the ground with local law enforcement in the border regions, JTF6's area of operation included a 50-mile-wide corridor running its entire length. From 1990 to 1992, it is estimated they ran approximately 775 missions. Was illegal immigration and drug smuggling thwarted back then? Ask my gardener; I can't remember.

I also question the notion that a heavy armed-forces presence engaging in an open and permanent exercise on U.S. territory during a time when we are not under siege en masse is the proper response to a few isolated criminal incidents. We have the Border Patrol to do that. Anytime we start letting agencies meddle in the affairs of other agencies in situations they are not trained to encounter, it causes problems. Here's an example: Prior to being made official, and unbeknown to local authorities, JTF6's first incident occurred on the night of December 13, 1989, near Nogales, Arizona. A group of Marines accompanied a Border Patrol officer on a training exercise and came upon some suspected smug-

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glers on horseback. Upon ordering them to stop, they fled. They're smugglers. The Marines then shot up a flare, and the smugglers fired at them. The Marines fired back, but no one was ever shot or apprehended. Instead, the flare torched up 300 acres of federal forest land. And so went the first reported firefight by active-duty military personnel in the War on Drugs.

As for your complaint about the raid in Washington, the Department of Homeland Security hasn't "stopped" the raids. They've issued a "partial moratorium" until they can review the policy and its proper application. This administration has repeatedly said it wishes to target employers of undocumented workers, not the workers themselves. This way a lot more than 150 Americans can apply for some of these jobs. Also, the detainees were given temporary permits to continue working at that plant only, not "work visas" as you wrote. Two very different things. Do your due diligence and find out about stuff before you go shooting vitriolic emails off to the *Reader*. Also on that note, Janet Napolitano was not even made aware of that raid until after the fact, and she was not a happy secretary. That's a clear violation of DHS procedure. I smell lawsuits on the way. So much for cheap tacos.

You talk about booting out all the "illegals" — 12 million people! *Buena suerte, mi amigo*. Think about it. Not even wackos like Sean Hannity talk like that. And even if we could resurrect Torquemada to make it happen, can we all afford \$5-a-pound produce? What's in your salad?

And my favorite is for last. You scoff at the "90 percent" number of illegal weapons in Mexico. That's the figure given by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives! Fourteen percent!?! Where the hell did you get that number, *the Minuteman Gazette*? Weapons have

been flowing from north to south for decades now. During these cycles of heightened unrest, it just gets worse. Back in '92, Mexico identified 5351 guns from the U.S.; 3367 in '93, though officials on both sides agree the actual number to be much higher. That was when all the narco lords were gearing up for '94, the last time a power vacuum existed on the border. And don't worry. After this one is filled, there will be another. Put all the Marines and walls and drones and censors and little No Se Pase signs you want. This cycle doesn't end until the War on Drugs ends. And that doesn't happen until real change comes and jingoistic attitudes and mendacious statements like yours end.

Bryan Varela
via email

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Posted by ParisL on April 8, 9:27 p.m.

Although Mr. Lickona has been to several "New Thought" Churches and spoken to several Ministers concerning their ideas about "what church is;" he has only quoted from the more traditional religions for this article. Why leave out a rapidly growing segment of the spiritual community? There are many Centers for Spiritual Living right here in San Diego which offer "church" and spiritual community. I think their voice should have been heard in this article.

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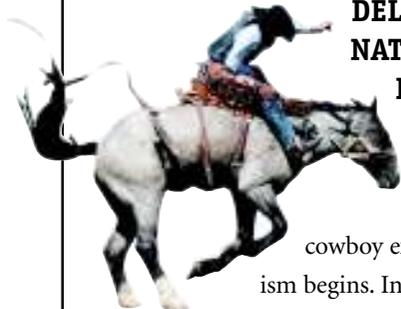
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Get the buzz on the town’s fuzz. Author and V.P. of the San Diego Police Historical Association Steve Willard presents vintage photos that depict the city marshals and constables that kept the dirt roads of San Diego safe in the 1800s. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

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HEAD TO TOE WOMEN’S EXPO



A three-day bonanza filled with opportunities for learning, shopping, and pampering. Experts include chefs, doctors, floral designers, entertainers, personal trainers, and TV personalities to speak on a range of topics. No woman left behind! See **SPECIAL**, page 65.

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The San Diego-based Blue Thong Society welcomes author Susan Swartz to discuss her new book *The Juicy Tomatoes Guide to Ripe Living after 50*. Women who “enjoy their lushness” and “squeeze the most from life” have the most fun. See **IN PERSON**, page 61.

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IDENTIFYING SPIDERS



The only two poisonous spiders in San Diego County are the black widow and the desert recluse. At this two-day workshop, learn how to differentiate the treacherous from the simply creepy, such as the harmless grass spider, the funnel weaver, or the giant furry tarantula. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

BUSKER FESTIVAL

Bring your small change, because these professional musicians, jugglers, and acrobats are busking for donations during this street-performance celebration at Seaport Village. See **SPECIAL**, page 65.



FRIDAY, APRIL 17: HEAD TO TOE WOMEN'S EXPO

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DEL MAR ANTIQUE SHOW

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¡VIVA TEQUILA!

Might as well start getting ready for Cinco de Mayo now. At this tequila class, sample Spanish tapas, sangria, and cocktails made with agave spirits. Plus, learn how to make ten different salsas for that party you’re planning. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 60.

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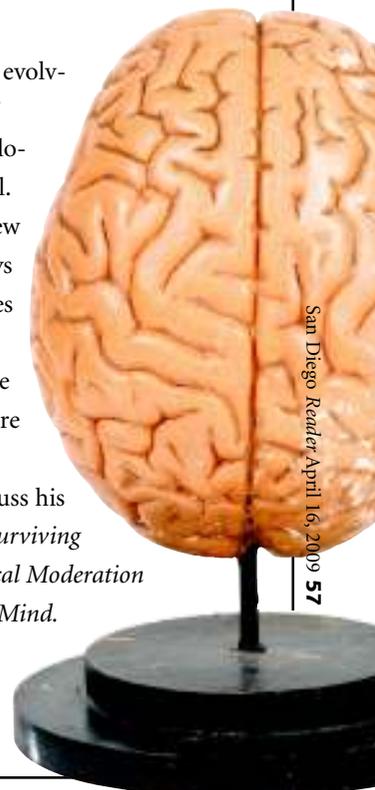
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DANCE

"Dance n' Dine" The PGK Project presents La Diego Dance Theatre. Fee includes dinner with wine or beer. Reservations: 619-474-3222. Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.; \$45. Café La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

"My Life as a Turtle" Choreographer Sara Shelton Mann presents dance "that is highly physical and challenges notions of time and space" in Studio Theater. 619-594-1017. Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m.; \$10-\$15. Ages 10 and up. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Argentine Tango Class Introductory Argentine tango classes, ongoing. No partner required. 619-393-1974. Fridays, 9 p.m.; free. Pat-

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Balkan Singing and Dancing Mary Ann Downs teaches Balkan dance songs, followed by dancing. 619-281-5656. Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.; \$4-\$6. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Belly-Dance Showcase Middle-East Ensemble performs cuts from new CD *Passage*, while Dilek, Sohaila, Talia and Wendy belly-dance. Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. Thursday, April 16, 8 p.m.; Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

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

Contradance Chris Page calls, Notorious plays. Dance hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage at 8 p.m. Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Friday, April 17, 8 p.m.; \$10. Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 Thorn Street. (NORTH PARK)

East Coast/Jitterbug L.A.'s DJ Brian Abe spins for swing dance. New featured class: East Coast/Jitterbug 1, plus Lindy 1 and Lindy 2

(7-8 p.m.). "Intro to swing" lessons for total beginners 8-8:45 p.m. 858-395-6060. Wednesday, April 22, 8 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Firehouse Swing Dance, at San Diego Women's Club; 2557 Third Avenue. (BANKER'S HILL)

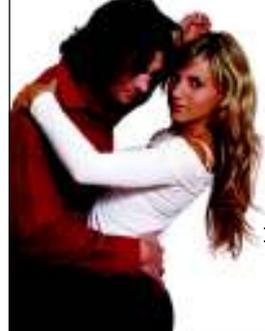
English Country Dancing Brooke Friendly calls for English country dancing. 858-676-9731. Sunday, April 19, 6 p.m.; \$8. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

FUSION Multi-Asian Student Association (MASA) and 220 Second to None dance team host tenth anniversary of FUSION, "the largest hip-hop dance competition in Southern California." 858-534-8497. Sunday, April 19, 5 p.m.; \$19-\$23. Rimac Arena, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Hustle and Nightclub Dance Party DJ plays hustle, salsa, nightclub two-step, and requests. For singles and couples of all ages. Hustle lesson: 8 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

Persian Dance and Music Iranian School of San Diego Dance Group gives performance in Schulman Auditorium. Tickets given out 1 hour before performance. 760-602-2012. Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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Chicago 10 Director Brett Morgen relays the story of activists who incited riots outside the 1968 Democratic National Convention in "documentary-like film." Morgen will speak after the screening. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Price Center at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Hula Girls Set in a declining Japanese mining town, this 1965 flick shows what happens when conservative townspeople learn the hula. \$5 lunch offered. 619-239-0896. Sunday, April 19, noon; free. Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

Insomnia Police hunt for the murderer of a 17-year-old girl in the Norwegian Arctic — where the sun does not set. In Swedish/Norwegian with English subtitles. 619-

271-1573. Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.; free. Hall of Nations, Presidents Way at Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Pray the Devil Back to Hell Liberian women bring peace to their country in this film for International Documentary Film Series, which focuses on heroic individuals, their stories of fighting for life and freedom around globe. Guest speakers lead discussion following screenings. Series is fundraiser for International Rescue Committee San Diego. 619-641-7510 x249. Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.; \$20. La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Se Devo Essere Sincera A teacher and a detective pursue a relationship while investigating a crime in this 2004 film directed by Davide Ferrario and screening for San Diego Italian Film Festival. Suggested donation: \$5. 619-238-7559. Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Super High Me Comedian Doug Benson seeks to "find out the true effects of marijuana on the human body" in this mockumentary of *Super Size Me*. 619-299-9360. Sunday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.; free. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

The White Balloon An Iranian girl sets out to buy a goldfish in film shown in conjunction with Carlsbad Reads Together program. In Farsi; subtitled in English. Screens in Schulman Auditorium. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, April 22, 6 p.m.; free. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Timecrimes Spain's Nacho Vigalondo wrote and directed this "deeply ironic and darkly funny vision of a world askew" that is part classic science fiction, part film noir. 619-236-5800. Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Who Killed the Electric Car? Evenings on Earth film series showcases *Who Killed the Electric Car?*

and *Coffee to Go* at 6:30 p.m. Call to reserve spot at optional dinner (5:30 p.m.). 760-757-3659. Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.; free. Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, 4050 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

French Film Noir "From Crime Scene to Popular Screen: The Milieu in the Cinema of Henri Verneuil" presented by Dr. Remi Fournier-Lanzoni. Verneuil is described as "the most daring among 1960's French film noir filmmakers." 760-750-4366. Thursday, April 16, 6 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Heritage Language Program Film Festival *The Other (L'Autre, El Akhar)*, first of five films shown in Muir College rooms AP&M 4301. This one is in Arabic and English. Refreshments. Free parking in lots 207 and 208. 858-534-0693. Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Lunafest! Lunafest film festival featuring diverse lineup of short films by, for, and about women. Wine reception precedes at 5:30 p.m. 760-436-7469. Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.; \$12. La Paloma, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Movies That Matter Two documentaries, *Refuseniks* and *Young Freud in Gaza*, kick off screening series. Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.; free. Centro Cultural de Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Two Boards Diverged on a Wave... *Between the Lines* documentary follows two surfers who made "very different choices" during Vietnam era. Photos and memorabilia on display for this world-premiere screening. Doors at 5:30 p.m., opening ceremonies at 7 p.m., film at 7:30 p.m. 760-721-6876. Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.; \$10. California Surf Museum, 312 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

FOOD & DRINK

Viva Tequila! Gear up for Cinco de Mayo with tequila class. Sample Spanish tapas, sangria, and cocktails made with agave spirits. Plus, learn how to make ten different salsas! Four-day advance reservations required (for those age 21 and up only). Behind the Scenes Catering Co., Tuesday, April 21; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; admission: \$45; 9888 Waples Street, 858-638-1400 (MIRA MESA)

Taste of Hillcrest Self-guided stroll leads to sampling of appetizers and desserts at over 40 restaurants throughout Hillcrest. Saturday, April 18; noon to 4 p.m.; admission: \$30-\$35; 3737 Fifth Avenue; 619-233-5008. (HILLCREST)

FOR KIDS

"Astronomy" Time for family science day with hands-on activities. Included in regular admission. 619-

238-1233. Saturday, April 18, noon; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Carousel of Hope" Fundraiser to benefit Childhelp (helps victims of child abuse and at-risk kids). Battle of the bands (featuring local kids), fashion/hair show, Wii competition, and silent auction. Bands include No Vacancy, Scratches n' Dents, Birds of Prey, the Something, and Return the Jackelope. 760-436-1812. Sunday, April 19, 4 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

The Magic Well Two sisters find hard work is rewarded in the land below the well in this play by Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, April 16; Friday, April 17; Saturday, April 18; Sunday, April 19; Wednesday, April 22; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

The Secret Garden Film depicts the story of a girl who discovers a secret garden, and much more, when sent to live with her reclusive uncle. 619-238-7559. Saturday, April 18, 12:30 p.m.; free. Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Carson & Barnes Circus Animals and performers galore! 580-326-2233. Thursday, April 16, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 17, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Satur-

day, April 18, 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$8-\$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Cotton Tails Along Sunflower Trails Learn facts about native rabbits and flora through songs, short hike, take-home craft during "Ant-Sized Adventures" parent and preschooler program. Reservations required: 619-582-6261. Thursday, April 16, 10 a.m.; Friday, April 17, 10 a.m.; \$2. Ages 2 and up. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Family Days: Fascinating Fluorescence Meet the animals that emit a soft glow from the light they absorb, and make a "glow-showy" craft. Included in admission. 858-534-3624. Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Family Drop-In Day: Young Art 2009 Program encourages exploration, learning about art on view through interactive games, child-friendly tours, storytelling, art making. For families with kids 6-12. Included in museum admission. 619-231-7092. Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m.; free. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

NanoWHAT? Family Science Day Delve into the tiny world of nanotechnology. Hands-on demos and activities. Free with admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m.; free. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

History for Half-Pints Learn about trees in honor of Arbor Day. Climb in tree house, make fairy house for woodland friends. Reservations: 619-232-6203, x129. Monday, April 20, 10 a.m.; \$5. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Weird and Wonderful World of Worms KinderNight program for children three-six years old (with an adult), promising animal presentation, craft, story, snack.

This month, learn about all the cool things worms do. \$11 program fee does not include admission to zoo. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. Saturday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m.; \$11. Ages 3 and up. San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Well-Behaved Teens Elaine Swann, nicknamed the "Etiquette Lady," instructs teens and kids (7 and up) in the art of manners. Participants can sign up for follow-up tea party to practice manners. 760-435-5590. Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.; free. Ages 7 and up. Ocean-side Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Wild West Family Day Make a sheriff's badge, watch a square dance, pan for gold, and sip on sarsaparilla while learning about "some of the worst train wrecks and disasters of all time." Kids 15 and under free. 619-696-0199. Sunday, April 19, 11 a.m.; \$6. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"A Year in Ink" San Diego Writers, Ink highlights authors from its second anthology with readings.

Collection, edited by Sandra Alcosser and Arthur Salm, includes excerpts from novels and memoirs, short stories, poetry. Copies available for purchase. 619-236-5821. Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Divided Friendship: Crisis at the Border" Activists John Fanestil and Christian Ramirez share thoughts and short documentary on plans to eliminate public access to Friendship Park — the stretch of beach where Americans and Mexicans can visit through the border fence. 858-459-4650. Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.; free. Ages 10 and up. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

"Romance with Simplicity" Roden presents pastel demonstration in conjunction with her exhibition of "still lifes created in heavily layered pastels." 619-233-7963. Saturday, April 18, 12:30 p.m.; free. Women's History Museum, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

Juicy Ripe Tomatoes Author Susan Swartz speaks to Blue Thong Society to speak about her book *The Juicy Tomatoes Guide to Ripe Living After 50*. 760-634-4957. Friday, April 17, 6 p.m.; free. Marriott

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Pain Killer Marketing Chris Stiehl reveals tips to thrive in these tough economic times. 619-516-2864. Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. (LA MESA)

The Open Road Travel writer Pico Iyer is set to sign and discuss his latest book. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

The Sandman David Lucero signs his latest about an Iranian nuclear research facility. 858-268-4747. Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

iBrain Neuroscientist Gary Small shares from his book *iBrain: Surviving the Technological Moderation of the Modern Mind*. 858-755-3735. Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.;

free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Comics That Kill Stand-up comedy with Sal Espan, Suzanne West, Stephan Kirby, Steven Garza, and Andrew Spano. Hosted by Jason Bang. 619-255-8635. Monday, April 20, 9 p.m.; \$5. Ages 21 and up. Riley's Music Lounge, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Cropper Writers Series Pulitzer Prize winner Natasha Trethewey reads her poetry. 619-260-4783. Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.; free. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Darlene Quinn Signs Book Described as *Devil Wears Prada* meets *Wall Street*, Quinn will sign her new book *Webs of Power*. 760-943-6402. Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.; free. Ages 2 and up. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Encinitas, 1040 North El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

David Benioff Benioff will discuss *City of Thieves*, the Southern

California Independent Booksellers Association 2008 Novel of the Year. 858-454-0347. Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Direct Democracy Tour Performance artists and grassroots organizers Jared Paul and B. Dolan give workshop and show (\$10 admission each). Workshop at 6 p.m.; show at 8 p.m. 858-822-3199. Wednesday, April 22, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$10. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Enrique Lombrozo and Betty Roth Four-hands piano performance. 858-454-5872 Monday, April 20, noon; free. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Kelly Corrigan Author of *The Middle Place*. 619-295-2201. Saturday, April 18, noon; free. Borders Books and Music - Mission Valley, 1072 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

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Kyle Mills The bestselling author signs *Lords of Corruption*. 858-454-0347. Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Magee Park Poets Charlene Baldrige and Lenny Lianne read from their work. Open reading follows. 760-602-2026. Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Mark Arax The bestselling author signs *West of the West*. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Michael Weaver Poetry Reading Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues in room LL-430 with reading by Michael Weaver, author of more than eight collections of poetry, among them *Water Song* and *The Ten Lights of God*. 619-594-5318. Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.; free. Malcolm A. Love Library at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

More of The Zookeeper's Wife Diane Ackerman reads from, discusses, and signs her "One Book, One San Diego" featured book. 858-457-3030. Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Pirates, Chickens, and Gypsies Technomania Circus stars the Human Jukebox, jugglers, fire spinners, the Weldermen, Aqua-Puke & Volcano Pimp, and more! Outdoor performance — warm clothing recommended. 619-231-1950. Friday, April 17, 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. The Center for Amusing Arts, 2438 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Poet Levi Romero The Chicano poet with New Mexican roots reads from his repertoire. 760-750-4366. Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.; free. CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

Poetryfest 2009 Jericho Brown, Trish Dugger, Teresa Gonzalez-Lee and Corey Taft make appearance to celebrate National Poetry Month. Open-mike event. 760-753-7376. Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Seeking Success and Inner Peace? Six-week class centers around Wayne Dyer's *10 Secrets of Success and Inner Peace*. Offering. 619-303-6609. Thursday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.; free. Vision Center for Spiritual Living, 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (TIERRASANTA)

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

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open story swap. Bring short (five-minute) true story, tall tale, or folktale to tell — not read — or just listen. Material must be suitable for general audiences. 858-484-1325. Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m.; free. Barnes and Noble Bookstore Mira Mesa, 10775 Westview Parkway. (MIRA MESA)

The Hinges Jason Horton and Steve Greene join The Hinges on-stage for improv comedy celebrating the excitement of spring. 619-414-7723 Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m.; \$8-\$10. Ages 21 and up. Theatrx, 155 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Tom Zoellner Q&A, book signing, and wine and cheese with the author of *Uranium: War, Energy and the Rock that Shaped the World*. 858-755-3735. Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.; free. The Book Works, 2670 Via de la Valle. (DEL MAR)

Woolie Shelley Undercover Linda O. Johnston signs *Never Say Sty*. 858-268-4747. Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.; free. Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (KEARNY MESA)

LECTURES

"9/11: An Historical and Ideological Perspective" Rob Leslie to explore "historical record for evidence of prior planned and false-flag operations." 619-222-2120 Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

"America's Finest Green City: Leadership Forum" Mayor Sanders, Donna Frye, reps from Barbara Boxer, Christine Kehoe, and Diane Feinstein's offices step out for forum on "climate change, greening our city, clean tech developments, and sustaining our local economy." 619-634-2720. Wednesday, April 22, 12:30 p.m.; \$55. Hotel Solamar, 435 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

"Beautiful Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" Seven principles of xeriscape, plant selection, planting techniques presented by landscape designer Jan Tubiolo.

Event includes lecture, interpretive tour of garden. Reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$30. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"China and North Korea" Political science department at SDSU hosts teach-in with Dali Yang (University of Chicago) in 140 Hardy Tower. 619-594-6245. Thursday, April 16, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Euripides the Humanist" Professor of classics and theater professor Marianne McDonald leads discussion in the Wangenheim Room. 619-544-0640. Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Floral Design Trends" Elizabeth Seiji shows off "the L.A. look" in flowers, as well as traditional arrangements. 619-222-5207. Tuesday, April 21, 2 p.m.; free. Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Jewish Composers in Popular Song and on Broadway" San Diego Jewish Music Festival continues with "Conversations from the Piano." UCSD professor Steven Cassidy provides insight on George and Ira Gershwin. 858-362-1348. Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.; \$14-\$18. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Keep Invasive Plants in Check!" Mike Kelly (California Invasive Plant Council) speaks for San Diego Garden Club with fo-

cus on "invasive plant species and their effects on residential landscapes and natural watersheds, such as Chollas Creek and Chollas Lake. Learn about fire hazards, invasive plants in canyons, and what to look out for in your garden." 619-269-6184. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; free. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

So, You Want Your Own Dog Pack Considering another dog, or already have a few? Learn to manage multiple dogs under one roof during workshop; training secrets, "tips for peaceful coexistence between your canine family members." For humans only. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. Wednesday, April 22, 6 p.m.; \$35. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Planting with Your Pooch" People-only class provides pointers on pet-friendly landscaping and dealing with chewers and diggers. 619-243-3424. Thursday, April 16, 8 p.m.; \$12. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Looting of the Iraq Museum Professor Donny George, former director of antiquities of the Iraq National Museum, to share insight into the post-invasion looting. 619-594-8456. Friday, April 17, 7:15 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

"The Once and Future Ocean" Paul Falkowski explains human-

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ity's intimate ties to the ocean. 858-534-3624. Monday, April 20, 4:30 p.m.; free. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"Where Science and Spirit Meet!" Physicist (and attorney) Ted Farrell explains how things can "exist in many places at the same time." 760-815-9462. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; \$20. LifeWorks Spiritual Center, 799 Pine Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Generation Me Dr. Jean Twenge shares research on those born in '70s, '80s, and '90s: a generation of freedom, independence and self-esteem, but also "depression, anxiety, cynicism, and loneliness." Twenge will speak in the library foyer. 760-795-6613. Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Alternatives to Conventional Medicine Eberhard Lasch provides insight into his Christian Science healing practice. Sunday, April 19, 4 p.m.; free. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Alternatives to Conventional Medicine (in Spanish) Eberhard Lasch provides Spanish lecture about his Christian Science healing practice. 619-885-2727. Saturday, April 18, 3 p.m.; free. Encinitas Christian Science Society, 514 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

Artist Lecture: Ernest Silva Gallery talk by artist Ernest Silva in art room 412, whose work is included in current "Animalkind" exhibition. 619-594-5171. Thursday, April 16, 4 p.m. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Brown Bag Lunch: S.D. River Foundation History of the San Diego River shared over sack lunch (bring your own). Included in museum admission. 619-232-6203. Thursday, April 16, noon; free. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrating Charles Darwin "Science and Religion: Irreconcilable Differences?" is subject of panel discussion for SDSU's Department of Religious Studies in room 206 of Extended Studies Center. 619-594-1105. Thursday, April 16, 4 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Creative Writing Class Author Lisa Shapiro helps writers improve creative writing, including fiction, family history, personal memoirs, and creative nonfiction. 619-588-3718. Monday, April 20, 2 p.m.; free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Effect of Sports on Psyche Bernard Michaels speaks on "Follow the Bouncing Ball: Game, Psyche, and the Religious Instinct" for Friends of Jung. 858-832-8003. Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.; \$15-\$20. Mueller College, 6160 Mission Gorge Road, 3rd floor. (GRANTVILLE)

First Aid for Dogs and Cats American Red Cross class covers treatments for pet emergencies including choking, shock, poisoning, and broken bones. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m.; \$55. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Friends of Anthropology Lecture series welcomes Cornell professor Meredith Small to speak in

Tula Hall on "The Natural History of Babes: How Biology and Culture Shape the Way We Parent." 619-594-5527. Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Get to Know Koi Koi lectures for visitors to learn about koi, become acquainted with garden's new koi. 619-232-2721. Tuesday, April 21, 10 a.m.; free. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Home Grown Watering "Watering the Garden — Knowing When to Water, Using Soaker Hoses and Drip Irrigation" is subject when master gardeners Diane Hollister and Pete Ash speak for community gardening series. Reservations: 800-262-4167 x4. Saturday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.; free. El Corazon compost facility, 3210 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

Identifying Spiders Learn to identify many of the 400 spider species of San Diego and Baja in 2-day workshop. First day (April 18) will be spent with microscopes. Field trip on second day (April 25). 619-255-0203. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; \$35-\$43. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Ikebana Flower Show Grandmaster Akiko Bourland demonstrate the art of Ikebana. 619-388-1877. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; free. San Diego Continuing Education West City Campus, 3249 Fordham Street. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Improv Workshop Jason Horton leads "Long-Form Improv: Back to Basics" class. 619-414-7723. Saturday, April 18, 12:30 p.m.; \$25. Sews and Shows Community Theatre, 7860 Golden Avenue. (LEMON GROVE)

Inside Tips on Offer! Hostelling International presents "Europe 101," with tips for traveling in Europe on a budget — trip planning, packing, transportation, safety, cultural awareness, more. 619-338-9981 x14. Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.; free. Adventure 16 Oceanside, 2002 South Coast Highway 101. (OCEANSIDE)

Intro to 3-D Animation Learn what it takes to "make an animated movie through an entertaining presentation." 858-573-5007. Wednesday, April 22, 4 p.m.; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

LIFE at MiraCosta Learning group welcomes Yaja Boren at 1 p.m., who will describe time she spent in five concentration camps as a child during WWII. At 2:30 p.m. Dr. Francisco Rodriguez shares a vision "for the next generation of community education at MCC." 760-721-8124. Friday, April 17, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Opera Previews North! Musicologist Ron Shaheen offers look at *Peter Grimes* by Benjamin Britten. Tickets distributed at 9:15 a.m., lecture at 10 a.m. 760-434-2904. Saturday, April 18, 9:15 a.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at



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Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Raptor Rap Expert Dave Bittner shares his experience with this wildlife species. 619-682-7200. Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

The Early Days of the San Diego Police Dept. Steve Willard, author and V.P. of the San Diego Police Historical Association, shares a visual history of the early days of S.D.P.D. through vintage photos. Part of "Third Thursday Author Series." Fee: \$35 at door includes lecture, book; pay \$15 for lecture only. Tickets: 619-297-9327. Thursday, April 16, 6 p.m.; \$15-\$35. Adobe Chapel, 3963 Conde Street. (OLD TOWN)

The Last Barnstormer Al Christman talks about his daredevil father, "Upside-Down Jim," for San Diego Independent Scholars. "The Last Barnstormer: Flying Through the Great Depression" will be held at the Chancellor's Complex, room 111A. 619-296-4055. Saturday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Star Jasmine's Perfume, exuded from clusters of small, white flowers, will continue to scent San Diego's spring breezes until sometime in June. Not a true jasmine, or *Jasminum*, star jasmine belongs to the genus *Trachelospermum*. In both public and private spaces, it has been widely planted as an ornamental ground cover and as a trellised vine.

Snakes, encouraged by recent warm temperatures, have already emerged from burrows and rock crevices to hunt for prey throughout the county's lower-elevation hillsides and canyons. Gopher snakes, garter snakes, king snakes, rosy boas (all harmless), and three varieties of rattlesnakes — red diamond, speckled, and Southern Pacific rattlesnakes (all poisonous) — have been sighted. Close encounters with rattlesnakes are not uncommon wherever residential properties abut undeveloped land, a common situation throughout San Diego County.

Bracken Ferns are rising on the higher mountains of San Diego County, their bright green, unfolding fronds (called "fiddleheads") pushing up through the russet remains of last year's growth. Look for waist-high bracken fern along the creeks and hollows of the Palomar, Cuyamaca and Laguna mountains.

A Dramatic Occultation of the planet Venus by the waning crescent moon takes place during early morning on Wednesday, April 22. The word occult means "to hide" or "hidden" — and that's just what the moon does to Venus by passing

in front of it from Earth's point of view. Both the crescent moon and the brilliant planet Venus will be hovering over the east horizon in deep morning twilight at 5 a.m. At around 5:07 a.m., the moon's sunlit crescent limb will start covering up Venus, a process lasting around 30 seconds. Venus will remain hidden until around 5:55 a.m., when it gradually emerges from behind the dark limb of the moon in a brightly lit twilight sky. Binoculars or a telescope will greatly enhance the view of the event. For San Diegans, this will be 2009's most spectacular astronomical sight. City residents, however, may have to head east into the eastern suburbs or the mountains to evade the early-morning low clouds that typically extend some miles inland from the coast around this time of year.

The Lyrid Meteor Shower peaks during the early-morning hours of Wednesday, April 22. If you have traveled far enough east away from city lights to enjoy the Venus occultation listed above, then keep an eye out for some of the 15 or so meteors you might see per hour at the peak of this annually occurring meteor shower. Meteors belonging to this shower appear to emanate from the constellation Lyra (the Harp), which contains the bright blue star Vega.

A Bloomin' Walk in the Park!

Explore local flora, fauna, ecology, history, and culture during trail guide-led walks. Starts from Visitor and Interpretive Center. 619-668-3281. Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Birding at the Lake Join Palomar Audubon Society birders for

outing. 760-451-9370. Saturday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.; free. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (LA MESA)

Birding the Marsh Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Reservations: 619-409-5900. Sundays, 11 a.m.; through Sunday, April 26, free. Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. (CHULA VISTA)

Breeding Birds Audubon Society takes field trip seeking spring breeders. 760-451-9370. Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m.; free. Whelan Lake Bird Sanctuary, 3650 North River Road. (OCEANSIDE)

Compost Happens Master composters lead composting workshop with instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. Rain cancels. 760-839-6216. Saturday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.; free. Escondido Community Garden, Centre City Parkway, between El North Pkwy & Mission Ave. (ESCONDIDO)

Earth Day Cleanup Water, snacks, trash bags provided. Long pants, hiking shoes, gloves, hat, and sunscreen are in order. (Parking available at Avenida de Anita.) 760-434-2978. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.; free. Buena Vista Creek Ecological Preserve, at the end of Haymar Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Eco-Reserve Volunteer Work Party Join volunteers to clean up, take part in trail maintenance and habitat restoration. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants. Reservations: 760-436-3944. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

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Mystery Walk Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect "a lot of map reading." Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, April 17, 7 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Nature Walk for Families Bring young children for outing to "find fabulous flowers." Walk starts at Rios Avenue trailhead, found at north end of Rios Avenue. 760-436-3944. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

Occasionally Strenuous Take in the scenery during 4-mile hike with naturalist Rick Paul. Meet at Cougar Pass parking lot. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

Rediscover Escondido Walking tour led by Escondido History Center guide, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, April 21, 6 p.m.; free. Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Rocks and Rattlers Naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 4.5-mile hike and discusses local geology and how to recognize potentially dangerous

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Seaside Native Plant Tour Short walking tour (1.5 miles) of 15 native plant gardens begins from St. Mary's parking lot. Sponsored by the Buena Vista Native Plant Club and the Oceanside Coastal Neighborhood Association. 760-439-2473. Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.; free. Saint Mary, Star of the Sea School, 515 Wisconsin Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

The Long or Short of It Canyoners plan short walk along grape arbors. Stay an hour longer for additional hike after lunch break. 619-255-0203. Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.; free. Louis Stelzer County Park, 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

Tree Time Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Cop Walk Walkabout plans trek to new location of police museum. 1-hour walk with free museum tour and optional lunch. Meet Lorraine at table in front of Vons (6615 El Cajon Boulevard). 619-583-7644. Wednesday, April 22, 11 a.m.; free. San Diego Police

Museum, 4710 College Avenue. (COLLEGE AREA)

Where Was Wyatt Earp's Favorite Oyster Bar? Find out when San Diego Architectural Foundation hosts tours of historic Gaslamp Quarter. Learn about area's architectural evolution from 1880s dirt streets and saloons to current restorations and adaptive reuse projects. Tours begin at Arts Tix kiosk. 619-232-1385. Saturday, April 18, 9:50 a.m.; \$8-\$15. Ages 10 and up. Horton Square, 225 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Work Party in Silverwood Sanctuary Help restore trails during work event. Work gloves, tools, refreshment provided. 619-682-7210. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.; free. Silverwood Sanctuary, 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road. (LAKESIDE)

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Take the Train to Tecate Baja California Tours hosts vintage train excursion. Fee includes transportation to and from Campo Depot, train ride to Tecate, shopping, lunch in Tecate at La Tradición. Reservations: 858-454-7166. Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m.; \$123. Kings Inn San Diego, 1333 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

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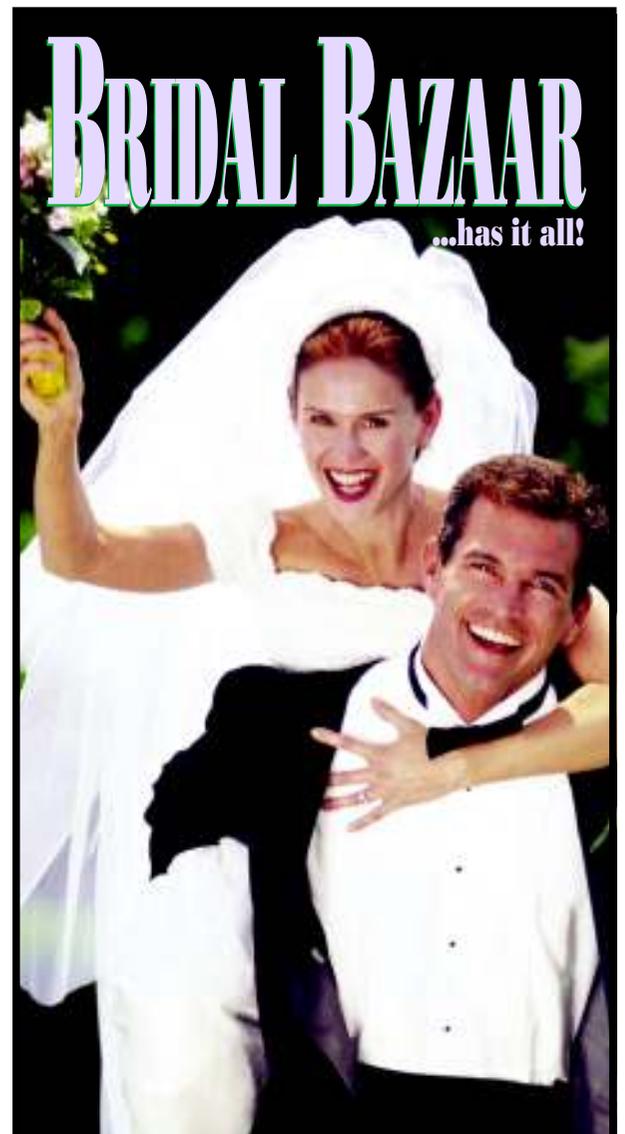
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20th Annual Earth Fair Huge environmental event and Earth Day celebration. 858-272-7370. Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Alice in Wonderland Goes Goth Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School. "Bring your art supplies and draw, drink, listen to great tunes, and compete in silly contests for fabulous prizes." Every third Saturday. This month Mija Macabre (as goth Alice) is subject. 619-299-7372. Saturday, April 18, 3 p.m.; \$10. Ages 21 and up. Ruby Room, 1271 University Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Ask the Designer Professional landscape designer Connie Beck offers personalized, 45-minute landscape design consultation. Bring a photograph of your area, ideas from magazines, project dimensions for practical advice, suggestions for creating a low-water landscape. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.; \$60-\$75. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

Behind the Scenes of a Vet Clinic Doctors and staff offer "fun, food, and education" about the inner working of an animal hospital. "Well-mannered pets and children" welcome. 760-634-2022. Saturday, April 18, 4 p.m.; free. All Pets Animal Hospital, 285 North El Camino Real, Suite 105. (ENCINITAS)



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Bicycling Swap Meet All manner of bicycling equipment on offer. 619-573-4953. Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; San Diego Velodrome, 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

Book and a Beer Club Calling all "beer geeks and bookworms" to discuss *Red, White, and Brew: An American Beer Odyssey* with the author, Brian Yaeger. Requested reservations: 760-471-4999 x1700. Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m.; free. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Bridal Showcase Tastings, jewelry, accessories, music, flowers, and fashion on display. 858-487-1866. Sunday, April 19, 11 a.m.; \$7-\$10. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Busker Festival Celebration of busking street performers (those who play for tips), with numerous professional performers including musicians, jugglers, circus acts. "Busker After Dark" for those 18 and older after 7 p.m. Donations accepted. 619-235-4014. Saturday, April 18, noon and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, noon and 7 p.m.; free. Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

City-Wide Scavenger Hunt Teams of four compete in challenges on urban adventure to raise funds for Alzheimer's Association. Registration: 858-492-4400. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. Embarcadero Marina Park South, 206 Marina Park Way. (DOWNTOWN)

Day at the Docks Saltwater sportfishing celebration brings out 25,000 enthusiasts every year. Boat rides and tours, seminars, and demonstrations centered around catching and cooking fish. 619-234-8793. Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m.; free. Sportfishing Landings. (POINT LOMA)

Del Mar Antique Show Antique dealers from all over the west offer antiques, vintage collectibles, and decorator items during Calendar Antique Show in O'Brien and Bing Crosby Halls. Antique ap-

praisal booth (\$5 per item). Also on hand: repair and restoration artisans expert in fields of glass, crystal, porcelain, pottery, rugs, jewelry. 800-943-7501. Friday, April 17, 11 a.m.; Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 11 a.m.; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Earth Day Party Green presentations by Sunbelt authors Diana Lindsay (*Anza-Borrego A-Z*), Leland Fetzer (*The Cuyamacas: The Story of San Diego's High Country*), and Bette Blaydes Pegas (*Chasing a Dream in the Galapagos: A Personal Evolution*), in addition to refreshments and open warehouse shopping. 619-258-4911. Wednesday, April 22, 4 p.m.; free. Sunbelt Publications, 1256 Fayette Street. (EL CAJON)

Gem Faire Nearly 100 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offer jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, minerals. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. Friday, April 17, noon; Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.; \$5. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Head to Toe Women's Expo Weekend of fashion shows, workshops, shopping, pampering, makeovers, inspirational speakers, more. 619-491-0677. Friday, April 17, 10 a.m.; Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Holocaust Commemoration "Remember, Honor, and Teach" is theme for this year's program in Garfield Theater. 858-571-3444. Sunday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.; free. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Japanese Spring Festival Koto performance, dancers, tea ceremony, and judo demonstrations in celebration of Japanese culture. 760-757-2121 x7757. Wednesday, April 22, 12:50 p.m.; free. Mira-Costa College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Lux Estate Sale High-end merchandise sale — clothing, furniture, sport equipment, antiques — benefits education programs. 760-436-6611. Saturday, April 18, 10

a.m.; free. Lux Art Institute, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Magic Up Close "Intimate Miracles" show of "cards, coins, and dice" limited to 25 seats for up-close experience. 619-574-9463. Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Wine Cabana, 2539 Congress Street. (OLD TOWN)

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

Mission Hills Historic Home Tour Fourth annual docent-led tour includes prairie-style, Craftsmans, and mission-influenced homes. Proceeds benefit Mission Hills preservation efforts. 619-497-1193. Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.; \$20-\$25. Mission Hills Heritage Center, 325 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

MotorCars on MainStreet Car show with over 400 pre-'73 cars and trucks. Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.; free. Downtown Coronado. (CORONADO)

Oceanside Days of Art Fine arts festival with 120 booths of art, food, and performance artists. 760-433-3632. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.; free. Oceanside Civic Center, 300 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference Lectures, tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured. Admission is free; \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. Saturday, April 18, noon; Sunday, April 19, noon; free. Alexandra's Bookstore, 3545 Midway Drive, Suite G. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

R-Rated Trivia Trivial fun returns with "mini-games, comedy, and 'will it float?'" Cost: \$3 per person. Winning team takes all "or come play for free if you just want to see and be seen by highly educated drunks." 619-294-4848. Sunday, April 19, 8 p.m.; \$3. Ages 21 and up. The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Ramona Open Studios Tour Tour artists' studios around Ramona. Eighteen artists showcasing glass, paintings, sculpture, jewelry, pine needle basketry, ceramics, woodwork, metalwork, and photography. 760-789-7131. Saturday,

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

Rock the Earth Musical Festival First annual event celebrates "efforts to save our planet." Two live music stages, food, merchandise, and beer garden. Featuring performances by C. Money, the Electric Waste Band, Ishmael and the Peacemakers, Knights of Monte Carlo, Jason Ott, the Bigfellas, the Hypnotist, Lobster Bob, Bad Science Fiction, and Kingfish Jones Band. 619-224-4906. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.; free. Pier Parking Lot, Foot of Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Spring Flower Show and Book Fair 84th annual Coronado Flower Show coincides with the 39th Annual Friends of the Coronado Library Book Fair. Musicians play from the bandstand. 619-435-0290. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m.; free. Spreckels Park, 601 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.; free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Summer Camp Fair Over 70 camp programs on board for Coast North County Summer Ac-

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tivity Fair. Meet camp organizers and plan summer activities. 858-232-7420. Sunday, April 19, noon; free. Del Mar Hills Academy of Arts & Sciences, 14085 Mango Drive. (DEL MAR)

The House of Colombia Lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk on Water Students design, construct, and race buoyancy "shoes" across Sports Center pool during annual competition. Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.; free. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Whittaker Chambers San Diego Great Books discussion of *Witness*, the autobiography of the man who testified against Alger Hiss. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Wild West Expo Art, history, furniture, and style of American West. In O'Brien and Bing Crosby Halls. 626-791-8310 Friday, April 17, 11 a.m.; Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 11 a.m.; \$8. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Writers' Workshop Meet author Carlene Rae Dater and meet other writers, get writing practice, explore publishing possibilities during group meeting monthly on third Tuesday. 619-469-2151. Friday, April 17, 10 a.m.; free. Ages 18 and up. La Mesa Library, 8074 Allison Avenue. (LA MESA)

SPORTS

Chollas Lake 5k Fun Run Take on trail running at cross-country lake course. 619-890-6067. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.; \$30. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Collegiate Nationals Wakeboarding Championship Top 16 universities compete at Hidden Anchorage Cove in Mission Bay. 910-352-2389. Thursday, April 16, 9 a.m.; free. Hidden Anchorage Cove, 2606 North Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Del Mar National Horse Show Giddyup! It's Western Week. 858-792-4252 Thursday, April 16, 8 a.m.; Friday, April 17, 8 a.m.; Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Elfin Forest Bicycle Ride San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 70-mile ride "all over North County." 858-277-7499. Sunday, April 19, 8:45 a.m.; free. Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

FMX Team Energy Cup Freestyle motocross competition in Open Sky Theater. Weekend pass for \$35. All-ages show on Sunday. 310-410-3020, x309. Friday, April 17, 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, 3 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Harrah's Rincón, 777 Harrah's Rincón Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

ISF Middle School Surfing Interscholastic Surfing Federation hosts surfing event for Orange

County middle school students. Meet at South Pier Beach. 714-960-9107. Saturday, April 18, 7 a.m.; Sunday, April 19, 7 a.m. Oceanside Pier, Mission Ave and Pacific St. (OCEANSIDE)

Julian Death March Calling all hard-core mountain bikers! 11,000 feet of climbing awaits. Annual competition covers over 80 miles of trail. Info line: 760-765-2200. Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m.; free. Frank Lane Park, 2645 Farmers Road. (JULIAN)

NAMI 5k Walk Get serenaded by Mariachi Del Mar during 5k walk/run fundraiser for National Alliance on Mental Illness. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m., corner of 6th Avenue and Quince. 619-584-5564. Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m.; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

Pedal to Cities of the East Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for 40-mile ride. 619-647-3212. Tuesday, April 21, 9:15 a.m.; free. Pepper Park, Tideland Avenue, south terminus. (NATIONAL CITY)

Roller Derby Time San Diego Wildfires meet up with Prison City

in Wyland Center Hall. 760-500-7915. Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.; \$13-\$15. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Sharon's Ride Run Walk for Epilepsy Eastern shore 5k walk/run or 15-mile bike ride around Mission Bay. Music, entertainment, food from Phil's BBQ, \$25 each or \$50 for family of 4. Add \$10 for on-site registration. 619-296-0161. Sunday, April 19, 8:45 a.m.; \$25-\$35. De Anza Cove, 3000 East Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Step by Step Fighting Parkinson's Step by Step Walk & Fun Run. Dog friendly! 858-273-6763. Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m.; \$25. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

Women's Safety Course Physical techniques and strategies to help in escaping, controlling, avoiding, and evading dangerous situations. Bring a friend and save \$5. Registration: 858-486-0059. Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m.; \$30. Ages 13 and up. Poway Samurai Martial Arts, 13378 Poway Road. (POWAY)

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Faculty Voice Recital Baritone Scott Gregory sings *Dichterliebe* and *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*. 619-260-4171. \$5-\$10. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 8 p.m., Friday, April 17. (LINDA VISTA)

Peter Grimes Tenor Anthony Dean Griffey takes on title role in "Britten's masterpiece of English opera." Soprano Jennifer Casey Cabot plays Ellen Orford; Rod Gilfrey as Captain Balstrode. Tickets: 619-220-TIXS. \$35-\$200. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third

Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, April 18, and Tuesday, April 21. (DOWNTOWN)

"H.M.S. Pinafore" Gilbert and Sullivan's comic nautical tale interpreted by Opera a la Carte. 800-988-4253. \$47-\$65. California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), 8 p.m., Saturday, April 18. (ESCONDIDO)

Earth Day Organ Concert By civic organist Carol Williams. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (BALBOA PARK)

The Pleasure of Your Company Music series features S.D. Symphony bassist Jeremy Kurtz and pianist Ines Irawati, who have prepared "Intermezzo and Tarantella," "Sonata for Double Bass and Piano," among others. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. Free. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Vocal Recital Virginia and Susan Hawk Memorial Scholarship recital and reception for the winners. Applicants were required to sing two operatic arias and a selection from an oratorio or a cantata, each sung in the original key and language in which they were written. Free. Ronald Reagan Community Center (195 East Douglas), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (EL CAJON)

Australian Chamber Orchestra Violinist Richard Tognetti and pianist Paul Lewis lead ensemble. 858-459-3421 x109. \$25. Saint

James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street), 4 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (LA JOLLA)

Soirée for Music Lovers Celebrate this concert series tradition with virtuoso violinist János Négysy and friends. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Sunday, April 19. (LA JOLLA)

"The Generation of Brahms" Violinist Victoria Martino continues "The Age of Romanticism, Realism, and Impressionism" lecture series. 858-454-5872. \$14-\$19. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21. (LA JOLLA)

Earth Day Concert World premiere of saxophone and string quartet composition performed by CSUM faculty. 760-750-4366. Free. CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road), 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 22. (SAN MARCOS)

Piano Recital Undergraduate pianist Christine Tsay gives honors recital. Program hints at Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Debussy. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 22. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Fourplay" Four local artists (Madeline Sherry, Anna Zappoli Jenkins, Scott Gengelback, and Dan Adams) present their paintings and mixed media for exhibit on show through May 3. 858-205-7558. Free. Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street), 7 p.m., Friday, April 17. (DOWNTOWN)

"It Is What It Is" All-age art show. 619-388-4645. \$6. 8Teen (925 Ohio Street), 6 p.m., Friday, April 17. (NORTH PARK)

"The View from the Day Before" Reception for exhibition by Sheldon Greenberg as well as "Reflected" by Stephanie Weber. Reception for artists displaying these "dynamic new paintings" is in conjunction with Cedros Gallery Night and Cedros Blooms Festival. Closes Sunday, May 17. 858-793-4442. Free. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue #160), 6 p.m., Thursday, April 16. (SOLANA BEACH)

The World of Ira Block Opening reception for photojournalism exhibition "ranging from dancing Geishas in Japan to workmen on shrimp boats in the Gulf of Mexico." Closes July 19. 858-720-1121. Free. Ordovery Gallery (410 South Cedros Avenue), 5 p.m., Saturday, April 18. (SOLANA BEACH)

Wolfstein Sculpture Park Tour Docent-guided, 90-minute tour of sculpture park, established as part of Arts for Healing program in celebration of 50th wedding anniversary of Ralyn and Nathan Wolfstein. 858-626-6994. Free. Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla (9888 Genesee Avenue), 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 20. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Four new exhibitions on view: "20th Century Photography: Selections from the Wachovia Securities Art Collection," "Divi/nation: Work by Debby and Larry Kline," "Between: Work by Nina Waisman," and "Reel Mothers: Film Video Art and the Maternal." Exhibits address current social issues and reflect on how historical moments have impacted life in America and world. Through Sunday, June 21. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum "Masters of Mid-Century California Modernism — Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman," continuing through Sunday, October 18, presents overview of duo's 50-year collaborative partnership, focusing on their work in decorative art and design. These Los Angeles-based artists shared their interest in, and devotion to, principles of modern design — as defined by Bauhaus philosophy of integrating fine art and craftsmanship with industrial practices to produce quality products. Their body of work is remarkable for its diversity of styles, techniques, materials.

"India Adorned" features selections from museum's Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit "reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family — objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation." Closes Sunday, September 6.

"Shibui — The Subtle Beauty of Japanese Craft" features metal, textiles, wood, and ceramics from museum's collection of Japanese folk art, craft, design. Highlights include kimono and textiles by Keisuke Serizawa, more. Continues through Sunday, June 28. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County "Nomadic Legacy — Tent and Textiles of Central Asia and Iran" presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with ori-

gins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt — a round, domed, trellis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter — won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan's existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday, August 2. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla "Jasper Johns: Light Bulb" — on view through Sunday, May 10 — focuses on Johns's first sculpture, *Light Bulb I* (1958), a recent gift to the museum. Exhibition brings together Johns's light bulb sculptures and related drawings and prints, including several never-before-exhibited drawings and modified prints from artist's collection. Selection of works in this exhibition "demonstrates the significance of the relationship between the two-dimensional and three-dimensional in Johns's work and the importance of the light bulb as an image he explored for over 20 years."

"Cerca Series: Javier Ramírez Limón" features photographic works by the Tijuana-based artist. Exhibition includes the two documentary photography series "Mexican Quinceañera" (2006-2008) and "De Altar al Sásabe" (2007). Through Sunday, May 10.

Also continuing through May 10, "Collectors XXIV," showcasing a variety of works assembled by museum's curatorial staff to be voted on for purchase at Contemporary Collectors' annual selection dinner. See work in an array of media including sculpture, photography, painting, and video by established and emerging artists. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

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

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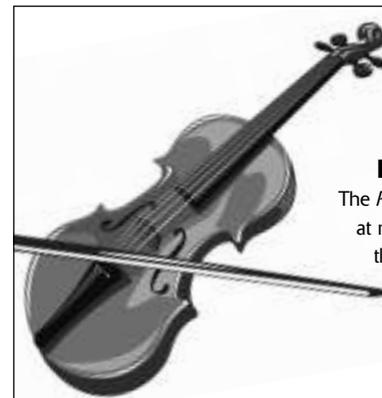
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Long Hair Can't Cover My Red Neck Outlaw country legend David Allan Coe could sell between 1000 and 2000 tickets if he were to play in San Diego. But, he won't, says Sulo King, talent buyer for Brick by Brick. Two years ago, King booked Coe

Coe refused to play because of a longtime promise he made to himself that he would never play in a town that is a home to Hells Angels.

"Back in the day, [Coe] was in a notorious biker gang called the Outlaws," explains

Houston and his Sickstring Outlaws played with Coe last year at L.A.'s Knitting Factory. Houston says he is trying to arrange a nearby show for Coe outside of San Diego's city limits.

"If he played in North County or Temecula, the place would sell out," says Houston. Devine says that he is looking to book a Coe date between August 22 and 26. He says tickets for other shows on the upcoming tour range in price from \$15 to \$75. He says a local date could be set up, "As long as it is outside the city of San Diego."

"Everything is fine with the Hells Angels," says Houston about the longtime embargo. "They don't care. But it's still in David's head that he won't go into those cities. It's been that way since 1979 or '80."

"David Allan Coe wrote 'Take This Job and Shove It,'" says Houston about Coe, who turns 70 this year. "He is a legend as a songwriter. Growing up, my dad used to tell me that [Coe] killed a guy in prison who came on to him. Actually, Johnny Cash helped get him released. [Coe] wrote 'If This Ain't Country I'll Kiss Your Ass,' 'Longhaired Redneck,' and 'You Never Call Me by My Name,' which is the ultimate country song because it mentions prison, getting drunk, a pickup truck, and his mom getting hit by a train.

The kids are into him because he sang in Rebel Meets Rebel [in 2001-2002], a group that also had Dimebag Darrell of Pantera.

"When we played with him in L.A., he did [Cash's] 'Folsom Prison Blues,'" says Houston. "At the end of the song, [Coe] pointed up to the ceiling and said, 'You take good care of yourself, Johnny Cash. I'll be coming to see you real soon.'"

— Ken Leighton

springy Gang of Four-style bass lines, brittle guitar stabs, and singer-guitarist Matt Lampkin's sneering delivery."

For Lampkin, Matty McLoughlin, Dave Lantzman, and Brian Hill, however, the show got off to a shaky start. "We had a shitty sound check...dealing with a stupid sound guy," wrote guitarist McLoughlin in an email. "When we got on stage, we were a little pissed off and were wise-asses the whole

ent places."

The Soft Pack takes off to Europe in mid-May for a 12-show stint through the U.K., Paris, Berlin, and Barcelona. They expect to release their debut full-length in September.

— Dorian Hargrove

Here Comes a Face Melter

Ever since the Kadan on 30th Street in University Heights started hosting Guitar Hero competitions in January 2007, the video game has been bringing out inner rockers in clubs and music shops all around town. But are gamers increasing demand for music lessons on real instruments?

"I've seen those little plastic guitars in about three out of every four homes I go to that also have real guitars," says Kevin Paluzzi, of Paluzzi Guitar Instruction. "I would say that over 80 percent of all my new students under the age of 21 have played Guitar Hero before playing a real guitar."

Not that video games provide much preparatory training, he says. "Guitar Hero does not require you to hold a proper chord shape or play a scale like the real guitar players have to, so, in my opinion, there goes about 95 percent of what it takes to play a real guitar. I do notice the game requires the player to at least hit the buttons in

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blurt

the inside track

to play the Bay Park club. Due to the swift pace of ticket sales, King says that show would have sold out and he may have added a second date.

But King had to cancel the show and refund the cost of tickets

when he was told by Coe's agent that Coe refused to play San Diego.

The agent, Austin-based Rob Devine, admits that he had to cancel the show after he allowed Brick by Brick to put the tickets on sale. Devine says that he didn't know that San Diego was one of the cities (along with New York and San Francisco) that

singer-guitarist Ron Houston, who fronts local country band Sickstring Outlaws. "The Hells Angels and the Outlaws were rivals. [Coe] says that, out of respect, he won't play in a city that has an active Hells Angels



COUNTRY OUTLAW COE

chapter."

Devine says he tried to talk Coe into accepting the Brick date, but he wouldn't budge.



IN SXSWS TOP FIVE (THE SOFT PACK)

We're Not from L.A., We Just Live There A few days after playing Austin's SXSW festival, members of the Soft Pack (formerly the Muslims) were driving to a gig in Philadelphia when a reporter from *Rolling Stone* magazine called and told them that out of the festival's 1900 live acts, the Soft Pack gave one of the top-five performances.

Two weeks later, the *RS* article on SXSW and featuring the Soft Pack went to print: "These heavily hyped indie-rockers...tore through most of their new EP, driven by

time. "Sometimes we get wacky. Sometimes we just play the songs. The show that [*Rolling Stone*] was at was a fun one for us."

McLoughlin also commented on the magazine listing Los Angeles as the band's hometown. "We moved to Los Angeles about a year ago," wrote McLoughlin. "We all grew up in San Diego, and that's where the band started, so that's where we say we are from. We don't feel like we are from Los Angeles, we just live there. Different magazines say we are from differ-

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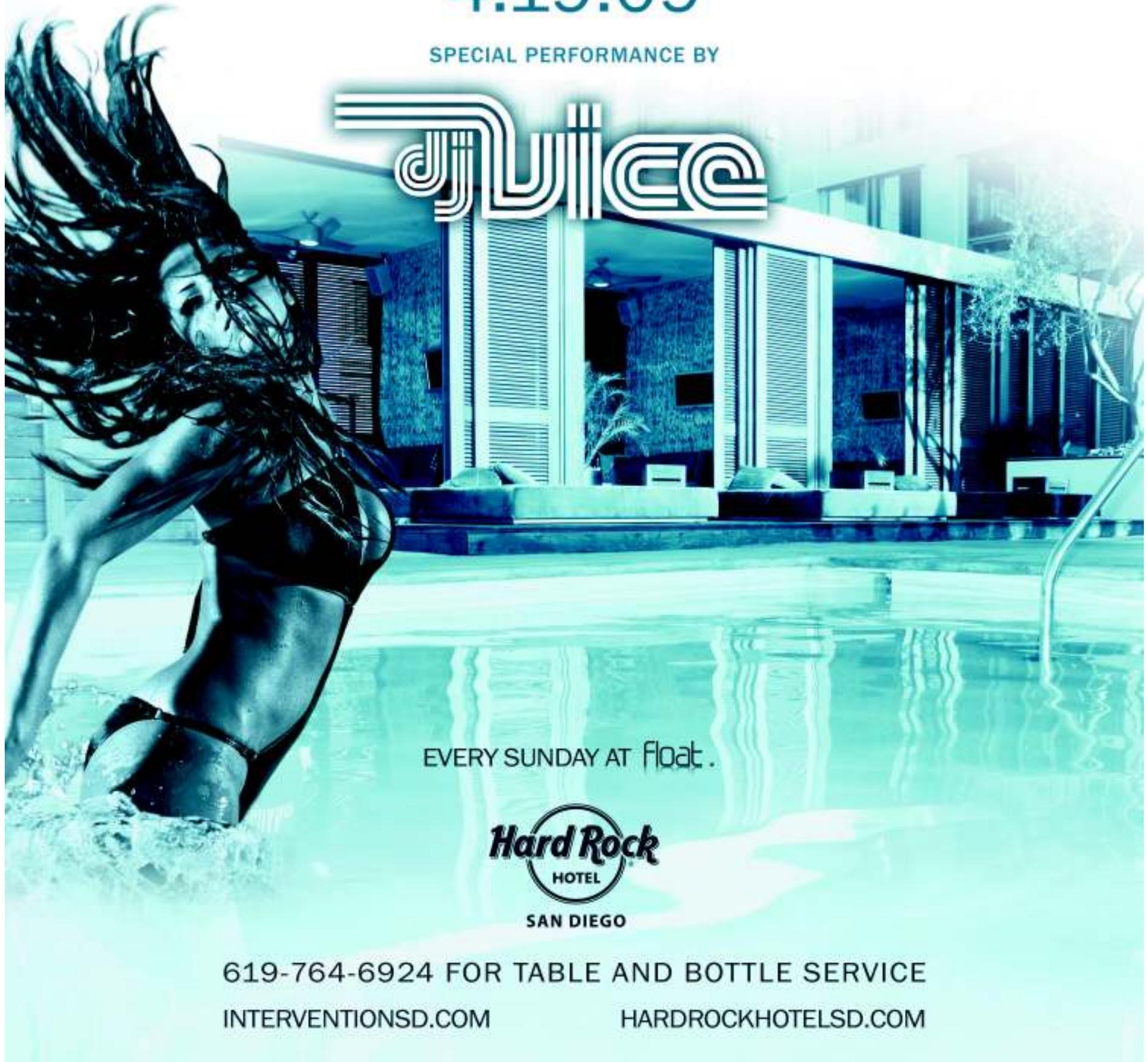
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time to match the tempo of the song, so you can develop a sense of timing. The game also requires the left fretting hand to press or tap down on the buttons, so perhaps some finger strength can be gained."

Tiffany Moon of the Academy of Music, Institute of Arts and Letters, says, "I have noticed the Guitar Hero and Rock Band trend, of course, but I've seen minimal evidence that this has increased legitimate interest in private lessons. While most students mention the games and their familiarity with



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them, I've seen few students drawn to begin music and instrument study because of

them.

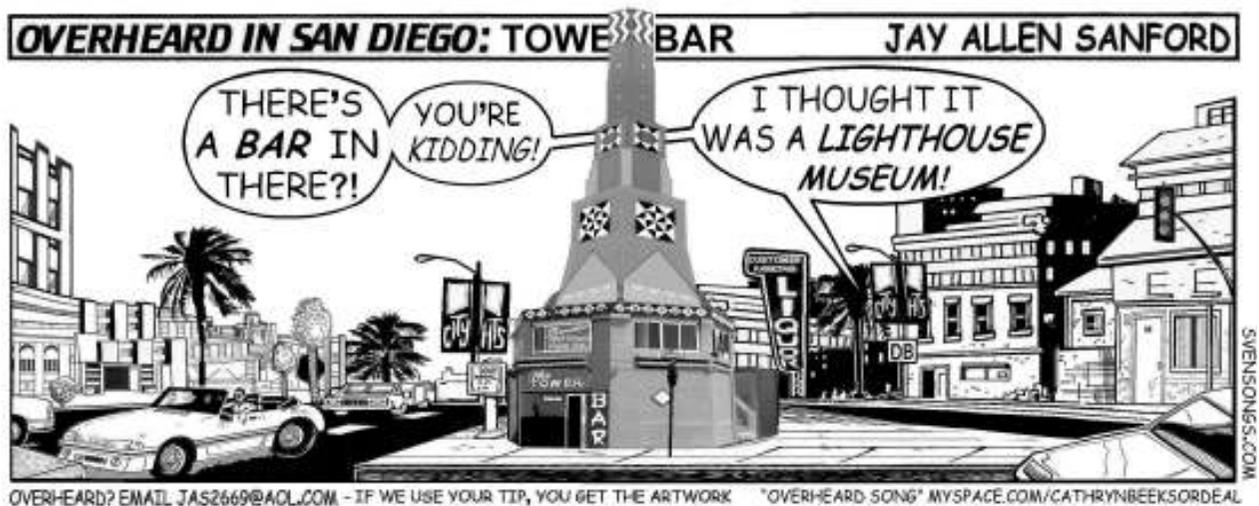
"This could be a mark of the economy on the socio-economic class drawn to the games."

Also, consider that Rock Band and Guitar Hero max out at around a hundred hours of programming — no matter how many pricey extras you pick up and how much time you spend slamming those little plastic buttons.

Or, as instructor Moon sums up, "Why play Guitar Hero, when you could BE one?"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Fooled Around and Felt Surreal On May 14, 1976, Bay Area blues group the Elvin Bishop Band, with 25-year-old Johnny Vernazza on guitar, recorded their concert at downtown's Civic Theatre. Two tracks recorded at the show were included on the 1977 album *Raisin' Hell*: Live: the #3 hit of 1976 "Fooled Around and Fell in Love" and Bishop staple "Struttin' My



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Stuff." Vernazza played on the original studio versions of both songs.

Thirty-three years later, the same date will find Vernazza recording in San Diego again. Now a Carlsbad resident, he will be wrapping production on his second solo album, tentatively titled *Jungle Out There*, at Studio West in Rancho Bernardo.

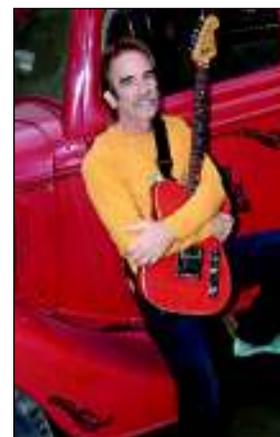
Though now touring the U.S. with his own group, Johnny V, Vernazza has always preferred the role of sideman. It wasn't until he relocated to the San Diego area in 2001 that he put together a group and began to promote himself as a solo artist.

While today he tours sporadically, at his '70s-era peak,

Vernazza played 290 dates a year while appearing on music television shows of the day. He can be seen in sideman mode in recent DVD reissues of NBC's *Midnight Special*, where he performed a record ten times with the Elvin Bishop Band. As can be seen in the reissues, he was also once pressed into service on air by Van Morrison, who arrived for a taping without a band. In his down time these days, Vernazza can be found playing sideman to local blues cat Len Rainey.

Though he had played San Diego several times with Bishop and as a bandmate of harmonica player Norton Buffalo, it wasn't music that caused Vernazza to uproot. "The Bay Area was getting

too crowded," he said. "I was born and raised there, but it was getting to be a nightmare



OUT OF THE SHADOWS, JOHNNY V

to get around. My wife and I came down here for a vacation and thought, *this is a lot nicer than it is up north.*"

He earned a gold record (500,000 sold) for his signature guitar part on "Fooled Around and Fell in Love," and the song can be heard in numerous movies (*Boogie Nights*, *Big Daddy*) and TV shows (*Entourage*, *Brotherhood*), but it's the tune's noncommercial uses that make Vernazza happiest. "It's strange where that song pops up," he laughed. "You run into people who got married to the song. I've heard Muzak versions in elevators and the real thing while grocery shopping. I love those surreal moments."

— Bart Mendoza

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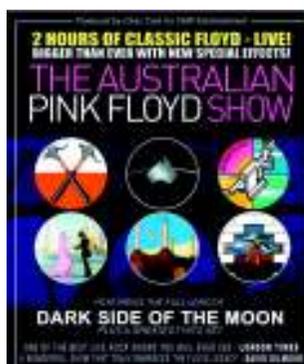
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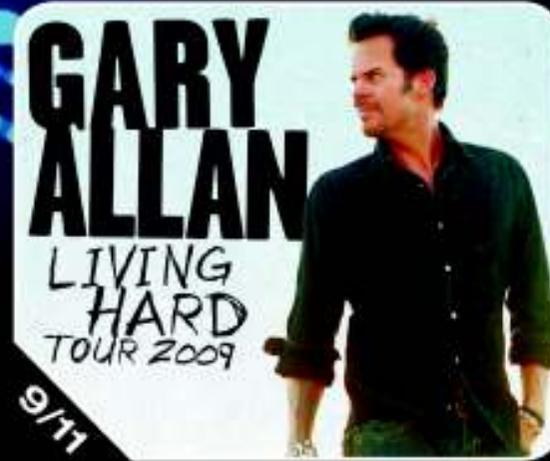
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club crawler This Week In Music

Thursday 16

The Atlanta-based quartet **Black Lips** bring their *200 Million Thousand* tour to town tonight. The new Vice disc may not match *Good, Bad, Not Evil's* immediacy, but it shows the boys've got chops outside their punk'd R&B comfort zone, juggling blown psychedelia ("Drugs"), '60s pop ("Elijah"), and rap, sorta ("The Drop"). The collection's variety gives it more staying power — si or no? Anywhich, on stage the Lips'll never let you down. The "flower punks" join **Flowers Forever** at Casbah with local openers **Nautical Disaster**, while the **Atoms** bounce 'round in the Atari lounge.

Outside of Indio, that one's got to be the gig to get to this week, but we're just getting started, so hang on.... Blues guitar prodigy **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**



BLACK LIPS AT CASBAH

appears at Belly Up. Check out the Strat slinger's opus, *10 Days Out: Blues from the Backroads*, a CD/DVD document of Shepherd's time with blues greats B.B. King, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Hubert Sumlin, Pinetop Perkins, and others.... Bar Pink books alt-pop trio **Fever Sleeves** with indie experimentalists **MMNL**.... **Scarlet Symphony** pours on the sticky stuff at Soda Bar.... And Radio Room fills a bill with noisy throwbacks **Lualta**, **Ninja Love**, **Bloodflowers**, and **Ratbirds**.

Friday 17

The real big gigs are out in the desert this weekend, but for those of you not on the Coachella tip... The hottest rock-roll act to break from San Diego in a while is Nathan Williams's (Fantastic Magic) suddenly famous two-man crew **Wavves**, which made a big splash — critically — at this year's SXSW. Fan-based blogs, however, suggest a backlash on young Nathan of tsunami proportions. The hubbub centers around debut *Wavves*, a collection of simple bedroom-punk songs that sup-

plant skill with raw aesthetics and a knack for one-off hooks and melodies. Imagine Conor Oberst covering Don and the Goodtimes, except the songs are about smoking bowls and Goth chicks. *Wavves* roll into Casbah Friday night and will be joined by fellow minimalists **Christmas Island**, the **Dabbers**, and (great name) **Bipolar Bear**. Miss this, you can catch *Wavves* at the Ché Tuesday.... *Judy says knock you in the head!* U.K. punk perennials the **Vibrators** plug in at Radio Room. After 33 years, it's still Knox Carnochan at the helm and Eddie Edwards in the engine room. And odds are they still play "Stiff Little Fingers." With **Larry and His Flask** (OR) and local openers **Rat City Riot** and **Northern Towns**, this one should be a hoot.... Desert-rock Zonies **Calexico** bring the horn-y big band to Belly Up. Joey and John and co. are out to tout crit-hit *Carried to Dust*, which is the tits (can I say that on the air?), and these guys kill it live. Local country skunks **Bartender's Bible** set the Solana Beach stage.... Back downtownways: Soda Bar draws Klezmer punks **Di Nigunim** with odd-pop peeps **Underscore Orkestra** and the **Yiffs**...acid jazzers **Pocket**'re at Bar Pink...**River City** flows pretty pop into Whistle Stop...and House of Blues hosts slinger-singers **Derek Trucks** and **Jackie Green**.

Saturday 18

Nah na-ah nahnahn...mah na mah na. The Portland indie act **Menomena** rolls into Casbah Saturday night. The trio's '07 Barsuk disc *Friend and Foe* stands as the band's high-water mark for its seamless cut-and-paste pop pastiche. Bend an ear to their Space page for a listen. Check out "Wet and Rusting." **Calico Horse** and **Writer** make this bill 100 percent, grade A art pop. Should be good.... Else: Kentucky funk punks **Cage the Elephant** visit their White Stripes-lite on House of Blues...noise-rockers **Archons** play Soda Bar...and drum-n-bass dudes **Students of the Drum** pound it out at Radio Room.

Sunday 19

Ooo-oo, that smell... Belly Up books the fifth annual SeedleSs 4/20 party (*wink*), featuring **Diego Roots**, **Tribe of Kings**, **Sister Carol** (doing "Black Cinderella"), **Yellow Wall Dub Squad**, the **Scientist**, and a reggae set by mem-



MENOMENA AT CASBAH

bers of **P.O.D.** with **Brigadier Jerry** and **Yami Bolo**. Who's calling in on Monday?... More 4/20? O.C.'s hip-hop punx **Kottonmouth Kings** slither into House of Blues Sunday. The sextet is set to drop another in their *Hidden Stash* series. "I keep my weed in there."... Soda Bar serves up a mixer, with the **Intelligence**, **Christmas Island**, and the **Pillow Queens**.... While hardcores the **SkateWitches** (featuring some Vitamin Piss) roll on the Ché with like-minded locals **Die Sabotage**.

Monday 20

I'm good, I'm gone. Twenty-three-year-old Swedish sweetheart **Lykke Li** brings the poptronic hits of debut LL Recordings album *Youth Novels* to Belly Up Monday night. The international indie hit was voted Best Female Vocalist this February. *Stereogum* reviews suggest that onstage the pop chanteuse brings it with soul. The **Afternoons** are a Los Angelino big band that find their influence in mariachi and marching bands. They'll set the stage.

Tuesday 21

Spiderman of the Rings **Dan Deacon** hits campus club Ché Café Tuesday night. The Baltimore electronic experimentalist dropped spanking-new collection *Bromst* last month to rave reviews. **Wavves**, **Double Dagger**, **Teeth Mountain**, and **Fortress of Amplitude** go first.... Also upthataway, you got the U.K.'s reggae radio hits **UB40** with local dub dudes the **Devastators** at Belly Up Tavern.... Bean Town big band **Bang Camaro** rolls into Casbah with a choir of vocalists.

They'll lay out upcoming collection *The Art of Fist Pumping*. **Leslie** and **Die Sabotage** are also on the bill.

Wednesday 22

Lots to see and hear next Wed., so real quick: Doors fans, take note, desert-dwelling psych-n-blues duo **Golden Animals** appear at Bar Pink, and singer Tommy Eyes does Mr. Mojo proud. These Silverlake mainstays are something to



BLAG DAHLIA AT KEN CLUB

see... **Blag Dahlia**, notoriously of the Dwarves, does his solo set at the Ken Club... **Old In Out**, **Monsters from Mars**, and **Sunday Times** play a locals-only show at Casbah... Peruvian rap politico **Immortal Technique** rocks the mic at Canes. Word... **Verso** does a CD-release thing at Ruby Room with **Sex Mannequin** and **Anasazis** in support... and Soda Bar sets up a creepy band-name night with **John Wayne Gacy Daycare**, **Ded Pigeons**, and **Street of Little Girls**. Gives you the willies, doesn't it?

— Barnaby Monk

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LIVE NATION

The Musicians' Musician

"Almost everyone I know just wants to relax and have a beer. And fight."

One question that's often posed in the *Reader* musician interview is "Favorite local performer?"

The most frequently cited is Manuok (pronounced "man-you-okay"), aka Scottish-born Scott Mercado, who's been name-checked over a dozen times — by Sven-Erik Sea-holm, Marie Haddad, Drew Andrews, Michael Tiernan, Bart Mendoza, Marcia Claire, and others.

His high profile may be related to having been involved with over a dozen local bands, including the Album Leaf, Via Satellite, Tristeza, the Black Heart Procession, Mr. Tube, and Lowcloudcover.

It's no coincidence that these bands are made up of some of the city's most adventurous and experimental performers. Mercado's own music, whether doing his one-man thing or backed by various like-minded locals, falls into a sparsely populated "noise artist" category somewhere between Gordon Lightfoot and Devo. Or Dave Matthews meets Björk. Yeah, it's hard to describe.

"You could call it dark, experimental pop," suggests Mercado, "though I just read an online review that called me 'electro-indie folk,' which I think I

like a lot."

Manuok's *No End to Limitations* was released last November on local Loud and Clear Records.

MUSIC JAY ALLEN SANFORD

WHAT'S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. *The Pinwheels* EP. "I dug this one up from my local archives to check out the amazing pop songwriting."
2. The Bipeds. "A heartbreakingly funny and smart band."
3. *By Sunlight*, self-titled. "I can describe this best with four words: Steely Dan Real Estate."
4. Musée Mécanique, *Hold This Ghost*. "They sound like Sparklehorse having dinner with Granddaddy while texting Low about later that night, and they're really nice people."
5. Drew Andrews, *Only Mirrors*. "The song 'Only Mirrors' should be worth nearly ten million dollars."

MUST-HAVE DVDs?

1. *Blue*. "From the *Three Colors* trilogy about French revolutionaries. Holy cow, I love the music, the colors, the direction, the acting, the silence, and even the spaces."

2. *Léon — the Professional*. "Because of Gary Oldman. It's always because of Gary Oldman."

3. *Office Space*. "Because every second of that film is funny, and even the casting director should win an award for it."

ALL-TIME FAVE BAND?

"If I really have to, Led Zep-elin, because they range from raunchy to orchestral, unapologetically."

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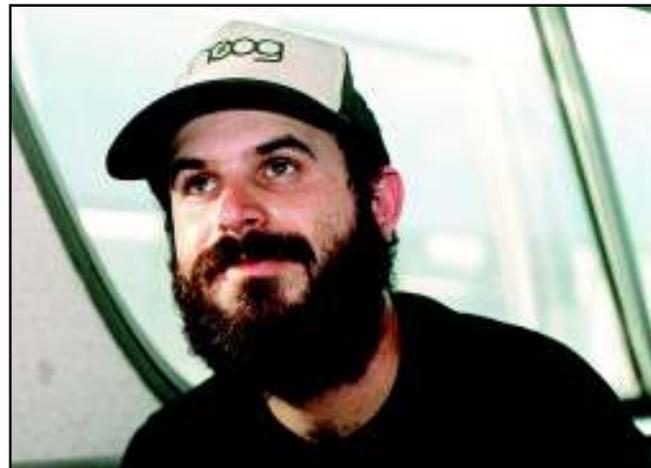
"Kurt Vonnegut, *Cat's Cradle*. Despite having a degree in English, I'm not much of a reader. *Cat's Cradle* got me interested in writing, which got me interested in something other than music, which got me this awesome degree that I do very little with — except mention it in a résumé or during an interview."

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THE POWER OF INVISIBILITY?

"Save hundreds in self-tanning products."

ANY CELEB ENCOUNTERS?

"I've only met a couple of celebrities, but I have met a bunch of fancy musician types. There's nothing crazy to share. It seems, at all times, almost everyone I know just wants to relax and have a beer. And fight."



Manuok

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE GOOD

SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

"The penguin in Mr. Tube."

BEST THING YOU EVER WON?

"Two grand worth of L.A. junk from a battle of the bands at the Whiskey when I was 16 years old. I kept the comics, but the shiny clothes didn't make it."

DRINK OF CHOICE?

"Scotch or else bourbon or else foo-foo drinks with umbrellas. As long as all are underscored by Tecate."

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU FEW WOULD KNOW OR GUESS?

"I play soccer three times a week and suck terribly. But that was probably guessable." ■



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Friday, 9:30 p.m. — Raheem DeVaughn. Soul/hip-hop. \$30-\$40.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Tom Scott. Jazz. \$29.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Steve Poltz. Folk rock/pop. \$23-\$18.

Sunday, 2 p.m. — Benefit for the U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition. Featuring Aunt Kizzy's Boyz, the Bill Magee Blues Band, and Taryn Donath. Blues/rock. \$30.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Charles McPherson. With Gilbert Castellanos. Traditional jazz. \$18.

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Thursday, 9 p.m. — Kenny Wayne Shepherd. Blues/rock.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Calexico. With Bartenders Bible. Alternative/folk/country. \$18-\$20.

Friday, 5:30 p.m. — The Buick Wilson Band. Blues/rock. Ages 21 and up.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — The Cured. A tribute to the Cure. With Blasphemous Rumors and Luv'n Rockets.

Sunday, 9 p.m. — The 9th Annual Seedless 4/20 Party. With Diego Roots, Tribe of Kings, Sister Carol (doing "Black Cinderella") with Yellow Wall Dub Squad, the Legendary Scientist, and a special reggae set by members of P.O.D. Reggae/rock.

Monday, 9 p.m. — Lykke Li. Indie.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — UB40. With the Devastators. Reggae.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Don Carlos. With Cualli. Reggae/hip-hop.

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Thursday, 8 p.m. — Roxanne. With the Shamey Jays, Jen Knight, Soul Vox, Spud Davenport, and Stunt Double. Alternative/garage/rock. Ages 21 and up.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Maddox Revolution. With Kova. Pop/rock/jazz.

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Sunday, 4:20 p.m. — 5th Annual Hemp-Hop Festival. Featuring Samoan Irok, Eternal, Oceola Dubois, Da Limlite Boiz, and Zoolay. Hip-hop/rap. \$12-\$15. Ages 21 and up.

Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. — Aquatribe. With Carlos Blues Experience and guests. Rock. \$5. Ages 21 and up.

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Friday, 8 p.m. — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors. Blues/rock.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — 3 EZ Pieces.

Rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. — John Scott & the Magnificents.

Monday, 8 p.m. — Shoreline Rootz. Reggae.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Brick. With Michael Virgil.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Collie Buddz. With guests. Reggae/dancehall/hip-hop. \$20.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Sashamon. With C. Money & Players Inc., Pali Roots, and Sand Section.

Reggae/rock. Ages 21 and up.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — The 9th Annual Seedless 4/20 Party. Featuring Andre Nicktatina. Xzibit, and DJ Fingaz. Hip-hop.

Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Immortal Technique. Hip-hop.

Carlsbad City Library: 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — Bigg Nife. Reggae/funk. Free.

Sunday, 2 p.m. — Kendra Shank Quartet. Jazz/acoustic performance in Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.

Thursday — Atoms. In the Atari Lounge. Punk. Ages 21 and up.

Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — The Black Lips. With Flowers Forever and Nautical Disaster. Garage/punk. \$15.

Friday, 8 p.m. — WAVVES. With Christmas Island, the Dabbers, Bipolar Bear, and DJ Mario Orduno. Pop. \$10. Ages 21 and up.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Menomena. With Calico Horse and Writer.

Indie/rock. \$12. Ages 21 and up.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Bang Camaro.

And Die Sabotage. Rock/metal. \$10. Ages 21 and up.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Old In Out. With Monsters from Mars and Sunday Times. Punk/rock. \$6. Ages 21 and up.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 p.m. — The Zzymzzy Quartet. Jazz. Free.

The Coyote Bar & Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.

Friday, 6 p.m. — Eight Twenty Band. Latin/rock.

Saturday, 2:30 p.m. — Nathan James. Jazz. 6 p.m. — Scott Carter & New Breed. Reggae/funk/rock.

Sunday, 5 p.m. — Jerome Dawson. Jazz.

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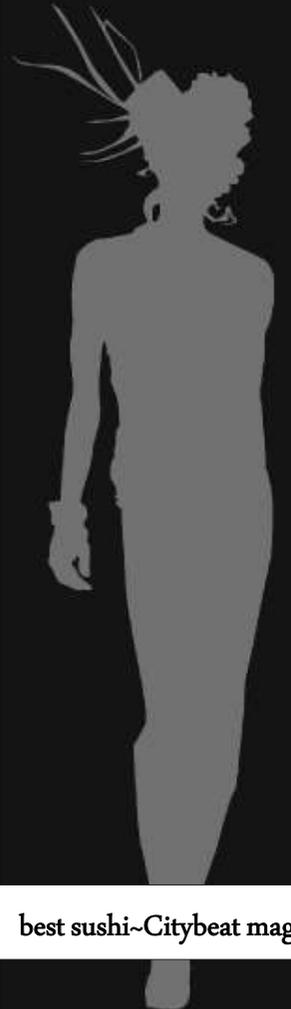
Friday, 8 p.m. — Brian Levy. With Mikan Zlatkovitch. Jazz/standards. \$10-\$15.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Kendra Shank. With Geoffrey Keezer, Duncan Moore, and Hamilton Price.

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Wednesday, 7 p.m. — First Fridays Music Club. Featuring Rob Mullins, Russell Bizzett, and the Correia Junior High School Jazz Band. Jazz. \$10.

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

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OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In a lot of ways, it's never been easier to be a musician. These days, with a handful of equipment and a smidgen of talent, you can create something on your laptop that sounds nearly as good as the stuff that comes out of professional studios. You don't even need a record label, really — not if your main goal is to be heard. You can put your stuff on MySpace and, with a little networking, develop a global fan base.

This explains why the guy in the cubicle next to you can say that he has a band. It also explains why music can be so damn boring

today. Sometimes, after you've heard yet another crystal-clear, perfectly assembled recording by yet another earnest, bearded college-kid indie rocker, don't you want to hear something messy for a change? Some slightly out-of-tune guitars or some slightly out-of-time drumbeats? If so, **Wavves** may be for you.

Wavves is the solo project of San Diego's **Nathan Williams**, a home-recording artist who has never met a track he didn't think would be improved by a little distortion. But, like Times New Viking, to whom he's sometimes compared, he makes an unholy racket that upon closer inspection turns out to conceal sing-along melodies and traditional song structures. Like Jay Reatard and No Age, other frequent comparisons, Williams seems to be on the vanguard of a



WAVVES

movement that's rebuilding the punk rock underground for all the people who are tired of everything sounding so damn clean all the time.

WAVVES: The Casbah, Friday, April 17, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$10.

Alphabet" in addition to works by Michael Gordon, Stuart Saunders Smith, and Iannis Xenakis. 858-534-3229. Free.

Mangia Italiano on Third: 248 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-623-3553.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — Caballero's Latin Jazz Jam. Hosted by Bill Caballero. Jazz.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.

Thursday, 8 p.m. — Laguna. *Friday*, 9 p.m. — Bordertown Blues with Toni Valdez. Blues. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — The Offbeats. Covers/standards/classic rock. *Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Gene Warren. Folk/blues/rock.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Johnny Favorite. Rock. *Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Cirkus. Rock.

Neurosciences Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Fly. Jazz. \$25-\$30. *Sunday*, 6 p.m. — Zimbeat Marimba Band. Perform in

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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1310 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.

Friday, 8 p.m. — Strike the Design. With Days of Anome. Indie/rock. *Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Without Papers. With Blackwater Conspiracy, Flight or Fight, Geoffroy Cause, and Digeridon't. Alternative/reggae/rock. *Sunday*, 9 p.m. — Londons Falling. With Save Amos. Punk/rock. Ages 21 and up. *Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Mad Traffic. With Kinome. Pop/rock/surf. Ages 21 and up.

Ocean Beach: Newport Avenue and Abbott Street, Ocean Beach, 619-221-8900.

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Oceanside Civic Center: 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-435-3065.

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Oceanside Museum of Art: 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-435-3720.

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Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar: 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760-757-2827.

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San Diego Sports Arena: 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, Midway District, 619-224-4171.
Friday — Avenged Sevenfold. With Buck Cherry, Areyu, and Rev Theory. Rock/metal.

Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey: 3567 Del Rey Street, Clairemont, 858-794-9044.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Open-Mike Night. \$10.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Todd Schroeder. With Wendy Tuttle and Bettina "Pixie" Warren. Covers/standards. \$23.
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Spreckels Theatre: 121 Broadway, Downtown, 619-235-9500.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — John Prine. Rock/pop. \$39-\$45.

The Office: 3936 30th Street, North Park, 619-450-6632.
Sunday, 9 p.m. — The Gift Curse. With Tropical Depression. Electronic/DJ/rock. \$5. Ages 21 and up.

Tiki House: 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734.
Thursday, 9:30 p.m. — Blackbirdz.
Friday, 9:30 p.m. — The Tornado Magnets. Alternative/country/rock.
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. — The Nards. Americana/pop/classic rock.
Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. — The Chris Kelly Trio.

Tio Leo's: 5302 Napa Street, Linda Vista, 619-542-1462.
Friday, 8 p.m. — The Red Elvises. Surf rock.
Saturday — Alan Iglesias & Crossfire. A tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughan. Ages 21 and up.

The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa: 873 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4200.
Saturday, 7 p.m. — The 909s. Classic rock/blues/metal.
Wednesdays, 7 p.m. — Tomcat Courtney. Blues.

U-31: 3112 University Avenue, North Park, 619-584-4188.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — Agua Dulce. With guests. Latin. \$7. Ages 21 and up.

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park: 5005 Willows Road,

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

You gain a sense of the desert rat in the lyrics of **Calexico**, a Tucson-based alt-rock band: "Four in the morning the sidewalk's asleep/ Dogs on the porch, spiders on the leaf/ Shipwrecked by night, sailing through days/ Nobody noticed the slipping away." Allegory or nomadic desert fever? Not since the Black Crowes have I encountered this much ambiguous poetry. Living in the mysterious and fried landscape of the desert, I suspect, cranks up any aberration. "Crooked Road and the Briar" begins, "Down the crooked road a ways/ A child's shadow hiding in the briar/ Tending to a twisted heart that's bent and broken/ Wounded and abandoned left amongst the rotted root to rot," and on and on until

a woman ends up murdered, and an innocent man gets lynched — I think.

Calexico is essentially two musicians named **Joey Burns** and **John Convertino**. They employ a changing cast of sidemen. I think Burns and Convertino share the late Gram Parsons's affection for the desert life. Parsons's spot was in the high desert near Joshua Tree; Calexico is a modest desert town near the Imperial Valley that is the color of dust and links the U.S. with Mexico. I don't know if Burns or Convertino has ever been there, but only a desert lover would name a band after a city that combined "California" and "Mexico."

Calexico's (the band) sound cooks with the sound of trumpets, upright bass, and accordion, the music being a mashup of country rock, ambient, and mariachi. Burns and Convertino are versed in both rock and conjunto music as separate entities. Where it gets in-



CALEXICO

teresting is when they drive their indie-rocker music-from-the-big-void thing with smokin' Latin downbeats. With all that going on, I don't really need to understand the lyrics. **Bartenders Bible** also performs.

CALEXICO: Belly Up, Friday, April 17, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140. \$18; \$20 day of show.

Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Foreigner. Rock.

Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room: 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Siren's Crush. Covers/pop/rock.
Sunday, 6 p.m. — The Arrowhead Band. Covers/standards/rock.

Vision Center for Spiritual Living: 11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta, 619-303-6609.

Sunday, 6:30 p.m. — James Higgins. Folk. \$20.

Vista Entertainment Center: 435 West Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-1032.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Burt Brion. Jazz. \$10. Ages 21 and up.

Wine Cabana: 2539 Congress Street, Old Town.
Sunday, 5 p.m. — Bob Bartosik and James Forston. Jazz. Free.

Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822.

Thursday, 9 p.m. — Rhythm & the Method. With Endoxi and Grapes of Jade. Rock.
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Saturday, 9 p.m. — Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations. Roots reggae/rock.
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 April 24, April 25 — Michael Franks.
 April 28 — Tierney Sutton.
 April 29 — Ian McLagan.
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 May 2 — Billy Vera & the Beaters.
 May 5, May 6 — Arturo Sandoval.
 May 9 — Carrie Rodriguez, The Yoshida Brothers.
 May 13 — Melissa Morgan.
 May 15 — Diane Schuur.

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April 24 — Leo Rising.
 April 25 — Small Town Heroes.
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 April 30 — Dusty Rhodes and the River Band.
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 April 24 — Lez Zeppelin.
 April 25 — Skanic.
 April 26 — Orquesta Primo.
 April 27 — Railroad Earth.
 April 28 — Republic of Letters.
 April 29 — Company of Thieves.
 April 30 — Rufus Wainwright.
 May 1 — Never So Few.
 May 2 — Dennis Quaid and the Sharks.
 May 6 — Michael Tiernan.
 May 9 — Bob Schneider.
 May 10 — The Avett Brothers.
 May 14 — Jonathan Coulton.
 May 15 — Mogwai.

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April 23 — Lessons from Zeke.
 April 29 — Nena Anderson.
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April 23 — Blood on the Dance Floor.



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Album: *Within My Reach* (2009)
Artist: Folding Mr. Lincoln
Label: self-released
Where available/price: CDBaby, \$12.97; iTunes, \$9.99; Amazon, 99 cents for single "Within My Reach"
Songs: 1) It Happened Just the Other Day 2) Missing Her Pretty Green Eyes 3) The Cuckoo 4) Pretty Soon 5) Rain Down 6) Lay It All Down 7) Right Through That Door 8) On Wings 9) As She Softly Prayed 10) Youngest Child 11) All the Way to Redwood 12) Father's Day 13) Within My Reach 14) Miracle of Mine
Band: Harry and Nancy Mestyaneck (vocals), Cathryn Beeks (backing vocals), Brian "Nucci" Cantrell (drums), Jeff Berkley (bass and guitars), John McBride (pedal steel), Dennis Caplinger (fiddles, banjo, dobro, mandolin), and others
Website: foldingmisterlincoln.com

Harry and Nancy Mestyaneck are competent vocalists and arrangers, delivering soft-

voiced folk and blues tunes against a backdrop of violins, banjos, guitars, and drums. Their

multipart harmonies are performed with precision. Imagine Ellis Paul with more of a twang — if you can — and less of his nasal vocal style and you'll have Folding Mr. Lincoln.

Beyond that, the songwriting is conventional, too comfortable in shades of country, folk, and bluegrass and packaged under the umbrella of Americana. The lyrics are standard country complaints about missing lovers ("The Cuckoo," a traditional song of unknown origin) and the difficulties of rising above one's means ("Pretty Soon").

Still, the chops are there. The Mestyanecks are steady, sure vocalists, and their backing crew creates toe-tapping, head-bobbing energy. Check out track 8, "On Wings," in particular. With driving drums and skillful banjo picking, the intro hooks the listener and keeps them there.

Overall, *Within My Reach* is a solid selection of country



Folding Mr. Lincoln

tracks. Few attempts to break the mold are made, but likely that's not what Folding Mr. Lincoln is going for.

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 April 29 — The Shake Ups.
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 May 1 — The Formula.
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April 23 — BombaChante.
 April 29 — Walter II and Orquesta Rumbaney.
 April 30 — Gene Perry y Afro Rumba.
 May 3 — Tabaco y Ron.
 May 5 — Cinco de Mayo Party.
 May 6 — Son y Clave.

May 7 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.
 May 12 — Mambo Salvaje.

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April 23 — First Marine Division Band.

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 April 30 — Black Mamba.
 May 1 — Mike Doughty.
 May 2 — Damien Jurado.
 May 3 — William Elliott Whitmore.
 May 4 — Manic Hispanic.
 May 5 — Team Abraham.
 May 6 — Sleepytime Gorilla Museum.
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 May 22 — No Doubt.

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April 30 — Skelpin.

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June 28 — Ani DiFranco.
July 9 — Heart.
July 10 — Joan Baez.
July 12 — The Indigo Girls.
July 14 — Gregg Allman.
July 15 — The Cowboy Junkies.
July 19 — Jewel.
July 20 — Tears for Fears.
July 21 — The Moody Blues.
July 22 — Hapa.
July 26 — Chicago.
July 28 — George Thorogood and the Destroyers.

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August 7 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.
August 10 — Diana Krall.
August 11 — Lyle Lovett.
August 13 — Jackson Browne.
August 14 — America.
August 21 — Tower of Power.
August 25 — Chris Isaak.
August 28 — Dave Koz.
August 30 — Susan Tedeschi.
September 4 — Bob Weir and RatDog.
September 11 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
September 17 — Bon Taj Roulet.
September 18 — LeAnn Rimes.
September 21 — The Australian Pink Floyd Show.
September 25 — The Beach Boys.
September 26 — Keali'i Reichel.
September 27 — Pink Martini.
September 28, September 29 — Crosby, Stills, & Nash.
October 2 — Chris Botti.
October 4 — Cecilio & Kapono.

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Israel Bissell**
 Song: "Angel Wings" (from the CD *Disillusioned Hero*)
 Heard By: **Bryan Whitman**, North Park



Bryan

I thought it had a good instrumental. I liked that they used a lot of wind instruments — they used more of an orchestra style than just a rock style. The singer had a really high-pitched voice. I think if the singer had a little bit lower-pitched voice it would have been easier to feel good about. It sounds a little bit like Led Zeppelin with the higher-pitched voice. I did like the lyrics. The chorus was about the "wings taking me up in the sky" or something like that. It seemed to me like it was about spiritual trust. I don't think they'd have a big following in San Diego. Most San Diegans like funky music.

Artist: **Jasmine**
 Song: "Somewhere in Between" (from the CD *Somewhere in Between*)
 Heard By: **Martine Hipolito**, Mira Mesa



Martine

I thought it was a really good song. It spoke about two people — a man and a woman — having a relationship but not necessarily being tethered to each other. The woman obviously has more feelings for the man than the man does for the woman. It's just her trying to explain the depth of her emotions for him. I think it's folksy — it kind of reminds me of Anya Marina, the 94.9 DJ, mixed with Sarah McLachlan. She's a very good singer. The guitar player was very good. The harmonizing was really nice. I think there's a market for her music, especially in San Diego. I would buy her record. It definitely touched me.

Artist: **Strike the Design**
 Song: "Transcending the Scope of Understanding" (from the CD *Transcending the Scope of Understanding*)
 Heard By: **Geronimo Ocampo**, North Park



Geronimo

It was pretty good. I liked it. It had a good beat. I listen to different music, but I like it, though. I would compare them to Green Day. It was "rock." I heard a lot of drums and guitar. They were really good at their instruments. I wasn't really paying attention to the lyrics. It was a catchy song — I could see that being played on 91X. I picture myself driving my car and bobbing my head to that song. It had pretty good rhythm that would go well with driving a car. I'd give that song an 8 out of 10. I could see them playing the venue next door — Lestat's West.

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May 17 — Louis Logic.

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April 24 — Cyndi Harvell.
April 30 — Rob Dee.
May 14 — Thom Lyons.
May 15 — Josh Damigo.

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April 25 — Lenka.
April 26 — The Thing.
April 28 — Thao with the Get Down Stay Down.
May 1 — Ben Lee.
May 3 — Bird by Snow.
May 6 — William Basinski.
May 7 — Alela Diane.
May 9 — Her Space Holiday.
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May 13 — V. Sjöberg New Jazz Ensemble.
May 17 — Loney Dear.
May 26 — Jens Lekman.

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April 23 — Caballero's Latin Jazz Jam.

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April 23 — Northstar.
April 24 — Mystique.
April 25 — Harmony Road.
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April 30 — The Manic Brothers.

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May 2 — Matisyahu.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
April 24 — Cory Wilkins.
April 25 — Lizardfish.
May 1 — RadioStar.
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May 9 — American Rock Experience.

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July 5 — The Credentialed.
July 19 — Stripes and Lines.
August 2 — The Surf Kings.
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May 15 — Thom Lyons.

Neurosciences Institute: 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.
May 13 — Jane Bunnett and Spirits of Havana.
May 27 — Karrin Allyson.

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Yo, DJ!

Talk About a Star



india.arie performs Saturday, April 18, at House of Blues (and on radiosophie.com at 3 p.m.)

One would hope that the susceptibility to peer pressure dies off somewhere around 11th grade, and maybe it does for those a little more evolved than myself. But every once in a while, I'm so shaken by a stray comment or even a critical glance in

my direction that I fall into this deep pit of self-doubt. Then I get it into my head that the only way to feel better is to buy shit. I mean, it's no big secret that kabillion-dollar industries exist solely to prey on a woman's sense that she is not quite good enough, but as much as I'd like to think that I'm too smart to buy into it, I have an embarrassing history of retail therapy.

Like the time a coworker made fun of my non-name-brand jeans and I ran out to buy a shockingly expensive replacement pair. I wore these stupid pants that cost half my rent, like, twice and then returned them because I felt like a total poser. Or when I overheard someone remark that I was so pale that I resembled a corpse. Cue the smelly, blotchy, 60-dollar, Lohan-esque spray-tan. Oh, and then there was the time I interviewed a D-list actor who told me my handbag looked cheap. On my way to drop obscene amounts of money at the Coach store, something reminded me not to buy into

the bullshit: india.arie's "Video" song came on the radio.

One line — "My worth is not determined by the price of my clothes" — stopped me dead in my tracks. I kept listening: "My mama said a lady ain't what she wears but what she knows.... Every freckle on my face is where it's supposed to be/ My feet, my thighs, my lips, my eyes — I'm lovin' what I see."

I mean, we all know we're supposed to feel that way, but india.arie has crafted the perfect little weapon to fight the occasional uprising of self-doubt. I bust out "Video" whenever I forget that more stuff is not going to make me happier, and that what works for other girls is not necessarily right for me.



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by Josh Board

I fit a couple of parties into one night. Both were at bars. Well, the first wasn't really at a bar, per se. It was in the cantina of Fidel's in Solana Beach.

I was told the party was a surprise for Tim's 40th birthday. When I got there, a few people were talking about how it was also a guy named Shawn's birthday.

Tim's wife Lynn bought the first round of drinks. I noticed a cake had a chocolate Lab on it. I said to the person near me, "If there's going to be a dog on a cake, I'm guessing a chocolate Lab is the most appropriate."

Lynn and Tim are animal lovers with a bunch of dogs.

I asked Lynn how she kept the surprise from her husband, and she frowned and said, "I think he found out. I had told him before that if he ever needs to get ahold of me or can't find me to just check my email and see where I am. Well, he did that today and...I guess he found out about it."

When Tim came in, feigning surprise, the party kicked up a notch. A mariachi band came over to sing "Happy Birthday." One of the players had a mute on his trumpet, which was perfect for a smaller room.

I noticed the party favors



Left: Judith in the middle and another "crasher" standing behind her; Right: The magician chops off Wendy's hand

included little bottles of tequila.

Matt the Magician came out and did some incredible tricks for the crowd. As he was chewing one card up, someone said it would be a great trick if he choked on it and was able to give himself the Heimlich maneuver.

He went up to one table, and I couldn't see the exact trick, but he was showing a spider on his hand.

"Do you think he ever got any burn scars or broken bones?"

It somehow appeared on the woman's leg and she screamed.

When he did a trick that involved using a knife to cut into

his arm, fake blood squirted everywhere. I heard someone say, "This guy does some intense tricks. He'd be the perfect magician for teenage boys." The wife responded, "Or punk rockers."

I said, "I just hope that's not the same knife they're going to cut the cake with."

When another table nearby started talking about magic tricks, I said, "I know one." I was wearing one of those cone-shaped party hats. I said, "I'm going to pull a rabbit out of my hat." As they looked on, I slid the rubber band away from my chin and held the hat upside down in front of me. As I reached inside, I said, "Oh, it's not a rabbit, it's a hair," and I produced a small strand of hair between my two fingers. There were four people at the table. Not one of them laughed. I got a few giggles when I took a second party hat, strapped the rubber bands of

both hats around my shoulders, and said, "Madonna's bra." As I turned around to order a drink from the waitress, I almost poked her eye out.

Before the cake was cut, the magician stuck one of the candles through his arm. I heard someone say, "Do you think he ever got any burn scars or broken bones when he learned these tricks?" I said, "I dunno. But I practiced tricks as a kid. I wanted to be a magician and learn how to saw someone in half. I always practiced that, and now I have a lot of half brothers and sisters."

Again, four people, no laughs. One woman smiled, though. I headed out before I bombed again. I hustled down to North Park for Judith's bash. It was at the Office, and the invitation she sent to the *Reader* specified how to dress: like John Travolta.

I didn't have a white suit, so I was wondering if his denim-jean-jacket look from *Welcome Back Kotter* would work.

Judith was turning 65. When I saw her, I asked about the attire. She said, "Well, this place is newly remodeled. It's got a New York style, and the disco ball... I figured the theme could be 'dance your ass off.'"

She said she was an ex-flight attendant. "That was when you

could call us 'stews,' or stew-ardesses." I asked if she works now, and she said she's a P.I. chasing down county welfare recipients.

I found out Judith also taught gymnastics and dance at a high school in San Francisco. She wasn't shy about jumping on the raised dance floor and showing her moves.

I grabbed a piece of pizza. Judith felt bad that a few of her friends hadn't shown up. There was still an interesting crowd of people.

Judith told me that her high school basketball team beat Phil Jackson's. She said Jackson (who's now the Lakers' coach) was a tall, geeky guy back then. She partied with him a few times, and Judith said he always called her "Sugar."

Judith then poured me a glass of Australian wine, which was great.

When people showed up, Judith was giving them gifts. She gave me a Who's Your Daddy energy drink, but I can't remember why she said she was giving out gifts. I said, "This is the only birthday party where the people showing up get gifts." A guy at the bar, who seemed to have been drinking for a while, pointed out that he gave Judith a Target gift card.

Judith would take a swig of wine, go dance for a bit, and then come back and tell me great stories. She said, "I've posed nude,

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twice, for artists. Hey, I need to pay the bills." I told her she's like the Bettie Page of North Park.

She told me she had her eyes done in TJ for \$500. She said they were getting droopy. I asked if it made her nervous going there for surgery, and she said, "No. They have great doctors. But they wouldn't take credit cards. That was a pain."

Among the other facts she threw out: she's a quarter Chippewa Indian, and her chihuahua won the World's Fastest Chihuahua contest.

There was a big guy with dreads who told me he didn't know Judith, but his friend invited him. He said, "I'm the real birthday crasher. I'm going to 20 more parties by the end of the month." A few minutes later, I saw him in another part of the bar reading.

I noticed one guy was wearing a pizza hat. Another person had gorilla-feet shoes they got from Goodwill (\$4.99).

I'm guessing my "rabbit out of the hat" joke would've worked with this crowd. ■

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For Frugal Foodies

Happiness is an ice-cold strawberry Bellini at Bite, made with the first berries of spring, and a \$20 four-course dinner from a chef who can really cook.

Bite is one of several good restaurants now offering deep discounts. The big deal is the Tuesday–Thursday night prix fixe: chef Chris Walsh offers four courses (which includes an “amuse”) for \$20.08, plus happy-hour drink discounts if you get there early enough.

Samurai Jim was the very first customer to sample this year’s strawberry Bellini: champagne (maybe Prosecco — whatever, it’s dry and bubbly) with strawberry sorbet and a fresh floating strawberry. Jim had been thinking about ordering the wintertime Pear Bellini when our excellent waiter Dustin enticed him: “The strawberry sorbet just came in.” I was blissing out on Bite’s signature champagne cocktail with fragrant rose-petal syrup, one of my all-time Arabian Nights fantasy favorites, but when Jim gave me a sip of his Bellini, pink and sparkly as a princess costume, I burbled, “OMG, it tastes like... Fairyland in a glass.” During happy hour (5:00–7:00 p.m. nightly), all magic potions, including wines, beers, and champagne-reveries by the glass, cost just \$4.50 each. If you sit in the bar or lounge, a menu of nine light snacks (truffled popcorn and such) runs \$2–\$4 per nibble.

While waiting at length for Michelle to find a parking space somewhere in the general neighborhood of Hillcrest, Jim and I ordered tapas from the regular menu to sustain us. A mustardy deviled egg, halved to serve two (\$3), was topped with salmon caviar and a blobette of salsa made from banana peppers. It was perfect. A lush pair of Medjool dates (\$4.50), stuffed with Gorgonzola and wrapped with bacon, supplemented the egg, completing the breakfast I’d skipped that day. “Can I get Chris Walsh as my personal breakfast chef?” I asked the air, then ordered my own straw-



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berry Bellini. Jim’s round two of champagne with elderflower proved nearly as good as the rose-petal version.

Michelle finally struggled in, and we moved on to happy-hour wines for the serious, food part of dinner. The best of our choices by the glass was a Cono Sur Viognier from Chile — a big, plain, juicy quaff, food-friendly.

Most of the \$20 prix-fixe menu is drawn from the regular array of avant-garde bits and bites, starting with a first-course “amuse,” followed by your choice of one of six appetizers, seven entrée options, and five dessert possibilities. (If you want to order individual tapas from the regular menu instead, sorry to say the two world-beaters are both gone for the recession: no more foie gras crème brûlée, nor truffled poached oysters.)

Our amuse course consisted of a slice each of subtle, satisfying French bread crostini topped with Gorgonzola, a roasted grape, and mysterious herbs and/or spices. We followed with a shared

bowl of lobster bisque with vanilla bean Chantilly. Instead of heavy cream stirred into the soup, it was topped with a foam of vanilla whipped cream, providing an insouciant touch of both dairy and the sweetness you expect from a bisque. The lobster flavor is also light, offering just enough shellfish essence for satisfaction. (If it were expensive, I might cavil at the thinness — but it’s not.)

A puff-pastry caramelized-onion tart with black olives consists of airy rectangles of pastry with colloidal poufs of caramelized onion and a salad on the side. It’s far from chef André Soltner’s legendary, labor-intensive onion tart at Man-

hattan’s Lutèce. Given a choice, I’d go with the Lutèce rendition, but remember that Bite’s is part of a \$20 meal. (Soltner’s version was probably \$20 for this appetizer alone 30-some years ago.) A spinach and Belgian endive salad with Gorgonzola, pears, French walnuts, and balsamic was well choreographed: The endive, crisp and pleasantly bitter, was chopped into small pieces so as not to overwhelm the sweet young spinach leaves. The whole composition was beautifully proportional — that’s what good chefs know how to do.

Our most tentative entrée choice proved the best: Parmesan-crusting salmon with green-olive mashed potatoes and red-pepper vinaigrette. For this price, the salmon had to be Atlantic farm-raised, and tasted so. The outer edges were slightly overcooked, but the center was moist and flaky, and the fillet was coated with crisp, lightly cheesy bread crumbs. The green-olive mash? “I’m not tasting it, are you?” I said to my friends. “No,” said Michelle, “but I like it. Some nice herbs in there.” It was odd and interesting, and long, pretty carrot pieces lent a touch of sweetness.

The carrots recurred on a plate of herb-crusting pork tenderloin, cooked five minutes or five degrees too much. Its dried-fruit sherry gastrique hinted at maple syrup. If you’ve grown up with cheap pancake syrups, your palate’s been conditioned to caramelized sugar (or its precursor in the process, molasses) substituting for the precious tree-sap. Pleasing sauce, anyway.

Coming off another bad, mad, hectic day and seeking total indulgence, I chose pizza bianco (sic) with arugula, dried pears, béchamel sauce, and crispy shallots. I craved gooey and creamy, and it wasn’t. The pears’ sweetness was dominant and soon palled. On the regular menu, this pizza includes Gorgonzola, and that funky richness would balance out the fruit and offer lasting fascination. We’d have been better off ordering the lamb meatballs in spicy, smoky tomato sauce,

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which I remember enjoying as a tapa at an earlier visit.

My favorite dessert was the airy citrus trifle — lemon cake, blood-orange syrup, tangerines, vanilla custard, and more whipped cream than necessary, a fitting finish if you're wondering where you dropped your other glass slipper after downing all those strawberry Bellinis. The Granny Smith apple and cranberry custard was pure comfort. A chocolate cake with vanilla gelato and caramel sauce seemed a trifle dry and overbaked despite the lavish garnishes. For caffeine, there's no espresso, but the French-press coffee is decent, although I wish they'd lavish a half teaspoon more coffee grounds into the hopper. But, hey, it's a \$20 multicourse meal! And not your "All Go Hungry Hash House" Depression dinner (as the old song goes), "where the carrots have red hair," but a real meal and a good meal that's priced cheaply without tasting cheap. It ain't Blanca or A.R. Valentien (see below), but I'd do it again anytime.

Bite, 1417 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-2483, bitesd.com.

More Bargains

Some of these deals are time-limited, so after April 30, when you call to reserve, check to make sure they're still available. In order of

price, low to higher:

Jsix: Monday Night Meatballs, served over a huge bowl of pasta, for just \$12, including a glass of wine — try and beat that deal! Better yet, inventive chef Christian Graves isn't just grinding out beef balls — they could be made of short ribs, duck, or even shrimp. Hotel Solamar, 616 J Street, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-531-8744, jsixsandiego.com.

Laurel: Mad Monday, offering a burger, fries, and a beer for \$14.95. On Tuesdays, tapas are discounted. Wednesdays, wine bottles are half off; Thursdays, it's "buy one entrée, get one free," if you share some good news with your server. 505 Laurel Street, Banker's Hill, 619-239-2222, sdurbankitchen.com.

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Blanca: An extraordinary price drop for anytime meals at an extraordinary restaurant, featuring the thoroughly modern cuisine of chef Wade Hageman, a Michael Mina protégé, coddling the best seasonal and local ingredients (and a few little exotics, such as a starter of miso-marinated Japanese Kobe beef). Prix-fixe dinners of three courses are \$46, wine-pairings \$29 (with options for more courses and more wines higher). No restrictions for hours, days, or dishes — it's all yours, anytime. 437 South Highway 101 (at Dahlia), Solana Beach, 858-792-

0072, dineblanca.com.

A.R. Valentien: Featuring some of the tastiest, most arresting food in the county in an exquisite setting (inside or outside), chef Jeff Jackson's new, more affordable menu of seasonal, mainly local, delicious cuisine offers smaller portions at smaller prices, with no item over \$21. (Note: The unhelpful website, concentrating on decor, shows no prices on the sample menu.) The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-453-4420, lodgetorrey.com.

Terra Incognita: Unreviewed Restaurants with Bargain Meals

Here are a few places I haven't yet been but recommended by readers and colleagues (in alphabetical order):

Andiamo: This one is taking off; I've heard about it from several "good palates." Located out in Tierrasanta, the owners are reportedly planning to open a downtown location — soon, I hope! The early-bird special offers three luscious courses for \$16.95 before 6:00 p.m. I'll have the shrimp and crab agnolotti with brown butter and sage sauce, *grazie* — oh, wait, maybe the stuffed roast salmon! (Note: website doesn't show early-bird menu.) 5960 Santo Road, Tierrasanta, 858-277-3501, [\[ristorante.com\]\(http://ristorante.com\).](http://andiamo-</p>
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Khan's Cave: The restaurant is new, but the owner-chef will be familiar to many. He's Mark Sun, of the delightful Chinese-fusion restaurant Del Mar Rendezvous (and before that, East County's popular Szechuan-Mandarin Restaurant). At his latest venture, the food is fusion again, and the bargain is a limited choice of five items (including steak frites, wine-braised short rib, and gingered snapper) for \$9 each, from 5:00 p.m. until closing on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays. On Tuesdays and Saturdays, wine bottles are half-price, too. 9350 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-279-9799, khanscave.com.

O.B. Noodle House: My correspondent writes, "Consistent flavors and about \$7 for a huge pho. Sweet sticky rice for dessert, served in a length of corked bamboo." Sounds yummy! Online, many bloggers mention great spring rolls and peanut sauce, an awesome beer list — and excessive crowds, waits, and noise after 7:30 p.m., especially on weekends. This is obviously one of those mom 'n' pops that has won over the hearts of its neighborhood. So if you're a grownup, go early, and on a weeknight. 2218 Cable Street (near Voltaire Avenue), Ocean Beach, 619-450-6868, obnoodlehouse.com. ■

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Plus, we need this place. Why? Because it never closes. At last, downtown has a night 'n' day cafe. "We were the only town without a classic 24-hour eatery," says Steve, the owner's father, "till we came along." Well, if you don't count Denny's-type places, could be true, I guess.

This is Brian's. Used to be Brians'. Apostrophe after the s. This is subtle. Meaning, two partners named Brian used to own the place (they still have their well-known American Eateries on Washington and Balboa). And now, Steve's son, whose name also happens to be Brian, has bought their third location, shifted the apostrophe, and gone 24-hour.

But not much else has changed. Which is good because this is a living relic of San Diego. It's part of the St. James Hotel (now owned by Ramada), which was put up in, like, 1913, ten stories high, downtown's first skyscraper hotel. Its two elevators — they're the same elevators 96 years later — were then the fastest in all of California, according to Ira, the hotel's receptionist.

Brian's is separated from the hotel's reception area by a glass wall. It feels like 1913 in here. Chandeliers, waiters' voices echoing as they hurry up and down the cream floor tiles, the giant bar-counter with a little curly art nouveau lamp at either end, and a massive, single-plank, polished mahogany surface.

"See the dents in the bar top?" asks Missy,

the waitress. "They're Joan Crawford's stiletto heel marks. She used to dance on it."

Wow. Joan Crawford. Legendary bitchy goddess. *The Women*...all those '30s movies.

Missy says this whole counter and backboard were part of a house Joan had in Italy. Seems they shipped it over to the States, and since she died, it has been in a bunch of bars. Now it's here to stay, says Missy.

She brings me a menu.

"Ready?"

Uh, oh. Man, it's huge. "I'm a speed reader," I say. "Just give me half an hour."

So, okay, t'ain't cheap-cheap. Gotta pay for all that overtime, I guess. I'm looking at the breakfast pages. Biscuits and gravy (with two biscuits, two eggs, two bacon or a sausage patty or spicy link and home fries) runs \$9.49. "krab" cake Benedict, with two poached eggs, hollandaise, and home fries is \$12.99. The pity is, I'm just too late for the two breakfast specials, which are way cheaper. Two hotcakes/toast/muffin, two eggs, and one bacon/sausage patty/spicy link is \$5.99; and the one I really have the hots for, the "megabreakfast" of three eggs, six bacon, three sausage patties or links, with home fries and toast/hotcakes, is \$7.99. Alas and alack, they stop that deal at 11:00 a.m.

On the regular menu they have a mobey-sounding fried chicken waffle (fried chicken in honey batter, plus a plateful of waffles, \$13.99) and, wow, an "absolutely everything" omelet with — check this out — six eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, cheddar cheese, mushrooms, peppers, spinach, tomatoes, onions, all topped with cheddar cheese, \$12.99.

But in the end, I decide on a good ol' Ital-

ian frittata (\$11.99). Ten minutes later, another waiter, Rodrigo, delivers the goods. He brings out two big china plates, one with hotcakes steamin' away, the other with this mess of eggs loaded with Italian sausage (of course), peppers, mushrooms, black olives, marinara sauce, and mozzarella, and a pile of grilled-onion-strewn home fries. This is going to see me through the entire day.

Fast-forward two days. It's afternoon. Find myself sitting down at the same nicely worn black wooden table, checking the lunch menu. Spot some good value from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., specials like fish and chips for \$5.99; pasta with marinara, alfredo, or meat sauce for \$5.99; or a 1/4 lb. Vienna beef hot dog with sauerkraut and french fries for \$6.99. I'm figuring I'll settle for the shark and taties when *clang!* My eye settles on...can this be right? A peanut-butter burger? "Don't be afraid," says the menu. "Our 1/2 lb. patty is topped with peanut butter, bacon, and cheddar cheese, \$11.99. If it wasn't great, we wouldn't serve it."

What can I say? Missy brings out a big sesame seed bun with the half-pounder glistening evilly inside and bacon waving about like rusty roof iron, lots of oozing cheese, and

a second giant ooze — this crazy peanut butter. A Farberware steak knife is plunged through the bun's heart. A pile of pickles, tomato slices, lettuce sits waiting to see if you want to tuck them up in bed with the peanut butter. Thicket of french fries surrounds the monster. I dive straight in. Need that knife, too. And — maybe it's my sweet tooth — but this is great. Oozy, sloppy, bacon-salty, sweet...almost like a Thai burger with that peanutty thing going on. Have to say, it's the most refreshing take on the hoary old burger idea in a while. It's big, but mine's gone before you can say Mommie Dearest.

Next? Brekky at 4:30 one morning. Maybe catch Joan admiring her ghostly self in the backboard mirror. ■



Missy

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moderate: \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$29; **very expensive:** more than \$30. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

BEACHES

Baleen 1404 Vacation Road, Pacific Beach, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers.

The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations. — *N.W.*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Fridays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches

above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is Coast Toast, served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads, while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Downtown, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a Southern Low Country accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Clay's La Jolla 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, 858-551-3620. In this oddly cozy penthouse with wide windows facing west, the curtains rise at sunset to reveal a panorama stretching to the sea. It's comfortable, attractive, not too formal — casual-chic. Here, chef-owner Clay Bordan cooks up a creative, sophisticated, seasonal California-fusion menu with international flavors seamlessly integrated, featuring organic vegetables, wild fish, naturally raised meats and fowl. With his discerning palate, his fare is unusually delicious. And it's healthful, low-carb enjoyment with interesting veggies, little starch, minimal cream. Wine list includes some high-end French bargains; good choices by the glass. Full bar. Free parking. Elevator-accessible restrooms same floor. Dietary restrictions accommodated. No kiddie

menu, but child-size plates half-price from regular menu. Reservations recommended. Live local jazz in lounge most nights after 7 or 8 p.m.; big band Sunday nights. Can be noisy. Three meals daily. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Come On In 1030B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the Popeye omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Of course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house-made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during week-night happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at

the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

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Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include The Works omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. Philly Steak Heaven (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Avenue 5 2760 Fifth Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-542-0394. Chef-owner Colin MacLaggan offers a short, tasty menu of creative, seasonal, French-influenced California cuisine in a chic, classy-casual neighborhood bistro. Be sure to ask about daily specials. Desserts are all house-made, including baked *fromage blanc*, a charming cheesecake. The adventurous international wine list is loaded with interesting bottles at low markups. Full bar. Extremely loud when crowded. Reservations urged. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. High moderate. — *N.W.*

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive,

ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; \$5 corkage for BYOW. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low-moderate. — *N.W.*

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-281-1355. This bright, über-cool eatery offers dishes from the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, where lamb eating is a tradition. In dishes like the Lamb Special (lamb taco, quesadilla, cactus salad, rice), the rich taste of lamb cooked in maguery leaves comes through beautifully. Lamb *mixiote* (a spicier, smokier variation, with the lamb cooked inside the thin maguery skin) is also a "must eat." Or, just to get hooked on the whole lamb thing, slurp their luscious broth (with lamb, garbanzo beans, rice). If you're feeling adventurous, try lamb *pancita* (lamb's organs cooked inside its own sewn-up stomach). Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Midway District, 619-692-1410. The pleasures of the Brazilian table go beyond the orgies of skewered meats served at *rodizios* (e.g., Rei Do Gado). Here you can eat like a real *carrioca*, sampling typical dishes of Bahia, Rio, and São Paulo. You can happily make a grazing meal of stuffed things — appetizers such as *coxinhas*, *pasteles*, *croquetes*, and *kube* (the Brazilian version of Lebanon's *kibbe*) — and don't miss the luxuriant fried-bananas Milanese. Ask for the house's Brazilian hot sauce, hotter and livelier than the Mexican bottled sauces on the tables. The main-course masterpiece is *moqueca de peixe*, fish in a curry-like coconut milk stew. Other good choices include *prato feito* (beef, fish, or chicken, sprinkled with lemon juice and served over a sea of red beans) or filet mignon with *catupiry*, a stroganoff-like concoction made with a rich Brazilian cheese of the same name. Weekends, there's *feijoada*, the Brazilian national dish, but it's a rather thin and soupy version. Good

desserts, including passion-fruit mousse. Beer, wine, sake-based cocktails. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations accepted but not needed. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for non-diners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W.*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — 70 years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menu. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored red sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue, Downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a Euro-

pean sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or southwest chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B.*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet-and-gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient lo mein (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, potstickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. 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. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily

until 9:30 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lightnin' Jack's BBQ 4705-H Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomato sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-237-4900. The one-time ornate Royale Brasserie across from the convention center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. King's Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style, a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye Cowboy Steak. Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.*

Lucky Buck's Patio Bar and Grill 1459 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0660. If you've got a craving for the wickedest-lookin' burger since Hodad's, this might be it. The only question: which

burger? The Buck 'n' Bleu Ribbon Burger (with bleu cheese, bacon, onion strings, and chipotle sauce)? Buck's On Fire (pepper Jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers)? Buck's Lucky Mushroom? Or the Texas Longhorn Buck (Cheddar, hickory bacon, BBQ sauce, and fried onion rings tumbling out of the burger like a Rolling Stones' tongue). All come with garlicky waffle fries. This'll take care of your cholesterol fix for a month. Next time try their healthier veggie burritos and Chicken Buck 'n' Caesar salad. Daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant 675 L Street (Omni Hotel), Downtown, 619-645-6545. Want to hang out with the baseball elite? They graze here, next to the ballpark. But what should really draw you is happy hour. It's an awesome deal where you get a half-pound burger and fries for under two bucks. Ditto steamed mussels, chicken satay, California rolls, fish cakes, cheese plate, more. Best beverage deal: Coke or (refillable) iced tea, and the staff is sporting about you ordering multiple eats and sitting on one drink. Feel guilty? Don't. This loss leader works: From one place, in Portland, Oregon, M&S has grown to 86 locations nationwide. Happy hour Monday through Friday, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on game days). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Park Boulevard Cafe 4646 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-298-5248. He used to run one of Baghdad's most famous restaurants, the Ishtar, when Saddam was vice president. When the government asked him to spy on his customers, Sami and his wife Claudia left the country. You can tell from the cooking: this couple know what they're doing. They took over this little place (and little it is) from a Vietnamese-American couple, so the menu has echoes of Vietnam and the Middle East, as well as Italian dishes. Prices are very reasonable. Try the Vietnamese-style coconut milk soup with veggies, with a sandwich, or lamb shank with red curry sauce and couscous. Don't miss the classy Greek coffee. Open daily from 10 a.m. to late; closes at 5 p.m. on Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*



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MILANO

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist Thursday through Saturday), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the Sicilian steak. But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — N.W.

RA Sushi 474 Broadway, Downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, and hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read the menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 1 a.m. Bar open to 2 a.m. Moderate. — N.W.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Super Cocina 3627 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-584-6244. If you're looking for authentic, rustic Mexican home cooking, this simple, bright cafeteria is the place. There's no chef; instead, local Mexican housewives from many regions prepare their specialties for the restaurant. They're mainly fascinating, complex meat or poultry stews, made without border compromises — if a dish should be spicy, it is spicy. The array of about a

dozen entrées changes daily from a rotating repertory of about 100. The counter people will give you tastes of any entrée before you choose the two you want, which come in generous dollops with rice, lively rancho beans, and tortillas. For breakfast, the *chilaquiles* are renowned. Free parking, family atmosphere, no alcohol, cash only. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Very inexpensive. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-7171. Chef Patrick Ponsaty, a master of flavor, reigns in this unpretentious but beautiful high-ceilinged bistro, producing creative, classic-based French-modern cuisine featuring fine seasonal ingredients. The food isn't merely creative, it tastes heavenly — the man's got a palate. You want to know what genuine (California-adapted) bouillabaisse should be? Or squab at its best? This is the place — and desserts are ravishing, too. Servers are mainly well-informed, enthusiastic fellow foodies who are right on the mark. Alluring wine list at all prices includes top French growths at near-bargain markups, plus full bar. One vegetarian entrée most seasons. Slightly dressy, reservations urged. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive but not exorbitant. — N.W.

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best. — N.W.

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it's, as *Guide Michelin* would say, "worth a detour." Provence-born chef-owner Phillippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon, and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) Monday through Thursday nights are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it's difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Din-

ner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

El Galeón 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W.

Hacienda de Vega 2608 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Senora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — N.W.

Savory 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultrarich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager's approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

WineSellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Sorrento Valley, 858-450-9557. This long-time favorite "splurge" restaurant, located in a soulless industrial park (there's no "there" there), sits atop a serious wine store, and your dinner quaffs, from an encyclopedic choice of bottlings, will cost just 20% over retail. The food is the comfortably upscale French cooking that San Diego cherishes — luxurious and modern, without a hint of exoticism. And many

dishes would shine in any galaxy — e.g., foie gras with mango and tender pheasant stuffed with foie gras, along with cured *hamachi* and yellowfin-tuna tartare. Dining room up staircase, no lift; accessible seating in first floor tasting room, with full facilities. (Call ahead to arrange, and to arrange vegetarian meals.) Reservations usually necessary, as restaurant holds many sold-out special events. Ask for directions, too, as all the architecture for miles is identical. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday (closed between meals). Lunches high-moderate, dinners very expensive. — N.W.

NORTH COASTAL

101 Café 631 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping

burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken-fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Cash only. No alcohol. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Blanca 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-792-0072. The opening of sleek, sophisticated Blanca marks the arrival of our first 21st-century restaurant, highlighting perfect seasonal ingredients so radiantly and originally prepared that diners must rise to rapt attention. Chef Wade Hageman, a protégé of renowned SF/Vegas chef Michael Mina, has imported a similarly complex, labor-intensive style of cooking

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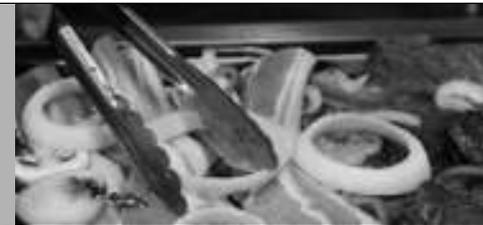
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Blanca's menu lists each item's pedigree and primary garnishes, but those details don't begin to describe the behind-the-scenes enhancements of marinades, brines, rubs, soaks, and infusions that play subtle roles in the multilayered flavors that come to the table. Appetizers are especially adventurous, the wine list is exceptional (if mainly very pricey), and the restaurant's decor is as modern and polished as the food. Dinner only. Reservations required. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish-and-chips, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers, which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don't miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there's live steel pan weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open weekday nights until 8 p.m. and weekend nights until 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Oceanside Café 1938 South Coast Highway 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 Ched-

dar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the Sausage of the Week is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pizza Port — Solana Beach 135 North Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta (Pizza Carlsbad), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms (Pizza Solana). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with dead-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine, highlighting fresh (and

usually organic) local produce on a menu that changes with the seasons. The irresistible lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. Some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them: Salmon served with peas and mushrooms to one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. Family-friendly setting (only well-mannered kids come here) with handsome, airy dining rooms and charming patios. Wide-ranging wine list emphasizing California, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. On different weekday evenings they offer \$5 martinis, no corkage fee, and 50% off all bottles; call for specific days. Crowded during racing season. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. High moderate to expensive. — *B.D.*

When in Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SOUTH BAY

Anthony's Fish Grotto — Chula Vista 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish-and-chips are still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and

running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

La Costa Azul Mariscos 1037 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-691-9812. Great family-run hangout for traditional seafood from Sinaloa and Nayarit, Mexico's crackling-hot desert/coastal states. Their ancient Sinaloa dish *aguachile* (shrimp in spicy brine) is simple, mouth-sizzlingly effective, *langostinos* are lush, but maybe most satisfying are whole-fish dishes like *pescado Veracruzano*. Truly traditional offerings come in giant three-legged *molcajetes*. Even their less-traditional signature dish, *Camarones Costa Azul* (crab and cheese-stuffed, bacon-wrapped shrimp) arrives in a burning hot *molcajete*. Also delicious: the sizzle-plate fajitas *mixtas*, with shrimp, beef, chicken. Many customers come around sunset, just to sit with a cool drink under palm fronds on the patio. Even if you're actually on Chula Vista's Broadway, it feels strangely like Cabo. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Crown Room 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even a chocolate fountain for large parties, available upon request. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though

the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or lukewarm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Open Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.*

Dakine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Olive Oil Organic Café 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 109, Imperial Beach, 619-429-1779. There are a folks who believe the best two vegan sandwiches in the county can be found here — the Baby Greens sandwich (roasted eggplant, squash, sprouts, avocado on ciabatta or focaccia) and the Vegan Fusion (imitation meats — smoked turkey and salami — mozzarella cheese, greens, tomatoes, red onions, sprouts, "mayo," deli mustard, olive oil, balsamic vinegar on focaccia). But they're all good: the Appallonia panini (grilled apples, bacon, cheddar) or the Tango (spiced beef pastrami, Black Forest ham, provolone cheese on a ciabatta roll) or the Chicago Way (London broil roast beef with cheddar and horseradish) are all better than they have to be. Also pizzas, salads, smoothies, and homemade soups. 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday. — *E.B.*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is de-

licious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven. Also, try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for dinner on Sunday. Lunch and dinner (with inexpensive early-bird dinner) Monday through Saturday; brunch and dinner Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

La Casa del Zorro 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the denures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Downtown Café 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Main, a French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought-iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Geno's Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He'd won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today, a new owner has continued the tradition. 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, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Kopper Kettle 12108 Woodside Avenue, Lakeside, 619-561-0628. "Early to bed, early to rise, sit at Kopper Kettle, tell big lies." The plaque says it all: the Kettle's Social Central for this part of Lakeside. But its other claim to fame is important, too: They broast. Think broiling and roasting. They pressure-cook their chicken and their potatoes in oil. The result is a tastier, crisper, and less greasy chunk of chicken and wedges of potato that are crusty with light insides — great for dipping in their homemade ranch sauce. The menu features many broasted items, plus dozens of big-plate breakfast and lunch items. Expect tons of friendliness, traditional fare, less for the nuts-and-twigs crowd. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Last Gasp

Mr. Cool Cat is about to have his fur ruffled.

For some years now, whenever Rialto Pictures (it usually was had selected a foreign film for theatrical reissue, I was given to wonder when they'd get around to Jean-Pierre Melville's *Le Deuxième Souffle*,

known in English as *Second Breath*. Not every time would I wonder it, and not always out loud in print, but most

likely whenever another of Melville's films had been so selected: *Le Doulos*, *Le Cercle Rouge*, *Army of Shadows*. With the release of *Le Deuxième Souffle* on DVD last fall, the time appears to have passed. Once a thing is on video, it's as good as lost to the big screen. That's a pity, but the upside is that the thing under discussion is now available on DVD, available locally at Kensington Video (alphabetized under "L") or wherever fine DVDs — the Criterion Collection in specific — are sold. This fully restored version, if I can believe my arithmetic, boasts twenty-five additional minutes over the 16mm print I long ago used to rent when teaching

Crime to undergraduates, the only version upon which I've based my opinion that the film, in spite of its sporadic bumpy zoom shot, is Melville's supreme masterpiece. (Not his sole masterpiece. *Le Samourai*, a touch more immaculate in technique, is one of those, too, dated 1966 and 1967 respectively.)

I have finally, thanks to a week of nothing but *Fast and Furious* and *Adventureland*, gotten around to renting it and watching it.

It all came affirmatively back to me: the geometrized prison break in the cold gray (black-and-white) dawn; the seven silent minutes to the first line of dialogue; the five-minute unobtrusive single take as the prissily sardonic police inspector (Paul Meurisse) sizes up the scene of a nightclub shooting, supplies all the answers and alibis to his own questions, and proves himself in the course of this virtual monologue the equal of Melville (or vice versa) as an aficionado of the underworld; the pregnant first look between



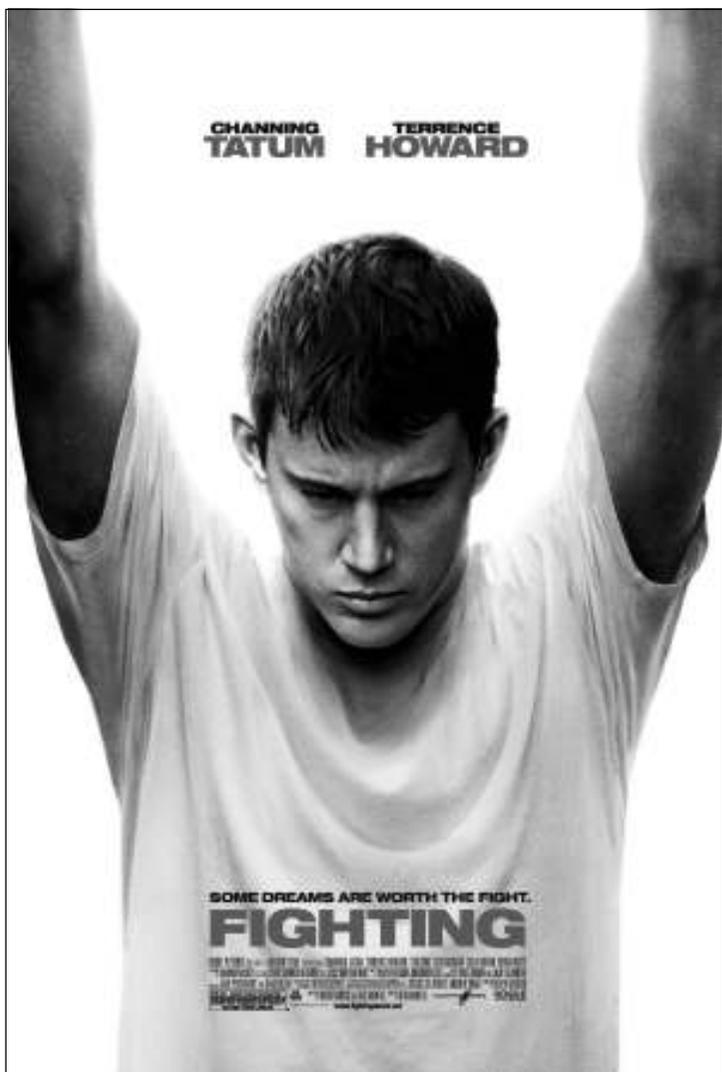
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the escaped convict and the cotton-candy-haired gun moll at their reunion, matched and surpassed by their pregnant last look much later on; the protagonist's trademark killings in a moving vehicle; the mountain-road stickup of an armored car; the superb ruse by which the policeman gets the gangster to spill a single bean; the evocative shots of dark-coated figures in a

landscape, scantily clad chorines on the dance floor, abstract polygons of light and shadow; the spare, neurotic jazz score; the stoic camaraderie and the stern judgmentalism about good people and bad, whether crooks or cops. And through it all, that great block of granite, that craggy colossus of the French screen, Lino Ventura — a block with worrisome cracks in it (is

he over the hill? all washed-up?), a block that undergoes liquefaction over his deviously induced betrayal of his cronies and his principles, an unnerving turn of events that can only be put right by doffing his fusty mustache-and-glasses disguise, donning a regulation trenchcoat, and doing penance by way of a two-gun suicide.

Near the end, my most treasured



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sequence in all of Melville leaves Ventura out entirely, and centers on a subordinate figure in the large population of characters, a natty iceman (Pierre Zimmer) with the sinister name of Orloff. "He's all style and no action," someone appraises him. Well, let's see. It is he who is tabbed as the protagonist's go-between at an assignation with three ticked-off mobsters. As a precaution, he visits the meeting place ahead of time, picks out a spot atop an armoire where he can stash a gun out of sight from normal human height. He practices standing with his back to the armoire, reaching up over his head, pulling down the gun with the business end forward. He goes away satisfied. Then the gypsy triggerman from the hostile trio also checks out the meeting place beforehand, finds the

gun, keeps it. He's satisfied as well. Comes the meeting. The talk turns testy. Orloff sidles over to the armoire, positions himself in front of the empty hiding place. The gypsy tenses in anticipation, eggs him on. Mr. Cool Cat is about to have his fur ruffled. You'll need to see the film to find out what happens next, a moment even more magically than the one in *Le Samourai* when the professional assassin unveils his white gloves from beneath a washroom towel. And, as I would tell the undergraduates, this alone should suffice to deter us from a life of crime: we're not smart enough.

To object that Melville glamorizes his subject would be to miss altogether the point of a film that is manifestly a movie buff's fantasy. Aside from that, the film is doubtless a "meditation," as they say, not just on the gangster genre but on themes of loyalty and trust, aging and death, *sang-froid* and *savoir-faire*, arbitrarily in gangster garb. Any piddler of course can meditate on

such stuff. It takes a true artist to arrange his thoughts and feelings into a form that will fully express and validate them. Many a filmmaker loves gangster movies, pays homage to them, imitates them. Melville improves them. His love runs deep. I can't say that the extra twenty-five minutes, when I could identify them, added anything to the film but length, two and a half hours all told. Mere length is not nothing, however, in a film I never want to see come to an end. The extra minutes necessitate no revision in my previous opinion of it.

As long as I was at Kensington Video getting *Le Deuxième Souffle*, I also got Enzo G. Castellari's *The Inglorious Bastards* in order to prepare for Quentin Tarantino's remake of it later this year. You could hardly pick a more random film to watch, much less to remake, an Italian knockoff of *The Dirty Dozen* about a dirty quintet of U.S. deserters heading for the Swiss border in the Second World War, mistakenly mowing down a squad of Americans disguised as Germans, and redemptively taking over their top-secret mission. Needless to say, Quentin Tarantino taking an interest in a movie is a boon somewhat akin to Oprah Winfrey taking an interest in a book. And sure enough, there he is in the flesh in a

Special Feature on the disk, ostensibly in conversation with Castellari, who, for as long as I stood it, couldn't get a word in edgewise.

A second DVD was required, in a manner of speaking, for a couple of documentary featurettes on the film, in case anybody wants to know what Bo Svenson looks like nowadays. But the "requirement" of a two-disk set of this derivative mediocrity, vintage 1978, is a real head-scratcher. Even with the extraneous mystery of what Tarantino saw in it and what he can possibly make of it in a remake, there's precious little joy in it. The cigar-chomping Fred Williamson and his Seventies hair and mustache, if not funny in themselves, will remind you of how funny Robert Downey, Jr., was in *Tropic Thunder*. And an Aryan bathing beauty earns a bark of laughter when she cuts loose with a machine gun *au naturel*. Another laugh might be extracted when you realize that Ian Bannen, whose first language is English, has been dubbed in American. Otherwise the film is useful only as another pebble in the mountain of evidence of Tarantino's untrustworthy taste (I wouldn't say unequivocally bad taste, since he also admires Melville), and perhaps, too, as a strong candidate for a selective list of silliest movie titles.

If I seem to be shirking my responsibilities, I should need to put up no more defense than to point out that my responsibilities this week extended only to *Hannah Montana: The Movie*, *Dragonball: Evolution*, and *Observe and Report*. (Landmark Theatres, still reserving room for *Slumdog Millionaire*, offered little better: *Shall We Kiss?* and *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh*.) Elucidating the minuscule degrees to which *Observe and Report* might be superior to *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* doesn't strike me as lighting the way to the marvels of cinema.

Citing "the effects of the economy," the Museum of Contemporary Art has announced the termination of its monthly film program and its film curator, Neil Kendricks. A monthly program did not convey much commitment to film in the first place, and the eclecticism of the programming further retarded a sense of identity. But a loss is a loss. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Adventureland — Coming-of-age comedy with airs. Jesse Eisenberg for all intents and purposes plays an extension of his pretentious youth in *The Squid and the Whale*, a virginal egghead ("I read poetry for pleasure sometimes") obliged to take a minimum-wage summer job at a Pittsburgh amusement park while awaiting admission to the Columbia School of Journalism. He's still credible in the part if a little less fresh. Martin Starr, in a supporting role as a co-worker and fellow egghead who gives the gift of Gogol after a first date, is no less credible and a little more fresh. And as the protagonist's idealized dream girl with a dark secret, Kristen Stewart, seen with greater regularity on screen, is a lot less fresh if also still credible. Mixed in with the superior airs are steady doses of toilet humor for the multiplex groundlings, plus a sizable population of cardboard adults. With Ryan Reynolds, Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig, and Margarita Levieva; written and directed by Greg Mottola. 2009.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Alien Trespass — To feel affection for the grade-Z science-fiction films of the Fifties, especially as their descendants get ever more deluxe, is perfectly natural and no cause for shame. (A Not-Guilty Pleasure.) To set out in the 21st Century to make a grade-Z science-fiction film of the Fifties, purportedly shelved and now salvaged, is another matter. It is, from whichever end you choose to look at it, the height of unambition or else depth of ambition, striving for badness, winking at badness, absolving badness. Director R.W. Goodwin, a veteran of the *X-Files* series, does a decently good job of the badness, as well as a decently good job of suppressing his smirks over it. At feature length, the joke inevitably wears thin, but it

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can be unexpectedly plumped up again at a moment's notice, as when, for example, the townsfolk and the invading monster come together at a screening of *The Blob* at the local bijou. The joke there, or at least the funny part of the joke, is not that the movie-within-the-movie mirrors the movie-without (a monster amok at a movie theater); the joke, rather, is the attractive notion that anyone ever would have been moved to scream out loud at a thing like *The Blob*. You still might be better off watching *The Blob* itself or one of its actual contemporaries, wherein, for all the achieved badness, the filmmakers were trying their level best. That's not only nobler; it's funnier. Eric McCormack, Jenni Baird, Robert Patrick, Dan Lauria, Jody Thompson. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/16)

As It Is in Heaven — A world-class Swedish symphony conductor (Michael Nyqvist, a big, strong Richard Burton-y pocked face) moves back to his native village with a bad heart, whips the church choir into competitive shape, upsets the local bluenoses, shelters abused women, wins the heart of the budding Jezebel, draws out the village idiot, leads the group to Austria for a "Let the People Sing" contest. Corny, overly dramatic, histrionic, and probably crowd-pleasing. With Frida Hallgren, Helen Sjöholm, Ingela Olsson, and Lennart Jähkel; directed by Kay Pollak. 2004.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Black Balloon — The embarrassments of having an ADD autistic brother when you're trying to fit in at a new school: him running down the street in his undies and into a stranger's house to use the toilet, him smearing poo on the rug, him popping your new girlfriend's tampon into his mouth, etc. The embarrassments extend to the mawkish uplift. With Rhys Wakefield, Luke Ford, Toni Collette, Erik Thomson, and Gemma Ward; directed by Elissa Down. 2008.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 4/16)

Che: Part One — First half of Steven Soderbergh's four-and-a-half-hour worship service in honor of Che Guevara, conducted in Spanish with English subtitles, really two distinct movies. This first, in wide screen and in roomy frames, operates a time shuttle between vivid color re-enactments of the overthrow of Batista in the late Fifties and grainy black-and-white faux news coverage of Guevara's visit to New York in the mid-Sixties for interviews with the press and speeches at the United Nations. Nothing is sustained (the shuttle runs continuously) until the extended battle in the last reel or so. We instead get scenes, glimpses, moving snapshots of the Lifestyle of the Revolutionary and Famous: walking through the woods, resting up, slapping comrades on the back, exhorting the troops, etc. There are no rises and falls in the narrative contour, just a kind of flatline. Benicio del Toro and Demián Bechir can pass for Guevara and Castro as well as anybody could in the same beards and hats, and with the same pipe and cigar. Catalina Sandino Moreno, Santiago Cabrera, Elvira Minguez, Julia Ormond. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Che: Part Two — The free-standing second half of Steven Soderbergh's worship service, in narrower screen than the first half, and in less vivid color and no black-and-white, unfolds a contrastingly chronological account of Guevara's final year, 1966-67, his ill-fated attempt to do in Bolivia what he had done in Cuba. As in the first half, there is an extended battle toward the end of it, and prior to that a lot more of authentic-feeling shots (in similarly roomy frames) of the lifestyle of a revolutionary, in addition to a worrisome increase in the hero's asthmatic wheezing. His post-battle

execution is as lovingly dragged out as any screen staging of the Crucifixion. Richard Fleischer's average-sized 1969 film of the same name, minus the *Part One* and *Part Two* but plus an exclamation point, with Omar Sharif and Jack Palance as Guevara and Castro, was doubtless a Hollywood travesty, but that at least made it somewhat fun. (Jack Palance by his lonesome makes anything somewhat fun.) Soderbergh's corrective is no travesty and no fun. Benicio del Toro, Franka Potente, Joaquim de Almeida, Lou Diamond Phillips. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Crank: High Voltage — Action sequel with Jason Statham, Amy Smart, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bai Ling, directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/17)

Crossing Over — Unctuous liberalism and clumsy manipulation on the broad subject of illegal aliens: Mexican, Australian, Iranian, Korean, Nigerian, the whole rainbow, in multiple plotlines with a *Crash*-like incidence of coincidence. (The physical beauty of the female aliens helps, of course, to fuel liberality.) Embarrassment eclipses enlightenment. Harrison Ford, Cliff Curtis, Ray Liotta, Ashley Judd, Alice Eve, Alice Braga, Summer Bishil; written and directed by Wayne Kramer. 2009.

● (GASLAMP 15)

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button — The central conceit, and little else, has been retained from an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story of the same name: a protagonist who ages in reverse. (The story of course was written and titled before the soundalike name of Benjamin Britten came to fame, and as long as they were changing everything else...) With a script by Eric Roth, and with an historical scope and a "special" hero that often recall his script for *Forrest Gump*, the movie is at some pains to shore up the plausibility of the tale — a painful undertaking for sure — and to expunge the humor of it. On screen, nothing is more absurd about it than its length, two

and three-quarters hours, plenty long enough to read the Fitzgerald story five or six times over. And its wistful theme of transience frankly gains very little from the reverse-aging phenomenon, nowhere near as much as you'd want to gain from so mindbending a device. The theme, moreover, gains nothing at all from the movie's feeling of interminability. Director David Fincher, determined to show his softer side, softer than *Zodiac* and *Panic Room* and *Fight Club* and so on, manages first and foremost to show his technical side. The movie is replete with proficiencies of production (the periods are lavishly detailed, the brief tugboat battle with an enemy sub in WWII is dazzling, the duplex love nest is a splendid locale, etc.), and it serves as a virtual showcase for the art of makeup and/or art of digital touch-up, digital airbrush, digital prestidigitation, whatever went into the various aging effects on Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. The seamless surgery by which the leading man's head has been grafted onto bodies of different sizes is used, in this instance, responsibly. But it raises unsettling

possibilities for the evolutionary next leap in screen body doubles. What's to prevent another filmmaker from putting Brad Pitt's head, in service of vanity, on Michael Phelps's body? Cate Blanchett's on Giselle Bündchen's? With Taraji P. Henson, Jason Flemyng, Jared Harris, Tilda Swinton, Julia Ormond. 2008.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Dragonball: Evolution — Action fantasy with Justin Chatwin, Emmy Rossum, and Chow Yun-Fat, directed by James Wong. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Duplicity — Entertaining enough game of industrial espionage, kicked off, behind the credits, with a slapstick soundless slo-mo fight on the tarmac between the ungainly Paul Giamatti and Tom Wilkinson. The repeated doubling-back in time proves to be more exasperating than clever, but writer-

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director Tony Gilroy, going light after *Michael Clayton*, hasn't abandoned his conscience. And he has written some breezy dialogue, despite the major windbreak of Julia Roberts. On the other side, Clive Owen nicely holds up his end. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Fast and Furious — Stripped-down action sequel. Or anyway, the title is stripped down, dumping the definite articles and demoting the nouns to adjectives. The tricked-out action, meanwhile, barrels ahead with total disregard for lucidity or credibility. It's not precisely a reunion of the original four stars, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Michelle Rodriguez, inasmuch as before they can come together one of them gets bumped off. Thoughts then turn to revenge. Shallowly. Just the right depth for the juvenile target audience. ("Are we cool?" "Yeah, we're cool.") With John Ortiz, Laz Alonso, and Gal Gadot; directed by Justin Lin. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

Gran Torino — Clint Eastwood, director, serves Clint Eastwood, actor, a nice fat one, a softball lobbed right down the middle of

the plate and effortlessly belted over the fence: a sort of Grumpy Old Man version of Dirty Harry, a scowler and a growler (looking and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants ("HUM-mong," in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War and the '72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life's work on the Ford assembly line. The character's blatant bigotry toward his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past "fishhead" and "gook" all the way to "zipperhead") is somewhat problematic. Eastwood's endearing presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism in a way that just wouldn't happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it. What ultimately redeems him and his film is not the conventional, formulaic, soft-hearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of wrath on the Asian street gang that's terrorizing the neighborhood, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No, none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind *Unforgiven*, *A Perfect World*, *Mystic River*, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary's after a long-postponed trip to confession. It was, so it would

appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA, FROM 4/17)

The Great Buck Howard — Affectionate and amiable portrait of a fading mentalist (a blissfully hammy John Malkovich) modelled on The Amazing Kreskin, whose fortunes have been on the downslide since Johnny Carson left *The Tonight Show*. Colin Hanks, as a law-school dropout hired to be the new road manager, is our innocent eyes and ears; and his real-life father, Tom Hanks, deigns to put in a couple of appearances as his reel-life father. The tackiness of the title character and his stage act to some extent infects the entire enterprise. With Emily Blunt, Ricky Jay, Steve Zahn, and Griffin Dunne; written and directed by Sean McGinly. 2009.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 4/16)

Hannah Montana: The Movie — Singing sensation Hannah Montana, "the most popular teenager in the world," has a secret, an ordinary life as a normal high-schooler under her real name of Miley Stewart (played by Miley Cyrus, alias Hannah Montana), daughter of a down-home Tennessee, Robby Ray Stewart (Billy Ray Cyrus). Only a blond wig hides her true identity from friends and tabloids, a thinner disguise than Clark Kent's eyeglasses. Sugar-frosted as it is, the film sheds no credible light on the actual existence of Hannah/Miley, but it does summon up the incredible innocence of a Hollywood teen musical of old, a Deanna Durbin, let's say. With Emily Osment, Lucas Till, Margo Martindale, and Vanessa Williams; directed by Peter Chelsom. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;

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The Haunting in Connecticut — A devilled family housed in a converted funeral home: flickering lights, banging doors, charbroiled ghosts, a malignant shower curtain, and whatnot. It has the advantage of being a "true story," thereby curtailing certain kinds and degrees of excess. There is, even so, a routineness and a staleness about it; and in the direction of Peter Cornwell there's a compulsion to oversell it. The mass disentanglement at the climax had no need to be oversold. Virginia Madsen, Martin Donovan, Elias Koteas lend it some useless respectability. With Kyle Gallner and Amanda Crew. 2009.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14)

I Love You, Man — A guy comedy with an original angle. A woman's man with a well-developed feminine side suddenly feels the lack of a male comrade when the time comes to pick a best man, belatedly casting about for a buddy to cultivate. The lapses in taste — no, the eager, steady assaults on taste, the projectile vomit, the fart commentary, and so forth — lower expectations early on. But the personable Paul Rudd in the pivotal role has plenty of opportunity to show off his gifts, particularly in his forced efforts to be a guy's guy, more particularly when inane or inarticulately tongue-twisted, the urge to be witty running way ahead of the brain's ability to come up with some wit. His spirited slippage into a Jamaican cadence is a crack-up. Jon Favreau does well, too, as a churlish noncontender for buddyhood. And, in the part of the

leading contender, the least you can say for Jason Segel of *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* is that he keeps his pants on. With Rashida Jones, Sarah Burns, Jaime Pressley; directed by John Hamburg. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Knowing — A schoolgirl's sealed submission to a time capsule fifty years ago seems to have predicted every major calamity up to the present and beyond. A couple of authentically nightmarish disasters and a couple of creepy moments with a group of silent stalkers known as the Whisper People provide small compensation for the dragged-out overwrought climax (the slow movement of Beethoven's Seventh once again gets dragged out, too) and the lingering plot questions. With Nicolas Cage, Chandler Canterbury, Rose Byrne, and Lara Robinson; directed by Alex Proyas. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Monsters vs. Aliens — Machine-made cartoon from DreamWorks, credited to codirectors Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon. It posits a secret government quarantine of benign monsters modelled on such Fifties archetypes as the Blob, the four-fifths-human Fly (except now a Cockroach), Mothra, the 50-Foot Woman (a girl-power placebo), and the Creature from the Black Lagoon. None of the figures, human or non-, merits a second glance as a work of graphic art. And the insufferable insou-

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Showtimes subject to change.
(Bargain showtimes in parentheses.)

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (877-789-6684)

Adventureland (R); **Crank: High Voltage** (R); **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG); **Duplicity** (PG-13); **Fast and Furious** (PG-13); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G); **I Love You, Man** (R); **Knowing** (PG-13); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **Observe and Report** (R); **17 Again** (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684)

As It Is in Heaven (Not Rated); **Che: Part One** (R); **Che: Part Two** (R); **Crossing Over** (R); **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (PG-13); **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG); **Gran Torino** (R); **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13); **I Love You, Man** (R); **Observe and Report** (R); **Race to Witch Mountain** (PG); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **State of Play** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **The Wrestler** (R)

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Adventureland (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:15, 5:40) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:35; **Crank: High Voltage** (R) Fri. (12:45, 1:15, 2:50, 3:20, 4:55, 5:25) 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 1:15, 2:50, 3:20) 4:55, 5:25, 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:55; **Duplicity** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:10) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:10, 7:05, 9:50; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 3:05, 4:15, 5:35) 8:05, 9:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 4:15, 5:35, 8:05, 9:55, 10:35; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri.

(12:20, 1:20, 2:40, 4:05, 5:10) 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05 Sat. (12:20, 1:20, 2:40) 4:05, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05 Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 4:05, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:20) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; **The Last House on the Left** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 7:15; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 12:50, 2:40, 3:10, 5:00, 5:30) 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 12:50, 2:40, 3:10) 5:00, 5:30, 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:15; **Watchmen** (R) Fri. 8:00, (4:35) 1:10 Sat.-Sun. 1:10, 4:35, 8:00

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)

Adventureland; **Crank: High Voltage**; **Dragonball: Evolution**; **Duplicity**; **Fast and Furious**; **Hannah Montana: The Movie**; **I Love You, Man**; **Knowing**; **Monsters vs. Aliens**; **Observe and Report**; **17 Again**; **State of Play**; **Taken**

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Paris 36 (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Shall We Kiss?** (NR) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, 10:05; **Sin Nombre** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; **Sunshine Cleaning** (R) Fri. (2:15, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)

Adventureland (R) Fri. (11:25, 4:35) 7:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 4:35, 7:05; **Crank: High Voltage** (R) Fri. (11:50, 1:00, 2:20, 3:30, 4:45, 5:50) 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:40 Sat. (11:50, 1:00, 2:20) 3:15, 4:45, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:40 Sun. (11:50,

1:00, 2:35, 3:30) 4:45, 5:50, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:40; **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:10, 4:15) 6:55, 9:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:10) 4:15, 6:55, 9:15; **Duplicity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 9:35; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 12:10, 1:55, 2:40, 4:30, 5:25) 7:05, 8:10, 9:40, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 12:10, 1:55, 2:40) 4:30, 5:25, 7:05, 8:10, 9:40, 10:45; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri. (12:20, 2:00, 2:45, 4:25, 5:20) 7:50, 9:25, 10:20 Fri. (11:30) 6:50 Sat. (2:00) 9:25 Sat. (11:30, 12:20, 2:45, 4:25) 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (11:30) 9:25 Sun. (12:20, 2:00, 2:45, 4:25) 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 10:20; **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 8:00, 10:30; **I Love You, Man** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:35, 10:05; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 4:10) 7:25, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:10, 7:25, 10:25; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:20) 6:40, 9:00 Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:20, 6:40, 9:00 Sun. 4:20, 6:40, 9:00, (2:00) 11:30; **Observe and Report** (R) Fri. (12:40, 2:55, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 12:30, 2:05, 3:00, 4:40, 5:35) 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 12:30, 2:05, 3:00) 4:40, 5:35, 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:35; **State of Play** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; **Sunshine Cleaning** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 5:00) 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; **The Audition** (NR) Sun. 12:00a.m.

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

Adventureland (R); **Crank: High Voltage** (R); **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG); **Duplicity** (PG-13); **Fast and Furious** (PG-13); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G); **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13); **I Love You, Man** (R); **Knowing** (PG-13); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **Observe and Report** (R); **17 Again** (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



17 Again (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **State of Play** (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (10:00 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Observe and Report** (R) (10:15 12:15 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:30 10:45; No 10:15 & 12:15 Sun.; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; No 5:45 & 8:15 Sun.; No 8:15 Tues.; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:15 9:30; **I Love You, Man** (R) (10:30 1:15 4:00) 7:00 9:45; No 10:30 Sun; No 7:00 Mon.; **Kidtoons Presents Earth Day** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

Adventureland; **Crank: High Voltage**; **Dragonball: Evolution**; **Duplicity**; **Fast and Furious**; **Hannah Montana: The Movie**; **The Haunting in Connecticut**; **I Love You, Man**; **Knowing**; **Monsters vs. Aliens**; **Observe and Report**; **Race to Witch Mountain**; **17 Again**; **State of Play**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Tokyo! (Not Rated)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)

Adventureland (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 9:55;
Crank: High Voltage (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 8:00, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 8:00, 10:20; **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 4:45) 7:25, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:45, 7:25, 10:15; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 3:05, 4:55) 7:10, 7:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 3:05) 4:55, 7:10, 7:45, 10:25; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10; **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:10) 6:55, 9:50; **I Love You, Man** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:40; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:55) 6:50, 9:45; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:05, 4:30) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:05) 4:30, 7:15, 9:35; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Observe and Report** (R) Fri. (11:35, 1:50, 4:25) 7:05, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 12:00, 2:10, 2:35, 4:50, 5:15) 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:10, 2:35) 4:50, 5:15, 7:20, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30; **State of Play** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:35

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

Fast and Furious (PG-13); **Knowing** (PG-13); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **17 Again** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



17 Again (PG-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **State of Play** (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:45 7:45 10:45; **Crank: High Voltage** (R) (11:30 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (11:45 2:15) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **Observe and Report** (R) (11:00 1:15 3:15) 5:30 7:30 9:45; **Dragonball Evolution** (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:15) 5:30 7:30 9:45; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:15 7:00 9:45; **Adventureland** (R) (1:30); **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:30; **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13)

(11:15 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Knowing** (PG-13) (12:45 4:00) 7:15 10:15; No 7:15 Tues.; **Kidtoons Presents Earth Day** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)

Crank: High Voltage; **Dragonball: Evolution**; **Fast and Furious**; **Hannah Montana: The Movie**; **I Love You, Man**; **Knowing**; **Monsters vs. Aliens**; **Observe and Report**; **17 Again**; **State of Play**

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)

Adventureland (R); **Crank: High Voltage** (R); **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG); **Duplicity** (PG-13); **Fast and Furious** (PG-13); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G); **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13); **Knowing** (PG-13); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **Observe and Report** (R); **Race to Witch Mountain** (PG); **17 Again** (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13)

NATIONAL CITY

Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)

Crank: High Voltage (R); **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG); **Fast and Furious** (PG-13); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G); **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13); **I Love You, Man** (R); **Knowing** (PG-13); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **Observe and Report** (R); **17 Again** (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13)

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684)

Crank: High Voltage (R); **Duplicity** (PG-13); **Fast and Furious** (PG-13); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G); **I Love You, Man** (R); **Knowing** (PG-13); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **Observe and Report** (R); **Race to Witch Mountain** (PG); **17 Again** (PG-13); **Slumdog Millionaire** (R); **State of Play** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

Adventureland (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:35, 10:40; **Crank: High Voltage** (R) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:45; **Dragonball: Evolution** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 7:20, 9:35; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 1:00, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00) 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 1:00, 2:20, 3:40) 5:00, 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri. (11:55, 12:55, 2:30, 3:30, 5:05) 6:45, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 12:55, 2:30, 3:30) 5:05, 6:45, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15; **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 4:10) 6:50, 9:30 Sat.-Sun.

(12:50) 4:10, 6:50, 9:30; **I Love You, Man** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:00, 9:55; **Knowing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 7:15, 10:20; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:10; **Observe and Report** (R) Fri. (12:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:35; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 12:10, 2:15, 2:45, 4:50, 5:20) 7:25, 7:55, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 12:10, 2:15, 2:45) 4:50, 5:20, 7:25, 7:55, 10:00, 10:30; **State of Play** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 4:00) 7:10, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:25) 4:00, 7:10, 10:10

FALLBROOK

River Village 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



17 Again (PG-13) (11:15 2:00) 4:15 7:00 9:30; **State of Play** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:45 10:30; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (11:30 2:15) 4:45 7:15 9:45; **Observe and Report** (R) (11:30 1:30 4:00) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:15; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:00; **Kidtoons Presents Earth Day** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.
No 11 am-3:00 pm shows Tues.-Thu.

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



17 Again (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **State of Play** (PG-13) (10:15 1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00; **Crank: High Voltage** (R) (11:30 1:45) 4:15 6:30 8:30 10:30; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Observe and Report** (R) (10:00 12:00 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Adventureland** (R) 9:30 pm; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (10:00 10:45 12:15 1:15 2:30 3:30) 4:45 6:00 7:00; **I Love You, Man** (R) 8:15 10:45; **Duplicity** (PG-13) (2:15) 7:15 10:00; **Knowing** (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **Race to Witch Mountain** (PG) (11:45) 5:00; **Kidtoons Presents Earth Day** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

Fast and Furious (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:20, 7:45; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35 Sun. (11:55, 2:20, 4:45) 7:15; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00; **State of Play** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:30, 2:10, 4:55) 7:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road

(858-646-9420)



17 Again (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Crank: High Voltage** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:30; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (11:30 2:00) 5:00 7:45 10:15; **Observe and Report** (R) (10:15 12:30 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **Dragonball Evolution** (PG) (10:00 12:00 2:15) 4:15 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Adventureland** (R) 4:30; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **I Love You, Man** (R) (11:00 1:45) 7:15 10:00; No 11:00 Sat. & Sun.; **Kidtoons Presents Earth Day** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



State of Play (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **Sin Nombre** (R) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Sunshine Cleaning** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Duplicity** (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:15 7:00 10:00
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101

(760-436-SHOW)

Gran Torino (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)

(760-599-8221)



17 Again (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **State of Play** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:30; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Observe and Report** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **Knowing** (PG-13) (10:15 1:15) 4:15 7:15 10:00; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; **Kidtoons Presents Earth Day** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue

(760-806-1790)



17 Again (PG-13) (11:45 2:15) 4:45 7:15 10:00; **State of Play** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **Crank: High Voltage** (R) (11:15 1:30 4:00) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (11:30 2:00) 4:30 7:00 9:30; **Observe and Report** (R) (11:45 2:00) 4:15 6:30 8:30 10:45; **Dragonball Evolution** (PG) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Adventureland** (R) 8:15 10:45; No 8:15 Tues.; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (11:00 1:15 3:30) 5:45 8:00 10:30; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) (12:00 2:30) 4:45 7:00 9:30; **The Haunting in Connecticut** (PG-13) (12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:30 9:45; **I Love You, Man** (R) (11:15 1:45) 4:15 7:15 10:00; No 11:15 Sun.; **Duplicity** (PG-13) (11:30 2:15) 5:00 7:45 10:30; **Knowing** (PG-13) (11:00 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **Race to Witch Mountain** (PG) (12:45 3:15) 5:45; **Kidtoons Presents Earth Day** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

IRON MAIDEN

FLIGHT 666

**Exclusive one-night event:
Tuesday, April 21, 8 pm**

Showing at Mission Valley Hazard Center and Mission Marketplace Oceanside only

Tickets purchased online receive priority seating!

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555 Broadway #2050 • Chula Vista

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12905 El Camino Real • San Diego

Poway Creekside Plaza
13475 Poway Rd. • Poway

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ciance of the premise, fully and accurately summed up in the title, hides behind a smokescreen of computer wizardry, 3-D diversion, jaded in-jokes, capitalist confidence. Hides, but not successfully. With the voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett, Kiefer Sutherland. 2009.

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The Mysteries of Pittsburgh — Lifeless bisexual love triangle out of a Michael Chabon novel. The musty bookishness begins with the nagging first-person narration of a good-looking dullard ("After you've thrown up in the topiary and rinsed your mouth out with cheap vodka, you really don't want to talk to anybody"), but it continues even after the narration dies down. With Jon Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, Sienna Miller, Mena Suvari, and Nick Nolte; directed by Rawson Marshall Thurber. 2009.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/17)

Observe and Report — Delusional mall cop (a close-cropped, clean-shaven Seth Rogen) with real-cop aspirations comparable to those of the title character of *Paul Blart*, but with a deeper and wider vein of psychosis: manic highs, sadistic lows. The maker of *The Foot Fist Way*, Jody Hill, enters the mainstream for the purposes of

pushing the envelope, a spectacle more clinical than comical. Troupish performances from Anna Faris as the hero's unworthy object of affection, Collette Wolfe as his worthier one, Celia Weston as his self-medicating mother, Ray Liotta as a derisive police detective. 2009.

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Paris 36 — Shabby show biz, class conflict, religious bigotry in France *entre les guerres*. A meticulous production and a mincing manner. With Gerard Jugnot, Clovis Cornillac, Kad Merad, Nora Arnezeder, and Maxence Perrin; directed by Christophe Barratier. 2008.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Race to Witch Mountain — Disney revisits the titular summit, thirty years later, but not to pick up the paranormal adolescents in middle age. (Kim Richards and Ike Eisenmann, the original kids of *Escape from...* and *Return to...*, can be spotted in bit parts.) The action is ineptly directed by Andy Fickman, and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson explores his comic range as a Vegas cabbie, a very short journey. With Anna-Sophia Robb, Alexander Ludwig, Carla Gugino, Ciarán Hinds, Tom Everett Scott. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10)

17 Again — Age-reversal fantasy starring Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, Leslie Mann, and Thomas Lennon, directed by Burr Steers.



Hannah Montana: The Movie

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Shall We Kiss? — Lightweight romantic comedy to heavyweight classical music, Schubert, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Dvorak. The framing story, which is to say the actor and actress in it (Michaël Cohen, Julie Gayet), has more charm than the arch central story and arch central players (Emmanuel Moret, the writer-director to boot, and Virginie Ledoyen), swathed in bloodless beige, cream, ivory. Happily, we return periodically to the framing story and to full color. Added up, the whole is overlong. 2007.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/17)

Sin Nombre — A heartbreakingly lovely Honduran emigrant (Paulina Gaitan) makes her perilous way, with father and uncle, through Mexico en route to Texas and New Jersey, her path converging with that of a sensitive, pensive Mexican gangbanger (Edgar Flores), a teardrop tattoo by his right eye, who runs afoul of his blood brothers. First-time filmmaker Cary Koji Fukunaga offers a soft-hearted view of a

hard world, seeking out tender innocence and then stomping it for our horror and pity. The illegal-alien film and the gang-life film are both genres that are prone to a certain sameness, and the combination of the two into one film doesn't produce a sense of differentness so much as a doubled sameness. Slickly done, nonetheless. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 4/17; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Slumdog Millionaire — Feverish daydream, partly amorous, partly avaricious, around an unschooled Bombay teenager who, hoping to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart, climbs toward the top prize on the Indian *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* It breaks down into three time zones, shuffled together in a jumble: the game show itself, the torture and third degree of the contestant by police who presume he's cheating, and the flashbacks to the life experiences that explain how he could answer the questions. Much squalor and brutality, but filmed by Danny Boyle with a heedless, almost uncaring, exuberance and exhibitionism. Dev Patel, Freida Pinto, Irfan Khan. 2008.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15, FROM 4/17; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/16)

State of Play — Political thriller with Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, Rachel

McAdams, and Helen Mirren, directed by Kevin Macdonald. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/17)

Sugar — Minor-league moviemaking about minor-league baseball. A Dominican pitching prospect learns a knuckle-curve, gets invited to spring training in Arizona and assigned to a farm club in Iowa: a fish out of water, or at best a little fish in a big pond. It's a bit flat and a bit rough around the edges, but it has some attentive detailing: the English-language class of useful words and phrases ("I got it! I got it!"), the kindly waitress who illustrates the different styles of egg in order to break the monotony of the foreigner's daily French toast, the prim farm couple who billet him during the summer season ("No chickas in the bedroom"), and so on. The modesty of the production carries through to a modesty of plotting; no great success in the offing. With Algenis Perez Soto, Ellary Porterfield, Richard Bull, Ann Whitney, and Jaime Tirelli; directed by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Sunshine Cleaning — Thin slice of American nutloaf, the main ingredients of which are two Albuquerque sisters partnered in the business of "Crime Scene Cleanup." (A pre-credits shotgun suicide demonstrates the need.) Amy Adams, a single mom in an adulterous affair with an old boyfriend, is a roller-coaster actress overtly sharing every little rise and fall of feeling, while Emily Blunt, as her irresponsible junior, maintains a shivery tension, not exactly steadier but at any rate not as wide-ranging. And Alan Arkin, as their crackpot entrepreneurial father, is evidently on board for luck: seeing as how he was in the "indie" hit *Little Miss Sunshine*, maybe there's box-office mojo in the combination of Arkin and *Sunshine*. Clifton Collins, Jr., is easily the most appealing as the one-armed model-airplane hobbyist behind the counter of the cleaning-supplies store. Jason Spevack, Steve Zahn, Mary Lynn Rajsuk, Eric Christian Olsen; directed by Christine Jeffs. 2009.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Taken — A ring of Albanian white slavers (Middle Eastern buyers) has the bad fortune to shanghai the virgin daughter of a

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retired American superspy — “I was a preventer,” he understates — on her first morning of vacation in Paris. There is no satisfaction in the quick-as-a-blink detective work that leads him to them, only satisfaction, for those who can take it, in watching him mow them down, a Weedwacker in a field of dandelions. (Too late to “prevent” the kidnapping, but not too late for the defiling.) Nor is there satisfaction in watching an eye-lifty Liam Neeson playing Steven Seagal. Nor in watching the native director, Pierre Morel, sell out his country on top of himself. Catharsis, you learn anew, can’t come out of crud. A hot shower afterwards would be your closest approximation. Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Olivier Rabourdin. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Tokyo! — Three-part anthology of fantastical short tales of small impact, set in the Japanese metropolis, two parts by French filmmakers (Michel Gondry, Leos Carax) and one by a Korean (Joon-ho Bong). They could be set anywhere. They could be shorter, too. The middle one by Carax is perhaps the most fully developed, though little more fulfilling. Ayako Fujitani, Ryo Kase, Denis Lavant, Jean-François Balmer, Teruyuki Kagawa, Yu Aoi. 2008.

★ (KEN)

Two Lovers — The movie itself was rather overwhelmed by the advance announcement that its star, Joaquin Phoenix, was hereupon retiring from acting to pur-

sue a career in hip-hop. It is a movie easily overwhelmed, an intimate little indie directed and co-written by James Gray (*The Yards*, *We Own the Night*, both with the self-same Phoenix), about a suicidal jilted parent who has moved back home with his parents in Brighton Beach and toils by day in their dry-cleaning store. In aid of his recovery, they try to set him up with a business associate’s nice, sweet, kind daughter (the Hilary Swank-y Vinessa Shaw), whose professed favorite movie is *The Sound of Music*. “That is a good movie,” he allows. “Underrated.” But he, for his part, only has eyes for Trouble: the “completely fucked-up” drug-abusing girl next door (Gwyneth Paltrow), or more exactly girl upstairs and across the courtyard, who is deep in an affair with a married man. The simple story, a tony takeoff on Dostoevski’s often-filmed *White Nights*, doesn’t have far to go and takes a long, slow time to get there. Phoenix’s striking discomfort in the leading role — the adolescent awkwardness in his body, the Herculean effort of speaking clearly and audibly — inevitably raises the question of whether his discomfort is the character’s or the actor’s. Either way, it works in the role, but the question is a distraction. With Isabella Rossellini, Moni Moshonov, Elias Koteas. 2009.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Watchmen — Continued escalation in the superhero genre, one or two stair-steps above *The Dark Knight*. Adapted from “the most celebrated graphic novel of all time” (the escalation commences, even if the

kudo is roughly akin to “the most celebrated reality-TV show” or “most celebrated MMA fighter”), it runs almost two hours and three-quarters, though “runs” really isn’t the word. The violence intermittently, but not relentlessly, reaches levels of post-Romero horror-film gore. (Zack Snyder, the director, came to fame with his remake of Romero’s *Dawn of the Dead*.) The population of superheroes, without an exact head count, seems to exceed that of the X-Men. And the fashionable “darkness” of the genre deepens all the way to a purgative holocaust of Biblical dimensions. For literal brinkmanship, the Doomsday Clock that monitors U.S.-Soviet relations (as of 1985 in an alternative universe) starts out at five minutes to midnight. But a profusion of flashbacks — a profusion of biographical backstories — has the effect of dissipating any tension in the countdown to doomsday. A present-tense romance between a couple of second-generation superheroes has a similar effect. And a converging murder investigation fails to assert its relevance in a timely manner. As a piece of storytelling, it’s a complete botch. Back tracks and tangents, though they have their uses, don’t suit doomsday. And the climactic battle of indestructibles, a cliché no matter how extraordinarily talkative the combatants, adds instant boredom to the brewing boredom. Malin Akerman, Patrick Wilson, Billy Crudup, Jackie Earle Haley, Matthew Goode, Jeffrey Dean Morgan. 2009.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Wrestler — It was a stroke of fortune

if not of genius for filmmaker Darren Aronofsky to cast Mickey Rourke in the title role of Randy “The Ram” Robinson (né Robin Ramzinski), a Dodge Ram-driving, self-described “old broken-down piece of meat,” two decades past his prime, yet persisting in plying his trade at sparsely populated venues outside the glare of TV lights, dreaming of one last big payday at a twentieth-anniversary rematch with a Southern California car salesman formerly known as The Ayatollah. Rourke, monstrously bulked up since his stint of moonlighting as a professional prizefighter, has one of the most ravaged faces in the entire gallery of once beautiful leading men, somewhere between Jan-Michael Vincent and Francisco Rabal, and his noisy, labored breathing is excruciating. There is, however, an inherent sentimentality in the basic situation, and it’s not at all toughened through the by-the-numbers plotting around an attempted détente with his neglected lesbian daughter (Evan Rachel Wood), a clumsy courtship with an over-the-hill stripper (Marisa Tomei, carrying on in the before-it’s-too-late exhibition-

istic mode of *Before the Devil Knows You’re Dead*, plus nipple rings and tattoos), a post-match heart attack, a bypass operation, an obvious and inevitable self-martyrdom. Aronofsky’s handheld camera follows Rourke around — often literally behind his back and over his shoulder, as in a Dardenne brothers art film — in ghoulish anticipation of a train wreck; follows him into the locker room to map out the matches with his fellow combatants (an amusing glimpse behind the scenes); follows him to the hair salon (for upkeep of his Eighties heavy-metal mop), to the tanning salon, to his drug dealer, to his degrading day job in the stock room of a grocery store. Best scene: reluctantly working behind the deli counter in direct contact with the customers, but really warming up to it. (Bad scene: flipping out behind the deli counter, specifically at the meat slicer.) The wrestling matches, natural dramatic climaxes, are crucibles for the actor and the character alike. Not to forget the spectator. 2008.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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Observe and Report 2009

An ode to the mall security guard. *Observe and Report* is light on laughs and heavy on stupidity. Be warned, this is your typical Seth Rogen movie filled with F-Bombs, unnecessary frontal nudity, and inane dialogue. The whole premise of the movie is that Rogen’s character is trying to locate and apprehend a flasher who is exposing himself to women in the mall parking lot. He totally overplays his self-importance as a mall security guard so much that it ceases to be funny and just becomes plain dumb. The occasional funny moment only temporarily distracts you from what is a pretty bad movie. Anna Faris plays the bimbo blonde that works at the cosmetics counter at the department store. This isn’t much of a stretch for her because she has played similar type characters several times before. Rogen has a lot to offer as an actor, but if he keeps coming out with these lame movies where he plays bumbling idiots then he is going to work himself out of a job.

By **spooks69** 1:07 a.m., Apr. 11, 2009

Marley and Me 2008

I know this is already out on DVD (which is how I just watched it), but I resisted seeing it in the theaters for a few reasons: I am NOT an Owen Wilson fan, and I thought it was just a kids movie and sort of just got too busy. I rented it because it was in and wanted to see what the big deal was. This is NOT just a kid’s movie; in fact, if you watch it with your kids, be prepared to explain a few things depending on their ages. Make sure you have a box of tissues handy; I spent the last 20 minutes of the movie crying. And not just tears running down my face — sobbing. If you are lucky enough to share your life with one or more four-legged friends, you will understand what I mean. Well worth renting!

By **robnyl** 6:35 p.m., Apr. 12, 2009

Mrs. Brown 1997

Did we see the same movie? For those who like historical dramas, and even for those who don’t, this is a very dramatic, interesting, fairly accurate, highly enjoyable movie. Dame Judi Dench was superb; Billy Connelly’s performance as John Brown was riveting; and, Antony Sher was quite entertaining as PM Benjamin Disraeli. The remaining cast are not “cardboard”; they act aptly British and entirely believable. Dench won the Golden Globe, BAFTA, and BAFTA Scotland awards for Best Performance/ Best Actress for her role, and was nominated for an Academy and SAG Award. (She certainly did not look too old to play Queen Victoria as Victoria appeared around 1863 when John Brown became her manservant. Have you seen pictures of Victoria at age 44? Dench did her much justice.) Connelly was nominated for a SAG, BAFTA, and BAFTA Scotland award (and most likely would have won at least one of them but for his “outsider” comedic background); and, the film itself was nominated for a BAFTA and Alexander Korda Award for Best British Film. If you have a Netflix account you can watch it instantly, and it’s certainly worth your time if you are looking for something good on TV. Considering some of the mind-melting meringue out there that have rated two “dots” from you, this movie certainly deserves a 2.5! (3 in my book). Perhaps, Duncan, you just aren’t that into old Brits?

By **lallaw** 2:25 a.m., Apr. 13, 2009

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Everyone believed the feds locked the doors. But remember: along with being a theater artist, Orson Welles was a master promoter (a year later he went on CBS radio and convinced Americans that Martians were invading). In the classic *agent provocateur* tradition, Welles could easily have fastened the padlocks himself, cried “censorship,” found the empty theater (on amazingly short no-

tice), and garnered undreamed of press for the show.

Though performed rarely, productions of *Cradle* reproduce the original conditions: bare stage, piano, with the piano player shouting out scene numbers, à la Bertolt Brecht. The proletarian look was as radical for Broadway at the time as were *Cradle*’s political underpinnings.

Called “a play with music,” *Cradle*’s an exposé of corruption in high places. It begins with poor Moll, streetwalking so she won’t starve. In the scenes that follow, Blitzstein has various citizens prostitute themselves, to robber baron-like Mr. Mister, in order to thrive: Reverend Salvation waffles on the virtues of peace; Editor Daily slants the news; even artists cop to the lure of loot. Into this lion’s den of iniquity charges stern-jawed, union-organizing Larry Foreman. He rocks the “cradle of liberty” and performs a secular harrowing of hell.

Stone Soup Theatre follows the Venice staging. When not performing, the cast sits on a raised area, as if part of the audience. Rocky DeHaro’s costumes add a touch: the villains (evil Mr. Mister and the Steeltown Liberty Committee) dress

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The Cradle Will Rock

The Cradle Will Rock, by Marc Blitzstein

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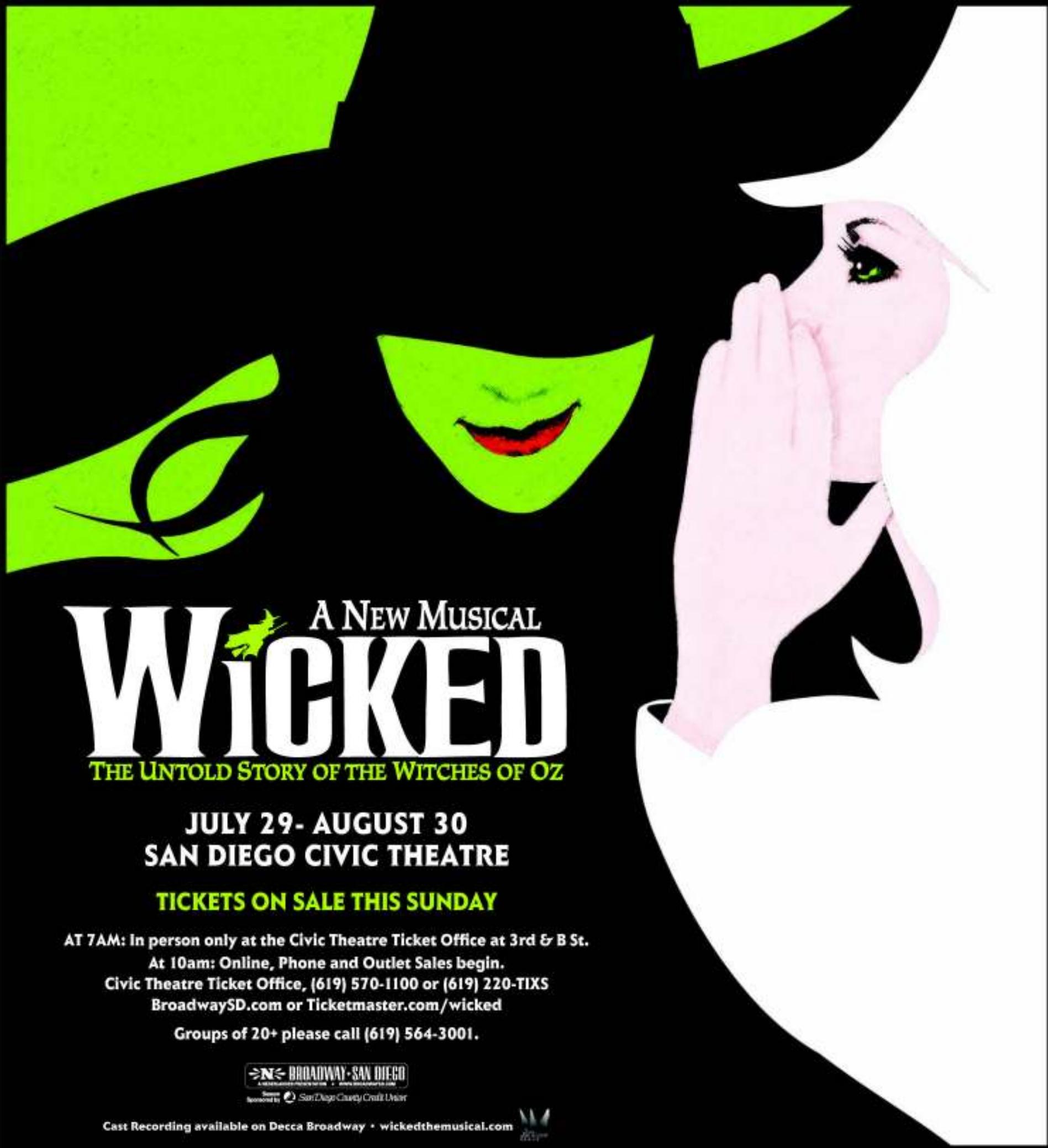
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in black and white; while the oppressed *menchen* — Foreman, Moll, and poor Harry Druggist, who loses his son in a nonunion bombing — are in living color.

The production's both fun and frustrating. Vocally it's a mix of able singers (Christopher T. Miller's uncaped crusader, Larry Foreman, vitalizes the room; Byran Curtiss White's Rev. Salvation ladles understated ironies) and performers for whom the rapid-fire score is either beyond their range or their abilities. All tend to blast through the lyrics and garble the words.

In a way, playing the various villains goes against an actor's training. Most of them are types, not dimensional beings, and should be played as generic sellouts. Brett Daniels, who looks a lot like Orson Welles, has a strong presence and obvious talent but underplays Mr. Mister, who could be more obviously evil.



Jessica John, John DeCarlo in *Mauritius*

The whole production feels toned down, in fact. It needs a major dose of agitprop: angry, screwball (cartoony if necessary), eager to irritate. These folks finally have the chance — maybe their first and last — to tell their story. They'll do anything to shake up the status quo. Anything.

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The printer who erred with the one- and two-cent *Mauritius* stamps in 1847 — inked "post office" instead of "post paid" — would be astonished at the hubbub he caused 150 years later. So is passive Jackie, who brings her ancestral stamp collection to an appraiser, expecting to pick up a few shekels for the lot.

Those two "tiny pieces of paper" turn out to be the "crown jewel of philately" worth, in Theresa Rebeck's talky thriller *Mauritius*, lying, cheating, and conniving for.

Along with her half-sister Mary, whose greed grows in every scene, Jackie encounters a trio straight out of *American Buffalo* but with a twist. They're competent: the stamp appraiser knows his stuff, the young wannabe's streetwise, and the moneyman's loaded with ill-gotten gains and an ill temper to match. Each is a practiced tactician, but so, it turns out, is Jackie.

Jessica John heads a game *Cygnets* Theatre cast as nerdy Jackie, the lamb that John expertly metamorphoses into a lion. John DeCarlo's compulsive-talking Dennis, Sandy Campbell's upscale, backstabbing Mary, and Jack Missett's sleazy Philip contribute. Skin-headed Manny Fernandes (who's getting scary good in these roles) ladles essentially comic scenes with a palpable menace as Sterling. George Ye's fight

choreography, some of the best around here in many a moon, turns Sean Fanning's inventive two-way set into a danger zone, especially when Sterling doesn't have his way. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Angels in America, part one: Millennium Approaches

Palomar College Performing Arts presents part one of Tony Kushner's epic about "American identity, personal morality, and spiritual redemption." Michael Mufson directed. (Note: The college will stage part two this fall.) PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS. FRIDAYS, 7 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

Anna in the Tropics

MiraCosta College presents Nilo Cruz's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about workers in a Cuban cigar factory outside of Tampa and the day Juan Julian was brought in to read Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* to the workers. Eric Bishop directed. MIRACOSTA COLLEGE, ONE BARNARD DRIVE, OCEANSIDE. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

Baldwin New Play Festival

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents five new works by MFA playwrights: Ronald McCants, Krista Knight, Jennifer Barclay, and Stephanie Timm. For days and times of each, call the box office. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, UCSD. 858-534-2230. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8

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The Cradle Will Rock

Stone Soup Theatre presents Marc Blitzstein's agitprop "play in music" [1937] "about corruption, greed, and deception." Larry Foreman attempts to combat wicked businessman Mr. Mister. Lindsey Duuos Gearhart directed. 619-287-3065. TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

Dear Harvey

Diversionary Theatre presents a world-premiere tribute to Harvey Milk, "the people he knew, the lives he changed," written by Patricia Loughrey with original music by Thomas Hodges. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. MONDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SUNDAYS, 6 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 25.

Doctor Quynh and the Water Puppets

In a production for family audiences, *Doctor Quynh* highlights two traditions from Vietnamese culture: folk tales based on an actual man, and water puppetry, said to be a thousand years old. The performance also includes traditional Vietnamese music performed live. LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. 619-858-0322. SATURDAY, 2 AND 7 P.M.

The Glass Menagerie

Lamb's Players stages Tennessee Williams's poetic memory drama

about the evening the Gentleman Caller came to the Wingfields' for dinner. Robert Smyth directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO. 619-437-0600. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 4 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

Mauritius

Cygnets Theatre Company presents the San Diego premiere of Theresa Rebeck's drama about two sisters, and the *Mauritius* stamp, "the crown jewel of philately." Francis Gercke directed. CYGNETS THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 10.

Opus

Dorian, violist of the all-male Lazara String Quartet, disappeared six days before a command performance at the White House. Young Grace joins the group and, amid assurances of "four equal voices," wonders if the rumors about the group's legendary bickerings, some life-threatening, are true. *Opus* moves pretty much as expected: out of backstage chaos comes harmonic order. Although the script unfolds as if written in haste (including a coda that's a gratuitous lulu), the Old Globe's staging, by Kyle Donnelly, emphasizes the passion with which an art becomes crafted. Corey Brill and Katie Sigismund shine as Carl (the cello player whose bad news fuels the plot) and Grace. Sigismund's portrayal is so precise you'd swear she's based it on an exact model. In Lindsay Jones's sound design, the "performed" notes emerge, it would seem, from the instruments themselves. Sometimes the music drifts up and then out, as if, in the case of Beethoven's *Opus 131*, it's headed home to heaven.

Worth a try:

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

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Psychopathia Sexualis

Compass Theatre stages John Patrick Shanley's comedy about an obscure artist with a fetish for his father's argyle socks and an upcoming marriage for which the socks, now missing, will play a crucial role. Mark Stephan directed. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

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looks idiotic. David Lindsay-Abaire's drama won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize. It probes the pummeled heart of a woman for whom sudden, unthinkable loss became really real. For the North Coast Rep, designer Marty Burnett renders the home with precision. Enter Becca, in a compelling performance by Jo Anne Glover, and every spec of the set shouts that her son is gone. Try as she may, she can't erase them all. Jessa Watson provides comic relief as Becca's sister, a seemingly carefree ditz who achieves a kind of clarity. Brendan Ford, young Ryan Kidd, and Sandra Ellis-Troy also contribute. The playwright puts one of his most apt observations in the guise of a tabloid exposé. Becca's mother talks about the

"Kennedy curse" and how people require some kind of explanation, even if it isn't true.

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Working

Working, Studs Terkel's remarkable collection of interviews (1974), is an oral report on the American worker. Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso's musical based on the book premiered in 1978. The show closed in less than a month. Schwartz is remaking the original at the Old Globe. The emphasis is less on what workers have to say than on innocuous entertainment, as if they're performing before their bosses. The six-person cast is backed by a giant tic-tac-toe set: nine boxes, three rows each, joined by steel girders, dwarf the performers. Marie-France Arcilla's "Millworker," about doing the same routine every 40 seconds, caught the grind of the job ("my body is a tool"), though the other actors, blandly miming the movements, could put their backs into them more. Danielle Lee Greaves's "Just a Housewife" and "Cleanin' Woman" enrich the evening. Newer bits, like Charlie Blossom, misfire. The remake needs reworking: roll up its sleeves, and be unafraid to get its hands dirty. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 AND 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 AND 7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH APRIL 26.

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- And now for the really small print:
- All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
 - Late entries will not be considered.
 - One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
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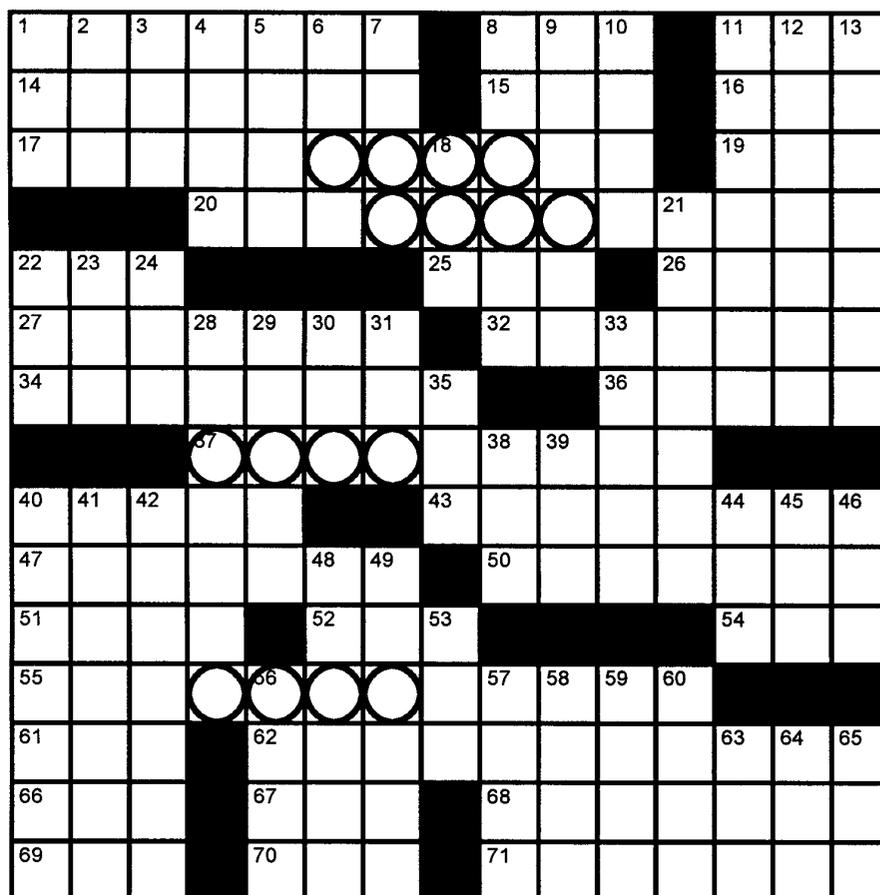
- Stretchy attire
- "Yo te ____"
- Tech store purchases
- It began in 1968, for tennis
- Thesaurus offering: Abbr.
- Jump on one foot
- Dressy footwear
- "Do it, ____ will!"
- Host of TV's top-rated program of 1999-2000
- Writer Fleming

- Where Forrest Gump did a tour
- German "a"
- 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Cormac McCarthy
- Super Bowl XLII winner, in brief
- Like sushi, for the most part
- Ends of sandwiches?
- What the head of a femur fits into
- "Star-cross'd" lover of the stage
- Excited
- Recites
- It rises when you get a raise
- Fiction's opposite
- Physicist Georg
- Fellows
- Redeye producer, often
- Hip-hop's ____ Kim
- Like each of the sets of circled letters in this puzzle's themed answers
- 8 x 10, say: Abbr.
- "____ in Icarus" (1979 French thriller)
- Motion reaction
- Paris' Pont ____ Arts
- \$\$\$ dispenser
- Counts

Down

- Drag
- Reuters rival
- Jerry's partner
- One working on the RR
- Noggin, in Nice
- Not a dup.
- Big ____ (nickname of baseball's David Ortiz)
- Fireplace receptacle
- "Good heavens!"

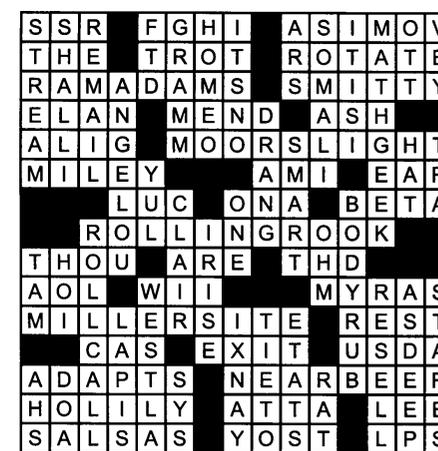
- "That's ____ haven't heard!"
- Fears
- Grammy winner ____ Bailey Rae
- Small pianos
- W-4 fig.
- Fishing spear
- Suffix with Manhattan or Brooklyn
- "I see the light!"
- Volleyball need
- Nukes
- ____ ring
- Contemporary of Duchamp
- Some "Law & Order" figs.
- Hardly cool
- Blow away
- One with a force
- Malay Peninsula's Isthmus of ____
- Flipped (through)
- Waiting one's turn
- Magazine renamed Rosie in 2001
- Stop up
- Sport ____
- Write
- 1935 Fred Astaire film
- Branch of Islam
- '60s sexist: Abbr.
- 4,000-year-old Chinese dynasty
- Dope
- Stellar bear
- Draw (in)
- Bk. after Proverbs
- Carp variety
- Opposite of WSW
- Periodontist's deg.



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 Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

Flo Abena, Rancho Penasquitos, 14. "Hold on a sec: limeade for your birthday."
Cecile Alcaraz, Chula Vista, 14. "I fear no beer, oy, oy, oy!"
Mary Arana, Encinitas, 14. "Welcome home, O!"
Jen Barnes, University Heights, 14. "Happy Birthday Paloma. You're the Dayman to my Nightman."
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 14. "Happy B'day, my 13th Mom's 50th both on April 17th."
☛ **Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 14.** "I love you, my S.G."
Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 14. "5 more weeks to high seas hijinks!"
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 14.
Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 14.

E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 14.
☛ **Phillip Castle, Carlsbad, 14.** "I can't think of anything!"
Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 14. "OK, time to file for the old extension..."
Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 14. "Made it through another tax season!"
Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 14. "No Easter Bunnies were harmed in finishing this puzzle."
William Edwards, Kensington, 14.
Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 14. "Google me...I dare you!"
D. Faulkner, University Heights, 14. "Mettle to the pedal."
Rand Feura, Santee, 14.
Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 14.

Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 14. "Happy Second Birthday, Samuel Barnett Firks Herrera. We love you!"
Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 14.
Kyle Matzke, Vista, 14. "Obama, you're an insult! The USofA bows to no country."
Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 14. "Noah and Wallace would love this."
Pam Mecklenborg, Pacific Beach, 14. "Bunny, bunny. Rabbit, rabbit."

Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 14. "1-story exterior painting, just \$1,900. paintwithdan@yahoo.com for free estimates."
☛ **Ron Meyer, Santee, 14.** "Hi Honey - I love you."
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 14. "Where fallen flags live again... sdmm.org."
Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 14. "Donate to www.friendsocats.org"

Jim Odell, Vista, 14. "Rogue rulers flaunt the laws the USA Constitution once prevailed."
Julie Osburn, North Park, 14. "What a terrific year 2009 is. How about a T-shirt?"
Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 14. "12 Down is me."
Gil Patricio, San Diego, 14. "Give you the shirt off my back if I won."
John Pertle, Santee, 14. "1 Corinthians 15:20-22; Luke 24; Job 19:25-26; Acts 16:31."
Matt Read, La Mesa, 14. "Welcome home, frequent-flyer Karen!"
Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 14. "Taxation WITH representation ain't so hot either - Gerald Barzan"
Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 14. "What? No Butt Light?"
Doug Rodgers, Rancho Penasquitos, 14.
Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 14. "And still I prize...a T-shirt."

Ted Scaffidi, Hillcrest, 14. "Save water. Drink the blood of bureaucrats."
Tom Somich, Clairemont, 14. "Happy Easter!"
Eddie O Spaghetti, Coronado, 14. "143U15! That upon which you sit...stimulates my package. CIUM21"
Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 14. "To believe with certainty we must begin with doubting."
Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 14. "A great week in August!"
Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 14.
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 14. "An oak is but an acorn with opportunity and perseverance."
Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 13. "Welcome Talia Joy Ortiz!"
Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 13. "Should you not fid the pearl, blame your diving."
Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 13.
Glory Cadenhead, Clairemont, 13. "Marge Baby...I almost blew it."

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Leslie Chase, Campo, 13. "Let's adopt that happy California poppy!"
Jon Connor, Oceanside, 13. "Blessed is he who in the name of charity..."
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 13. "Bernie Madoff made off with our money!"
Craig Curtis, Escondido, 13. "Thank you Rosie! You saved my A!"
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 13. "Quid pro quo, Clarence!"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 13.
Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 13. "The foolish, obese person was fat and fatuous."
Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 13. "Do soldier ants prefer living in barracks or hills?"
Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 13. "April - your b'day was fun but exhausting."
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 13. "Hi Sydney and Mr. Purr."
Manny Faria, Point Loma, 13. "Pooh, I will love you forever!"
Marie Grace, College Area, 13.
Bill Griffin, Crest, 13. "Inside scoop! No T-shirts for consistent Reader Puzzle entrants!"
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 13. "Big Ig. I luv my clan Monica, Eli, and Rose."

Bryan Hartman, Golden Hill, 13. "Dear Ben Cooper, Chicago IS on CST. Please use Google."
Ron Hootman, Santee, 13. "Hoot 101: Just a bit lite for my taste."
Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 13. "Is it ever possible for women to stop nagging?"
Mary Hutchings, City Heights, 13.
Richard Hutchings, Santee, 13. "This should be #12 if correct."
George Jackson, Oceanside, 13.
Jim Koziol, UTC, 13. "Go Blue Dragons!"
Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 13. "Hombre apercebido medio combato."
Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula Vista, 13.
Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 13. "I'm trying to get back on the Reader Surf Team."
Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 13. "No on 1A through 1F!"
Irving Metzger, San Diego, 13. "Munchable Marcia."
Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 13. "Thanks Jeron and Raquel."
C.J. Muellner, Spring Valley, 13. "Stupid me! Smart puzzle. Smart Reader. Whadda T-shirt. Thnx!"

Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 13. "Thanks for the T-shirt. Smile."
Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 13. "Got 3/26 puzzle right. Thanks for correcting my numbers."
Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 13.
Dave Small, San Carlos, 13. "It's been chilly lately. I need another T-shirt layer."
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 13. "Hallelujah! The Lord is risen!"
Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 13. "P-town 4 life."
Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 13. "Hey Terri, have you entered your puzzle yet?"
Pamela Swain, College Area, 13. "I'll drink to that."
Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 13.
M. Zimmermann, Vista, 13. "Glen Beck is no patriot!"
Stuart Auger, Chula Vista, 12. "Missed one last week...I was drunk."
Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 12. "San Diego weather is the best!"
Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 12. "Jornie made a lovely seder."
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 12. "Follow the green signs to my sale in Jamul Friday."
Sue Coffey, Southwest S.D., 12. "Hey John, can you do puzzle and put it on my desk Fri. night?"
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 12.

Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 12. "Sweet new do, Beck!"
Greg Harkless, San Diego, 12. "Is this your homework, Larry?"
Jerry Jones, Oceanside, 12. "One last try."
Sara Khwaja, Poway, 12. "Hip hip hooray Khwajas."
Thisby Krakatoa, San Diego, 12. "Be happy, be healthy."
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 12. "We need Readers n Lakeside Thurs. a.m."
Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 12.
James C. Nelson, El Cajon, 12. "Go Padres."
Bill Pischke, Ramona, 12. "Field of California poppy, black and orange Harley, great together."
Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 12. "Left ones think I'm right, right ones think I'm wrong."
John Prince, Serra Mesa, 12. "Excessive wealth, disparity can destabilize a civilization. Let's all share."
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 12. "Rena drove us to Knot's Berry Farm. Rena rocks!"
Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 12.
Tom Seaman, Alpine, 12.
Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 12. "Clever puzzle!"
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 12.

Rich Tschiegg, Scripps Ranch, 12. "Beer - a great source of vitamin D."
Kierkegaard Victoria, San Diego, 12.
Ken A., Ocean Beach, 11. "Body piercing grannies assault my eyes."
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 11. "Hi, Pepe. Peace!"
Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 11. "Tricky theme."
Maria Coda, Oceanside, 11. "Hi All!"
Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 11. "22 Down: Chicago is in EST. Wilk blows it again!"
Jim Corbett, San Diego, 11. ☛ **John L. Drehner, North Park, 11.** "I came, I saw, I said, Forget it."
Robin Drubin, Vista, 11. "Get shoe polish, Mikey."
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 11. "You take such good care of me, Carol! Love you!"
George Elam, Vista, 11. "Best puzzle yet. Beers. Yeah."
Edward C Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 11. "Aya has arrived."
Benvicky Javier, San Diego, 11. "Justin, Giselle, Jonathan, Gervy, Jordan, and Brianson rule!"
Steve Lundquist, San Diego, 11.
B.J. Lundquist, San Diego, 11.
Wayne Mathieu, Clairemont, 11.
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 11. "Doing the puzzle in my Reader! T! Sweet!"

Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 11. "Yes, the rumors are true - I love Joel McHale!"
Michael Panther, Point Loma, 11. "Welcome to SD, Jim and Diane! David loves you."
P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 11. "Bring 'em on, Reader!"
Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 11. "We love you Molecule."
Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 11. "March of Dimes benefit show the 19th at the Epicenter."
Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 11.
Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 11. "Happy Birthday Nlck. Love, Mom, Dad, Katie, Dan, Meg."
Robin Suter, La Mesa, 11.
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 11. "I love malacas."
Marie Turock, North Park, 11.
Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 11. "Ober? I don't think so."
Steve and Dawn, North Park, 10. "Hey Bud, can you show me the way to Old Milwaukee?"
Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 10. "Too much of a good thing is...wonderful!"
Bruce Bell, South Park, 10.
Wally Chapman, Chula Vista, 10.
Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 10.
I.C. Garcia, Golden Hill, 10. "Discontented? Unhappy? Wasps? Neon-azi? Mayflower II leaving soon!"

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Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 10. "Even so, there is still much to be thankful for..."
Bev Longdon, El Cajon, 10. "Easter Bunny wishes for Austin, Taylor, and Lukie."
 ☛ **Aleksa Mendive, Normal Heights, 10.** "No shoes, no shirt, no Reader."
Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 10. "Where are you, Student? I've finally made it to 10!"
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 10. "Hi Devon, it's me, Devon!"
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 10. "Break up the Padres!"
Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 10. "It is gone."
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 9. "God is good."
Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 9. "Go Padres!"
Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 9. "So where's the bitch with the impacted tooth?"
Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 9. "How about that \$40 million?"
Terry Golden, Clairemont, 9. "Happy Easter."
Joaquin Guerrero, San Marcos, 9. "Happy house, Gordon Witt! Now, let's make it green!"

☛ **Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 9.**
Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 9. "Oh coward crossword, how dost thou afflict me!"
 ☛ **Lizzy Henry, Encinitas, 9.** "By George, I think we've got it!"
N.C. Lyman, Poway, 9. "Sara says, Give me a shirt, Babycakes. I love you!"
Alex Moran, San Diego, 9. "Wisdom begins in wonder. -Socrates"
Denis Rees, Alpine, 9. "Thank you, Reader!"
Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbad, 9. "He is risen!"
Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 9. "Didn't you get my puzzle last week?"
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 9. "Don't pre-empt Dennis Miller for Padres!"
Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 8.
Mike Deliman, Santee, 8. "Touch me in the morning and walk away."
S. Depka, Vista, 8. "Scrabble, anyone?"
Ben Doverdahl, San Diego, 8. "...or it's the shrew's fiddle for thee."
Rosalie Dow, Tierrasanta, 8. "Another beautiful day at Balboa Park!"
Joseph Dzajic, Clairemont, 8. "I remember when the puzzles weren't crossword...good days."

Joy E. Fernandez, Chula Vista, 8. "Me and my bro Alfred got tees! Word up!"
Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 8. "God is alive and well and living in a sugar cube."
Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 8.
Linda Millsberg, Santee, 8.
Noah Najbert, Mira Mesa, 8. "Celebrate tonight, come on!"
Laura Patterson, Azalea Park, 8. "Are you famous yet, Carina? It's spelled Antonino. 3 n's."
Donna Swing, La Mesa, 8.
Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 8.
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 7. "I need a beer after that puzzle!"
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 7.
Phil Nichols, Escondido, 7. "Calif. avos are better than smelt!"
Cindy Quinto, Golden Hill, 7. "Do you like fish sticks in your mouth?"
Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 7. "Do you take the bus or lunch to school?"
 ☛ **N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 7.**
Jack Tripp, San Diego, 7. "Nikki, soft, warm hands and soft, warm heart."
Michael Williams, Downtown, 7. "Jesus died for us. Believe."
Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 6. "Holly cow! Is that a real word?"

Dustin Beabout, Temecula, 6. "Wil!"
Steve Gunsolley, Normal Heights, 6. "Thanks for fixing my last name's spelling."
Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 6. "Hooray beer!"
Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 6. "Hard puzzle!"
Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 6. "Nanerpis says, Our yum rockets come with extra awesome."
Adam Roberts, San Diego, 6. "You get it started, and I'll run you over."
Henry Romero, San Diego, 6. "Returned from DC."
Brian and Suzanne, Point Loma, 5. "2 drink rule!"
E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 5.
Gail Jones, El Cajon, 5. "Down to the wife!"
Gordon Kanteena, San Diego, 5. "Common sense is not that common. - Gordon Kanteena, 1985"
Steve Kassiotis, San Diego, 5. "Don't want your stupid shirt. Heard they suck anyway."
Danielle Mentzer, North Park, 5. "You're a stella artist, SS. Competition is on!"
John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 5. "How do you feel about Obama's change?"

Stacey Street, North Park, 5. "You're a natural ice, DM! And we love Cash Cab, too!"
Mark E. Jones, Clairemont, 4. "Spend, Obama, spend! When will it end?"
Big Lex Torres, San Marcos, 4. "Big all over."
Jose Cruz, San Diego, 3. "Race for literacy!"
Judy Emaus, Carlsbad, 3. "T-shirt!"
 ☛ **Estefano Hill Jr., El Cajon, 3.**
Nicole Kennelly, La Mesa, 3. "Happy Birthday Hunter!"
Jesse Porter, Encinitas, 3. "All I wanted was a Pepsi. Just one Pepsi."
Mike Van Nordheim, Poway, 3. "I want to interview Billy Bob Thornton."
Jennifer Vuksinich, El Cajon, 3. "My taxes are done."
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Katrina Alcantara, San Diego, 2. "Don't stop believing in yourself."
Jean Marie and Jayne N., Allied Gardens, 2.
Becky and Thomas, La Jolla, 2. "The Nanas are back in town!"
Lisa Overton, Spring Valley, 2. "One puzzle at a time."
Shannon Rico, Clairemont, 2.
John Skoubis, La Jolla, 2.

Bart Barbosa, La Mesa, 1.
Mark Bohuslav, La Jolla, 1.
Debbie Finch, La Mesa, 1.
Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 1. "First time - really like the challenge."
 ☛ **Sven Lucht, La Jolla, 1.**
E.A. McLean, El Cajon, 1. "Linda Simone, stop reading and get to work!"
Cindy Starry, El Cajon, 1. "Lessons starting now! sdsda.org"
Darren Sumption, McKinleyville, 1. "In memory of Sylvia. I love you Mom."

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ART EXHIBITION. Italian Vibrations, Tuscany Through Their Eyes. By Christopher Oleata, Mario Torero, Marisa Roberto. Mundo Gallery 4212 Florida Street. 4/ 04/ 09, 6-11pm. 858-774-1286. www.oleatavision.com, www.fuerzamuendo.org.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT. The Imperial County Workforce Development Board with approval from the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, is soliciting Youth Services and Adult Training Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for the following programs: **Youth Services, Diesel Mechanic Technician, Heavy Equipment Operator, Maintenance Technician, Protective Services Technician, Machine and Electronic Repair Technician.**

RFQs may be obtained in person at the WDB Office, 2695 South 4th Street, Building #D, El Centro CA 92243. Comments to: icwdbemai@icwdb.org. If you have questions, please call 760-337-5036. Technical Assistance Workshops: April 16, 2009, Youth

1:00pm; Adult 2:30pm. April 29, 2009, Youth 4:00pm; Adult 5:30pm. One Stop East, 2695 South 4th Street, Building D, El Centro CA 92243. Qualification submissions must be submitted to the WDB Office. Submission deadline is 5:00pm, May 8, 2009.

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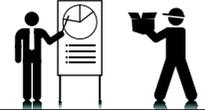
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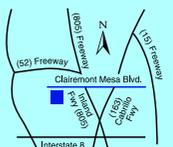
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It was a dachshund named Gretchen. We had to put her to sleep because she was old and her back end wouldn't work. We then got a German shepherd and a poodle. We had lots of dogs, but we got Gretchen when I was five or six. I also had a hamster as a kid, and my sister had rabbits. Oh, and I owned a goldfish briefly. I have dogs now and a parrot.



Linda Chadwell
Government Employee
Spring Valley

A cat when I was around six. We had it 17 years. We had a German shepherd-collie mix. Also as a kid I had a baby alligator. My dad brought it illegally from Florida. I had it two weeks. It bit my finger, and as I was waving my hand around, it flew across the room and hit the wall. That killed it.



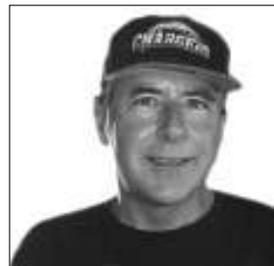
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My first hamster was Little Miss Pee Wee Kins. I was going to name it just Pee Wee, until I found out it was a girl. My first dog was Jolie, which means "pretty" in French. It was a purebred toy poodle, and my brother and I would take a blanket and throw [the dog] up in the air. I think the dog hated it, but we thought it was fun. I'm surprised we didn't accidentally kill her.



Lee Baldelli
Broker
Downtown

I had a border collie named Scout when I was ten. My mother gave it away after a couple years because she didn't want it inside the house. We got a cat named Smokey, which was black and white and even did tricks. But our dog Scout I really wish we had longer. We even went camping, which he would've loved. And we never brought him along. I'm not sure why.



Mark Chadwell
Bailiff
Spring Valley

It was a mixed bulldog named Sergeant. I think my dad named him. I also had a duck named Elmer. I was five or six when my mom got it. I don't remember what ever happened, but we never ate him or anything like that. We also raised rabbits, but those were to eat. I guess that doesn't make them pets.



Mark Petterson
Chiropractor
Pacific Beach

I had a lot of goldfish I won at carnivals. They always died after a few weeks. I had rabbits and a golden retriever. The dog once killed one of the rabbits. My first pet I killed, though. It was a small turtle. I might have been around five years old. I can't remember its name, but I remember my mom telling me to change the water. I thought warm water would be best for it. The thing jumped around twice and died in the hot water. I buried it in my yard, and when my mom came home she asked where the turtle was. I told her and she made me dig it up. She saw it was dead and told me to bury it. I told her I already did, and it was her turn.

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This week's questions

- In the play *Mauritius*, and in 1847 in real life, the world's most valuable stamps (\$3.8 million a pair) were printed with the words "post office" instead of what correct words?
- Party crasher Josh's invitation to a bash at the Office instructs everyone to ___ like John Travolta.
- Says ex-city attorney Mike Aguirre of the former head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, "Had ___ done his job, the derivatives debacle would never have happened."
- What 33-year-old British punk group just might be performing "Stiff Little Fingers" at the Radio Room on April 17?
- Barbarella's five-year-old niece has discovered that she can raise a few eyebrows by announcing, "That hurt my ___!"
- In "As I Hear It," what local performer gets likened to a cross between Sarah McLachlan and Anya Marina?
- Where are Joan Crawford's stiletto heel marks preserved in Brian's 24?
- Country musician David Allan Coe has vowed not to play in any city with a chapter of ____.
- Rolling Stone* recently named the Soft Pack, out of 1900 live acts at the recent South by Southwest festival, one of the top ___ acts. (Number, please.)
- Do farts contain "poop molecules"?

Last week's answers

- A swastika. (p. 19)
- Mike Dini Sr. (p. 94)
- 40 percent. (p. 10)
- Slab City. (p. 70)
- Dennis Rodman. (p. 92)
- wendy@wendybailey.com (p. 80)
- No answer
- "The Velvety Ones." (p. 86)
- Easter grass. (p. 139)
- "Militant Vegans." (p. 22)

Last week's winners:

Jeffrey McMenamin, Paul Sandbo, Noah Najbert, Susan Williams, and Brian Slipper

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NORTH PARK. \$1045. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. New carpet, coin laundry, parking, private patio, balcony. Cat OK, additional \$300 deposit. Available now. 4152 Utah. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

NORTH PARK. \$745. Cozy 1 bedroom. Quiet. Gated complex. Frost-free refrigerator, stove, ceiling fan, lots of closet space. Wood paneling. No pets. Tom, 858-539-6139.

NORTH PARK. \$745. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Small, quiet property. Downstairs, newer carpet, ceiling fan, coin laundry. No pets. 4127 33rd Street. Agent 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$995. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath, ceiling fans. Gated complex, on-site laundry. \$995 deposit. Garage additional \$100/ month. No pets. 4127 Wabash. 619-971-0486.

NORTH PARK. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs unit. Parking and laundry on site. Nonsmoking. No pets. Deposit \$1200. Call 619-640-6958.

NORTH PARK. \$1795. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath executive condo. Very luxurious. All appliances. 1200 square feet. Fireplace, 2 patios. Park views. Parking. Air conditioning. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

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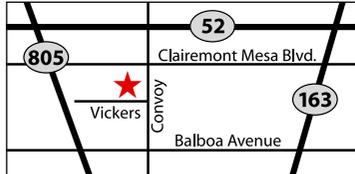
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BACK WHEN *in the Reader*

Thirty Years Ago

I'm not sure why the birds on the north island of the Coronados are making such a racket. They're screaming so loudly, it seems like the noise should carry to Point Loma, 15 miles away. From a boat, even just a few hundred feet offshore, the birds blend into the mottled cliff side of the island. Sections of the cliff are virtually covered with fuzzy baby pelicans, snow white, ungainly creatures which have broken out of their shells only days and weeks before.

— "FUTURE FLOCK," *Jeannette De Wyzze*, April 19, 1979

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Aguirre shows up on time, ready to jog in blue gym shorts and a blue sweat top with hood. He wants to run up Sixth Avenue, so we ride in his late-model BMW, a suitable lawyer's car, down Florida Canyon and briefly onto the northbound I-5 chute to Sixth Avenue, where we

park at Elm Street.

Immediately he starts in on virtually everybody and anything. This town, he says, tolerates mediocre and compromised politicians, is a haven for three-piece-suited frauds who wouldn't get away with their chicanery elsewhere.

— "CRIME & POLITICS," *Bob Dorn*, April 19, 1984

Twenty Years Ago

I know, I pick up the *Reader* myself. However —

I'm sick of reading stories about abortion ("Dutiful Daughter," April 6). Don't you realize that probably more than half of your readers have experienced it in one way or another, and I personally don't care to be reminded when I'm checking the entertainment news. I'm not for or against it, but I have experienced it, and it's something I have to live with, but I DON'T WANT IT IN THE *READER*! It's like my parents or

something. IT PISSES ME OFF!

— LETTERS: "NOT COPLEY OR NEW YORK," *Name Withheld by Request, San Diego*, April 20, 1989

Fifteen Years Ago

Cruising down Broadway in San Diego. It's Monday morning, the day after Christmas, and the streets are nearly empty.

A rap beat suddenly cracks the air. As I pull up to the red light, a sleek black Acura with dark, one-way windows eases up beside me, and the rap music gets louder.

As the driver comes into view, I see he has his window down. I look over at this brother. He is in his late 20s. Gold glitters off his wrist and pinkie finger. But it is his hairstyle that catches my attention: it is faded around the ears — cut very close, that is — and rises to an inch above his head, where it is topped off with glossy curls. Dark brown, leaning forward, he is driving pimp style.

— "MY HAIR ISN'T JUST WOOLLY, IT'S

NAPPY TOO AND THICK AND WIRY AND STUBBORN," *Cecil Brown*, April 14, 1994

Ten Years Ago

She'd be in lines and buses half the morning, making the circuit of ID checks and searches, and then she'd have to wait an hour while they called him down from his room. She'd told him she was coming, she said, but he would not be waiting for her.

"When he'd come down, I'd cry and ask him, 'What did I come all the way up here for? Give me a reason!' There were other men who looked forward to a visit, who held their wives' hands and let them lay their heads on their shoulder. Jerome would come out with an attitude, right off. He offered nothing."

— "IF HE'S SO SMART WHAT'S HE DOING BEHIND BARS?" *Jangchup Phelgyal*, April 15, 1999



San Diego Reader, April 19, 1984

Five Years Ago

The *Union-Tribune* cult of hate, under the direction of editor in chief Karin Winner and editor of the editorial page Robert Kittle, is now most notoriously exemplified by the firing of San Diego's most famous and best journalist, Neil Morgan.

— LETTERS: "HATE CULT," *Anthony St. Jude*, via email, April 15, 2004

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Acts 29 network
Address: services at Aviara Oaks Middle School, 6900 Ambrosia, Carlsbad, 760-602-0722
Founded locally: 2003
Senior pastor: David Fandey
Congregation size: about 275
Staff size: n/a
Sunday school enrollment: 70
Annual budget: \$430,000
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: yes
Dress: mostly casual, some formal
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but diverse
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Website: thefieldschurch.org

A chill clung to the air as the service began; it would be 11 minutes before the sun crested the hill to reveal the ranunculus and warm the 900 or so souls gathered in the parking lot below. I shivered in sympathy for the scattering of bare legs poking out from Easter dresses — though most folks wore trousers of one sort or another. The lead singer for the band called from the stage to the people still lingering at the coffee dispensers. “Come on over and join us — we’re going to sing some songs, hear some teaching from

the Bible, sing some more songs, and enjoy a beautiful sunrise and a great breakfast. And again, God bless you and thanks for being here.”

“Christians for years have said [on Easter], ‘He is risen,’ and the response is, ‘He is risen indeed,’” said Pastor Fandey, before leading the congregation in the exchange. History also gave reason for the earliness of the hour — Fandey noted that “it was early in the morning” when Jesus’ followers discovered the empty tomb.

Cheerful rock music hailed Jesus as king, declared Satan vanquished, and lauded the “God of wonders beyond our galaxy”: “Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light...” Then the band slowed down for “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing.” “The song mentions something called an Ebenezer,” explained the singer. “It was a stone of help, a stone of remembrance that the Israelites used to commemorate God’s deliverance of them from great trials.... There are moments I like to

call ‘Ebenezer moments,’ where God really works in the lives of the people who call Him God. This is one of those moments.”

Hope was the theme of the service, hope in a God Who accomplishes all things. A pastor rejoiced that the church of Jesus Christ was “spread all around the world,” even as he lamented that there were those in the Philippines who had “gone to great lengths to celebrate the death of Christ” on Good Friday — “some, called *flagelantes*, even whipping themselves to try to earn a good standing before God.”

“Earning good standing” was not the way to go about things, said Fandey in his sermon. “God, as a loving Father, looks and says, ‘I love you — not because of what you’ve done but because of what Jesus has done.’ Paul went through life trying to be a good person. He was a very moral Jew who tried to obey God’s rules, and he thought he was doing it. But deep down inside, he knew he wasn’t measuring up.

When he began to understand God’s forgiveness through Jesus Christ, he said, ‘Praise God! I’m no longer on this treadmill trying to earn somebody’s approval!’

Most of the other religions of the world say that if you do enough — feed the poor, be good to your neighbor, do all these good things — then God will accept you. And so we work at it. Christianity says, ‘It’s not that way at all.’ Christianity says, ‘It was done by Jesus on the cross, and all we need to do is receive what God has done for us, and God accepts us.’ That frees us up; it gives us hope that doesn’t disappoint.”

Hope in what? In escape from our situation, which is “worse than we think it is” — worse than financial troubles or health issues. “Sin separates us, and there has been an ultimate separation between God and us. We started life too far gone. It was over before it started for us — we were condemned by our sin, which we were born into. I know it sounds pessimistic, and thank God,



David Fandey

The Fields Church: Easter Sunrise Service at the Carlsbad Flower Fields, Carlsbad

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the story doesn’t end there. You have to understand the bad news before the good news makes sense. If you really want to celebrate this Easter, understand just how great a rescue you needed.... We were dead in our sins

and Jesus came to rescue us.”

Even if we still have struggles, “we know that God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God,” said Fandey, quoting Paul. “God is pulling some strings together because He’s got a plan for your life. That is hope that has a reason behind it.... As a church, we’re going to continue to teach through this book and look at this hope for the next few Sundays. If you don’t have a place to call home as a church, we invite you to come and join us.”

What happens when we die?

“We go before God,” said Fandey, “and if we have trusted in the finished work of Jesus Christ, we enter into His presence. If our faith has not been in Jesus Christ, then we spend eternity apart from God. We believe in a literal hell.”

— Matthew Lickona

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 16



DEL MAR NATIONAL HORSE SHOW

A full week of cowboy exhibitionism begins. In Western classes, burgeoning buckaroos can learn “precision reining patterns and lightning-speed barrel racing.” Stick around for a few days, and you will see trick riders, mounted shooting, and more. See **SPORTS**, page 67.

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Get the buzz on the town’s fuzz. Author and V.P. of the San Diego Police Historical Association Steve Willard presents vintage photos that depict the city marshals and constables that kept the dirt roads of San Diego safe in the 1800s. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

Friday | 17

HEAD TO TOE WOMEN’S EXPO



A three-day bonanza filled with opportunities for learning, shopping, and pampering. Experts include chefs, doctors, floral designers, entertainers, personal trainers, and TV personalities to speak on a range of topics. No woman left behind! See **SPECIAL**, page 65.

JUICY RIPE TOMATOES

The San Diego-based Blue Thong Society welcomes author Susan Swartz to discuss her new book *The Juicy Tomatoes Guide to Ripe Living after 50*. Women who “enjoy their lushness” and “squeeze the most from life” have the most fun. See **IN PERSON**, page 61.

Saturday | 18

IDENTIFYING SPIDERS



The only two poisonous spiders in San Diego County are the black widow and the desert recluse. At this two-day workshop, learn how to differentiate the treacherous from the simply creepy, such as the harmless grass spider, the funnel weaver, or the giant furry tarantula. See **LECTURES**, page 62.

BUSKER FESTIVAL

Bring your small change, because these professional musicians, jugglers, and acrobats are busking for donations during this street-performance celebration at Seaport Village. See **SPECIAL**, page 65.



FRIDAY, APRIL 17: HEAD TO TOE WOMEN'S EXPO

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DEL MAR ANTIQUE SHOW

Antique dealers excel at turning clutter into cash. Have your treasured family heirloom restored to its original luster by experts in glass, crystal, porcelain, rugs, and jewelry. If that’s too much trouble, visit the antique appraisal booth to learn how much you can get for it. See **SPECIAL**, page 65.

Tuesday | 21

¡VIVA TEQUILA!

Might as well start getting ready for Cinco de Mayo now. At this tequila class, sample Spanish tapas, sangria, and cocktails made with agave spirits. Plus, learn how to make ten different salsas for that party you’re planning. See **FOOD & DRINK**, page 60.

Monday | 20

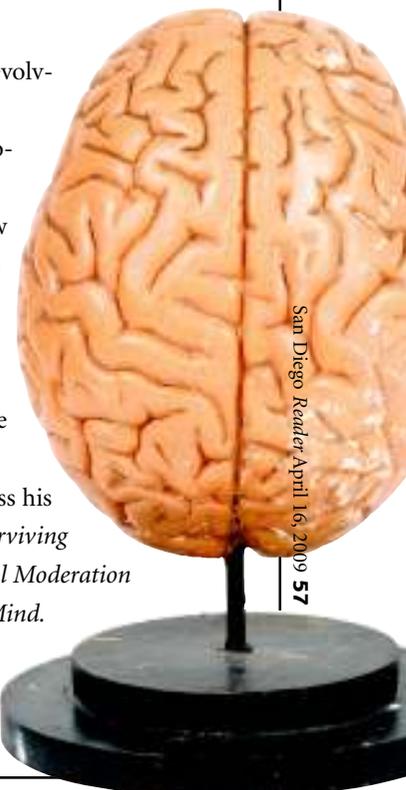
HISTORY FOR HALF-PINTS

In celebration of Arbor Day, kids aged three to five will be introduced to conifers and evergreens in Balboa Park. They can climb in a real-life tree house and create their own smaller version for fairies and woodland friends. See **FOR KIDS**, page 60.

Wednesday | 22

iBRAIN

“Your brain is evolving right now,” declares neurologist Gary Small. Exposure to new technology, says Small, generates new neural pathways, while old pathways are left to atrophy. Small will discuss his book *iBrain: Surviving the Technological Moderation of the Modern Mind*. See **IN PERSON**, page 61.



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