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How to Paint a Portrait

The first time I chat with painter David Darrow on the telephone, I ask him how I might pose. I tell him that I like the highly individual stagings of Annie Leibovitz's photographs. Darrow tells me that mine will only be a 16"x20" painting from the chest up, so we won't have to worry too much about my pose.

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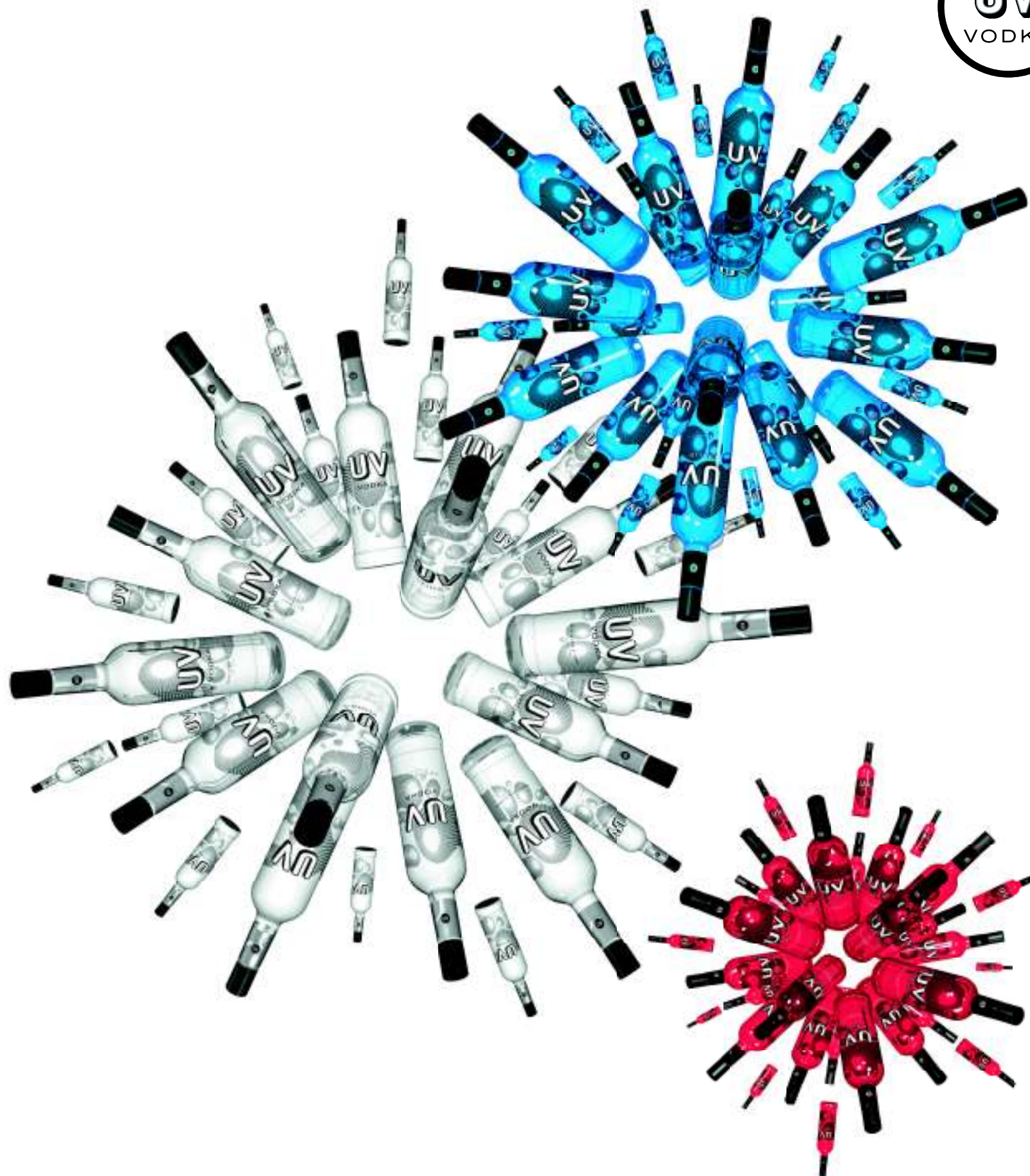
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Grey's Anatomy

web site that would help? We were also thinking about placing large ads in the *Daily Aztec* next week too. We simply have to get their attention and get in for testing those that have had unprotected sex, be they male or female. We have only had [number redacted] folks in all day today. We expected thousands." In another e-mail Wilson wrote, "Our concern is that once the students leave for the semester they will disburse across the nation and even to foreign countries carrying and potentially spreading this disease."

Karen Calfas, SDSU's director of health promotion, reported in a May 4 e-mail to colleagues that TV stories about the outbreak had been "fairly good, with the possible exception of Channel 10, which may have minimized the seriousness of the message with clips from the show *Grey's Anatomy*."

Despite all the coverage, though, students were still avoiding the test. "As of noon today we had seen 11 people for testing. After our meeting ended yesterday our director, Tom, said he was concerned about the response to the testing being low. With a campus of 35,000 we have tested (I'm estimating) about 150 people. We are considering some more marketing and changing our policy about eligibility to allow students to come get tested even if they are graduating (and usually not eligible for services here anymore)."

Things were getting so desperate that Calfas suggested putting an ad on Facebook, the college-oriented social networking website: "\$5 ad gets 10k hits from SDSU students." But that idea was quickly nixed, according to the documents, because it offended the sensibilities of university officials. "I just got off the phone with Bill and he would not approve the placement of any advertising in Facebook.com," Wilson wrote Calfas on May 8, apparently referring to his boss, SDSU senior associate vice president **William Boyd**. "He maintains it is not controllable what goes in there, it is a place students go to pick each other up, and at this point it is not a place we should be advertising." Wilson was on vacation; Calfas did not respond to phone messages.

Feldman's gold Developer **Aaron Feldman** and employees of his Sunroad group of companies currently enmeshed in the Montgomery Field office-tower dustup have long bankrolled many local GOP candidates and their causes, including ex-mayor **Susan Golding** and current mayor **Jerry Sanders**. Last October 11, for instance, Sunroad Asset Management, Inc., gave \$10,000 to the mayor's San Diegans for City Hall Reform political committee, which campaigned for two successful ballot propositions that give Sanders greatly expanded control of city government, including the ability to "outsource" city services to private providers. In recent years, Feldman and his workers have also given generously to Republican congressmen **Darrell Issa**, **Brian Bilbray**, and **John Campbell**. But sometimes Feldman gets out his checkbook for Democrats, too. During last year's bitter Democratic primary battle between Congressman **Bob Filner** and



Brian Bilbray

termed-out assemblyman **Juan Vargas**, Feldman gave to both. This year, Feldman is back securely in the Filner camp, so much so that he was listed as a "host" of a lavish political fund-raiser Filner threw for himself at the Mission Bay Hilton on April 12. Other hosts listed on the invitation to the event, entitled "Celebrating the New Direction for America," included Luce, Forward lawyer **Charlie Bird**, developer **Michael Gelfand**, shopping-center owner **Elliot Feuerstein**, and lobbyist **Lynne Heidel**, as well as the American Occupational Therapy PAC. "Chairs" for the evening were the American Dental Association PAC & San Diego Dental Society and the National Electrical Contractors Association PAC. ... The number-one zip code in California for contributions to Emily's List, the liberal political action committee, is currently La Jolla. In May, the wealthy — and onetime predominantly conservative — San Diego community kicked in a total of \$8450, beating out L.A. with \$6250. Donors included longtime Democratic moneymen **Murray Galinson** and attorney **Claudette G. Wilson**. The number-one state was California, with total contributions of \$138,735. Total individual contributions were \$645,161.



Bob Filner

— **Matt Potter**

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Claudette Wilson

Strength Is in Low-Pay Jobs

By Don Bauder

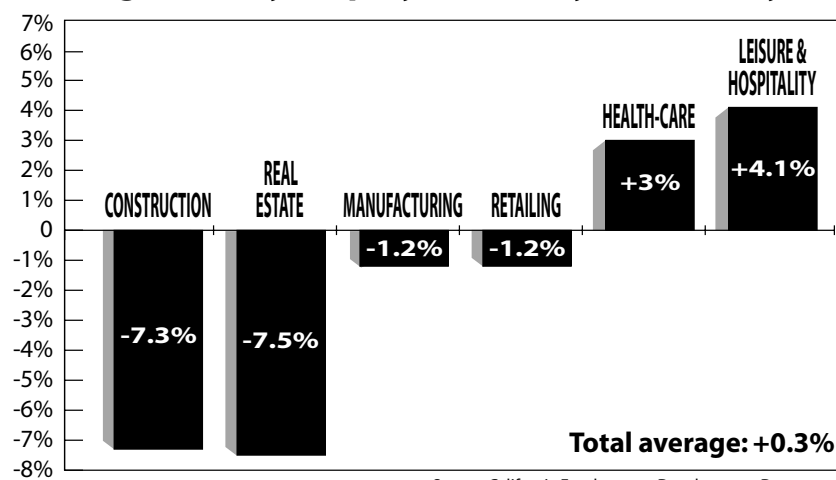
The San Diego economy is like the chap sitting in a restaurant waiting for his sausage sandwich: the wurst is yet to come.

The local economy suffers from mild dyspepsia, with employment barely growing, but the ripple effect from real

jumped from 3.7 percent to 4.2 percent, according to the California Employment Development Department. (Because

have dropped 7.3 percent and real estate jobs 7.5 percent. That doesn't reflect the true weakness in the real estate market, which is likely to see tougher times. "Adjustable-rate mortgages are hitting people," says Kelly Cunningham, senior economist at the San Diego Institute for Policy Research. "Up to now, foreclosures have been pretty minimal. Now they are starting to increase. People had gotten into trouble with exotic financing schemes, and now that

San Diego County Employment, May 2006 – May 2007



Source: California Employment Development Department

estate woes threatens to bring on a bellyache that could impact such industries as retailing.

Over the past year, employment has risen just 0.3 percent, while total unemployed workers has soared 14.3 percent, and the unemployment rate has

of the way the unemployment rate is calculated, it can rise at the same time employment is going up.)

A 4.2 percent unemployment rate is considered very good, but it could get a lot worse. Over the past 12 months, construction jobs

rates are adjusting [upward], and the housing market has slowed, they can't sell their

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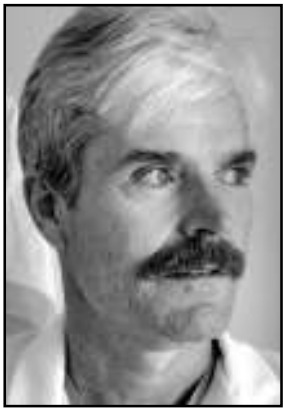
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Redevelopment: Public? Private?

By Joe Deegan

As if Grantville didn't have enough traffic problems, local developer Leon Parma wants to build 588 new condominiums, plus new restaurant and office space, on land he owns in the area. The property sits on the block bordered by Mission Gorge Road and Fairmount, Twain, and Vandever avenues. At its May 15 meeting, the San Diego City Council



Brian Peterson

approved the project, called Centerpointe at Grantville, rezoning the block from industrial and commercial designations to mixed use.

Opposing the project in the council chambers was Brian Peterson, president of the Grantville Action Group (GAG). Peterson noted the eventual traffic problems but argued that Centerpointe's

main damage will be a depletion of money from the City's general fund, which pays for basic services such as fire and police protection. True, Centerpointe will be more valuable than the light industrial and commercial businesses that are on the site now. And that will result in greater tax increments in the future. But those new dollars will not go into the general fund but to the Grantville Redevelopment Project Area. Meanwhile, the greater population density caused by Centerpointe in Grantville will demand more services from a City that has fewer resources to provide them.

Centerpointe and the Grantville Redevelopment Project are two different ventures, one private and one public. For clarification of the connection between them that Peterson worries about, I visit his Friars Road Pet Hospital. Across the table he uses to examine the animals, Peterson and I talk. The veterinarian remains standing on crutches, as he recently broke his hip in a bicycle accident. "I've got three pins in my leg



Site of Centerpointe at Grantville (this building will remain)

holding it together right now," he says.

"One angle on this whole scheme," Peterson tells me, "is that even if the Redevelopment Agency does nothing to promote development in Grantville, the Redevelopment Agency will collect tax increments from every building that sells or is built in the project area. Personally, I would not be opposed to Centerpointe — which looks now to be a done deal — if it weren't for the redevelopment zone. After all, it does not violate property rights. And I don't live in [nearby] Allied Gardens, although residents there

are very upset about the increased traffic Centerpointe will bring."

Peterson supports a lawsuit that the County of San Diego filed against the City last year to stop the Grantville Redevelopment Project. The County argues that it will lose as much as \$200 million in taxes over the 45-year life of the project. "The County needs its money, too," says Peterson, "to pay for health and other services it provides San Diego residents." A superior court trial to hear the County's suit is set to begin in November.

The city council established the Grantville redevelopment

zone in 2005 as the 17th and latest project of the Redevelopment Agency. Planning for Centerpointe had begun two years earlier. Peterson believes that District 7 Councilman Jim Madaffer originally opposed Centerpointe because its designers were not waiting for the Grantville redevelopment plans to materialize. That seems to be borne out by Madaffer's own words. During the May 5 city council meeting, Madaffer remarked that he had been encouraging businesses in the area to wait on their contemplated projects to see the Grantville master plan, which won't be fin-

ished until the fall. But recognizing Centerpointe's head start, the councilman now supports the development.

Peterson believes that Kaiser Permanente, Grantville's largest employer, also underwent a change of mind. "Kaiser Hospital on Zion Avenue is required to do a seismic retrofit, so a few years ago it had plans to consolidate the hospital with its Vandever building on the block where Centerpointe is now going to be built. Now Kaiser supports Centerpointe and the Grantville Redevelopment Project, hoping eventually to get help. In addition to roads and other infrastructure funding, redevelopment monies can be used to provide local businesses with construction loans and even outright grants.

"The biggest lesson to be drawn from Centerpointe," says Peterson, "is that Grantville is perfectly capable of redeveloping itself by private enterprise. It doesn't need a governmental agency to plan everything and make it happen. The Centerpointe initiative also shows that Grantville is not as blighted as Madaffer and the Redevelopment Agency say it is."

By California law, the presence of blight is required for the City to turn one of its communities into a redevelopment zone. But blight is notoriously subjective.



Kaiser Permanente on Vandever Avenue

Low-pay jobs

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homes.”

The lenders who made the exotic loans are tightening up borrowing standards (and also getting hauled justifiably into court). Say good-bye to “liar loans,” in which people didn’t have to state their true incomes. And “appraisers have been scared into giving hon-

est appraisals,” says Robert Campbell, publisher of the *Campbell Real Estate Timing Letter*. People were seduced into snapping up mortgages with teaser (extraordinarily low) initial rates, and now those rates are going up to realistic levels. “All of a sudden there are new underwriting standards, while houses are falling in value. It’s a tidal wave,” says Campbell. “When mortgage payments go up 20,

30, 100 percent, and people paid too much for the home in the first place, they are so far under water it is hopeless.” He accurately called the peak of the market in August 2005, and it may be three or four years before his statistical model flashes a buy signal, he says.

New homes aren’t being built. The valuation of residential construction dropped 8.1 percent in 2005 and 30.6

percent last year. The valuation of new single-family homes plunged 40 percent last year. This year could be even worse, depending on how many homes get dumped on the resale market and whether mortgages are available. “Nonresidential [commercial and industrial] building has picked up, but not enough to keep construction and real estate-related employment going up,” notes

Cunningham.

As unsold homes pile up on the market, and families can’t meet their higher mortgage payments while being unable to borrow against their homes’ values, consumer spending can suffer, says Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego. And consumer spending is more than two-thirds of the economy. Beware of a double whammy. Even people who can afford

their houses are no longer borrowing against home values to get money for everyday living, Gin says. “There are some problems with auto and home-improvement retailing because there is less cash-out financing going on, but I don’t see big drops in those areas yet. The fact that refinancing is down should have an effect, but how big an effect is uncertain,” says Gin.

He compiles a monthly index of leading indicators of the San Diego economy. It has a good forecasting record. “In 12 out of the last 13 months [through April], the indicator has been down,” he says. Building permits and help-wanted advertising have trended fairly steadily negative, while stock prices and consumer confidence have been mixed. The national economy — a good predictor of the local economy — has been strong but is now weakening. “The indicator has been flashing negative, but it hasn’t reached the point where there will be negative job growth. Job growth is already going at half the rate of a year ago. The slowdown has started and is likely to continue as long as housing is in a slump.”

Cunningham also keeps an index that is meant to be a barometer of the economy. It, too, has been pointing down. City of San Diego new business licenses — often a good measure of entrepreneurial confidence — were down 27.2 percent in February and rebounded in April, “but the annual average is still down,” says Cunningham.

“We’re seeing out-migration,” he says. Many of those leaving are discouraged workers who can’t get a job in the county and are fleeing to Phoenix, Las Vegas, and other areas where jobs are still fairly plentiful. The San Diego unemployment rate is kept artificially low because of these people departing and not actively seeking work in the county, he says.

Consumer confidence, as measured by polling firm Competitive Edge Research and Communication, has improved from the beginning of the year but is still in the hole, says Cunningham. “Consumers say their own situation is better, but the figure for the overall economy is still negative,” he says.

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All in all, the future indicators compiled by both Gin and Cunningham portend a severe slowdown but not a recession.

High-tech jobs are slipping, but there are some strong spots in the local economy. "Health-care jobs are growing, and there are decent numbers in certain business and professional categories," says Gin. The big gainer is the leisure and hospitality industry. It has accounted for about 70 percent of the job gains over the past year. The gains are across the board: hotels are doing well, and so are restaurants, bars, and lounges.

"Trouble is, so many of these are low-pay jobs," says Jerry Morrison, a hotel consultant in La Jolla. The hotel occupancy rate is down slightly from a year ago, but "the average room rate is up a lot, to \$135.18 from \$127.16. We're becoming a more expensive tourist destination." San Diego is high in the top 25 hotel markets, but it trails Anaheim, New York, Oahu, Orlando, and Phoenix. Hotel owners here are making more money, but many of the facilities are owned by out-of-town chains, so the money doesn't stay in San Diego.

Paradoxically, San Diego tourism often does well when gasoline prices rise. People cancel a long motor trip they were planning and drive a shorter distance to Southern

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California. Also, the slumping dollar will help. Not only will foreign tourists come here, but people who planned to vacation abroad may cancel and take a trip to San Diego.

Tourism is a good business, but because of the low wages, it can't carry the local economy on its back. ■

Public? private?

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"Grantville is not blighted," says Peterson. He is joined by many small-business owners in the area who fear the Redevelopment Agency's eminent domain powers and argue that big property owners, such as H.G. Fenton Company, forced the creation of the redevelopment zone to advance their own interests. "In the vision plan that Madaffer presented in January," Peterson tells me, "Fairmount Avenue will become the main thoroughfare through Grantville. That will benefit Fenton more than anybody else."

Fenton president Mike Neal presided over the Grantville Redevelopment Advisory Committee, a group of private citizens who originally presented the redevelopment to Navajo Community Planners Inc., the planning group that oversees Grantville. San Carlos resident John Pilch chaired Navajo Planners at the time the vote was taken in 2004. Today Matt Adams, vice president of the Building Industry Association of San Diego, is the Navajo

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chairman. In December, the online newspaper *Voice of San Diego* quoted Adams as saying, "Grantville's a place where you have to go; it's never really been a place you want to be."

Peterson questions the role of Navajo Community Planners in making decisions about Grantville. "Most of the Navajo group's members come from San Carlos and Del Cerro," he says, "and they have no feel for Grantville. Grantville needs its own planning area, though Allied Gardens should be part of it, because Grantville is its industrial and commercial area."

At the May 15 city council discussion of Centerpointe, Jim Madaffer seemed a bit defensive about the Grantville Redevelopment Project. The Centerpointe owner isn't having his property taken from him, Madaffer noted, in response to earlier worries about the Redevelopment Agency running roughshod over Grantville. Minutes later, Madaffer firmed up a promise by the owner to donate \$1.2 million to help build an extension of Alvarado Canyon Road for traffic relief. He also sought commitments from the owner to contribute to an "inter-community transit system" the councilman has plans for in Grantville. And would the developer also promise to support maintenance, landscaping, and lighting in the area? "We're looking to finance things like that, which go with a planned area. Of course, much of the money will come from tax increments." ■

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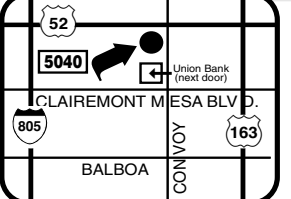


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Grounded

The cover of your June 21 issue is one of the best you've ever had. It's worth a second and a third and still another look, as is also the illustration on page 26 for "People v. Walnut." The main article, "Before It Was the Gaslamp," is also good and is readable — up to the third paragraph, line 5. There is no need to invent the offensively ungrammatical form "grinded" to explain the term "grindhouse" or for any reason at all. The past tense of the verb "grind" is "ground," analogous to the past tense of the words "bind" and "find." Standard English offers no alternative. Please watch your words! Thank you.

Mary Krimmel
La Jolla

Standout Student

The author of the article about the philosophy students ("Philosophy Majors Sit Around," Cover Story, June 14) described the Price Center Niemeyer fellows as: studying music; a philo/communications major; a psych/Judaic studies major; and a *Filipino girl!!!* The writer should know better than to use such racist and sexist terms to describe one of the students instead of the proper terms as used for the other students. Why was this student singled out by her race and gender while the others were not so described? Also, an adult female is a "woman," not a "girl." Such writing deserves an "F."

Judith Abeles
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With interest, I read your June 14 article about philosophy ("Philosophy Majors Sit Around," Cover Story).

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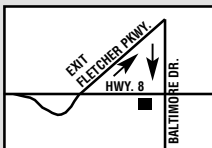
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I worked to pay the cost of college. Philosophy classes left me knowing less at the end of the semester than when I started the class. Thus, wasting some tuition that might have been used for something that actually might be relevant in life.

J. Tripp
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Pedantic Tours

From idle curiosity, I perused the all-but-unreadable article ("Philosophy Majors Sit Around," Cover Story, June 14) dealing with, in my perhaps not overly humble opinion, the abject poverty of academic "philosophy" in which some philosophemes of a few philosophasters were quoted. Predictably, philosophy as such was sufficiently defamed in typically American dreaming philistine fashion. I should expect that the American manifestations of these pedantic tours de force would be unexcelled in impertinence to a cultured, as opposed to "educated," "professional" philosophical or literary taste. But then, what "business" is it of mine?

P.S. I'm aware that all those quoted may not be of "American" origin, but this

is a mere technicality.

N. Pallemo
A Negro philosopher
(soi-disant)

Continental Rejection

I read with interest your article on philosophy majors, June 14, 2007 ("Philosophy Majors Sit Around," Cover Story). The first part of the article discusses, among other things, the relation between developments in cognitive and neuro-science to analytic philosophy, the dominant form of philosophy in America today (thus at the beginning of the article a philosophical question deemed significant comes out as whether Superman is one and the same person as Clark Kent). In a latter part of the article, a student, Christopher Dohna, spends a certain amount of time discussing a political theory course "taught by a visiting professor from Fordham" on the subject of the relations between technology, science, and ethics. The philosopher in question (not named in the article) is Professor Babette Babich, and she is misidentified in the article as a "he." She held a temporary visiting appointment in the political science

department and the philosophy department. Despite her impressive CV and extensive experience nationally and internationally, [UCSD] had no interest in someone formed in a continental tradition. Alas, UCSD has been unable to find a permanent position for her.

Tracy B. Strong
Professor of political theory in the political science department (and Professor Babich's husband)

What Is Reality?

How exciting that there is a growing interest in philosophy ("Philosophy Majors Sit Around," Cover Story, June 14). And what a shame that most Ph.D.s have not had a serious course in the subject. Having noted this, it is a great problem that philosophy has been so divorced from experience and science. That it still is to too great extent based on modeling. As indeed is over much science with mathematics, so also is philosophy with language.

Rather than deal with so much detailed particulars to answer the great questions, we need inductive re-

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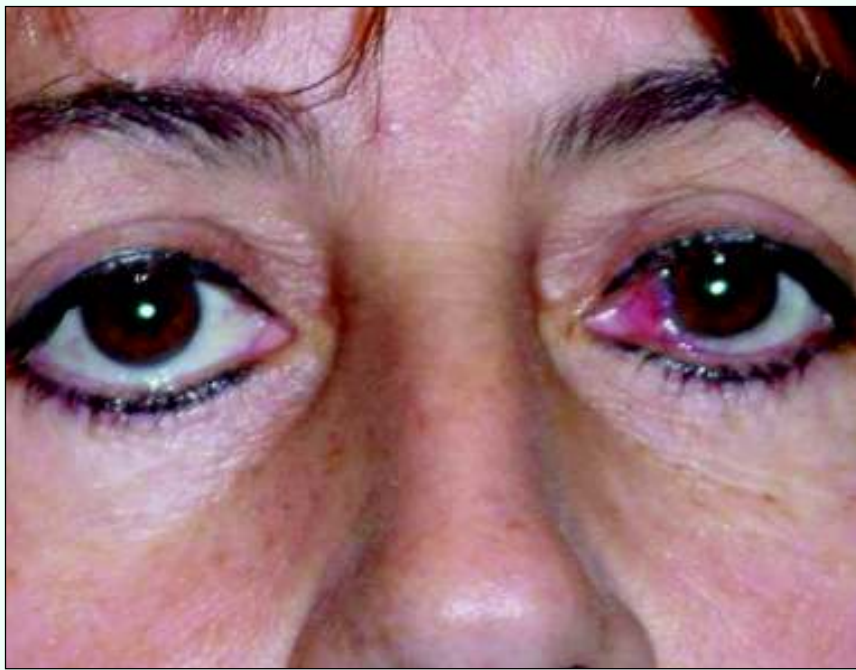
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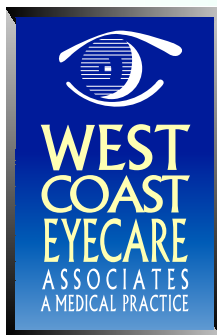
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Got the California State Games press packet in the mail today. Seems a bit thinner this year. The California games is a development program of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

Yes, I understand, you want to know what a development program is. Behold, the following, taken from a USOC Web page: "Community Olympic Development Programs partners with national governing bodies and community sports groups to enhance high-quality intermediate programs for talented youth to maximize their potential in Olympic sports." Now, that is a sentence you walk out of knowing no more than when you walked in. A bureaucratic triumph.

Laying that aside for the moment, the California State Games opening ceremonies will be held at Qualcomm Stadium, Friday, July 13. This is San Diego's 11th year as host. The games feature 21 sports, from archery to wrestling, held in venues spread across the county. Organizers expect 8000 competitors and 30,000 spectators. So, count every kid's parents, 16,000 personhoods, and that still leaves 14,000 spectators unaccounted for. Perhaps you're in there. Check calstategames.org/ for particulars.

Baseball fans across America woke up Tuesday morning to the rousing news that the Yankees are 36-37, giving them a .493 winning percentage and placing them 11 1/2 games behind Boston, third place in the American League East. One wonders, how does a team with a \$192,229,045 payroll (according to ESPN) play sub-.500 ball this far into the season?

One could say, clutch errors, clutch strikeouts, and clutch balks. But, let's go deeper; let's hear from the man who leads Major League Baseball in home runs, runs, and runs batted in — Alex Rodriguez, who, after watching his team drop two in a row from the NL West last place San Francisco Giants, summed the series up for reporters: "The NL game is an attack-mode game and our game is stationary softball."

Which brings us to Wimbledon. Yes, it's Wimbledon time again, and I'll probably watch a piece of it. But, other than the U.S. Open, I can't think of another tennis tournament I care about. Tennis has worked its way down the food chain as golf has worked its way up. Golf's current prosperity is due to Tiger Woods. I'll look in on any tournament he plays, but like any true fan, my loyalty is conditional; he keeps playing like the son of Jor-El and I'll keep watching.

In the meantime, tennis has become a wasteland from an American point of view. The men's side of the game belongs to two foreign

devils: Roger Federer (Switzerland) and Rafael Nadal (Spain). It's been a long, long time since Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe. Do you know Roger Federer won the last four Wimbledon titles? Do you care?

Last year's Wimbledon's men's final had a 2.9 TV rating. Last year's women's final had a 2.2 rating. To give you an idea how bad that is, last year's Ortiz vs. Shamrock: The Final Chapter (Ultimate Fighting Championship), brought home a 3.1 TV rating. On cable TV.

There are two American men ranked number 10 or better playing in this year's Wimbledon, number 3 ranked Andy Roddick and number 9 ranked James Blake. There is one American woman ranked number 10 or better playing in this year's Wimbledon, number 7 ranked Serena Williams.

Ten years ago there were three American men ranked in the top 25 at Wimbledon and five American women ranked in the top 25. Twenty years ago there were seven American men in the top 25 and ten American women.

Let us clap our hands and shout, "Roller derby!"

Which takes us to Chris "Mad Dog" Russo, longtime New York City sports-radio gasbag. He may have the definitive take on Barry Bonds. He said, on his WFAN radio show, that Bonds should be voted into baseball's Hall of Fame "because he didn't start doing steroids until 1998."

Yes, of course, it was 1998. But, what day is Mad Dog referring to? Perhaps it was February 26, the millennium's last total eclipse of the sun, Western Hemisphere edition. Or, May 21, 1998, when the Sons of Italy Foundation honored newly dead Frank Sinatra. Or, mayhap, July 10, when the National Women's Hall of Fame inducted Madeleine Albright. We need to know the correct date in order to celebrate, year after year, the day Barry Bonds started on steroids and became eligible of the Hall of Fame.

While we're working on that, let's consider the sad fate of over-the-hill women's golfer Michelle Wie, 17. This week's Next New Thing in women's golf is 12-year-old Alexis Thompson, who's teeing off at the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament as you read this. The U.S. Open, played this year at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club in North Carolina, is the largest women's golf tournament in the world and 6th-grade graduate Alexis Thompson got there by the book, finishing sixth in the sectional qualifier in Heathrow, Florida. Watch her on ESPN Thursday and Friday and NBC Saturday and Sunday.



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Senior pastor: Jurgen Matthesius
Congregation size: about 600
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Annual budget: around \$1 million
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: connect groups
Dress: semiformal, plenty of jeans and untucked button-downs, plenty of dresses
Diversity: majority Caucasian
Sunday worship: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 40 minutes
Website: www.ccsandiego.com

The resource table by the entrance to the gymnasium that hosted Christian City Church San Diego offered several titles from CCC founder Phil Pringle: *You The Leader, Leadership Excellence, Keys to Financial Excellence*. The young women staffing the table wore dresses.

The young woman who helped front the band, however, wore jeans, and her hipster shag haircut was matched only by that of her co-leader, who sported spiky, artful bedhead. They played two of the band's four guitars, and were backed by drums, synth, two accompanying singers, and a small choir that did no small amount of jumping in place during the up-tempo, soaring power-pop of the opening songs. "Day after day/ I know You're talking to me/ Your word speaks louder than this world... Come on, church, clap your hands!"

The music subsided, and only the synth kept playing as Pastor Jurgen Matthesius read an account of Last Supper before Communion. Matthesius stressed that Communion established the New Covenant: "You have in your hands a receipt, an emblem of the fact that the old has passed by; in Christ, you are a new creature. All things have become new. Just like the priests would take the blood and sprinkle it on the mercy seat... Your blood was shed on the cross, so that the Lord...could willingly accept us into His kingdom.... I come against any spirits of addiction and bondage; I break your power by the blood of Jesus Christ and His powerful name.... I command all sickness, all disease, all infirmity: get out of people's bodies right now!"

He offered another meditation on Scripture before the collection: "Proverb 3:9 says, 'Honor the Lord with your possessions and with all the first fruits of your increase, so your barns will be filled and your vats will overflow with new wine.' This God is a God of abundance.... God said to Abraham in Genesis 12: I'm going to bless you so that you might be a blessing. God wants you to be blessed so you

can be a blessing. If you're impoverished...you need help from everybody.... For too long the church has lived with this lie with the devil—that somehow, poverty pleases God.... What pleases God is a heart devoted to Him.... God's raising up a brand new generation that can handle huge sums of money.... They have money; money doesn't have them. They have a heart after God, and they give to every good work, and they're a blessing.... You are blessed to be a blessing, and the way to unlock that...is to begin to honor the Lord, and as you honor the Lord with your tithes...you will find that heaven will begin to open up your life, and you'll begin to walk in blessing and favor."

The sermon was inspired by a dream. "I wanted to say 'vision,' but the Bible says that young men have visions and old men dream dreams, and seeing that I'm 40 next week..." In the dream, Matthesius saw a valley and heard the Lord say, "I'm not just the God of the hills, but the God of the valleys."

That reminded Matthesius of 1 Kings 20, in which Israel defeats Syria in the hills. Syria's counselors suppose that it's because Israel's gods are gods of the high places, and that if they fight in the low places, they will then defeat Israel. But the Lord says to Israel, "Because the Syrians have said that the Lord is the god of the hills, but He is not the god of the valleys, therefore, I will deliver all this great multitude into your hands, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

The message of the sermon was that, even though CCC is seen as a positive sort of church where "the music is always up and the message is always uplifting," their God is not just a God of the mountaintop but also of the valleys. "He is the God of the broken...of the downtrodden... He is the God who will bring you vic-

tory in the valleys." Matthesius cited Psalm 23: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...You are with me.' God will allow you to go through valleys, because in valleys, you see Him!"

"That's right!" cried someone in the congregation. "Come on!" cried another, urging Matthesius on.

"Character is forged on the anvil of walking through valleys.... God is concerned with working out your character.... To get through the gates, you're to put on thanksgiving.... The greatest thanksgiving I've ever developed in my life has been through the times of difficulty, where I've cried out to God...and He deposits something in your spirit, and all of a sudden, you have thankfulness."

What happens when we die?
 "Well," said Matthesius, "if we're in Christ, we get to enter heaven. If we're outside of Christ, we're in a lot of hot water."

— Matthew Lickona



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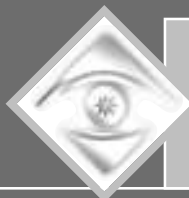
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— EVE KELLY

My friend Shawn has long endured the nickname “Girlscout,” despite the fact that she is over 40. No matter what event she attends, she always comes prepared to provide for herself, her husband, her daughter — and everybody else. If it’s a pool party, she’ll show up with three sets of water wings, five extra towels, and a couple of extra bathing suits for the girls. So when I heard that she was planning for an actual girl-scout-type activity — a camping trip — I couldn’t help but chuckle. “Do they make tents with room for the kitchen sink?” I asked my husband Patrick.

Shawn started packing weeks in advance for her two-week trip up the coast. They were going up to Portland and then stopping in the Sierras on the way down. “I can’t wait to see the Redwoods!” she exclaimed. And suddenly, I couldn’t wait, either. I had gone camping plenty of times as a kid, and had never taken my own little ones. But as I made my mental inventory of our own camping equipment, I was forcibly reminded that Patrick’s idea of roughing it is going where there is no Wi-Fi for his laptop. We had sleeping bags, an old camp stove...but no tent.

“What kind of camping did you have in mind?” asked Matt at outdoors store REI (858-279-4400, locations in Encinitas, Chula Vista, and Kearny Mesa). “How many are going? Are you backpacking or family camping? Backpacking tents need to be lightweight, and floor plans are geared toward that; they’re typically A-frames. When you’re family camping, you generally use a dome tent.”

Size? “An eight-person tent will sleep eight people if you have everybody lined up next to each other, body to body. You won’t have room for your other camping stuff. So if you have two adults and two kids, I’d go with a six-person tent.”

Style? “If you’re beach camping, we have tents designed for less-aggressive wind. It will be a little higher, and it will have mesh on the top. But if you’re going to Alaska, where it gets windy and really cold, you’ll want a tent without mesh. Most four-season tents — as opposed to three-season tents — have no mesh. They can be good for really cold situations, but sometimes, what happens when you have no ventilation is that condensation builds up. That can create a drip, and if it makes you wet, that can make you even colder.”

Materials? “Most tents are made from nylon or polyester; the polyester is more UV resistant. You want to lean more toward aluminum poles instead of fiberglass. Fiberglass is a lot more rigid than aluminum, and it can shatter really easily.”

For my needs — basic family camping — Matt suggested the Habitat (\$339 for a six-person, 83 square feet, top height of 6’4”). “It’s got waterproof doors, four mesh windows, and a mesh top. If it rains, you can put

“Do they make tents with room for the kitchen sink?”

the rain fly over the top. It’s nice because it’s really tall.” Another possibility was the Base Camp (\$399 for a six-person, 87 square feet, top height of 6’1”). “It’s a mountaineering tent — the poles have seven points of crossing, which makes it really stable. It’s got four mesh windows, and the fly covers the entire tent. There’s also space in front called a vestibule — it’s covered, but it’s not inside your tent. Your gear won’t get wet, but it also won’t get your tent dirty.” Matt also recommended ground cloths that clipped on to the tent poles to help keep things comfortable.

Both tents, said Matt, required two people for assembly. As for maintenance: “Take down the poles from the middle, and keep the tent as clean as possible. Dirt in the poles and dirt on the material are what wear down your tent.”

I called Girlscout to tell her what I’d found. But, of course, she was way ahead of me. “REI was a bit out of my price

range. My husband and I have bought, assembled, taken down, and returned three different tents. The fourth one, we’re keeping.”

Shawn’s husband Mike gave me the rundown: “You know Shawn. There are three of us camping, but she wants an eight-person tent. First, we went to Big Five. They had a large selection, maybe 20 tents

to choose from. I found an 18’x10’ rectangle [High-Tech eight-person tent, \$149]. I liked the design, but one of the pole strings broke the first time we tried to put it up.” Next stop: Sports Authority. “Most of their tents were pentagon-shaped. They looked really cool and had a lot of character. We bought one [Mountaineer eight-person tent, \$149.99, top height of 6’] and assembled it. But as you moved to the edge, you lost height. Shawn and I are tall, and so we couldn’t stand up straight. Third stop was Target [Greatland eight-person tent, 14’x10’, \$99.49, top height of 7’]. We bought it for the screened-in vestibule — we thought we could sit in there and eat if it was buggy outside. But because of the way the sides of the tent slanted, the vestibule was too short for that. Finally, we found the perfect tent at Target [Eddie Bauer eight-person, two-room cabin tent, 14’x10’, \$195.99, top height of 7’]. I went back to the square shape for the height, and Eddie Bauer has a reputable name. It took two people to assemble, but once it was up, Shawn and I could walk the length of the tent without stooping. Plus, the center curtain divider would let us sleep in one half and set up a table in the other...along with all of our stuff. And we liked the louvered windows — they let you regulate the light and airflow. And it was the easiest of all to disassemble — I had it down and in the bag in ten minutes.”

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by Barbarella

Mommy-Lite

The whales, you see, eat up the little fish.

— Thomas Churchyard

As Jane piloted her monstrous mom-mobile and I read directions aloud, I was suddenly distracted by the sound of my name. Swiveling in my seat, I turned to look at my diminutive niece. “What, Bella? Did you ask me something?” Her lips were white from the pressure of being held tightly closed, and her long flaxen curls

bounced back and forth as she shook her head from side to side. I turned back to Jane. “Okay. You’re going to want to make a right up here and then—.” There it was again, my name on that child’s lips. Because Bella seemed to zip it only when I looked directly at her, I kept my eyes on the road ahead and listened: “Barba Barba, why’re ya buggin’...Barba Barba, I need your lovin’.”

“Okay. I give,” I said to Jane. “What does that mean?”

“Nothing. It’s a song,” Jane said, and sang, “Mary

Mary, why’re ya buggin’.” She hummed/rapped a few more verses of the hip-hoppy remake. “Mary J. Blige,” Jane explained, dragging out the performer’s last name, *Beelayerjaah*.

Already bored with her improvised riff, Bella called out, “Superstar, Mama!”

I pointed to an intersection ahead, “You need to make a left here, not this one, but the next one. And what does ‘superstar’ mean?”

Jane smiled, pressed a button on the stereo, and the minivan’s speakers blasted to life with Ol’ Dirty Bastard and Mya singing “Ghetto Superstar.” Bella whispered along to the words. “You should hear her do ‘Baby Got Back,’” Jane said, with no small amount of pride.

“All right, Dr. Dre, step off — you just missed the turn. You can flip a bitch up here and then make a right into the lot.”

It was 10 a.m. on a Thursday. The marine layer had finally burned off, revealing a cloudless cerulean sky. Jane passed me a bottle of sunscreen and asked me to apply it to Bella’s face and arms while she prepped the stroller. My sister, still on maternity leave, was trying to make the most of her free time, and Sea World on a weekday was part of the plan. She’d asked me along because she couldn’t both run after the toddler and hold baby Olivia. Having first tested me in the laboratory setting of Chuck E. Cheese, Jane was now confident that my aptitude for holding infants and corralling children was sufficient to attempt an excursion into the real world.

Not wanting to be a Mommy doesn’t preclude me from enjoying the role of Auntie. Like the sweetened, zero-calorie sodas I favor, being an aunt offers me the pleasures of parenting with none of the responsibilities — it’s Mommy-Lite. So when an offer to relive my childhood through my nieflings comes along, I’m game.

I was looking forward to a day of gawking at marine mammals and playing “Bella has two mommies.” I knew I could relax, because my responsibilities were few and I have an explicit “no diaper change” clause in my unwritten auntie contract. Delighted to

see so few people out on a weekday, I collected a map and led my two-seater-stroller-pushing sister toward the Sea Lion and Otter Stadium at the back of the park.

Sure, Shamu’s speedy and agile and huge and stuff, but all that grandiose showmanship doesn’t hold a manicured flipper to a small-clawed otter running across a stage clutching a can of Pepsi. Animals acting like people make me giddy. Before finding seats for “Clyde and Seamore’s Risky Rescue,” Olivia generated a smelly gift for her mother and Jane whisked her away to the ladies’ room, leaving Bella and me to check out the sea lions and seals at “Pacific Point.”

“Wanna sip, Aunt Bob?” Bella queried, brandishing her water bottle.

“No thanks, honey,” I said.

“Are you afraid of my germs?”

“No, I’m just not thirsty.”

A lower lip jutted out. Eyebrows furrowed. “You don’t like my germs.” Not a question — an accusation.

“I like your germs fine,” I said defensively.

“Then sip.” A direct challenge. I had lied to my niece: the truth was I was terrified of toddler spit, and the last thing I wanted to do was inadvertently ingest any of it. Despite my horror, I found myself grabbing the bottle and letting its contents trickle down my gullet as I struggled to banish any thoughts of backwash.

I was looking forward to a day of gawking at marine mammals and playing “Bella has two mommies.”



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Desperate to distract the kid before she had a chance to make me eat a soggy goldfish cracker, I pointed at a leopard-spotted harbor seal and said, "Hey, look at that, Bella, he's waving at us!" I looked down at the seal, a plump and glistening creature, and blinked a few times, unsure of my vision. The seal floated vertically in the water and, looking right at me, leaned a bit to one side, lifted a comically small flipper out of the water, and wiggled it back and forth. *Holy Mary, Mother of God*, I thought. *It really is waving*. For a moment, the little girl in me wondered if, like Sheena Queen of the Jungle or Sleeping Beauty, I'd magically inspired the animal to do what I had

lied and said it had done. Bella smiled and waved back while I struggled to regain my adulthood.

A teenager approached the enclosure and tossed a fish at the waving seal, which caught the treat and gulped it down whole. Now the rubbery wagging appendage made sense; I imagined the grunts of the seals and the barks of the sea lions translated as, "Will wave for food." I considered lifting Bella above the rail so she wouldn't have to peer through the thick, water-spotted glass but thought better of it — I wouldn't be able to handle the look on Jane's face if she returned from the restroom to find her daughter swimming with seals.

"Want to feed the

seals, Bella?" Like I had to ask. Bella squealed in anticipation, and I scooped up the darling moppet, who'd freed herself from the stroller and was making a break for the fish stand. "Mommy wants to feed the seals too, Bella Boo, so let's wait for her," I said. I knew Jane wouldn't want to miss this.

"Thanks, sorry we took so long," Jane said, after appearing at my side. "Bella, did you have fun with Aunt Barb?"

"Fish!" Bella shrieked in a seemingly random outburst. I explained to Jane that we needed to buy a few fish to feed the seals. This idea seemed to please her as much as it had dazzled her daughter. Bella jumped up and down and sang a made-up song about

fish, perhaps to the tune of one of her favorite hip-hop numbers. As we stood in line for our paper tray of dead smelt, I was looking at Jane's face when her expression suddenly changed, betraying the exact moment she realized that in order to throw the fish, one must *touch* the fish.

I dug my camera out of Jane's designer diaper bag and smiled impishly. She looked at me with desperate, beseeching eyes. "Hey," I said. "I'm only the aunt. You're the mom, and I know you'll want to fling fish with your daughter, so I'll just do my job and document the occasion."

Jane caught my eye, and, with an "I'll-get-you-for-this" smile, mouthed the word, *Bitch*. ■

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(story continued from front page)

And as for how I should appear — sidelong glance, coy grin, gazing into the distance, serious and stylish — he'll probably be able to figure that out just by meeting me for a cup of coffee.

I've already seen Darrow's paintings online, and I can tell that he's good with paint. His representations are realistic, and he handles light and color elegantly. But I can also tell from his online blog that he's witty and good with words. One of Darrow's blog entries that involves painting in the rain begins, "Weather or not... That is not a typo, it's a pun."

Darrow, 50, is solidly built and stands an even 6 feet tall. He sports a goatee ("the facial hair of the fat man," he calls it), and his hair spills halfway down the sides of his round head in elaborate wisps. When he shows up at Starbucks for that coffee, Darrow is wearing the same outfit in which I'll see him again and again over the course of the next week: old jeans, a black Hawaiian shirt, and a wide-brimmed hat. As he'll tell me later, this is his painting outfit.

I start our first conversation by asking Darrow a pointed question, a test of sorts. In this day and age of cameras and computers, why would anyone want to get a portrait painted?

"I guess it's for the same reason that people don't just listen to CDs," Darrow answers thoughtfully. "They still go to concerts. They



still want something that can only be done one time and can never be duplicated."

A few days later, Darrow will refine his answer and tell me that the reason to have an artist paint you is because you like the work of that particular artist. I like this answer better. I've always

a Portrait



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID DARROW

David Darrow

wondered how Picasso might have seen me. Or Paul Klee.

But Darrow's expertise isn't abstract stylizations like Picasso's or Klee's. Darrow's specialty is dead-on painterly representations.

"I've painted hundreds of heads," Darrow says. "Maybe thousands. I've never really thought about how many."

Darrow, who lives and paints in Oceanside, used to make a

living drawing preliminary art for Hollywood movie posters. "I made better money back then," he jokes, perfectly seriously. "But now I still haven't figured out what my day job is. I paint, I do

video editing, photography, webpage design, graphic design...

Oh, and I do rock balancing. I get paid for that. It's not lucrative, but..."

Rock balancing?

Darrow laughs. "Yes," he says, drolly. "Believe it or not. I balance rocks one on top of the other, and it looks very strange to someone who's never seen it before, because they are actually balanced. I can make a tower of little eight-inch boulders that's four or five feet high."

Why? Why would Darrow do that?

"I got into it as a hobby and a thing to do at the beach," he says.

And why would anyone pay to see rocks balanced?

"Because it's odd," he says. "It's a freak show. I occasionally get hired to do demonstrations for conventions and stuff like that."

Turns out you can see Darrow's rock-balancing feats online — www.rock-balancer.com — and they do look interesting.

So I infer that Darrow must have very steady hands.

"Yes," he says with sly intelligence. "Before I have



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Charcoal sketch

is a graphically oriented artist who works in "shapes, colors, and textures, on found materials." His second son, Greyson, 20, is a sculptor, drawer, and painter whose work won Best in Show at the San Diego County Fair when he was in high school. And his daughter, Danielle, who is 15, has "fantastic natural ability," although Darrow doesn't know whether she wants to be a painter. "They've got the genetics for art," Darrow says. "I believe in that. Artistic talent, for the most part, is genetic. You either get it or you don't. Although I could teach anyone to paint better. I don't know if I could turn a nonartist into an artist, but I could definitely teach them to paint better."

Darrow has taught art at the college level in the past, and he's currently trying to organize his own workshop. "I need to find a space for a workshop," he says. "I know how to

coffee, yes."

Darrow tells me he went to art school at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. "I wanted to be an illustrator," he says. "And I did that for about

16 years, before the illustration market dried up for me."

He has an exacting sense of his tastes and a light sense of humor, no matter how serious the

subject. "I don't like to paint landscapes," Darrow says. "I'd rather be broke, and so far, that's working out great." He laughs. "I've reached that goal. A broke artist! But

it would make my day dreary to paint landscapes. It's more interesting to me to paint a head."

All three of Darrow's children are also artistic. His oldest son, Drew, 24,

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paint, and I know how to teach others how to paint. I know how to do that because I had to learn it all myself, little by little. It didn't just come to me naturally."

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Darrow tells me that it will take two or three sittings to paint my portrait.

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I'll have to stay still (and be more or less quiet) for four or five hours each day. "Most people don't have the time to pose for their portraits," he says. "So I usually paint from

photographs."

It's not really the same, is it, painting from photographs?

"Some people think that painting from photographs is cheating," Darrow answers. "But I don't. Back when I did illustration, everything was from photographs. I didn't have time to be a purist about

anything. But the bottom line is, I can paint. I can draw. I know what to do with the color and values in shadows to make the painting look like it was painted from life. But it's

a lot easier to paint from photographs. Instead of my having to translate from three dimensions into two, it's already translated into 2-D."

According to the contemporary philosopher Giorgio Agamben, the truth of the face isn't what it looks like but rather the simultaneous manifestation of all of the face's possible appearances. This is a beautiful idea, and I'm reminded of it when I ask Darrow which mood of mine he's going to capture in his painting. I ask him this because I imagine that all of my thoughts and feelings are going to be passing through my face in some way as I sit there, day after day, posing for him. "I guess what I'll paint will end up being an average of all of your moods," Darrow says.

And it occurs to me that this is the reason why painting from life is more truthful, if not also more realistic, than painting from a photograph. (And

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perhaps this is why owning a painting of myself might be better than having dozens and dozens of snapshots.) The painting will be an interpretation by a human being, yes, but instead of a momentary rendering of a single mood, it will be the living average of many moods. Painting, in general, which happens over time, may be more truthful than photography, which extrapolates its truth from an instant. In painting, the whole gradual process is still visible even in the final result.

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On the first day of painting, bright and early, Darrow shows up at my house with enough equipment to paint a chapel ceiling. Watching him set up is like seeing an army prepare to storm a fortified beach.

Lights, paints, an easel, rags, cameras, tripods, wires, even a microphone. "I'm going to film this," he says, sounding as



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID DARROW

though he's seizing an opportunity. "Since you're going to have me talking about my process, I figure I might want to use this session for an instructional video."

Darrow has even set things up in such a way — with his video camera on a tripod — that I can watch

him drawing and painting me on my own television set. The act of watching myself being rendered falls somewhere between fascinating and distracting. Throughout the next few days, I try not to turn my head too much to watch Darrow's progress.

He's decided to start

off with a quick "color-sketch," as he calls it. "I'm going to give myself 20 minutes," Darrow tells me, after his setup is complete. "A quick little study on a gessoed plywood panel. It's just so I can loosen up a little bit and feel like an artist. It's another place to go mentally. And it'll

get me thinking abstractly about the shapes I'm seeing. It's not so much about capturing who you are or anything like that. It's just going to be real fast and furious, and ugly. But don't take that remark personally. I'm making comparisons and measurements, and later when I'm paint-

ing you for real I'll be able to use what I learn now. This is about going over the territory once, for future benefit."

Good, in theory. But I keep distracting him, so Darrow lets the timer run, and the sketch lasts for more like an hour. "You've got to stop moving your mouth," he tells me, more than once. Finally he jokes, "I bet you hear that a lot."

And so I do...

But I have tons of questions to ask, and instead of filing them away, I keep on asking them.

Who are Darrow's clients? Who pays upwards of \$1000 to have their portraits painted nowadays?

"I don't even want to speculate on that," Darrow begins. "I mean, who are you? That's a whole funny thing by itself. I never ask why people want portraits. But I can tell you that I've never had a woman approach me about a portrait of herself. I think portraits of women are bought by hus-

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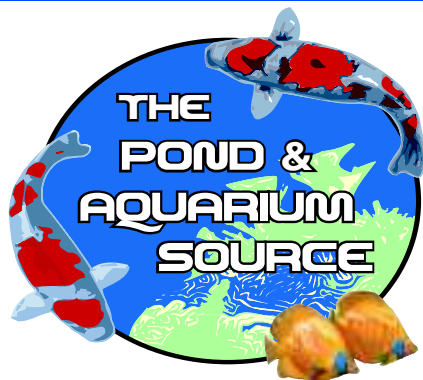
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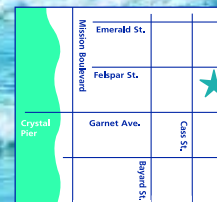


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I mention how I've seen advertisements littering the Internet saying that I could have my portrait painted for as little as \$100. So why would I want a \$1000 portrait? Or a \$15,000 portrait, for that matter?

"Well," Darrow says, painting away. "You could have a nice copy of a photograph made in paint, but I wouldn't want one. There's generally no qual-

ity there."

I notice that Darrow has put on glasses to paint. "Ten years ago," he says, "when I turned 40, I gradually began to realize that I needed glasses. So I had special bifocals made so that I can look up and over at my subject and see well and then look back down at my canvas and see well as well. The lower part—the reading part—is set to a focal distance that equals my extended arm plus the length of a brush handle. Regular reading distance is too close." Then he

reflects, "It sucks to need glasses, especially because I use my eyes for my livelihood. But at least I got to design my bifocals the way I needed them."

And what about that hat? Why is Darrow wearing a hat to paint?

"It's because I look dashing," he says, diverting into a characteristic joke. "The chicks dig it." And then he turns more serious. "Actually, I need to keep the glare of the overhead lights out of my eyes. I want light on my subject but not in my face."

Later on, Darrow

mentions his jeans and his shirt. "I wear a black shirt when I paint because the paint's reflective, and I can't get the values right if there's light reflecting back at me." And "Every once in a while, by accident, I make myself a new pair of 'painting pants.' And these are my painting pants now because I accidentally got paint on them one time and I couldn't get it out, so they've just become that pair of pants I put on for painting because now I don't care what happens to them."

Darrow's favorite

diversion while he paints is talk radio, but we're not listening to talk radio now. It's the weekend, and Darrow doesn't like the weekend radio talk shows. Besides, we're both chattering away and recording our painting conversation, and talk radio would get in the way.

I'm watching Darrow's demo painting come together on my television, and I wonder how he would describe his own style.

"Painterly," he says, with very little hesitation. "And by 'painterly' I mean,

when you look at the painting, you know it's painted. You know that there was an artist involved with brushes. You're not thinking, 'Was this done on a computer?' Or, 'Is this a photograph?' You see the strokes—the individual colors that make up the painting."

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An hour's gone by, and it's not that the color sketch doesn't look anything like me. In fact, it looks a lot like me at 12 years old. Darrow agrees it's a poor likeness but declares it a

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successful study because he's gotten what he needed out of it. "At the very least, it's an interesting orchestration of brushstrokes," he says.

After making the demo painting, Darrow and I break for lunch. Over turkey sandwiches, we talk

about his formative years as an artist.

"You know how some kids are just real disturbances in school, and you think it has something to do with their parenting?" Darrow asks me rhetorically. "Well, my parents were really good parents,

but it's just true that I was a difficult student. I was a difficult kid. Once, for fun, because it was fun to watch, my friend and I threw a bunch of boulders in a neighbor's pool. We thought it was cool to watch these trailing clouds of dirt as all the boulders

sunk to the bottom of the pool. We didn't do it to cause damage but because it looked cool. I was seven years old. I had no sense of the consequences."

Darrow takes a bite of his sandwich, chews, and thinks a moment. "So I was a lot of trouble in

school, and I think it was just the 'shiny things syndrome.' You know, 'Ooh! There's something else that got my attention. Now I'm over there.' I was always distractible; I'd always get in trouble in school; every report card had 'visits with neighbors.' I was out of

control. So finally, in fifth grade, we moved from Costa Mesa up to Playa del Rey, up near Los Angeles, and after a couple of weeks of my troublemaking, the teacher decided to put a chair outside the room and set me on it. And for the next three

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weeks, I was to check in and then walk out and sit in that chair, and that was where I'd sit for the remainder of the school day. So to entertain my active little mind, I would just draw. I had drawn before, here and there, when I was younger, but that was the first time where I drew for an extended period of time. And some of my fellow students thought it was cool that I could draw."

Then Darrow puts the moral on his story. He says, "In an environment, in a world, in an experience in which I felt no acceptance whatsoever, drawing brought me back into some kind of contact with others. My drawings were the only thing I had to fit back in."

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After lunch, Darrow sits me back in my chair and dispenses a short lesson on posing.

"Okay, when I say, 'Move a little bit,' I mean

like this," Darrow begins, and then he apparently — to my eye, anyway — doesn't move at all. It's funny, but I get the point. "And if I sound like I'm bawling you out, there's nothing you can do to anger me, so don't worry about it." He laughs. "I have to teach all my models these things."

Darrow wants me to move in "one-degree increments" because he's "looking for a good shadow shape" on me, and he wants to find an attitude that is definitely me.

I look straight at him, and he says, sagely, "I've come to know you as being slightly chin-down." And then, after a few slight shifts, apparently I've got it. "That's it, right there," Darrow says. "That's how you were sitting before when we were just talking. I think that's pretty much you. Is that comfortable?"

I'm sitting comfortably in my comfortable chair, with my hands in



The author

my lap and my shoulders relaxed. I'm looking straight ahead, across six or seven feet of space, to where Darrow is seated behind his easel, squinting back at me. My chin is slightly down. We're ready to begin.

"The first thing I'm going to do is draw you,"

Darrow says, without further ado. He's taken the plywood panel down from his easel and replaced it with the prepared 16- by 20-inch canvas. He's got a piece of bare, vine charcoal in his hand. He begins to concentrate and move his arm and shoulder, and I can hear the scratch of

charcoal on canvas.

Darrow starts out with the rough shape and size of my head and then draws a line, and he tells me, "Across where my tear ducts fall." I can see this when I glance over to my television set. "The eyes are generally halfway between the top of the head and the bottom of the chin," Darrow says. "Most people think the eyes are higher than that, but they're really not."

He's teaching me the general rules from which slight deviations will create individual features on a particular person's face. "There's usually room for a third eye between a person's real eyes," for instance. And, "How long to make a nose is a challenge. The actual features of the nose — the nostrils or shadows underneath — are so far from the eyes that you have to make this leap from the eyes down to here somewhere and just put them in. That's dangerous, so you have to find other features and value changes in between to measure correctly and get it right."

As he draws, he looks back and forth from the canvas to my face. Some-

times he holds the charcoal up to make a measurement, to get accurate proportion. Every few seconds he looks directly at me and scrunches up his face.

"I squint when I paint," Darrow says, seemingly anticipating what I'm about to ask him next. "I squint a lot."

Why squint? Bad habit?

"When I squint way down," Darrow explains, "it reduces what I'm seeing to one level of light and one level of dark. It helps me see the bigger shapes better. Squinting takes anything that's remotely in shadow and makes it all dark. And it becomes a general shape. It helps reduce a face to its basic elements."

Then Darrow introduces an intriguing concept. "When you look at pictures in a yearbook," he says, "and you look at a group picture of the guys on the football team, their heads are no bigger than a lentil in the picture, but you still know who's who. You can see absolutely no details about them except for the shape of the shadows in their eye sockets, under their nose, and

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maybe their cheekbones, and that's all you've got to go on. But you still know who it is. It strikes up some recognition in your mind. And so a portrait doesn't have to have all the details for it to look like the person. What's important is getting those major shapes as accurate as possible. Even color doesn't matter nearly as much as those shapes. So my goal in the charcoal drawing is to get those shapes down accurately on canvas. I start with big shapes and then zero in on the smaller shapes."

After an hour or so, we decide to break for the day. Darrow says, either jokingly or ominously, "Get a good night's sleep. Tomorrow the real work starts."

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But on the second day, Darrow shows up in good spirits and announces that he's thought about it, and he doesn't like his preliminary drawing, done the day before. He then proceeds to erase it. "It's just not right," he says flatly. "You can't do a good painting on top of a bad drawing. I think drawing is the most important part of painting."

Darrow then tries to apologize for having to more or less start over, but I won't hear it. I know that art is often a case of two steps forward, one step back. In fact, I know well enough that art is often one step forward and then two steps back. No worries taking some extra time with the process if that's



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what the process demands. In fact, Darrow tells me that, for him, editing

is a big part of the creative process. "I think of painting

as putting something down to start with and then correcting it to get it more accurate, then painting some more and correcting that, and so on until it's done," he says. "I feel like that's all I'm doing the whole time is correcting. I kind of assume the whole thing is wrong but close enough that I know what to work with."

Darrow's second charcoal drawing takes the better part of my second day of sitting for him. He's taking his time, and we're talking all the while. I'm glancing over to watch him draw me on my television set. The details of my face seem to be coming together much better this time.

When he finally has me get up to have a close

look at the finished drawing, Darrow asks me what I think of it. I decide to be forthcoming. I tell him that the accuracy of the right eye (actually my own left eye) makes the other eye look unfinished, and I tell him that I think the mouth looks sad. He addresses the eye comment by saying that it will be more in shadow and will look a lot better once it's painted. But as for the mouth, Darrow doesn't think it looks sad at all. "I even see the hint of a casual smile," he says. And then he tells me, "At some point you're just going to have to accept that this is the way I see you."

True enough. But surely the way Darrow has seen some of his subjects has gotten him into trou-

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ble in the past? Has he ever painted someone a little too realistically? I remember the stories of how Napoleon demanded to appear taller in his portraits or how certain queens and kings wanted to be better looking than they actually were.

"I did a commissioned charcoal of a guy once," Darrow says. "He was a nice-looking guy, good facial structure, and he

had these sunshine-induced crow's-feet around his eyes. He wasn't the same guy without the crow's-feet. They defined his smile. But he was very sensitive about them, so he ended up being unhappy with the portrait." Darrow had already sprayed the drawing with a fixative, so he couldn't have changed it even if he wanted to.

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for his portraits “half up front and the balance when you’re satisfied.” On his website, he states that it can be alarming to look at your portrait for the first time. Part of this, according to Darrow, is because we learn our own faces backwards. That is, we learn what we look like by looking at ourselves in mirrors. As a result, Darrow requires that his subjects live with their portraits for two weeks and have other people look at and comment on the portrait as well before he will agree to any changes. And in all his years as a portraitist, he’s never had a painting returned for rework.

On this front, Darrow relates a quote he’s read from John Singer Sargent: “He said, ‘A portrait

is a painting with something a little wrong with the mouth.’ Because that’s what happens. Someone sees their portrait, and it’s startling, and they have a tendency to want to find something wrong with it.”

I mention how I’ve noticed that I never like the sound of my own voice on a tape recorder.

“There’s an unknown quantity in all art,” Darrow begins, by way of answering me, “and that’s people’s perception. People just see things differently. I met somebody once who doesn’t like oranges. Who doesn’t like a slice of orange? So it’s got to be just different tastes. And if it affects your tongue, it’s got to affect your mind and your eyes. You know, we tend to agree

on what ‘blue’ is, but who’s to say that we all see blue the same way?” He pauses and looks up from his work. “That’s why they call it ‘color theory.’ ”

“I FLIPPED THE PAINTING UPSIDE DOWN, AND THAT’S WHEN ALL THE ERRORS BECAME APPARENT. BECAUSE I WAS NO LONGER PAINTING A FACE. I WAS LOOKING AT SHAPES.”

But in this case, Darrow’s perception is very important. He is, after all, the creator of the work of art. I mention a famous quote of Oscar Wilde’s:

“Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter.”

Darrow thinks a moment. “I’ve never heard

and no matter whose eyes I paint, they’re going to come out looking like mine. But a skilled artist isn’t going to do that. He’s going to paint your eyes. I think it’s inescapable for an artist to keep his personality out of the work. But I wouldn’t say that I’m injecting anything physical into a portrait, as far as, ‘Well, I think the face should look more like mine.’ But I might agree that I make decisions about the shapes of my brushstrokes based on how I think they should look. And that is totally me going into the painting.”

The shapes of his brushstrokes?

“I wouldn’t claim that a good brushstroke makes a painting for a nonartist.” Darrow searches for his

words carefully. “But when I’m painting, I’m painting for other artists more than anything else. ‘Girls dress for other girls,’ they say. Well, I paint for other artists. I do care if people like my work, but I’ve got to like it, and what I really want is for another painter to look at my work and go, ‘Hey, nice portrait.’ And that usually comes down to brushstrokes.”

So how does an artist consciously make brushstrokes?

“When I’m abstracting the shape of something,” Darrow begins, “say, the shape of the highlight on your forehead, then I get a sense of how I’m going to make that with my brush. And then I load the brush with paint and think about how I

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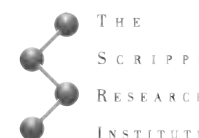
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"Not really," Darrow says. And then he makes another reference to one of the great portrait painters of all time, John Singer Sargent. "Brush-

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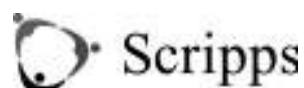
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How to Paint a Portrait

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I look at you.”

I sit back in my comfortable and, by now, all-too-familiar position. Every few moments, I glance over to my television set to catch the progress of my face coming into painterly focus.

For most of this third session, Darrow concentrates and paints in silence. Every so often, he notices something he wants to talk about, and he provides a running commentary.

“Edges are a very important part of painting,” he says, at one point.

“An edge is what you do where one value meets another value. And by ‘value’ I mean light versus dark. So there are four kinds of edges in art: hard, firm, soft, and lost. A hard edge is where one value butts up against another, like a dark hat brim against a white background. A firm edge is a highlight or shadow that is easy to see, like value changes of bony areas around the bridge of the nose or cheekbones: fairly abrupt but with a softening. Soft edges are more like transitions, like those across a forehead or down a round cheek or a stomach. And then you work all the way to lost

edges, where no matter how long you look at them, you can’t tell exactly where the edge is. Lost edges can make a painting a lot more interesting, because it leaves more to the imagination.”

I do my best to keep quiet and pose and listen, but sometimes Darrow moves me to ask a question, based on either something he says or something he does.

When he mentions leaving things to the imagination, I ask him what he thinks about abstract art, which leaves so much to the imagination, versus realistic art, which does a lot of the work for the viewer.

“I don’t relate to abstract art, in general,” Darrow says. “I’m being abstract when I paint. I’m seeing abstract shapes, and I’m reproducing them. But for me the final result needs to be realistic. I can appreciate some abstract art because I can tell the difference between when somebody puts something into it, and when they’re seeing what they can get away with, or when they’re just pretending to be an artist, or they’re just having a moment that involves some paint.”

So that explains why Darrow paints realistically. But then, how does he choose his subject matter?

“I feel compelled to paint beauty,” he says, succinctly. “I don’t want to depict ugliness or death or scary stuff. And it’s not because I think it would be necessarily wrong. It’s just that I’ve been given a talent: I can paint beautiful things. And I think the world needs more beauty.”

But isn’t beauty inherent everywhere, seen differently by different beholders?

“Yes,” Darrow answers. “I see where you’re going with that. I paint everyday objects as well, and I see the beauty in those mundane things as well. But what I mean is more, well, for example, when

I’ve taught some young artists before, most of what they draw on their own looks like demons and big, evil-looking things with scary eyes and blood and guts and devil horns. It’s all distortions of what’s beautiful. And I was talking to one of my classes one time about it, and I told them that they could never improve upon what God came up with. You can’t improve on the human. You’ll never draw anything that’s more beautiful than the most beautiful humans. But it’s really easy to draw something that’s much uglier. So that’s what I’m talking about. I don’t want to draw distortions or

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depict sadness or fear. I don't want my work to bring out the evil in the imagination or the evil in the world. There are plenty of people doing that. But there are better uses for God-given talent."

We're both deeply interested in the conversation, but we have to remain slightly disinterested at the same time. Darrow has to be slightly disinterested in our conversation because he's trying to paint and I'm distracting him. And I have to be slightly disinterested because Darrow is trying to paint and I'm distracting him.

At the end of the third day, there I am, almost. You can tell the painting

is me and no one else. The shapes are all there, and the basic outlay of color is already in place. "I'll be able to finish the coloring from here using the photographs we took," Darrow says.

And so my time of posing is over. Darrow packs up his army's worth of stuff and leaves. My house is back to normal. And my head is filled with thoughts of art.

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I wait a few days, and Darrow calls to tell me that the portrait is nearly finished. We arrange to meet over coffee the following afternoon so I can have a look. He reminds me that I'll probably find the image

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a little disturbing at first and that I should live with it for a while and get as many opinions as possible before I form my own final opinion about it.

By now, I think I'm looking forward to owning the portrait. I'm not sure that I'll be comfortable living with it just yet, but maybe I'll keep it in my closet for a few years and drag it out now and again to see how I may have changed my estimation of it. Who knows? Maybe this portrait will be like the one in the Oscar Wilde novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. The one that was "more a portrait of the painter than of the subject." Maybe my portrait will get old for me, and I'll stay the same age.

But while I still have

Darrow on the phone, before I've seen the painting, I ask him what he's had to do with it to finish it.

"Since I saw you last," he begins, "I've done something that I think is often done, except by the painters who have people sit for them. I've taken the portrait and compared it to a printed-out photograph, and I made adjustments where I'd gotten shapes or proportions wrong, and basically I adjusted it and refined it."

Now Darrow tells me something that just about blows me away.

"At one point," he says, "I felt like something was way, way off. And I used a fairly standard trick to be able to see things more abstractly so I could get

the proportions back correctly. And I discovered that I'd made your head too wide at the top, and one of your ears was too big. And these are decisions that I was only able to see once I could stop seeing your face. So what I did was, I flipped the photograph upside down, and I flipped the painting upside down, and that's when all the errors became apparent. Because I was no longer painting a face. I was looking at shapes. And so I painted out the mistakes with them both upside down, and I actually worked that way for about four hours. And when I flipped the painting back over, it looked much more like you."

But that can work only when Darrow is painting

from a photograph. What will he do in a live sitting situation? He can't flip his subject upside down.

"No," Darrow answers. "Of course not. The closest you could come to that is, a lot of artists in live sittings have a full-sized mirror behind them at an angle, so all they have to do is glance to the side, and then they can see their subject in reverse, which has a similar effect."

So Darrow painted me upside down for a while. Then what did he do next?

"Next," he says, "I just filled in the background. I've tried to keep the background fairly abstract, but I'm representing the chair and your jacket and the bookcase behind you. But I'm not doing them in very

much detail. It helps the whole painting look like it was done very fast while still looking competent."

And why does Darrow want a painting that looks as if it was painted quickly?

"This may be too much of a secret," he says. "But I do sometimes work over areas to make them look like they were done with a couple of really good, really fast brushstrokes. A little more devil-may-care, when in fact it was a lot more planned."

Then he concludes, "You don't want to take away the illusion that this stuff just falls off your brush onto the canvas and looks great. I think that's what people pay for. A little bit of a magician's secret. But I can say in some areas

of this painting, I've spent 15 or 20 minutes trying to make it look like it was three brushstrokes that solved that edge."

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The next day, it turns out that I don't have time for coffee, so Darrow and I meet in a parking lot in La Jolla so that he can give me the painting. In some way, it seems fitting that we meet in a parking lot behind a building, because what we're doing does feel a little illicit. It's kind of embarrassing. I'm the only person I know who has a portrait. Before I even look at it, I don't want anyone to see it.

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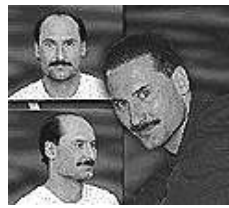
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seem heavy, the brush-strokes are too visible in some spots, why does my eye look like that?, etc., etc. Darrow reiterates to me that I have to live with it for a while. "Also, it wasn't meant to be looked at in full afternoon sunlight," he says. "Take it indoors. Get some other opinions."

And so I do.

Most of my friends make fun of it, as I expected they would. My boss says he likes the painting better than he likes me because the painting keeps its mouth shut. Someone else tells me it makes me look like Richard Gere. Another friend tells me it makes me look more gentle than I am. But in the end, everyone seems to like it. They all think it's beautifully done and more or less completely accurate.

But I don't. In a word, the painting makes me *uncomfortable*.

I try to articulate my discomfort in an e-mail

to my parents. I write, "So I keep looking at the painting, and every time, I think something different. Like, the eyes aren't right, or, the nose is just wrong, or something else, or something else. In a certain light, and at a certain distance, it does look perfect. But if I look too long, or too close, or if the light's too bright, then I notice things and notice things. It's a lot like when I look at myself in a mirror for more than a moment. I start to fixate on blemishes and whatnot and I begin to lose sight of the whole."

But then I wake up the next day, and I have new opinions. And the next day, I have new opinions still. It becomes evident to me that I'm overthinking it. I put the painting in my closet and busy myself with other matters.

* * *

Ten days have passed, and I have my portrait

propped on top of one of my bookcases in my living room, in full view. I haven't hung it permanently yet, and I haven't framed it, but I have to say that I wouldn't change a single thing about it. I've come to the conclusion that I wouldn't change anything, because I can't come to any conclusions. I still think something different every time I look at it. I have no internal critical consensus whatsoever. Sometimes the eyes look wrong, and sometimes they look just right. Sometimes the lighting bothers me, and sometimes it seems sublime. Therefore, in the end, I must decide that the painting is good.

My mother sums it up in two beautiful, simple sentences in one of her e-mails. She writes, "So, the artist captured your elusiveness. It must be a terrific portrait." ■

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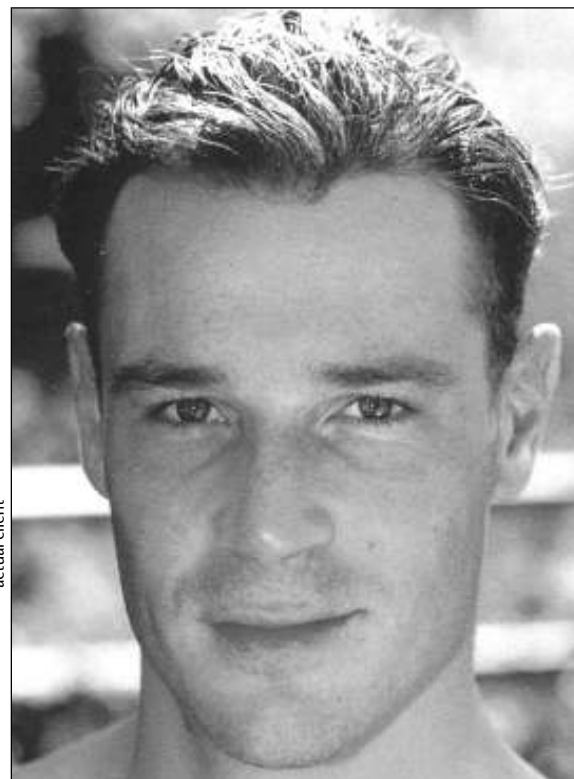
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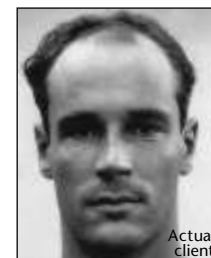
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Atlas rocket raised into firing position, Convair, 1959

We were the tiger team, a dozen engineers and scientists, sent to Cape Canaveral by our company, Convair, a division of General Dynamics, based in San Diego, to make certain that the first flight prototype of the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) was ready to fly. We were the experts, a bunch of kids in our twenties, trusted to do what was required to make the most advanced rocket on the planet

work as designed.

The year was 1957.

I moved to San Diego in late 1955 with my family after a three-year stint with Bell Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo. By then I knew something about rocket engines, and the rumors were that something big was going on at Convair. I was aware that Convair's origin was in Buffalo as Consolidated Aircraft, and that Colonel Reuben E.

Fleet had moved the company to San Diego in 1934. There the company developed and built the fabled PBY Flying Boat. As World War II approached, Consolidated developed the famous B-24 Liberator Bomber and rolled out over 6700 from its original plant and a second factory further north. Colonel Fleet sold his holdings to the Avco group in 1941. It merged Consolidated with Vultee in

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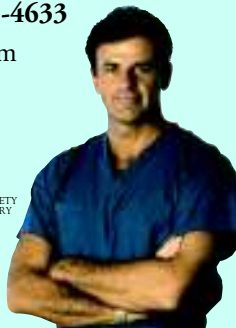
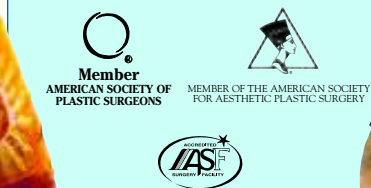
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Downey, California, and named it Consolidated Vul-tee, later shortened to Convair. The next dozen years showed mixed successes, when in 1953 another visionary, John J. Hopkins, purchased Convair while creating another conglomerate, General Dynamics.

We arrived to discover a sleepy Navy town. Mud flats where Mission Bay now basks in the sun. An abandoned slaughterhouse on Morena Boulevard. Traces of a trolley line that once ran from San Diego to La Jolla. A symphony orchestra of little renown performing in the high school auditorium. Broadway lined with saloons and tattoo parlors. Hiring in, I soon became aware that Convair, with its Atlas missile, was on the leading edge of a very serious business, although initial impressions were discouraging.

The Atlas engineering department was packed into the upper floors of Building 3, across from the administration building called "The Rock." There appeared to be no room for expansion, yet

new hires were appearing every day. Convair was paying good salaries. Senior engineers could earn \$10,000 a year. It doesn't seem like much now, but it was sufficient for most of us to settle into new three-bedroom homes purchased for less than \$20,000.

It was a remarkable collection of engineers and technicians, hailing from all parts of the nation, from automotive firms, other aerospace companies, a carpet factory in North Carolina. There was even a group we called the "The Foreign Legion," skilled designers from England, who were kept in secluded quarters because they did not have the secret clearance needed to work on the program.

Our top supervisors occupied tiny glass-enclosed offices along the walls. My boss, Larry Jirsa, who was responsible for rocket propulsion installations, had a desk on the main floor. The situation was eased in the months ahead by the furious addition of a broad mezzanine above the floor of Build-

ing 1, the seemingly endless factory that ran along the west side of Pacific Coast Highway, adjacent to Lindbergh field. It was a hot, dirty, and noisy environment in which to work.

Atlas was designed with six-inch and twelve-inch slide rules and mechanical calculators. Digital computers advanced rapidly during the 1950s but were still tedious to operate. They were used for the more complex problems. Programming was done by full-time operators in machine language, then converted into stacks of punched cards by keypunch operators. The digital computers then converted the holes in the cards into ones and zeros that the computer could understand. At the end of the 1950s a roomful of computers had less capability than a single desktop computer today.

I didn't see that there was any means of manufacturing missiles in large numbers. The only signs of hardware were a pair of missile tanks and wooden vehicle mockups in a corner of the

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manufacturing building. The Convair factories were busy doing other things: manufacturing twin engine, 340/440 passenger planes, F102/106 fighter craft, and preparing to undertake manufacture of the attractive but ill-starred 880/990 jet carriers. Lunchtimes, we gathered at a spot overlooking Lindbergh Field, where often as many as three new F-106s thundered away, their afterburners shattering the peace of Point Loma residents at the end of the runway.

But manufacturing space was opened up, and over the next year and a half a flurry of design, development tests, and fabrication

activity saw the completion of initial designs; building test models of Atlas, designated A, B, and C; erection of test-firing facilities at Sycamore Canyon and Edwards Rocket Base, where numerous test firings were performed; construction of missile launch facilities at Cape Canaveral; and production of all ground equipment for servicing and transporting Atlas missiles.

Then the Air Force notified Convair that in order to avoid conflict with other programs, they wanted the operational Atlas to be built at a separate plant. To comply, company officials made arrangements to purchase

243 acres of open land on Kearny Mesa from the city for \$3500 an acre. The firm of Pereira and Luckman was selected to build a pair of engineering and administration buildings connected by a lobby that featured a spiral ramp leading to the upper floor; test and engineering laboratories designated as Building 4; Building 5, a huge fabrication and assembly structure; and Building 3, designated for electronics engineering, test and development laboratories, and assembly. By mid-1958 the facility was complete. The Atlas missile program moved out of its cramped San Diego quarters to do its

work at the new site.

Who could have guessed, looking around that crowded engineering department in the closing months of 1955, that this was the beginning of an initiative that would by the end of the decade see the employment of more than 100,000 workers, including subcontractors, scattered among multiple missile sites around the nation, or that over time the operation would gain autonomy, separate from Convair, as the Astronautics Division of General Dynamics?

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The genesis of the ballistic-missile industry, and subse-

quently space launch rockets for both the United States and the Soviet Union, arguably lies in the German development of the V-2 rocket during World War II. Neither nation had anything like it in the works. Paradoxically, the German effort had its genesis in the U.S. development work undertaken by Robert H. Goddard during the 1920s and 1930s, which received scant attention by the military establishment.

Immediately after German resistance collapsed, urgent efforts were undertaken by both the United States and the Soviets to acquire the remaining V-2 inventory, the factory equip-

ment used in their manufacture, and the scientists and engineers who developed them. Substantial parts went in both directions. The German engineers and scientists who arrived in the United States were moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where they formed the core of the missile work undertaken there. That eventually came to be a major NASA activity, Marshall Space Flight Center.

The importance of these acquisitions was underscored by the knowledge that the Germans already had multistage missiles that could reach New York on the drawing boards. More significant,

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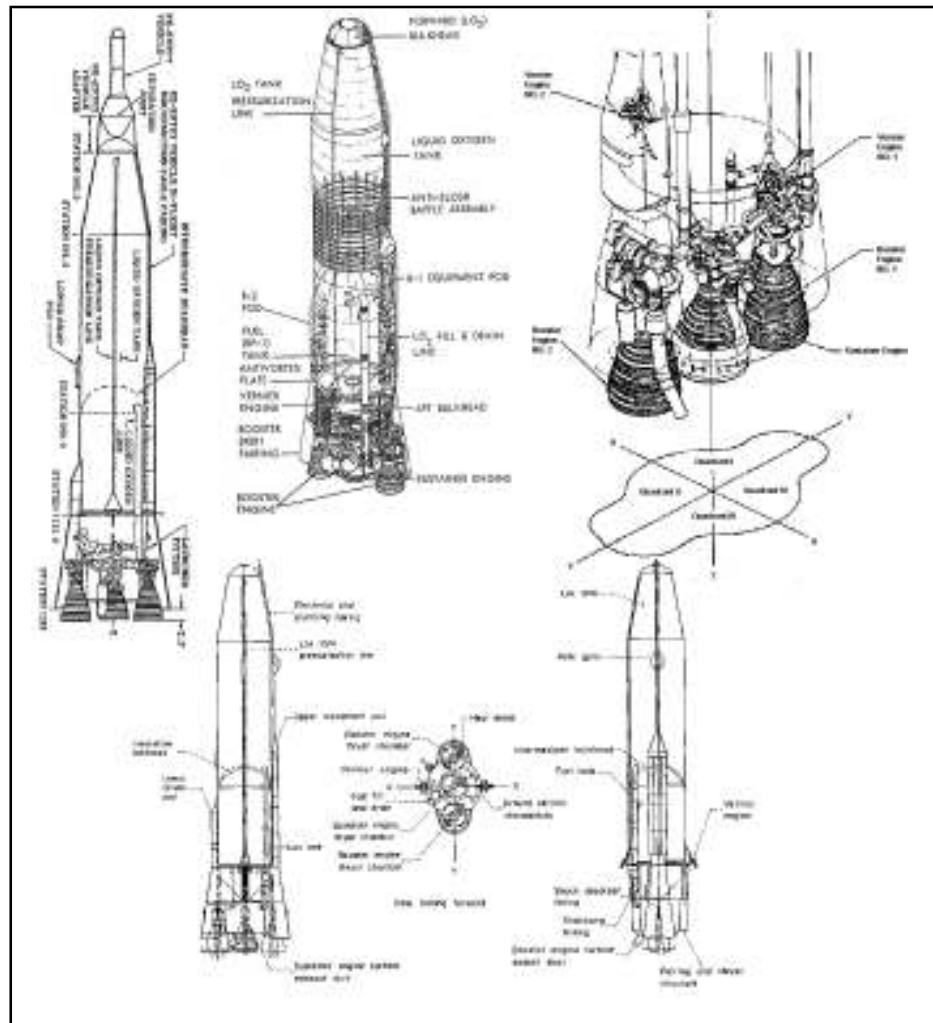
the ballistic missile was recognized as the most desirable way to deliver atomic bombs. Bombers could be shot down, but ballistic missiles, because of their high velocities, were invincible, and perceived to be capable of deadly accuracy.

This was of equal importance to both America and the Soviets. In 1949, intelligence sources determined that the Soviets had either detonated an atomic bomb or were ready to do so. It signaled the onset of what was to be called the Cold War. It came as a surprise to some,

lishment and the Federal Government about bomb delivery systems.

During President Truman's administration, ballistic missile studies were undertaken by several aeronautical companies which built on what was learned in the German V-2 program. At the Vultee Corporation in Downey, California (later to join with Consolidated Aircraft to become Convair), research and development was undertaken on the MX-774, an early prototype ballistic missile powered by a

moved to San Diego, and for a few years studies proceeded on scarce funding. Things began to warm up in 1953, when the Air Force asked Convair to submit a plan for a crash program to develop the company's proposed MX-65 design for a five-engine, 12-foot-diameter missile. That was when requirements were solidifying for an intercontinental missile that could carry a nuclear warhead. Most of the ICBM work was concentrated at Convair. Soon, however, with Air Force sup-



Atlas rocket and propulsion diagrams

and much was made of the likelihood that spies had acquired Manhattan Project secrets. There was little doubt that the Russians knew of the American development. But they were also known to have equivalent engineers and scientists, and with the information already available in the scientific community, would have certainly developed the bomb, with or without stolen data. Work continued under the Atomic Energy Commission to refine the design and reduce the size of bombs exploded over Japan in World War II. In 1952, President Truman authorized the development of the hydrogen bomb. Concerns developed at the highest levels of the military estab-

cluster of four, 8000-pound thrust engines. In the course of this work, Karel Bossart, a brilliant and affable Belgian émigré engineer, became convinced that rockets must be built to maximize performance, and firmed up his ideas about how to construct lightweight propellant tanks. Those thoughts were to be crucial to the final design of Atlas. The MX-774 program was sparsely funded, but three missiles were carried as far as flight tests, completed in 1948. All failed to complete their flights, but they served to validate concepts that were incorporated into the Atlas design.

Further efforts under Bossart, Bill Patterson, Lloyd Standley, and others were

port, Martin-Marietta undertook work on their Titan 1, which used the same propellants as Atlas. It was abandoned due to development difficulties and the company went on to develop its Titan II model.

There were also requirements for intermediate range ballistic missiles (IRBMs). Under Air Force direction, work proceeded at Douglas Aircraft on the Thor missile, while the Army had Chrysler and the German team at Huntsville working on the Jupiter and Redstone missiles. Early in 1954, the Von Neumann committee issued a report that a vehicle smaller than the MX-65 would do the job, in light of a reduction in the weight of nuclear war-

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heads. Studies continued into early 1955, when a ten-foot-diameter, stage-and-a-half configuration was selected over several candidates. The name chosen for the missile was Atlas. By the end of 1955, Convair was under contract for missile development, and in 1956 the production program for the Atlas ICBM system was off and running.

Retired Lt. Col. James Dempsey was hired to run the project, led by an energetic team that included chief engineer Mort Rosenbaum, chief project engineer Charlie Ames, Karel Bossart, Howard Dunholter, Hans Friedrich, and Wally Withee. The project was organized into separate groups according to specialties, such as propulsion, pneumatics, structural analysis, and ground support equipment, each directed by a line supervisor. In the working groups, I was impressed by the achievements of brilliant engineers like Dick Martin, Karl Kachigan, Jim Crooks, and Don Jenkins, and particularly the tooling and

manufacturing engineers, who figured out how to produce huge propellant tanks from rolls of stainless-steel sheet half the thickness of a dime.

One of my favorite co-workers was a design engineer named Kenny King, a tall, gentle bear of a man, prematurely gray, who loved

completed, Kenny drove back to the Orlando airport. Spotting a large turtle by the roadside, he stopped, grabbed it, and stuffed it into a carry-on suitcase among his shirts and things, much to the future dismay of Mrs. King, who had little notion of how to clean turtle excrement from clothing, whereupon

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designing and clearly led a joyful life. When the occasion arose, Kenny was eager to travel to Cape Canaveral to solve a pressing problem. He wanted to get the full flavor of the program. His task

she threw everything out. On board the flight, the turtle, discomfited by its close quarters, humped up and broke the latches. Kenny spent the rest of the flight holding the suitcase closed

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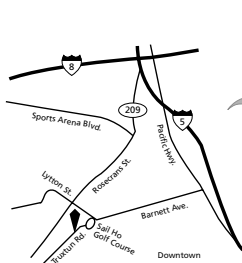
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with his feet, while the turtle struggled to make an exit. Kenny kept the turtle, even when years later he left Con-vaire to design airplanes for Boeing.

The Air Force committee that studied and finally recommended that the Air Force proceed with the development of Atlas reads like a showcase of Nobel prize winners: Trevor Gardner, Dr. John von Neumann, General Bernard Schriever, Clark Millikan, Dr. George Kistiakowsky, Dr. Dean Wooldridge, Dr. Simon Ramo... On receiving their recommendations, the missile programs proceeded apace, also due to the concerns and physical drive of members of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee in the Subcommittee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences. Among its members were Senators Johnson,



Atlas missile production at General Dynamics

Tennis, Symington, Saltonstall, Prescott Bush, Jackson, and Goldwater, one of whom was destined to be a future president.

The Air Force Western

Development Division under General Bernard Schriever recognized the enormity of the task before it, and being ill-staffed for the job, hired in a systems-

advisory firm organized by Simon Ramo and Dean Wooldridge to help oversee the program. There was some contentiousness between Ramo-Wooldridge and Con-

vair, now General Dynamics, over how much control they would have over the program. In addition, their systems engineers were vocally skeptical of the Atlas concept. Like the Germans in Huntsville, they favored rigid propellant tanks. That led to the parallel ICBM work at Martin-Marietta. In the end, General Dynamics prevailed and controlled vehicle production, test, and base activation to its conclusion. Ramo and Wooldridge eventually spun off what was to become the Aerospace Corporation, a permanent West Coast advisory to the Air Force, and went off to other ventures.

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Our tiger team bunked in nearby Cocoa Beach, sparsely populated and bathed in constant white noise from ocean breakers and an ever-present offshore breeze that

whistled through palm fronds. The settlement consisted of a rundown Starlight Motel, the rooms musty and damp from the adjacent Atlantic, a pair of restaurants with stone barbecue pits in the back yard, and a rustic pub where we gathered nightly for the few pleasures the little settlement offered. Mostly drinking. Poker at a pair of corner tables. Whoever had the talent banged on an upright piano that had its sound board exposed, revealing felt strikers painted in a rainbow of colors. Occasionally, the more rambunctious among us took up limbo, to the accompaniment of cheers by spectating beer drinkers.

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bled into the swimming pool on returning to his room after an evening of drinking, and who would have certainly drowned had we not pulled him out. He was brilliant. Being away from home somehow got to him.

On the first day, we got into our Hertz rentals and drove to the guard gate for our authorizations to enter the military base. The civilian workers at the desk had no apparent notion of organization, but eventually worked their way through our security clearances, got us photographed, and then awarded our badges, as though some honor had been conferred upon us.

Duncan Collins, our tiger team leader and Atlas structures group supervisor, led us into the control center, where we were introduced to the base manager, B.G. McNabb, assistant manager Jerry Jeremiah, and John Harrison, the test conductor for missile launch pad 13. B.G. McNabb was tough, burly, and short in stature. He was a no-nonsense manager — the right man to keep

the Atlas program running at Cape Canaveral.

The missile service tower stood about 200 yards from the domed, concrete blockhouse, an open steel structure mounted on tracks, powered by a diesel engine that served to move it away from the missile in the last minutes before launch. At its base, the tower was surrounded by an assortment of power supplies, gas and propellant storage tanks, as well as equipment storage buildings for servicing the missile.

After reviewing our agenda with McNabb, Jeremiah, and Harrison, we donned hard hats and left for the launch pad for a preliminary walkdown of Atlas 4-A, the first flight vehicle, and the attendant launch facility. I had primary responsibility for the propulsion system, but took the opportunity to ride the elevator to the top of the tower, where it seemed that you could view most of Florida. Atlas was a captive animal, enclosed in the service tower, with work platforms encircling

it every ten feet. Sounds of metal clanging on metal. High-pressure gases venting. A strong sea breeze whistling through the girders. Canvas wind shields flapping. Sea gulls and cormorants circling the launch site.

The real work was yet to begin. Days of testing, count-down reviews, repairs, and replacement of items discovered to be damaged, non-functional, out of specification, or without a paper trail. Soon enough we reached the point where we believed Atlas was ready for flight.

That was when high-level folks began to arrive at Cape Canaveral: our contractor, the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division in Los Angeles, Ramo-Wooldridge, their technical advisers, congressmen and four-star generals. This was no small event. A lot was riding on it. On the other hand, if we were unsuccessful, there wasn't much choice but to fix things and try again. Money was no object. We never worried about money. Schedule was the driver. Under General

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Schriever's concept of "concurrency," many things were done in parallel. If a failure occurred, and its cause was not fixed by the next flight, the flight went ahead as scheduled.

With the work platforms retracted and the tower rolled

away, Atlas stood anchored to a platform that was designed to gently release it as the engines fired up. The missile appeared poised for takeoff, silhouetted against a blue sky. A silver bullet, to be loaded with liquid oxygen and kerosene. Atlas was

10 feet in diameter and stood about 80 feet tall. At its tip, a fake warhead.

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There had been much skepticism about the Atlas propellant tank concept, the brainchild of Karel (Charlie) Bossart. Realizing that minimizing weights is of paramount importance in the design of rockets, Bossart had the idea that propellant tanks could be built of thin, high-strength stainless steel. They would get their rigidity by employing internal pressure, instead of constructing tanks with thick walls.

Charlie Bossart came rightfully to be known as "The Father of the Atlas." He was a man everyone would like for an uncle. Friendly, courteous, a knack for drawing out the best in a person. He often appeared on the design floor to sit down and chat with the working engineers, looking to understand how a particular device worked, what its weaknesses were, or how it might fail.

Then again, it may have, on occasion, been simply to shore up his own confidence that the designs were in good hands.

Test tanks bore out his theories, and Bossart's ideas were adopted for the Atlas propellant tank design. Needless to say, there was much skepticism about the approach within the industry. Particularly derisive were the German rocket engineers in Huntsville, Alabama, who, being born to the Mercedes mentality, approached missile construction like bridge building.

In a comical incident, General Dynamics had a visitor from the Huntsville structural engineering department. Karel Bossart invited him to examine an Atlas missile tank that lay horizontal, under pressure, in its cradle outside the manufacturing building. Bossart handed him a sledgehammer and said, "Go ahead, hit it." The engineer bounced the hammer against the tank, which responded like rubber.

"Harder," Bossart said.

Again, the visitor swung at the tank, with the same results.

"Hit it hard," Bossart said with a grin.

The engineer reared back and swung at the tank with all his might. The tank remained undamaged. In bouncing back, the hammer left the engineer's hands, tore off his glasses and narrowly missed his head.

"Ja whol!" he muttered, to accompanying laughter.

There are other versions of this story, but all are similar.

The incident didn't help relationships with the Huntsville Germans. In the ensuing years, Marshall Space Flight Center dragged its heels in the development of the Centaur upper stage, designed along the same structural principles as Atlas. Frustrated, NASA headquarters transferred the project to its Cleveland center, Lewis Laboratory, where Abe Silverman provided the strong leadership needed for the program.

With time, I came to realize that there were two cul-

tures within NASA. There was the I-beam culture at the manned space centers that developed the Redstone, Jupiter, and Saturn series, rugged and wasteful of performance. Then there was the spacecraft-oriented culture at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories and Lewis Labs, whose missions demanded maximum performance for their remarkable explorations of the moon and the inner and outer planets. For them, Atlas, and the subsequently developed Centaur hydrogen-fueled upper stage, were the ideal space launch vehicles. In contrast, the manned space centers, Johnson and Marshall, followed up the Saturn rockets with the prodigiously wasteful space shuttle. The space shuttle, in its 117 flights, orbited in excess of 35 million pounds — and returned most of it to Earth! Only a tiny percentage remains in orbit, including parts of the International Space Station.

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house control room was crowded with visitors. About a mile south of the launch pad we stood with a larger crowd that had gathered to watch the show. Loaded with propellants, the upper half of the rocket turned pure white as a coating of frost formed on the liquid oxygen tank. Wisps of gas were visible from the open vent valve at the top. The range safety officer, ready to destroy the missile if it went errant, was put on alert. John Har-

ison stepped confidently through the countdown as though he had done it a hundred times. He read from a sequential printout to verify from his engineers that their systems were ready.

"Guidance!"
 "Go!"
 "Telemetry!"
 "Go!"
 "Propulsion!"
 "Go!"
 "Hydraulics!"
 "Go!"
 "Pneumatics!"

"Go!"
 "Range Safety!"
 "Go!"
 Harrison raised the protective cover from the start switch, counted down from ten to one, and flipped the toggle.

"Engine start," he said calmly.
 An automatic sequence aboard the missile churned through the next 30 seconds to pressurize the engine starting system, ending finally with an engine start signal that would first fire pyrotechnic igniters inside each thruster and then open the propellant valves. A puff of smoke appeared at the base of the rocket. Then nothing. The

missile stood dumb on the launcher, inert, its tanks still pressurized. We did not know whether Atlas was safe or had plans to blow up at any second.

At that time McNabb, locked into some odd, panicked plane of thought, possibly brought on by pressure from his bosses to get the Atlas launched, motioned to Jeremiah to come with him, then slipped unnoticed through the blockhouse door.

Minutes later, Harrison, who was preparing to take the Atlas through a backout procedure, was informed by the range safety officer that an automobile had drawn up to the launch pad and

two men were peering under the missile. In the meantime, McNabb had repaired to a telephone at the launch site and reported to the block house, "We have a good bird here."

Harrison, adequately armed with four-letter words, wasted no time in directing the two to depart the site immediately.

McNabb and Jeremiah walked sheepishly into the blockhouse, ready for the shellacking they knew they were going to receive from all quarters. That marked the beginning of a new order around the launch pads, when safety in operations was moved to the front

burner.

We found the trouble, a malfunction in the sensing equipment below the engines that allowed the rocket engines to start following the firing of the igniters. The next day we attempted the launch again.

Atlas rose majestically, flame and smoke spouting below. It is hard to describe the feeling, watching a rocket come alive for the first time. Shock diamonds stood out in the engine exhausts. A flock of egrets took to the air from a marsh that lay between us and the launch site. Where we stood, a mile from Pad 13, we watched the missile rise slowly and

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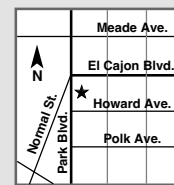
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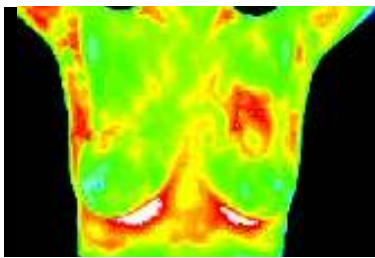
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silently off the launch pad. Then the sound hit us. The deep rumble of rocket engines gets you in the gut. The sharp crackle in the ears. Atlas was beautiful, shedding its frosty coat, ascending into a cloudless sky.

Then smoke appeared where smoke shouldn't have been. Fire spouted where fire shouldn't have been, and the missile began to cartwheel end over end. The range safety officer flipped a switch that activated a "destruct" package aboard Atlas, resulting in a huge explosion, ballooning orange flames and black smoke. A thousand missile parts rained down into the Atlantic Ocean.

We learned in this test that the rear face of the engine compartment was poorly designed, allowing fuel-rich exhaust gas from the rocket engine gas generators to enter the engine compartment. The gas was subsequently ignited by a combination of radiant heat from the rocket engine exhausts and hot turbine parts inside the compartment.

That was the early mis-

sile experience. Try to fly, fix when a failure occurs, and try again. We made rapid progress, but not without chalking up several flight failures.

The first flight though, provided a remarkable demonstration of Charlie Bossart's inspiration for the proper way to build a rocket propellant tank. No one imagined that it would be capable of going through the cartwheel contortions experienced in the first flight. Bossart's tank design remains the most efficient structure for containment of rocket propellants ever devised.

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Sometimes a simple statement can have enormous consequences. Late one afternoon, I was seated at my desk on the fifth floor of Building 3 in Kearny Mesa when Cary Coughlin, the head of Operations Analysis stopped by. He described how a decision had been made to place ICBMs in underground silos, as the above-ground sites, containing Atlas D and E Models,

were considered too vulnerable.

"Martin-Marietta," he said, "is proposing to put their Titan I into twin silos, one of which will contain the propellants and other support equipment for their missile." He paused, looking from me to Bob Anderson, who stood nearby. "You guys have any ideas?"

"Sure," I said. "Stuff everything in one hole. That's the way they build submarines."

"Yeah," Anderson inserted. "Two holes don't make sense."

Cary went away, his light bulb lit. In the weeks that followed, a proposal was made to the Air Force for an Atlas silo configuration, which was accepted.

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I watched many missile launches, but nothing stands in my mind as starkly as an early dawn experience at Vandenberg Air Force base near Lompoc, California. It was on a Sunday. Our team stood on a hummock facing the Pacific, gazing expect-

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tantly across empty, rolling fields of dried grasses. There was not a sound, not even birds singing. The air was still. Then, in the distance, about a mile away, an Atlas ICBM rose slowly out of the ground, like a time-lapse video of the growth of a giant, weird fungus. It was coated with frost, lit blazing white by the sun which had just peeked over the horizon. Terrifying. Hypnotizing. A staggering view of what the shooting end of a nuclear war would look like. Fully emerged, the missile paused for a minute on its launch platform, then lifted quietly away on a pillar of fire. Five seconds later, the crackle and thunder of the rocket engines swept over us. We watched in silence as the missile rapidly escaped into a cloudless sky, arced over the Pacific toward its target 5000 miles away, and disappeared.

I am not a prayerful person, but I wondered then, and imagined that my companions wondered with me, how it had happened that humans, so capable of settling their differences amiably, had come to doing things like this.

The Atlas ICBM program culminated in a total of 72 "F" series missiles emplaced in underground silos, scattered around California, New Mexico, Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, and New York. In addition, 30 above-ground sites with the earlier model "D" and "E" Atlas were in several states, including Washington and Wyoming.

It was the Cuban Missile Crisis that removed any doubt that the Atlas weapon system was ever needed. In fact, that period in October 1962 was arguably the closest the United States has ever come to a nuclear war with the Soviet Union. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had installed missiles in Cuba that could reach any city on the East Coast of the United States. During the standoff, which ended in the missiles being withdrawn from Cuba, every available Atlas site was placed on alert, even though some had not yet completed their validation tests. Contract personnel were conscripted to perform duties where the sites had not yet been staffed by the Strategic Air Command. It was a somber time for General

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Sputnik rang the alarm bell. On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched an instrumented satellite, the first to orbit Earth. This caused great consternation in the military, congress, and the general public. The Russians had beaten us to space.

Until then, President Eisenhower had only a passive interest in space and small concern about Russian capabilities as revealed by the U-2 surveillance over-

flights. He had authorized development of the Vanguard rocket only for scientific research purposes. The embarrassment of the U-2 experience had tempered his interest in spy satellites.

Vanguard was capable of orbiting a payload weighing only nine kilograms. It failed eight out of nine flight attempts. Meantime, medium-range ballistic missiles were already available that could have been modified to carry much heavier payloads.

On April 12, 1961, the Soviets accomplished the first manned orbital flight with Yuri Gagarin tucked inside a tiny capsule. That feat put urgency into the American space program. On February 2, 1962, astronaut John Glenn orbited Earth in a Mercury capsule which had been propelled into space by an Atlas rocket. Three more Mercury flights followed. The space race was on.

Atlas went on to become

America's premier space launch rocket. Together with its advanced upper stage, Centaur, hundreds of spacecraft were launched into Earth orbit and out into the solar system in exploration of the planets and space itself.

General Dynamics sold its Astronautics Division to Lockheed Martin in 1993. There, Atlas performed an unbroken string of 66 missions in the years up to 2003. At that time Lockheed Martin introduced a more powerful version of the space launch rocket and named it Atlas V.

So Atlas lives on, replaced by a more conventional design which Lockheed Martin had previously used in its Titan II ICBM. But Charlie Bossart's remarkably efficient and elegant missile structure continues in the Centaur upper stage, and it is still being made in the old Convair Building 19, alongside Pacific Coast Highway in San Diego. ■

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lational generalizations. Isn't the devil in the details? Or more broadly, disembodied relations? Claims for such entities have been clarified by cognitive science neurobiology. Perhaps it is that philosophers overlook what is too immediately on hand.

The great unsung linguistic practitioners — attorneys. Law has to confront practical problems using comparative modeling. As in California real estate law. Which posits two aspects of the property. Tangible (physical) and the intangible (relational). Simply listed, tangible (physical) items are easily recognized as land and buildings. While intangible (relational) items are contracts, mortgages, rental agreements. Seemingly derivatives, but note they are relations embodied in physical entities. Property has two inseparable aspects, double not Cartesian dual. There not being any physical bodies lacking intangible relations. Nor intangible relations not embodied or incarnated, other than symbolic, of course, reductionist, for the convenience of examination. Property as a universal has the same double aspect. To forestall a sound question — relations, intangibles, may be dynamically transferred. Such as re-embodiment the architect's plan — relations onto paper. In multiple. of course! As this is not a book — rejecting Dawkins's rule of "Conservation of (academic) difficulty"! There are a pair of answers to "Why something rather than nothing." The universe, being dynamic, is not all "chalk." It is self-evidently necessary that there be tangible (physical) entities for novelty to take place. For new classes of intangible relations. A static universe is a contradiction in terms. Our gasoline tanks filled by means of information gained by geologic studies provides sufficient evidence of evolution.

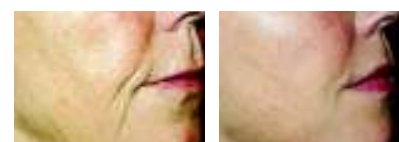
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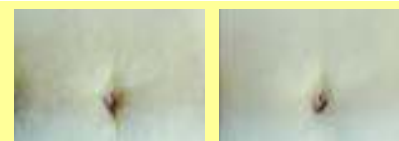
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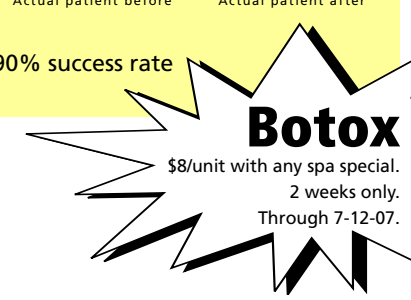
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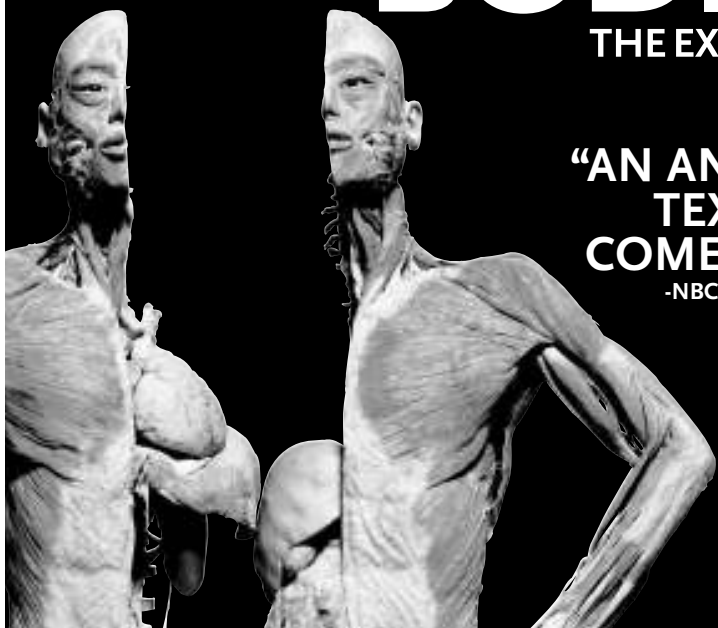


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lutionary evidence. That actual evidence is found embodied in the evolutionary tangible model rather than the virtual intangible separate model appears to be the case. With neither intangibles nor tangibles having separate standing. A model must be reinsertable into the context of the environment to have sound effects on human ecology. The attempts to decide for the ecosystem as a totality is an absurdity beyond all measure.

Bertrand Halsema
San Diego

Comments from Reader Website

Blurt
Published June 20

Posted by Dan on 06/20/07, 2:32 p.m.

The Killers & Panic at the Disco? Could they even sell out Soma? Does anyone really listen to these bands? Street Scene=BORING

Posted by Jaime duende on 06/20/07, 4:52 p.m.

Reeve Oliver signed to Capitol!!! BLAH, BLAH. BLAH!! Reeve Oliver off Capitol!! BLAH, blah, blah!! How much media and wasted hype has been made about this band, but sorry to say but Reeve Oliver songs are just background music for shows on the Fox network...so save it for the next season of Malibu kids or something. Reeve Oliver another San Diego band that will go the way side or is San Diego stuck in another bands get Signed because this is the next Seattle stigmata...remember the mid 90's?

Cover Story
Published June 20

Posted by pete on 06/20/07, 8:50 p.m.

Very interesting article Jay... I've lived in SD all my life, but I'm only 28 and don't really have any notion of what downtown was like before the chic gaslamp revamp. Sound like downtown was a lot more fun back in those days ;)

Posted by cat dirt on 06/21/07, 8:36 p.m.

this is the best piece of journalism i've read in san diego in 2007! here is my blog post linking to the article! catdirtsez.blogspot.com/2007/06/reading-weeklies-before-it-was-gaslamp.html

Diary of a Diva
Published June 20

Posted by pete on 06/20/07, 9:00 p.m.

I hear that the tap water in Tijuana is amazing Barbara... Supposedly it all comes from a pristine artesian well deep below Avenida Revolucion. That's why it tastes so pure and crisp and refreshing. You can actually have the TJ tap water imported to the U.S. if you know the right people. I know a guy that could help you out.

Dumped
Published June 20

Posted by shizzlyfinn on 06/20/07, 9:17 p.m.

sex in a vacuum is definitely unappealing. you might put a whole in the ceiling when you — wait, never mind — that's sex in zero gravity.

Blurt
Published June 13

Posted by Jelly on 06/19/07, 11:47 a.m.

I agree, Kicking Kate is a really stupid/violent sounding hardcore band name. ...And I'm pretty sure I know at least 45 people who have done more charity work. I could just see the headline "Kicking K8 plays a charity event to thwart domestic violence." They should change the name to "Kicking H" or "Doing Charity Work for K8."

Cover Story
Published June 13

Posted by GF on 06/18/07, 11:55 p.m.

This definitely benefits society because too many people think within a box and can't see beyond its borders. As a humanities graduate who once took business classes, I've observed this fact to be very evident amongst business majors. Business majors, and accounting majors in particular, often have limited knowledge and scope outside their own field because they are often not exposed to any other subjects or broad ways of thinking. Their critical skills often suffers as a result.

Posted by dg on 06/19/07, 2:13 p.m.

From the article, there is an abundance of material to comment on, and there is only one item I would like to respond to. A flyer from the undergraduate affairs

office at UCSD philosophy department (page 27 in the print edition) encourages students to major in philosophy. The department encourages the study of philosophy because, "...when you graduate you will be much smarter than your friends; and being smart is a good thing." My motivation for studying philosophy is much more ambitious. I study philosophy to learn how to identify reality and what exists (metaphysics). I study philosophy to learn how to validate my identifications (epistemology). I study philosophy to help intergrate my non-contradictory identifications and draw conclusions (logic). I then decide with moral certainty what I value and what I should value (ethics). As I pursue my values I move toward achieving "the only moral purpose" of one's life: happiness. And happiness is a great thing.

City Lights, by Matt Potter
Published June 6

Posted by Friend of Harborside on 06/21/07, 6:08 p.m.

I drive by the former Harborside School daily and it breaks my heart to see it now. This is not just a business that "runs out of money and shuts down." It's a disaster — for the students first and also for the city of San Diego. Harborside was a key part of the Little Italy/downtown San Diego culture. But like countless other noble endeavours, the shortsighted, money-grubbing worldview of a few brought this school to ruin for everyone. Nobody is perfect; honest mistakes were made. But the bottom line here is that Harborside School could have been saved, and should have been. Many will no doubt enjoy whatever sweet deals they manage to grab for themselves out of this tragedy, and a few will come out smelling far better than they deserve. But some wonderful, innocent kids have had their beloved school yanked from under them by people they trusted, and they will never forget it. Their lives have been changed — cruelly for some, perhaps — in the name of "business."

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Three for the Fourth

Julian, Coronado, and Chula Vista

The Fourth of July holiday offers a variety of activities and events. If you're of a pioneering spirit and not attached to the idea of *oozing* and *aahing* over a light show in the sky, Julian's local-heritage parade may appeal to you.

"We don't do fireworks up here," says parade-committee member Bobbi Zane. "It's too dangerous; we can't risk fire. But we will have more fire trucks in the parade than you thought there were fire trucks." Zane says that people who know Julian know that parking can be a problem. It could take a quarter-mile walk to reach the

center of town for the parade, the procession of which spans four blocks.

Zane says most people are surprised

to learn that Julian's first settlers were African American. "Julian was settled in the early 1870s by black people, and the gold was found by a black man, and a black man founded and ran what is now the Julian Hotel for many, many years," explains Zane. Descendants of Julian's settlers will ride in the parade. "Elizabeth Coleman Weaver is the granddaughter of [gold prospector] Fred Coleman and will be riding in a car or an old Mack stage, which was a stagecoach from around 1915 that used to ferry people from here to San Diego."

The parade begins at noon, but pre-parade activities, including a vintage-airplane flyover, start at 10 a.m. "The best seats are probably in front of the hotel or the bank, and the south side is better for shade." There will be a few grandstands, but Zane says most of the approximately 5000 specta-

tors will need to sit on the sidewalk or bring chairs. "Last year, people were putting their chairs out the night before, like the Rose Bowl. In reality, if you get here by eight, even up to ten, you'll find a spot. It doesn't start to really pack in until eleven." Julian cultivates its small-town feel. "My neighbor gets a tractor and loads it full of ice cream before the parade and passes the ice cream to the kids in little cups," says Zane. "He used to work for Knudsen Company and gets the ice cream donated." After the parade, the American Legion will host a deep-pit barbeque.

If you're looking for high-end pomp from dawn to dusk, make your way to Coronado. It is estimated that over 100,000 people visited last year's festivities. It's illegal to stake out a location here before 5:30 a.m.; the parade begins at 10 a.m. As for parking... "Parking? What parking?" asks Andy Szymanski, who has been working some facet of the parade since 1960. Late-comers may have to walk half a mile to reach a parade viewpoint. Only the severely handicapped and financial contributors can lay claim to one of 700 seats provided by the Coronado parade committee.

The military helps to build suspense before the parade. Four H-60s (Black Hawk helicopters) perform two flyovers; one at 10:40 a.m., the other at 11:30. Two years ago a man sued the city, the Navy, and the Coronado parade committee with the claim that a low-flying helicopter "spooked" his horse. "The rider was dumped off the horse and hit the ground, injuring his shoulder area," says Szymanski. "The second part [of the suit] was he said the people watching the parade encroached on his area of the



Julian parade, 2005

parade, which meant kids were sitting on the curb." The city and the parade committee settled out of court.

The Coronado parade committee enforces its rules of conduct. "You're not allowed to throw anything — we're a very close parade, only 40 feet across. We've kicked people out because of it; we call the police, who escort them off the site, and they don't get invited back," Szymanski explains. "One year Congressman [Duncan] Hunter wanted in the parade because he was running for office, and we told him, 'No, you do not represent us, we're not here to push your political feelings.'" The only way a campaigning politician can appear in the parade is if he or she is hosted by a group approved by the parade committee, such as the Republican Women's Club.

Don't like parades? Head out for Celebrate Chula Vista. "The Miss South County pageant includes Chula Vista, San Ysidro, National City, and Imperial Beach," says Tina Medina, general manager for Chula Vista's Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We have a different twist on the pageant." In lieu of traditional swimsuit and talent competitions, contestants compete in three

categories: evening wear, business suit, and interview.

Last year, Chula Vista councilmember John McCann participated in the festival's pie-eating contest. "Hopefully we'll get the mayor this year. She's a great sport," says Medina. The festival begins at noon, and free shuttles to and from designated lots will run until 10 p.m., an hour after the event ends. Live music will include Spanish flamenco, reggae, mariachi, and an Elvis impersonator. "It's a celebration of all cultures on Independence Day."

— Barbarella

Independence Day Events

Wednesday, July 4

Julian: Parade starts at noon; events from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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BAJA

Joan Sebastian in Concert, Friday, June 29, 8 p.m., at Nuevo Ensenada Football Camp. Tickets: 011-52-646-178-2211. (ENSENADA)

Deep Dish, electronic music by DJs Ali "Dubfire," Sharam, and Cedric Gervais, Friday, June 29, 9 p.m., at Mexitlán Show Center

(at 2nd Street and Avenida Madero). 866-926-8499. (TIJUANA)

Fernando Delgadillo in concert, Saturday, June 30, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

X Pilots — extreme motorcycle competition, Saturday, June 30, 8 p.m., at Estadio Potros. Tickets: \$15-\$45. 011-52-664-622-7050. (TIJUANA)

Triathlon slated for Sunday, July 1, starts at 7 a.m. at Unidad CREA in Zona Río. 011-52-664-368-5339. (TIJUANA)

"High School Musical," a Mexican version of popular show presented Sunday, July 1, noon and 4 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

Bullfighting by matadors Rafael Ortega, Fernando Ochoa, and Omar Villaseñor and bulls from La Venta de Refugio, Sunday, July 1, 4 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-686-1510. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Raw Live Tour 2007, wrestling show with performances by John Cena, Rey Misterio Jr., Chuck Palumbo, Randy Orton, Super Crazy, and Carlito Colón slated for Wednesday, July 4, 8 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea.

OUT & ABOUT

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"Aburrida en Bouveret," Alejandra Maldonado discusses new book, Thursday, July 5, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Colorful Foliage along San Diego's coastline lingers, despite the lack of rainfall and warmer,

drier days. In the older, landscaped neighborhoods of Coronado, Point Loma, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla you'll find oleander and hibiscus blooming in many shades, and colorful bougainvillea creeping over garden walls. Look for the magnificent clusters of red flowers adorning the crowns of the flame eucalyptus (red-flowering gum) trees.

A Series of Extreme Low Tides, which are occurring in association with the full moon, are for early risers only. There's a low of -0.9 feet at 4:17 a.m. on Saturday (June 30), a low of -1.0 foot at

4:53 a.m. Sunday (July 1), and a low of -1.0 foot at 5:30 a.m. on Monday (July 2).

Check Out Brilliant Venus in the western sky during twilight on Saturday, June 30. Right next to it is the much fainter planet Saturn. Only about two-thirds of a degree of angle separates the two. Both planets will fit inside the field of view of a telescope of low or moderate magnification.

June's Full Moon, which occurs Saturday, June 30, is sometimes called the "rose moon," "strawberry moon," or "honey moon" because of its tinted color. Espe-

cially when seen from the high northern latitudes, the June full moon always stays close to the horizon, where its light is filtered and reddened by the atmosphere. From San Diego, June's full moon reaches a maximum altitude of about 33° above the horizon — about as high as the sun gets at noon in December.

Black-Chinned Sparrows, Lawrence's goldfinches, mountain chickadees, and many other birds to see when Audubon Society birders head to Agua Dulce Creek on Saturday, June 30, 8 a.m. Carry water, lunch, insect repellent. Considerable hiking of moderately strenuous nature. Free; Forest Service Adventure Pass required. Directions: 619-692-3246. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, June 30, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 619-669-1697. For those 16 and older with a parent. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Basic Birding program by Tom Troy, Saturday, June 30, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing. Emphasis on using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, local resources. Free. Directions: 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

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Exercise Your Independence! Celebrate "nature's fireworks display" along colorful trails during guided walks, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, June 30, July 1, and 4, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Tour del Día, Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park on Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m., beginning at the visitors' center. 619-235-1121. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Birding Basics Class planned by trail guide Winona Sollock at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center, Saturday, June 30, 1-2:30 p.m. Participants learn five simple techniques for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one). Free. Find visitors' center at One Father Junipero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Enjoy a Panoramic Mountain View during hike along Wooded Hill nature trail with Canyoneers, Saturday, June 30, 4:30-7 p.m. Easy 1.5-mile walk. Free, but National Forest Adventure Pass is required to park. Directions: 619-255-0203.

Visit San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires, during guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, July 1, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. 619-409-5904. (CHULA VISTA)

Grunion Runs may occur near midnight Monday through Wednesday (July 2-4), which cor-

responds to a few days after the date of full moon. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. California law allows the taking of grunion in summer by those possessing a state fishing license. The grunion must be caught by the hands only and should be eaten (not wasted).

DANCE

Calling All Jitterbugs, Cafe Savoy Swing Productions presents all-age swing dance with live music by Anna Troy Band, Thursday, June 28, 8 p.m., at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Beginners' class at 8 p.m., dance 9 p.m.-midnight. \$12 adults, \$10 for those under 21. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Dance California's State Dance during West Coast swing parties, Thursdays, June 28 and July 5, 8 p.m., Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Host and "roving instructor": Jane Hance. Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. \$6; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

Contradance to music by Old Twine String Band and calling by Steve Barlow, Friday, June 29, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Stretch, Tone, Strengthen Body and spirit using tools of bellydance, yoga, qigong, during one-day bellydance workshop for all levels, Saturday, June 30, 1 p.m., at Ginseng Yoga (2985 Beech Street). \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-338-9642. (SOUTH PARK)

"The Little Match Girl" and other dances presented by To the Pointe on Saturday, June 30, 3 and 6:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$12. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

Scandinavian Dance Party with live music provided by fiddlers Paul Johnson and Annie Grace, Saturday, June 30, 7:30-10 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Bring potluck snacks to share. \$8. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing with calling by Annie Lasky on Sunday, July 1, 6-9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll

Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

FILM

Steven Spielberg's 1982 Classic *E.T. the Extraterrestrial* screens for spring film series, Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Movies in the Park, series continues with *A Night at the Museum* on Thursday, June 28, concludes with *E.T. the Extraterrestrial* on Thursday, July 5. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. at Fallbrook Community Center (341 Heald Lane). Bring picnic, blanket. Free; donations appreciated. 760-728-1671. (FALLBROOK)

"The Third Man" screens for Cinema under the Stars series on Thursday and Friday, June 28 and 29. Take in *The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* on Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1. Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps, Coral Reef Adventure, Dinosaurs Alive!* "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Lewis and Clark* (6 p.m.) and *Africa: The Serengeti* (7 p.m.) on June 29. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"With Love and Hisses," this early Laurel and Hardy treat screens, along with the animated masterpiece *Der Furrer's Face* (with Donald Duck), the Three Stooges in *I'll Never Heil Again*, and *Air Raid Wardens* when Saps at Sea Tent — local chapter of Laurel and Hardy fans — meets on Saturday, June 30, 7 p.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church (3902 Kenwood Drive). \$6. 619-417-9032. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Made in L.A.," documentary by Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar chronicles "other California" where immigrant workers make as little as \$3 an hour working 14-hour days. Catch film, in Spanish with English subtitles, when it's shown for Sunday Matinee on July 1, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). SDSU associate professor of sociology Jill Esbenshade leads following discussion. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Manic Romantic Capers" *Casi Casi* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, July 2,



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"Helvetica," feature-length independent film about typography, graphic design, and global visual culture screens Tuesday, July 10, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Film chronicles "proliferation of one typeface (which will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2007) as part of a larger conversation about the way type affects our lives." Interviewees include illustrious and innovative names in the design world.

Reception at St. James Hall (743 Prospect Street), with music, light appetizers, beverages precedes screening. Director Gary Hustwit will be on hand to answer questions after screening. \$25 general. 619-233-5470. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

"Uncharted Territory: The Garmin GPS Story" is told by Garmin vice president of marketing Gary Kelley, Thursday, June 28, at San Diego Air and Space Museum. Registration at 7:30 a.m., breakfast 8 a.m., program 8:30 a.m. \$50. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x119. (BALBOA PARK)

A "Survey of Chinese Art" is promised when members of Asian Arts Council explore San Diego Museum of Art's wide-ranging collection of Chinese art with curator Sonya Quintanilla on Thursday, June 28, 1 p.m. \$10 general. 619-543-9810. (BALBOA PARK)

Snakes, Lizards, Turtles! San Diego Herpetological Society meets Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-744-8260. (BALBOA PARK)

Investigative Photojournalist Keith Harmon Snow plans presentation, discussion of "regional instabilities in Africa and their

ROAM-O-RAMA

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

Tall, aromatic pines and firs and thin air (elevation averages 7500 feet) lend a High-Sierra feel to the north slope of Blue Ridge, which lies on a high divide of the San Gabriel Mountains near the resort community of Wrightwood. The Blue Ridge Trail climbs about 1000 feet up this slope to meet the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) just outside Blue Ridge Campground. From there you can climb a bit farther for a panoramic view of mounts San Antonio, Baden-Powell, and other "giants" on the roofline of the Angeles National Forest.

San Diegans can most easily navigate to Wrightwood by way of Interstate 15, Highway 138, and Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Highway). Just continue through



Mt. San Antonio seen from Blue Ridge

Wrightwood another five miles on Angeles Crest Highway to reach Big Pines. There you'll find an Angeles National Forest ranger station and visitor center. You'll need a National Forest Adventure Pass to park here.

The Blue Ridge Trail starts near the restrooms opposite the visitor center. About half-way up the slope (1.0 mile), the trail crosses an old road bed and con-

tinues climbing. To the north, on Table Mountain, you'll probably spot the white domes of the Table Mountain and Smithsonian observatories. After several switchbacks, you meet the Blue Ridge road at Blue Ridge Campground. The PCT swings around the far side of the campground; you can join it by walking southeast about 0.1 mile on the road. Head southeast on the PCT, uphill along a ski run for another one-quarter mile. Then veer right to the top of a sage-covered rise dotted this time of year with paintbrush and wallflower blossoms. There you'll have a panoramic view of Mount San Antonio's north slope — streaked with snow and often wreathed in cottony clouds.

You've come 2.3 miles from the visitor center. When it's time to go back, return the way you came, or, if anyone has driven out to Blue Ridge Campground to pick you up, take advantage of the free ride.

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BLUE RIDGE TRAIL

The hike along Blue Ridge in the San Gabriel Mountains affords a dramatic view of snow-covered Mount San Antonio.

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causes," Saturday, June 30, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., in Saville Theatre, San Diego City College (1450 C Street). Donation: \$20. 619-264-1632. (DOWNTOWN)

"Plants and the Cosmos," class in biodynamic agriculture planned by Rob Farmer and Mil Krecu on Saturday, June 30, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., at Tierra Miguel Farm (14910 Pauma Valley Drive). "Learn about the movements and rhythms of the stars and planets and their relationship to plant form, growth, and germination." \$60. 760-742-4213. (PAUMA VALLEY)

Lavender Wreath Workshop led by Nadine Spear, Saturday, June 30, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). \$60 fee includes materials. Registration: 760-944-9369. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Benefits of Home Ownership" addressed during workshop by Amber Anderson of California Equities, Saturday, June 30, noon, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

"Campaign Finance Disclosures: How Can Cities Work Together to Inform and Engage Citizens?" Find out when California Common Cause presents talk by David Wolber of

University San Francisco, Saturday, June 30, noon, Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Wolber is project director of the Transparency in Government Project. Free. 310-871-1430. (MISSION VALLEY)

Il Fornaio Cooks Healthy Italian on Saturday, June 30, noon, at Macy's School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$15. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

"An Ecumenical Approach to Building Coalitions for Peace in Africa" is topic when Professor Amii Omara Otunnu, UNESCO Chair in Comparative Human

Rights, addresses Friends for Peace in Africa and Campaign to End Genocide in Uganda, Now!, Saturday, June 30, 5:30 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive). \$35 fee includes dinner. 619-239-4199. (BALBOA PARK)

Behavior of Prisoners Faking Insanity to avoid prison is discussed by psychiatrist Dr. Sidney Bolter when Sisters in Crime gather on Thursday, July 5. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). \$3. 858-748-6842. (HILLCREST)

IN PERSON

"Sonnets @ 6," experience "Waking Dreams" exhibit at San Diego Museum of Art through works of authors, poets who were inspired by Pre-Raphaelite movement. Poems, sonnets, plays by Shakespeare, Keats, Byron, Chaucer, Longfellow, Tennyson, Dante, and others will be featured on Thursday, June 28, 6 p.m. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Author's Night at the Museum, head to Maritime Museum of San Diego on Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m., for appearances by Olaf T. Engvig (*Viking to Victorian: Exploring the Use of Iron in Ship Building*), Craig B. Smith (*Extreme Waves*), and Larrie D. Ferreiro (*Ships and Science: The Birth of Naval Architecture in the Scientific Revolution, 1600–1800*). \$10 general. Find museum at 1492 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

Active Authors Scott Tinley (two-time winner of Ironman Triathlon) and Kimball Taylor (journalist specializing in surfing) plan talk hosted by Del Mar Library on Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., at Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard). Duo will discuss their new titles: *Things to Be Survived: Tales of Resolution and Resurrection* and *Return by Water: Surf Stories and Adventures*, respectively. Free. 858-755-1666. (DEL MAR)

"The Best of Friends" discussed by authors Sara James (*Dateline NBC* correspondent) and Ginger Mauney (*National Geographic* filmmaker) for Warwick's on Thursday, June 28. Event takes place during happy hour event, 7:30 p.m., at Cendio Restaurant (909 Prospect Street #209). Tickets required: 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"The Living Newspaper 2007 Summer Edition" with original satire of current events is presented by Black Kat Theatre Company. Performances at 8 p.m. on June 28, 29, 30 and July 5, 6 at the Hole (2820 Lytton Street).

Production moves to North Park Vaudeville (2031 El Cajon Boulevard) for performances at 8 p.m. on July 13, 14, 20, and 21. Tickets: \$10. 619-645-1158. (POINT LOMA, NORTH PARK)

World's Greatest Sportswriter? NPR commentator and *Sports Illustrated* writer Frank Deford discusses his book *The Entitled: A Tale of Modern Baseball*, Friday, June 29, noon, in Petco Park auditorium (100 Park Boulevard). Fee for library card holders: \$30; general admission: \$45. Reservations: 619-687-3580. (EAST VILLAGE)

Enjoy "Alternative Country" when Hideaways perform for Concerts on the Green, Friday, June 29, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (211½ East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra take stage for TGIF Jazz in the Parks series, Friday, June 29, 6 p.m., at Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Shuttle service, 5–9 p.m., from La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

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tar), Gunnar Biggs (double bass), Duncan Moore (drums), Friday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$15. 619-688-0688. (LA JOLLA)

"Star-Spangled Pops," San Diego Symphony Summer Pops season commences with concerts Friday-Sunday, June 29-July 1. Matthew Garbutt leads symphony Sousa marches, Broadway hits, salute to military. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$12-\$85. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The Allan Holdsworth Trio and Mike Kenally Band perform Friday, June 29, 8 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue). Holdsworth is considered "an innovator in both jazz and rock," Kenally played in Frank Zappa's last touring band and has released 13 albums of original music since 1992. Tickets: \$26, \$31 (with ad-

vance purchase discounts). Reservations: 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Celebrate Frederick Douglass Day and take in concert by Sister Carol, Friday, June 29, 8:30 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Also on bill: Rob Symeon. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$17 at door. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Original Pop and Folk Songs played by husband and wife duo of Delene St. Clair and Barry Cahill for annual meeting of Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space, Saturday, 30, 9 a.m., at Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve staging area (19324 Santee Lane). Free. 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Luncheon of the Boating Party" presented with period music and slides by local author Susan Vreeland, Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Reading is followed by signing. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Western Barbecue Night is promised for Hot Summer Nights event in Fallbrook, Saturday,

June 30, 5:30 p.m., with live music, entertainment on Main Street. Free. 760-728-6287. (FALLBROOK)

"A Motown Tribute Show" is planned on Saturday, June 30, 6 p.m., at Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Performers include Remembrance, Three Shades of Soul, Females of Motown, Ken Turner (a Marvin Gaye "tribute performer"). \$30. 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Tina Malia and her five-piece ensemble in concert, Saturday, June 30, 8 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

"Comics That Kill" — comedy by Adam Hammer, Tim Shaw, Jason Bang, Mal Hall, K-Von, Terrell Battle on Saturday, June 30, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Not for those under 14. \$10. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

Shawne Merrimen's Lights on Comedy Jam, Saturday, June 30, 8:30 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Music by DMC (of Run-DMC), hosted by comedian Alex Thomas, performers Kathleen Madigan, Chris Spencer, Michael Blackson, Antoine Blackman. Tickets: \$54, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Big Time Operator plays swing music for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove, Sunday, July 1, 2 p.m. Free. 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Americana! Concert by Westwind Brass, Sunday, July 1, 4:30 p.m., at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

"Music in the Park" series continues when Bayou Brothers play Cajun and zydeco music on Sunday, July 1, 5 p.m., at Veterans Park (785 East Palomar Street). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show with "the Boy Band of Comedy," host Jason Bang, Sunday, July 1, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). Free. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry Unlimited Art and Music features poet Kendra Gay and musicians Dominique and Valerie Kim, Monday, July 2, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series continues with Bill Caballero Latin Jazz Quintet on Tuesday, July 3; Mariachi Chula Vista takes stage on Thursday, July 5. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

TemekuGrass plays for music night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, July 3, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (ESCONDIDO)

"Peony in Love," author Lisa See reads from, signs her latest book, Tuesday, July 3, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). See is author of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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performances by Jeremy Saville, Tim Palmer, Mal Hall, Jeryldine Tully, Tuesday, July 3, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Brew House (7536 Fay Avenue). Admission: \$5, plus two-item minimum. 858-550-8088. (LA JOLLA)

The Original Comedy Gamers, written by Brian Bielawski and Walter G. Meyer, may be seen on Tuesday, July 3, 8 p.m., at Lestat's West (3341 Adams Avenue). In the tale, tech-support operator Steve Jaros "is destined to save an entire kingdom from death at the hands of a bloodthirsty army of elves in an online roll-playing game." \$10. 858-254-8332. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Chambers of the Heart: Poetry Readings" by collaborators from "Mi Corazón Escondido" conclude with high school senior

Mónica Navarro and poet Brandon Cesmat, Wednesday, July 4, 6 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Included in museum admission. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Sam Johnson's Original Jazz Quartet plays jazz originals "in the styles of modal jazz" and jazz fusion for First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on July 5, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

World-Beat Music and dance — Damaru performs with guests Sene Africa, dancer Suzanne Forbes, Thursday, July 5, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Isn't That Special? Comedic actor Dana Carvey takes stage on Friday, July 6, 8 p.m., for Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Tickets: \$60 general,

available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

"Summer at the Brubeck: A Festival of One-Acts" presented July 6-8 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Festival is culmination of acting and directing intensive designed by Francis Gercke of New Village Arts. See *Bus Riley's Back in Town* by William Inge, Shirley Lauro's *Railing It Uptown* and *The Sorrows of Elva* by Gus Edwards. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Rootsy, Countrified Rock may be heard when Maria McKee (formerly of Lone Justice) performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$18, \$22, \$47 (dinner package). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

SPORTS

Boys of Summer, San Diego Padres are in Los Angeles to play Dodgers June 29-July 1, at 7:40 p.m. on Friday, 7:10 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:10 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads head home to Petco Park for games against the Florida Marlins, July 1-5, at 7:05 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, and 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: \$8-\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Revolutionary Sports Clinic" hosted by A.K. Martial Arts and Fitness on Saturday, June 30. Seminars start at 9 a.m. for adults, 10:30 a.m. for those 7-13 years, and noon for children four to six years old. Licensed SAQ trainers Leann and Mark Best McKinley will train attendees in basics of SAQ, said to be "designed to increase strength, agility, and quickness." \$19.95. Find A.K. Martial

Arts and Fitness at 3295 Business Park Drive, suite C. 760-828-7165. (VISTA)

Roller Derby Action promised when Hard Corps and Diego Rollers of San Diego Derby Dolls meet up, Saturday, June 30, 6 p.m., at Skateworld (6907 Linda Vista Road). All ages. All-skate session at 7:30 p.m. (rent skates and roll with teams). \$12. 858-560-9349. (LINDA VISTA)

Full-Moon Paddle on Mission Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, June 30, 7 p.m. Fee: \$65 adults, \$20 for kids (six and older). Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

Full Moon Kayak Paddle on Mission Bay hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, June 30, starting near Dana Landing at 7:45 p.m. \$55 fee includes guided tour, equipment. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

Make a Coronado Loop with Knickerbikers bicyclists, Sunday,

July 1. The 40-plus-mile ride starts at 8:30 a.m. in north parking lot of Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairmont Drive). Bring ferry fare, money for food. 619-787-7427. (MISSION BAY)

Ride the Fallbrook Hills with San Diego Bicycle Society riders on Sunday, July 1. The 75-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at Third and C). Bring money for deli lunch. 619-561-3846. (ENCINITAS)

America's Cup Competition planned at San Diego Polo Club on Sunday, July 1; Independence Day Arena Tournament slated for Wednesday, July 4. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Snorkel with the Sharks at La Jolla Shores on Tuesday, July 3, 8-10 a.m., during outing hosted



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33rd Annual Coronado Independence Day 15k run and 5k run/walk over flat and fast course is Wednesday, July 4, starting at 7 a.m., in Tidelands Park (adjacent to Coronado Bay Bridge). Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. 619-298-7400. (CORONADO)

Run or Ride in Scripps Ranch, 30th annual Scripps Ranch 10k and 2-mile run, Wednesday, July 4, 7 a.m. (registration: 6 a.m.). Racing starts at Scripps Lake and Red Cedar (near Miramar Ranch School).

Same date: 21st annual Scripps Ranch Bike Rides, starting at Hibert Street and Scripps Ranch Boulevard (just north of Scripps Ranch High School), finishing at Hoyt Park. The 50-mile ride starts at 7 a.m., 28-mile

route riders set off at 7:30 a.m., 12-mile ride starts at 8 a.m. 619-685-8453. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Viglucci's World Beach Bocce Ball Championship XXVII with many divisions for experienced and novice players is Saturday, July 14, all day long at Dog Beach (at mouth of San Dieguito River). Benefits Boys and Girls Clubs of Carlsbad. Entry fee: \$125 per team. 760-729-0207. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

Salute to Heroes is theme for San Diego County Fair, continuing through Wednesday, July 4, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Numerous competitions and exhibits, including fine arts, livestock, children's art, gems, minerals, home arts; fun zone with rides, games; commercial exhibits; food; contests, concerts. The "first-ever Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest" runs Friday, July 29-Sunday, July 1.

Gates open 10 a.m.; gates closes at 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; grounds remain open until

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around midnight. Admission: \$12 general, \$6 seniors and kids 6-12, free for those 5 and under. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

"The Magic: The Gathering Pro Tour" hits San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive) beginning with registration and kickoff party on Thursday, June 28, 5 p.m. Professional Magic

players from around world will compete for cash prizes. Only pre-qualified players may compete in tournament; anyone can play in daily side events. Free for spectators. Tournament play is Friday-Sunday, June 29-July 1. 619-525-5000. (DOWNTOWN)

2007 Beer and Sake Festival hosted by Japan Society of San

Diego and Tijuana, Thursday, June 28, 6 p.m., at On Broadway Event Center (615 Broadway). Beer and sake tasting, food, live entertainment. \$50. 619-233-6873. (DOWNTOWN)

Good versus Evil in the Modern World pondered when P&R Discussion group gathers on Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., at

Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

It's "Winners' Circle" Night for Cruisin' Grand on Friday, June 29, 5-9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom, vintage, classic cars and trucks participate in cruise loop running down Grand Avenue and back up Second Avenue. Free viewing. 760-745-8877. Through September 28. (ESCONDIDO)

Bark Here Often? Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, June 29, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-243-3439. (LINDA VISTA)

Summer Survey '07 hosted by Objects USA runs June 29-July 1 at Ronis and Associates (1946 Broadway). Vintage works in a variety of media celebrating summer on offer, along with "1970s body ornaments." Reception on Friday, 7 p.m. Show hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat-

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urday and Sunday. Free admission. 619-238-3542. (GOLDEN HILL)

Books, LPs, CDs, DVDs on offer during book sale, Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free admission. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Creating Mind-Body Balance through increasing strength, flexibility, endurance is focus for classes combining hatha ("physical") and *vinyasa* ("flow") yoga styles, offered Saturdays, 1 p.m., at Kava Gallery (2804 Kettner Boulevard). All levels welcome in non-judgmental, noncompetitive environment. Bring yoga mat. Fee: \$12 per class, or \$60 for six classes. 619-543-0933. (LITTLE ITALY)

"A Toast to Music" is Saturday, June 30, 5 p.m., in East County Performing Arts Center Plaza (210 East Main Street). \$60 fee includes unlimited tasting from over 40 wineries, breweries, and restaurants; musical entertainment. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Explore Scripps Pier by the light of a full moon when the pier, normally closed to public, is open for exploration on Saturday, June 30,

7-9:30 p.m. Participants learn of structure's history, take water samples, collect plankton, observe ocean conditions, and study nocturnal habits of marine life. Fee: \$20 for adults, \$17 for those under 18. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

From Vintage to Modern — everything photographic offered during Bargain Camera Show, Sunday, July 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). General admission: \$4. 310-578-7446. (KEARNY MESA)

Celebrate the Independence of the U.S.A. during lawn program by House of United States at International Cottages, Sunday, July 1, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. Food for sale. (BALBOA PARK)

"Historic Fourth of July celebration" planned on Wednesday, July 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park (4002 Wallace Street). Sack races, needle in a haystack, pie-eating contest, egg toss, more. Flag raising, parade at noon. Re-enactors from San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association plan cannon-firing demonstrations. Free admission; minimal costs for games. 619-220-5422. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

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Taste of the Bay, salute to armed forces, fireworks planned on Wednesday, July 4, noon-9 p.m., at Bayside Park. Fireworks at 9 p.m. Free admission. 619-420-6603. (CHULA VISTA)

Yankee Doodle Dinghy Parade is slated for Wednesday, July 4, 2 p.m., at Oceanside Yacht Club and harbor. Participants decorate dinghies with creative, patriotic themes, then cruise harbor "for all to enjoy." Judging as boats pass Oceanside Yacht Club. 760-722-5751.

The O'Fest fireworks begin at 9 p.m., with viewing at Oceanside

beaches. Free. 760-967-2005. (OCEANSIDE)

Independence Day Celebration and "fireworks spectacular" planned Wednesday, July 4, at Grape Day Park (321 North Broadway) and California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Children's art projects, magic, clowning and juggling workshops by Sophia Isador Academy of Circus Arts, "Savor: A Tribute to Santana," Marine Band San Diego, fireworks (9 p.m.), much more. No barbecues, alcohol, dogs. Free. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Calling All Harry Potter Fans! San Diego State University Library plans series of brown-bag book discussions of each title in J.K. Rowling's series, every Thursday through July 26, noon, in room 430/431 of SDSU Library. Bring lunch, a book, comments and questions for discussion of each

book, starting with first in series and ending with discussion of final book (the week after its release). Costumes welcome. Free. 619-594-5148, 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

"Understanding Islam" is goal for P&R discussion group on Thursday, July 5, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House. Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Giddy Up, Cowboys!" Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs through Sunday, July 1, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Big Joe's Fireworks* presented by Big Joe Productions, July 5-8.

Showtimes: 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Mu-

seum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Tots and Tales interactive story time for preschoolers with animal stories, crafts, live animals on Thursday, June 28, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$2 per child. Required reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

There's Always Tomorrow! Broadway Bound Youth Theatre presents the musical *Annie!* with over 50 students from throughout San Diego, June 28-30 and July 1, at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$15. 858-486-2104. (ROLANDO)

Isn't It Funny How a Bear Likes Honey? Musical version of *Winnie-the-Pooh* is next production for San Diego Junior Theatre, June 29-July 15, in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on July 14 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8-\$13. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Make a Sea Mobile with origami when instructor Lisa Halverson leads "Oh Boy! Origami!" class for kids 5-12 years old, Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$3. Registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Musicology" is theme for annual recital presented by Katharine's Academy of Dance, Saturday, June 30, in Truax Theater at El Camino High School (400 Rancho del Oro Drive). Students 2-16 will

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Nancy Holder reads from *The Rose Bride*, Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Make Clay Pinch Pots with Jane-o on Saturday, June 30, 3 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Kids 3-13 will use "skills of early Native Americans" to make pots. Free. Register at park entrance booth. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

Sleep Back in Time! Family sleepover on the *Star of India*, Saturday, June 30, 3 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 1. "Imagine what life was like for immigrants and crew...during the Great Age of Sail." Imaginary voyage begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday, ends at 9 a.m. on Sunday. "Living history staff will be your time travel guides as you raise sail, rig a bosun's chair, hoist cargo, sing sea chanteys, learn about celestial navigation, and eat 'rat stew'" all without leaving dock. \$65 fee includes dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x124. (DOWNTOWN)

Pop Portraits, celebrate "Modern American Masters" during family day events, Sunday, July 1, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). "Don't miss your chance to screen print like Andy Warhol." Included in regular museum admission for adults (\$6 general), free for those 25 and younger. 858-454-3541 x151. (DOWNTOWN)

The Triple-Decker Knight Bus from *Harry Potter* books visits Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway) on Thursday, July 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (only preselected sweepstakes winners board bus). Activities: magicians, face painting, arts and crafts, Harry Potter games. Free. 619-238-6620. (MISSION VALLEY)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (MISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, 12 selected Bonita Valley artists are exhibiting their multimedia works through Saturday, July 7.

The museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road; 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and op-

erating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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Chinese Historical Society and Museum, "Treasures from Deep in the Mountains: Textiles and Silver Ornaments from Peoples of the Bronze Drum" showcases pieces from collection of Beatrice E. Roberts, acquired during her travels through minority regions of China. Roberts is interested in how cultures express themselves through jewelry, textiles, adornment, and folk art. Through August.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the mu-

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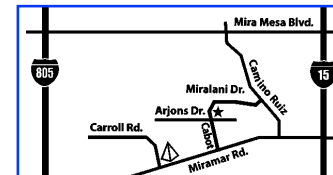
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seum at 360 Third Avenue. 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children Around the World* videos screened in Hall of Nations, select cottages open. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

Museum of San Diego History, "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San

OUT & ABOUT

"SPANISH VILLAGE III," PhotoArts Group reception, Saturday, June 30, Spanish Village Gallery 21.

(SEE GALLERIES)



THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS, DANA DUBBS

Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Olaf Wieghorst Museum, museum gallery displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists' American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20 x 20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst's painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. The museum is located at 131 Rea Avenue. 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "The Sonka Centennial, 1907-2007" commemorates immigrant German-Austrian family that fostered growth of modern Lemon Grove, laid cornerstone of its postagricultural economy with a successful general store; exhibition recreates part of store. In Gallery II, see a Lemon Grove home, circa 1915, stocked with items purchased from the Sonkas, and more. Through Saturday, December 22. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Listen Here! Making Sense of Sound," allows visitors to experience the nature of sound, how human beings perceive sound, and the act of listening through exhibits, activities, demonstrations. Exhibit from the Exploratorium in San Francisco continues through Sunday, June 1, 2008.

"Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our

everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "Aging for All Ages," "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "Try-Science!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "A Letter from the Ocean Hotel: Victorian Lady Traveler's Adventures in San Diego, 1888" includes glassware, dishes, bottles, personal items dating from late 1880s that were excavated from a block in East Village area downtown in 2002.

The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Mustangs Now and Then" continues through Sunday, September 2. More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Maritime Museum, maritime art by members of the Artists Guild of the San Diego Mu-

seum of Art continues through Wednesday, October 17. Expect to see pieces reflecting "rich marine heritage and environment of San Diego," its bay and coastline.

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

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land" tells story of profound changes metallurgy brought to human society; birth of Mediterranean farming, creation of first temples and ceme-

teries, emergence of complex societies. Exhibition chronicles development of humanity in present-day Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Highlights include photographs by *National Geographic* photographer Kenneth Garrett and collection of archaeological artifacts seen for first time on West Coast. Through January.

"Edward S. Curtis Refocused" offers Native American insight into Curtis's photo documentation of their lives. Curtis is famous for his photographs of recreated scenes of traditional life and ceremony, for portraits of tribe members wearing historic garments. Exhibition features prints of his photogravures taken in locations throughout U.S. and Canada and examines some controversial elements of Curtis's work, techniques he used.

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

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

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

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

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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

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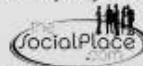


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Ancient Things and the Stuff of Dreams

"I shut myself in with my soul, and the shapes come eddying forth."

Daniel Maclise. Paul Falconer Poole. Thomas Uwins. Familiar names? Not to me either. Not until I did some background reading on the big summer exhibition at the San Diego Museum of Art, *Waking Dreams: The Art of the Pre-Raphaelites from the Delaware Art Museum*. Maclise, Poole, and Uwins were among the best-known English history painters of the mid-19th Century. Their refined academic technique imitated the exaggerated idealizing associated with Raphael that had been proselytized by Joshua Reynolds, the most influential British artist of the late-18th Century.

In 1848, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, John Everett Millais, and William Holman Hunt, young artists dissatisfied with the principles espoused by Reynolds ("Sir Sloshua," they called him), founded a revolutionary movement, the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, PRB for short, which in place of High Renaissance aesthetics announced new imperatives: to return to the pious values and painterly effects of 14th- and 15th-Century (pre-Raphael) art; to paint realistically from nature; and to treat (mostly medieval) subjects in order to spiritualize art's subject matter. "I shut myself in with my soul," Rossetti wrote, "and the shapes come eddying forth."

They were endorsed by the most influential critic of the time, John Ruskin, who was already urging a return to the clarities of Piero della Francesca and Fra Angelico. Here's Ruskin's take on the pre-Raphaelite enterprise: "They will draw either what they see or what they suppose might have been the actual facts of the scene they desire to represent." A great critic is nothing if not inconsistent. Ruskin swooned over Tintoretto, born two years before Raphael's death, whose decorations in the Scuola di San Rocco in Venice (a must-see if summer travel takes you that way) are the most heroically, gorgeously "incorrect" pictures in the world. The PRB, at any rate, looked back to the pristine observation and sharp drawing of "Early Christian" art, re-creating the

transparent, gem-cut colors of Piero and others with thin glazes laid over a wet white ground. Rossetti's *Mary Magdalene*, for instance, shimmers with fine-combed reds and greens. The Magdalene was a favorite pre-Raphaelite figure — they also drew on literary sources: Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, Byron, Keats, folk tales — but she's never a dusky Middle-Eastern type. Rossetti's repentant is a lassie

with a sea swell of wavy, ardent red hair, draped in granular lighting that softens her glamour-girl sensuousness.

Like many PRB portraits, Rossetti's *Mary Magdalene* is devotional art. Most of their pictures look like altarpieces, especially those confined in their original hulking gold frames, even when they treat secular subjects like the scene from the original "Sleeping Beauty" tale depicted in Edward Burne-Jones's *The Council Chamber*, where the king and his entourage fall asleep in the briar wood, all so artfully posed in their recumbent states, faces tilted just so to catch the light, that they look as if they're vogueing. Some artists even used gold leaf in their pictures, as did Fra Angelico, who was making devotional objects in fact. Like Ruskin, over time the PRB were inconsistent. After 1850 Millais imitated medieval art less and less until he finally abandoned PRB tenets, and none of the Brotherhood or their followers (Burne-Jones, Ford Madox Brown, Elizabeth Siddal, and Frederick Sandys, who produced a lissome *Mary Magdalene* of his own) in the end was comfortable with the stamp.

History's topsy-turviness produces odd results. Rossetti and the others, who even before Oscar Wilde and Walter Pater coined the phrase, believed in art for art's sake. They believed themselves innovators, restorers of anti-academic values that challenged received wisdom. But their art, in the afterburn of Courbet's realism, Impressionism, and the post-Impressionism of Van Gogh, Gauguin, and Bonnard, has come to seem, well, medieval, antiquated. On the other hand, like other smallish pouches in modern art history,

REVIEW

W.S. DI PIERO



Mary Magdalene. c. 1859, Frederick Sandys

Waking Dreams: The Art of the Pre-Raphaelites from the Delaware Art Museum
San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park
Through Sunday, July 29. For additional information, call 619-232-7931.

pre-Raphaelitism, as *Waking Dreams* attests, has received a fair amount of critical attention in recent years. I don't have happy things to say here, but viewers need to see and decide for themselves.

There's beauty on display, for sure, beauty all over the place, though its nature and quality give me pause.

Most of the figure paintings the PRB pro-

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duced, including their contemporary portraits of women called “stunners,” look like taxidermy, stuffed extinct birds, perfectly posed, not a hair or muscle or eyelash out of place, a faraway soupy dreaminess in their eyes. And the subjects? The poet William Butler Yeats, who began as a pre-Raphaelite painter, says in his *Autobiographies*, “Only ancient things and the stuff of dreams were beautiful.” Ancient and dreamy usually ran together. Beatrice, Dante’s real-life muse who died young and in *The Divine Comedy* guides him to paradise, was a prime subject. The historical Beatrice was just a preadolescent girl, slight, pale (Dante sees light suffusing her), and frail. Marie Spartali Stillman’s *Beatrice*, though made in 1895, is *echt* pre-Raphaelism. Twentysomething, robust, full-figured, *gazing* at nothing as if in a love reverie, she looks like a Rita Hayworth in period costume. This isn’t to say it’s a bad picture, it’s to say that the PRB’s ambition of revivifying painting now looks inflated and stagey, all the more evident when we consider the Romanticism that preceded it, Romanticism as enacted in Delacroix’s wild, bloody, sexy, maelstrom-brushworked pictures. What in the 1850s seemed so fresh has now become, topsy-turvy, Romanticism’s too-well-behaved stepchild, stale and self-enthralled.

The exhibition is a crash course not just in PRB painting but in the way its precepts carried over into crafts. Ruskin enthused over PRB design arts. A social reformer and England’s public conscience about the ills of industrialization, he was al-



Lady Lilith, 1866–1868, Dante Gabriel Rossetti

ready preaching a return to cottage industry, where artisans produced objects start to finish, in lieu of the tedious piecemeal production of the new manufacturing economy, of what the poet Blake called the “dark, satanic mills” of an industrialized England. One branch of pre-Raphaelism, led by the artist, writer, and designer William Morris, pursued a program that aligned perfectly with Ruskin’s teachings. He and Edward Burne-Jones collaborated on a stunning stained-glass window featuring a Viking ship whose billowing sails look like sheeted copper ellipsoids designed by Frank Gehry. Morris collaborated with Rossetti, too, on a set of chairs that look like props from *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, rough-cut, with pinned mortise and tenon joinery, decorated with chivalric scenes.

My favorite things were what the PRB would have regarded as their slightest work, Rossetti’s *Elephant Drawings*, comic sketches he sent along with letters to his onetime mistress, Fanny Cornforth. He spoofed them both. She was Elephant, he signed himself Rhinoceros (big horned, right?). He teases about their increasing corpulence and her chronic cash flow problems: in one sketch she’s salting in a safe cash Rossetti sent with a letter; in another she’s fiddling away time while playing solitaire. These drawings aerate an exhibition of artists who were nothing if not *serious*, as do the zany ceramic tobacco jars of leering birds and grotesques swabbed with gluey glazes. One room is dedicated to

the stunners, much in demand, produced by several painters. Different artists, same stunner, like the different but near-identical blonde bombshells, the Marilyn and Jaynes, of the 1950s. Busty, auburn haired, rivering silk and velvet bustles and skirts, plumped, bow-shaped, creamy red lips, usually accompanied by a “feminine” attribute like a violin or mirror or tea service. They’re conventionalized beauties. It’s not the type that concerns me — one person’s hubba-hubba is another’s so-what — but the quality of the representation. They recall Courbet’s portrait of *Jo* (in the Metropolitan), who scrutinizes her face in a mirror while finger-raking loose, wild tresses: it drips with the erotic humidity that soaks the air between extraordinary artists and their models. Pre-Raphaelite stunners, like Rossetti’s *Lady Lilith*, a virtual imitation of the Courbet, though easy on the eye, are matched to an idealizing template of select female qualities. Any one of them, especially Anthony Frederick Sandys’s *May Margaret*, can make your breath click, but for some of us, if you’ve seen one, you’ve seen them all. ■

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GALLERIES

“Mackenzie Thorpe: A Crossroads,” comprehensive exhibit of original, limited-edition works and his new book *Crossroads* by the British artist continues through Wednesday, August 15, at Fingerhut Gallery (205 Prospect Street). Reception: Friday, June 29, 7 p.m. Reception reservations: 858-456-9900. (LA JOLLA)

“Spanish Village III,” an array of fine AAA photographs by members of PhotoArts Group is on view through Monday, July 9, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Meet artists during reception, Saturday, June 30, 4:30 p.m. 760-727-2889. (BALBOA PARK)

“What Goes Around Comes Around,” art show “about rethinking, reusing, recycling, and redefining what art is and can be” opens with reception for the eight artists, Saturday, June 30, 7 p.m., at Maek Gallery (364 2nd Street, suite 6, 760-310-1343.). Closes Sunday, July 15. (ENCINITAS)

“Transformations,” works in variety of media by eight artists may be viewed through Sunday, July 8, at La Jolla Art Association Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception for artists is Sunday, July 1, 4 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)



Romeo and Juliet, 1869–1870, Ford Madox Brown

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “Translucent Visions: Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker — A Retrospective in Watercolor” examines, “through a selection of more than 130 watercolors, the variety of subjects these artists explored over the years.” Paintings include landscapes, cityscapes, animal studies, figurative genre, fruit and floral still-lives, Mexico.

“Personal Connections: An Intimate Portrait of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker,” boasts “selection of personal photographs taken from the collection of Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker,” documenting life and times of these American watercolor artists.

Printmaking is a creative process known for its abundance of materials, processes available creating a wide range of effects; it is “in a constant state of renewal, experimentation, and innovation.” Select artists from San Diego & North County Printmakers have work on view in “Following the Paper Trail: Exploring the Art of Contemporary Printmaking,” highlighting different techniques, styles. On view: collection of lithography, monoprints, etchings, collographs, intaglios, aquatints, linocuts, and woodblock prints.

“Mi Corazón Escondido (My Hidden Heart)” by David Avalos focuses on life in contemporary Escondido. Avalos worked in collaboration with county artists, poets, activists, and residents to transform everyday objects into art works suitable for chapels, flea markets, museum galleries.

All of these exhibitions close on Wednesday, July 4. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum — North County, “Paper Transformed,” exhibition made up of “Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses” and “Origami — The Art of Paper Folding” from Mingei’s permanent col-

lection continues through Saturday, July 21. For “Crowning Glory,” Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. “Origami” boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, “Eva Zeisel — Extraordinary Designer Craftsman at 100,” draws on two large private California collections to chronicle the artist’s 75-year career. By Zeisel’s accounting, she’s designed more than 100,000 objects for home and table. She was the first designer in this country to produce an all-white dinner service and first to teach ceramics as industrial design for mass production rather than as handcraft. Closes Sunday, August 12.

Masterworks from permanent collection are gathered in “The Beauty of Use — Mingei International Museum at 30,” showcasing significant objects from many cultures shown in relationships highlighting similarities and differences among them. Museum has formed a collection *mingei* now comprising 17,000 objects from 141 countries such as collection of 19th-Century African tribal currency, group of masks including example of Amazonian feather work, ritual objects, selection of monumental containers. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Modern American Masters” features major modernist works by Frank Stella, Andy Warhol, Barnett Newman, Clyfford Still, and Ellsworth Kelly. Exhibition — representing pinnacle of American midcentury art-making practices, from abstract expressionism to pop to early minimalism — presents examples of each artist’s work in pivotal moments in their careers. Closes Sunday, July 1.

Los Angeles-based artist Robert Therrien is said to recycle, reinter-

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pret common images in uncommon ways. See two works by Therrien, including an enormous wood dining table and chairs, and a new work of an oversized folding table with folding chairs, through Sunday, September 23. Show includes selection of early works by Therrien from MCASD's collection.

"Cerca Series: William Feeney" — continuing through Saturday, July 7 — showcases existing artwork plus several new collage and sculptural works specifically made for the exhibition by the Encinitas-based sculptor.

"The Art Guys," Houston artists Jack Massing and Michael Galbreth, "have worked collaboratively since 1983 devising tongue-in-cheek conceptual artworks to poke fun at contemporary art's intellectual pretensions and commercialism." See *The Big Sneeze*, a mechanical sculpture taking "wheezing and sneezing to a higher plane." Through Saturday, July 7.

"Collectors XXII" showcases selections assembled by curatorial staff to be voted on for purchase by museum's Contemporary Collectors and International Collectors groups. Pieces include sculpture, painting, sound installation; proposed selections are by established and emerging artists. Closes Saturday, July 7.

Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto exhibits his largest and most intricate installation to date through Sunday, September 23.

Richard Wright, an artist from Glasgow, Scotland, created two site-specific works in Strauss Gallery of the Jacobs Building during his August and September 2006 residency at MCASD. They're on view through Sunday, September 23.

Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Vik Muniz: Reflex" — continuing through Sunday, September 2 — surveys more than 100 photographic works from 1988 to present, comprising "all of his major series to date." The Brazilian artist has been making photographs documenting his pictorial reconstructions of famous images of well-known people, photojournalism, and art history, constructed from materials including dirt, sugar, wire, string, chocolate syrup, peanut butter, ketchup, color chips, plastic toys, junk, diamonds.

"Diagrammatic Logic: Selections from the Collection," opening Sunday, July 1, and continuing through Sunday, September 23, presents prints, paintings, drawings, and mixed-media artworks from museum's collection utilizing "underlying logic and visual shorthand of the diagram — abstract and codified representations that express emerging concepts, ideas, constructions, and relations — to assemble and manipulate potential alternative realities." Exhibit includes work by Robert Rauschenberg, Loren Madsen, Keith Coventry, Russell Forester, Terry Winters, Claes Oldenburg, Stephen Antonakos, Doug Wheeler, Matt Mullican.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Harry Callahan: The Photographer at Work" chronicles

work by "one of the most influential photographers of the 20th Century." Exhibition presents negatives, transparencies, proof prints, contact sheets, other materials; these "archival items illuminate the processes and techniques Callahan used to express his visual ideas over the course of his 60-year career." Closes Sunday, September 9.

"Arthur Lavine: Peripatetic Pleasures and Meditations" continues through Sunday, September 2. Lavine served as a noncombat photographer during World War II, freelance magazine photographer in New York City in 1950s, spent 22 years as photographer for Chase Manhattan Bank.

"Nature and Spirit: The Photographs of Ansel Adams" — also closing on Sunday, September 2 — explores artists' mastery in translating light into an inspiring, finished photograph.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "The '70s: Surf Photography by Jeff Divine and Classic Boards from the Era," opens with reception for Divine, Saturday, June 30, 5 p.m. (\$8). Divine grew up in La Jolla, began taking photographs of his friends surfing in the mid-1960s. Exhibition features a selection of early images, focusing on surf culture in Southern California and Hawaii. Concurrently, see vintage surfboards from Southern California collections. Through Sunday, September 2. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, iconic images of 19th-Century

British art showcased in international touring exhibition drawn from "largest and most prestigious collection of Pre-Raphaelite art outside the United Kingdom," continuing through Sunday, July 29. "Waking Dreams: The Art of the Pre-Raphaelites from the Delaware Art Museum," boasts 130 paintings, watercolors, drawings, ceramics, jewelry, furniture from some of the most important artists of era. Highlights include Rossetti's *Water Willow* and *Lady Lillith*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Dream of Sardanapalus* by Ford Madox Brown, *Mary Magdalene* by Frederick Sandys.

"Contemporary Links 5 — Alex Arrechea: Scalpel and Cotton," opening Saturday, June 30, includes large-scale photomural based on Diego Rivera's *Hands of Dr. Moore*; a large sculpture installation involving surveillance cameras and projected image of Rivera's *Mandrágora*; several large-scale works on paper based on art objects in museum's Latin American collection. Closes Sunday, October 14.

"Tastes in Asian Art," continuing through Sunday, December 2, features over 80 new works, many of which have never been displayed before. Highlights include new subsection of sculptures of *lo-hans* (enlightened monks), newly restored Chinese ancestor portraits, a screen of samurai warriors, an elaborate deck devoted to Tibetan art featuring bronze sculptures, furniture, 18th-Century shrine doors.

"Lyric Visions from Nezami's *Quintet*," continuing through Sunday, December 16, includes more than 20 paintings created for or inspired by Nezami's texts, "among

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The Summer Brass Workshop led by Westwind Brass at San Diego State University School of Music and Dance culminates with free concert by workshop ensembles, Saturday, June 30, 4 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. 619-501-3562. (SDSU)

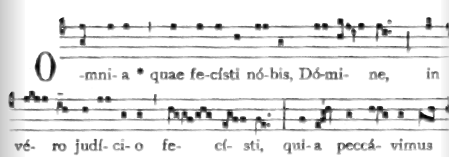
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Soldiers, Bullfighters, Cigar Rollers

"In my country a woman in such a costume would have made people cross themselves."

After a number ended, late in the La Jolla Playhouse's *Carmen*, five or so dancers stood in a circle, illumined in red. Then four left the stage. The fifth, facing front, remained, as if she had a function in the next scene, slowly materializing behind her. Offstage you could hear a heartfelt "Psst!" The dancer flashed a deer-in-the-headlights look, her mouth formed an O, and she raced off. Hers was the only spontaneous reaction in the entire performance.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

We all have our *Carmens*. At some point some production of the Bizet opera, or Prosper Merimee's 1845 novel, or one of the thirty or so re-imaginings established permanent residence in the memory banks. Something about the tragic tale makes everything on our side of the proscenium feel mundane: a man who renounces the world, but for a woman, not a religion; a *gitanella* who lives not moment-to-moment. *Carmen* lives moment/then moment, each a separate world, and woe to the man who tries to connect them.

This is Lorca territory. The original libretto for the Bizet opera, by H. Meilhac and L. Halevy, pares Merimee's novella to essentials, with the passion, the damn-the-torpedoes fatality of Federico Garcia Lorca's *Blood Wedding*: trim, swift, inexorable.

The bulbous, blaring world premiere at the Playhouse takes the opposite tack. It's full of sound

and fury—but for everything. Under Franco Dragone's relentless, preemptive-strike direction, a dropped bota bag or a skinned knee would receive the same epic, orgasmic treatment as *Les Miz* at the barricades. Since everything gets staged with equal intensity, the real dramatic moments lose emphasis.

One example. The famous tobacco factory scene begins with bushels of leaves spiraling down on the female workers like giant yellow teardrops. But it's downhill after the knockout visual. *Carmen* sings "Freedom Is Now" and seduces her co-workers from their status quo beliefs. Then *Carmen* duels with a co-worker. But they don't fight. They do a flamenco dance-off, rousing but so stylized it trades danger for showbiz—the director's pet tactic—1830 Seville for 2007 Broadway. Almost as an afterthought, *Carmen* stabs the woman. She dies. Next scene.

The music isn't sung, it's shouted. Like *Carmen*'s view of life, the notes aren't connected. Each is a distinct blast, backed by a live band determined to sound synthesized. The pop score—chord and key changes recalling early Andrew Lloyd Webber with a pseudo-Seville tinge—muffles the lyrics, which may be a good thing, since most people know the story and the lyrics are, at best, inane.

This production has a morbid fear of dead air.



Ryan Silverman, Janien Valentine in *Carmen*

Carmen, book by Sarah Miles, music by John Ewbank, lyrics by AnnMarie Milazzo, based on the novella by Prosper Merimee

La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD

Directed by Franco Dragone; cast: Janien Valentine, Ryan Silverman, Victor Wallace, Natalia Zisa, Neal Bernari, Shannon Lewis, Cesar Samayoa, Carlos Sierra-Lopez, Shelly Thomas, Genson Blimline; scenic design, Klara Zieglerova; costumes, Suzy Benzinger; lighting, Christopher Akerlind; sound, Francois Bergeron; choreography, Sarah Miles; music director, Jeffrey Klitz

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But since everything happens on one level, the story flattens out, and *Carmen* suffers most of all.

"She wore a red skirt, very short, which exposed

to view her white silk stockings, with many a hole in them," writes Prosper Merimee of his heroine, her black lace mantilla drawn back to display her

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shoulders. "In my country a woman in such a costume would have made people cross themselves."

That sentence has a world view absent at the Playhouse. In the novella and the opera, Carmen is different, Other. As Carmen, except for repeatedly missed high notes, Janien Valentine has the requisite fire. But so does everyone else! Soldiers, bullfighters, cigar-rollers belt tunes and dance Sarah Miles's passionate but repetitious patterns with vigor. No one's repressed. No one's offended. No stockings have holes. The exuberance around her dwarfs Carmen.

The production does have arresting sights: smoke wafts and billows along the ground with such precision you'd swear it's choreographed. At one point Christopher Akerlind's other-wise circus-garish lighting turns green ivy into red bougainvillea. A giant cross and a hanged man suspend from above. Many scenes take place, however, within an ugly, floor-to-ceiling black metallic façade. It's like being locked inside the Man in the Iron Mask's mask.

The cast has obvious talent, even when performing in Assault Mode. Ryan Silverman sings Jose's numbers in a rich, booming tenor. The production sells every song as a show-stopper, but when Silverman closes Act One with Jose's soliloquy "To Say Goodbye," questioning whether he should leave his wife for Carmen, it's the genuine article. The night I caught the show, some in the audience gave Silverman and Valentine a standing ovation that they, at least, deserved.

At the other extreme: one of Carmen's lovers — I forget which; the production blurs them together — orders her to "ven aca" ("come here" in Spanish). Only the actor pronounces it *vaca*, which means "cow." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Arcadia

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Carmen

Reviewed this issue. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, THROUGH JULY 22; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

Devil Dog Six

Mary Fengar Gail's world-premiere comedy-drama takes place on several levels. It's a mystery (did male jockeys conspire against Devon, a rising female star, and cause a disastrous fall?) full of horseplay and an examination of gender types and differences. JoAnn Glover excels as Devon, who can leave her wire- and tubed-body at the hospital and hang out with thoroughbreds at the stable. She learns to speak horse, then almost becomes one. Devon says she's a chicken among wolverines. But Glover gives her more than a touch of the wolf. She also shows, in scene after scene, that because of her "unwomanly" ambitions, the male-dominated sport has treated her like a horse all along. Moxie co-directors Jennifer Eve Thorn and Esther Emery encourage splashy theatricality. The opening-night performance had yet to meld the elements, in places, but showed signs that it would. *Devil Dog Six* — named for the biggest two-year-old around and a cinch to win the Dixie Derby — has a big palette, and Nick Fouch has designed an appropriate canvas. The audience sits on two sides of a race-track, wooden rails separating them from the bare stage. Most of the

play's backstory, told during the slo-mo running of the Dixie Derby, which rematerializes every so often and which, as Wellington said of Waterloo, is a "damn close run thing." Moxie has two contests: a fancy hat competition and a bet on the Derby. Laurence Brown plays Devil Dog Six with so much skill he's the odds-on favorite (the play is named for him, after all). But as Mary Fengar Gail shows, maybe not this time, but sometimes it pays to bet the heart and not the chalk.

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Hamlet

The Old Globe Theatre opens its Summer Shakespeare Festival with the Bard's tragedy. Darko Tresnjak directed. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: *HAMLET* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA* AND *MEASURE FOR MEASURE*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-234-5623.

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Mexican Standoff For about a year, David "DJ Faded" Casillas and his partner Hector "DJ Kieto" Topete have promoted hip-

their operations to TJ. Six months ago, they started bringing in rappers for once-a-month showcases. Now, Casillas's biggest concern is with a competing TJ bar.

"Club Animales is two blocks away, on [Avenida] Revolución.... If we get [Oakland rapper] E-40, they will get Pit Bull or some

a.m. Their show is supposed to start at midnight."

Albert Calderon, promoter/marketing director at Club Animales, agrees that the two TJ dance clubs have been going after the same patrons for seven years, but he says the idea of an inter-club fight is silly.

"Each club has its own following," says Calderon, who denies there is any spying. He concurs that DJ Quik did not show for a promised Club Animales show, but he says it had nothing to do with sabotage.

"His agent called me around 11 p.m.," says Calderon, "and he said they wanted the second half of their pay paid to him in the U.S. before he would come down. It took time to cross the border. We couldn't get it to him in time."

Both clubs pass out flyers

to pedestrians crossing the border, and both clubs' cover charge (\$18 for men, \$15 for women) provides patrons with all they can drink.

world's first Internet concert club," according to the online 420 Channel. Organizer Jay Znamirovski uses three cameras to film performances, which he edits and then puts up on YouTube.

"There's no cover for these shows," says Znamirovski. "We compensate the bands with free food, drinks, and two fully mastered videos from their show."

What good is this venture to the club?

"Molly Malone's has excellent band facilities, and the owner — also a musician — wants to eventually be on par with the Casbah and draw people from all over town."

Znamirovski, who plays in a cover band called Trunk Monkey, finances the video production from his day job as Web designer.

"I don't make anything [at Molly Malone's]," he

says, "but the hope is that, if 420 takes off, I'll attract investors, advertisers, maybe some sponsorships."

As for the 420 Channel name, "I may have actually been short-sighted in my choice of what to name the thing," Znamirovski noted on a blog. "Appearing on something named after [marijuana] culture could create a problem.... I thought it was a great marketing tag that would be easy to remember." The next

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hop nights on Fridays at Club Mystere in Tijuana.

"We hardly have any problems down there," says Casillas. "People are scared of the cops in Tijuana or they are scared of the security guards."

Casillas and Topete have been doing hip-hop events for eight years.

"We started doing all-age parties in La Mesa," says Casillas. The opportunity to host shows at Mystere (formerly Rancho Grande) prompted the duo to move

other big name to play on the same night."

Casillas alleges that the inter-club duel involves stealing away popular DJs and infiltrating the other's operation with spies. Casillas admits that he and Topete have retaliated against Club Animales.

"One night they had DJ Quik for a show," says Casillas. "We knew his agent, so we met him at his hotel room. We ended up hanging out with him all night. He didn't get to the club until 3



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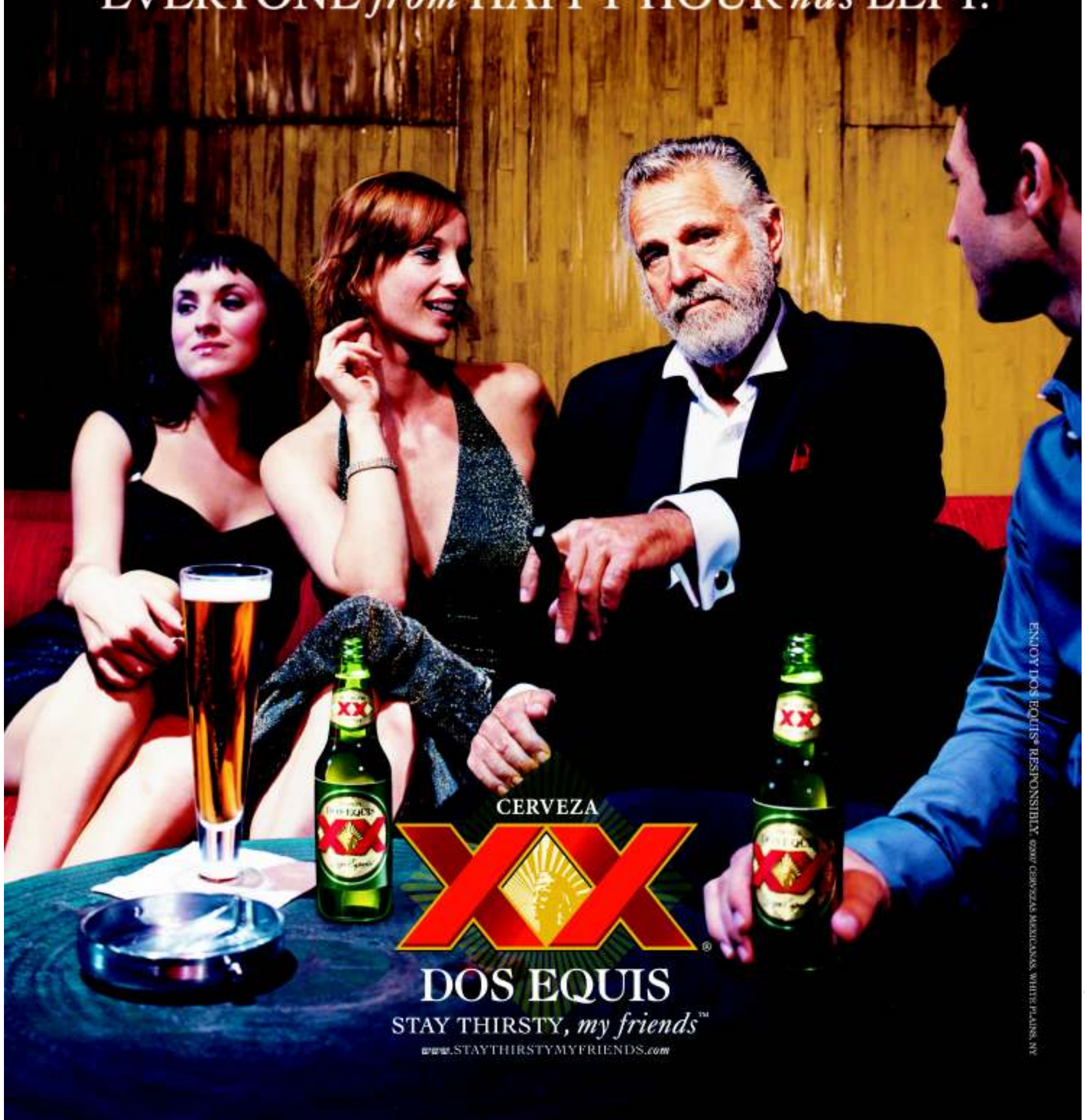
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— Jay Allen Sanford

The Damage Done

Local club DJs have been switching over to Serato Scratch Live, a digital system that allows DJs to use turntables in conjunction with laptop computers. With a Serato system (about \$500 retail), the DJ uses the same two vinyl 12-inch “control records” that function more like a computer mouse than a record.

Though DJ Misha does



DJ MISHA KEEPS HIS SOUND WARM

not use Serato, he admits that “It does have its advantages. You don’t have to carry around your records, you can put as many songs as you want on your laptop, it’s great for traveling, and you don’t have to buy records; you just download songs from the Internet or you trade them for free....”

“A large percentage of the

DJs at venues downtown use some form of the Serato system. It’s been that way for the last three years or so.”

Misha says he’ll stick with vinyl for as long as he can. “There is nothing like the sound you get when you put a needle on a fresh piece of vinyl for the first time. The sound of a vinyl record is much warmer. Digital will never beat out analog.... [But] record stores are losing business really fast. There were two local dance-music record stores that just closed up in the last two years.”

He says he gets most of his vinyl shipped to him.

“The two remaining stores — California Stage and Lighting in Old Town and United Records in North Park — are struggling to survive with all the digital downloads.... Artists who make house, dance music, and electronica have seen a dramatic drop in demand. Where they used to be able to sell 10,000 copies of a vinyl record they produced, now it’s down to, like, 2000 worldwide.”

DJ Misha performs on Saturday at Jack’s La Jolla with sax player Jason Whitmore and Sunday at Harney Sushi in Old Town.

— Ken Leighton

91X to Rock Harder?

“We’re a rock station now” is how one station staffer describes the new direction of 91X. Employees of Finest City Broadcasting who operate 91X have lately been telling others in the industry that the station is moving toward a harder rock sound.

Although the change is not drastic, some have noticed that the station now plays new music by Korn, and a Metallica cut was heard on the noontime *Resurrection Lunch* show; neither act has been a 91X mainstay. The station is also playing more

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songs by Three Days Grace, Stone Sour, and Operator while it backs away from emo artists such as Fall Out Boy and My Chemical Romance.

The move to harder music could be a response to the latest quarterly Arbitron ratings that indicate 91X earned its lowest ratings in its 24-year history. The station’s 1.6 rating makes 91X the 25th most popular station in San Diego County (FM 94/9 is in 21st place; Rock 105.3 is in 15th).

A new afternoon DJ/music director named Capone — from an alternative station in Albany, New York — may be credited for 91X’s redirection. While still in Albany, he pointed out that his station was “...number three in the market.” When asked if he would make 91X rock harder, he said all comments would have to come from his new boss, 91X program

director Phil Manning.

Manning had no comment on any new musical direction, nor would he comment on why he moved the two-hour all-local *Loudspeaker* show from 6 p.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. Monday or why he fired 11-year veteran DJ Trevor Trent.

Another incentive for 91X to rock harder is the fact that, last Friday, CBS Radio pulled the plug on its low-rated FM talk station “Free FM” (103.7 FM) and

including Fall Out Boy, My Chemical Romance, and Panic at the Disco.

In response to 91X playing harder rock songs, Rock 105.3 has begun airing a promo that alludes to the 91X slogan (“The Cutting edge of rock”): “If you have to say your’re the cutting edge of rock, then brother, you ain’t.”



JEWEL (LEFT) TELLS IT ON THE HILL

— Ken Leighton

Jewel Has the Floor...

“I know firsthand what it’s like to be young and without a roof over my head,” Jewel told members of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, June 19. She testified at a hearing on “the crisis of youth homelessness, disconnected youth, and youth aging out of foster care.”

“I’m blessed that my own story has had such a positive

ending,” she told the subcommittee. “But the same cannot be said for the over

one million kids out there on the streets who are at risk and have no voice in society.”

Jewel says she ran away from home at 15 and lived in a van while playing San Diego coffeehouses.

“I can’t tell you how many times I was propositioned [to be a prostitute],” she said on camera while on Capitol Hill.

— Michael Hemmingson

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May Jacob is 24 and lives in Golden Hill. She is the producer of Maystar's Fashion Whore Discotheque and Fashion Show, which runs the second Saturday of every month at the Brass Rail in Hillcrest.

May encourages the audience and the models to dress up. "We have theme nights," she says. "Pirates" was one theme. "Some people came dressed up like Jack Sparrow from *Pirates of the Caribbean*." Theme nights, she says, "bring out more open-minded and creative people. It's more fun. People aren't standing around crossing their arms and trying to look cool."

May also produces an indie dance night called Pop Noir at Static on Broadway. "Pop Noir attracts a lot of the hipster and the scenester crowd." *Urbandictionary.com* defines a scenester as a "person who tries very hard to fit the stereotype of a certain scene, often having to do with a specific genre of music (emo, indie, punk, rock). Dresses and acts in a prescribed fashion. Image focused. Vain."

May describes her iPod as "old school, with a black-and-white screen. I think it's a 40-gig, and it's the kind where you've got no scroll wheel."

She says that creating the soundtrack for the fashion shows is her province. "Sometimes we don't even discuss it [with the designers]. We just put on music." She says the music and the fash-

ions are often unrelated. "We play what we want to play and the fashion occasionally matches." When she does entertain playlist suggestions, May retains full veto power. A designer's song list can be nixed for "not being fashion show enough," meaning, she says, "the tempo, or something, is not right to walk to. Or the music is not consistent."

"Music," she continues, "is very important. Bad music attracts the wrong crowd." May stores some of the selections that she uses for her fashion shows on her iPod. "I research music on MySpace and Pandora.com sometimes," she says, "and I download random stuff."

The Fashion Whore disco was born of May's interest in fashion and a desire to start a nightclub of her own. "I'd want it to be either in North Park or in Hillcrest. I'd want it to be abstract, mixed with '60s mod. I have specific ideas, but I don't want to give them away for other people to steal."

May is wearing a vintage '70s shortie nightgown. "Polyester, thin, off-white, with a maroon pattern design," she says. "And a short, vintage, light-pink faux fur wrap; clear stockings with thin black stripes, held together with safety pins where there are holes; pink '50s-style platforms; a flapper-style, sequined, feathered headband; see-through pink socks with black polka dots,

turned into gloves; and a white '60s mod-style bracelet on one wrist and a white plastic ring on the other."

"It's weird," she says. "Everybody thinks I'm into fashion based on how I dress and how I look. I don't read fashion magazines. I don't watch *Project Runway*. I view my own personal fashion as an art form. I put together colors and textures in an outfit much the same way an artist puts together a painting."

May performs and records with Abe Deleon in an art-pop duo called Maystar. They've appeared at the Casbah, the Kensington Club, and Brick by Brick. May writes and sings. "I also do a little bit of synth." She calls Maystar's music "indie-minimal-experimental," with a touch of the electronic. "I like the cold, hard, dark sound of a drum machine."

Top-Ten Songs on May Jacob's iPod:

1. "Sorry I Sang on Your Hands That Have Been in the Grave," Sunset Rubdown
2. "Look at You, You're Ugly," Nora Keyes
3. "Wildcat," Ratatat
4. "Siamese Twins," the Cure
5. "Lose Me," Denali
6. "Everything Is Grey," Maystar
7. "Little Life," Josephine Foster



May Jacob

8. "Teach Me How to Fight," the Junior Boys
9. "Black Eyes," Snowden
10. "No Signs of Pain," Azure Ray ■

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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The All-American Rejects: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 28, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Alison Krauss: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, June 28, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Acoustic Alchemy: House of Blues, Thursday, June 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

FRIDAY

Lauryn Hill: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Brad Paisley: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, June 29, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Biz Markie: 'Canes, Friday, June 29, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Steve Poltz and Anya Marina: The Casbah, Friday, June 29, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

SATURDAY

Tina Malia: WorldBeat Cultural Center, Saturday, June 30, 2100 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-230-1190.

SUNDAY

Fall Out Boy and +44: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 1, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Widespread Panic: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 1, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

MONDAY

The Moody Blues: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 2, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Joan Armatrading: 4th & B, Monday, July 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

TUESDAY

Switchfoot: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 3, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JULY

Band of Horses: 'Canes, Friday, July 6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Blues Traveler: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Squirrel Nut Zippers: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, July 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Brett Dennen: House of Blues, Monday, July 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 10, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Ani DiFranco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Disco Biscuits: House of Blues, Wednesday, July 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Royal Crown Revue: Anthology, Wednesday, July 11, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Rusted Root: House of Blues, Thursday, July 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Willie Nelson: Open Air Theatre, Thursday, July 12, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Silverchair: House of Blues, Friday, July 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Psychedelic Furs: 4th & B, Saturday, July 14, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Stephen Stills: House of Blues, Saturday, July 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Beach Boys: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

No Use for a Name: The Casbah, Sunday, July 15, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Willie Nelson: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Aly & AJ, Corbin Bleu, and Drake Bell: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, July 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Fray, Gomez, and Easley: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Cowboy Junkies and Joan Osborne: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Kenny Rankin: Anthology, Tuesday, July 17, and Wednesday, July 18, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Boz Scaggs: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"American Idols Live": San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, July 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Polyphonic Spree: 'Canes, Friday, July 20, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

John Hiatt and Shawn Colvin: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Dream Theater: Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, July 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Lyle Lovett and k.d. lang: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 25, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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Dale Watson: The Casbah, Wednesday, July 25, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Lynyrd Skynyrd: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Bob Weir and Keller Williams: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Maximo Park: The Casbah, Saturday, July 28, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Godsmack: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 28, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Bangles: House of Blues, Saturday, July 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Hootie & the Blowfish: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Midnite: WorldBeat Cultural Center, Sunday, July 29, 2100 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-230-1190.

Rush: Coors Amphitheatre, Monday, July 30, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Tears for Fears: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Projekt Revolution": Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, July 31, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

AUGUST

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, August 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Billy Bob Thornton: House of Blues, Thursday, August 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Clay Aiken: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 3, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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Chris Cornell: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Huey Lewis & the News: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Ana Gabriel: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

SI*SE: House of Blues, Sunday, August 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jo Dee Messina: 4th & B, Thursday, August 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Minnie Driver: The Casbah, Friday, August 10, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Squeeze: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 11, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 12, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Keb' Mo' and Robert Cray Band: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 14, and Wednesday, August 15, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Poison: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, August 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Hilary Duff: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, August 14, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Colin Hay: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Dramarama and a Flock of Seagulls: House of Blues, Thursday, August 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Deep Purple: 4th & B, Thursday, August 16, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Los Lonely Boys: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 18, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Aggrolites: House of Blues, Saturday, August 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

311: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, August 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

India.Arie: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

UB40: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

ZZ Top, the Pretenders, and the Stray Cats: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 19, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Dweezil Zappa: House of Blues, Tuesday, August 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Gipsy Kings: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 22, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

UB40: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 22, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Diana Krall: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Wednesday, August 22, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

Dr. John: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Crowded House: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 24, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

"Warped Tour 2007": Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Blue October: House of Blues, Friday, August 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Asia: 4th & B, Friday, August 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Marilyn Manson and Slayer: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, August 25, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Beyonce: Cox Arena, Sunday, August 26, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Gogol Bordello: House of Blues, Monday, August 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Wilco: Open Air Theatre, Monday, August 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Lonestar: 4th & B, Wednesday, August 29, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Randy Travis: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 31, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

SEPTEMBER

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 2, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

B.B. King and Etta James: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 4, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Daryl Hall & John Oates: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Temptations and the Four Tops: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 6, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rise Against: Soma, Friday, September 7, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Incubus: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Steve Vai: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Monday, September 10, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 15, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Guster: House of Blues, Sunday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The White Stripes: Viejas Concerts at Bayside, Tuesday, September 18, Embarcadero Park South, 619-445-5400.

The New Pornographers: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

America: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Clay Walker: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

"Street Scene": Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

Eddie Money: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Pepe Aguilar: Cox Arena, Sunday, September 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Kenny G: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Kenny G: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Rick Springfield: Palomar Starlight Theater, Saturday, September 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Steve Miller Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, October 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Steve Tyrell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 7, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

NOVEMBER

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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DANCE

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Air Conditioned: Wednesdays, *RockBoxx*, '70s and '80s rock. Thursdays, *Too Cool for School*, old-skool hip-hop, '80s, and funk. Fridays, old-skool disco, funk, and '80s. Saturdays, *Juicy*, classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. Mondays, *House of Rep*, hip-hop and funk and soul. Tuesdays, *the Ethereal*, dream-pop bliss. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Bar Dynamite: Mondays, *Dub Dynamite*, dub-hall, rub-a-roots, reggae bass. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Beauty Bar: Fridays, *Feel the Noise*, electronic dance rock beats. 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge. 619-516-4746.

Brass Rail: Second Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electro, indie, and Britpop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Candelas: Thursdays, *Dive*, deep soulful house music. 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Club Montage: Sundays, first floor, *Klub Retro*, nu wave, synth-pop, and new romantic; second floor, *Underworld*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego. 619-294-9590.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth and Adam Atom. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Gaslamp Tavern: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, DJs Billie Knight and Tech spin hip-hop, '80s, and R&B. 10 p.m. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. Sundays, *Hot Summer Sundays* featuring guest DJs. Wednesdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and glitch hop. Sundays, *Dubstep*, downtempo, hip-hop, and jazz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Third Saturday of the month, hip-hop, funk, and soul with DJs Thumbprint and Concise. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *ReDo*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Buddha and SC. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue bachata, and reggaeton. 8:30 p.m.; 18 and up. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

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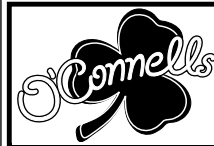
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Thursday, July 19 • 7:00

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Sunday, July 22 • 7:30

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Tuesday, July 24 • 7:00

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Wednesday, July 25 • 7:00

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Friday, July 27 • 6:00

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Sunday, July 29 • 7:30

Tears For Fears
Monday, July 30 • 8:00

**Larry Carlton
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All Star Guitar Night**
Tuesday, July 31 • 7:30

AUGUST

MusiQ Soulchild
with special guest **Chrisette Michele**
Friday, August 3 • 7:30

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with special guest **Paul Thorn Band**
Sunday, August 5 • 7:30

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Sunday, August 12 • 7:30

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Thursday, August 16 • 7:30

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Monday, August 20 • 7:30

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Sunday, Sept. 2 • 7:30

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Tuesday, Sept. 4 • 7:00

**Daryl Hall
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Wednesday, Sept. 5 • 8:00

Temptations / Four Tops
Thursday, Sept. 6 • 7:30

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Friday, Sept. 7 • 8:00

Heart
featuring **Ann & Nancy Wilson**
Sunday, Sept. 9 • 7:30

Doobie Brothers
with special guest **Johnny "V" Vernazza**
Monday, Sept. 10 • 7:30

Foreigner **Just Added!**
Tuesday, Sept. 11 • 8:00

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Wednesday, Sept. 19 • 7:30

Kenny G
Wednesday, Sept. 26 • 8:00

Trisha Yearwood
Thursday, Sept. 27 • 7:30

**Frankie Valli
& The Four Seasons**
Friday & Saturday, Sept. 28 & 29 • 8:00

OCTOBER

**Air Supply /
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midnight, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach:

Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Shooterz: Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. First, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Show Palace: Fridays, *Fuego Nights*, house, hip-hop, and old skool with DJs Que and DJ Dizzy D. 1527 E. Mission Avenue, Oceanside. 760-439-1100.

South Park Bar & Grill: Fridays, *Shakedown*, funk, disco, and '80s with DJs Riddles and Myson King. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696-0096.

Static Lounge: First Friday of the month, *West Coast Mash Up*, drum 'n' bass, jungle, and ragga. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, electro, '80s classics, and hip-hop with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

CLUBS BY AREA

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BEACHES

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, *Trunk Monkey*, alternative. Saturday, *the Salt Lickers*, rock.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-622-8252. Thursday, *Captain Kirk and the Beam Me Up Scotties*. Friday, *Jeff Moore and Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *Middle Earth*. Tuesday, *Adrienne Nims and Le Jazz Hot*. Monday, *John Scott*. Wednesday, *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *Mayweather*, *Fuzz Huzzi*, *Six Reasons*, and *the Crowleys*, rock. Friday, *Biz Markie*, *Audible Mainframe*, and *the Backyard Pimps*, rap/hip-hop. Saturday, *Diego Roots*, *One Drop*, and *High Tide*, reggae. Tuesday, *Stranger*, *Sammy Dread*, and *the Roots Covenant*, reggae.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/punk/indie/rock. Thursday, *Bobby Birdman*, *the Binges*, *Lucky Dragons*, *Tent City*, and *Indian Moon*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Grande Ole Party*, *the Atoms*, *Powerchords*, and *the Red Hearts*. Monday, *Loser Life* and *Crime Desire*.

Daddio's Superior Bar and Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Rhythm and the Method*, rock/blues.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I have a rule against bands that have laptops onstage. If I want to spend my night looking at someone staring at a computer screen, I will stay late at work and gaze at the next cubicle over. After seeing **Battles** in live photos and video footage, I'm beginning to rethink things. Nearly every member of the band has a laptop, even the guitarists, but the thing is, they jump and lurch around and don't seem a bit concerned about knocking anything over. If your coworkers are doing that in a cubicle near you, would you please give my résumé to

your manager?

Battles is made up of former members of Don Caballero, Storm & Stress, and other architects of a style of music known as math-rock. None of them is a household name, but if you're into this kind of music, you are probably fouling your pants right now just thinking about how super a supergroup this is. If, like me, you dislike having to count out unusual time signatures at a rock show almost as much as you dislike having to look at someone staring at a computer screen at a rock show, you may not be so excited.

Not to worry: All you have to do is listen to the furious drumming of **John Stanier** (formally of *Helmet*), and you will set your reservations aside. There is a reason



BATTLES

Stanier's kit is placed front-and-center when the band is onstage: He is the focal point the way that Mick Jagger is the focal point of the Stones.

BATTLES, Beauty Bar, Friday, June 29, 9 p.m. 619-516-4746.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *the Bang Squad*, *Young Co.*, *B.T.*, and *Phynal Approach*, hip-hop. Friday, *Four Kings*, *Sand Dollar*, and *E-Dub Poet*, alternative rock. Saturday, hip-hop. Sunday, *Elizet*, *Burning Daylight*, and *Love Is Envy*, alternative rock. Wednesday, *Skyward's Inmards*, Southern rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bryan Hensarling*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Ben Ingraham*. 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Sam B*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego Bay. 619-686-8715. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Electric Soul Band*, soul/R&B.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Idle Train*, classic rock. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., jazz. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., piano bar.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Sunday, *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenia*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to

11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *the Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday and Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Lexington*, reggae. Friday, *Liquid Image*, rock. Saturday, *Patrice Pike*, *Tefflon*, and *the Hideaways*, rock/indie.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Agave*, rock. Saturday, *the Red Channel Revue*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues. Friday, *Mike Pinto and the Mashers*, and *Junior*

P., reggae. Saturday, *Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations*, reggae. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Anthology house band*. Friday, *Janiva Magress*. Saturday, *Jimmy Mulidore and Richie Cole*. Tuesday, *the Steely Damned*.

Barney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Steve Poltz*, *Anyra*



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Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dave Patrone*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy and the Bluesmen* or *Sue Palmer*.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Friday, *Private Domain*. Saturday, live band. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *Dregs of Sada*. Wednesday, *Private Domain*, unplugged.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Monday, *Joan Armatrading* and *Elvis Perkins*, folk/acoustic.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Groove Sessions*. Tuesday, *the Stilettoes*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie* and *the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/reggae/rock.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Live music Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae/funk.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Shelle Blue*. Friday, *Buick Wilson*. Saturday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Sunday, *the Blues Invaders*. Monday, *Chet Cannon and the Committee*. Tuesday, *Ayanna and the Exiles*. Wednesday, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday night, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sally's Seafood on the Water, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo*, calypso.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Ritmo Caliente*, salsa. Tuesday, live salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday and Monday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince of Piano*. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Kevin McCully*, piano. Evening entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio De La Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, international/standards.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willowalot*, smooth jazz/funk.



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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033.

Music is Irish folk. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Harold and Gabe*. Monday, *Pat and Joe* and *Allison Gill*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Skelpin* or *Robbie O'Reilly*.

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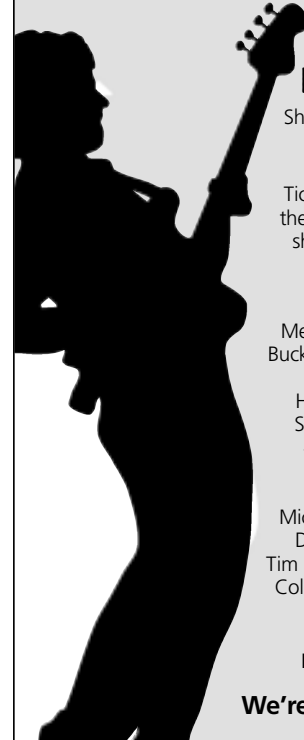
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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Pink Floyd*, classic rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Jumpstart*, jump blues, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Atomic Groove*, pop/Top 40. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Zac Harmon*, blues.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/alternative/punk/metal. Friday, *Republic of Letters, the Fascination*, and *the Airlines*. Saturday, *Mex, the Kevin K. Band*, and *Bartender's Bible*. Tuesday, *Transfer, Vitro*, and *the Apes of Wrath*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Katie Christine* and *Terrence Brian*. Friday, *the Robin Henkel Band*, blues. Saturday, *Lisa Sanders*. Sunday, *Jamie* and *Matt Commerce*, *Wendy Bailey*, and *Missa Vaughan*.

Lucky Star Nightclub and Ballroom, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Orquesta Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *DPI*,

Caustic Uproar, and *Pig Champion*, punk/hardcore. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Two Word Name*, metal/emo/punk. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Colin Clynne, Chelsea Flor*, and *Brenda Pammeton*, acoustic rock. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Obvious Vitamin and the Dead Don't Die*, rock/punk.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues/swing.

The Prado Restaurant, 1549 El Prado, San Diego. 619-557-9441. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Le Jazz Hot*.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., *Shawline Expression*.

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Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, *He Is Legend*, *Maylene and the Sons of Disaster*, *Modern Life Is War*, *House of Fools*, and *Sever Your Ties*. Saturday, *Animal Corpse*, *Darkness Enthralled*, *Crimson Knight*, *Haustrorium*, *Abomination*, and *Serguloth*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning* and *the John Kopecky Trio*. Saturday, *Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta*, R&B/Top 40/jazz.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Oh! Ridge*.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Joan Armatrading's "Love and Affection" — is there a better song on the subject? Traces of her earthy approach and liberated sensuality can be detected in almost all of her contemporaries in the '70s. Often imitated but never duplicated, her debut in 1972 with *Whatever's for Us* laid the groundwork for woman folk-rockers to follow. On that first album, Armatrading sang in phrases that came and went like gusts of wind. She shifted octaves without effort and carved complex leads and used both to underline her deeper meanings in something like an aural highlighter.

"Me-Myself-I" arrived in the '80s, the

hit that most will remember her for. "I wanna be by myself/ I came in this world alone/ Me, myself, I," sung to a thudding Motown bass guitar and seething guitars. It was a departure from the sound of the decade before, harder on the pop and with a heavier hand on the electric guitar, but it was a calculated risk that paid dividends. Armatrading's game plan of jazzy folk-rock and reggae made her a star in her native Britain and in the U.S.

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The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Music is punk/rock/alternative. Friday, *Vision of a Dying World*, *Bunky*, and *Red Feathers*. Saturday, *Beehive and the Barracudas* and *Hostile Comber*.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Friday, 8 p.m., *Brian Dolzani*, acoustic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m.,

Chris Valenti and Phil Johnson, 10 p.m., *the Donnis Trio*, acoustic rock/folk. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*, folk.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Music is rock/pop. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Drowning Men, James Drive*, and *Stripes and Lines*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Deadline Friday*, *White Buffalo*, and *Chris Wilson*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers* and *Alex Woodard*. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Atomic Groove*.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-

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The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the South Coast Latin Duo*, guitarists.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, acoustic/indie. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Steven Ybarra*, acoustic pop.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Mike McGill*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Johnson, Bosley and Morin*, acoustic trio.

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The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Dennis Trio*, acoustic rock/folk.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Twelve Twenty*, *Given Life*, *Cat and Mouse*, and *Silver Griffin*.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

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Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *the Moods*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the B-Foundation* and *Eek-A-Mouse*, surf roots/rock/reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., live band. Sunday salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing.

Parioli's, 647 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-755-2525. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Luca Ellis*, vocal jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Michael Tiernan*, folk rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 10 p.m., *the Dennis Trio*, acoustic rock/folk. Friday, *Giant Peach*, alternative. Saturday, *the Farmers*, rock.

Tom Giblein's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Irish/Celtic folk.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety.

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The Brat Pack: Henry's Pub

Brax: The Ould Sod

The Cave Singers: The Casbah

Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers: Belly Up Tavern

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The Credit Union: Ocean House

Crash Encore: The Casbah

The Crowleys: 'Canes

Deadline Friday: Belly Up Tavern

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The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

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Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub

Fuzz Huzzi: 'Canes

The Taylor Harvey Band: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Hideaways: 710 Beach Club

Idle Train: The Kraken

James Drive: Belly Up Tavern

The Justin Brothers: Galley at the Marina

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as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Earthless**

Song: "Godspeed" (from the CD *Rhythms from a Cosmic Sky*)

Heard By: **Dimitri Dickinson**, South Park



Dimitri

The beginning of it, to me, sounded like "Hit the Lights" by Metallica. The rest of it [sounded like] Black Sabbath or Pentagram. There were parts of it that kind of reminded me of Pink Floyd or Hendrix's acid freak-out jams. The length of the song was about 20 minutes. At the beginning it changes a few times and there's another part that sounds like *Kill 'Em All*—era Metallica riffing, but the main bulk of the song is just guitar leads for, like, 12 minutes. No vocals. It was a little bit long. It's definitely good, though. They're definitely proficient, and I imagine they're really good to see live.

Artist: **Grand Ole Party**

Song: "Look Out Young Son" (from www.myspace.com/grandoleparty)

Heard By: **Lucia Wehrly**, North Park



Lucia

It's really fun and dance-y. It's good house-party music. I've seen them play before, and I really like them. The singer plays drums and sings at the same time. It's kind of like funk-rock. They remind me of the Gossip. If I was making a mix CD, I would put both bands on the same mix. I'm not sure what the lyrics were about, but she kept repeating, "I must be the devil's daughter."

Artist: **Delta Spirit**

Song: "Parade" (from www.myspace.com/deltaspirt)

Heard By: **Branan Freeman**, Five Points



Branan

I immediately thought that the instrumental aspect was like Neil Young and Crazy Horse. [His] voice was interesting — it kind of sounded like John Lennon's voice but not [Lennon's] mellowness; maybe his harder, more intense stuff. I liked it. It had a definite beat and rhythm; it wasn't just putzing around. It was definitely the kind of music that I would play in my house and jam out to. It would inspire me to get stuff done. I was taken by his voice, so I didn't really pay attention to the lyrics. I hope he wasn't saying anything too evil.

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Sarah was graduating from a high school in Vista, and her family rented a banquet hall at Pechanga casino in Temecula to celebrate. It was a bit of a drive, but it's not football season, so what else did I have to do on a Sunday afternoon?

On the elevator up to the hall, one woman asked another, "How do you know Sarah?" The woman said something about cheerleading and then looked at me. "I don't know Sarah," I said. "I'm just going to crash the party."

There was a no-host bar and dinner was provided. As guests signed in, we received leis for the Hawaiian-themed party. Instead of traditional flower leis, these were made of large beads. I took a black one.

I grabbed a Coke from the bar and found Judy's table. Judy was the lady who gave me the heads up on this party. She started to introduce me to everyone, and I said, "I don't need to meet everyone.... I'm afraid you're going to grab the waiter or the DJ next." As soon as the words left my mouth, I



Top: Sarah (middle, with blond hair); Bottom right: Hula dancers grabbed Sarah's dad

realized how rude I sounded. "Well, I thought you'd at least like to meet the hosts of the party!" Judy said. I asked her what Sarah's dad's name was. When she told me, I realized that I had gone to high school with him. Although we graduated together, we didn't know

wondered if the people at my table thought I'd shown up for the free grub. As I was eating my fruit salad, I thought I was

fork and started poking around my fruit. I saw rice slide off her fork and onto my plate, and I said, "I didn't mean for you to touch my food with your fork. I was hoping you could just eyeball it."

There was an hour of entertainment, which featured hula dancers and traditional Hawaiian songs and dances. A lady explained the history and meaning of the songs and the instruments the band played. One instrument was made of bam-

boo sticks. Others looked like pots, which the dancers pounded. We were told that the dancers made the instruments themselves.

As the woman talked about eating cactus, I heard an older lady yell, "I can't understand a word she's saying!" It was difficult for me to understand what she was saying as well because the table behind mine was noisy. As we were listening to the talk about traditions on the islands, the people at the next table talked over her, as if nothing else was going on.

After another older person said, "I can't see a thing they're doing!" I wondered if the high school graduates would rather be at a party without so many older relatives. When I saw two of them look down at their cell phones, I figured I knew the answer to that.

One guy came out to dance, and we were told that he'd be retiring soon. His body was covered in tribal tattoos. As he danced, I noticed everyone at the tables looking at each other. The shorts he was wear-

"I didn't mean for you to touch my food with your fork. I was hoping you could just eyeball it."

each other.

Everyone was eating, and I went and grabbed some food. For some reason, I felt guilty. I

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There was an impressive variety of desserts — banana cream and coconut cream pies, pineapple upside-down cake, mango mousse cake, chocolate macadamia nut torte — but by the time I got there, the chocolate was gone. I complained about that when I got back to my table, and a blonde woman said that she loved chocolate, too.

I thought it would be a smooth move to go downstairs to one of the cafés in the casino and buy us each a piece of chocolate cake. The café also had chocolate chip cookies, and I bought some of those as well. It took longer than I had hoped, but when I got back to the table, I had chocolate cake for her. I hadn't taken into account how that would look to the other people at the table, as they salivated over what we were devouring.

A DJ was setting up. Later in the evening they would have more contem-

porary dancing.

I went over to Sarah's table and asked her high school friends to share some stories about her. One said, "There are too many stories. I wouldn't know where to begin." Her friend Lindsay said, "Everything she does is crazy, but here's a good story: there's a park around the corner from my house. We were walking over there and decided to moon the cars that were passing by. We were doing that, and one car happened to be my parents."

"Did they say anything to you when you got home?"

"No. They didn't even know it was us."

When I shared this story with another guy, he said, "Oh, we used to moon people all the time in high school." I replied, "Really? Did I miss out on something? I remember once my friend Joe tried to moon people as we were driving out of Denny's parking lot. He almost fell out of the

car. I think maybe it was that incident that kept me from mooning."

Back at my table, I listened as Sarah's dad gave a touching speech. When Sarah's mom spoke, I could tell by the quiver in her voice that she was on the verge of tears. Sarah's grandparents were sitting at my table. I heard that her great grandparents were there and that one of them had had a recent hip replacement.

When Sarah's grandparents walked by, I said to the guy I was talking to earlier, "Wouldn't it be funny if her grandfather said he got her a graduation gift and then mooned her?"

He looked at me as if I were insane. ■

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The search continues apace for “view restaurants” with cuisine to equal their eye-candy appeal. California Modern, the newly remodeled former dining room at George’s at the Cove, is another winner. As soon as the decor and name changes were complete, the foodie e-mails started trickling in, saying that chef Trey Foshee seemed better than ever, free at last to be truly Trey. Foshee has always been an exponent of modern California cuisine, turning out dishes with subtle flavor combinations, garnished with perfect seasonal vegetables from Chino Farms. His style hasn’t radically changed but seems intensified with a new, more flexible menu that adapts to the best produce and seafood available in any week.

Physically, the change in the room is striking. The reception area is now as high tech and computerized as a bank lobby, with long, dark tables topped by monitors and telephones and staffed by numerous hostesses. One whole wall features a floor-to-ceiling glassed-in wine cellar. Although the aim of the renovation was to de-emphasize formality and introduce a casual, breezy feeling, the expensively suited white males of old continue to mill about the reception area, waiting for their colleagues. That’s their choice, since when I showed up with half my party ten minutes before our reservation time, we were allowed to claim our table immediately. In the dining room, what used to be a wall with a few windows is now a panoramic wall of windows, affording every table a view of the ocean off the cove, and tables are well spaced, reducing noise. (There are also two smaller dining rooms deeper inside the building, sans scenery. When the rooms aren’t occupied by private parties, last-minute reservers are sentenced to those purgatories.) Soon, Esther, Alan, and grown daughter Jenna arrived to join Dave, Marty, and me. “The Wall of Wine needed Windex,” quipped Esther as she sat down. “Then we went through the Barrage of Bankers.”

The cocktails are seasonal recipes created by the chef, so we had to try a few to fully experience Trey’s artistry. A Bellini afforded a chance to taste Chino Farms’ ripe nectarines, puréed with Prosecco (which I prefer to the harsher bubbles of Champagne). It was intensely fruity, not oversweet. The fusion-y “Bee Sting” (vodka with honey, ginger, lemongrass, and whole kumquats) was sweet but complex. A dark red hibiscus mojito was colored and flavored by tangy hibiscus-flower syrup (aka sorrel or *jamaica*, best known as the flavoring and colorant of Red Zinger tea). In the weeks to come, look for a new twist on Pisco Sour, which will debut as soon as Trey finishes inventing it.

We fell in love with a cold appetizer composed of several varieties and colors of silky grilled Asian eggplants from Chino Farms, garnished with at least two breeds of cherry tomatoes, a slick of white bean purée, and a “spicy pepper confit” that wasn’t really spicy, just zingy. Veggies like these make you forget you’re a carnivore. A green garlic and morel soup was subtle, a mildly garlicky chicken broth amended with asparagus and irre-



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sistible morel mushrooms. Best of all was a technical feat as delicious as it was impressive: a “crispy poached egg” — soft-poached egg dipped in a light panko batter and so carefully deep-fried that the yolk remained liquid, ready to burst when you cut into its package. (Now I ask you, is that fun, or isn’t it? It’s like Scotch eggs, but less cooked and minus the greasy sausage meat.) If you want a bit more salt in your soup (or on anything else), a mini-saucer is divided between coarse-ground white sea salt and a tan mixture amended by the chef’s blend of 12 spices. (Sprinkle it on ripe watermelon and you’ll wear a thousand-watt smile.)

Even flashier than the soup-egg was a hazelnut-crusted softshell crab, which redoubled the crispness of the shell with a buttery crushed-nut crust. Instead of an interesting act of nature (the odd texture of a softshell’s shell), the crackly carapace became an edible work of art. (It reminded me of the jewel-encrusted turtle in the old “decadent” French novel *Au Rebours*.) “Best softshell I’ve ever tasted,” said Alan, to nods all around.

A charming octopus carpaccio had delicate rounds of tender octopus plated over thin, mirroring circles of cold potato dressed in romesco sauce (tomatoes, garlic, herbs, and ground toasted nuts). Ultra-fresh Mano de León scallops, farm-raised south of Ensenada, appeared in a ceviche, thinly sliced and dressed with cardamom oil, amended with jalapeño (not enough even to nip), cilantro, and tangerines. The sweetness of the fruit played up the sweetness of the scallops. But citrus-cured hamachi (yellowtail) is a dish that’s approaching the cliché-appetizer status of seared ahi. “It’s been done to death,” said Jenna. (I preferred Azzura Point’s version, with its darker,

complex marinade.)

I usually avoid ordering halibut, considering it the WASPiest of fishes — as white as Wonder bread, it swims in expensive prep schools and golfs at the country club. Trey finds it too bland himself (he prefers stronger-flavored species, such as local sardines — unavailable that week due to red tide), but it’s a crowd-pleaser and big seller, so he turns the blandness into a virtue. His air-shipped, bone-in Alaskan halibut steak was a thick hunk (with a couple of large, easily removed bones) cooked to flaky, opalescent tenderness. Surrounding it were wilted pea tendrils and “chowder,” a creamy sauce studded with tiny whole clams, bacon, diced potatoes, and kernels of supersweet Chino corn. The playful personality of the accompaniment compensated for the mildness of the fish.

An opulent lobster seafood stew included shrimp and pieces of fin-fish in a creamy sauce served with aoli over “toasted pasta” (Italian whole-wheat fregoli) with slivered almonds. Unfortunately, it reached me last as it made its way around the table, and “my” fregoli were long gone by then. (That’s one reason Chinese restaurants serve communal-dish family dinners at big, round tables instead of long rectangles — so everyone can see everyone else to converse, and Nonna can stop Junior from grabbing all the claw-pieces of the Lobster Cantonese.)

Lamb “two ways” was a favorite, featuring two slim rib chops with a spicy mint rub, plus a mound of melting lamb osso buco (shank) on the bone. (Trey is a master at bringing out the best in red meat stewing-cuts; his winter dish of braised Kobe beef short ribs is memorable.) Alongside were lightly carried carrots of two colors (orange and pale yel-

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

California Modern

★★★★ (Excellent)

George’s at the Cove, California Modern, sub-street level, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244, www.georgesatthecove.com.

HOURS: Dinner nightly, 5:30–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers and salads, \$9–\$16; entrées, \$26–\$44 (average \$32); desserts, \$9.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Ambitious, healthful California cuisine based on prime, seasonal ingredients, emphasizing sustainable wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. Award-winning wine list, with few bottles under \$50; many by the half-bottle or glass; excellent list of dessert wines (including mature Chateau d’Yquem at \$20 per ounce). Full bar featuring creative chef-designed cocktails.

PICK HITS: Hazelnut-crusted softshell crab; Chino eggplant salad; any dish with “crispy poached egg”; octopus carpaccio; lamb chops and osso buco; bone-in halibut steak; strawberry consommé.

NEED TO KNOW: Good for carb-counting dieters, with small amounts of starch on entrées. Vegetarians and vegans accommodated (discuss preferences with waiter). Reserve about a week ahead for best view and choice of arrival time. Not formal, but norm remains business-casual to dressy (most men suited, removing jackets once seated). Moderate sound level. Restaurant down several stairs with access by elevator; front desk staff will guide you. (If alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer.) Men’s restroom upstairs at bar, can use neighbor Pasquale’s same-floor facilities.

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low) plus white beans mingled with diced orange carrots and yogurt. Everything on the plate worked together, like a well-rehearsed chamber orchestra.

“Peking-Style Duck Breast” is slightly deceiving. First, it’s not all breast, since the portion includes a drumstick (or perhaps a large wing drumette), which is fine. More to the point, if you’re a maniacal Chinese food fan, don’t hope for the Asian miracle bird, its skin subcutaneously inflated (through a straw or a bicycle pump) before being glazed and blow-dried. This is not the addictive version at China Max, but a more *gwei lo* take that’s still, Trey says, a work in progress. At our dinner, the skin was a bit soft, although succulent with its Asian spice rub and thin underlayer of luscious fat. The meat was tender, the flavors fine. It comes with sugar peas, rhubarb and fennel salad, and white jasmine rice with a hint of ginger and coconut, which lends interesting undertones.

Niman Ranch pork tenderloin arrived abso-

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lutely tender, cooked to our order of "rosy" (135°-140°F). "Like buttah," we kidded. It came with cider-braised cipollini onions, a ragout of black trumpet mushrooms, peas and ramps (wild scallions), and best of all, a slick of trumpet mushroom purée, the haunting quintessence of mushroom flavor. It also boasted an itty-bitsy teeny-weenie square of firm polenta.

Then, too, I would have loved to plunge into more than the mini-portion of smoked mashed potatoes that come with the beef dishes. Who could imagine that taters were smokable — and so seductive with this treatment? Our steak (a 21-day aged strip, also from Niman) was tender, with a good red-wine sauce and marinated mushrooms — but it's still merely meat, while the spuds are stars.

In fact, anyone on a carb-counting diet is pretty safe with the entrées here. Unlike many old-fashioned local eateries, with their cheap meats surrounded by mountains of mash or piles of pasta, Trey serves proteins generously but metes out starches sparingly. I'd have liked a bit more of them to distract me from the wickedly tempting Bread & Cie baguettes in the bread basket. Most starches and several of the vegetable garnishes are available in larger portions as side dishes for a few dollars extra.

Our waiter was excellent, knowledgeable about the food

and wine. (He's a sometime chef himself, hence a full-out foodie — which always makes a dinner more fun.) On a wine list where most bottles run \$50 and up, our "find" that evening was Chile's Casa Lapostolle Merlot (a frequent *Wine Spectator* rave) at \$45. That's not exactly cheap — Fiore's, the fine dining restaurant at Harrah's in Valley Center, was selling it for under \$25 a couple of years ago — but here it's among the most affordable bottles. It's a comfort food of a wine, as smooth, velvety, and food-friendly as you'd ever wish. It went well with the lamb and the pork and tasted made-to-order for the duck. (For the beef, I'd have preferred a more tannic red, e.g., a Cab.) For the white, I encountered a rarely seen old friend, Château Carbonnieux white Bordeaux, a crisp sauvignon-semillon blend.

The simplest of our desserts was the most satisfying: a consommé of Chino strawberries, the soupy essence of late spring, garnished with frozen crème fraîche and strawberry sorbet, along with small, hard croutons of pound cake (which we found disposable at best, as the cold soup didn't soften them). The other sweets were a little disappointing: A warm chocolate tart was cakelike, with a firm, grainy texture, scattered with delightful candied orange zest and topped with white chocolate espresso ice cream, but we'd have liked it more were it baked a few minutes less, for a squishier texture. The same was true of a

slightly dry pineapple upside-down cake, where the garnishes were the highlights — a drizzle of exotic saffron syrup and a scoop of remarkable basil ice cream. (A few at my table found it too weird; the rest, including me, were smitten.)

The search for restaurants with scenic views and serious food will continue in weeks to come. Some additional recommendations based on wonderful past meals are Bertrand at Mr. A's, Marine Room, and 1500 Ocean (although the last's chef just left; presumably they'll find an equally adept replacement). A notch down in cuisine but a lot of fun are Coronado Boathouse, Island Prime, Peohe's, and for brunch, Brockton Villa. Any suggestions? You can food-blog away on the new, interactive www.SanDiegoReader.com website — we're California Modern ourselves!

ABOUT THE CHEF

I asked Trey about the ideas behind the renovation and name change of the restaurant and what the changes meant to him as a chef. "I'm affected a lot by the environment I'm in, the space I'm in," he said. "Through the years, I've tried to gear my food to the environment of the restaurant. With the renovation, we consciously made the decision to shake off the shackles of being 'George's at the Cove Fine Dining Restaurant' — the place to celebrate graduations and anniversaries.

"What the changes have

done is to allow us to put whatever we want on the menu. It's a style that encompasses everything that we really want to do. I do feel freer — that's how we all feel in the kitchen. The format now allows us to change the menu whenever we want. I used to make many changes on Thursdays; that's just the way the system was comfortable. But now I can change the menu in an hour. If we get a great shipment of Oregon porcini, and we're only going to get one for the week, I want to put it on the menu for two days and then take them off and put something else on. It allows us a lot more flexibility.

"The way the menu is set up (with the cold, raw section, the salad section, and then the hot and soup sections), there are cooks that are put in charge of each. So, for instance, the cook who works the raw fish five days a week and is immersed in it can have something new put on the menu. If there's something he wants to explore or learn better, we can explore those things. Everybody has the ability to throw out ideas that can get on the menu, including my sous-chef and the pastry manager. Cooks get tired of cooking the same thing over and over again. Now, whenever something's getting tired, if we're tired of making it, then it's off the menu right away. And that makes for better food.

"We have 18-20 appetizers, versus the old menu, where we used to have 10 to 12. With 10

appetizers, you can play with maybe 3 of them, but with 18, you can do so much more. What's changed is, we now have the ability to serve \$8 or \$10 sardines next to a caviar service for \$35 or \$40. You can play with having less more-expensive items on there, and it doesn't throw the menu out of whack. It doesn't make it look like a cheap menu or an expensive menu, it makes it look like it's a menu where you can eat what you want to eat...."

I asked about the small portions of starch on the plates. "Part of it is that when I go out, I'm eating more vegetables, and more of the protein," Trey said. "If I order wild king salmon, I want wild king salmon, not just a little piece of it with a bunch of other stuff. It's not intentional, it's just the way I seem to be going. In my judgment, we offer a lot more protein than most restaurants, and we've continued as we always have to place a huge importance on vegetables, the stuff we get from Chino — with starch as something that puts the two together. But we're flexible with people's requests; we'll substitute vegetables or starches if somebody asks, and they can order from the side dishes as well.

"When you look at San Diego restaurants in general, there aren't enough good-quality restaurants that you feel like you can go to more than once or twice a year. Our goal is to turn California Modern into that restaurant where you feel com-

fortable. You can come and have an experience that would warrant an anniversary dinner, a graduation dinner, but it's also a menu that is versatile enough that you can come in and have a nice meal without feeling like you've got to make this big ordeal out of it. More and more, San Diego seems to be following that 'You gotta make a big deal out of it' restaurant model. There are not enough restaurants that are consistent, and good, and that don't make you feel uncomfortable, and that the menu changes enough that if you came in last week, you're going to find some new things on it this week. That's our ultimate goal. We're not there yet, but we're getting there. It's not to satisfy everybody — that's not our goal. It's more to make it a restaurant that's comfortable.

"But what our goal is, and how the community sees us, are different. The community is still looking at us as the old George's, but we're sticking by our guns. Because the future of the restaurant business — and it's happening in other cities already — is to make it a more casual experience. If you want, you can have a great bottle of wine, trained people waiting on you, somebody good in the kitchen — but with the flexibility of having several different ways of experiencing it. You go to some restaurants, they take themselves so seriously, you feel smothered by them. We take everything seriously — but we don't take it *too* seriously." ■



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Man, is La Jolla always this generous?

The ocean shines like a giant blue puddle at the bottom of each side street we pass. Must be getting near La Jolla.

I get off the number 30 bus at Pearl near Fay. Just gotta have something to eat. Four in the afternoon and all I've downed is one slurp from Carla's coffee as I headed out the door. I walk down Fay. This could be difficult. Pass Bernini's Bistro, with its blue-canopied deck and torches — definitely beyond my pocket. Taco Man's cheaper, but I've been taco'd out recently. Tapenade. Ha!

About as high-end as they come. I see waiters getting ready for the night, adjusting ankle-length white aprons and black bow ties, when I notice this little sandwich board. "The Cookie Lady."

Maybe that'd tide me over.

A sign points to a walkway called "Shingle Lane." I follow it past gray wood shingle-clad buildings into, oh wow. A sunny brick patio with mosaic tables, trees, plants, and the Cookie Lady's shop, abuzz with chatter. A chalkboard menu lists soups and sandwiches as well as cookies.

It's painted cream and brown inside. A woman sits chatting with friends. The Cookie Lady herself, Joan. You know straight off that this gal is one fun cookie.

"Are you still doing lunch?" I ask.

"Oh yes," says Joan. "Would you like soup? A sandwich?"

"This is breakfast and lunch for me," I say. "Guess I need a coffee and time to think." I see they have Café Moto, \$1.25, with refills. Hmm. There's also a large plate filled with broken-up cookies. Chocolate chip, gingerbread, macarons, peanut butter...

"Samples," Joan says. "Take as many as you like."

Great. I go get my coffee and come back to grab some, then head out to one of the tables. Oh man, it's warm, sunny, and so quiet you hear footfalls, light planes overhead, people talking, gulls on the roofs cawing, but no traffic. You say hello to folks passing by. Carla would love it. I sit slurping and nibbling, soaking it all in.

That board menu offers \$6 soups, like split pea and ham, lentil, chicken tortilla, or Italian wedding, with chips or crackers.

Sandwiches are roast turkey, BLT (both \$8, with chips and a

dessert, like a brownie or cupcake), or a roast turkey club sandwich with bacon (\$8). Then there's a veggie sandwich (\$8) and "PB&J" — peanut butter and jam — \$5. A chef's salad costs \$8, too.

I've more or less decided on the roast turkey club when I get back to Joan at the counter.

"I do a half-and-half for \$8, if you like," she says. "Soup and sandwich?"

"Will that be, like, enough food?"

"Absolutely," Joan says. "So which soup?"

"Course I dance around, trying to make up my mind. "An Italian wedding or lentil," I say. "D'aagh..."

"How's about Italian wedding with a splash of lentil?"

Hmm. Lentil's salty pea flavor goes with pretty much everything. "Uh, fine."

"And which sandwich? Our turkey is real roasted turkey. None of that disgusting, watery pressed stuff."

"In that case, the turkey club with bacon."

"Mayo?"

"Mayo."

"Provolone or cheddar."

"Provolone."



Joan

cakes to his girlfriend over in Paris. Paris!" says Joan. She has come a long way. When she and Chris migrated to La Jolla from Cape Cod, 15 years ago, she started by selling her cookies door to door. "I did that for 5 years. That's how I got my name. They all just called me 'the Cookie Lady.' I was thrilled to find a spot here. This is a happy place."

By the time I'm back on Fay, it's getting dark. The flames from the torches outside Bernini's Bistro send wavy lights across the avenue. But I don't feel tempted. Hey, I've just had the best sandwich in the world. ■

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Shelf-Talkers and The Sweet Spot

“Everybody was cutting throats, giving stuff away just to bring the customer in.”

Chaldean Waleed Daoud arrived in Detroit in 1976. “Lots of Chaldeans own stores there,” he says, “and so I worked in a liquor store, learned a little about wines. Then I got a job in a wine shop in West Bloomfield, which is sort of like La Jolla is here. I was probably 19 or 20 and I could barely speak English, but I worked for this old gentleman, Sidney. He had retired but come back to work because he had a passion for the business. People were coming in, buying these German Rieslings that were \$80 — back in 1976. I said, ‘I don’t even know what to say,’ and he said, ‘No problem; you be my shadow. Don’t be shy; just stand there.’ I would just watch him work.”

The passion for the business rubbed off. A year or so later, Daoud hopped over to the distributor’s side — a whippersnapper in an old-timer’s world, shaking things up a bit. “Back then, a wine salesperson was 50, 60 years old. These guys had been there 20, 30 years; they’d built up their own locations. They’d go in, say hi, sit for half an hour. They didn’t want to start new accounts. My thing was, ‘If somebody’s not selling our wine, I’ll approach them.’ I was jumping around between stores, making deals — shops, restaurants, everywhere. Within two months, I was the number-one

salesman in the company, and it wasn’t because of my knowledge. It was my effort. I was money-hungry, and I was enjoying it.”

All that changed when the company got bought up by a larger distributor. Suddenly, it was “ ‘This is your territory, this block to that block. You can’t go just anywhere. You have to go with a general manager to reset this account.’ We had meetings every Friday, and they cut the commission.” Daoud headed back to retail, eventually developing an affinity for the gourmet grocery market.

The year 1990 brought him to the West Coast, and he set up shop in Imperial Beach. “I was managing a smaller location at 13th and Coronado, one with very little wine, and I was buying from Unified Grocers. Fleming Companies wanted my account; the rep kept asking, ‘What do we need to do?’ When his bosses bought the Big Bear in the shopping center at Ninth and Palm, the Fleming rep found the carrot he needed to lure Daoud: the company decided to act as a financing partner for independent grocers, who would operate under Fleming’s IGA program. He said, ‘I’ll offer you another store.’” Daoud said okay.

Then, when the shopping center itself got bought and remodeled, Daoud saw his chance to

go upscale. “Nobody was catering to the high-end customers. There is a high-end population here that nobody was attending. Everybody was cutting throats, giving stuff away just to bring the customer in, and nobody was looking at the other side. I decided to separate myself, but it was a risk — I spent over half a million dollars remodeling the store. You don’t know if the upscale customer is going to drive from Coronado to IB.” While he was at it, he decided to try getting back into the wine-y end of the business. “I started with an eight-gondola of wines, and maybe two more smaller ones — maybe about 32 linear feet of wine. I said, ‘If I double the sales, I’m going to give it another 8 feet.’ Now, an entire 64 feet is wine, plus the gondolas. Customers come from Coronado and Bonita and El Cajon; we have some that come from Del Mar to buy wine from us. The word is getting out.”

The word is not so much that Wally’s has Joseph Phelps Insignia (though he sometimes does) as it is that Wally’s hits the \$10–\$20 sweet spot. “We’re selling a lot of those wines; it’s what people are drinking every day. And the other thing we’re doing is training our customers on more esoteric wines — smaller wineries that give you more value for the money. You can buy much better wine for \$12–\$15 if nobody knows about it” — that is, if it doesn’t (yet) have the score or the demand to ratchet up the price. The lineup still skews Californian, but despite the dollar’s poor performance against the Euro, Daoud is still finding excellent values from France — \$12 Bordeaux, \$8 Côte-du-Rhône. “We tasted it, and we believed in it, and



Waleed Daoud at Wally’s

so we recommend it to our customers. It’s a trust that you build between your wine specialist and your customers.”

Once the trust is there, being esoteric becomes an advantage instead of a hindrance. “Wine is a conversation piece, like a piece of art. You want to talk about it — ‘Oh, I found this gem; it’s a really good value.’ You can take the credit for being the discoverer.” And Daoud & Co. help to encourage that adventurous spirit. “We don’t carry a lot of mass-produced wines, and the ones we do carry, we kind of hide on the bottom shelf. If somebody comes in and buys them repeatedly, I encourage my wine specialists to say, ‘You’re buying a K-J Cab for \$15; let me show you what else you can get for that money.’ Once you do that, you have a customer.”

In Imperial Beach, Daoud’s wine specialist is local wine veteran Frank Marquez. In Encinitas, it’s David Derby. In La Jolla, it’s Patrick Ballow. Derby is at Harvest Ranch Market; Ballow is work-

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ing the floor at Jonathan's. Once Daoud's strategy started paying off in IB, he took his act on the road — the salesman back at work. "I'm friends with one of the owners. I felt they had all these gems, and they weren't doing that great with their wine programs. At Jonathan's, they had built up a customer base, and they were maintaining sales. A few people who had big money wanted certain wines. When a wine salesman would come in, they would know what, say, Mr. Smith was buying, and they would buy only that."

Daoud told his friend, " 'I think I can do a better job, no charge,' " and he got the green light. He hired wine specialists for each store in the Harvest Ranch chain and started bringing the team to meetings with vendors. "You've got to be part of the process to recommend a wine. We taste them, grade them by committee, and decide what we want to bring in. If you are the wine specialist, you voted for the wine, you're committed to it. And you also tasted it; you know how to explain it to the customer." He pushed them to proliferate the shelf-talkers — "It's your personality when you're not there." Sales have responded by jumping nicely.

As for the old guard, "I'm trying to baby-sit those long-time customers even more — we have all their wines, and we're recommending more to them — but at the same time, I'm catering to a whole new customer base. We're doing wine tastings at Jonathan's on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, wine dinners out on the patio. We're trying to bring in more people, get them involved and asking questions. The more we educate them, the better the wines we can sell them. We definitely think we're skewing a lot younger." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. During summer, some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — A.M.

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Belly dancing Friday and Saturday nights. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Calyпсо Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calyпсо" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to new-fangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates. The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W.

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original,

now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Corkage fee for BYO is \$15, but waived on Tuesdays. Reservations urged. Lunch weekdays, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

El Callejon Restaurant Moonlight Plaza, 345 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-2793. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference: Instead of the standard boring border foods and combo plates, it offers a long menu of genuine, zesty mainland dishes, some with original spins on traditional themes. Shrimp *zarandeados* with a rich sauce of chilies and beef in cilantro sauce are some of the delights. There's even a *parrillada* (mixed grill) to serve two. The atmosphere offers more pleasures. At lunchtime, the dining room seems like a serene hacienda. Evenings the restaurant may turn into a rollicking community center, where multi-generational families and groups of friends fill the dining rooms and spill onto the sizable patio hidden in back. Mariachi band on Fridays and Saturdays. — N.W.

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker's, you can still get great fish 'n' 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 9 p.m. and weekend nights until 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkey-burger. Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an M.A. in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Friday through Sunday after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Vigliucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigliucci's Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigliucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigliucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W.

NORTH INLAND

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, broches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them

(sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. Reservations on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access; sturdy high-chairs; low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pan-cakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosa*s stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier subur-

ban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both family and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in corn (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — N.W.

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

A.R. Valentien The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a "country inn" on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-price cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

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.

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The

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BIG KAHUNA'S

cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B.

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. (Also at 10184 Telesis Court, Sorrento Valley, 858-558-8964; and 11455 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-350-2700.) 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. Open daily, weekends to 8 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate; diners a little more expensive. — E.B.

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W.

George's at the Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. At George's dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, California Modern Restaurant, chef Trey Foshee's superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasizing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don't miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon, Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or half-bottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service — make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace Bistro, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men's restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's facilities. Downstairs dinner only; upstairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. — N.W.

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gar-

deners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Jolla Brew House 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Russian Stout) or the roasted potato. Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch Wednesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At this Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W.

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W.

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

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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.

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980. Ann's brother succeeded her, and the prices have hardly changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multi-regional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — N.W.



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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, pot-stickers, 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.

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grand dining halls in the county. “The biggest buffet of San Diego” claims the menu, with “over 200 items daily.” Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Swe-

den's wildly successful “home interiors” chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), 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 bar stools 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 tomatoey 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.

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese “people's food” emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary “Special Sauce” Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled

live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including “33”; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — N.W.

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the “Korean B.B.Q.” marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (*beef gyu*). You'll enjoy all of the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — M.N.

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. “Oysters are here!” It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess “heaven.” Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

THE BEACHES

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers — all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to “Bare Li'l Lamb” burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Decor inside is strictly Kiwi-land, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

C-Level 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. California-Mediterranean comfort food with a Southern “Low Country” accent from Chef Deborah Scott; same menu lunch and dinner. Alas, the restaurant's name

also gives away its grade — the food's okay but not spectacular, although the gorgeous heated patio at the edge of the bay does plenty to sweeten the pot. Your visiting aunt will swoon over the view and enjoy the food. Vast wine list with plenty by the glass, wide range of prices but some steep markups; good beer list. Full bar with creative cocktails. Ample free parking. No reservations except for large parties. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus “over 150 items daily.” Certainly they have great surf-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Eelicious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Kariyana Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Seacoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Kariyana remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steam away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counter-part to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *Ö The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Rancho Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with

the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açai* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açai*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açai* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açai* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit at varnished inlaid wooden tables with lots of diagonal timbering and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and noisy. Who's gonna be picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf-turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. The view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — E.B.

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Batter Up! Market Creek Plaza, 342 Euclid Avenue (at Market Street), Diamond District, 619-262-3333. Chef-owner Mel Johnson was one of the founders of the Gaslamp's late, great Juke Joint Café. The food he serves at Batter Up! is less ambitious (so far) — but talent will tell. The food at this friendly, casual sports bar (about ten minutes from Petco via the 94) may be “pub grub,” but the cooking is serious. Fried fish, fried shrimp, thick sandwiches, and juicy Certified Angus burgers with creative dressings are well above the norm. Free parking in large lot patrolled by security guards. First timers should request sauces (especially the house hot sauce) on the side until

you know whether you like them. Fairly noisy inside (depending on what's on TV); quiet patio outside. Beer and wine license pending. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with early closing Sundays. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Elaine's Coffee Shoppe 1212 South 43rd Street, Southcrest, 619-264-6525. When Su Cha Yang took over Elaine's a quarter century ago, this was one tough part of town. No problem. Su had survived the Korean war and Vietnam before she came here. Now, with Southcrest looking up, she is famous for her fun and her food. Most customers are regulars — judges, ministers, teachers among them — and they don't want change. So Elaine's remains a bright, genuine 1970s-style breakfast-all-day coffee shop. Breakfast: try the ham, bacon, mushroom “Hunter” omelet. Lunch: the pork chop plate is a great filler. Su Cha Yang also cooks dishes for vegetarian, Muslim, and Korean customers. Breakfast and lunch six days; closed Tuesdays. — E.B.

Hawthorn's Restaurant Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre, 2895 University (near 29th Street), North Park, 619-544-0940. When this long-standing Banker's Hill restaurant moved to spiffy (if quite noisy) new digs here, the change proved positive in every way. Menu choices are now fewer but better, with superior ingredients including varied and seasonal locally grown vegetables matched to the individual entrées. The kitchen now does more from scratch, and you can taste all these improvements on the plate. The fare is Mediterranean-American with Mexican touches. Most desserts outsourced. Wide-ranging wine list, full bar, corkage a reasonable \$15. Reservations recommended, especially on weekends. Expensive. — N.W.

Heaven Sent Desserts 3001 University Avenue (at 30th Street, across from Union Bank), North Park, 619-793-4758. The developing district around the North Park Theatre desperately needed a bakery, and Heaven Sent arrived. They produce a full range of desserts, from breakfast pastries to cookies, tarts, pies, custards, and on through fancy cakes (the Tres Leches is especially good). The style is midwestern American, solid rather than ethereal. To drink: coffee, espresso, teas, hot chocolate, Italian sodas, and fruit juice. Open daily breakfast until after-dinner, past 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. — N.W.

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a “Peace Blossom,” or boarding his Italian “*Treno della Pace*.” Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped “Neatloaf” bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delicious: Brahma Burrito, “Infinite Blue” (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner (no dinner Wednesday); Sunday occasional brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N.

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-6171. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The “party rolls” (such as “stuffed tomato” and “honeymooners”) may not be


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EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining wraps with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Downtown Cafe 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.

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. The barbecue beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. All-you-can-eat catfish Wednesdays and Fridays. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M.

FAR EAST

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.

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5753. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open when the weather is favorable, and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Closed in the summer; other seasons, open for lunch and dinner (with a break between), Wednesday through

Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef ribs is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bambu Bistro 3882 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-299-9727. How many American chefs do you know who actually went to Asia and learned by working in traditional restaurant kitchens of Vietnam, Indonesia, India? Chef Alexandria did. The result is her Asian Fusion Cuisine. The Bistro is huddled in the corner of a strip mall, but you can still eat under exotic umbrella lampshades (inside) or tropical palapas (outside). The food is fresh, original, and often tasty. Dishes to try include Chinese Chopstick salad (shredded chicken, fried rice noodles, mandarin oranges, toasted almonds), Indo-Chinese burrito with steak (beef, rice noodles covered with a sesame and lime sauce), Drunken Noodles (chicken, steak, shrimp, salmon, or tofu), and Sea Salad (glass noodles, wild salmon, greens). Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' eight-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!" an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: coffee comes by the thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *chao chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, pineapple fried rice. Dinner nightly. — N.W.

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in

the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

European Market & Deli 4135 Park Boulevard (north of El Cajon Boulevard), Hillcrest, 619-298-8661. Basically a Greek deli, but charming, especially if you're into patios. Inside has painted grapes, hanging copper pans, and framed pictures of Paris cafés. The most popular dish is the lemon-roasted chicken, but if you love lamb, Paul's Special, with potatoes, salad, and pita — Fridays and Saturdays only — is the way to go. (They do offer lamb sandwiches daily.) Other good dishes include the Veggie Diabolou pita sandwich (hot and spicy), the ground beef moussaka plate (eggplant, potatoes, and béchamel sauce), Greek chicken soup and, of course, gyros. But go just to play *bon vivant* on the patio. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, till 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Hong Kong Restaurant 3871 Fourth Avenue (at University), Hillcrest, 619-291-9449. Where to get a good Chinese meal after midnight? This restaurant (next to Column One's statues and fountain shop) serves meals till 2:30 a.m. Inside is typical Asian decor, including black-and-white Chinese brush paintings and carved cherry wood chairs. Their huge menu offers traditional Szechwan and Mandarin fare. The fried, pork-filled wontons on raw cabbage are delicious, especially spiced with fiery Chinese mustard. The Singapore Style Rice Noodles (not often featured in Chinese restaurants) are tangy with curry, and excellent, as is the Kung Pao chicken. Also look at egg drop soup, pork chow mein, shrimp with lobster sauce, and scallion ginger chicken. Service is super quick. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the house style — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W.

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also

in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours in Hillcrest. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Phil's BBQ 4030 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-688-0559. Check the lines around Phil's any lunchtime. Although Phil grills his BBQ (rather than slow-smoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-the-bone pork and beef is another. The sweet baked beans a third. Plus, the restaurant is a rabbit-warren that grew, but it's kid-friendly, has open wash-basins for your greasy mitts, and has paper towel rolls at every table. Ribs can be expensive, but a quarter-rib (four bones) will fill you fine. A great second-best is the BBQ sandwich with char-grilled pork shoulder. Remember: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. New location at 3750 Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena, 619-226-6333. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Saigon on Fifth 3900 Fifth Avenue (on University), Hillcrest, 619-220-8828. This is the rare local Vietnamese restaurant that emphasizes the urban, French-influenced cuisine of colonial-era Saigon and Huế, rather than the ubiquitous *pho* noodle soups of



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DOWNTOWN

the North. The list of house specialties includes many entrées you won't find elsewhere in San Diego, among them a smoked oyster omelet and a unique version of coconut shrimp served in the coconut shell. Many dishes here include honey, so the Boon (spicy noodle salad) deserves its name — a refreshing break from the sweetness. Well-chosen, reasonable wine list suits the food, as does the serene decor. Validated underground parking just north of the bank. Open daily, lunch and dinner until midnight. Low moderate. — N.W.

Sausage King 811 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-297-4301. Not too many delicatessens in the county still make their own sausages, luncheon meats, and jerky. But the German couple who runs this place does. They make an unbelievable 34 different sausages and luncheon meats, plus 10 different smoked meats like turkey, beef, Westphalian ham, Black Forest ham, and even bacon. For lunch they will make you a really cheap bun-sandwich filled with anything from home-made liverwurst to blood sausages to salami. Two would really fill you up. As with the nearby cheese shop (see Venissimo), the Starbucks at Falcon and Washington is a good place to chow down this unique sausage experience. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypal Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot and spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open until 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 p.m. Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — B.D.

Venissimo Cheese 754 W. Washington, Mission Hills, 619-491-0708. Just don't ask for Velveta here. Everything else, they've got: sixty-plus varieties of cheese, most from Europe. But a meal? Yes. You can get a baguette-style sandwich stuffed with cow cheese, sheep cheese, goat cheese, fruity, moldy, runny, stinky, any cheese in the house, same price, around five bucks. Even *Boschetto* cheese, with truffles in it, which sells at around \$30 per pound, or Napoleon's favorite, stinky *Epousses Berthaut*, or the beautifully tangy *Schloss*. Plus you get grapes or a pear to go with the sandwich. Where to eat it? Starbucks, a few doors down, usually doesn't mind. Coffee, bread, interesting cheese, fruit — it's the perfect combo. Open 10 a.m.

Alambres Mexican Grill 756 Fifth Avenue (near F), Gaslamp, 619-233-2838. Surprise: this place strives to be inexpensive, like a Mexico City café-bar, where you hang out to watch soccer or talk over the night at two in the morning. They keep the kitchen open till the wee hours. Breakfasts are decent workaday deals, like the burrito stuffed with chorizo, spuds, and eggs. Try the interesting *chicharon de queso* that looks like a foot-long golden scroll, and watch for the impulse-cooked teater plates like *cebollitas*, small grilled onions in "Maggie's sauce." Specialty is the namesake Alambres Mexico City-style taco, usually meat or fish plus bell peppers, onions, and bacon. Open 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches (all served with generic fries), variations on fish and chips including prawns, plus some entrées salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobbles, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Darband Fifth Avenue Grill 1556 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-230-1001. Darband is named after an exotic mountain resort north of Tehran. Quite a contrast to this sloping office-and-car-park strip of Fifth. Lunchtimes, office workers fill the tables. Evenings feel more, well, Persian. It's mostly men, some playing backgammon, talking, arguing, laughing. With all the Farsi flying round, it feels like a

local café back in Tehran. Food is good, fresh, regular Persian. "Khorsh Bademjan" is a tasty baby eggplant and beef stew. "Barg" is a safe bet, too — marinated beef tenderloin with rice. So is the vegetarian plate, though the veggie wrap's cheaper. Of course, kabobs star, as do yogurt-y, cucumber-y, minty favorites. Open lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W.

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands (acoustic but loud) during happy hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), steaks, lamb medallion, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast anytime) daily. Moderate. — N.W.

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long happy hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef. Or you can choose a giant rack of

lamb, so tender it should be called Certified *agnus*. Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their midwestern grain-fed beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Morton's Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N.

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You could order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greasiness, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — A.M.

Sidebar Deli California Western School of Law, corner of Second and Cedar, downtown, 619-525-1444. The motto of this place is "Every day's a good day, but some days are better than others." It certainly applies to the Sidebar, just because the daily specials can be gone in a flash. Students have fought class actions to secure lunch specials like spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Of course there are always breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches like bacon or sausage and cheese, French Dip sandwiches, or California wraps. Open to the public, breakfast and lunch, weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Stingaree 454 Sixth Avenue (between J and K), Gaslamp, 619-544-0867. This huge restaurant has a nightclub on the mezzanine and an outdoor lounge on the roof. The Mediterranean food by chef Antonio Friscia comes in three plate sizes — little, medium, and large. It's a built-in invitation to graze and share if you want to keep it light before you go dancing. The fare features premium, naturally raised meats, wild fish, and local organic vegetables. The rich international wine list is steep, but there's plenty by the glass; full bar. Friday and Saturday nights, dinner is a three- or four-course prix fixe only (your choices from the à la carte menu), but that gets you free entry into the club. Reserva-

tions advisable, urged for weekends. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday; rooftop noshing on Sunday afternoons. Dinners very expensive. — N.W.

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners nightly, open until midnight Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

1500 Ocean Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Ocean Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-8490. A lovely indoor-outdoor dining venue replaces the venerable walled-in Prince of Wales at the Del. Now the food is breezier, too — refined "California coastal cuisine" with French and Asian influences, constructed with the beautiful luxury ingredients of each season. There's everything to like, from the patio with a beach view to the comfortable atmosphere that's dressy but not stiff. The wine list is awesome — rather steep but no gouging, including reasonably mature top quaffs from France. Validated parking. Request assistance with handicapped access (stairs) when calling to reserve. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

Asian Noodles Bay Plaza Shopping Center, 1430 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite E-12, National City, 619-477-5390. You've got to be a noodle fan to be into this. It's an outpost of the venerable Ma Mon Luk family's Filipino restaurant empire. Mr. Ma went to Manila from China nearly a century ago and introduced the idea of egg noodles in a chicken soup (instead of rice noodles). His now-famous soup (with beef or chicken these days) came to be called MaMi, (Mr. Ma's "Mi" — noodles). Yes, MaMi's a little bland, but it's filling, and their *siopao* (stuffed steam buns) make a good accompaniment. Most interesting is another invention Ma Mon Luk claims: sweet spaghetti. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge"

serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemong shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — N.W.

China Super Buffet 3007 Highland Avenue #99, National City, 619-336-9989. This buffet promises "over 100 items daily." Yellow-gloved girls constantly rove the rows checking, stirring, wiping. A lot of the stuff is very good, like the marinated baby octopuses that look like large blushing spiders, or the mussels in their shells, bubbling golden on top with melted cheese, and of course, roast beef au jus. If you must be healthy, they have groaning salad bars and adequate sushi. It's an incredible value. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Giant Pizza King 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601. If pizza size matters to you, try on these nine-inch-wide, foot-long, loaded pizza slices. They can flop, but they can't fail. For alternatives, the fish and chips dish is pretty generous, they make a large lasagna with garlic bread and salad, and the half-pound shrimp combo, fries, and salad is good value. You're near enough here to the beach to get supplies for sunset "green flash" parties — this is a full-on Italian take-out eatery with ham or turkey subs, spaghetti with meatballs, half-pound burgers, and more. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open daily, three meals. (Call ahead for availability of the *birria*.) Inexpensive. — E.B.

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mex-



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Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time players get their meal free. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Cardroom open and non-Chinese food menu available 24 hours; Chinese menu noon to 3:30 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Café la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistec ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

El Faro de Mazatlán Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlán" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albóndigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican sea bass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're

at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a *quesadilla*, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden ("*escondida*") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*), the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterey goat ("*cabrito tatemado*"). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompope* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the Rey del Pollo sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — E.B.

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la vuelta*") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinacion mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent ten-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Restaurante Don Quijote Hotel El Conquistador (ground floor), 10750 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 681-7955. This tribute to the great windmill tilter himself serves as breakfast, lunch, and dinner anchor for the town's truest colonial Mexican *posada* (inn). It's a world of glowing stained-glass windows, heavy doors, and black wrought iron. You expect Zorro himself to come clattering out from the shadows on his horse. The food is standard middle-class Mexican fare, but between quail dishes and enchiladas, creations like cheese-stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon pop out. Nicest surprise? *Sopa Azteca*, with tortilla strips, grated cheese, chopped dark red chiles, and avocado. Inexpensive to moderate. Open three meals, seven days. — E.B.

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Downtown's rabbit-warren of low-ceilinged dining rooms is plastered with Italian photos (check out Sophia Loren, transfixed by Jane Mansfield's breasts) and crowded with customers chowing down from portions large enough to feed two or more. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella

Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on a 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4078. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-574-8617; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grown-ups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. Okay, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Encinitas Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B.

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 and reasonable markups. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Friday only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D.

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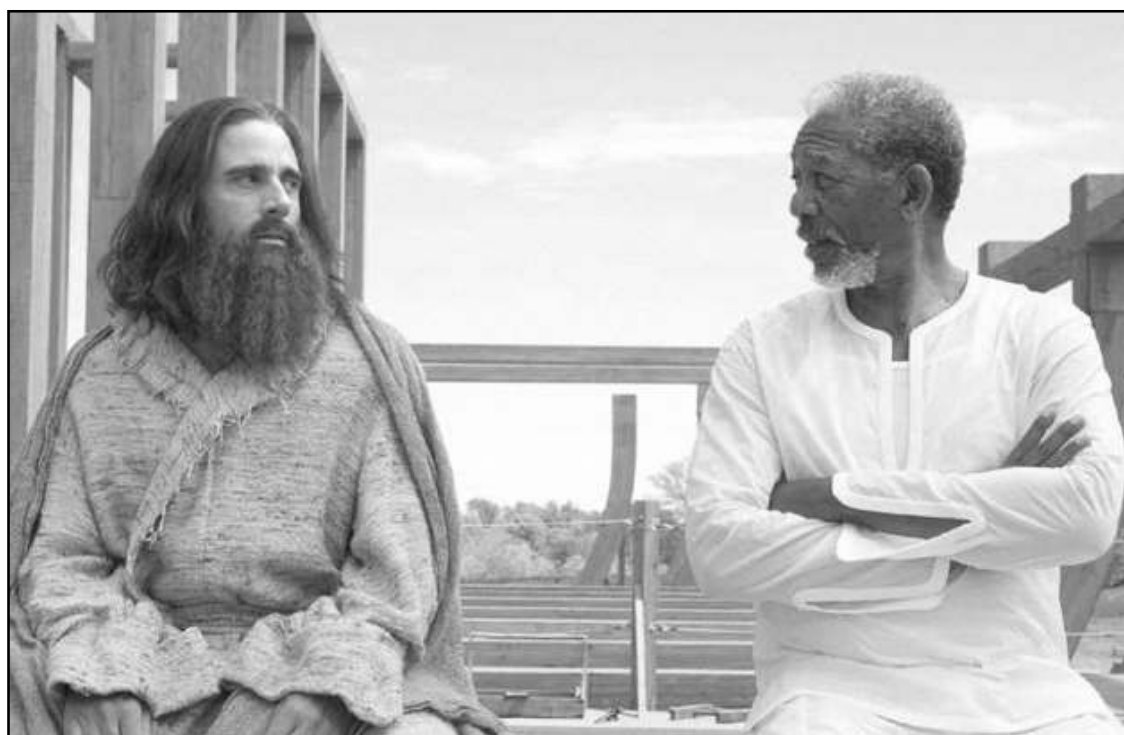
Before it was softened into something more suitable for pop-up books and Happy Meals, the story of Noah's Ark was a classic piece of Old Testament wrath, with a vengeful God so fed up with the evils of mankind that He sent a flood to wipe out the planet, leaving only enough survivors to start life anew. It goes

without saying that *Evan Almighty*, a kid-friendly follow-up to the Jim Carrey vehicle *Bruce Almighty*, is more Ronald McDonald than Holy Bible, but it didn't have to be this epically trite. From all appearances, there are only three reasons God produces a Great Flood here: 1. Because it's cute when animals gather two by two (though totally unnecessary, since the flood barely covers the Washington D.C. area). 2. Because He wants to stop a piece of legislation that threatens to shave off federally protected parks for development purposes. 3. Because yet another upper-middle-class suburban dad needs to spend more time with his family. Seems as if a lightning bolt and an African safari might have taken care of these problems much more efficiently.

Replacing Carrey with Steve Carell

(who was only a bit player in *Bruce Almighty*) would seem like an upgrade, but Carell's affable goofball routine does little to unburden this grotesque \$175 million mega-production. After making the leap from fatuous Buffalo TV anchor to U.S. congressman, Carell moves his wife (Lauren Graham) and their three sons to an upscale Virginia subdivision that's cut an ugly swath into a beautiful mountain valley. Having campaigned on a "Change the World" platform, Carell instantly forfeits his values to a powerful committee chair (John Goodman) who wants him to cosponsor environmentally unsound legislation. When God, played again by Morgan Freeman, commissions him to build an ark, Carell initially balks, but God can be pretty persuasive.

Historically, throwing money at a comedy has never made it funnier, because there's nothing more cost-effective than a joke and nothing more ruinous than a spectacle trampling all over it. Here, a modern-day Noah builds an ark of awe-inspiring proportions, but the biggest laugh the film can manage is a montage of construction mishaps that wouldn't be out of place



Evan Almighty

on a *Home Improvement* episode. (For those keeping score, Universal paid about \$58 million per laugh, though considering Tom Shadyac's history of directing commercially successful awful comedies — *Bruce Almighty*, *Liar Liar*, *Patch Adams*, *The Nutty Professor*, *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* — some might find that figure ungenerous.) The *Almighty* movies are dogged by a

fatal lack of imagination: Given the power of God, all Carrey could think to do was make his wife's breasts bigger and move a rung up the ladder at a local TV station; here, the world undergoes cataclysmic change just so a self-absorbed lawmaker can make good on his promise to take his kids hiking. It's amazing that the God in these films could conceive of a pancake

breakfast, much less the Heavens and the Earth.

— Scott Tobias
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Stephen King often uses authors as protagonists in his books, which lets him reflect endlessly on the thin line between reality and fiction and often between sanity and



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madness. Bringing his works to the screen requires a rare combination of imagination and restraint, the ability to access his frightening psychological spaces while curbing his excesses. But for every great self-reflexive King adaptation like *The Shining* or *The Dead Zone*, there are forgettable duds like *Secret Window* and the new short-story adaptation *1408*, which treats the writing process like an echo chamber, ricocheting abstract horrors that may or may not be inside the writer-hero's head. Whether what's happening is real, a hallucination, or something between ceases to matter at a certain point, because the ever-changing rules follow no particular logic, and the bubble bursts on these illusions just as arbitrarily.

Stretching far outside his comfort zone, John Cusack gets stranded in a hotel room with a tape recorder as his only companion, looking a little like the star of a bad Off-Broadway play with special effects. Since his only daughter died, Cusack has been touring haunted hotels and writing books that ultimately debunk any reports of supernatural occurrences. He meets his paranormal match when a postcard beckons him to the Dolphin Hotel, an old-fashioned New York high-rise with a room — 1408 — that's claimed so many victims that it's no longer rented out. Over the objections of hotel manager Samuel L. Jackson, Cusack agrees to spend the night there anyway and winds up assaulted by ghosts, floodwaters, unplugged electronic devices, paintings come to life, the wet bar, a rotary telephone, and the Carpenters' "We've Only Just Begun."

As much as the room gets talked up as a deathtrap, its menace dissi-



1408

pates rapidly once the effects go completely haywire and the whole thing starts to resemble an amusement-park illusion, cloistered off from the rest of the hotel like a funhouse run by evil carnies. So long as Cusack can dodge the falling lighting fixtures, he doesn't have anything to worry about. He's also given some hope by a giant script

loophole that totally severs him from the outside world physically and electronically, yet leaves him somehow able to communicate with his estranged wife (Mary McCormack) via the Internet. (How he plots his escape is equally ludicrous.) In the end, *1408* amounts to little more than a radical shock-therapy session for a man still

finding his way after the loss of his daughter. Best to leave him alone with his issues.

— Scott Tobias
A.V. Club Rating: B

Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was abducted and beheaded in 2002 by a terrorist group in Pakistan, was known for hauling the same old Barcalounger to whatever far-flung places he was stationed for his job. (His posthumous collection of writings was appropriately titled *At Home in the World*.) That attitude is the key to understanding his wife Mariane, a fellow journalist whose strength and composure in the tense days when her husband's fate was still uncertain — not to mention the weeks, months, and years after his death — stifled the worry and grief that roiled under the surface. Based on Mariane's book of the same name, Michael Winterbottom's *A Mighty Heart* depicts her as foremost an idealistic citizen of the world, uncowed by Jihadist fear-mongering, and convinced that open dialogue is the route to peace. Of course, the pressing question with this film is whether Angelina Jolie's lead performance would be read as a tribute to one woman's courage or an unseemly vanity project.

In a way, Winterbottom and Jolie successfully answer this question by dodging it. Save for one volcanic scene, Jolie's Mariane focuses intently and solely on doing everything she can to bring her beloved back home. Shot in the rough-and-tumble vérité style of Winterbottom's *Welcome to Sarajevo* and *The Road to Guantanamo*, *A Mighty Heart* is a procedural that begins the day of Daniel's kidnapping and ends with its tragic conclusion. In between, Winterbottom dives into the urgent struggle to find him in Karachi, a sprawling city of 14 mil-

lion people where it's infinitely easier to get lost than found. Working with the Pakistani and American authorities, as well as a pair of Daniel's editors and friends at *the Wall Street Journal*, Mariane labors ceaselessly to find him, all while six months pregnant with their first child.

Knowing how the search will ultimately end drains much of the suspense and tension out of the movie, leaving dread in its place. As a result, there isn't much to be gained from keeping track of the dense thicket of names and associations that provide Mariane and the authorities with their trail of bread crumbs. What's important about *A Mighty Heart* isn't the result of their investigation so much as the process itself and how it speaks to Mariane's fierce commitment to her husband and her values. Jolie is such an expressive actress that there's always a danger she'll overplay the part, but one major misstep aside, she slips into Winterbottom's wide-ranging procedural and asserts herself only when dramatically necessary. She simply exercises Mariane's persistent will and honors her in the process.

— Scott Tobias
A.V. Club Rating: B

MOVIE LISTINGS

Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Albert Williams, Dave Kehr, and Andrea Gronvall, reprinted by permission from the Chicago Reader.

Black Book — Paul Verhoeven's triumphant 2006 return to Dutch cinema after 20 years of Hollywood releases (*Total Recall*, *Basic Instinct*, *Starship Troopers*) is commercial moviemaking of the highest order, superbly mounted and paced. Its story of a sexy Jewish singer (Carice Van Houten) who poses as a Nazi for the Dutch resistance during World War II is based on 40 years of research and 20 years of script development with cowriter Gerard Soeteman (*Soldier of Orange*). Like much of Verhoeven's best work, it's shamelessly melodramatic, but in its dark moral complexities it puts *Schindler's List* to shame. Van Houten and Sebastian Koch (*The Lives of Others*) are only two of the standouts in an exceptional cast. In English and subtitled Dutch, German, and Hebrew. — J.R.

Crazy Love — Jaw-dropping true crime, this video documentary by Dan Klores and Fisher Stevens balances neatly between tabloid headlines and unfathomable intimacy. Burt Pugach and Linda Riss met in the Bronx in the late '50s, when he was a high-rolling ambulance chaser and she a stunning 20-year-old; their love affair soured when he welched on his promises to divorce his wife, and from there the story descends into a thicket of lies, cruelty, and passion run amok. Klores and Stevens don't have much to work with visually besides talking heads, old photos, news clippings, and stock footage, but with a narrative this insane, that's more than enough. — J.R.J.

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Killer of Sheep

Holly Valance; directed by Corey Yuen.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind — The best work to date (2004) by screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (*Being John Malkovich*, *Adaptation*), this was developed from a story by director Michel Gondry and artist Pierre Bismuth. It has as much challenging originality as its predecessors, as well as a more satisfying ending and a keener sense of lived experience. The SF premise has a ring of contemporary truth: emerging from a failed romantic relationship, the hero (a subdued Jim Carrey) discovers that his ex (an ag-

gressive Kate Winslet) has hired a company to erase all her memories of him. He enlists their services too, but technical screwups send him into a kind of temporal free fall in which past and present consciousness bleed together. Brilliantly constructed and engagingly executed, this has quite a few tricks up its sleeve — the most impressive being that all concerned trim their talents to the particular needs of the movie. With Tom Wilkinson, Mark Ruffalo, and Elijah Wood. — *J.R.*

Evan Almighty — Reviewed this issue. Tom Shadyac directed from a script by Steve Oedekerk (Joel Coen

coauthored the story); with Lauren Graham, John Goodman, and John Michael Higgins. — *J.R.*

Evening — Adaptation of a novel by Susan Minot about mother-and-daughter relationships, starring Claire Danes, Toni Collette, and Vanessa Redgrave; directed by Lajos Koltai.

Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer — As federally mandated by the No Marvel Superhero Left Behind Act, this sequel to *Fantastic Four* (2005) drags in the Silver Surfer, who looks like a gigantic hood ornament and, given voice

by Laurence Fishburne, has about as much personality. The original quartet (Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Chris Evans, Michael Chiklis), with their bizarre and frequently comic superpowers, are amusing enough to carry another installment, though the first movie's genesis story was more fun than the perfunctory doomsday scheme trotted out here. Tim Story directed; with Julian McMahon and Andre Braugher. — *J.R.*

1408 — Reviewed this issue. With John Cusack and Samuel L. Jackson; Mikael Håfström directed.

Golden Door — Italian writer-director Emanuele Crialesi is best known for the art-house piffle *Respiro* (2002), a sun-kissed fairy tale that didn't prepare me for the weight and solidity of this historical drama about a Sicilian peasant family immigrating to the U.S. The folkloric tone that seemed so pretentious in the earlier movie is powerfully effective here, as Crialesi conveys the dark superstitions of the Old World and the family's absurd

fantasies about the new one (lakes of fresh milk, vegetables as big as people). Production designer Carlos Conti and cinematographer Agnes Godard persuasively recreate the cramped and dangerous ocean voyage that brings the Sicilians to Ellis Island, where the Statue of Liberty is obscured by mist and the single women are paired off with their arranged American husbands like boxes of groceries. With Vincenzo Amato and Charlotte Gainsbourg. In Italian with subtitles. — *J.R.J.*

Hostel: Part II — With *Cabin Fever* (2002) and *Hostel* (2005), Eli Roth has proved himself an expert at giving '70s grind-house horror a contemporary satirical spin: the latter movie cleaned up at the box office with its bowel-twisting scares but also mercilessly tweaked the crass, ignorant American tourists who make the world their playground. Like the original, *Hostel: Part II* is impressive for its smooth foreshadowing, flawless pacing, and eerie use of sound, though you may have to be a gore hound to appreciate its grisly torture-porn sequences.

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Roth's dark humor and lacerating view of human weakness sometimes suggest George Romero; what he lacks is Romero's stubborn belief in personal morality. With Jay Hernandez, Lauren German, Bijou Phillips, and Heather Matarazzo. — J.R.J.

Killer of Sheep — The first feature (1978) of the highly talented black filmmaker Charles Burnett, who has set most of his early films in Watts (including *My Brother's Wedding* and *To Sleep With Anger*); this one deals episodically with the life of a slaughterhouse worker. Shot on a year's worth of weekends on a minuscule budget (less than \$20,000), this remarkable work — conceivably the best single feature about ghetto life that we have — was selected for preservation by the National Film Registry as one of the key works of the American cinema, an ironic and belated form of recognition for a film that has had virtually no distribution. It shouldn't be missed. With Henry Sanders. — J.R.J.

Knocked Up — Judd Apatow made his bones as a comedy writer for Ben Stiller and Garry Shandling, but his own projects — the TV series *Freaks and Geeks* and *Undeclared* and the sleeper theatrical hit *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* — have a sensibility all their own, loyal to the tradition of raunchy adolescent humor but also sneakily astute in their emotional truths. Like *Virgin*, this story of a lazy slob (Seth Rogen) who drunkenly impregnates a beautiful TV host (Katherine Heigl of *Grey's Anatomy*) shows how young men and women tend to view each other as the gateway to adulthood, though in this case the looming responsibility of childbirth makes the passage even more terrifying. Funny, honest, and generous, this is mainstream American comedy at its best. Apatow directed; with Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, Martin Starr, Jason Segal, and Jay Baruchel. — J.R.J.

License to Wed — Newly engaged couple (John Krasinski and Mandy Moore) undergo a marriage-prep course with a pushy minister (Robin Williams). Ken Kwapis directed.

Live Free or Die Hard — Bruce Willis returns as police detective John McClane in this big-budget thriller, the fourth entry in an action series that hasn't seen action since 1995. Len Wiseman (*Underworld*) directed; with Timothy Olyphant, Justin Long, and Maggie Q.

The Lives of Others — I spent only an afternoon in East Germany before the Berlin Wall fell, but the fearful silence in public places left a lingering impression. The reasons behind it are explored by writer-director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck in his accomplished first feature, about the Stasi, the country's secret police, which had a staff of over 90,000, plus countless informers, and spied on friend and foe alike. The fictional story here, set between 1984 and 1991, focuses on the investigation of a popular and patriotic playwright (Sebastian Koch); that the captain assigned to his case (touchingly played by Ulrich Mühe) is mainly sympathetic

and working surreptitiously on the playwright's behalf only makes this more disturbing. With Martina Gedeck (*Mostly Martha*). In German with subtitles. — J.R.

A Mighty Heart — Reviewed this issue. With Angelina Jolie and Dan Futterman; directed by Michael Winterbottom.

Mr. Brooks — The title hero (Kevin Costner), a successful and beloved executive, husband, and father, is secretly addicted to committing gratuitous murders and voices his inner doubts to an alter ego (William Hurt) while being tracked by a similarly compulsive millionaire cop (Demi Moore). When he forgets to close the blinds before killing a couple, a voyeur (Dane Cook) spots him and blackmails him, demanding to be brought along on the next caper. This is one of those slick, violent, ridiculous Hollywood jobs that makes little sense as a story, a comment on life, or a depiction of characters, but is moderately enjoyable in its spinning of movie conventions. There's even a good De Palma-style fake shock ending. Bruce A. Evans directed a script he wrote with Raynold Gideon. — J.R.

Nancy Drew — A good half century has passed since I've read any Nancy Drew mysteries, an endless series that's been appearing since 1930, and frankly I wasn't expecting Andrew Fleming's 'Scope movie, written with Tiffany Paulsen, to stir up many memories of them. But this is a loving, uncondescending tribute to the novels' sweetness and hokeyness and an excellent piece of genre filmmaking. Nancy (Emma Roberts) accompanies her geeky dad (Tate Donovan) to Hollywood, where they rent the former mansion of a late movie star who's died mysteriously, and the girl sleuth solves the case. The postmodernist evocations of the past (roughly the '50s through the '80s) are a charming mishmash, delivered with wit and style. With Josh Flitter and Barry Bostwick. — J.R.

Ocean's Thirteen — Just a way station between *Ocean's Twelve* (2004) and the inevitable "Ocean's Fourteen," this third installment in the franchise is outlandish even as fantasy, a labyrinthine revenge caper undertaken after evil lug Al Pacino double-crosses sweet-tempered lug Elliott Gould (part of the usual crew) out of his share of a Vegas hotel-casino. George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, and Carl Reiner are all back, though Julia Roberts has taken a powder as designated sex object and been replaced by a villainous

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The Virgin Suicides is still my favorite from Sofia Coppola. This film is more like a love poem to suburban innocence. Religious fervor, adolescent lust, canned food, romps on a football field — these are the things that keep our flag flying high.

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One of my all-time favorite movies is *Charade*, starring two of my all-time favorite actors, Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. Set in Paris, this 1963 film has it all — mystery, suspense, romance, comedy, and style. It features a superb, hypnotic cha-cha/bossa nova-infused soundtrack by Henry Mancini.

As a soul-music aficionado, I was excited to find a short-lived 1966 TV show called *The Beat*, which features rare performances by some well-known (Otis Redding, Etta James, Little Milton) and many unknown classic soul performers. On the air for just one year, the Southern show produced 26 episodes, now digitally restored and available on DVD with accompanying texts about these lesser-known artists. Volume Two features performances by guitarist/singer Barbara Lynn and Little Gary Ferguson, a seven-year-old with moves that could match James Brown. The music alone is worth hearing, but *The Beat* is also visually fun to watch, complete with a kitschy set, suit-clad house band, fringe-outfitted go-go dancers and an enigmatic host named "Hoss" Allen.

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THE BEAT, VOLUME TWO (USA) 1966, Bear Family
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Pecker: John Waters's satirical tale of a blue-collar Baltimore teen who inadvertently becomes an overnight celebrity when his photographs of eccentric locals become the rage of the New York art scene. While I would wholeheartedly recommend any Waters film, *Pecker* is perhaps his most endearing and most underrated work. Keep your eyes peeled for a cameo by the wonderful Cindy Sherman.

Björk Live at Royal Opera House: A stunning 2002 London performance, featuring mainly songs from Björk's then-current album, *Vespertine*. The Icelandic songstress, together with electronic duo Matmos, harpist Zeena Parkins, an Inuit choir, a full orchestra, and an array of glass music boxes, delivers some of her most breathtaking live arrangements ever. DVD also includes a short tour documentary.

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Ellen Barkin, the butt of much ageist ridicule. Predictably adolescent and smarmy, with the mix of sentimentality and cynical flippancy that's becoming Steven Soderbergh's specialty (even when he's pretending to make art films), this is chewing gum for the eyes and ears, and not bad as such. — J.R.

Once — In the opening scene of

John Carney's engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the

wastrel who's snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep the money. That sort of humanity

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infuses the movie, a low-budget and leisurely plotted DV project in which the singer, a poor vacuum-cleaner repairman, falls in love with a young Czech immigrant (Markéta Irglová) who plays the piano and helps him put together a band for a demo session. The songs don't advance the narrative lyrically so much as follow the two characters' uncertain relationship through the slow realization of their themes; in particular a scene in which they first jam together in the back room of a music store is a gem. — *J.R.*

Paris, Je T'Aime — Most features composed of sketches by different filmmakers are wildly uneven. This one is consistently mediocre, albeit pleasant and watchable. It helps that none of the episodes runs longer than five or six minutes. Many of the most famous areas of Paris — the Latin Quarter, the Champs-Élysées — are omitted, but Olivier Assayas, Gurinda Chadha, Sylvain Chomet, Joel and Ethan Coen, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Gérard Depardieu, Christopher Doyle, Vincenzo Natali, Alexander Payne, Bruno Podalydes, Walter Salles and Daniela Thomas, Nobuhiro Suwa, Tom Tykwer, and Gus Van Sant, among others, do pretty well with their chosen parts of the city. In English and subtitled French. — *J.R.*

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End — Nearly every element of the previous two movies resurfaces in this third adventure, which ends up overloaded with characters and subplots. Returning villains Geoffrey Rush, Bill Nighy,



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and Tom Hollander team with Chow Yun-fat and a half-dozen pirate lords to bedevil fey buccaneer Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and star-crossed lovers Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley. Depp plays multiple versions of Sparrow, who now suffers from a split personality; his shtick is funny, but the players

are all upstaged by the astonishing special effects, superior to those of earlier installments in creating a wondrous and menacing world. Gore Verbinski directed; with Naomie Harris, Stellan Skarsgard, and Keith Richards. — *A.G.*

Ratatouille — Animated feature

about a rat who dreams of becoming a great chef. With the voices of Patton Oswalt, Janeane Garofalo, and Brad Garrett; directed by Brad Bird.

Shrek the Third — The big green babysitter is back, but the charm has evaporated. Cinephiles will enjoy

some of the in-jokes (watching an awful play, one character cracks, "This is worse than *Love Letters*"). But then, if you're a cinephile, why would you bother with this? Chris Miller and Raman Hui directed; with the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and Antonio Banderas. — *J.R.J.*

Sicko — Michael Moore follows up *Fahrenheit 9/11* with this documentary about the U.S. health care crisis.

Spider-Man 3 — Even longer than its predecessors, 3 piles on the series's usual comedy scenes and action sequences while adding some black slime from outer space and a few new actors (Thomas Haden Church, Topher Grace) to the more familiar faces (Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, J.K. Simmons, Rosemary Harris). And a pile is what it feels like, especially when two superheroes ultimately join forces to defeat three supervillains. Given how bogus the movie is whenever it departs from formula, it's not surprising that the funniest bit (in which Peter Parker becomes a disco smoothie) is stolen from Jerry Lewis's *Nutty Professor* or that the best special effects, involving a gigantic Sandman, dimly echo *King Kong*. Director Sam Raimi tries to pump some life into this dutiful enterprise but seems more than a little bored himself, especially when he's getting mushy about Spider-Man's moral decline and regeneration. — *J.R.*

Surf's Up — A surfing penguin heads for the tropics in this kids' feature, the second project from Sony Pictures' new animation unit (the first was *Open Season*). Writer-directors Ash Brannon (formerly of Pixar) and Chris Buck (formerly of

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CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
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DOWNTOWN

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 701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Black Book (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 6:45, 9:50;
DOA: Dead or Alive (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; **Evening** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **1408** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; **Hostel: Part II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; **A Mighty Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:25, 3:25) 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:30, 10:05; **Nancy Drew** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05, 3:35) 5:45, 7:45, 9:25; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:40; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; **300** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **28 Weeks Later** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:40

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Evan Almighty (PG); **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG); **Knocked Up** (R); **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13); **Mr. Brooks** (R); **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13); **Spider-Man 3** (PG-13); **Transformers** (PG-13)

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Evan Almighty (PG); **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG); **1408** (PG-13); **Knocked Up** (R); **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13); **A Mighty Heart** (R); **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13); **Once** (R); **Ratatouille** (G); **Surf's Up** (PG)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Evening (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
 Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; **La Vie en Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40; **Sicko** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 2:20, 4:20, 5:30, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:50, 11:30, 1:30, 2:20, 4:20, 5:30, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
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 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R); **The Third Man** (Not Rated)

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Fashion Valley 18
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Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
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10:15; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Sicko** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

Mission Valley 20

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STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Evan Almighty (PG) Fri. (2:50) 5:50, 8:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:50, 8:10; **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG) Fri. (2:40) 5:40, 8:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:40, 8:30; **1408** (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 5:30, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 3:10) 5:30, 8:00; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:20, 8:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:20, 8:20; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:40; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:10, 7:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 3:00) 5:10, 7:25

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Killer of Sheep (Not Rated) Fri. 5:10, 7:20, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

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3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Golden Door (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; **La Vie en Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40; **Once** (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:05; **Paris, Je T'Aime** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Waitress** (PG-13) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Africa: The Serengeti (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00;
Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00 Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 2:00, 6:00;
Dinosaurs Alive! (NR) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00;
Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **The Alps: Giants of Nature** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00 Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00

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8:05, 10:40; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (10:50, 1:50, 4:50) 7:50, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:50; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 10:45, 1:15, 1:45) 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:10, 10:10; **Nancy Drew** (PG) Fri. (10:35, 1:10, 4:25) Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 1:10) 4:25; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 1:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:25; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:10, 1:55) 7:20; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri. (10:00, 10:30, 12:45, 1:15, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 12:45, 1:15, 4:00) 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:20; **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri. (10:20, 1:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 1:05) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35

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Disney) couch the narrative as a reality TV show, with the usual joggling camera, impulsive zooms, and quick cutaways to talking-head interviews. The novelty wears off almost immediately, leaving this a real chore to watch; there's something bizarre about low-budget spontaneity being replicated in such a labor-intensive medium. With the voices of Shia LaBeouf, Jeff Bridges, Zoëy Deschanel, and Jon Heder. — *J.R.J.*

The Third Man — It once was praised as a sharply realistic study of American idealism (in the person of pulp novelist Joseph Cotten) crushed by European cynicism (embodied by war profiteer Orson Welles), but today it's the extravagant falsity that entertains — from Welles's "cuckoo clock" speech to the crazy camera angles and madly expressionist lighting chosen by director Carol Reed. It isn't easy when you're up against the likes of Reed, writer Graham Greene, and producer David O. Selznick, but Welles still manages to dominate this 1949 film, both as an actor and as a stylistic influence. What's missing is the Welles content. With Trevor Howard, Alida Valli, and Bernard Lee. — *D.K.*

300 — Frank Miller's graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae, where 300 Spartans battled the entire Persian army in 480 B.C., has been adapted into a CG sword-and-sandal epic. The disconnect between the human actors and the digital backgrounds is more pronounced here than in a futuristic adventure like *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*, and because classic Hollywood cinema is so rich with epic images of antiquity, this can't help but seem chintzy. Still, there are some striking ones — a dead tree studded with soldiers' bodies, hun-



Mr. Brooks

dreds of arrows swarming through the air like flies — though the palette leans mostly toward bluish backgrounds and dark crimson blood spray. Zack Snyder (the *Dawn of the Dead* remake) directed; intoning dramatically against green screens are Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, and Dominic West. — *J.R.J.*

Transformers — Sci-fi action based on the popular toy line and animated television series; directed by Michael Bay.

28 Weeks Later — Director Danny Boyle and the original cast have all bailed out, but this sequel to the apocalyptic splatter flick *28 Days Later* (2002) is still well equipped to rip your face off. By now the highly

contagious "rage virus" has swept the entire British mainland, its psychotic victims have all died of starvation, and a U.S.-led multinational force has established a sort of Green Zone whose shell-shocked residents are supposed to repopulate the island. But after the quarantined population is infected, snipers are ordered to shoot the healthy and the crazed alike. Juan Carlos Fresnadillo

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VISTA

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

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Evening (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **A Mighty Heart** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:10, 10:30

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La Costa 6
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Evan Almighty (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

OCEANSIDE

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Evan Almighty (PG); **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG); **1408** (PG-13); **Knocked Up** (R); **Live Free or Die Hard**

directed; with Rose Byrne, Robert Carlyle, Jeremy Renner, and Catherine McCormack. — *J.R.J.*

La Vie en Rose — Marion Cotillard tears up all the available scenery in this overblown, achronological biopic of French pop singer Edith Piaf. Whether sincere or cynical, the movie is a near parody of the "*Je ne regrette rien*"/"This is Mrs. Norman Maine" school of female suffering and camp mortification: the heroine grows up in Grandma's brothel, sings on the streets, gets discovered by an entrepreneur (Gérard Depardieu no less), loses or gets snatched away from loved ones, becomes dependent on drink and drugs. Director-cowriter Olivier Dahan lamentably leapfrogs past most of the German occupation, when Piaf was a courageous member of the resistance. With Sylvie Testud and Emmanuelle Seigner. In French with subtitles. — *J.R.*

Waitress — The late Adrienne Shelly, best known for her roles in *Sleep With Me* and Hal Hartley's *Trust* and *The Unbelievable Truth*, wrote and directed half a dozen films, three of them features, but this tangy, resourceful comedy drama is the first I've seen. Keri Russell plays a gifted pie baker and abused housewife who waits tables at a diner along with two romantically frustrated coworkers (Cheryl Hines and Shelly) and unexpectedly finds herself pregnant. The film isn't averse to reaching for Hollywood fantasies, but there's a lot of what seems to be hard-earned wisdom here about women in bad marriages. The men tend to be either idealized (hunky Nathan Fillion, patriarchal Andy Griffith) or monstrosly geeky (Jeremy Sisto and Eddie Jemison), and Shelly clearly had fun with all of these caricatures. — *J.R.*

(PG-13); **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13); **Ratatouille** (G); **Shrek the Third** (PG); **Surf's Up** (PG)

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Evan Almighty (PG) Fri. (10:50, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:45, 5:20, 5:50) 7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30) 4:45, 5:20, 5:50, 7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 1:00, 3:10, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **1408** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:25, 3:45) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; **Knocked Up** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:05, 5:00) 7:45, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 2:05) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 12:50, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50) 6:50, 7:50, 9:40, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 12:50, 2:00, 3:50) 4:50, 6:50, 7:50, 9:40, 10:40; **A Mighty Heart** (R) Fri. (11:25, 1:50, 4:20) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:50) 4:20, 7:20, 9:55; **Mr. Brooks** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:25, 10:05; **Nancy Drew** (PG) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:35) Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:35; **Ocean's Thirteen** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 2:10, 5:10) 7:55, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 2:10) 5:10, 7:55, 10:35; **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 3:20) 6:45, 10:10; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri. (11:00, 11:40, 1:45, 2:20, 4:25, 5:00, 7:00, 7:35, 9:35, 10:10); **Shrek the Third** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:35, 5:05) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:05, 7:15, 9:35; **Surf's Up** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 12:45, 2:45, 4:55) 6:55, 9:10 Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 12:45, 2:45) 4:55, 6:55, 9:10

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Joaquina Ábrego, una mujer de 60 años, teme perder su casa, ya que el patrimonio familiar podría ser embargado si ella no logra solucionar su problema de pagos de hipoteca.

"Me engañó un prestamista que hizo el refinanciamiento de mi casa, me iba a ayudar a bajar los pagos hasta 900 dólares, yo pagaba dos mil y era mucho, le creí y firmé los papeles que no me explicó, y mi pago

subió a tres mil setecientos dólares", dice triste doña Joaquina.

"Cuando yo llegué a firmar papeles vi que aumentaba el pago y le dije que no iba a poder pagar, pero él me dijo 'no se preocupe yo voy arreglar eso usted firme ahora', y nunca se volvió aparecer".

Ante el incremento dramático de casas que son embargadas, la asociación ACORN dio a conocer un listado de los lugares en San Diego que enfrentan este problema.

tijuana



Es directo

En su segunda ronda como candidato a la alcaldía de Tijuana, Jorge Ramos, candidato de la Alianza para Baja California por los partidos Acción Nacional PAN, PANAL Y PES, propone un gobierno inteligente que actúe de inmediato.

El candidato dijo que se lanza nuevamente en busca de la presidencia municipal porque viene de una cultura política perseverante y tenaz en busca de hacer cumplir

sus objetivos, respaldado por mayor experiencia.

"Hoy estoy con mayor madurez y temple, regresé con fuerza y nuevas ideas convencido lo que quiero hacer no por capricho, sino por amor por Tijuana donde nací, de una familia con arraigo en esta ciudad", dijo el candidato.

Señaló que lo más importante es saber que es lo que el gobierno puede ofrecer para no hacer promesas que no se pueden cumplir.

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Una de las más importantes exposiciones que se hayan presentado en San Diego, como lo es la exhibición de 'Los rollos del Mar Muerto' (Dead Sea Scrolls) se inaugura este viernes 29 de junio en el Museo de Historia Natural de Balboa Park.

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Unas 70 personas indocumentadas fueron interceptadas por agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza en las inmediaciones de Dulzura, al Este del Condado, el pasado sábado.

Por una llamada anónima agentes fronterizos del punto de revisión en la carretera 94 Este detuvieron un camión de carga que intentaba pasar ilegalmente a 70 indocumentados.

"Por un reporte se logró obtener todos los detalles y descripción del camión de carga cuando llegó al punto de revisión, de ahí se mandó a una segunda inspección y ahí se descubrieron todas las

personas en un pequeño espacio encimadas una en otras cubiertas por cajas", dijo Wendi Leo, portavoz de la Patrulla Fronteriza.

En el reporte anónimo se dio a conocer la descripción exacta del vehículo de carga que transportaba al grupo de indocumentados cerca de la garita de Tecate, además proporcionó los detalles de la dirección en la que estaba viajando.

Cuando el camión tipo trailer llegó al punto de revisión, los oficiales de guardia vieron el vehículo que correspondía con la descripción recibida en el reporte, además un notorio nerviosismo y conducta extraña del conductor.



Vibra Aída

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Aída Cuevas demostró que la canción mexicana se encuentra en buen momento, por lo menos en eventos en vivo, ya que en medios electrónicos, como la televisión, no tiene mucha atención.

Tanto ella como el mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, uno de los más emblemáticos y de mayor trayectoria de México, demostraron su gran calidad en los viñedos L.A. Cetto el sábado pasado, que uniendo su talento complacieron a más de dos mil quinientas personas con su música bravía.

"Me siento muy contenta en esta actuación con el mejor mariachi del mundo, son los mejores amigos y compañeros desde hace más de 31 años, cuando grabé con

ellos mi primer disco", dice la cantante en previa conferencia de prensa.

"Se extrañará mucho la presencia de Antonio Aguilar, fue un gran actor y cantante, nos deja mucho dolor, pero la música va a seguir", comentó Aída en relación al reciente fallecimiento de Antonio Aguilar.

Ante tal deceso, ella, como el mariachi Vargas tienen pensado grabar un disco en honor al que fue considerado como 'el último charro mexicano'.

Unidos para la ocasión, mariachi e intérprete lograron en los viñedos L.A. Cetto llevar al público a una inolvidable tarde-noche al calor del vino y de la música mexicana, que en los instrumentos del mariachi y Aída Cuevas, llegan a otro nivel.



Campeones

Estados Unidos retuvo el título de la Copa de Oro de la Concacaf, al sacudirse una desventaja y derrotar 2-1 a México, en la final celebrada en el Soldier Field de Chicago.

Landon Donovan, al minuto 61 de penal y Benny Feilhaber, en el 73 de tiempo corrido convirtieron por los estadounidenses y Andrés Guardado lo hizo por México a un minuto de finalizar el primer tiempo.

Jared Borgetti, el mejor goleador de la selección mexicana, se lesionó en el 38 y fue sustituido por Omar Bravo, un cambio sin consecuencias en la formación mexicana.

México terminó mejor y lo reflejó en el marcador

con una llegada de Nery Castillo, esta vez por la derecha; puso un servicio a Andrés Guardado, preciso con un golpe de zurda que se incrustó en la red para el 0-1.

Cuando parecían recuperarse de un comienzo incierto, los mexicanos regalaron el empate por una falta en el área de Johnny Magallón en el minuto 60, que significó un penal bien lanzado por Landon Donovan para el 1-1.

Estados Unidos aseguró el título en el 73 en un tiro de esquina; Benny Feilhaber recibió la pelota y de derecha desde fuera del área la puso en la red, un elegante gol ante el portero no tenía nada que hacer.

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Noticias

En Voz Alta, la revista noticiosa de Diario San Diego, cambia a los jueves de 7 a 8 de la noche en Radio Hispana 1470 AM.



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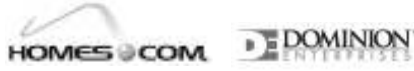
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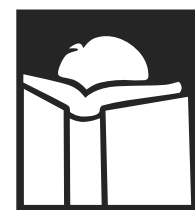
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Judy Donovan
Medical Field
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Maybe the death of Princess Di. It touched so many lives. And two young boys lost their mother. She was so giving and impacted everyone around the world.



Heather Adams
Housewife
Encinitas

Going to war in Iraq. My husband's been there twice, the first time for six and a half months. He's there now and has been for over two months. A few of our good friends have died over there. Although, maybe I could get into trouble for saying that.



Llane Anderson
Student
Murietta

I don't know how you could choose just one event. The number-one thing would probably be the Holocaust. That was the worst. Second, Bush's approach to war in Iraq. I understand why we're there but for this amount of time doesn't seem right.



Lindsey Ibarra
Student
Murietta

I would pick 9/11. It was such a horrible thing that happened. Aside from thousands of people dying, it created the war, with thousands also dying in that. Although, I'm half and half on picking that event to change. I think some good things came out of it. Maybe if 9/11 didn't happen, our country wouldn't be as united as it is today.



Jessica Regis
Student
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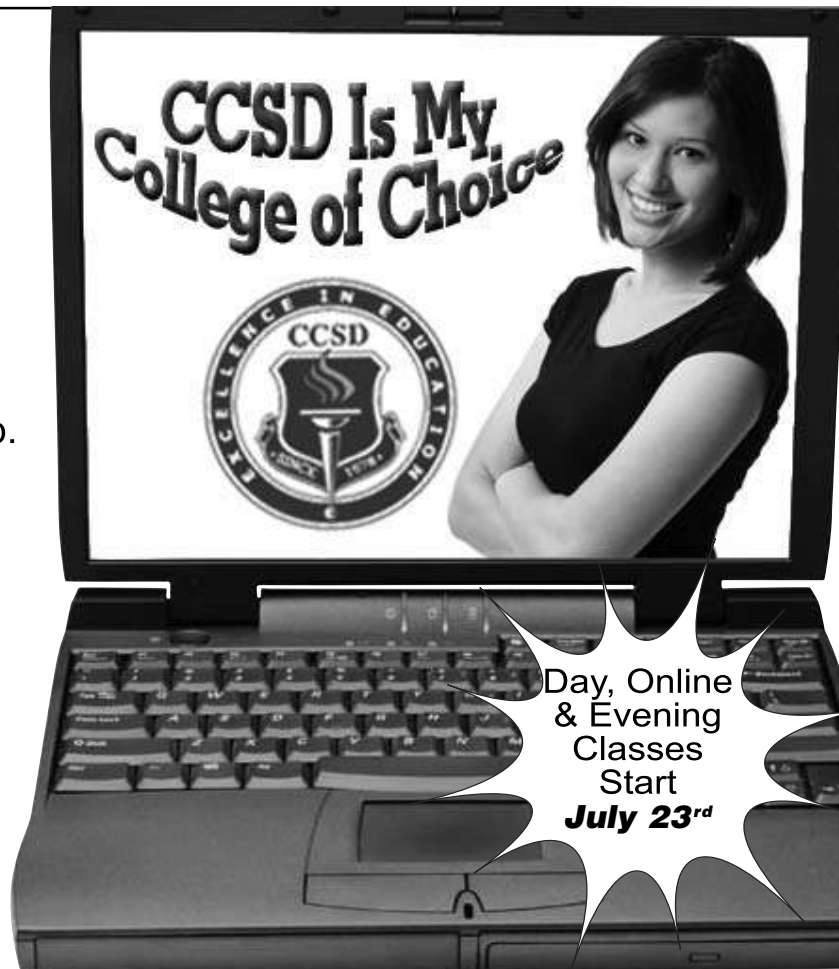
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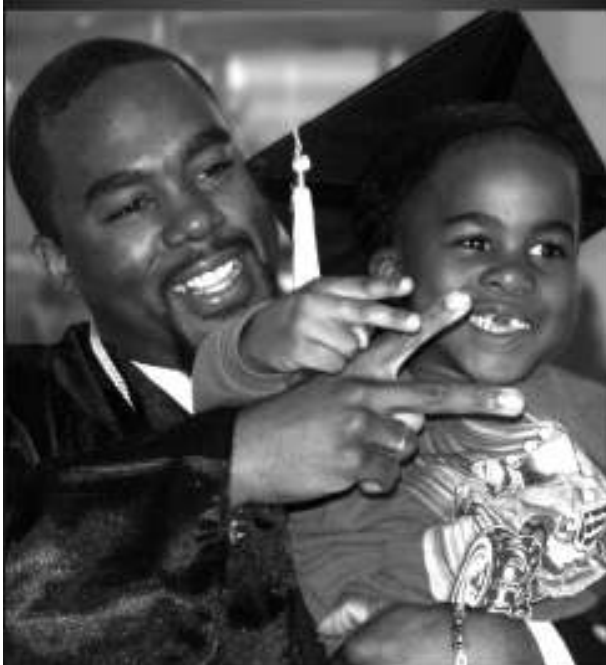
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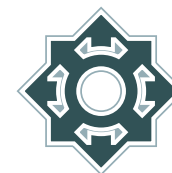


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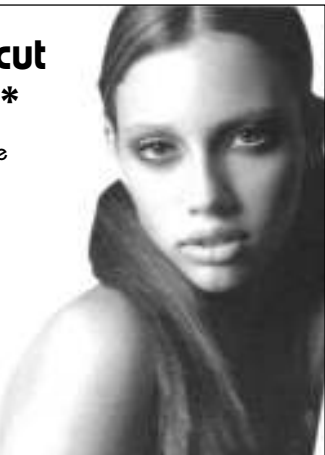
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SurfMOBILE

Name: Junko Brunelle
Home: Ocean Beach
Vehicle: 2000 Ford Focus wagon
Surfing: Ocean Beach Pier

Junko Brunelle doesn't like Fords at all. "They break too easily," she says. But she bought her Focus wagon for the fold-down seats and cargo capacity.

She carries two boards in back: a Mitsven 6'7" and a Topper 6'6". She rode longboards until last month; her skill level was such that she wanted a shorter, more maneuverable board.

She keeps a plastic tub filled with her surf gear and a spare leash. "I broke this leash. A strong wave knocked me off my board and I knew my leash snapped. So I fixed it with some rope and I keep it as a spare." Also in the tub are her X-Cel booties that she used until the first week of June. Junko says when the water temperature rises above 62 degrees, she puts the booties away. Her wetsuit is a 3/2mm O'Neill. She also carries



a small green Reef box with a bar of wax and a comb that's been melted. "If it gets dirty, I just strip and wax my board at home. I don't know why I carry this box of wax around still."

She calls a telephone-

service surf report to get the latest conditions on her favorite surf spots: Ocean Beach pier and Tourmaline Surfing Park in Pacific Beach. In the five years Junko's been surfing, she hasn't seen too many crazy things, but

her husband, who's been surfing for 25 years, has told her stories. "He found a box of ashes — someone's cremated remains." And he's been hooked at the end of fishermen's lines next to the Ocean Beach pier, twice.

posit. No smoking/pets. Male preferred. Bill 858-518-1517.

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Across

- 1. Prankster's exclamation
7. Beaver's work
10. Tee choices: Abbr.
13. Brouhaha
14. Time span
15. Papua New Guinea port
16. Speaker of this puzzle's quote, on having his name appear in the New York Times crossword puzzle on May 5, 2007
19. " " follower
20. Gordon and Bader Ginsburg
22. Start of this puzzle's quote
28. Has a loan from
29. Merman and Kennedy
30. Second part of the quote
34. Staples purchase
35. Original _____
36. Not yet realized
41. Third part of the quote
43. Tube VIP
48. Bogart's role in "The Petrified Forest"
49. Fourth part of the quote
53. _____ Wafers (Nabisco cookies)
54. Popular '20s auto
55. End of quote
63. Squeeze (out)
64. Round Table title
65. South Africa's Mandela
66. "Dawson's Creek" star James Van _____ Beek
67. Nav. designation
68. On the clothesline

Down

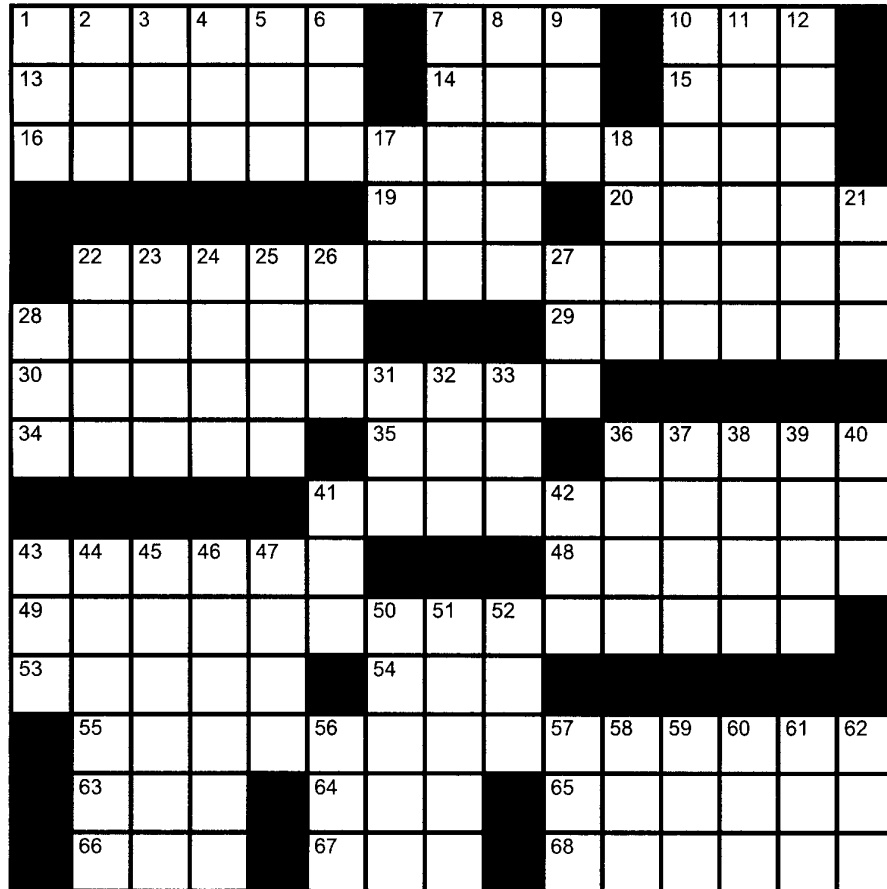
- 1. "To Die For" director Van Sant
2. Make a decision
3. It's over due
4. Person with a beat
5. "Don't make me laugh!"
6. "All bets _____ off!"
7. Interior design
8. It wafts
9. Start to function?
10. One on a trail, perhaps
11. Saint of housewives, in France
12. Deadly
17. Sgt., for one
18. Author _____ Easton Ellis
21. Holy ones: Abbr.
22. "For what care _____ calls me well or ill": Shakespeare
23. Many a college applicant
24. "Survivor" setting, often
25. Use a swizzle stick
26. Weep
27. Belief sys.
28. He was featured in the 2006 "Baseball Sluggers" U.S. postage stamp series

Down

- 31. L.A.-to-Tucson direction
32. Clear (of)
33. Singer DiFranco
36. State where HBO's "Big Love" is set
37. When repeated, Orkan for "goodbye"
38. Business school subj.
39. Very wide, at Foot Locker
40. Follower of Mao?
41. GI's meal
42. TV title judge
43. Spike TV, formerly
44. Put into words
45. Name in many a hospital name
46. Dirt farmer
47. "There is more than one way to skin _____"
50. Hatch on the Hill
51. Phobias
52. Actress Gretchen
56. "What's the _____?"
57. Not Dem. or Rep.
58. Sea, to Sartre
59. Layer
60. "It's just _____ thought"
61. Bambooize
62. "Star Trek" spin-off, briefly

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 6/21/07.

- There were 56 entrants. The winners are:
1. Louis Browne, San Diego
2. Richard Morse, El Cajon
3. Rob Anderson, San Diego
4. Wallace Valenzuela, San Diego
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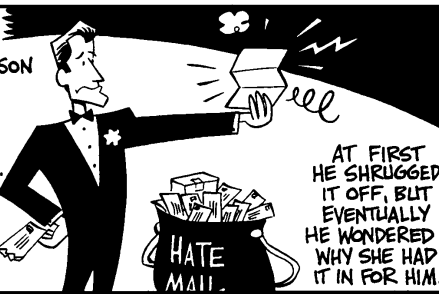
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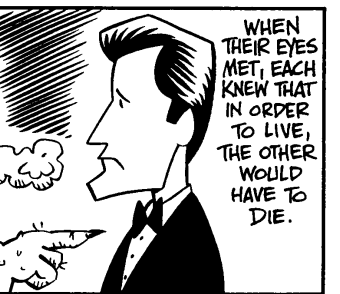
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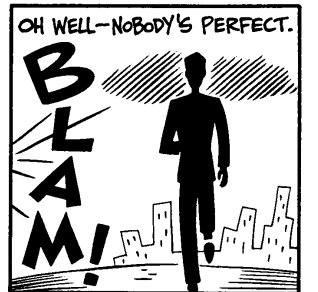


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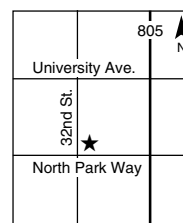
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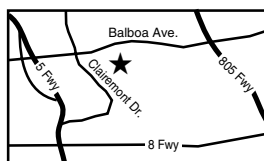
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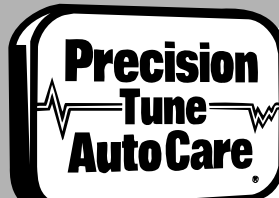
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Can't Possibly Be True

— The Good Hope Hospital in Sutton, England, apparently had an official policy in recent years of reusing sheets from one patient to the next to reduce its laundry bill (estimated at the equivalent of \$1 million a year), according to an April report in *London's Daily Mail*. The policy coincided with a period in which the hospital's reported cases of *clostridium difficile* infections doubled. (A hospital official said the policy had been discontinued, though some posters announcing it were on display.)

— Hall-of-Fame Lawyer: Kenneth Glenn Hinson, 48, who had served time for raping a 12-year-old girl, was arrested last year after two teenage girls reported that they had been kidnapped from their bedroom and dragged into a tiny, dungeon-like hole in Hinson's backyard, bound with duct tape, and repeatedly raped. Despite the evidence, defense lawyer Rick Hoefler managed to convince a jury in Darlington, S.C., to find Hinson not guilty on all charges in April (based on the girls' inconsistent testimony), and Hinson remains in jail today only on an unrelated gun charge.

— Years ago, officials on the Torres Martinez Indian reservation (about 40 miles southeast of Palm Springs, Calif.) decided that the tribe could make more money as a toxic dump than with casinos and luxury hotels, but now faces millions of dollars in federal fines as an out-of-control Super-

fund site, according to a June *Los Angeles Times* report. In addition to pits and piles laden with arsenic, dioxin and chromium, there is an area about 1000 feet by 300 feet by 40 feet high consisting only of human sewage. The site's problems are not easily resolvable, said a UCLA professor who has studied Torres Martinez factions, in that “intertribal relationships” make it “complicated” to change policy.

Inexplicable

— In May, a curious Joe Heckel of Cincinnati and his son took apart the heavy punching bag Joe had bought for their boxing practice and to their surprise found it full of men's and women's underwear (some used). According to a May report on WLWT-TV, the manufacturer, Technical Knockout Inc., eventually contacted the Heckels and admitted that it had experienced a “quality” problem and that the people who had thought up the bag-stuffing idea had been fired.

Unclear on the Concept

— New-Age Ethics: (1) Texas A&M's business school punished 24 students in May for cheating on a business ethics exam (and investigated 27 others, but could not meet the school's legal standard of “irrefutable” proof against them). The offense was that some students took exams for others. (2) During the spring term at New Jersey's Kean University, former governor James McGreevey taught a course in “ethics, law, and leadership,” with the “ethics” part raising eyebrows; in 2004, he had hired an alleged potential lover with almost no security experience to be his homeland security adviser. Said a political opponent, “Jim McGreevey teaching law and ethics is...like Dr. Kevoorkian teaching health maintenance.”

— Community activist Therese Mallik testified against a crematorium's expansion plans in 2005 in Cessnock, Australia, reportedly saying that the building was already a disaster for the neighborhood and that she had seen a “ghostlike figure” above it at one point. After the *Cessnock Independent* newspaper reported her remarks,

she sued the publisher for defamation, claiming that her statements, when published, made her appear “demented” or “irrational.” In June 2007, a jury ruled against her.

People Who Are in Serious Trouble

— In early March, highway patrol officers near Ontario, Calif., came upon an unlocked rental truck whose engine was still warm and which contained marijuana worth an estimated \$20 million, with the driver undoubtedly on the run. ... In April, the driver of a cocaine delivery truck took a curve too sharply in Medellin, Colombia, and spilled its one-ton cargo on the highway. The driver (perhaps luckily for him) was arrested.

“Don't You Know Who I Am?”

— (1) In April, Marilyn Devaney, who is one of eight elected Massachusetts officials with authority over certain actions taken by the governor, was accused of assault in Waltham, Mass., after she allegedly hit a beauty-shop clerk with a curling iron when the employee declined to take Devaney's personal check. Devaney had allegedly, indignantly pointed out her status and yelled, “Don't you know who I am?” (2) In May, Philadelphia-area socialite Susan Tabas Tepper was accused of assaulting a domestic employee and then, when the employee threatened to call the police, Tepper allegedly intervened. “I will call the police. I'm important; you're nothing.”

People With Issues

— (1) In March, police in Ann Arbor, Mich., were called to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at the University of Michigan after a female trespasser entered during the dinner hour and ignored repeated attempts to get her to leave (even though she merely sat down, removed her clothes and masturbated). Fraternity members said later they would throw out the two sofas she touched. (2) In March, Israel recalled Tsuriel Raphael, its ambassador to El Salvador, after he was found tied up, drunk, and naked in the front yard of his residence, with several sadomasochistic sex toys nearby.

Least Competent Criminals

— Howard Mayfield, 47, and Valerie Lester, 36, were arrested at his trailer home near Damascus, Va., in March as the two, according to police, nearly burned down the home while trying to destroy counterfeit money that Mayfield had printed. Police had served arrest warrants at 5:15 a.m., found the trailer smoky, and upon entering saw Lester near a bed (under which the fake currency was burning, with smoking pouring out), pretending to knit a sweater and to wonder about the commotion.

Updates

— (1) Michael Wiley of Port Richey, Fla., in “News of the Weird” last year for his maniacal driving despite having lost both arms and half a leg in a childhood accident, was back in trouble in May. He led police on a high-speed chase and won...but they recognized the notorious Wiley behind the wheel and arrested him the next day. Said an acquaintance, to the *St. Petersburg Times*, “He's one of the best drivers I've ever seen in my life.” (2) In May, countries on the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development elected as its chairman the representative from Zimbabwe (noted in “News of the Weird” in recent months for its almost comical rate of inflation, which was 1593 percent in January and 3731 percent in May).

Thinning the Herd

— Recurring Themes: (1) An 18-year-old man intent on spray-painting graffiti in an electrical substation in Santa Fe, N.M., jumped the concrete wall and razor wire in May and started to work, but soon burned himself badly and died days later. (2) A 29-year-old man from Downers Grove, Ill., who decided to set off fireworks in his yard, was killed when he picked up an unexploded missile and peered down the tubing to see why it hadn't gone off yet.

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Thirty Years Ago

LADY BLUE — Personal computing? Origami? Tolstoy? Underweight? Lack of skill at chess? Large feet? Colorblindness? Wait a minute, I'm not colorblind. Moron man.

BOB HOHMEYER made me blow my whistle during the film at the Unicorn on June 17th. (I always do as I'm told...) The Whistler SCHERRER: Sat behind you at your brother's graduation from MB High School. Your suit looked good but that's not all. Did you go to MB too — look familiar. Admirer.

—CLASSIFIEDS, June 30, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

This was our first true home in more than two years of traveling, and we looked forward to a stable life with our new baby. Here was a yard where she could play.

A month of sweaty work had ended when my husband and I were talking in bed one Sunday morning. "The back porch will make a great office," I said. "It's a shame the heater's back there, but I got most all the asbestos cleaned up, so it shouldn't bother you."

"Asbestos!" Jonathan screamed and bolted out of bed. "How do you know that's asbestos?"

—"DEADLY DUST," Maggie Locke, July 1, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

"Welcome back a former member of the Sierra Club hierarchy — or lowerarchy, as the case may be," said the MC. Roger Hedgecock stood up to applause from the 50 members of the Sierra Club's Committee on Political Education, which met at Café Casino restaurant in Mission Valley on June 24.

—CITY LIGHTS: "THE HEDGECOCK TALK," Karl Keating, July 2, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

If nationally and somewhat internationally we native Southern Californians are known for our intellectual vagueness (often mistaken for vacuity), our ambiguousness — both moral and sexual — and for our tendency toward the mythic and the occult, we can blame it on the sunlight in which we were raised. It is not a gentle light. Its magnesium-flare-thwarted-by-smog quality has little patience with nuance; it bleaches all colors; robs shadows of mystery. It is harsh and unkind to the human form. Even at its mildest it could never be confused for the winter light of the Italian Venice.

Southern Californian sunlight is never, ever like that. It is not playful. Its unequivocal-

ity, if it urges us, its natives, to anything, urges us to exhibitionism or simply to hide.

—"SUNLIGHT OFFERS NO FAVORS TO FAT BOYS,"

Abe Opincar, July 2, 1992

Ten Years Ago

I was 35 before I first owned a house and first started thinking about water.

The basement seemed dry as we moved in, and I directed the furniture movers to put three-quarters of our boxes down there. When the first water appeared, almost at once, it dripped down from the house and seemed to be caused by a lack of attention.

—"NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD HAS MAN MOVED SUCH VOLUMES OF WATER SUCH DISTANCES," Tim Brookes, June 26, 1997

Five Years Ago

It was the biggest media event of the new year, and Elena Cristiano was in her element. A crowd of more than 100 reporters, photographers, politicians, and sports fans, along with television cameras, had turned out on the bayfront steps of the County Administration Building to hear her boss, San Diego mayor Dick Murphy, announce an alliance with his political foe, county supervisor Ron Roberts.



San Diego Reader, June 27, 2002

Cristiano, a striking, 30-ish brunette who had been the mayor's press secretary since he took office in December 2000, stood off camera, taking in the scene with mayoral chief of staff John Kern. As they surveyed the assemblage on that sunny morning in mid-January 2002, Cristiano would lean her head close to Kern's and whisper something in his ear.

—"WHO IS THIS WOMAN? WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HER? WHERE IS SHE NOW?" Matt Potter, June 27, 2002

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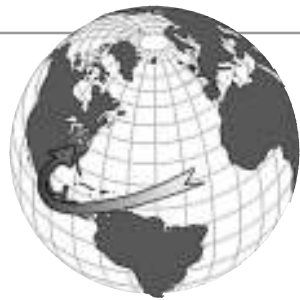
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FLASHBULB ANTICIPATION

The Jonestown massacre was responsible for my growing up bereft of popular culture. Not because I was orphaned by Kool Aid-drinking parents or because I belonged to a cult, but because my mother was so appalled by the media representations of the event that she got rid of our television, cancelled the newspapers, and turned off the radio. Receiving the *New York Times* once a week to do the Sunday puzzle in pen, she raised me in blissful ignorance of anything that was going on outside of our immediate environment, a tiny, secluded island on the East Coast of Canada.

"No, really," said a friend of mine recently, when I said that my only memories of the first Gulf War were of my fifth-grade classmates calling Saddam Hussein "So Damn Insane." "Were you raised in a closet?"

I remember things happening, of course. I wasn't completely impervious to the demands of society; after hearing everyone talk about *The X-Files* for a while, I got a friend of mine to tape them for me. It was pretty good. No staying power, though. And the O.J. Simpson trial swept my high school into an uproar, allowing me to feel morally superior about *not* having seen the infamous White Bronco tooling along a California highway. The day of the verdict, my French teacher allowed me to bring my handheld Walkman radio to class and remain plugged in while she distractedly taught the future imperfect to my equally distracted classmates.

I faithfully listened to every minute of the banal reportage, until the verdict came through. Just as I opened my mouth to speak, the school secretary stole my thunder. She reported over the P.A. system, "Due to popular demand, we've been asked to announce that the Simpson trial verdict

is 'not guilty.'" Instantly negated, I watched as the class devolved into frantic conjecture, and one extremely nerdy, soft-faced boy proclaimed over and over again that he believed O.J. was guilty because "he had shifty eyes."

My husband, born in 1967, remembers the moonwalk. It's sad that so many major world events passed in my lifetime without my having any monumental exposure to them at the time. Scientists call our memories of those moments "flashbulb memories." There's usually at least one eponymous generation-defining flashbulb memory, that "Where were you when...?" For the Boomers, it was when Kennedy was shot. For us, it'll be September 11.

It's funny to me that events can be so easily supplanted. I mean, when the *Challenger* exploded, we thought it was the worst thing we could imagine. Then, in 1989, the Berlin Wall came down, the years of fear and anguish and the Cold War came to an end, and we thought our national consciousness had been raised. Then came the World Trade towers and a barren New York landscape, and

now I'm just waiting in horrible anticipation of what the next flashbulb memory might be. Because we don't seem to "flashbulb" happy memories as often as we flashbulb horrible ones. Our group memory prefers terror and sadness, tragedy and death. In writing this, I've been trying to come up with a happy event in America's history of the past 20 years,



something that we might all turn to each other and say, "Where were you when...?" about, but I can't think of anything — which proves my point more aptly than anything else.

I'm not saying that nothing good ever happens; I'm sure people have positive flashbulbs galore — the day you married your high school sweetheart or the moment your baby was put into your arms. But as a

nation and as a culture, we have no group memories that are positive. We have nothing to share that makes us smile, that we actively want to remember.

If this is what I had to look forward to as an unsheltered child, why should I have bothered reaching for the TV remote or for the front-page news? I may have been raised in a closet, but I was happy. When the best our popular culture can bring us is a way to bond over natural disaster, you have to wonder why we have it at all. Now that I'm an adult, the Internet means I never have to be more than a finger-touch away from news, announce-

ments of celebrity weddings, and ads for cheap prescription drugs from Canada. Any reasonable need for pop culture I might have is satisfied ten times over, but I still find myself skipping over the news shows in favor of *America's Next Top Model*. Perhaps my mother was right: it's safer to revel in banality.

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BLOG DIEGO

POST DATE: June 19, 2007
POST TITLE: Today Is Reuben
Tuesday

We're pretty sure we'll have enough Reubens for today; we're not sure how deep into the rest of the week we'll get. For those who don't know, we make our own corned beef from Brandt beef (Brawley, CA) brisket and serve the Reubens with house-braised sauerkraut, Winchester Gouda cheese, and housemade Russian dressing open-faced on onion-rye bread from Bread on Market.

Post date: June 19, 2007

Post title: Fresh (Pastured) Meat
We're beginning to have success in procuring sustainable raised, pastured meats from independent farms. Starting Thursday or so, we'll run the following items in more or less this sequence:

Ossabaw Island breed pork chops from Cane Creek Farm in Mebane, North Carolina, with sweet corn and English pea succotash, and garnet yam salad all in a pork jus.

Pastured young lamb from Rinconada Dairy in Pozo, California (Rey is still working on the exact dish).

Open-faced Cuban sandwich, or a Linkery take thereon, with housemade ham and pulled pork, both from 100 percent Berkshire pigs, pasture-raised at Metzger Family Farm in Seneca, Kansas, with housemade pickles and artisan cheese, on bread from Bread on Market.

It'll be (at least) a great couple weeks for pastured meat! With any luck, we'll continue this roll indefinitely.

POST DATE: June 19, 2007

TITLE: Casing the Joint: Weblog from the Linkery | ADDRESS: <http://porterx.com/blog/>
AUTHOR: Jay Porter | FROM: North Park, Golden Heights, etc. | BLOGGING SINCE: September 2005

POST TITLE: Summer of Stone
(Fruit and Beer)

As the summer continues, we're getting more kinds of delicious stone fruit. We'll be offering the stone fruit salad and some kind of stone fruit salsa on our fish dish as long as we continue to get such great fruit. Coming this week (starting Thursday) you'll see:

Mission Plums (Fitzgerald's farm, Reedley, CA)

Organic Wild Plums (Flora Bella Farms, Three Rivers CA)

Snow Princess White Peaches. Sweet and juicy like a great peach should be, with overtones of green apple, at least to my taste (Fitzgerald's).

Lovely Lolita White Nectarines (Fitzgerald's).

Sugar Lips Varietal Yellow Peaches (Fitzgerald's). These varietal names do get a little goofy, but I like them.

Organic Royal Blenheim Apricots (Flora Bella Farms).

And, in keeping with the series, we have Stone IPA on cask! And Stone Vertical Epic in bottles starting on Thursday.

POST DATE: June 19, 2007

POST TITLE: New California

Wines, Including Mixed
Black

We got a bunch of new, premium

California wines today. It seemed to me we hadn't been doing enough to showcase the wines of our state, so this is a step toward improving that. Here's the new adds, starting with the one that most excited my curiosity:

York Creek MXB Zin Field



Blend. When many of California's first wine fields were planted, often by Italian immigrants in the late 1800s and early 1900s, they would "blend" the wine in the field by mixing the grape varieties in the planting. So the harvest of a field would yield, most commonly, a mix of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, and Carignane, and/or other blending grapes. This kind of wine was called a "Mixed Black"; the "MXB" is York Creek's version.

POST DATE: June 19, 2007

POST TITLE: Peter Giuliano on

Oaxaca La Trinidad Coffee
As part of our new coffee program, Peter Giuliano of Counter Culture

Coffee offered to explain a little bit about each of these four new coffees we're bringing on. Of course, I said, "Of course!" This installment describes Oaxaca La Trinidad coffee:

"Because of the remote locale, they are still growing the coffee varietal that is the most direct descendant of the coffee plant first brought to Latin America, called Typica. Great Typicas have a chocolate-cherry-vanilla flavor that is intoxicating and transporting.

"Perhaps the most amazing thing about this coffee is its dominant flavor of spiced chocolate, almost exactly like the flavor of Oaxacan chocolate. It's perfect for pairing with Oaxacan Chocolate Ice Cream. Oaxacalicious."

POST DATE: June 13, 2007

POST TITLE: CTJ Digest

I'm happy to say that we've now reached the point where we no longer serve any meat or fish at all from the commodity market. Now, absolutely all the meat we serve comes from independent farmers and co-ops, whose reputation and livelihood are bound to the quality and integrity of the animals they raise (until now, this described most but not all of the meat we served). Many of these independent farmers raise their

animals outdoors according to traditional, sustainable methods considered by modern industry to be too expensive or inefficient. As we progress, we will work exclusively with farmers who use these traditional methods. As part of this step, all of our chicken sausages will now be made from free-range organic chicken from Fulton Valley Farm. And all of our fish will be wild and caught locally (usually off the coast of Mexico). On a related note, we're also getting close to eliminating from our restaurant any food with any processed ingredients or preservatives. We still have a handful of pantry items we're working on finding artisan replacements for.

Our house-cured meats have been coming out really well. The cured meat plate right now includes our own landjager (German beef and pork sausage) and saucisson sec (French dry sausage with pork, wine, and garlic), and our vegetarian ravioli dish includes the less-vegetarian option of house-cured guanciale (dry-cured pork jowl).

Speaking of vegetarian ravioli, that's our new vegetarian market dish. The raviis are made with mushrooms and sun-dried tomato and served under a reduced balsamic basil pesto. With fresh herbs from Evan Ross's yard in University Heights (I prefer University Heights terroir for basil to Normal Heights'...no, just kidding).

Sausages in queue: Rock Cod (seafood sausage, for those who've requested it); Smoked Andouille; Tuscan Pork; Italian Chicken (with the Fulton Valley free-range organic chicken, it tastes amazing); English Bangers; Chicken Dijon Swiss; Iowa Farmhouse; Texas Smokey.

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THIS FILM IS WHOLLY IMPLAUSIBLE. In this first scene, the starlet's noisy neighbors disrupt her homework time by banging their headboard against the shared wall. Yet, in the next scene, she's walking downstairs and through a hall. Your neighbors are downstairs through a hall, but your bedrooms are right next door? Not likely.

And who answers their door naked? No one, that's who. I'm all for suspension of disbelief to further along a plot, but that sort of thing just doesn't happen. I'm not even going to describe the absurd occurrence after you were invited in for tea. I'm 31 years old; I've been around the block. Hell, I've even been "around the block" in a couple public restrooms and once behind a dumpster. But I've never done the things you're doing with your neighbors, and you're, supposedly, a teenager. And where was the tea for which you were invited in? I only saw the matron of the house produce that big rubber-handled thing.

Bull. Bull to the whole situation. If you're a teenager, I'm Colonel Sanders. I know it's Hollywood's proclivity to stretch the truth a bit about the age of its actresses, but this is way out there on Ridiculous Street. Sure, plastic surgeons "enhance" younger and younger ladies every year, but that amount of silicone in an 18-year-old? Not unless you had the procedure(s) done in Thailand.

And where is the conflict of this plot? It had a beginning — the girl's neighbors were making noise — but instead of burying the seed of struggle, the writers opted for a very loving outcome to the situation. Is that how this whole movie will be? Everyone gets along, the whole time, until the very end? That'll never sell. This movie's screenwriters must never have heard the old guild saying, "Kill the best friend and take the hero's money away." This'll be a very boring story if she does what I think she's going to do with that pizza deliveryman.

Oh, well, that was a little bit of a twist, but I wouldn't consider it a major departure from the expected. I wouldn't have thought of using sunscreen in that manner, but I suppose the film does take place in Florida. Maybe they do things differently down there.

So this is the fate of Pay Per View television. A bachelor, such as myself, can't even scroll the channels and find a decent movie on a Friday night. And to think that I paid \$3.95 for this.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

WEATHER: DAY PLANNER

WEATHER CHANNEL 7:00 A.M.

No one has ever radically changed his or her day because of a weather forecast. You'll never hear someone say, "I was going to go to work today, but it was 65 degrees and overcast so I called in, told them I couldn't make it. Then I went about renting a baboon and a Slip 'n Slide."

PIRATE MASTER

CBS 8:00 P.M.

Congratulations to the CBS executive who took three seconds out of his diamond-studded lobster dinner to dream up this program.

"Survivor on a boat. Done. I just made a million dollars. Marsha, have the writers come up with rules for the show, then oil up my narwhal leather pants. We're going to celebrate."

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

WANTED: TED OR ALIVE

VS. 8:00 P.M.

YEAH! The Nuge! Rock and Roll in the Rocky Mountains! Killing things! The Atrocious Theodocius! If you just can't get enough reality shows starring aging, conservative, outdoorsmen who were once rock and roll artists, have I got the thing for you. Strap your shotgun to your guitar and watch Uncle Teddy put a group of "city slickers" through their paces

in a wilderness survival game. Or, if you're like me, you'd rather rig up some rope contraption to release the emergency brake on your vehicle and let it roll over your head. Slowly.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

AUSTIN POWERS: THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME

TNT 11:00 A.M.

Here's a fair-warning open letter to every citizen. If you ever quote any part of an Austin Powers movie within my range of hearing, you're going to get punched in the beak. If I hear you say, "Get in my belly!" you're going to be kneed in the groin, and I'm going to bite your nose off. Here's the thing. You don't know what I look like or who I am, so if you feel you must do one of these tired jokes in a poor British accent then be prepared. I could be anywhere. You were warned.

THE HAUNTED MANSION

ABC 8:00 P.M.

Eddie Murphy tries to vex the evil spirits that have taken residence in the crotch area of the red leather pants he wore in *Delirious*. "Out, sweaty demons! Purify this house! I cast thee, oily pubes of Satan, back to the pits of hell whence you came!"

SUNDAY, JULY 1

CONCERT FOR DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

VH1 8:00 A.M.

A concert at 8 in the morning? P. Diddy and Tom Jones at Wembley Stadium this early in the a.m.? You could wake the dead with that sort of racket. (Get it? Wake the dead? I know. It's tasteless. Still.)

MONDAY, JULY 2

MAKING THE BAND 4

MTV 11:00 A.M.

I don't like to brag, but I was a backup singer for Aretha Franklin on *Respect*. Yes, I was a "sock it to me/ sock it to me/ sock it to me" girl.



Wanted: Ted or Alive

All I've got left is a heroin addiction and a case of mouth herpes. The herpes was not so much Miss Franklin's fault, but it's a good capper to my sad story. Sort of a riches to rags thing.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

ACE OF CAKES

FOOD 10:00 P.M.

I want to know who invented the marshmallow and thought that was a good idea. Nasty! They're like a sugary earplug. Anybody who'd eat a marshmallow would eat badger crap off the end of a stick.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

MACY'S 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

NBC 9:00 P.M.

WOO! National Get So Drunk You Wear Your Own Ass for a Hat Day! I can't wait. I've already bedazzled a set of adult diapers with red, white, and blue rhinestones, and I've hidden the keys to my truck from myself. I won't be able to find them until next Friday, easy. I am ready.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

GRAY'S ANATOMY

ABC 9:00 P.M.

I was lead singer of a country band while I was in medical school. Our name was Bailin' Jennings, and our first single was "Second Hand Pots and Pans." It really has nothing to do with my training as a doctor, but, yes, I am an M.D. I'll prove it. Bend over.

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T.G.I.F.

I don't know about you, but if my socks are wet, I can't think about anything else.

By John Brizzolara

Did you ever notice how when you go to sit down at your computer at home to do some work, you notice it really needs some Febreze? Well, maybe you do and maybe you don't, but I'm talking about a) you've got to get to work, no more procrastinating, and b) your fabric chair seat and probably something else really needs to be Febrezed (Is that a word? Febrezed? Maybe it will be now). But Febreze is wet and takes exactly 25 minutes to dry thoroughly, if you follow directions (but not any directions that say "repeat," in which case you probably have a watered-down knock-off and not real Febreze. Maybe you bought Seabreze or Sebreeze or Smelleeze or something.) Anyway, because of the nature of your work, you have to sit down before the 25 minutes is up — I've timed this — and of course the seat of your pants now gets wet. Well, not exactly wet, but moist, not quite damp — although you could say damp — but definitely moist. That is the most uncomfortable situation there is, except for maybe wet socks.

I don't know about you, but if my socks are wet, I can't think about anything else. I certainly can't work. But I guess you have to work somehow if you have moist pants. Apparently it's expected by (whom my mother would call) the dirty sons of bitches and rat bastards that sold you the cloth-seated

chair in the first place. (Oh, it's more comfortable, they said. Well, sure it's more comfortable until it starts to smell bad and you are expected to do something about it.) And I guess it's just understood that you don't Febreze your clothing while actually wearing them — although, come on, you know you do — but there's the picture right there on the bottle of the sofa or the chair, with the curtains, gym bags, the pet area (that's another story), and so on.

So there you are. If you're like me and try to be prepared for work a half an hour before time, and both your work chair and your pants are reminding you that it's laundry day, you just sit there, I guess, for 25 minutes. It's just like that day (and you know *that day*) in first grade. Your rear end is all cold and wet, and your crotch is pretty wet too, although not as much as that day in school, and you're waiting for that flowery and soapy smell (just like the nuns, if you notice) to overpower that other smell that you can only describe as, well, that "down there" smell. And you're still supposed to work.

That's just fine, I suppose, if you're accustomed to working with damp pants, with your thoughts constantly being distracted and forced "down there." And there must be plenty of people like that, for sure. Just look around at the other columnists in here with me right now. Like that one, the young one two cubicles over and one row to the left from me; you'd think she was born with moist trousers, just concentrating away, happy as you please, on matters "down there." Well, that's the fashion, I suppose, but it seems to me that you can get that kind of stuff in French books and whatnot, and I'm not French. But as that young comedian I like with the arrow in his head (not really) says, "Excyo-ooooo-oooz me!"

There. You see? It takes a good 15 minutes or so for your sense of humor to return after, shall we say, some "damp blanket" or dirty son-of-a-bitch-rat-bastard has spritzed on your parade. Well, it's just not me to hold a grudge. Otherwise, I'd still be spoiling for a few pokes, dukes akimbo, oh yeah, with those rotten sons of bitches that robbed Andy Griffith of his Oscar when he made *A Face in the Crowd*. Well, as I said back then, they can have their Sal Mineos, and they can have him again, or whoever it is now.

And how do you like this? I just tried to take a little break for the restroom because of this medication that keeps the heart from pushing too much water weight around the bypass, and I got up from the chair with a noise that sounded for all the world like a strong man ripping a panel of wet sheetrock



in two with his bare hands. Naturally, I thought I had ripped a straight-edged six inches dead between the suspenders and out of these shrink-to-fit 38 x 32 Old Navys, but a little damage control and a yoga position of some kind showed me I was intact. Well, what do they put in this Febreze, anyway? A little Crazy Glue?

Oh hell, maybe that wasn't it at all. Still in my half-assed or I should say ass-kiss yoga position, I got the full brunt (and that's a damned good word for it, the brunt) of that "down there" olfactory evidence of laundry day and a few other things indigestion-oriented. I was a little woozy, I guess, but the Febreze being right there at the edge of the desk and everything, I took ahold of her and reapplied to both seats while composing a note to both manufacturer, Procter & Gamble, and *Good Housekeeping*.

But, wet socks, like I was saying, you ever notice? Do you ever notice any of this stuff?

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