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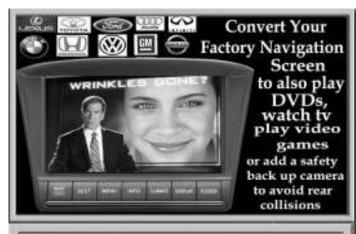
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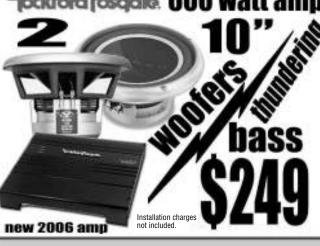
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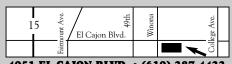




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**Case closed** The tow-truck magnate reputed to be the business brains behind Metabolife International, the diet-drug outfit that made hundreds of millions of dollars before its financial collapse, has finally been sentenced. **William Robert Bradley**, who pled guilty last year to income tax evasion, could have gotten at least 18 months in federal prison for his crimes but was instead rewarded with



Father Joe Carroll and William Bradley

just 6 months behind bars plus two years' probation. In a presentencing memo filed this summer, prosecutors argued that Bradley's charitable activities, which his lawyers insisted should count in favor of leniency, were merely a front for his farflung money-laundering activities. To assist his plea for mercy, Bradley rolled out some of the biggest guns of the local establishment.

First came **Father Joe Carroll**, often called upon by rich and powerful business types and politicos — including former port commissioner **David Makcolm** and ex—San Diego city councilwoman **Valerie Stallings** — to help them keep their prison time down after their convictions. Carroll advocated a "community service option" that would have kept Bradley, a big donor to Carroll's charities, out of jail entirely: "We would propose a sentence of Community Service of 2,000 hours to be served over a period of not more than 15 months. This will keep him on a tight schedule."

According to Carroll's letter, Bradley would have done his time at two rural properties owned by Father Joe's Villages. "Bob's daily duties will include: 1) Ranch chores — feeding and caring of animals, cutting brush, cleaning out stalls and pens. 2) Assisting in retreats/camps — preparing and serving meals and other tasks as assigned. 3) Providing tours of the ranches for possible donors. 4) Working with future construction crews."

Robert Watkins, owner of the R.J. Watkins executive recruiting firm and a member of the County Board of Education, sent his pro-Bradley pitch to federal judge Barry Moskowitz on official Office of Education stationery: "Your Honor, the bottom line here is after listening to your court proceedings it is hard for me to understand why a simple amended tax return couldn't suffice for what has taken place. His fines are excessive and punishment enough! How many of us sign our tax returns every year and may not realize that what our tax advisors tell us could put us in Bob's shoes? High-priced lawyers and tax accounting specialists make millions of dollars advising their clients on how to 'defer' taxes via structured loopholes and alike. Bob received that advice from the best and most experienced I'm sure. Did he understand it? Probably not, but 'to the best of his knowledge' he signed his returns like you and me!"

And there was this from **William D. Lynch**, on the board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, sponsor of this fall's vote on whether to move the airport to Miramar: "In my experience, Bob Bradley is a man of highest integrity, tireless dedication, gracious manner and professional demeanor. He is a thoughtful, caring and important leader in San Diego. In making your decision on sentencing, your Honor, please consider the character of Mr. Bradley and the magnitude of his gifts of time and treasure against the amount of his underpayment of taxes."

Bradley threw in a September 1999 letter he'd received from **Herb Klein**, then vice president and editor in chief of Copley newspapers, thanking him for attending a fund-raising dinner for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. "I enjoyed our lunch" was scrawled beneath Klein's signature. An August 2000 letter from **Rose Romo** of the MS Society thanked Bradley for his "vast involvement in our recent recognition dinner" honoring real estate mogul **Malin Burnham**.

A couple of old chums from the California Highway Patrol also chimed in. "On numerous occasions while I was a member of the CHP I had cause to work closely with Bob's father who owned a tow company contracted to tow for our department," wrote **Roger Matthews** to Moskowitz. "During this time (1970s) Bob was just one of the tow truck drivers learning the business in preparation to take over upon his father's retirement." He added: "Sir, I don't make this statement lightly when I inform you that Bob is as close to me as any of my brothers."

Another former cop, **Kenneth J. Ahacic**, had this to say: "I had knowledge about Bob's towing business when I was employed by the CHP and Bradley's Towing had the reputation to be an excellent, responsive and professional company. In 1990, I met Bob through a couple of mutual friends and began to associate with him on a personal basis. Our friendship developed to the degree that he was one of the two best men at my wedding." San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**, the former police chief who was once Bradley's partner in a failed technology venture, did not send a letter.

**Red-light timing** High-dollar political consultant **Tom Shepard**, who is currently work-



Tom Shepard

ing on the campaign by San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders** to privatize city services, has a lucrative side business as a county lobbyist. Among his most recent clients is Redflex Traffic Systems of Phoenix, an outfit that runs 38 so-called red-light cameras in six North County cities. The devices have

been so successful at nabbing red-light runners that thousands of citations have swamped the county's court system, virtually gridlocking the Vista courthouse. The situation was reported in the *Union-Tribune* on July 2. Coincidentally or not, Shepard had filed his lobbyist registration with the clerk of the county board of supervisors just the day before.

— Matt Potter

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# San Diego, Thy Name Is Wall Street

By Don Bauder

here'll be no new day dawning if the city keeps walking on the dark side. Mayor Jerry Sanders pledges transparency, open

government, public participation, and accountability, and then bows and scrapes before Wall Street, whose creed

dry—for a stiff price, of course. Meanwhile, the city's chief financial officer tells the city council as little as possible



Jerry Sanders



Iav Goldstone



Donna Frye



Jim Madaffer



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Casey Gwinn

is, "Tell'em only what the law requires, and then tell'em in legal Latin and in fine print." Opacity, thy name is Wall Street.

Wall Street says it will loan the city money without requiring the airing of dirty launabout such arrangements. *Omertà* must be contagious.

Certainly, mum was the word on August 2, when councilmembers belonging to the Budget and Finance Committee huddled. Jay Goldstone, the city's chief financial offi-

cer, made a presentation about sewer financing. Like most San Diego infrastructure, the sewer system is disintegrating. Because the city lacks past certified audits and a respectable bond rating, Goldstone was telling how the city could borrow \$500 million without having to bare its soul. This would be accomplished through a private placement, in which all the bonds would be purchased by one bank or a few would be purchased by a small group of well-heeled individuals or institutions. The ballpark bonds of 2002 wound up being a private placement purchased in whole by one institution, Merrill Lynch, although that was not the original intention.

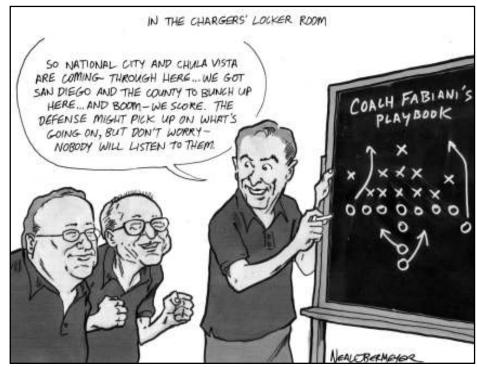
Goldstone explained that 10 or 11 finance firms had responded to the city's request for proposal, and the list had been narrowed to two giants: Citigroup and Goldman Sachs.

Both proposals were dated January 20, 2006. Goldstone explained that \$150 million of the \$500 million would go to pay back Bank of America for money it had previously loaned the city. The rest would be used to upgrade the wastewater system. Before the city would borrow the money, it would have to study the sewer rate structure. Of course, there

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# **New Suits For Nude Dancers**

By Matt Potter

f nothing else, the Kearny Mesa strip joint called Cheetahs has had a colorful family history. For 12 years, according to police

records, it was owned by Jack and Michael Galardi. Jack was a hardened bar owner out of Las Vegas by way of Trinidad, Colorado, and Long Beach, California, who had built a coast-to-coast strip-club empire. Michael was Galardi's angel-faced adopted son who had grown up a child of privilege in a wealthy Vegas suburb.

On October 21, 2002, Michael filed an application with the city to take over Cheetahs from his father. In those heady days, the club's parking lot was crammed with flashy muscle cars and expensive SUVs, and the nude girls inside were famous for their up-close-and-personal lap

Competitors began complaining that Michael had an in with the cops and an unhealthy influence over the city council and other city officials, who seemingly looked the other way as his girls flaunted their violations of the city's so-called six-foot rule, requiring nude dancers to maintain that distance from their

s, according to customers.

Then came the May 14, 2003, raid on city hall, during which the FBI swept down on the well-appointed city hall suites of councilmen Michael Zucchet, Ralph Inzunza, and Charles Lewis, hauling off computers, hundreds of files, memos, and other evidence. It turned out the council offices, along with the watering holes frequented by the councilmen, had been bugged for years.

On August 28, 2003, a fed-

eral grand jury indicted the three councilmen for wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud; Zucchet and Inzunza were also indicted for extortion. Michael Galardi, his lobbyist Lance Malone, and club employee John D'Intino were indicted for wire fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, extortion, and interstate travel in aid of racketeering. On September 8, 2003, Michael Galardi pled guilty to one count of wire fraud and agreed to testify against the other five

defendants.

The next month Galardi entered a guilty plea in Las Vegas federal court in a similar case against him there for bribing county commissioners. With Michael destined to serve time in federal prison, it was widely expected that he would be forced to give up Cheetahs and the Galardi family would be banished from San Diego once and for all. But it hasn't worked out that

These days Cheetahs is still packing them in. But police insist everything on the inside is on the up-and-up and the girls are staying a safe distance from the clients. The club is now run by a Nevada corporation by the name of Red Eyed Jack's Sports Bar, Inc. Its president, Suzanne Coe, says she owns all but 5 percent of the company. The rest? She says it belongs to Jack Galardi, though she is currently negotiating to acquire his remaining interest.

Coe says she has never owned a strip club before, but she is not entirely new to the business. Coe, a lawyer from South Carolina who represented a young woman in her suit to obtain admission to the male-only Citadel military college in 1995, has been Jack Galardi's attorney in a string of legal and zoning battles against cities that have tried to shut him down. This summer she filed suit in fed-

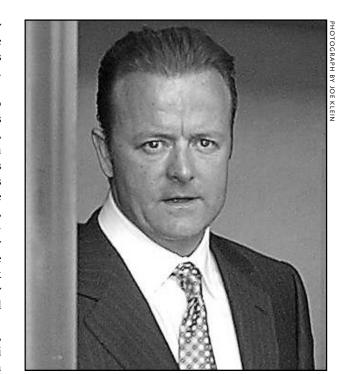
eral court to stop Clark County officials from taking away the liquor license for Jack Galardi's Las Vegas Leopard Lounge. That case is pending.

The situation in San Diego is different. Unlike topless clubs, which can serve drinks, Cheetahs dancers appear in the altogether, and the club is barred by state liquor laws from selling booze. Under the city's adult-entertainment law, all-nude establishments including Cheetahs must apply for a license once a year. The police vice squad is supposed to check out owners, making sure they don't have a criminal background.

On November 20, 2003, just weeks after Michael Galardi entered his guilty pleas, San Diego police revoked Galardi's adult-entertainment license, citing admissions Galardi had made in his plea agreements. Galardi's attorney, Roger Jon Diamond, appealed the revocation. As the appeal made its way through the courts, Michael Galardi continued to own Cheetahs.

Under a procedure spelled out by city law, a hearing on the merits of Galardi's appeal was held before administrative law judge Stephen Hjelt on February 15, 2005.

During the hearing, recently retired vice lieutenant Robert Hurt was called to the stand and testified that he had pulled the permit because of Galardi's admission of guilt. Diamond



Michael Galardi

got Hurt to admit that the license had been revoked in large part due to Galardi's Las Vegas confession, which Hurt deemed more serious than those Galardi had made in the San Diego case, but that didn't seem to make much of an impression on the judge.

Hjelt handed down his ruling on April 14, 2005. "The Police Chief acted on the basis of sufficient credible evidence in denying the permit renewal application," wrote Hjelt. He cited Galardi's plea agreement with federal prosecutors, in which the strip-club owner admitted to illegally funneling campaign contributions and

other gratuities to city council members in San Diego and county supervisors in Las Vegas.

"Galardi and his middlemen paid money, property, and services to certain public officials, the sum of which over time amounted to a value between \$200,000 and \$400,000, which payments were not otherwise due and owing to the public officials.

"The record is clear that Mr. Galardi has signed two plea agreements (one in San Diego and one in Las Vegas) and awaits sentencing in both cases," said Hjelt. "Nude entertainment clubs are regulated to address a variety of problems which are associated with the business, not just sexual misconduct."

Hjelt noted that by Galardi's own admission, the strip-club magnate "had bribed an undercover officer to obtain advance warnings of vice raids." In addition, Galardi "conspired to illegally advance the repeal of one of the regulations pertaining to nude entertainment, the no-touch rule.

"He conspired with his manager at Cheetahs to corrupt City officials and deceive the public for the benefit of Cheetahs. One is hard-pressed to find a more compelling showing of manifesting an inability to perform the duties of a permittee.

"The police chief had be numerous alternatives in dealing with [Galardi]. The option of non-renewal was by far the



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# Name is **Wall Street**

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was a possibility that the city would have its credit restored before it would have to resort to such private placement financings; the August 2 meeting took place before the Kroll report was issued.

Then came bad news: the city wouldn't be able to pull off such financings without some rate hike, allowed Goldstone.

Civic activist Mel Shapiro rose to complain that this was the first time the possible \$500 million borrowing had come before the city council. The prevailing mentality is, "Just leave it to the mayor,"

said Shapiro. "But the mayor isn't perfect." Shapiro chastised Goldstone for not providing committee members with a written report so they could study it before the meeting.

Councilmember Jim Madaffer agreed. Councilmember Donna Frye said that a fee increase would have to be based on an audit of the wastewater department, which she has been trying to get for years.

Now, two months later, Shapiro feels just as strongly. City finance executives "treat the council like peasants the attitude is, 'We are the overseer and the councilmembers are the sharecroppers," he says.

Frye agrees: "We have to have such a report in writing in advance so the public can participate and the city council can ask questions."

Shapiro made a public record request for copies of the Citigroup and Goldman Sachs proposals. They are revealing. Both Citigroup and Goldman Sachs boasted how they are expert in finding creative financing avenues for outfits in lousy shape and without decent bond ratings. For example, Citigroup bragged that it is "the market leader in the underwriting, placement, trading, and sale of municipal bond issues rated in the BBB category or lower." Basically, Citigroup was saying that it is a proficient junk

dealer. BBB-rated bonds are the lowest so-called investmentgrade issues. Anything lower say, BB or B — is a junk bond. Citigroup went on to say that it's expert at marketing and selling "difficult credits."

Citigroup said it held \$12.7 billion in municipal securities. "As the largest municipal investor on Wall Street, Citigroup routinely purchases bonds through private offerings with no disclosure." Secrecy, thy name is Wall Street.

The big bank said it would buy all \$500 million of the bonds, and "no disclosure document would be required." Alternatively, it would sell a small number of bonds to well-heeled individual and institutional investors, although this strategy would require some disclosure. It would do all this for above-market interest rates. To keep the details secret, Goldstone crossed out all the proposed interest rates before giving the documents to Shapiro. For the January 2006 period, the proposed rates were rumored to be around 3.6 percent for 5 years and 7.5 percent for 30 years or more — well above then-prevailing market rates. Of course, those rates would be different now and still different when the city is ready to arrange such private placements, if it ever is.

Goldman Sachs took a similar approach. It said it had much experience helping municipalities with "chal-

lenging financial and legal situations." It described how it had been lead banker in Orange County's recovery financings from its 1994 bankruptcy. The firm had committed \$1 billion to help California over one crisis. Goldman also reached a new low level in inventing a verb, to wit: "We can be flexible and accommodating in our diligence process in terms of who and what needs to be diligenced." Diligenced?

In touting its knowledge of San Diego finances, Citigroup threw in a curious line: "Citigroup has already negotiated and executed a confidentiality agreement with the City of San Diego in connec-

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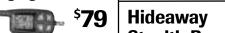
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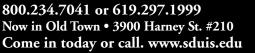
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tion with our engagement as senior manager for the City's pension financing." Huh? Frye and City Attorney Mike Aguirre didn't know about that.

I queried Goldstone, who passed my question to another person in the mayor's office. I got no response. But Joseph Christinat, a New York Citigroup executive, confirmed that "We were hired in 2004 to be senior manager of the city's pension obligations." He couldn't talk about what was in the confidentiality agreement.

As it turned out, Aguirre said pension obligation bonds should go to the voters, and Kroll had little good to say about them. So these bonds are in limbo — mercifully, because they are a classic example of passing obligations to future generations so today's adults can continue to live it up.

Mark Blake, chief deputy city attorney, says that Citigroup and Lehman Brothers were named comanagers of pension obligation bonds in the summer of 2004 — an assignment that hasn't gone anywhere as the city debates whether these bonds are worthwhile. He doesn't know if city councilmembers were notified. He finds the confidentiality agreement "a bit odd — I assume it was done on advice of counsel," he says. The arrangement would have been handled under Aguirre's predecessor, Casey Gwinn.

But will this debate be out in the open? Will there be an open discussion of sewer private placement bonds, if there are to be any? Will Goldstone level with the council and the public? Will Wall Street insist on nondisclosure agreements? Will its statements be phrased in indecipherable legal Latin? Obscurantism, thy name is Wall Street. Subterfuge, thy name is San Diego. ■

# Nude dancers

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most serious. Unquestionably, this will put appellant out of business. However, here the evidence of serious wrongdoing is compelling and the actions engaged in by Galardi are inconsistent with holding such a permit."

After the ruling, Galardi's

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attorney, Roger Jon Diamond, said he would lodge an appeal of the decision with the Superior Court, as permitted under the code.

Then, on June 2, Suzanne Coe, Jack Galardi's attorney, filed an application with the city on behalf of Red Eyed Jack's Sports Bar, Inc., a Nevada corporation, for an adultentertainment permit to operate Cheetahs.

According to articles of incorporation submitted with Coe's application, Red Eyed Jack's had been formed on June 2, 2002. Its first board of directors consisted of just one individual: 75-year-old Jack E. Galardi. In her June 2005 adult-entertainment application, Coe listed herself as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the corporation.

The application form says that "each owner, corporate officer or partner is deemed an applicant and each must provide" detailed information regarding their address and background. Coe listed herself as both owner and corporate officer. No other owners were named.

On June 30, 2005, the San Diego Police Department turned down her bid to run Cheetahs.

"This letter is to inform you that your application is being denied," wrote police code compliance supervisor Cinty Sergott. Sergott went on to maintain that the lease for Cheetahs cited by Coe in her application "is not valid."

In her letter, Sergott cited a technicality, claiming that "a representative of the property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Taylor, has advised the lease cannot be transferred without their authorization; thus making the transfer improper."

In a letter dated July 14, Coe fired back, refuting the city's allegation that the club's lease was not valid and alleging that San Diego regulators had unfairly tried to harass her. "I had to fly in to San Diego to apply for my license twice. The first time, after the licensing official disappeared for a very long period in the back area, I was informed, right before the office was to close for the day, that my entire packet could not be accepted because my bill of sale was not notarized (which is NOT a requirement, in fact a bill of sale is not even required under your Code).

"I was told that I could not Federal Express it in the next day or do anything except come back personally and submit it. When I arrived the second time, I met further resistance and had to become a bit abrasive to have these accepted.

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"I know of no provision that allows the City of San Diego to make legal determinations regarding commercial leases and rights of commercial lessees in conjunction with its consideration of licensing adult speech."

Coe went on to argue that, in any case, the lease between Red Eyed Jack's and the Taylor couple was valid: "Since October 9, 1989 (the date of the death of the originally named lessee, who was an original partner) the named assignee of the lease has been Jack Galardi, who is a shareholder of my corporation." Coe appealed the ruling, and like Michael Galardi's earlier appeal, it began making its way through the city.

On August 8, 2005, Coe wrote to the city staffer in charge of scheduling appeal hearings to confirm that her appeal was being processed. "I received a message today whereby you called my office and relayed that the police department was agreeable to allowing Cheetahs to continue under the 'status quo' until further proceedings." She sent a copy of the letter to Michael Galardi. Meanwhile, Cheetahs continued to operate under Michael Galardi's old license.

Then, on January 27 of this year, with Coe's appeal pending, the city and Coe reached a settlement agreement. Under its terms, Michael Galardi agreed to end his appeal of the revocation of his license to operate Cheetahs. Coe agreed to drop her appeal of the police department's denial of her application to operate the club; the police in turn withdrew their denial letter and agreed to grant her a permit to run the strip club. Coe insists that her plan to buy out Jack Galardi's remaining interest means that Galardi family ownership of the club has come to an end.

And what about the sixfoot rule? If it is "reasonably" administered by police, Coe says she can live with it. If not, or if it is cited unfairly to harass the girls in their work, there is always the possibility of a federal lawsuit. ■

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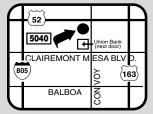
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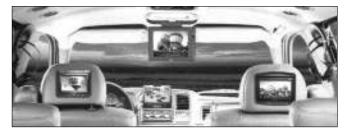
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# A Cougar By Any **Other Name**

About your tracking article in the September 28 Reader ("They See You," Cover Story): the illustration on page 32 shows tracks for "mountain lion" and "cougar." On paper the tracks appear identical, which is understandable since any source I find says that they are different names for the same animal.

> William Pease via e-mail

# **Bonnet And Black** Dan

Re "Unforgettable," September 28, by Jeff Smith. Great story. I recall my paternal grandmother, born in Julian in 1896, telling me stories of riding the plank road to Yuma and the harrowing journey to San Diego. My maternal grandmother told the story of receiving her one and only traffic citation from Officer Frank Bonnet, a horse-mounted officer aboard "Black Dan" on Park Boulevard, because she passed a trolley which had stopped to allow passengers to disembark. Great memories. As a rookie SDPD officer in 1970, I answered Mrs. Bonnet's call when Frank had passed away early one morning...small world. Bill Howell

via e-mail

# (Squint)

With regard to the letter submitted by Toni Petrone (September 28). I promised myself that the next time someone wrote a letter regarding reprinted articles that I would have to express my opinion. If you're going to reprint articles — and apparently it is necessary for you to do so in order for there to be enough column space of articles to support all the advertising you have to run — you could help your readers avoid confusion, anger, disappointment, and disgust by printing the information regarding when the article was originally run in a much larger typeface than the one you currently use, which is just about the smallest typeface that appears in your publication. I sincerely hope that you take this advice to heart. Thank vou verv much.

> Tamara Jessup Downtown

# **Satan Is Laughing**

The article on the parish of Saint Gregory the Great ("Sheep and Goats," September 28) reminded me of the titanic loss we have sustained when the Gregorian chant was abolished. Satan must have laughed when the beauty and magnificence of placed by goofs playing guitars and other goofs pounding bongo drums, not to mention "Kumbaya" and all that. When I was a boy, I became the organist and choirmaster of the church, as well as serving the Mass, and I was also part-time sacristan. The sound of Gregorian chants, the beauty of the Mass of the Angels, the "Pange Lingua," resounds in my soul even now. We did not lack the common hymns in English, but the Gregorian chant was the heart of the liturgy. And the Latin — I grew up with three languages: English, Italian, and the Latin. The majestic cadences of the imperial Roman tongue was modified in ecclesiastical Latin to praise God and Jesus Christ our Lord, and it still affects me as I read the old hymnals and offices. Now we have emptiness, madeup pseudochants. They even throw in "Amazing Grace," as if the Roman music is lacking something. Satan is laughing, and the demon must have befuddled the honchos in Rome when they tore away Latin, Gregorian chants, the office in Latin, and other magnificent traditions. One hopes Benedict will make some changes soon, but I doubt it. Rome has become as empty as San

Gregory's chant was re-

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# Spare Change, An **Oxymoron**

Diego. Salve nos, Domine.

Can I just say "THANK YOU!" to the Diva ("Diary of a Diva," "Street Warfare,"

September 21)? That bit about how annoying it is to be approached for change was long overdue. I, too, am tired of being approached for change. The fact is, if someone looks well fed and clothed (like many of them do), they have no right to ask. Like that woman panhandling to get enough money for a designer purse! Come on! I have student loans to pay. And I'm unemployed, but do you see me out there asking, "Change?"

To those people, I would like to say, "No, you change. Get a job!"

Jennifer A. Levine, M.Ed. via e-mail

# **All Of San Francisco** Laughed

This is in response to your "Diary of a Diva" column from Thursday, September 21, when that gal visited San Francisco. I just wanted to point out to her that she doesn't know San Francisco and obviously never will. The level of insight in the column was appalling and makes me wonder why she has a column at all. It is truly a shame that she was even allowed to set foot in San Francisco, but even more shameful is her attitude. I know San Francisco — they were embarrassed for the poor thing. She has succeeded only in humiliating herself. We are laughing at you, dear, not with you.

Elliot T. Richey via e-mail

# **Street Talk**

In regards to your article titled "They're All Bad" (Feagraphs of the article, the cop sounded extremely racist because of his poor choice of words. As I began to read on, I understood that he was just doing his job, but when it came to the dialogue between him and the other subjects (i.e., young black boys on the street), the subjects were made to sound like they did not know how to speak proper English. I mean, I know that talking to guys on the street, they don't talk like that, slang or not. Letters were left off words, and I think the writer who did this piece should be ashamed of herself the way she insulted these young men's intelligence. They are delinquents and criminals, be that as it may. If you are going to write dialogue, write it how it was said; don't write it with letters left off common words and such just to make these kids look stupid or less than.

ture Story, September 21),

reading the first two para-

Name Withheld via e-mail

# **Face Of The Third** World

Geoff Bouvier's article on Guatemala was outstanding, incredibly thorough, and much appreciated ("Guatemalan Dream of American Green," Cover Story, September 14). Stories of such depth put a human face on illegal immigration, but more importantly, on the dire poverty of people in Third World countries. I've visited the hillside slums of Guatemala City,

where children are murdered and whole neighborhoods slide down the hill when it rains. Mateo brought to life the humanity of the wonderful people of his country. This is award-winning journalism, in my book. Thanks for devoting the space for every word.

> Jan Rieger via e-mail

# **Pull In The Welcome**

Re "Guatemalan Dream of American Green" (Cover Story, September 14). The story was very interesting. Yes, 150 years ago, it was easier to be an immigrant, but there was also no entitlement mentality. You either sank or swam. As long as there is corruption around the world and a welcome mat in America, immigrants will come. If the American public keeps doling out free medical, housing, education, welfare, and Social Security benefits (to people who never even worked in the U.S.), everyone, including Europeans, will come. It's time for us to wake up and smell the coffee. It's our tax money, our neighborhood, our children's future, our way of life that's under siege. If we don't prosecute the enablers to illegal immigration, we will soon see shantytowns in America to keep corporate business happy. To the U.S. immigration service: where are all those expired-visa students/workers?

Lucy R. via e-mail





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# **Boughs Of Hawley**

This is in regard to "Tin Fork" by Ed Bedford, September 14. At the end of the article, there is a space set aside that includes specific info about the restaurant. Where it says "Nearest Bus Stop," at the end it says "Adams and Holly." If I'm not mistaken, "Holly" is spelled "Hawley." I know only because I used to live on that street and work at the 7-Eleven on Adams and Hawley. It was back in 1983. Worked there three and a half years, was there for the big fire. Well, I'm rambling, but thanks for the reminiscing.

> Elisha Strickland La Mesa

### I Did Not

About two weeks ago Don Bauder wrote about the city council's voting and approving the Kelco/ISP deal ("Don't Connect the Dots," "City Lights," September 7). I sent an e-mail to Councilperson Frye asking about her vote, and here is her reply: (1) I did not vote for or approve the transfer of hundreds of millions of wastewater fees from businesses to citizens. (2) I did not approve a loan to Kelco/ISP and then forgive half of it and give Kelco/ISP 25 years to pay it. (3) I did not approve a \$360,000 fee to a private consulting company to assist Kelco/ ISP to come into compliance with San Diego city wastewater regulations.

I don't have a copy of Don's column, but he said that not only did Councilperson Frye approve all this, four or five other councilpersons approved it also.

So, Don, whom am I supposed to believe?

Can you shed some light on this for me?

Will Dawson via e-mail

Bauder replies: The column never said that Donna Frye or any other specific councilmember voted for or against the attempted subsidization of Kelco that ultimately failed. Since Frye took the leadership role in unearthing and publicizing the City's illegal subsidization of business at the expense of residential customers, I would believe her statement that she did not vote for the attempts to help Kelco.

# **Less Allure**

Re "Crasher." For some reason, I find Josh Board's "Crasher" stories mildly entertaining, in a somewhat boring, slice-of-life way. However, since at the end of his story he fishes for invitations, he isn't really crashing those parties he is invited to, is he? I guess "Invitee" doesn't have the same allure as "Crasher."

Name Withheld by Request via e-mail

# **Cheap Food Too Far**

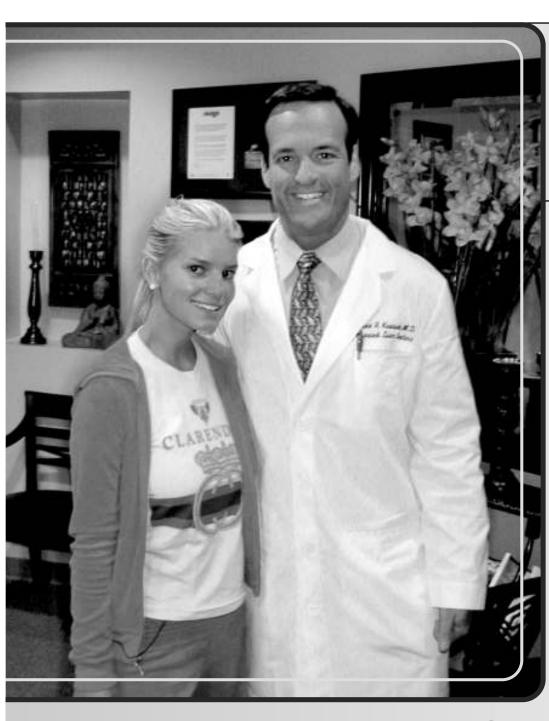
Ed Bedford's "Tin Fork" column is one of the first things I turn to when the new *Reader* comes out, but enough with the places in Mexico. No one in their right mind is going to endure a border-crossing wait to get cheap tacos. I can see the logic in maybe having an entire column devoted to food in TJ, but please have Ed stick to the San Diego places.

Jeff Boulton via e-mail

### Weird, Incredible

"Diary of a Diva" is one of my favorite features in the *Reader* (along with Ollie!). The September 8 column I could really relate to. I have often thought about how weird it is that I am finally an adult and often revel in the small pleasures that go along with that — my "adult sounds" being the sound of me starting my car, keys unlocking my own door, the sound of my heels on the sidewalk. I will hear these sounds and just think, that's me, really an adult, paying bills, going to work every day. Incredible, isn't

Michelle via e-mail



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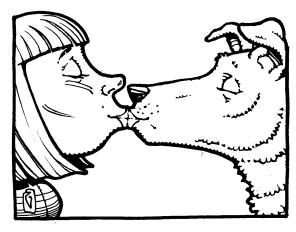
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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



Y MATTHEW ALIC

### Heymatt:

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I would assume that most people know that a dog's mouth isn't very clean, considering where its tongue is most of the time. Still, my friend argues that if you were to injure yourself and not have clean water or first aid nearby but happen to have a dog around, you should have the dog lick your wound. Is this really recommended?

— Alex in Seattle

What luck. This question arrived right before our annual checkup for the elves' worm farm. It's always fun watching the vet try to wrangle the little wigglers. So, while she was trying to get a blood-pressure cuff on them without major smash injuries, we ran your question by her. I don't think her scream scared the worms too badly, but it's really hard to tell when they're startled

Once she calmed down and swore she'd never, ever answer this question again, she filled us in. Of course, the origin of your friend's question is the eternal, universal, never-will-die belief that a dog's mouth is cleaner than a human's. This is probably wrong, but it depends a lot on what the dog just ate (or licked) and the oral hygiene of the human in question. Bacterial loads in spit vary according to what's just been in an animal's mouth. Anyway, the amount or diversity of types of bacteria is irrelevant to "cleanliness." Lucky for us, bacteria and other bugs are very species specific. Most of what can live in the dog environment isn't going to last in our landscape. Science guys agree that we're protected by this cross-species barrier. The same would hold true for a man-bites-dog scenario.

We did a little digging and came up with at least a plausible origin for the dog-mouth urban myth. It was based on early medical studies of infection rates from dog bites versus human bites. Conclusions were fairly consistent: human bites caused more infections than dog bites. Therefore, they concluded, human bites were more dangerous to humans than dog bites. This got twisted into "dogs have cleaner mouths," and since the science guys said it, it must be true. A little more research indicated that the original data might have reflected the fact that people tended to seek early medical attention for a dog bite and ignore a human bite. Bad idea. Blowing off a same-species bite, especially on the hand (very dirty environment), is just asking for trouble.

But, back to your friend's dog-spit-as-Band-Aid question. The vet was trying to get the worms to hold still under the stethoscope, but she managed to explain that there's no magical healing substance in dog drool. She speculates that this wrongheadedness, believed by a surprising number of folks, comes from the fact that dogs lick their wounds persistently. Why? Same reason they use their tongues for toilet paper: to keep the place clean — to remove dead tissue and get out dirt. A clean wound will heal quicker.

Of course, we'll now undo everything we just said, which is why this controversy will go on forever. Dogs can transmit rabies, staph, pseudomonas, strep, and a number of other organisms dangerous to humans. If you're immune-compromised or have some existing medical condition, you might not be able to fight it off. So, even though the odds are low that you'll get sick from a session of licky-face with Rover, caution is advised. Especially with kids under six and oldsters. Actually, based on statistics, you're more than twice as likely to become sick from a cat bite, since cats' needle-like teeth make deep puncture wounds that are harder to clean, and again the "ignore it, it's just a cat bite" idea. Oh, yeah, and the worms are just fine, thank you.

### Matthew:

Why has the paint job on the San Diego—Coronado bridge been allowed to look like hell for so many years? For a while they were doing the retrofitting, so I understood that was the priority. Several random sections do have a fresh coat of blue on them, but the rest of it looks lousy. Do we have to start paying a couple of bucks again per trip to get it looking nice?

— Matt 2, San Diego

You seem to have scrutinized the thing pretty carefully. I can only hope this isn't when you're behind the wheel. Anyway, CalTrans, keepers of the bridge, are amazed at your critical review of their artistry. From four to eight painters are assigned to the bridge. They work continuously around the bridge year after year. They don't paint some spots and skip others. Any new paint is therefore going up next to the oldest paint on the bridge. Patchiness? Perhaps. And if something like the retrofit interferes with work, they stop temporarily rather than break up the continuous-paint plan. It takes a minimum of five years to complete one trip around the thing. Before they repaint, they take the old stuff down to the metal, put on a protector coat, then a primer coat, then two coats of blue. More patchiness? Probably. BTW, they have a vacuum system that sucks up the paint chips that come off the bridge so they don't end up in the bay. Feel better? Hope so.

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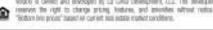


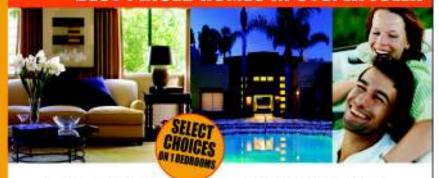
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# **SportingBox**

By Patrick Daugherty

# All Football

s of noon today, San Diego Chargers HQ is in lockdown and a dusk-to-dawn curfew remains in effect for the coaching staff and all players. The latest news bulletin quotes an anonymous source as saying San Diego police, DEA, FBI, ATF, and Lindbergh Field baggage handlers are negotiating with a senior consigliere high up in Marty Schottenheimer's crime syndicate.

The 24-hours-a-day stakeout began last week, shortly after strong safety Terrence Kiel was summoned from the Chargers practice field and arrested for mailing 15 bottles of prescription cough syrup to cough-syrup addicts in Texas. DEA officials report that the 15 bottles of cough syrup have a street value of \$145 million.

Federal authorities were brought in after Martyball was sighted in the third quarter of Sunday's contest in Baltimore. Even at this distance, Martyball Rising caused civic leaders, fearing imminent communal panic, to request assistance from federal law-enforcement agencies and the aforementioned baggage handlers.

It is not known how many innocents will have to die before the Spanos family understands that when crunch time comes Marty doesn't coach to win, he coaches not to lose. Or, to put it another way, there's a reason why the NFL's winningest coach has never been to the Super

Speaking of football, here's a picture for you: Dallas makes it to the Super Bowl and Terrell Owens is MVP. Go ahead, try and sleep tonight.

It gives me no pleasure to encapsulate San Diego State's football season by saying, "They lost to San Jose State." San Jose is the school that as late as 2004 had an average attendance of 6479 suckers at their football games. Out of 117 NCAA Division I-A colleges, the Spartans ranked last in attendance. The worst. A year earlier, SJSU's academic senate called for the end of football. The faculty agreed, voting 3 to 1 in favor of killing the program. According to a local paper, football was losing close to \$1,000,000 a year.

SJSU went 3 and 8 last year. The last time they won more games than they lost, James Danforth Quayle was the sitting vice president. In 2002, the NCAA passed a rule saying that football programs, in order to remain in Division I-A, had to play at least five home games with an average of 15,000 attendees. (San Diego State says it averaged 36,223 fans per game last year.) Recently, the NCAA has re-interpreted its rule in order to give

SISU and others a little breathing room, but five home games averaging 15,000 attendance is still the bar.

Fresno State and Boise State University have worked their way up the gridiron food chain to become national teams. Year after year, one or the other or both can usually be found in the AP Top 25 (Boise is currently ranked 20th ). San Jose plays them every year. You would think these games would be great opportunities for exposure, for recruiting, for shaking down alumni. You would be wrong.

For those who say it's hard for a no-name state college to lure decent recruits, think how hard it was for Boise and Fresno. SJSU has 30,000 students, sits in the middle of a city with 1,000,000 residents on the edge of San Francisco Bay, 32 miles from Santa Cruz and the Pacific Ocean. Yet, its football history reveals generations of futility. The Spartans' last bowl appearance occurred while Margaret Thatcher was prime minister of Great Britain. Ah, but what a game that was! Bulldog Stadium. Fresno. The California Bowl. San Jose came up against intergalactic powerhouse Central Michigan and whipped their butt by a score of 48 to 24. Few remember and no one cares.

Well, bucko, glory days are roaring back. San Jose is 3-1, having beaten a good — this is no joke — Cal Poly team, Stanford, and San Diego State. They beat SDSU by 31 points. Must be a bitch to recruit in San Diego. Nothing much there but a bunch of beaches and mountains and 2 million people. You've got to wonder how SDSU manages to field a lousy football team year after year after year.

I'll end on an optimistic note. Regulars will recall a column about Borrego Springs High School JV and varsity football coach Randy Peyakov. Borrego plays 8-man varsity football, 11-man JV. Peyakov has 32 kids on his teams this year, which is better than last year, when he had only nine players. Which is better than the year before, when nobody went out for football. This is Peyakov's fourth season as coach. Prior to his arrival, Borrego Springs had not won a game, a single game, in ten years.

The Rams are 4 and 0 this season. Check these scores. Against Sun Valley, 72-24. Against Christian Life Academy, 60-0. Against Calvary Christian, 62-14. Against All Tribes 52-6. I'd like to buy the town a beer.

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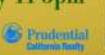


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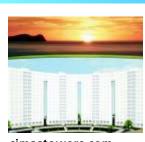




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Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: yes

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Pastor John Kim was finishing up the hour of Sunday school that preceded the service: "Why do people turn to drugs and other things? They need something to help them deal with the realities of life.... Where do you find hope? In the character of God." He listed qualities of that character: God is immutable, omnipotent, omniscient, holy, just, merciful, and loving. "And it is in this love that I am secure -Romans 8:38-39."

The service began with assistant pastor Patrick Cho alone on stage, playing an acoustic guitar and singing. "Only the blood of Jesus covers all of my sins/ Only the life of Jesus renews me from within." Then Steve Kim took the stage and welcomed newcomers by name before the congregants took time to greet one another.

All stood for the Gospel reading, taken from John, in which

Christ named himself the Good Shepherd. "I know my sheep, and my sheep know me," and in which he answered the Jews who questioned him by saying that "you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep." Then prayer, then songs (a band accompanying Cho this time), and then communion.

Pastor Kim had just returned from a "Reformation tour" in Europe, visiting significant sites from the Protestant Reformation. Before communion, Kim advised against receiving unworthily. He praised the Reformers for rejecting the Roman Catholic notion that "the bread and the cup become the actual body and blood of Christ," but still, he said, "we need to examine our hearts" before the "celebration of the sacrifice of Christ .... Can you in good conscience say that you are celebrating communion in a way that glorifies God...or are you living in deliberate sin?... Communion is a good time for confession. Do not take the Lord's table in an unworthy manner. You would eat and drink judgment to yourself."

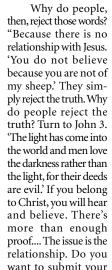
He asked non-Christians "to respectfully

decline from taking communion because you honestly can't celebrate a relationship that isn't there. But that doesn't mean that you can't enter into a relationship." On his tour, he had been reminded of the "great truths" the Reformers proclaimed: "solus Christus: only through Christ can we receive salvation, and it is by grace alone, sola gratia, faith alone, sola fide, that you can be saved.... How do we know this? God's holy word alone — sola scriptura provides the authoritative and sufficient basis for these truths. For what purpose? Soli Deo gloria — for the Glory of God alone."

After receiving, the congregation stood and sang "My Jesus I Love You" in four-part harmony: "I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me/And purchased my pardon on Cal-

Kim's sermon began with thanks for "Your precious word...not the words of men, but it is Your truth that sets us free.... The first point for today is that Jesus is the voice of truth."

Kim railed against a Christian author's claim to be "too humble to say what the Bible means by what it says," and that theology "must be a humble attempt to hear God." "Whose humble attempt?" he asked. "If we can't say anything with certainty...where does that leave us? Nowhere!... Jesus says, I am the way, the truth, and the life.... These are certain words."



life to the shepherd?... If you're not one of His sheep, you are resigned to eternal condemnation."

Kim concluded with Christ's assurance that His sheep are in His grip: "Martin Luther was gripped by the fact that he had total uncertainty as to his future. There was no guarantee that he could ever get into heaven.... Based on his own merit, he would never be able to be justified before God. But then Jesus comes and says, 'Trust in me...and I will save you.' We are in the grip of the Son and no one can snatch us out of His hand.... There is clear certainty and authority that comes in that. If I am in Christ...I am secure.... This is what I went back to to find hope.'

What happens when we die?

"If you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior," says Kim, "you go immediately to heaven. You're no longer going to have any dealings with your sinfulness. You'll be perfect, and you'll live with Christ forever.'

– Matthew Lickona

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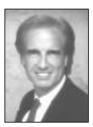
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# **BestBuys**

-EVE KELLY

"Feels like another \$35 for the chiropractor," said my husband Patrick, rubbing his back. He'd spent the weekend in L.A. on business, stayed at his sister's, and slept on an air mattress. "I'd have been better off on the couch. The damn thing deflated on me twice. I woke up at 3 a.m. with my tailbone

butting up against the hardwood floor, reinflated it, and found myself back on the floor by morning. I wish she'd get a decent air mattress. Hang the expense — that's no way to treat a guest, even if I was mean to her when we were kids."

I snuck away to our guest room to conduct a little research. I inflated our three air mattresses and left them overnight. By morning, all three were squishy. I found a tiny hole in one of them, but the other two seemed to be leaking from the pump. And we have company coming for the holidays. How could I subject them to Patrick's

My mattresses hadn't seemed crummy when I bought them. The problem was durability. A year of use seemed to be all they could take. Friend Bernice had long sung the praises of her Aerobed (www.thinkaero.com), but the things were so expensive. I swallowed hard and called Aerobed rep Nonna Kofman. "Our beds are designed to be super-dependable," she chirped. "They're probably the best quality out there. We test every single bed before it ships."

Kofman said that the durability justified the cost of the latest Aerobed, the Premiere Durasuede (twin, \$139.99; full, \$199.99; queen, \$229.99 at Bed, Bath & Beyond or Linens-N-Things. Also available: a child-size mattress, \$59.99). "Fear of punctures is probably the number-one reason why people buy other air mattresses for **\$20**. They turn out to be pretty much a disposable product. The Premiere Durasuede is great for people who are afraid of an air mattress getting punctured. It's made of a durable PVC vinyl - but it

doesn't have a plastic feel. The material on top is microsuede, which is soft and cozy to the touch. But the material on the bottom - which is where most punctures occur — is covered with Duratech. That's

our own proprietary fiber; we laminate the bed with it. The material is 93 percent stronger than anything else you'll find on the market; I'm specific about numbers because we actually had it tested by an independent lab.

"The bed won't be damaged by normal activity — sleeping, or even kids jumping on it. When we introduced it at the Housewares Show in Chicago, we hired an entertainer to juggle and jump rope on the bed, and we got people to come up and join him. The bed lasted through the whole show. The Durasuede beds come with a three-year warranty. If anything goes wrong -

"We hired an entertainer to juggle and jump rope on the bed."

for instance, if the motor breaks — just let us know, and we'll replace the product. You access us through the 800 number, which is all over the packaging and the user manual and on the website. Most people like to fill out the warranty card and send it in," but proof-of-purchase will do in a pinch. (Of course, anytime you have guests with kids, the definition of "normal activity" is liable to expand to include indoor swordfights

with barbecue tools. Battle damage may not be covered by the Aerobed's three-year warranty, but ordinary breakdowns are. And in case someone does get carried away with the long-handled fork, the beds also come with two sets of patch kits.)

"What about comfort?" I asked, waiting for Kofman to pour it on. "The bed has Quadra-coil construction, which means it has air coils built right into the mattress. The coils give the mattress shape and structure, and they provide stability. They add to the comfort by conforming to the body, but you also need a bit of rigidity and support. That's what the coils provide."

> Structure also comes from "a high level of air pressure. When you have that, your butt doesn't hit the floor. If you kneel on the mattress, your knees won't hit the ground. That higher pressure is the key to comfort and a great night's sleep. We've done some com-

petitive benchmarking, and

our beds definitely have a higher pressure inside. The bed inflates in about a minute. One button inflates, one button deflates, and one button allows you to adjust the firmness." The buttons are built into a handheld controller, which hooks to a flat-panel pump built into the mattress. "There's nothing sticking out of the bed; it's just like a regular mattress. Some air mattresses are inflated with a handheld motor, and when you take the motor away, you lose air right away."

Kofman granted that other air mattresses may feature powerful, pressure-building pumps. But, she noted, the real trick is keeping the pressure up all through the night. "Our beds hold the air inside; that's the benefit of our patented technology. There's a special seal in the motor; it's guaranteed not to leak. It's been imitated, but never quite duplicated."

Cleaning is just a matter of wiping the mattress down with a wet rag, "or if the bed gets really soiled, a damp rag and a little bit of dishwashing liquid." (Again, something you have to consider with kids: pancakes and syrup — breakfast in bed!) Storage? "Deflate the bed, fold it in thirds, roll the motor up inside the bed, and put it in the carrying bag."

Aerobed also offers a variety of other beds, including a raised bed (\$199.99-\$299.99), which inflates to the height of a standard bed. It comes with a skirt for the lower section, and like all other Aerobeds, it fits standard sheets. Said Kofman, "We've found that 15 percent of our customers actually use our mattresses every

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# Crasher

# THE KING'S THINGS

by Josh Board

Lt's a Budweiser and badminton bash," Brandon said when he invited me to his son's birthday party at Balboa Park. I had plans that day but had to know what people called a "shuttlecock" after a few beers.

I met Brandon at a party a year earlier and remembered commiserating with him over the Lakers losing in the playoffs.

Parking was tough for a Sunday afternoon, and by the time I got there, the party was wrapping up. Brandon's wife told me that I had missed the exotic animals they brought in for the kids. Thinking about Siegfried & Roy (this was before the Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin, was killed), I asked about the dangers. A kid said, "They were all in cages, so it was safe." I asked the boy what animals he saw. "An armadillo, a crocodile, a huge albino python, a skink, and a wallaby."

"I don't know what those last two are," I admitted. The boy, excited to explain something to an adult, told me a skink was a lizard and a wallaby was a tiny kangaroo.

When I saw the Snow White piñata, I imagined how



Top: Jessie and Liz (Brandon's wife); Bottom left: Todd and Brandon;
Bottom right: Snow White piñata

at it.

Brandon sounded dejected
when he told me, "I wanted

them to bring a fox. They didn't, though." His wife asked me if I wanted to eat. "I ordered 20 pizzas, and we have so much left over." I told her I wasn't hungry, but she insisted

sister-in-law. She can be a lot of trouble." When we were introduced, she hugged and kissed me and said, "Oh, I'm sorry. I hope you didn't mind

"I won a lot. I got a bar set and a Kiss pinball machine. I lost the Cadillac, though."

I bring a pie home with me. And I couldn't refuse a piece of the birthday cake.

I saw an attractive woman in a Jimi Hendrix T-shirt and asked Brandon about her. He laughed and said, "She's my that I kissed you. I've lived in other countries, and that's the norm."

A few adults were looking at the table of presents for the birthday boy, and one said, "That's a lot of booty." His friend thought he was talking about a woman walking by, and a big discussion ensued about the origin of the word "booty." The final verdict between the two was that it had something to do with pirates.

I heard one woman congratulate another about her pregnancy.

I saw someone showing a wave tattoo on his back. When I asked about it, he told me, "It's a fix-it tattoo. It's covering one I got when I was only 17 years old."

As everyone was leaving, Brandon invited me back to his house for a beer. A few of his friends from the party were heading over as well. I saw his wife's collection of Elvis memorabilia on the walls. She was impressed when I told her about my autographed Elvis album. She wasn't impressed, however, about my Elvis clock that has a shaking pelvis. Never to be out-Elvised, she named her daughter Presley.

I was forced to sit in a red chair that Brandon's motherin-law had won on The Price Is Right. The mother-in-law told me, "I was on the first episode of the show that went to one hour. Before that, they were only 30 minutes long. I won a lot. I got a bar set and a Kiss pinball machine. I lost the Cadillac, though." Her daughters say, "Tell him what you did with the Kiss pinball machine." I was expecting an x-rated story involving Gene Simmons. "I had to get rid of it. My kids were charging all the other kids in the neighborhood to play it. They would bring over all these quarters! That's illegal. So, I got rid of the thing."

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My friend was on the guest list, and we were able to walk right in. A DJ had things hopping. That volume in what was normally a quiet gallery was bizarre, though. After the DJ, an opera singer started belting out arias. I overheard a couple discussing whether she was lip-synching or not. The man said, "This is an art gallery, not a karaoke bar." His wife replied, "They do their own singing in karaoke, so what are you talking about?" The guy excused himself to the

While viewing the artwork, I heard another couple arguing about Hermes

and said in my best Homer Simpson voice, "Boring!" While my friend continued to view the art, I joined the guy at the bar. They were serving a drink with grapefruit juice and tequila, which was tasty - and powerful. There was a cash bar for other cocktails.

My friend and I wanted to check out what was happening upstairs, but a woman with dyed blond hair and two guys who were all over her were blocking the stairs. She looked to be in her late 40s but acted as if she was 17 — and working El Cajon Boulevard.

It turned out that they were giving free massages upstairs. I told my friend, "Make sure you tip...especially for a free massage."

"Do you think I was born yesterday?!"

The guy from the bar came over to me and said, "Aren't women bitches?"

"Sometimes," I said, "but...she's just my friend. You're actually married to

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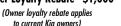
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by Barbarella

# Derma Drama

It's not denial. I'm just selective about the reality I accept.

- Bill Watterson

Hypochondria is deeply ingrained in the Sicilian DNA passed down through generations of women who, up until my mother, still believed in the evil eye.

had noticed it before, but I wasn't worried. Not until David brought it to my attention one night as I stood at the sink brushing my teeth.

"What's that?"

"What's what?" I snapped, taking what had been a question of innocent curiosity and twisting it into some kind of accusation

"That." He pressed a finger against my backside. "It's, like, blue."

I turned around and twisted my head to see the spot in the mirror. "Yeah, I've seen that. It's probably ink that wandered from my tattoo.'

This was one of the stories I'd invented to placate myself — another was that the circle of skin on my butt was a burst capillary, never mind that the only thing I knew about capillaries was that in my high school text book, they had been blue.

I come from a family of hypochondriacs. To protect myself from perpetual hysteria, I developed a highly sophisticated mental survival technique: denial, manifested in the form of elaborate, pseudo-scientific explanations. But denial is flimsy protection. Hypochondria is deeply ingrained in the Sicilian DNA passed down through generations of women who, up until my mother, still believed in the evil eye.

All it takes to shatter my fragile illusion of invulnerability is a comment from another that reveals mild concern. When David uttered his next words — calmly, almost impassively — my anxiety-fertile blood began cultivating a plump seed of hysteria: "You should get that checked out,"

Though I continued to cling to my tenuous claims of tattoo ink and capillaries, I could not resist the familial urge to investigate worst-case scenarios. I hopped on the Internet and Googled "blue mole & symptoms & cancer."

Unless you are an M.D., online medical self-diagnosis is a bad idea. I once convinced myself I had chronic kidney disease because a hard-to-reach itch on my back coincided with a blister on my foot.

I clicked one of the links and scrunched my face in apprehension, as if I were watching a horror movie and the music had just taken a foreboding turn. When I opened my eyes, there it was, the first sentence I noticed, about halfway down the page: "If your mother or father developed a melanoma, your risk for this disease is almost 100 percent."

Dad

I stared at the sentence until my eyes burned. I hit the "back" button and clicked another link. A page full of graphic photos appeared — the gory section of my horror flick. To shield myself, I reverted to my sto-

ries — okay, so weirdly colored moles can be bad, but I bet this thing isn't even a mole. To be on the safe side, my next Google search was for local dermatologists.

Because I wanted the severity of the situation to be recognized without having to be the one to lose it, I called my mother.

"What do you mean you have a blue mole?" she shrieked over the din of grandchildren playing in the background.

"You know, it's blue," I said nonchalantly. I told myself that my mother was overreacting, but this is what I'd wanted hyperbolic worrying as proof of her love. Once I got a taste of it, I grew hungry for

"Well? When are you going to the doctor? Today? Tomorrow?"

"Next week," I said.

"What?! A whole week? Jesus, Barb, Jesus!"

Her voice was rising. Only one more flippant comment from me was required to bring it to a crescendo: "Yeah, next week. You know, Mom, with my family history and all, chances are it's probably cancer."

"JesusMaryandJoseph! Don't say that, just don't say that!"

My job here was complete, so I ended the call with, "Don't worry, Mom. It's just a capillary. I'll call you after my appointment and let you know what the doctor said. Yes, I love you too."

A week later, I sat in a small waiting





room, staring at a Moorish idol in a fish tank. Distracting myself from images I'd seen online, I imagined that the striped fish, borrowing Willem Dafoe's voice, was coaxing the fluorescent orange fish next to him, "Join me at the top of Mt.

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"Barb?"

I looked up to find a young woman with a clipboard raising her brows at me. I was the only person in the waiting room. I nodded confirmation of my identity, and she led me to another room where I took a seat on an examination chair and was soon joined by the doctor — a pleasant-looking Asian woman in her 30s that reminded me of a close friend. This helped, because the last thing I wanted to do was show my ass to a complete stranger.

The doctor glanced at the form on her clipboard and asked me to summarize what I'd written.

"I've got this blue spot... I'm sure it's nothing, but my dad has had melanoma and I figured it couldn't hurt to get it checked out," I gushed. "Oh, and there are these two moles on the back of my neck I was hoping you

could just, you know, snip-

She watched me closely as I spoke, examining my skin as I chatted nervously. "And this blue mole ...?"

"Well, I don't know that it's a mole, but here — " I turned around, untied my black cargos and let them slip down just enough to reveal the location of concern, which was on my upper right cheek.

"Hmmm," she said. "Okav."

In one swift move I retied my short-pants and swiveled around to face her. "No big deal, right? I'm worrying about nothing. Right?"

"Well, it is a blue nevi. They typically occur on the backside, and are not usually of concern. But you said your father has melanoma?"

"Yeah," I answered, in a near whisper. "He had a patch of it removed from his face a few years back and has found others, but thankfully they've all been taken out in time."

She nodded, then explained that she could "shave" away the moles on the back of my neck right then and there, but that the "suspect" mole on my ass would have to be cut out, along with some surrounding flesh, "just in case" the cells proved to be cancerous. I'd have to come back the following week for the procedure.

"Now," added the doctor, in a tone more serious than she had used thus far, "there is one thing." I looked at her helplessly. "There will be a scar from the stitches. Are you okay with that?"

I didn't mean to laugh as hard as I did. Perhaps it was my need to relieve stress, or maybe it was merely the idea that I would actually be concerned about a small scar in one of the few places on my body that never sees the light of day.

"I'm sorry," I said through tapering giggles, "but the last thing I care about is a scar on my ass."

"Well, because of the location, a G-string would probably cover the scar," she said with a straight face.

"Are you kidding?" She was impossible to read.



"Don't worry about it. I'm not planning on posing for Playboy for at least another year."

It didn't take long for her to remove the moles on my neck, and soon I was on my way home. As I drove, my mind wandered

to the miserable land of "What ifs." I didn't want to give in to the cold panic pumping wildly through my veins. But I had no more stories. Now all I could do was wait. One more week. And even longer than that for the

results of the biopsy.

My mind was racing and my breath was coming faster and faster, so I did the one thing I could think of that might put me at ease, and grabbed my cell phone: "Hi, Mom. Okay, here's the update..." ■





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It is New Year's Eve, 2005. A cold rain lashes skid row at the corner of 16th and G Streets. David Ross, aged 71, pulls to the stoplight and hears a voice from the darkness at the base of the Ducati motorcycle shop. The voice echoes from within the walls of an indentation in the building, where an air-conditioning or heating unit once might have been, a concrete cavity barely out of the wind and wet.

"Dada da da...something something about bein' tired or whatever, I couldn't

make it out. I had my dog with me [a one-eyedancing, white bichon frise named Topspin], on a pillow with a blanket."

Some eight months later, Ross is recounting a pivotal event in his recent life from the driver's seat of his Hyundai, which he spent five years paying off. It is just after dark, and he has started his rounds, delivering water, chocolate bars, socks, shoes, blankets, whatever he can beg from his tennis pals or anyone else to donate to the homeless on the mean streets of San Diego. In

the present, it is a muggy August night,

but Ross is reliving the events of that rain-blown night.

> Time is inadequate to erase the

images.

"I'm used to voices downtown, of agony and pain and just dysfunction, and I had the window down a little so I could hear. I look and there's a guy laying right in that opening. The wind was blowing so hard, but I made out this old brother with a ratty-looking hat on and some tattered glasses. I called out, 'Say what?' Now the light had changed, but there was nobody around. It's almost midnight. People are



David Ross

# He encounters dozens to close to a hundred men, women, and children seven nights a week. "I figured out that the homeless don't have weekends off," he explained.

all partying down at the Gaslamp, but there's nobody around here." Ross gestures to the streets that form a rough radius around Smart & Final. " 'Hey, I'm sorry, but I didn't hear ya,' I yelled to him. He called back, 'Yo leff tire in da front be low. Ya need to check on da air. You need to

watch out for dat.'

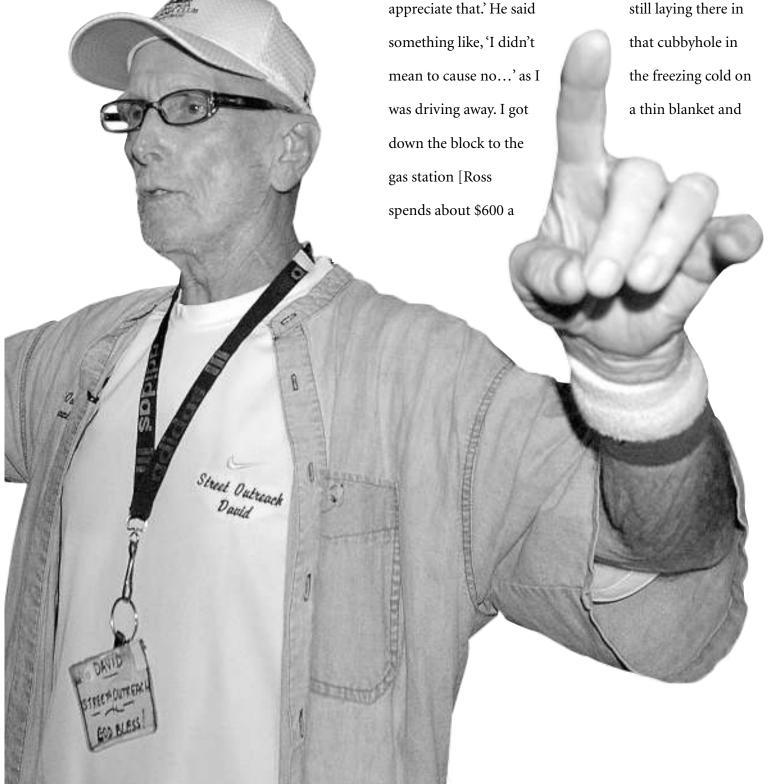
"I was so shocked, I said, 'Say what?' And he said it again, curled up in that cavity. I'm starting to roll, so I called out, 'Thank you, my brother, I really

month of his own Social Security money on gasoline], and I said to myself, 'Whoa. Wait a minute!' I did a U-turn at the gas station and drove up next to him. As I came back, he's

still laying there in that cubbyhole in the freezing cold on a thin blanket and

concrete. I said, 'Hey, my man, what's up?' Now I'm thinking to myself, 'I've got a blanket in the back, a comforter in the back...' I never have any money, but...I had four dollars, and I'm thinking, 'I'll give him two dollars,' and then I thought, 'Oh shut up, Mister Big Shot, you've only got four.' So I said, 'Hang on, my brother, I've got something for you.'

"He said, 'No, no...I didn't mean nothing.' He's thinking I'm mad at him or something. I'm thinking, 'Here I am in my warm car, with a heater and my dog, and I'm about to go home, and here's this homeless man laying in a hole in a building in the freezing rain, yelling out to me that my tire is low.' That whole thing was just so unreal. He started to get up..."



Here Ross gets out of the car to re-enact the scene. The street is deserted on this block, but we're close enough to the police station and we've seen enough passing squad cars that I, sitting in the passenger's seat, wonder what the hell Ross is doing laying himself out on the concrete in imitation of the man he met that night. Emmett, as it turns out, was his name.

"I'll be him in this cavity," Ross explained from the sidewalk. "He's trying to get up, and I see he has one of those colostomy bags below his waist with tubes coming out of it, but he finally got up. I said, 'You stay right there, brother. Just wait a minute.' I got the comforter out of the back. I laid it out beneath him, he was still standing. I went back for the blanket. I asked him what happened to him, and he said, 'I was up in the hospital there and they let

money to pay.' He's standing there with this bag, fluids draining out of his body. I asked him if he'd been eating, and he said, 'Well, I had this bag of stuff and somebody took it.' Somebody stole his food. Anyway, he told me his name, and I asked if he had a blanket, and he said, 'No, they be takin' that.' This guy's hopeless, he's helpless, and they be takin' everything from him. I go to put the four dollars in his hand, and he says, 'No, I can't be takin' your money.' I told him, 'I'm an old Detroit gangster, my brother. I may be white but my game is tight. Now if I was out here and had some situation, would you help me?' He said, 'Oh yes, I would.' I said, 'Well, you already did that, baby. We doin' bidness.' Then he took the money. I made him put it in his shoe. His shoes were so bad, nobody would steal

me go. I didn't have no

them, I figured. Then I remembered something. Topspin had this nice pillow he sits on in the passenger's seat.

" 'Wait a minute,' I said, and I swear, my dog looked up at me as if to say, 'Oh, damn. No. There goes my pillow.' 'That's right, baby,' I said to Topspin. 'Tough shit.' I knew he was thinking, 'It's all right to help, but don't go crazy, man.' So I get over there and get Emmett situated. He's sayin', 'Oh, that be feelin' good.' I went back to the car and found some paper and a pen and immediately began to write to someone I knew at Saint Vincent's Clinic."

Ross had been a case manager at the Paul Mirabile Center at Saint Vincent's for 11 years before computers coolly edged him out, as did the robopathic administrators who lovingly imitated the computers. The PMC is the first phase of Saint Vincent's program

for the homeless. It is, in effect, a warehouse for dysfunctional bodies, the mentally ill (but not too mentally ill or they can't get in), the addicted, and the generally psychosocially screwed. The rows of bunk beds and the smell of the bedclothes of the incontinent mixed with that of long-defunct footwear and socks, feet, stale beer, and new beer (the PMC is only nominally a sober environment), and other ineffable smells approximate the fragrance of dead rats kept for too long in a jar.

Ross wrote: "I found this man at the corner of 16th and G Street on New Year's Eve. He's very very ill. He has a colostomy bag, some injuries, he's been released from somewhere and he has nothing. The man is dying."

"By the way, I knew, John, that no one would come down right away and pick him up. You gonna call the police?

Ooh, we can't take him to jail." Ross shivers in mock revulsion. "They don't want him. The hospitals don't want him. Saint Vincent de Paul won't want him inside because he's too dysfunctional. There's no mental hospitals anymore except CMH [County Mental Health]. They might keep him overnight, but...nobody wants Emmett. NOBODY. I can't just put him in the car and admit him to a hospital. That would be like some movie. So I wrote on the note: 'I'm going to take him down to you at 8:30 in the morning. You need to take care of him! He said he had been there and been turned away. You need to take him, or there is an extreme chance of legal exposure. He could die.' And I underlined die. 'I'm sure Saint Vincent's does not want to be responsible within this dynamic.' I signed it and put my number on there.

"I got Emmett a shirt out of the trunk, found some old cardboard on the street that looked like they had motorcycle parts in them recently, and I covered him with those, so he just looked like the pile of garbage anyone would expect to see, but it would keep the wind and rain and cold maybe tolerable. Maybe.

"I told Emmett, 'Remember, I'm a Motown boy, baby. Ain't nobody gonna be comin' here stealin' no cardboard. They ain't gonna get a chance to see that Marriott comforter you got now.'

"'Ooh, das smart,' he said. I talked to him a little while, and he wanted to know what I was doing out here in the middle of the night on New Year's Eve, when I should be home with my family. I told him he was my family. 'We're brothers by different mothers. Okay, Emmett?'

" 'Thanks for the

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love, brother,' he said. 'Thanks for the love.' " Ross's voice breaks and he stops talking. Ross likes to talk the way lonely men sometimes do. This was the first silence he had allowed during the interview (later there would be another long one), because, for the moment, he just didn't have anything else. "I stopped the car one more time as I was pulling away and honked the horn. He waved. A block away, I



pounded the steering wheel and said to myself, 'That's it! That's what I'm gonna do!' I'd been feeling so sorry for myself, so depressed that I wasn't in that building anymore [the PMC at Saint Vincent's, where Ross had been a case manager], but I realized that if I were, I'd be at their New Year's party with their little refreshments and a funny hat and the whoopdeedoos, while I was meant to be on the street with Emmett. And how many more Emmetts are out there?

"So from the worst night of my depression after leaving Saint Vincent's — and it was really severe, I think — I went to 'Thank you, Lord. Now I know what I've got to do.'"

Ross returned to

16th and G the next morning and Emmett was gone. He was not at the clinic either. He later heard that someone had seen Emmett at the clinic, but it was thirdhand information, and Ross was not exactly the flavor of the month among the staff at Vinnie's, and he never could confirm it. He never saw Emmett again.

Ross had been making his rounds nightly for several weeks before the sad epiphany regarding his mainstay delivery item occurred to him in the form of a small woman on the street, shaking with the cold, dehydrated and diabetic. "I was giving out a couple of blankets and sheets one night,

and shirts and socks and

whatever else I could beg. I'd given everybody most of what I had, but there was this one lady, I think in her 60s, but she could be 40. Two or three years on the street, you're going to look 60 no matter what. I'm sure this woman was a dual diagnosis [substance abuse and mental illness]. I gave her the last blanket, and I had a pair of socks that I put on her hands. You would have thought I had given her a new outfit from Nordstrom's. Standing there, she said, 'Do you have any water?' and I said, 'No, honey, I don't bring any water with me. But I've got some water of my own, there's not much gone from it. Let me give you that.' She said, 'No, no, no. I can't take your water. You need that water.' Here she is,

under a bridge — at route 5 and Imperial Avenue — and she's cold, she's shivering, and it turned out she had diabetes badly. She had no socks, and her first thought was that she did not want to take my water out of my nice warm car and deprive me. 'It's no problem,' I said. I didn't know what to say. It was one of those occasions that fill me with such sorrow and such joy at the same time.

"It's hard to describe what happened when I gave her the water. She slowly, shaking, upended it into her mouth. Her hands were covered with the socks I had given her, and it looked like she'd gagged, and I thought she wasn't going to be able to drink this water. She kept turning the bottom of the

bottle up and up in her little hands, until it was straight up and she had finished it. She put the bottle down real slow with both hands and went 'Aahh...' with a great smile and closed eves. I swear it was like a blood transfusion to her. It was like life breathed into her. It turned out she hadn't had a drink of water in two days. It's raining and it's nasty, I'm standing there in that underpass, and I thought, 'That's it! Water!' I went directly from there to the first 7-Eleven I found, and I bought about 30 or 40 bottles of water. I went back to the bridges and started passing out water. I would go where people were just heads peeking out of blankets. I called out, 'Anybody need some water?' Well, hands came





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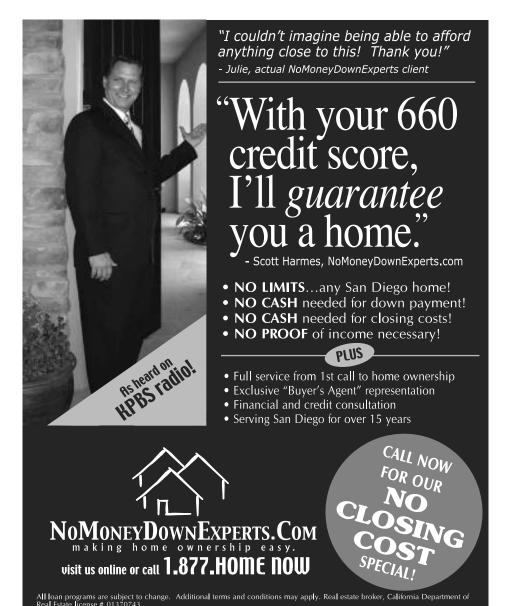


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out. Everybody. Faces I didn't even see. 'Oh, thank you, thank you,' and another one, 'Thank you, can I have one for my daughter?'

" 'Oh sure, where is she?'

" 'She's under here.' And there would be this creature, this baby girl under the blanket, under a bridge in the January night. I handed out what water I had and realized later that not one single person turned down water. The next day I started going down to Costco, Ralphs, and Smart & Final, getting the best deals I could. I've been doing this now for

never, ever encountered anyone who didn't want a bottle of fresh water. Old people, young people, drug dealers, alcoholics, whatever their condition is, they'll see me and say, 'Here come da water man.' No one says, I've never had anybody say, 'I don't want a bottle of water.' It all started with that little lady. She must have been horribly, horribly dehydrated. There are no water fountains out here in the ghetto. 'It would just encourage them,' the city, the cops, whoever, the powers that be — that's what they think."

nine months, and I have

Ross is known on the streets and at the Volunteers of America where he speaks as "the Water Man," "Motown," "White Bread," "Detroit," just "Bread," and more commonly, "Super Dave." He winces at that last one and shrugs.

These days (that is, as of September 2006), Ross donates at least an hour, and usually more, to addressing the Ten Day Residential Drug and Alcohol Education Program at the Volunteers of America at 1111 Island Avenue — a location slated for the wrecking

ball as of December 31, 2006. No new location (as of this writing) has been established.

Never having been

either an alcoholic or drug addict himself, Ross addresses "life" from the point of view of the streets: his experience dating from his childhood and his home on Second and Blaine in East Detroit. "Always a tough area, but nothing like it is now. Now it's like the South Bronx." Ross's combination of humor, grit, street jive, and pathos strikes a chord at Ten Day. These are a few of the letters he has received from the streets

and from Ten Day residents. Super Dave,

> Thank you for coming into my life. I will never forget that day you came up to me when I was moping and I said, "Dave, I just don't think I can do this." You said, "You didn't say, 'I can't,' but 'I don't think I can.' So there is the thought that you think you can make it, and you will." After that, my whole outlook changed. Now I know I can make it and I will, thanks to you. I am going to keep in touch with you because I want

you in my life.

Love, Julia.

What's up, Dave? It is I, Mario. Of all the people in my life, you are one of the few who made a difference. If I grew up with someone like you, the way you are now, I would have learned to cope with my life.

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I wish you the best of luck; You're beautiful, man. Don't ever change.

- Mario

To my brother Dave Ross,

Thank you for all you do for me and everyone in here. I just wanted to say I never had a role model: my Dad left me when I needed him most. All I remember is the first time I hug [sic] him was when my brother died. Now I have a new brother and role model. I choose you. I hope to have a heart like you and do whatever I can to help others in need. I can only write this so well. It goes much deeper. You are not only my brother, but I choose you as my father. May God always bless you and your kind heart and thank you so much. I will always remember you in my heart and prayers.

> — Your brother and son, Ron.

David — Please call me if there is anything I can do for you, or even just to say hi and talk. You have helped me to believe in the goodness of people again and the goodness within me. Thank you

again, I love you.

Love, Always, — Mary M.

Dear Dave, I'd like to thank you for helping to revolutionize my attitude. Prior to seeing you I felt helpless and full of self-pity. But listening to you, walking

with you, caused me to look at my sissy, pitiful attitude where all I was doing was thinking of my sorry ass on the pitypot, wondering how I got there and what's gonna happen next.

Your stories of Arthur Ashe, Nelson Mandela, and sports metaphors to life and often other inspirational words of wisdom with deeper undertones of a well-life meaning made me really think about the truth...

I prayed God that he would please send His son Jesus Christ and all his legions of angels to help me thru my desperation - get me out of the pit of hopelessness and despair — and help me to learn to live again. And then you appeared...

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of that darkness and put me into the light. And I was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

I want to thank you for all you do for so many people...a smile that truly cares. And I want to thank you for all you've done for me. You've made me strive harder.

Matthew W.

Someone just copied a passage out of the New Testament:

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? (15) Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes

James 2:14.

and daily food? (16) If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? (17) In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied

by acts, is dead." Unsigned

While Ross is certainly not in it for the money (there is none, only expenses), neither is he in it for the halo. "I just have

to do this. I don't have any choice. I have absolutely no illusions or delusions that what I do out there every night is going to rectify this problem, eradicate this problem, or make this problem go away in any sense. Because it is not and it will not, and it will always be the same while I'm on this earth. What I'm doing is not the answer, but it is the answer that night when somebody needs a bottle of water."

Ross was a sales manager for Pontiac, and then Mercedes-Benz, for 25 years. Eventually, Pontiacs were dumped. "All hands were lost, and I was the last soul on that dealership." Ross then jockeyed himself into running what became the number-two Mercedes franchise in the United States. He was at the helm of dealerships in Dallas, San Francisco, Houston, and Los Angeles. The transition from Dallas to San Francisco was precipitated by the death of his 31-year-old wife of a brain aneurysm. Ross had two children at the time, now grown. "I used to think then," Ross remembers, "that somebody would come along on the lot and say, 'Aren't you little Davy Ross from Second and Blaine? You're running around in a Mercedes-Benz?' I ran that

one for ten years. "After my wife's death, I couldn't stand to stay in Dallas with my kids. There were just too many memories. She was the only person in my life that I was ever involved with as far as women are concerned. It just tore me up. Anyway, how I finally got out of the car business was I had a heart attack and a stroke right on the showroom floor in 1989. I went to work and started bleeding from my nose and fell down. Next thing I knew, it was four days later and I was in intensive care at UCLA. Came real close to dying. Twentyfive years of a whole lot of pressure and a whole lot of stress. I made a whole



lot of money, but in that business, you're expected to perform all the time, and if you don't, you're gone. Your job-life expectancy is very short. It's heartless.

"During the time I ran that last dealership in L.A., I had started going down to help pass out sack lunches in South Central."

"Why?" This question provoked Ross's second longest pause.

"You know, I used to go into the dealership, and I was never, ever happy in the place. Because my mom, Catherine Hayes-Ross, taught me the way she did. I could play the role, because she taught me how to do that. But I really didn't like anything about the business. It's a lying business; it's a diversionary tactic business, a business of illusions. The whole thing is built on a foundation of mirrors, and it was contrary to everything my mom taught me. On the other hand, I was making these big checks even though I wasn't even a good salesman. So I became a general manager. When I told my mother that, she said, 'So now you have other people lying for you.' I said, 'Mom, give me a break!' She was so right.

"After years and years of this, one Thanksgiving, about two years before I had my heart attack, I so wanted to go do something. I drove around in South Central, and I saw this rattylookin' place with a bad sign on it that said, 'Saint



Francis Food Center.' I ended up going down there and met this Franciscan brother, Brother Paul. I said, 'I want to help. What could you use?' So me, Mister Well-Intended-Mercedes-Benz, who is really Mister-Second-and-Blaine, I'm thinking, 'I'll do a Donald Trump. I'll do a drive-by.' I bought, like, 40 frozen turkeys. I went down on Thanksgiving morning in my black Mercedes, and I've got 40 frozen turkeys. What are you gonna do in a little homeless shelter with 40 frozen turkeys and no way to cook them? That's how detached I'd become.

"Still, he [Brother Paul] was so grateful...just the thought. Then I started going down there twice a week, then three times a week, passing out sack lunches that someone from the church would bring. There were some seriously hurting people in South Central that make this ghetto here look like Disneyland. When the dealership was closed, I'd go in the back to the used cars and find some old beater car and put on some old clothes. I'd be out of Beverly Hills and into the ghetto in ten minutes. And I loved it. I'd be so happy.

"All of a sudden, I

was totally relaxed. It was a frightening neighborhood, but I was never afraid. I was out there with people that looked like Mike Tyson — and those were the women, hah hah. I'd tell them, 'Here come Mister Detroit, baby. I may be white but my game is tight. Mess with me and I'll slap ya till yer whiter than Michael Jackson.' Somehow, from my childhood in Detroit, I had that game, you know? So when I finally had my heart attack thank you, Jesus - I knew in my head that that's what I wanted to do. I also knew in my head that I was out of the car business, whether I wanted out or not, because I was damaged goods. I would be eased out.

"When I got out of the hospital four months later, I went to get my piece of the action in the dealership, two hundred and some thousand dollars, and lost every penny of it, because they will steal your money uptown the way they steal your drugs downtown. It was the best thing that ever happened in my life."

The death of a young wife, a heart attack and stroke, and financial ruin are not the only ingredients in the unlikely Samaritan Ross has become. Another element is his insomnia.

"My father left us when I was seven years old; my sister was eight. My father was — and my mother didn't know this — a member of 'the Purple Gang.' It was the enforcement offshoot or



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artery of the Mafia. It was the guys who weren't Sicilian. They were Jewish or Irish guys. They did all the dirty work, but they were never to be confused with the Sicilians. They were infamous in Detroit as being the roughest guys. My mother had no idea. When he left, my mother got a job, as the war years were starting, as Rosie the Riveter. She worked in the car facto-

ries that at that time were turned into ammunition factories: guns and tanks, what have you. General Motors, Ford Motors, Chrysler were all shut down, and there were no cars made during those years. If you had the luxury of someone in your family that could take care of your kids, then you could go to work, no problem. Well, we were living in a place called the

Cass Corridor in Detroit; it's a very rough, tough immigrant neighborhood. I was a slum kid.

"They had these homes: one for boys, one for girls. They would send kids to these places during the week if their mothers couldn't afford someone to take care of them. They were called 'holding homes.' We'd stay in these homes all week long until she could maybe pick us up for a few hours on Saturday or Sunday, then we'd go back to the home. There must have been five or six hundred kids. It was run like a reformatory, a prison. You had a lot of juvenile delinquents. We were intermixed. If you wet your bed — and you had a lot of frightened, disconnected kids in there — they would

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come and take you out of bed, take the sheet you had urinated on, and take you to the 'pee room.' They would wrap you in the sheet, and you would have to stay that way all night, standing wrapped in the pee-soaked sheet all night. I don't sleep well at night, and I know that part of it is my upbringing.

"I grew up half on the streets and half in that home. I ran away from home when I was 16. I told my mother I was going to do it. I hopped a freight with another kid, and we made it to Gary, Indiana. We thought we were going to Chicago. They caught us and put us in Juvenile Hall in Gary, then shipped us back to Detroit. I found my birth certificate in my mother's stuff, and I took it to this guy who changed my age to 17 on the thing — you could get anything done you wanted in my neighborhood — and I practiced signing my mother's name, because even at 17, you needed your mother's approval to join the Navy. My mother was okay with it. She knew I had to get out of there.

"My mother taught me integrity, honesty, commitment, respect, and character, all the things I talk to these groups about. My mother never married again or fooled around with men. She took care of her responsibilities, while that replica of a husband of hers did absolutely nothing. She made sure when I left that I took my integrity and my honesty with me. She gave me the

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foundation to do what I did later."

What Ross does now, instead of sleeping, is tour the wasted streets: National, Imperial, and Commercial Avenues, Market Street, Island, and the blocks between G and J streets from 13th to 19th, crawling through ruptured fences at the sides of underpasses beneath I-5, entering abandoned buildings, and even into holes in the ground, where the faceless and hopeless have

gone to ground. "It has taken me many months," Ross explains, "but when I drive up to any corner now, somebody will recognize me. If there are 4 or 5 guys out of that 10 or 12 on that corner that don't know me, they're totally relaxed because the others acknowledge me." Ross was hesitant to bring anyone along on his route: any stranger is suspected of being a cop, representing the City or County or State. When asked about my presence, Ross would dismiss me from the sidewalk with a backward glance to the passenger seat, saying only, "Oh, that's my dog." He encounters anywhere from dozens to close to a hundred men, women, and children, seven nights a week. "I figured out that the homeless don't have weekends off," he says. As he steps out of the car, figures supine on the halogen-washed concrete will emerge from tattered blankets or what look to be piles of discarded clothing. Several will inevitably hug Ross; he will almost always offer a joke with a bottle of water or a S'mores bar: "You just say chocolate around women, my man, and they will follow you to Detroit!" None of it need be hilarious; it is acknowledgement of the Gray Ones, the Invisible, their tenuous humanity that is the real commodity Ross provides.

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lage raises the question regarding his personal relationship with the priest. "There isn't one. I never really had a relationship with him. He's too busy. He's a slick operator, but the things he's hustled for are all good things, so I'm okay with that." This is Ross being polite and diplomatic. "But he's built this goddamned elephant, and now he's trying to put it on a diet [the recent closing of the shelter during the daytime], and that just doesn't work."

When asked about his tenure as a case manager, Ross falls uncharacteristically silent for an awkward moment. When he speaks, his voice is no longer steady.

"I left Saint Vincent's in December because I just couldn't take the corporate feeling that was happening over the past few years there. It became a numbers game. When I was there, the first nine years, I was at the BMC [Bishop Maher Center], which is a two-year program. Before residents can get in there, they have to do the four-month program at the PMC. That is not a clean-andsober program. You have 300 men on the third floor, bunk to bunk to bunk. Seventy percent of them have a drug or alcohol situation of some sort, and theoretically, they have that period to address their problem and good luck. On the

other hand, at the BMC, the two-year program, you are individually casemanaged, and I was a case manager. I loved every minute of it, until the computers came in and there was so much documentation, so much administrative work to do that I would find myself taking time away from my clients. Normally, I would spend an hour with a guy, or an hour and a half, whatever it took. It got so regulated that you had 20 minutes for the client, 20 minutes for the computer, 20 minutes for this form and that form. I was totally ill at ease with that. Ill equipped to do it because of my history of no computers. But the most significant part was that I found myself rushing through my clients. 'How are you doing, John?' and I'm hoping you'll just say, 'Fine,' because I've got five clients lined up behind you. I started going home very depressed at night, knowing that if I'd gone to see John in his bunk at night, if I'd sat down there and



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getting caught up in this corporate environment all of a sudden — which was fine when I was with Mercedes — and, 'David, have you got a minute?' Well, no one ever wants just a minute. John has just lost his wife, his children, he's about to relapse, John is sick. And everybody who knew me from previous years knew I'd stop and talk to him or her. Well, I got so far behind in administrative stuff.... No one would ask you what you were doing anymore, just as long as you had those reports in the machine. If you were efficient and on time with your information, then that would presume you were a good case manager. When they gave me that computer, I said, 'I don't want it on my desk. You can put it behind my desk.' I don't want to look at a computer while you're sitting across from me, and you're no longer John, you're number 867.1, so we can dispense with the

John and David. I was so disoriented, I said to them, 'I can't do this anymore. It's not me.' I felt like an old cowboy who was still riding his horse, and you come to work one day and there's this Jeep, and now you're supposed to round the horses up with a Jeep. They said they would send me to computer school.

"I did not want to go to computer school. I was 65 years old or whatever I was. They said, 'You can pick it up really easy. It will make your job easier.' What they meant was 'It will make your job faster. It will help people accumulate more statistical information.'

" 'That,' I told them, 'does not mean it's our friend. We are dealing with human beings here, not automobiles. I do not want to go to a school that is going to keep me from reaching out, from talking to people. I can't do that. I'm not doing justice to my clients. I would rather see five guys a day and spend as much time as it takes to make contact with them and show them I cared, without looking up at the clock and knowing you're out of time, like at a psychiatrist's office. And I'm not going to do 20

people, because I'll get too far behind on the machine, and then I'm going home at night with a headache, wondering if I'm going to get in trouble the next day because the input wasn't in the computer. 'Well,' they said, 'we don't have a place for you.' I said, 'I'll make it easy for you; I'll go back to the PMC.' They said they didn't have an opening there. I'm ten years at Saint Vincent de Paul's and they don't have an opening. I said, 'I don't care what you pay me. Pay me minimum wage.' They said, 'We can't spend money on any more personnel at the PMC.

"Not right. It's like Mercedes-Benz saying they can't afford something. Say you don't want to, say you aren't going to, but don't tell me you can't afford to. Don't insult people by saying you can't. You choose not to. 'Okay, I'll go over there as a volunteer.' I was making \$11.20 an hour for the past 11 years. They were baffled. They were trying to figure out a way for me to gracefully go away. I said, 'If at some point you feel you can hire me in some capacity that has benefits, then you can let me know.'

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'We're getting the guy for nothing, everybody seems to like him and all he wants to do is talk to people. Maybe we'll give him an office - no, a table in the back.' My job became what they call a transition coach. I would just talk to people about how to endure that PMC with that dynamic up there that's so negative. Like, you're trying to get clean, and a guy is coming in with a bottle of booze underneath you, and suddenly you're just pulled back into that scene. It goes on constantly, because it's a terribly dysfunctional environment there on that third floor. What I did was basically repeat, 'Hang in there, baby. I know it's tough. Hang in

there.' And then take them on tours across the street from the BMC, so they could see a light at the end of the tunnel. I'd see a guy that I knew was just hurting so bad, and I'd go to his bunk and just stay there and talk to him. So sometimes I wouldn't get out of there until 12 or 1 in the morning. They found out I was staying so late, and one guy said, 'What are you doing up there so late? The computers aren't even running then.'

"They told me I'd have to go home at nine o'clock. By the way, no one ever came over from the corporate office to see that terribly dysfunctional third floor. They knew it was there, but they didn't want to see it.

The beds were horrible; the sheets were stinking from people puking on them, and they'd give them to somebody the next day after being roughly washed. The beds were in disarray. The people up there were schizophrenic, diabetic, dually diagnosed, alcoholics, just out of prison or on their way to prison, skinheads, Crips, Nazis, 300 dysfunctional people, and sometimes at night I was the only staff member up there. They might have some girl on the computer locked in the intake room, and I'd be the only one on the floor. It was like a prison with one guard. How many fights I stopped, I can't tell you.

"Finally, I said, 'No, I

can't do this anymore.' I had a meeting with the corporation people and said, 'Shame on you.' " Ross's voice is faltering badly now, his eyes tearing. He falls silent and the Hyundai is filled with the sounds of the street: sporadic traffic; distant, intoxicated voices; a dog barking a few blocks away. The traffic lights on Market Street can be heard clicking: green, yellow...red.

"It got so they couldn't stand it. Why is everybody going to this guy? David this and David that...'"

At this point, two men approach the car, one black and one white. They are not together. David seems to know the black man. "How are you doin', my man?" Ross asks. "Need some water?" Ross is rapidly regaining his composure.

"Yeah." The man looks curiously at me. I flash him the peace sign, hoping it still has some kind of juju. The guy looks like a mahogany fireplug. The white guy remains in the background. His hair is blond, dirty, and wild above wide, unfocused eyes. He looks like a more shotout Billy Idol or a demented Rod Stewart. He clutches a filthy windbreaker around his chest. From his waist to below his knees, he is wearing a tight black skirt slit up the side. The white man asks for a dollar. "Sorry, my man. I don't carry any money with me."

"I'll take your check, Dave," the black man says.

"You'll take *my* check? Man, no wonder you're livin' out here."

The man laughs and does some footwork, putting up his dukes like a mock John L. Sullivan. Ross does a slow little three-step move. "Oh Brother, and we are brothers, just from different mothers, you do not want to throw down with me. How many moves did you just see me bust?"

"Uh, four?"

"No, my man. That was six. With those two moves you didn't see, I would have slapped the black off you until you were whiter than Michael Jackson."

"Oh, that's good!"

#### RESEARCH STUDIES



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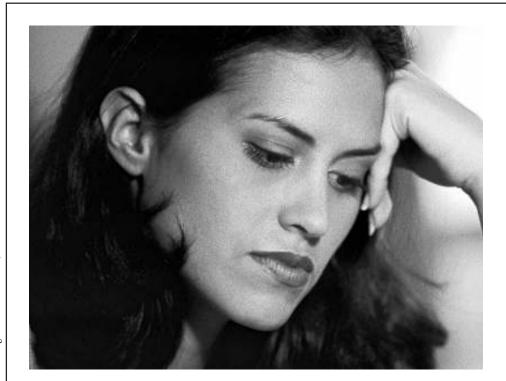
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the man howled, laughing. "Hey, Dave, can I have two bottles of water?"

"I can't do that, brother. What if I run into a sister out here tonight, and she's got a little one and she needs two bottles of water, and I ain't got none cuz I gave 'em to you."

"Oh, that's right, Dave. I understand."

The white man accepted a bottle of water and looked at it as if it were an alien artifact. He upended it and drank it slowly all the way down. His eyes seemed to refocus. "How long has it been," asked Dave, "since you had any water?"

"I don't remember," he said and asked again for a dollar. I gave him one and then wondered if I was doing Ross any

Back in the car and Ross picks up where he left off. "Where was I? The PMC: Filthy. People peeing on your blanket and stealing your clothes, shitting on the floor of the bathroom." Ross was immediately emotional again. "That's all part of that life. I told these corporate people at that meeting: 'I never saw you there at night when someone would be crapping in their bed or someone would throw up on the guy under him. Or when an alcoholic and a drug addict were fighting each other, trying to kill each other, and there were drugs all over the place and schizophrenics wandering around that can't even find the damned bathroom.' I was the guy walking the halls, looking for these people and talking to them.

"Oh, they hated me, these corporate types. No, they were never around at night. They were all home tucked in their beds, secure in the fact that the numbers were in the machine. But those numbers are people, and those numbers fade away. Why? Because nine guys like John relapsed, and

another nine guys went crazy and went back on the street. I told them: 'You people don't see them. It's so nasty, isn't it? Nobody wants to see it. Well, shame on you for not knowing what I was

doing. And shame on you for not making that part of our outreach more significant rather than less.' They just sat there and listened to me. I said, 'I'll tell you what, I'm gonna make it really easy on you

people in this room. I know that no one wants to be the one to pull the plug on me, because it's a very uncomfortable thing to do. You people know that my heart is in here...' "Ross is having

more difficulty, speaking with a broken voice. Tears have formed at the corners of his eyes, gathering on his lower eyelid, poised to descend along the right-hand line of his

The third pause: a full minute of silence.

"I've been in this place for ten years," he said, as if addressing an impassive board of administrators, "and I had hoped that they

RESEARCH STUDIES

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# Insomnia

#### Sleepless Nights **Exhausted Days**

A clinical research study for insomnia is now underway. Doctors are enrolling patients in a study of an investigational drug for insomnia.



To qualify for participation in this study, you must:

- Be 18-64 years of age
   Have had trouble falling and staying asleep for more than 3 months

Study participation includes, at no charge:

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- Investigational study drug
- Study procedures and tests

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would carry me out of here, because the people that I love and care about, the residents, are still here." The "here" Ross is talking about isn't exactly here — he's back in a meeting room in the administrative wing of Saint Vincent's, several months ago. The people he is addressing are not present either, but those he is speaking *of* are within hailing distance, no farther than the phrase "Water Man!" can carry. Addressing the board in memory, he continues. "You make it sound like I don't fit in

anymore. I know I fit in. We have the same sort of people we had ten years ago, with the same sort of struggle, the same sort of agony, and the same sort of uncertainty. Why don't I fit in? Because I can't use a machine? These people don't need a machine. Shame on you, all of you in this room, because you know me and you put me in this position of having to leave here — and I am going to —- but please, do me a favor and do not disingenuously reach your hand out to me as I am leaving. You're forcing me to leave this building, but I will never leave the people that are here. I will be out on those streets somewhere, helping those people. If it means sitting on the corner at 16th and Imperial, then that's where I'm going to be."

Not far at all from the spot he mentioned on Imperial, Ross holds up a piece of paper. The 71-year-old has been challenged, punched, and cursed out by street "residents" who now greet him with smiles and

hugs, but until recently, he has never had to worry about the police. What he is holding is a ticket.

On August 23, 2006, at 1:15 p.m., at 16th
Street and G, Ross was ticketed, cited, technically arrested, and detained for 35 minutes beside his "Homeless Hyundai" by SDPD Sergeant Laura Santiago. He was about to give water to two men, one of whom Ross knew to be diabetic. Ross describes the scene:

"I was standing there with two bottles of water in my hands when I heard the short *whoop*- whoop of a police siren, and this squad car pulls up on the curb behind me. They've got me fixed in this spotlight, but the two homeless guys were still difficult to see, just bundles in the shadows. People walking back to their cars from the Padres game went by, and they must have wondered what the deal was. Here's this old white guy in half a tennis outfit, holding bottled water, and he's getting jammed up by the police under this bridge. Remember, you can't really see anybody else back in there.

"I hear this woman's voice. 'You! What are you doing?' This cop must have made out the other two guys, because then she says, 'You, back there! Get moving! Get out of here!' So they start getting up, bundling their blankets and everything else they own, which is not much, but it takes a minute. 'Hey, hold on,' I said, 'I'm going to get this water to you.'

"'Oh no, Dave. We don't want you getting' any more jammed up.' Here's this guy and his friend getting rousted with everything they

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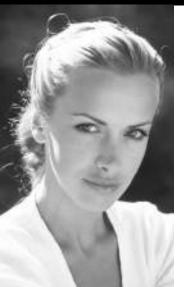


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own, with nowhere to go, and they're worried about this skinny old white guy in his tennis clothes with his five-yearold Hyundai. 'Just stay right there,' I told him.

" 'You stay where you are!' the cop, a woman sergeant who was partnered with a younger female officer — probably a rookie — was yelling at me. And then she told the other guys to get lost again, and they were on their way, but I wasn't going to let them go without water. I turned my back on the squad car and went over to them and handed them the water. This really got to Sergeant Santiago. 'What are you doing?' she asked me in the most abrasive way.

Her whole manner was abrasive, hostile, and rude, completely unprofessional."

Ross was kept waiting by the side of his car, "for at least a good half an hour, while Santiago tried to find something to book me on. Meanwhile, I was talking to the young officer, explaining to her that one of those guys was diabetic, and he had no means of getting water, etc. Santiago called out from the squad car, 'If you have something to say to me, you can say it to my face.'

" 'Well, I'd be happy to,' I said, and she walked over with her pad of tickets. She was writing. I told her that, without water, the one guy would die. 'That's not the issue

here,' she said, and I so wanted to ask her, 'What is the issue?' Instead, I showed her my other card - not the one I wear around my neck that's written in Crayola — the one that indicates my association with the police department HOT [Homeless Outreach Team] squad, and I mentioned my relationship with Sergeant Rick Snell with that outfit and asked her: 'I just want to know. I was told to show this to any police officer if there was any question as to what I was doing. Does this mean anything at all to you?'

"She handed me the ticket to sign. 'Can you write while you talk?' she asked and then she said,

'No, not tonight it doesn't." Ross was cited with violation #54.0122: Distribution of Food and Beverages. "She locked eyes with me and I locked eyes right back with her. She said, 'You...have... a...good...rest...of...the ...night.' Still unblinking, looking right back at her, I repeated exactly what she had said, and I said it exactly the same way."

The following week, Juliette Vara at Channel 10 News picked up the story and ran it in two segments, along with a brief interview with Ross and attorney Scott Dreher, who took on the case *pro bono* when he heard the item.

"We have this other case," Dreher said over the phone, "a homeless case that challenges the ticketing of people for sleeping in public when they have no other place to sleep, and so maybe Juliette Vara heard about me because of that. I'm happy to help him [Ross] out. That's bullshit. They should never give out tickets for that. She cited him not because he was doing anything wrong but because the police department has a policy of 'Don't let anyone help the homeless; it encourages them to stay around, and we don't want them staying around. They smell bad and they're dirty. We can't have that; this is America's Finest City. And you can't drive them away by bringing them water.' That statute, by the way, is so broad and vague as to be meaningless. It was originally put on the books to protect kids from getting hit by traffic when running out to an ice-cream truck. It remains on the books as a lever to keep people from helping the homeless. This fits in with police objectives and the Centre City Development Corporation objectives.

"The constitutionallaw term is 'vagueness.'

People are entitled to know in advance what's illegal and what's not. The statute ought to be thrown out, and we'll sue to have that statute overturned. A jury trial is another issue. David has this pending criminal citation; we have to appear in court on October 23, I think. On that occasion, the city will have the opportunity to say, 'Judge, we dismiss the case.' And that's what they've indicated they will say. But until then, they haven't done it. They could also say, 'Screw you. We've got to teach you a lesson. We're going to go to trial.' In which case, we'll say, 'Bring it on.' "■

— John Brizzolara

Channel 10 is conducting a phone-in survey as to whether Ross should have been ticketed. If you would like to participate, you can access the survey at: www.10news.com/news/ 9761690/detail.html

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# PALE AND SLIMY FRIEND

met an alien last Wednesday. Don't get up on your political soapbox yet; it wasn't an alien who'd hopped any fences or walked across borders, but the kind that cruises around looking for country bumpkins to abduct. However, like Bugs Bunny, he took a wrong turn at Albuquerque and ended up here in San Diego.

He had no tentacles, antennae, or egg-shaped head, but he claimed to be from some place that *Homo sapiens* are "unable to pronounce" (aliens are always underestimating us). His mission: to study life forms, perform tests, boldly go where no — well, you get the idea. I was skeptical at first, but when he showed me his shiny

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gadgets complete with wacky buttons, I believed.

Like a decent Southern Californian, I welcomed him to Earth with a trip to *un restaurante mexicano*. He said the food was atrocious. A little offended, I finished off his burrito before heading to the mecca of all travelers (whether they're from Illinois or Neptune): the beach. I showed him everything there, yet received no response. I started to wonder whether aliens were any fun at all.

Desperate for feedback, I took him to Balboa Park, Seaport Village, even the mall; still, no reaction. I grew so bored with what was supposed to be an unprecedented, breathtaking encounter that I stopped trying to impress him and started to entertain myself.

We stopped by the zoo. As he yawned at the animals, I elucidated the purpose of the brass sculptures found along the paths. I told him about the Great Hippo who gave man nostrils and granted a few distinguished prophets the ability to wiggle their ears. I demonstrated. He stared in awe. Success. Emboldened, I described elaborate torture devices called "carnival rides" on which you surrender money and are forced to endure minutes of stomach-twisting, vomitinducing madness. At this remark, the impressionable fool fainted. Earth 1, space 0.

At the end of the day, he ascended home nervously, watching for rainbows (the deadliest form of lasers). I can safely say that life forms do exist elsewhere, but they're certainly not "more intelligent." Oh, and we can relax about Martian invasions; word has been sent that if any planets mess with Earth, we'll impose mediocre sitcoms on their society.

— Mary Lindquist, El Capitan H.S. graduate

spielberg, earthlings have portrayed the consequences of alien visits, but what humans do not know is the safe and practical way to deal with aliens. The wait is over: introducing Madeline's "Guide to Extraterrestrial Encounters." My followers will learn the "three H's" of alien appearances: hide, help, and holler.

Hide: Think of Elliot in *E.T.* His smartest move was to hide the alien. Whether in a closet or a flowerpot, aliens must be hidden—from the United Nations, the paparazzi, or Mike Aguirre, it doesn't matter — the only way to protect an alien is to hide it. If you are a minor, tell your parents. The most common mistake juveniles make when encountering an alien is not telling their guardians; by telling parents about a hidden alien, one can distract from an abysmal algebra grade.

Help: Chances are the alien has damaged its vehicle in the ever-growing spaceship-breaking force field that surrounds our planet. Your duty is to help the alien restock its supplies — whether they are AA batteries or Dixie Chicks CDs for easy listening on the return trip — and repair its ship. The "help" step is especially important because your

aid will prove that you see the alien as an equal, as a pale and slimy friend.

Holler: Try to set up an alien-signaling device to effectively "holler" that you are hiding the alien. The device should be undetectable by the NSA or any other government agency. The point of contacting your alien's home world is so that the alien's family will rescue it; otherwise, the alien's future will be like that of the characters on *Lost*.

By following these three steps, one will turn a "close encounter of the third kind" into a "close encounter of the preferred kind."

— Madeline McCurry Schmidt, Valhalla H.S.

t is not every day that a person meets an alien who wishes to learn more about the human world. If such an opportunity arose, however, it would be difficult to decide what to show him. So, I would take him to



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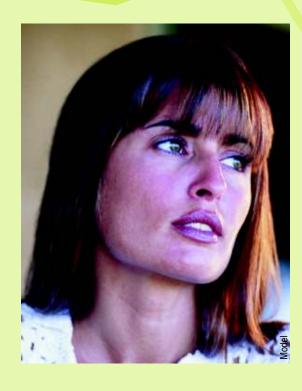
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every continent so as to give him a glimpse of the whole world and not just the usual London or New York. Of course, those cities, along with the other most-visited tourist destinations, would be included in the international journey. Breaking the caramel crust of a crème brûlée in a Parisian café or seeing the Sistine Chapel (albeit among throngs of sweaty tourists) is something everyone needs to experience for themselves.

Having covered all of the great European capitals, my alien and I would move southward to Africa. Coming from the opulent streets of the French Riviera, this would be a drastic change in environment. Seeing the desert and poverty of the African countries would be important for the alien to realize that the state of the world is nowhere close to being ideal. Visiting Africa would also show him the extent to which human cruelty affects innocent people, especially in violent regions such as Sudan. However, while there, we would be able to enjoy the African flora and fauna.

After Africa, we would journey eastward to Asia. The Asian countries would present an entirely different culture than those of the previous two continents. Even the music would be a departure from the refined music of Europe and upbeat rhythms of Africa...not to mention the food differences. At the Buddhist temples and tranquil zen gardens, the alien would learn about beauty, meditation, and most of all, respect. He would discover the role of religion in weaving the fabric of people's lives.

Traveling southbound, we would make a short stop in Australia, allowing the alien to admire the amazing landscapes and rare animal species. Moving even further down, we would journey to Antarctica so he could gaze at the South Pole, a piece of earth unaltered by man. After having all of our appendages frozen off, we would move toward the equator, to South America. Here, in the land of soccer, super-

models, and soothing rhythms, we would learn about Ché Guevara and the blessing that is Brazilian food. In the nights, we would dance the merengue until we no longer felt the effect of tequila.

Finally, we would journey up to North America. Here the alien would see how all of the cultures and races coexist and form a great democratic country. Hopefully, in the end, despite obvious problems, the alien will realize that the world is an amazing place, made so not only by its incredible natural beauty, but by that of its inhabitants.

— Jennie Matusova, La Jolla H.S.

ssuming it would not try to perform surgery on me or abduct me in its spaceship, if an extraterrestrial were to visit me, I'd probably treat it as if it were an out-of-town relative coming for a visit in San Diego. We would drive to the beach and get some Mexican food on the way. We would go to the mall and

maybe throw in some shopping in Pacific Beach. We would hike up on the cliffs at Torrey Pines and catch a nice view of the ocean and sunset. And, more importantly, he'd better be a cool extraterrestrial because this is sounding more like a date than an afternoon with a strange creature from another planet.

I think extraterrestrials would think that our species is odd. After all, the diversity of all of the people on our planet is as beautiful as it is disturbing. While it is amazing to see uniqueness among people, we have Americans and other people living in excess luxury while there are hundreds of millions of people living in extreme poverty and scrambling to stay alive. I wonder what the aliens would think of our form of government and what we do and don't do for people.

It may be difficult to explain to aliens our need to be in touch with everyone via cell phones, text messaging, or the Internet. But then again, the beings on their planet could be even more

connected; if they have the tools and expertise to arrive here, a good chance exists that their society is technologically advanced.

— Naomi Serling-Boyd, Mt. Carmel H.S. graduate

think every kid has had daydreams about what they would do if an extraterrestrial came to Earth from outer space. Unlike many movies out nowadays, the extraterrestrials in my childhood imagination were harmless. My first plan was to try and figure out their language and if that failed, well, we'd have to come up with a new way to communicate. If nothing else worked, we'd use hand signals.

In my imagination, I pictured taking the aliens to all my favorite places, such as the beach and amusement parks. I thought that the aliens would be confused with the waves and vast expanses of water. Aliens definitely have never seen water before, and the waves would scare them. Even after an hour of persuading, they

would refuse to go in the water. They would love Six Flags, but it wouldn't be as exciting for them as it is for me because they ride in spaceships that go a million miles an hour.

One thing they wouldn't understand is human affection. I doubt aliens have affection for each other; I imagine them as robot-like, performing the same basic work every day with nothing too exciting. They'd probably be harmless and interested in learning about the human species. I'd find it hard to explain human affection to them. Pretty soon I would start a new trend and all the aliens would start showing affection toward each other and toward human beings.

By the end of their visit, I would be sad that they'd be leaving, and they would ask me to come visit them in outer space. They'd communicate this with signs, our new language. Then they would fly off in their spaceship.

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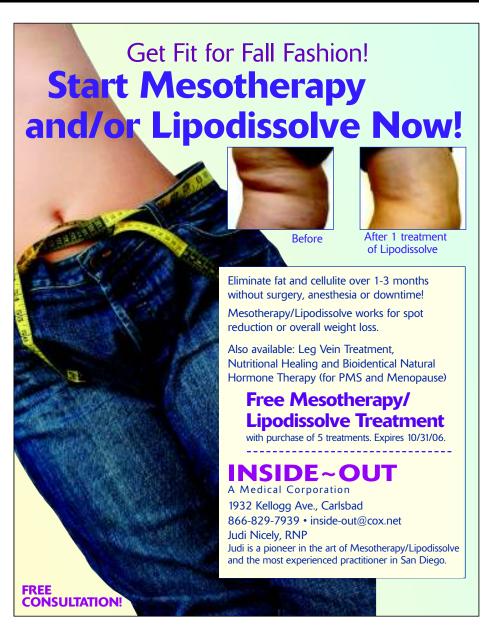
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— Heart of Darkness, Joseph Conrad

ome people wear everything on their sleeves; they'd run naked through a mall if there wasn't a law. Others, like me...and maybe you...are more evasive; the parts of our lives are like ants, searching, destroying, defending...building nests; over the years we've piled up great pyramids of dead needles and twigs and crumbs, and we live like fugitive pharaohs within. We live protected lives, and...although we have not always been this way...we are happy. We keep our secrets sealed, and we don't bother people. But every once in a while some ephemerally happy meddler comes along, peeks inside, knows there are things you won't talk about, and kicks the shit out of your ants' nest.

There was a time you'd have killed that meddler.

Now you just go rebuild....

Truth is, there's a time or two I thought of putting a barrel to my temple and pulling the trigger. Boom. Remember Kennedy's head? You've seen it...heads exploding, I mean. Sometimes in the wee hours I think about it. Examine it. Smell it. Roll around in it. It's not all ugliness, you know. You control where you go, where you dwell, until the crow drags you underneath into dreams...dreams you can't end...dreams inside old buildings, plywood walls, padlocked

doors, one-way stairways...cracked ceilings dripping on ancient stages; or dreams of things you've really seen: six-month-old black lab on the freeway, shivering in terror, diving under the front duals of a log-loaded semi and blowing out its hide like a billion BBs of cartilage and watermelon; or dreams like things you've seen...running without a body on Pacific Highway, stalking with ghost dogs, tails down...tripping over carcasses...road kills...like Marines at Con Thien; or Marines you've seen butchered, misplaced in time...piled on caissons pulled by freaked horses...moving down roads of

unmistakable red mud.

There's a baby book I found in a stale box after the war; there's not much in it, clip of hair, couple pictures, and a final handwritten entry by a mother I barely

He now asks his mommy to say his little prayer for him, too.

Dear Jesus:

and little Ray. Also, help little Ray to learn to ride his tricycle sometime soon & help little Ray to be a good boy....

May God always take care of my first and oldest son.

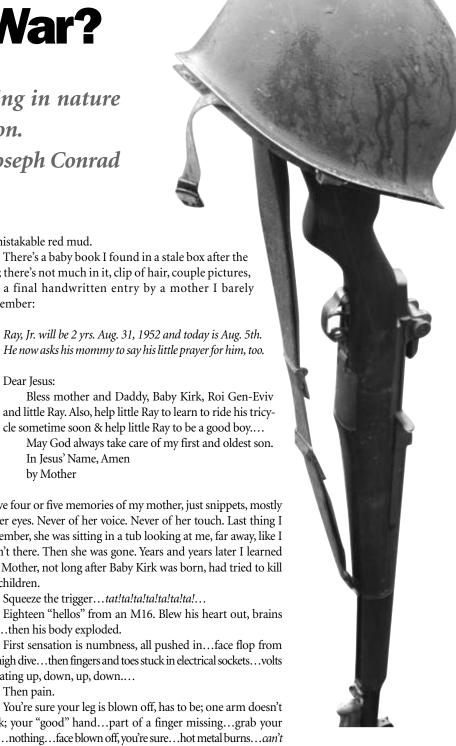
I have four or five memories of my mother, just snippets, mostly of her eyes. Never of her voice. Never of her touch. Last thing I remember, she was sitting in a tub looking at me, far away, like I wasn't there. Then she was gone. Years and years later I learned that Mother, not long after Baby Kirk was born, had tried to kill her children.

out...then his body exploded.

First sensation is numbness, all pushed in...face flop from the high dive...then fingers and toes stuck in electrical sockets...volts pulsating up, down, up, down....

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work; your "good" hand...part of a finger missing...grab your face...nothing...face blown off, you're sure...hot metal burns...can't



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scream! can't scream!...they're out there, out there in the dark.

> But the pain.... "Keep chilly, man!"

You know that whisper... Poke's voice...one of the brothers...your teeth are clenched, your lips pressed to keep life inside...please, dear Jesus!...you spurt out a wet groan.

"You hit?"

First of the "housekeepers" came a year after Mother disappeared; she was fat, old, wore a black dress with pink flowers, and introduced herself as Mrs. Briggs.

Life was about to change. In the previous months, my sister and baby brother and I had been farmed out to pampering relatives; prior to that...Dad at work and Mother in postpartum exile...we were wild as feral kittens.

Mrs. Briggs locked us in the basement.

Rain, snow, or shine. Every day.

All day.

My sister (Roi Gen-Eviv) was lucky...she was six and escaped to school. My brother (Kirk) and I made the best of it; we either played with Mrs. Briggs's insipid bird dog Rusty or we played "fort" with the cushions of an old couch. I also learned fun was easily

brother. "Say a nasty word," I'd say. "No."

"C'mon...I promise I

attainable by betraying my

And Kirk would bite.

"...booger!"

Immediately I'd run and tell Mrs. Briggs, and immediately she'd thunder down the stairs, wrest poor Kirk from the basement, drag his wailing body to the upstairs bathroom, where she'd scrub out his "dirty little mouth" with a bar of soap.

Great fun.

Mrs. Briggs was a sadistic bitch. She'd swoop down like a fat bat to catch me looking at Rusty's pecker (or some other act of vast sin) and drag me protesting up the stairs. Her favorite tool was a plastic hairbrush that she used in ways more creative than just spanking my bared buttocks.

> She terrified me. Dad didn't know.

One snowy morning, as he was leaving for work, I opened a window to ask if I could play in the snow; but when I opened my mouth, the window shut on my fingers. And stuck. Screaming in pain, my fingers trapped forever, I cried hysterically as Father kept walking and got in his truck.

And drove away.

Jungle smells like sour baby diapers; a great smell if you're a snake or a leech.

Mix it with cordite, gook guts, your own blood...that's what you're smelling. For a long time things fall from the sky...bone, flesh, rock, pieces of tree.

It's dark as a turd. "You hit?"

For years you've looked back and wished you could've sat up just then and said...

"Well, no shit!"

...but you were dying. Mrs. Briggs didn't last long. Maybe Dad's instincts kicked in. Maybe it was funny bruises on his little boys, I don't know.

Something wasn't right.

He drove 20 feet, stopped, jumped out and ran to the house and opened the window off my fingers. Then he reached in and lifted me out. Sat down with me in the snow. Held me. Rocked me. Even kissed my bleeding fingers.

Few days later he came home early. Found us in the basement. My brother was curled in a ball, whimpering. Dad undressed Kirk and found purple welts on his legs and buttocks, where Mrs. Briggs had whipped him with a wire.

Blood runs in your

throat...you're scared...not sure if what happened even happened. As ambushes go, this one was fucked up the ass big time....

Ain't that the way, though? Things always upside down? Unreal things real? Real things unreal? You sit there and study your weapon, your grenades, your bandoleers and loaded clips, all those mean-ass things you dangle, wondering if it's a dream. How come you don't feel different? You're a paid killer, you know. "Born on the Bayou" pumps out some grunt's radio. Fuckin' CCR in the cocksuckin' jungle.

Squad leader says, "Can it...lock and load."

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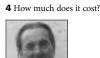
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> Then you smell that smell. Look left.

Nothing.

Then you hear a twig snap. Look left.

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After Mrs. Briggs, Dad hired Betty. In so doing, he'd gone from one extreme to the other. Betty was young and pretty and soft, and she let us play in the yard. She often joined in our play, taught us her favorite childhood games, and she laughed easily. She was permissive, and she never spanked. We could get away with anything, it seemed. But she had a woman's flaw, I guess, and fell in love with a single man struggling to raise his small children alone. A man still in love, I think, with a wife he'd abandoned.

Dad fired Betty.

On her last day, we picked flowers for her.

Tiny pink and white ones. "Oh, these are special," she said. "Look...."

Gently, she opened the petals of one; and there, prim and proper in its pinkish flower cup...hands on hips...sat a

strange and delicate white pistil.

'See?" she said...

We stared in wonder.

"...the lady in the bathtub." They start chuckin' grenades...BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!...so close the fucking earth vibrates in your wounds; you're in front of everybody, you imagine landing...exploding...right on your crotch.

Motherfuckers...

"Don't hit me!"

You sort of gurgled it out, but they hear.

"You okay?"

Stupid cocksuckers!

"Keep chilly, man...stay

Something deep inside starts to play a song in your brain; you start babbling shit.

"Don't leave me out here..."

Shit like that. Then you start to cry like a little kid.

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"Please don't leave me out here..."

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Gramma's eyes are dead gray; I see her false teeth unsuck from fat gums in spasms of rage. But in dreams, when she comes back, her fleshy arms don talons...her eyes yellow. Funny a boy ever loved a beast like that.

> She wasn't a real gramma. When Dad hired her to

"raise" us, she'd already finished with one family, had outlived two husbands, and dragged with her a plump teenage daughter, A'mata, who "loved" Elvis and any pus-faced, convertible-driving creep she thought resembled him.

Gramma and A'mata

shared the same bedroom; they were "dirt poor" types...one bath a week for them was ample...and their room stank! Smelled like some long-dead thing was under their bed.

Those two also shared a poorly disguised dislike for Roi Gen-Eviv, who they knew would grow into somebody pretty. Gramma'd probably been born fat and ugly, and A'mata ("Hot T'mata") carried all that unfortunate genetic predisposition.

Jealousy ruled.

Under their ill-natured gaze, my sister's life became a kind of Cinderella's hell...menial chores and verbal abuse...that left her feeling bitter and cheap.

But for my brother and me, our lives plunged into another kind of hell...under

another kind of gaze. You see, they had this thing about little boys' peters.

Shit.

Nobody pisses with velocity like a little boy...small nozzle, high power. When you gotta go, you gotta go! You might jump up and down for a while..."GOTTA GO BAD! GOTTA GO BAD!"...get in there, try whippin' it out fast...and piss all over the room. Hit the toilet seat, the floor, the walls...like losin' grip on a tiny garden hose. Just part of being a little boy.

But there'd be Gramma. Gramma makes you strip naked...right in front of A'mata. Then she wipes the piss up with your underpants. And rubs 'em in your face. Harder you scream, harder she rubs. A'mata laughing...grinning at your little naked body.

Ugly fat bitch.

Saw one Marine six feet away...kneeling and gurgling...cough one word... "Dad"...then melt to the ground and die. Why not? You think about Dad in your last moment. How he used to give you whisker burns. Tickle your tummy. Tell you bedtime stories.

Billy goats kickin' a troll's

Sister sputtered...

"Cut his...cut off his..."

...her speech devoid of nouns to explain such things; your eyes read the vulgarities in hers.

Nobody comes out to get

you; you gotta save yourself.

Push with your one foot.

They're behind you, can't see you; so you push with that foot...push.

Insects screech and mate; nocturnal jungle birds taunt the dark with obscene hoots....

(phuh-Q, phuh-Q, phuh-*Q*, *phuh-Q*)

You're close to them, closer...then snag on a tree...a fucking snag a squirrel could snap...and you feel how it feels...

(phuh-Q, phuh-Q, phuh-

You have a soul...it lives within you...you feel it...feel it deserting you...slipping out nose...thinner... slipping out your nose soft as thread....

(phuh-Q, phuh-Q)

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(phuh-Q)

...souls of the killed drift about you.

Fly like a thing winged down a hallway of wood past the kitchen and the bathroom and the stinking bedroom to the room where Baby Kirk stands naked from below the waist and sobs as Gramma pulls his little penis and snips with a pair of scissors to purge yet another five-year-old boy of his sins....

Time travel me back with a knife; I'll fucking...

Poke grabs your sorry ass. "Gotcha, mothe'fuck..." Pulls you into a hole, whis-

pers more shit.

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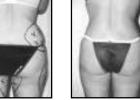
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And as they carry you up in a rain poncho, under those faraway stars, in that eerie moonlight, you're just happy as birdshit you wasted those cocksuckers.

"I got 'em!"

#### PLANET OF THE ORANGE BOMB

#### July 20

Apollo 13 glows on TV...25 years after the first landing... while I sew reinforcement into a money belt. The endangered voyager voices his disposition for death in space. That means something, I think.

The hassles of just trying to take all of the little things you want to remember to take and stacking them and then the fucking phone.

I hate it.

Dad called.

"Not getting cold feet, are you?" he said.

"No way."

Dad survived 21 raids over Germany, when his bomber was shot down, and afterward endured a year in a Nazi prison camp.

That means something,

Count out \$5000 in \$20s and stuff'em inside the money belt. Don't give a rip about Saigon...nor Hue, Quang Tri...not even Khe Sanh. None of those places. The only place I care about is *that* place...deep in the jungle.

Just that place.

#### July 21

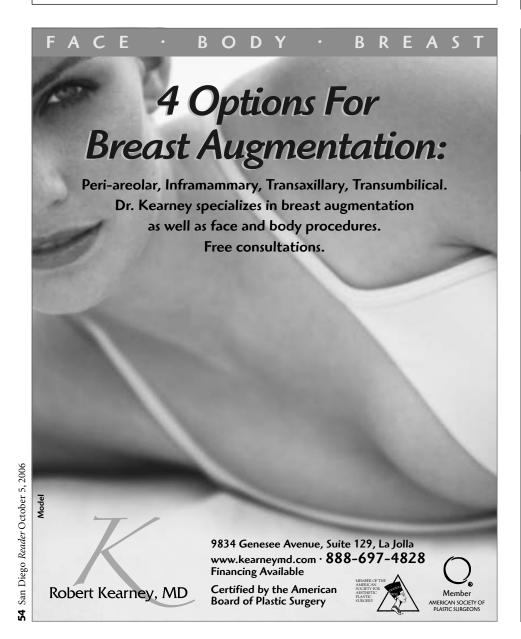
Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Standing on the colossal parade ground called the Grinder, where generations of treading ghosts betray their presence if you listen enough. Looking up to ridges of houses tucked among the trees, I remember, "You'll be there a week before you notice there's a city around you." The forwarder had been more than right; two weeks passed before my numbed soul woke and recognized the truth.

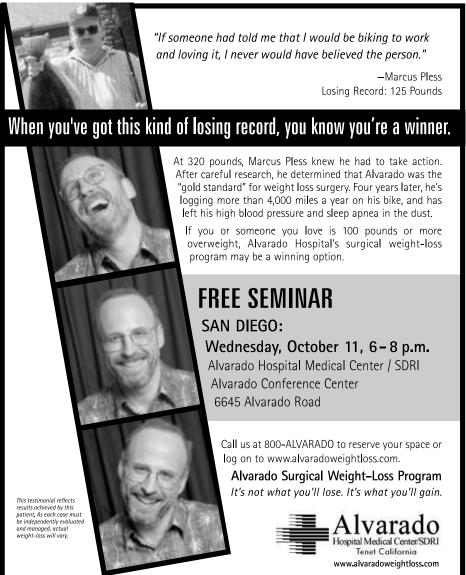
MCRD. Standing on what's left of the old obstacle course, now just sand, thinking of poor private Philips. "Private Philips went bullshit today..." said Drill Instructor Nicholas, with that hint of irony we'd learned to appreciate as soon as we got unscared enough to shit. Philips was definitely retarded... couldn't spell his own name when he landed...and as clueless as any dipshit ever to pound his boots on the Grinder; a skinny little inbreed from the hills whose entire face distorted when he spit-shined his shoes. Philips lost it on the riflerange...shaking and shooting and shaking...so they sneaked him away like a misbehaving ape. It was hard not to laugh.

There were so many guys like Philips.

Today, the DIs still sing their cadences in tones atavistic and alluring; they're no longer allowed to swear, I hear; nor are they allowed to use their fists on you for simply existing. That's all too bad. The world today is no more pretty than it was then. And the planes, the planes, the planes; always

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landing and then roaring off like rockets into space.

#### July 22

4:35 a.m. San Diego drops into small spots of light in a growing ocean of darkness; few cities exist in this country, I think, where so many young men left and never came back.

Time to settle in for a trillion miles or so.

Time for a drink or two...or three or four.

#### July 23

7:05 a.m. Lost a day...still in the air; read all of Dispatches (Michael Herr's) for the umpteenth time in my life. No other correspondent more revered 18-year-old Marine grunts or better understood

them "...calling each other Dude and Jive, Lifer and Shitkick and Motherfucker, touching this last with a special grace, as though it were the tenderest word in their language."

At best, nothing can be explained, just described. Outside is all brightness, sunlight reflecting off cumulus clouds spread over Asia like a lumpy glacier. I'm the only Caucasian aboard, yet the pilot says in English"...we'll be passing over Pleiku..." and I can't help thinking he's speaking to me.

No land is visible, but I know to the northwest, under those belying clouds, extends the Annamese Cordillera... most beautiful/ugly jungled mountains of the Montagnard tribes...a planet-like place once

called I Corps...place once for unlucky bastards...rain-steamed hell of poisonous things.

"It was mostly esoteric," Herr wrote, "in the way that so many Marines under 25 became esoterics after a few months in I Corps." The movie Alien plays in my head, civility descending as we descend now, encapsulated, into the clouds of unearthly brightness, turning to grayness...turning to strangeness.

Let me play tourist for a few days.

Then we'll go there....

9:30 a.m. Out of turbulent thunderheads we blow, entering the clear, dropping in balls-to-throat chunks toward a serpentine river snaking through a denuded delta; clogging the muddied waters, the timeless sampans adrift like colorless cockroaches. We're a couple hundred feet off the ground. Eroded bomb craters pock a destroyed earth. Rows of palm trees. Things fly by. Old bunker. Shacks. Billion peddling bicyclists. Radar tower. Rusting concrete-lined Quonset huts. Helicopters. The runway...boom!

Tan Son Nhut Airport. 8:30 p.m. Ho Chi Minh City. Whoever renamed it didn't mean it. Every person here still says Saigon. T-shirts for sale on every corner say Saigon. I'm checked in to the Saigon Hotel, where many of the war journalists stayed...some great, some not, some just alcoholic burnouts in need of a romantic rush to necessitate getting drunk. I can identify. The good writers hated Saigon and its surreal "Five O'clock Follies" and implausible truce with the reality of the bush. The same wrought-iron chairs (in which Herr, Sean Flynn, Tim Page sat and drank) still work the Rex Hotel's breezy rooftop bar, surrounded by lighted plants and third-sized plastic elephants, bearing now the heaviness of tourists, mostly French. Lack of sleep (San Diego time is 6:30 a.m., yesterday), codeine pills for pain, and Tiger beers sipped atop the Rex (where once this view included war with a sunset) leave me hallucinatory. Flipping pages of *Dispatches*...

Sometimes I didn't

know...if I dreamed it or what. In war more than in other life, you don't really know what you're doing most of the time, you're just behaving, and afterward you can make up any kind of bullshit you want to about it, say you felt good or bad, loved it or hated it, did this or that, the right thing or the wrong thing; still, what happened happened.

Anesthetized enough to descend to the streets, I find them teeming with young people on scooters in uninterrupted cruise; crossing the street is more like swimming a too-crowded pool...there seems no rule; on the sidewalks, teenage boys hock cheap noisemakers, while

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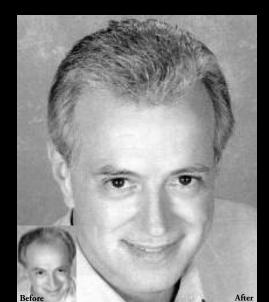
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every age of girl paws at you to

quered side. Above the planted tamarind trees and human flow at Nguyen Hue and Le Loi boulevards, rising several stories high, global icons National and Panasonic and Savimex and Konica and Fuji glow in brilliant colors and brush the solicitous faces a brownish orange. Things are less carnival down an alley: a 1920s roadster... The Deer Hunter pops to mind...sits parked in a gutter of piss; the young faces here are less beseeching than menacing. Entering an open-faced cafe cramped with pots and trays of steaming provincial foods, I point to things desired...rice, fish, soup, egg rolls, 22-ounce B.I.G. beer...and settle in for the meal. Total price, 16,000 dong, 80 U.S.

Floating in direction of Dong Du Street and my lodging, I note the Hotel Continental, where another open-air bar (the infamous Continental Shelf) once drew the journalists and civilian warmongers like flies. The Continental also accommodated setting for a Graham Greene novel, The Quiet American...inviting little tale of a man involved with an engaging whore. Prostitution is officially banned today (indigenous females are forbidden to share hotel rooms), yet the profession is easily available. Two doors from the Saigon Hotel, into the charming Lan Fang Hair Saloon, I wander (an American!) and mutter gauchely kow mhat (shave face) and goy dow (shampoo hair) and mah saw vai (massage shoulders); this last attendant consumes an hour, employs all of her limbs, and soothes more than my

shoulders.

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#### July 24

5:25 a.m. In San Diego, it's midafternoon; below my sixth-floor balcony, I watch people rising, sweeping their claim of sidewalk with tied-grass brooms, building their fires; a rooster's crow punctuates the verdant rhythm of morning, the sound of insects' buzzing, of flocked birds soaring...the ageless pattern of perfection.

Nearby, a red flag flutters....

#### July 25

Danang.

Here is the heat I remember.

Hit Danang Airport this a.m. with my guide, Mr. Hien (HEE-en). It was about a twohour flight. He seems nice. Speaks pretty good English...zillion times better'n my Vietnamese, anyway.

A young man driving a small Toyota (that chimes "Jingle Bells," backing up) picks us up; I'd been staring for some time at the same mountain I'd stared at 25 years before (18,

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Danang forever burns in the brain as first and last tastes: arrived here (quickly sent north); returned here (USS Sanctuary, badly blown up). A quick trip...less'n 6 months of a 13-month tour...leaving a permanent aftertaste. Here, six or so hundred miles north of Saigon, is where the first U.S. Marines splashed ashore; and here they quickly established the most heavily defended city in the American War (as the Vietnamese call it).

Driving through this city of 400,000, we pass a statue, standing 35 feet tall, of a woman in black pajamas; Mr. Hien explains: through corruption (and naiveté), she succeeded (several times) in penetrating "friendly" positions, catching a ride on a chopper loaded with young Marines, stashing a live grenade, and jumping into the Cam Le River below....

BOOM!

"She hero now," Mr. Hien says.

1:05 p.m. Near the top of a jungle-crusted hillock, where walkways lead to centuries-old sanctuaries built within caves and convoluted crevices, where monks chant amid clash of gongs and smell of incense, where knife-scared sockets of blinded beggars stare...I pay a girl 500 dong to guide me to the summit of Thuy Son, largest of the Marble Mountains. Outside, places pockmarked by bullets describe a flyspeck of the past. Inside...a tube of sunlight swirls up from Buddha and out a three-foot bomb hole into the sky. A dark passage narrows into steep chimneys of worn-slick marble...one leading to light.

Atop the largest of the five Marble Mountains, where U.S. Special Forces once volleyed with Viet Cong for control of the high ground, I can see everything: the South China Sea, Monkey Mountain, Bay of Danang, Danang Airport, Highway 1, Cam Le and Vinh Diem Rivers, the distant Tu Cau Bridge, and a spooky place Marines called the Riviera; stitching it all together in tellurian arc...endless hedgerows and rice paddies.

2:40 p.m. Halfway down.

Directly below, I spot the rotting remains of a Green Beret teamhouse.

"Can I go there?"

"No way," Mr. Hien says. "Many police, civilian...no permission."



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Recently, Mr. Hien guided another American veteran to this monolith, a former Green Beret, one who'd returned in search of a little boy he'd befriended decades before... before the little boy, scrambling up a secret passageway, tripped a mine planted by the Green Beret. He did find his boy, now a legless man, and gave him \$3000 (here, an inexpressible fortune), plus mechanical means for mobility.

6:25 p.m. "It was a great curving stretch of beachfront that faced the Bay of Danang..."

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approached me on the beach (noting my tank top — "SAN DIEGO USA" — and visible scars) to ask: "Did you fight in the war?" "Yeah." Then: "How does it feel to come back?" So I was nice, fed 'em some bullshit, and ("...nice to meet you, so long...") walked away.

The sun is setting. The lanterns of fishing boats on the South China Sea blink like fireflies. From somewhere behind me, in a sandy expanse of trees...I hear those "fuck you" birds hoot...sense some haunting residue here...some everaching loneliness.

#### July 26

11:30 a.m. Hue City, near the Citadel.

Sitting on the terrace of the Huong Gian Hotel with Mr. Hien, eating steamed shrimp, drinking Hue-brewed Huda beers, rereading Herr's chapter on the battle waged here...

> A little boy of about ten came up to a bunch of Marines from Charlie Company. He was laughing and moving his head from side to side in a funny way. The fierceness

in his eyes should have told everyone what it was, but it had never occurred to most of the grunts that a Vietnamese child could be driven mad too...until a black grunt grabbed him from behind and held his arm. "C'mon, poor li'l baby, 'fore one of these grunt mothers shoots you," he said, and carried the boy to where the corpsmen

"Jane Fonda ought to come here," I say.

Mr. Hien...high school student in Hue during the battle...lights a cigarette.

"She popular now," he says. During the 1968 Tet Offensive, while the U.S. military command awaited attack at Khe Sanh, the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) walked into the former Imperial City and took over; Hue University students (secretly connected to the National Liberation Front, a.k.a. Viet Cong) entered the twocenturies-old Citadel and defiantly raised the red VC flag. As well, they provided the Communists with a list (prepared months in advance) of approximately 3000 civilians (teach-

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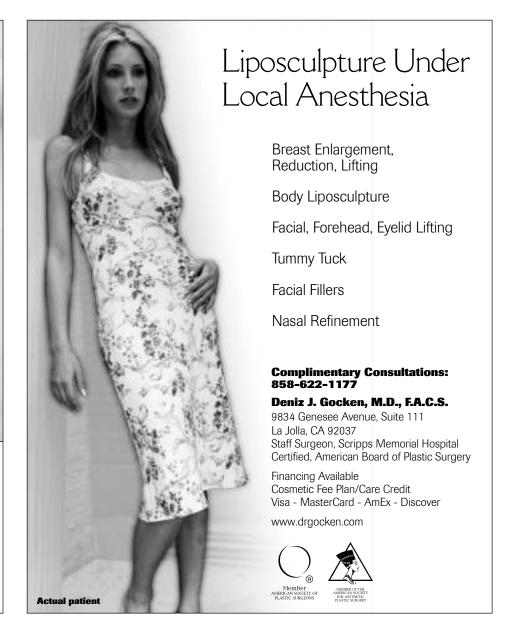
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ers, students, Buddhist monks, Catholic priests, shop owners... anybody suspected of being sympathetic to the puppet government), persons the NVA then arrested and shot, clubbed to death, or buried alive.

"Many people die," he says. "They kill many teacher, many student, many my friend...hand and arm, they tie together, five or ten people, just tie together...just shoot in head."

"Jane's sort of people, Mr. Hien."

Hien snuffs his cigarette. "I remember Citadel," he says, looking toward the dark remains. "American make a circle...I saw black smoke, high, and American fly around smoke to shoot, many, many guns, they shoot...."

The sudden sound of machine-gun fire erupts.

"What the ... ?"

"No, no..." Hien says. "That for fishing, for good luck...new boat for fishing."

Anchored sampans crowd the banks of the Perfume River, while one being christened (firecrackers blasting) navigates from the Citadel toward us; its primitive engine thwaps loudly with a still-unnerving similarity to the thump of an assault helicopter....

1:00 p.m. The Citadel. Sweltering under the midday sun, I climb a shattered main gate and walk the south

rampart. A 37-meter-high mast...where the VC flag once flew...still crowns the napalmed double pyramid of plastered brick. Reaching the base, I place my fingers on embedded machine-gun bullets tattooed long-ago by some grunt's "pig." Even in ruins, the Citadel overawes. Outside its ten-kilometer circumference, an obsolete moat chokes on lilies; inside, birds and grasses claim a bombleveled treasure...gone is the Imperial Enclosure, gone is the Forbidden Purple City, gone are the inhabitants. Two-thirds of Hue once lived here. Ten thousand people died. Hue was war like you always imagined war to be; in order to save it, you

had to destroy it. 8:30 p.m. On the terrace drinking Hudas...leave tomorrow for Dong Ha, soon the jungle. Need pain pills. Paid a boy a buck to canoe me and Hien across the Perfume River to the Dong Ba Market. Entrance is a squalid jumble of shacks and open sewage crammed either side of a wooden stairway. Need medicine? Everything you could ever want...stuffed baby crocodiles, air-dried monkeys, dead cobras, vipers...is there. Place



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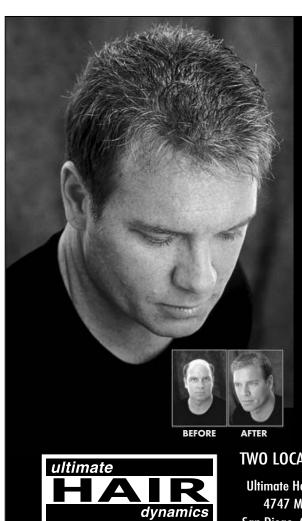
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sold me codeine over the counter. Everything else under the sun...clothing, rice flour, Hondas, stereos, whores, knives, barbers, hammocks, NVA helmets, Zippo lighters, USMC dog tags...is there. Man with legs blown off at the ass held out his hat to me and grinned like a dog. Vets of the south who got blown up get nothing. Tried to find him, again...but he'd crawled away. There was a gallery selling portraits of Ché Guevara and...no fucking shit...Jane Fonda. Even snapped her picture.

#### July 27

6:30 a.m. Highway 1.

Started this route from Danang...snaked up a high mountain dotted by Frenchbuilt lookouts; made a summit stop where an Englishspeaking vendor claimed to me he once translated for the Corps; snaked down the other side 'round tiny pagoda memorials to countless bus-wreck casualties; glided through aesthetic fishing villages past the unrecognizable LZs Tomahawk and Roy and Eagle and finally the skeletal gates of Phu Bai and into Hue...continue today... ghost LZs Sally and Evans click by. Far, far away, I see bluegreen peaks poking into ugly clouds, peaks of the Annamese Cordillera...Truong Son Mountains.

Tap Mr. Hien's shoulder. "That's where we'll be going, huh?"

Mr. Hien smiles crookedly.

He's not real hot on the idea

"My friend once fly helicopter to Ho Chi Minh Trail...."

"There?"

"Yes. He take special forces. They jump out already. He don't know which direction, but NVA shoot one B41 through window...go out other window... hit tree, big tree...explode...and blade of helicopter break in half. Half blade only! At first he can't take off...then he take

"Half a blade?"
"With *vibration...*"
We both laugh.
"He lucky."
7:20 a.m. Near Quang Tri.

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There are no ostensible rules of the highway in Vietnam; right-of-way concepts don't even exist; our young driver swerves in and out of both lanes of traffic...dodging

bucketing trucks, honking cars, passenger-stuffed busses, bicyclists, scooters, rice-laden cowpulled carts, water buffaloes, chickens, pigs, goats, scurrying old *mamma-sans*, five billion children...blaring the horn ten times a minute.

"How come you don't all just shoot each other over here?"

Hien lights a cigarette.
"We call this the Horrible

We call this the Ho Highway," he says.

"Well, no shit...."

But Hien doesn't smile.

"In Quang Tri with my family...VC go through Dong Hoi and overrun Quang Tri...so my family have to leave...have to leave everything...from Quang Tri to Hue...thousands people on this road...bicycle and everything...and VC shoot cannon along the road...and road become corpse...bodies along it. So we say 'the Horrible Highway.'"

"You saw this?"

"Yes...I been here."

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"I will show you next place," Mr. Hien says.

Driver pulls over and parks in front of a small Catholic Church...or rather its remains. One of the few original structures left standing in Quang Tri, it is remindful of a similar building in Hiroshima. Here, the cross still stands (totteringly) atop naked beams. None of the building has a roof, and there's scarcely a square foot of wall unblemished by shrapnel or direct hits from rockets and artillery. All around, the vegetation has reclaimed. In some strange way, I sense an unexplainable beauty to this place.

7:50 a.m. Quang Tri City.
In spring of 1972...
while Henry K. and the boys
drank wine and talked peace
in Paris...four divisions of NVA
poured across the DMZ and
wasted this place; over the next
four months, South Vietnamese
artillery and U.S. bombing (in
superabundance) helped flat-

ten a city of 850,000 people. There used to be a citadel here, too.

"There, see?" Mr. Hien savs.

"Yeah...." (I'm lying.)

There's nothing here looks any different'n any tumbleweed shithole in New Mexico.

8:10 Car problems.

We slowed to take a picture, and the Toyota coughed dead. Hien and driver have their heads under the hood. I'm to stay inside.

"No permission," Hien said.

Across a flat spread of sandy soil and scrub, I see Quang Tri Military Base...only... there's nothing left. There I spent a first night in-country (this ain't bad! I thought) among 50,000 troops eagerly availing themselves of tanker-pumped showers and stove-cooked meals and open-air pissers and outhouse shitters and Big PX and diesel-generated electricity and cold beer (Schlitz and Pabst) for ten cents a can. I stood out like a boy without hair in a high school shower...shiny boots, clean ut'es, 14-year-old face...that would change. Some "bad-ass motherfuckers" in

from the bush (recovering from injuries) had ugly festered sores growing on their arms.

"Jungle rot, man...you get it less'n a week."

That night we got drunk...my new "buddies" and me. Only I did all the paying. (I'd forget to remove my cover and "...you buy ever' single one a beer!") I was drunk after 3 beers, but pro'bly drank 12. I stumbled off the wooden stairs and rolled laughing in the sand, when...

KAK! KAK! KAK! KAK! KAK!...

(Came from outside the wire; first time I'd ever heard an AK47.)

"Tha's a gook gun, man..."
"Yeah, man, '16 goes *tat! ta! ta! ta! ta!*..."

Those grunts began fingerpointing each other, going "Kak! kak! kak! kak! kak!..." and "Tat! ta! ta! ta! ta!..." and falling down rolling on me in the sand.

This ain't bad.

8:40 a.m. Dong Ha.

They'd flown us from Danang to here in a C130; across from me sat a South Vietnamese soldier in reflector shades smoking a cigarette. ("What's the enemy look like?" I wondered.)

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Then they trucked us to Quang Tri. Every building and wall on the way had bullet holes. Now I'm back. This is I Corps. Stretching east from the South China Sea to Laos, and north from Quang Tri to the Ben Hai River...DM fuckin' Z...the demilitarized zone. Shit...calling that place demilitarized was like calling an open sewer san-

itized. Dong Ha was headquarters for the 3rd Marine Division. Didn't know that then. Didn't know anything then. When I came back from Quang Tri (new jungle boots, camouflage fatigues, M16), I was hot shit! Hadn't seen a Viet Cong or an NVA or a dead body,

"We stay here," Mr. Hien

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my narrow second-floor room's a place Norman Bates'd pro'bly like. There are four beds (though I'm alone) with foam rubber mattresses. Blue wallpaper is water stained and mostly taped together. Ceiling is tall. Two weak bulbs (high on the wall) light the room a dim brown. Bathroom has a toilet and sink. A hose-and-nozzle provides shower. There's no stall. Everything (including the sink) pours directly onto the tile, then drains out a tube 'tween floor and wall....

Mr. Hien had me fill out a form (another one!) allowing me inside the DMZ; he says certain payoffs have been made that we can square up later...even sleep with my money belt on...soon depart for Khe Sanh.

9:20 a.m. National Highway 1 has left us...turned into Le Duan Street in Dong Ha, then back into itself again going north to Hanoi...and we drive west (beside the Cam Lo River) almost parallel to the old DMZ. National Highway 9 slices across the narrow throat of Vietnam and connects a series of longabandoned American bases (Cua Viet, Con Thien, Cam Lo. Camp Carrol, the Rockpile, LZ Stud, Lang Vei, Khe Sanh) established in unavailing effort to prevent infiltrations of troops and materiel by the hardened NVA. Nobody knows how many Communist soldiers died (they have 300,000 MIAs), but it was bloody. And bloody for U.S. Marines (one of every five was killed or wounded).

I asked Mr. Hien if I may call him just "Hien"...'cause we're becoming friends. Hien rides in front. Beside me in back is a little man who talks rapidly. He chuckles often. His name is Mr. Tinh.

"You mus'uh be care you walk," he says.

"What?"

"You walk? You mus'uh be care."

"Careful?"

"Right...careful...you mus'uh be careful."

(A warning to "tourists" reads, "The war may be over but death is still fairly easy to come by in the old DMZ...never touch any left-over ordnance. Watch where you step...." Since 1975, 5000 people have been blown up in this area.)

"I'm not really a tourist, Mr. Tinh."

The flatness near Dong Ha gives way to foothills of the Truong Son as we pass Cam Lo. A quarter-century before, I rode this same road, squeezed in the back of a truck in a rumbling convoy; as we slowed for curves and bombed-out sections, chattering children from the villages ran beside us; grunt smokers tossed cigarettes worth gold (sayin,"There you go, you li'l Communist cocksuckers!"); angry mamma-sans pulled 'em back; old pappa-sans and older boys glared...like hatred in a mirror.

"All I remember, Mr. Tinh, is how weird this place looked." "Long time for worry about sniper," he chuckles.

10:15 a.m. Camp Carrol. We walk through thin trees and pepper plants'round deteriorated craters of red dust where nothing grows. Clouds have clumped overhead, and it's starting to piss. Fragments of flare casings litter the ground. A piece of tattered silk flutters on a branch. I recall odious pauses of night, between firings of monstrous 175mm cannons, flares drifting under minia-

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"He'uh killed right here." Mr. Tinh points to a big hole.

"Who?"

"Captain Carrol. He'uh killed here...it a Russian rocket. Then a General Wes-'more'lun...he'uh here...he say one order, to every Marine to call this'uh position a Camp Carrol...for one U.S. Marine hero."

"Killed right here?" "Yes...he bought it." 10:45 a.m. The Rockpile. It rises from a base of boulders and scree nearly 1000 feet, the last 300 knifing straight up into a sharp edge; an expert climber might reach the top without killing himself, but Marine observers, dangling pre-

cariously from helicopters, dropped to it. Nearby clones (dubbed "the razor-backs") extend northwest into the Annamese Cordillera and extreme reach of the Cam Lo River. Overspreading these sharp ridges is an almost impenetrable jungle of thick brush topped by a double canopy of trees, one 30 feet high, the other 100. Its steamy growth is territory of Montagnard tribes and forever closed to tourists. No American has stepped foot in there since the war.

Hien and Mr. Tinh talk to a woman living in a hovel beside Highway 9; many children and dogs flit about. The trails of red clay behind her, glistening from an unseasonable rain, twist past the Rockpile and disappear into the jungle. Hien

and the woman talk with moving arms. She keeps looking at me. Mr. Tinh joins in the jabber, repeatedly pointing his finger to me, then to the jungle. The children stare. The woman laughs....

We move on.

Hien crams in back with Tinh and me, and the woman rides shotgun. We zoom down Highway 9 (now winding south) to what place I know not. My window is open and rain spits on my face. I see grass-roofed hutches at the feet of steeply rising hills. Threads of smoke swirl out patches of shrinking forest. Mr. Tinh (who Hien says "walked" with the 4th Marines) touches his small finger to a battle map of the DMZ.

"We here," he says. "Close to LZ Stud?" I say.

"Stud, yes...we go see a VC.

"NVA?"

"He train in Hanoi...fight for VC...he chief, Montagnard chief...once he'uh enemy."

We pass a small military outpost and an idling Russianmade jeep filled with soldiers; Hien warns not to let police see my map.

"They worry you undercover," he says.

"So who're we gonna see?" "He a local guy," Tinh says. "He know where mine, where a bamboo trap....'

"Where the tigers are?" "Yes...tiger!" laughs Tinh. "Where the mammasan..." adds Hien.

"You know, when American have LZ over here, he a chief...chief for Montagnard...a platoon for North Vietnam Army."

The woman takes us off the road to a house on stilts. A fence of old branches fences nothing. Chickens peck. Dogs and pigs sniff dirt. Beside the house, immense piles of salvage (defused bombs, fins of exploded mortars, tarmac strips, machinegun projectiles) occupy the ground. Another laughing woman is here, more children staring....

I recognize the contour of this land, and memory tugs my soul: where the ground ahead breeds grass, there once were miles of connected tarmac; and just over that low hill, there existed a place of death and sandbagged huts, an ugly outlaw place called LZ Stud (Vandegrift Combat Base). Middle of my first night there, three days before the bush, eight drunk grunts with guns jerked me and two others off our cots. Just teenage killers out for fun. The bush was never so dangerous as LZ Stud. Stud...place of random murders (grenades chucked 'tween tents for kicks) and spontaneous suicides (second night, one drunk Indian blew his head off in front of me). Stud...place of brutal initiations of boots fresh-hatched on a planet gone insane. We were "pussies" untested by fear or death, deserving of contempt...deserving his leg broken (done to one)...deserving his jaw crushed (done to the other one). Lucky for me, two attackers were my "buddies"

12:30 p.m. Cafe in Khe Sanh Town.

in Quang Tri.

Eating noodles and dog meat. Broth's got a greasy hue to it. Meat's a bit stringy. Noodles are good. Outside this shedkitchen, it's raining like it's the monsoon. This is supposed to be the hot season, and I'm wondering about all these treeless

mountains 'round Khe Sanh....

"They drop oh-rangy bomb," says Mr. Tinh.

Can that change the damn weather?

Going into the jungle tomorrow has my stomach upset; maybe I should've ordered chicken.

1:10 p.m. Lang Vei Special Forces Camp.

Beside the road, a chiseled slab reads "...BUILT BY U.S. AND SAIGON PUPPETS." Hien puts his hand over the Pword, and I snap a picture. Here is a spooky place once shaped like a dog bone; not much's left, except blown-up bunkers and lurking spirits; next to my foot, an 81mm mortar lies dormant in the mud. What happened here in '68 freaked everybody. It wasn't supposed to happen. "NVA with tanks?" They rumbled out of the jungle from Laos in the dark. Ninety percent of the Green Berets were casualties; of 500 Montagnard recruits (Montagnards fought for both sides), 316 were slaughtered.

1:55 p.m. Khe Sanh Combat Base.

Rain pours in sheets. In a



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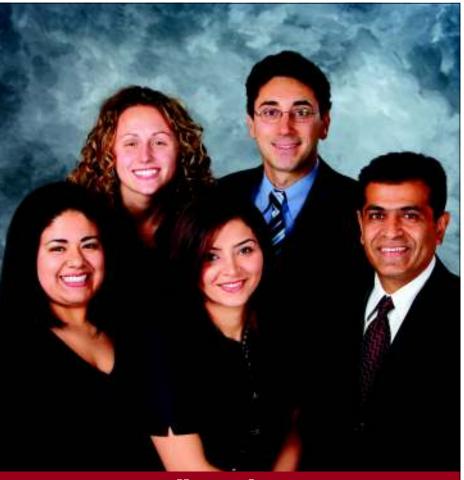
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way, it's like walking on Mars, all this red mud, shallow craters everywhere. You can see the runway, 'cause nothing grows there. Found a crushed Pabst beer can and piece of C-ration can...things recently unearthed. Despite the risk, impoverished locals dig for metal to sell as scrap (steel pays a penny a pound). Through the mist I see the denuded hills 881 North and 881 South, where the 9th Marines (the real "Walking Dead") fought NVA hand-tohand. If I had the time, I'd bribe somebody and go there. Ghosts of abandoned dead are always present at these places. Five hundred Americans died here. At least 10,000 NVA. And when it was all over...when this godless land had been saved...we just sneaked away.

3:00 p.m. Con Thien Firebase.

There were 13,065 Marines killed in Vietnam, 88,633 wounded. Usually it happened piecemeal...mine here, sniper there...other times a pointman tripped a daisy-chain and blew his squad away. Sometimes it was like war in the Pacific: screaming NVA charging on Hill 881 in uniforms stolen off dead Marines. Then there's July 2, 1967...Con Thien. I was still in high school, ready for the Fourth, when Dad said, "Mike Bradley got killed." He was 21. And he was cool...my boyhood friend and idol. Paper said he'd already earned two Purple Hearts. It was a really tiny article. Day I learned David Michael Bradley was dead was the day I "joined" the Corps....

Returning from Khe Sanh, we turned off Highway 9 at Cam Lo and headed north on Route 561 (the "one-zero line") and drove four miles. Here it's flat, the foreboding Truong Son Mountains rising to the west, and I walk with Mr. Tinh up a diminutive hill ill-fated by name...Con Thien ("Hill of Angels"). The rain has stopped. A ghostly breeze blows ripples on ponds inside craters formed by 40,000 tons of bombs. Here are pieces of sandbags. Shreds of flak jackets. On the other side, a charred concrete bunker. A wide field of foliage staked by rusting poles...old minefield... stretches northward. Even the poorest of scavengers won't go there. Looking beyond the minefield, I'm thinking of Mike...trying to feel what it felt like.

In the hot summer of '67, Con Thien marked the northwest corner of Leatherneck Square (configured with combat bases at Cam Lo, Dong Ha, and Gio Linh), where its combat-depleted grunts were burdened with the additional duty of constructing the infamous McNamara's Line (a barrier north of the square 600-meters wide); this doomed project drew NVA artillery, rockets, and ground attacks like shitflies to a feed lot. On Sunday morning, July 2, companies A and B (Mike's company), 9th Marines, began a search-anddestroy operation code named Buffalo. Four kilometers north, up hedgerow-lined 561, Company B came under fire from thought-to-be snipers; to their horror, the snipers were in fact two battalions of the 90th NVA Regiment (outnumbering Marines four to one). Flame throwers (supplied by Russians) forced the Marines into the open...completely exposed to machine-gun fire and exploding missiles fired from cannons deep inside the DMZ. In minutes, Company B was systematically annihilated.

6:00 p.m. Back in Dong

Walking through crowded passages in a market 'tween Tran Phu Street and the river....

As we'd entered, a puffedup man smiled at me with poisonous eyes, cigarette smoke slithering out his nose. Mr. Tinh (whose wife rents a stall here) said not to look at the man. Later he said, "He own market." And he explained how, several months before, a woman from Hue became hysterical upon seeing him; how she'd remembered this man from a long-ago Tet; how this man looked at her and just laughed; how this man'd executed the woman's husband, two sons....

Hien picks out the things we need...carton of cigarettes, two-gallon plastic jug (used),

large sack of taffies, instant noodles, etc...and I pay. A pretty lipsticked whore dressed in white silk darts her eyes. Hien gets a funny smile on his face, whispers "Mah saw...mamma-san?"

Leaving the market, I sense the owner's stare.

"We go now," Mr. Tinh says

I look at the owner anyway; smile my own devil's eyes...

Fuck you.

6:30 p.m. Twilight.

Winding on foot through a jungle of barking dogs and fenced-in chickens and shedlike houses in search of "Vietnamese whiskey" or rice wine or whatever you want to call it...it's moonshine.

"You here alone," Mr. Tinh says, "they'uh kill you."

Come to a place resembling an old wood garage. Smell of alcohol's in the air. Smiling proprietor shows around...in a side shed pots of mash cook...escorts me and Hien (who'll handle the money exchange) and Mr. Tinh to a table. Woman brings slices of manioc on a saucer and some tiny teacups without handles.

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Hien sets a pack of cigarettes on the table. Don't smoke...now I do. Man pours the clear liquid in my cup...I sip...tasting  $carefully, nodding \ldots smile \ and$ say, "That's good!"

(Lighter fluid never tasted better.)

11:30 p.m. Back in Gothic room of Nha Khach Buu Dien Tinh Buu Quang Tri Hotel; what a name....

So drunk. At Hung Vinh Restaurant, Hien and Mr. Tinh and our driver joined me for sautéed something (it was awful good) and rice and shrimp and frog legs and spicy cucumbers and peppers so hot my eyes melted 'n' dripped off my face; endless 22-ounce Taiwan beers in boxes of ice made things fun. Cost a billion dong, whatever ten bucks equals....

Mr. Tinh is nice; has a son who "take'uh boat" and lives in Cleveland; Mr. Tinh'd like to go there, too, but can't "get'uh one cer'tif'cut" saying he "walk'uh wi'

T'ird Marine" (Division?) from Colonel "Sek'tun" (Sexton?). Mr. Tinh's told me this story several times, and Hien always gets nervous ("...many police, civilian..."); both Hien and Mr. Tinh spent six years in reeducation camps (euphemism for forced labor); Hien flew helicopters for the South; he was in my room a while ago, smoked a lot, was quiet....

"What's the matter, Hien?" "Me worry," he said. "Bout the jungle?"

"Yes."

"Me too."

"This very dangerous." "Yup."

"I worry bout tiger...bout cobra...'bout mine."

"Well, Hien," I said, "I assure you I don't wanna get bit by no cobra, don't wanna get blown up by no mine, and I sure don't wanna get ate by no tiger!

Outside it's rainin' a shitstorm...has been for hours; my pack is packed, other things locked away...Hien's got one key, I got the other...pants still drying. Now that's a pointless act.

#### July 28

8:30 a.m. The Rockpile.

Our driver's left us, gone to fetch our "chief"; I'm sitting inside the hovel, outta the rain, skimming Herr's description of what "an 18-year-old boy could learn in a month of patrolling the Z...."

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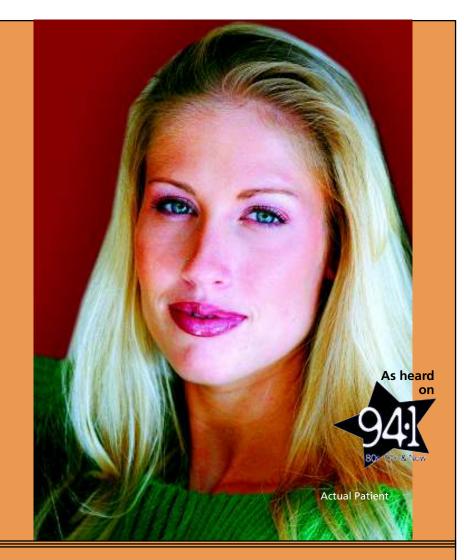
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and Chief of the Hamlet (all Montagnard villages north of Khe Sanh to the Cam Lo River). A Marakov 9mm automatic pistol (issued to high-ranking NVA officers during the war) is half stuffed into his pants. He and Hien step into the hovel. Hien offers cigarettes to men and older boys. Mr. Tinh (who doesn't smoke) motions me to step outside. The starkness of the Rockpile pokes into the drizzling sky.

"Mr. Hien," he whispers, "has to pay to Mr. Hung a lots of money. We go with you to village. Tomorrow, only you go, you go with Mr. Hung. Only he can take you. Only he give permission. You go far away...and he show you, and he be careful you hunting. He know what way he take you. Only you watch step, okay? You go slow here...be

careful you walk."

Hien and Mr. Hung step out. Hien offers me a plastic raincoat. I decline. Soaked in rain? Soaked in sweat? What's the difference? Learned that much 25 years ago.

"We go now," Hien says. My rucksack is stuffed with water bottles, mosquitonet hammock, spare clothes, food, iodine pills, codeine and aspirin, first-aid kit, maps, knife, flashlight, and bug juice. Turning to the driver....

"Here..." I hand him Dispatches, "...don't lose this."

We head west, below the Rockpile, along the Khe Trinh Hin (stream); this well-worn trail (once a major NVA infiltration route) threads through stilted houses, water buffaloes, crowing roosters, yapping dogs, and village children jabbering

wide-eyed at the sight (I guess) of me. My long-sleeved shirt is white, my camouflage fatigues dyed blue. (I'd been warned, "Don't look like a soldier!")

Soon, the trail plunges into the swollen Khe Trinh Hin, reappearing a long distance (diagonally) 'cross the fastmoving water; village boys (recruited by Mr. Hung) transport our packs (and two-gallon plastic jug) atop their heads. I cross with aid of a pole...water reaching my vest (Mr. Tinh's armpits), feet slipping on rounded stone...and wonder at days of 80-pound packs and M16s carried overhead. On the other side, we slog up an arduous incline of sucking mud that narrows and turns northward, vanishing into the jungle.

12:15 p.m. Land of the Leech...

Rain stops. Sit to rest. Eat. Five minutes after first crumb hits, streams of ants attack. Decay. Sour-baby-diaper foulness. Insects. Unending buzz. Eight-inch red centipede three fingers wide. Swell your arm up size of a thigh. Palm-sized spiders. Black ones. Yellow ones. Blue. Ticks in your pubic hair. Vipers small as worms. Paralyze you in a bite. Leeches sucking. Burn 'em off your dick. Blood gushing. Blast the fuck outta jungle up ahead. Sit in your helmet 'cause a hole's in your pants an' nobody wears underwear. Don't want no fuckin' leech up my ass, okay! cocksucker. Rocks and chunks of trees and tons o' dirt fall from the sky. Put helmet back on. Pucker hard. Leech starts humpin' up your boot. Finger that fucker. Stick a safety pin through it. Tries to suck your finger. Pin it to your bandoleer. Rot! Motherfucker....

> "Me worry," says Hien. "Bout what?"

"Mr. Tinh, he very tired." 5:30 p.m. On bank of Suoi



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"You sit here," Hien says. "I'm allowed?"

"Sure. No problem."

The house is a rectangular single room (accessed by ladder) with four openings to the jungle air. At the far end, a woman boils rice and chicken in pots steaming over hot coals and licks of red flame. On a mat of reeds, tribal leaders (Ho Van Than, Chief of Village; Ho Van Thoa, Old Man of Village; and Ho Van Hung, Chief of Hamlet) sit smoking cigarettes with Hien, Mr. Tinh, and me. Mr. Hung pours alcohol from the plastic jug into a gallon jar containing chopped-up cobra and poisonous centipede.

"Montagnard medicine," says Mr. Tinh. "Protect you from bite."

The poison is poured into tiny cups.

We sip.

"Mee....

(Montagnard language has no word for "American"; so they borrow in high-pitched Vietnamese, "Mee!" Also, quintessential bastardized French-'Nam utterances, like "bookoo!")

"Mee…boo-koo b'rrah' chee!"

("American...pay much money!")

Woman brings boiled chicken and rice and noodles and a large bowl of peppers that the Montagnards munch

as if they're carrots. Salt (a luxury item) is pinched with fingers from a small saucer. Starving men, we wage a war with chopsticks and inhale our food. Little is said. Chicken bones are dropped through deliberate gaps'tween bamboo slats...dogs underneath fight and gnash viciously over the scraps. Woman squats and smokes a pipe back by the fire, where ten children eat. I swallow a pepper in three bites. Suddenly, I can't breathe! Eyes and nose begin to ooze clear fluid. The Montagnards' polite stoicism is barely a disguise, the corners of their eyes connecting in secret hilarity. Dragon's fire pours out my nostrils....

> "Chickenshit," Hien says. "Wh-wh-what?'

"Montagnard, he like pepper hot. Use chickenshit. Fertilize. Make pepper very hot." "No sh-shit!"

7:30 p.m. Almost dark; air is filled with dampness of jungle...stunning insects' electric buzz...hoots of night birds; fireflies flick off/on like aimless electrons 'round water buffaloes' cud-gnawing heads....

"Need to check on beast?" Mr.Tinh says.

"What?"

"Here..." (he holds toilet paper) "...I show you where."

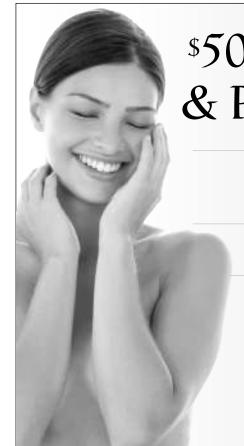
Third of the village, adults and children, sit inside this house unwrapping taffies... chew in voracious pleasure...as Mr. Tinh and I descend the short ladder. My boots hang (soaked) under the flooring. Scores of thongs lie on the wet ground. I slip into a pair. Mr. Tinh leads me to a place of obvious purpose behind bushes near the stream.

"Check on beast, this'uh place..." he says.

Looking over his shoulder, Mr. Tinh pulls a folded piece of paper from his pocket.

"Please take for me," he

11:05 p.m. Mr. Hung and the village chief had strung my hammock from overhead beams, and I hang over a cabinet-like thing (atop which Hien's trying to sleep), looking through mosquito-netting at flickering flames. Below, men of the village drink and smoke and talk in animated tones ("Mee!" popping out sporadically); dim orange light from fire's glow undulates off walland ceiling-supports; shapes



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of tools...crossbows, large treesaw...are revealed. Before retir-

ing, I'd consumed two wafers of codeine dissolved in tea. One way to deal with pain. Seems like 12:50 p.m. Been climba dream. The isolated piece of ing a steep mountain for 45

dropped, where I'd fought... killed...is near. All this hassle, just to see. The end is near. Time's lost its meaning. San Diego...the World...no mean-

ing. Only this place exists.

planet onto which I'd been

From pocket I pull Mr. Tinh's piece of paper. Quietly unfold. Handwriting is too small to read in such weak light, except for four large and carefully printed words: **US MARINE** HELP ME

The irony, I think.

#### July 29

9:00 a.m. Mr. Tinh stays back. Hien and I depart from the village, with Hung and Thoa (Old Man of Village) leading the way. Thoa carries a primitive M1 carbine. Hung his 9mm. A yelp by Hung'd directed our eyes to a black cobra (thick as my arm) stretched motionless across the trail. Thoa threw rocks until the thing finally slithered away.

11:15 a.m. Base of a mountain. We've crossed water 15 times since the Rockpile. Other time I was here, we'd been dropped by a Jolly Green Giant (double-rotor Chinook) that'd fetched us from LZ Stud. The night before, the Indian'd blown his head off. That queasy image...snake-like windpipe...still writhes in my mind. Never got used to dead Americans. Sight of 'em made me phobic. Yet I could stare in transfixed awe at horrific disfigurements inflicted on Vietnamese. It's impossible, I think, for a man to kill another man and think of him as a human...and not go crazy, anyway.

Gook.

Useful word.

Wonder what they called

Lucky for us (me and Hien), Montagnards see as sharply as night birds. I'd started to sit on the bank, when Hung yelled...

"Khong!"

I jumped away. Looking, I saw dead leaves and mud and glistening stones beside the stream, nothing else. Hung poked at the ground with a broken branch. I looked closer. A bamboo viper...smaller'n a night crawler...had wrapped itself 'round Hung's branch. It'd bitten itself. Hung tossed it into the stream. Then he pointed to Hien's ankle....

"Vat!"

A thirsty leech humped up his sock. Hien tried to flick it off, but it sucked to his thumb.

minutes. String-like vines with seeable fishhook thorns snag, delay, and greatly irritate. I sweat profusely. The "old man" (in his 50s) doesn't even breathe. He'd spotted an American grenade beside the trail, picked it up, wedged it 'tween divided trunks of a slender tree...booby trap...and grinned. I now sit (Thoa squatting, smoking) and wait for Hien. Slivers of gray sky pierce the high canopy. My fingers sting, the early stages of cellulitis...jungle rot...here already. Small red sores (from fingernails to elbows) will ripen into boils, scabbing over, ripping open...serrated edges of elephant grass 15-feet high, fishhook vines, countless stinging insects and flies, invisible eggs laid, wiggling larvae....

Hien arrives, dripping, helped by Hung, struggling for his breath....

"I sweat," he whispers.

"Me worry," I say.

"Whv?"

"Hien, you very tired."

1:20 p.m. Mountains in the Truong Son rise over 8000 feet; one, in the far distance, still hides its peak in the clouds; there, Fire Support Base Nevelle existed, shrouded in everpresent mist, where Dracula might've lived, and...in metaphor... did.

Those shivering Marines suffered!

Then, so did we all....

I stand atop FSB Russell (its cryptic ID: XD912591) and gaze everywhere from its remains. Here, giant weapons fired dismemberment for miles. I ask Hung (through Hien) if any other Mee has ventured here since the war. Hung laughs at (I guess) my absurdity.

"No one go this far," he says.

There is no jungle here. Just "American grass" (what we called elephant grass). It sways in the breeze 'round my shoulders like God's weeds. I'd been here before. Then, it was bald and red-orange in mud. Forest-green sandbags fortified fighting-holes dug into clay. Trenches encircled its plunging periphery; 150 feet below the trenches, triple-coils of concertina (razor wire) challenged sappers to dare crawl out of the jungle. Here, the NVA overran Russell's defenders in one night of terror, their shadows flying under parachute-flares, their satchel charges and Chinese Communist grenades (Chicoms) exploding, their AK47s cracking KAK! KAK! KAK! KAK! KAK!...

Littered on the ground... the routine things of surreal existence: plastic bug-juice bottle, rubber sole of a jungle boot, charred liner of a Marine's helmet, baby-powder container. Grunts didn't wear underwear; in the jungle, you'd get diaper rash, plus your jungle rot; baby powder, Kool Aid, candy...we begged for things from home to make life more like it. Below this mountain, the

upper Cam Lo River loops from Helicopter Valley (where the cartwheeling rotor of an exploding chopper sliced Marines in half); 'round crater-dented LZ Margo (where I threw my first grenade); past Hill 304 (Mutter's Ridge), where we'd landed after Stud ("One spooky-lookin' mothe'fucka..." soul brother said); 'tween endless rising ridges at utter edge of the Z...noman's land...place where recon Marines lurked in six-man teams...place we humped out heart-shot Ron McLean (stepson of actor Jimmy Stewart); and many klicks (kilometers) away, a pyramid of solid rock points to a high place clouded in, XD826617...LZ Catapult... where I left the war. And for miles and miles, as far as my one eye can see, the forest is gone...Agent Orange... that sprayed American herbicide Mr. Tinh'd called "Ohrangy bomb."

"Mee....'

Hung's talking to Hien...his voice and expression firm. Hien turns to me. Behind him, far away and below, a perceptible thread of smoke rises in the Valley of Song Cam

"He can take only you," Hien says.

"I know."

"It very dangerous...."

"Hien...tell Mr. Hung, Boo-koo b'rrah'chee...."

The trail down is very steep. More'n likely, the seat of my pants is gonna get ripped open. Who cares? Hung and Hien light cigarettes. Hung mutters something. Both men laugh. Hung says goodbye to Thoa, then looks to me, then starts down the trail. I begin to follow, then pause...look back at Hien.

"What were you guys laughin' at?"

Hien smiles broadly.

"Mr. Hung, he say it funny he protect you; he say, before 1975, if he see you, he kill you." "Oh, yeah?" I say. "Not if

I'd seen him first." ■

— Ray Westberg

### **Air It Out**

### The Chargers in the Coryell Years

an Diego is somewhat noted for contributing greatly to offensive theory," says author and historian Todd Tobias. "In the 1960s, [Chargers coach] Sid Gillman started throwing the ball more than anybody — most folks were running the ball back then."

On Saturday, October 7, Tobias will discuss his new book Bombs Away! Air Coryell and the San Diego Chargers at D.G. Wills Books in La Jolla. The book highlights the "Air Coryell" years (1978 to 1986), during which Don Coryell was the head coach of the Chargers.

#### LOCAL **EVENTS**

Tobias writes, "Like the Sid Gillman-led Chargers of the 1960s, Coryell and his men thumbed their

noses at popular offensive theory and put the ball in the air at a rate never before seen on professional football fields." Earlier in his career, Coryell helped implement the "I" formation, which, according to Tobias, "quickly became one of football's most widely used offensive alignments.'

In the "I" formation, the quarterback, running back, and fullback are positioned in a straight line, making it difficult for the opposing team's defensive players to see them, limiting the defense's ability to anticipate moves in a play. "One of the main things with football is that you're trying to give away as little information about what you're going to do prior to the play starting as possible," says Tobias.

Tobias grew up in La Mesa and became a Chargers fan as a child during the Corvell era. "I've got friends who can tell you every

statistic for the past 60 years, down to how many yards were thrown by [a player] in a game in 1964," says Tobias. "Other guys who love the idea of theory can sit down in a game and — before each play is run, based on the previous play — they say, 'Okay, if I was the coach, this is what I would do next, and most of the time they get it right on. I have another friend who can tell you about the evolution of the football helmet, starting in the 1880s — all the way back to leather helmets and rubber nose guards."

Tobias refers to fans who appear only when a team is winning as "bandwagoners." "Some people would say that I'm not a great fan because I don't hold season tickets, but I prefer to watch the game at home with friends. Everybody has their own different definition of being a fan."

Tobias is equally interested in events that occurred off the field. He devotes several pages to a controversy surrounding Dr. Arnold Mandell, who was retained in 1972 as the Chargers' "psychiatrist-in-residence." Upon discovering that some players were taking stimulants prior to games, Mandell ran tests on the drugs — many of which were obtained in Mexico — and found "impurities." In order to monitor the quality and amount of substances being consumed, Mandell began to prescribe amphetamines to certain players.

"This is the same question, like, 'Should high school parents buy kegs for their kids' parties if they're going to collect keys at the door?" Tobias says. "Are you going to stop it? Or allow it to happen but try to control it so it doesn't get out of hand? And can you control it? It's debatable. I don't know to what degree guys are doing



Todd Tobias, Don Corvell

stuff these days, but drugs were going on in professional football a long time after Dr. Mandell."

In 1982, defensive lineman Don Reese shared his personal battle with cocaine with Sports Illustrated. In the article, Reese mentions partying with fellow player Chuck Muncie, whom a fed-up Coryell eventually traded to the Miami Dolphins. As a result of a failed drug test, Muncie never got to play with the Dolphins.

Fifteen years ago, Muncie started the Chuck Muncie Youth Foundation to mentor at-risk youth. "After all my troubles, it is one thing that keeps me on the straight and narrow," Muncie shares in Tobias's book. "I am able to help kids and people not make the same mistakes that I made.

Tobias acquired firsthand accounts from 50 people — most of them players involved with the team during the Coryell years — in a section called "In Their Own Words." Quarterback Dan Fouts relates, "The beauty of the pass offense is that you are geared to adjust on the fly...the receiver adjusts as he is running down the field, and I am adjusting as I am going back."

Fouts remembers Coryell's encouragement: "There were times when I would start a game off and miss maybe eight of my first ten throws. I would come over on the sidelines all pissed off...Coryell would come over and say something like, 'You okay?' and I'd say, 'Yeah, I'm okay. But, shit, I can't hit a barn.' Then he'd say, 'Well, you've got 30 more throws. Let's go."

According to Fouts, this kind of support was rare. "A lot of coaches would be looking over your shoulder to see if the other kid is ready to go in."

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#### BAJA

**There's a Drama Festival** going on at Centro Cultural Tijuana. See *Mexicanus* from Sinaloa on Thursday, October 5. Festival concludes with ¿Se Equivoco? from Mexico City on Friday, October 6. Plays begin at 7 p.m. Find Centro at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (IIJUANA)

**Mexico Furniture Expo,** Friday, October 6–Sunday, October 8, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Rosarito Beach Hotel. Free admission. 011-52-661-612-0396. (ROSARITO BEACH)

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**"Entijuanarte" Art Festival,** Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, 10 a.m.—6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636, (TJUANA)

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Julieta Venegas in Concert, Saturday, October 7, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$10–\$50. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

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#### **OUTDOORS**

Chinese Flame Trees are now displaying colorful clusters of orange, reddish, or salmon-pink seed pods. Good specimens line the south end of Balboa Drive in Balboa Park and Lake Murray Boulevard through San Diego's San Carlos district. Most of the remainder of San Diego's ornamental trees will continue to remain drab until November, the onset of "autumn" botanically.

**Harvest Moon** is the name given to this month's full moon on Friday, October 6 — approximately two weeks after the autumnal equinox. Like any full moon, the harvest moon rises at sunset. Its peculiarity is this: For a period of about four or five days centered on the time of full moon, the moonrise on a given evening is only about 30 minutes later than the moonrise on the previous evening (as seen from San Diego). This compares to a 50-minute delay averaged over all the days of a whole month. At more northerly latitudes, the nightly delay of a rising harvest moon is reduced to only 10 or 20 minutes. The harvest moon acquired its name in the grain belts of Europe and North America more than a century ago.

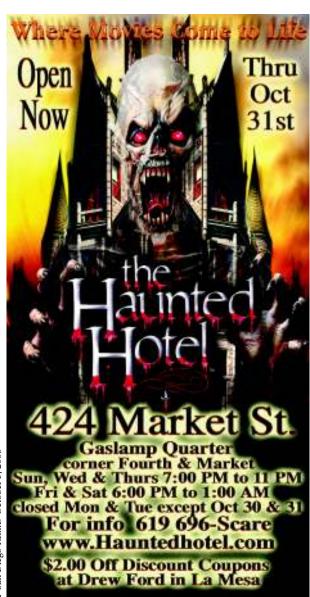
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**Birding the Marsh,** Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, October 7, 8 a.m.; and Sunday, October 8, 11 a.m. Free. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

**Are You a VIP?** Cabrillo National Monument kicks off tidepool season with Volunteers-in-Parks orientation and training, Saturday, October 7, at monument. Conference includes presentations by field experts, monument staff, volunteers. Park Service asks volunteers to commit to serving eight hours per month. Free. Registration: 619-523-4576. (POINT LOMA)

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Search for Fall Migrants and early-arriving winter residents sought when Audubon Society birders head to Lake Morena, Saturday, October 7, 8 a.m.—early afternoon. Possible sightings: migrating fox sparrows, warblers, wintering sparrows, thrushes.

Take I-8 to Buckman Springs Road exit; drive south five miles to Oak Drive, turn right (west), go about two miles to Lake Morena Drive. Turn right, go through the village and on to park. \$2 vehicle day-use fee. Bring water, lunch (if you wish). Moderately strenuous. 619-692-3246. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

**Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho** at Cuyamaca Rancho
State Park, Saturday, October 7,
8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat,
water, snack. Group gathers behind
Stone House (park headquarters).
Free. Registration: 619-851-2285.
(CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Whelan Lake Bird Walk, see many different species during walk hosted by Buena Vista Audubon Society to scope out fall migrants, Saturday, October 7, starting at 8 a.m. Free. Directions: 60-941-7824. (OCEANSIDE)

Native American Storyteller

Cathleen Chilcote Wallace, a member of local Luiseño tribe, tells stories about how indigenous residents might have lived at lagoon before Spanish explorers arrived, Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon nature center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

**Guided Nature Walk,** Saturday, October 7, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park (at west side of park, at Regents Road entrance). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

See Oak Acorns and Riverside Kumeyaay Grinding Rocks during guide-led walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, October 7. 8, and 11, 9:30–11 a.m., in





Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**History Walk,** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Balboa Park (Mystery) Stroll, where will Walkabout explorers head on Saturday, October 7? Every walk is different, so join group in front of Reuben H. Fleet Space Center at 10 a.m. and find out! Free. 619-231-7463, (BALBOA PARK)

Friends of Ruffin Canyon are looking for help cleaning up the canyon, maintaining native garden on first Saturday of each month, including October 7, 2–3 p.m., at Taft Middle School (9191 Gramercy Drive). Free. 858-560-8327, 858-268-0106. (SERRA MESA)

Help Rescue Wildlife in Peril with Wildlife Assist volunteers. Orientation meeting, Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

**California Native Plant Society Walk,** Sunday, October 8, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, October 8, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

**Ghost Tours** led by "ghost hunter" Michael Brown around Old Town, Thursday–Sunday each week, 9–10:30 p.m. Stories "based on research and photos"; sites include Schillers Bookstore, Jolly Boy Saloon,

Casa Machado, Whaley House, Seeley Stables, more. \$19.619-297-3100 x20. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

The Moon, at waxing gibbous (roughly three-quarter-full) phase, occults the Pleiades star cluster on the evening of Monday, October 9. The origin of the verb occult is "to hide," which is exactly what the moon will do to the various stars of the Pleiades between approximately 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. During this period the moon lies high in the evening sky, easily accessible to viewing. A telescope will be required to spot the Pleiades stars as they disappear behind the bright leading limb (edge) of moon and reappear from behind the moon's dark trailing limb. The reappearance of the stars along the dark limb will be much easier to observe due to less glare from the moon itself.

Migrating Birds Are Beginning to Arrive — see some when naturalist Tom Lyon leads easy 3-hour hike on Tuesday, October 10, in Daley Ranch. Bring binoculars. Outing starts at 8 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

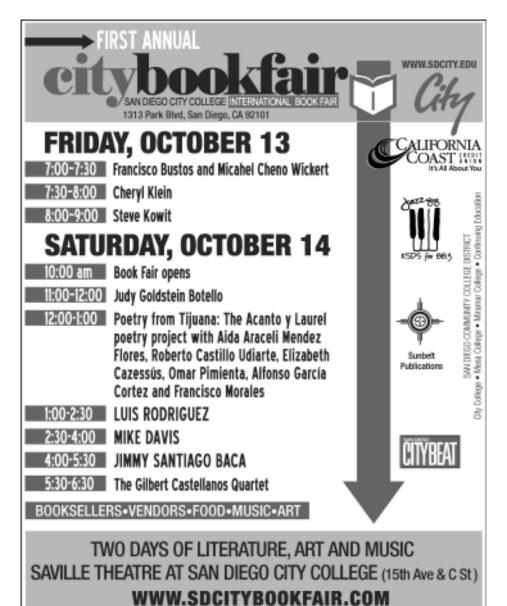
#### DANCE

Classical Savion, think you've heard Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"? Tap dancer extraordinaire Savion Glover taps it out through the metal-clad soles of his shoes, backed by string ensemble, Friday, October 6, for UCSD's ArtPower series. Tapping starts at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Ticketts: \$24—\$48, available at 858-534-TIXS. (DOWNTOWN)

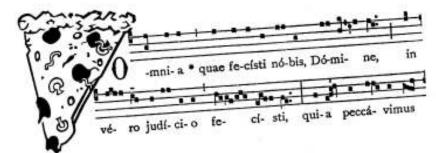
**Garbiel Masson Dance** plans concerts October 6–8 in San Diego State University's Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200). Company performs four works by Masson with guest dancers. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10–\$14. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)











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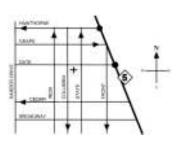
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## Calendar Local Events

**Visiting "Dance Master"**Richard Powers teaches ragtime-era steps on Friday, October 6, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. \$2. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Can You Resist Ranting Banshee?

This band makes music, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance on Friday, October 6, 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)

**Mambo Lounge** grand opening party, with salsa and bachata workshops by three instructors and three dance performances "by top studios" is Friday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m., at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). \$10 (\$8 before 10 p.m.). 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

How Do East Coast, West Coast, Lindy, jitterbug, and onestep swing differ, and how are they alike? Find out during swing dance workshop, Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Practice time, learning time, dance time. Free. 760-942-2374. (ENCINITAS)

**USA Dance Party** with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including October 7, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8–11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7.760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

**Salsa and Merengue** dance classes offered by Valerie every Saturday at 9 p.m. at Aventuras East (found within Habana, a Taste of Cuba Restaurant, 7777 University Avenue). General dancing at 10 p.m. Cover: \$8. 619-516-4466. (LA MESA)

**Sunday Zapateado,** Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances

from different states of Mexico each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Take in dances from Tabasco, Mexico, on Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Swing Club** hosts West Coast swing-dance party every Sunday, 3–7 p.m., at La Mesa Women's Club (5220 Wilson Avenue). Beginners' lesson: 3–4 p.m. \$7. 858-274-6422. (LA MESA)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Janet Arnold, Ellie Konitshek, Chris Page are callers on October 8. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

**Bellydancers** Shayla and Shalimar perform, Middle-Earth Ensemble provides music, Sunday, October 8, 8 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). Open dancing. No cover. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Hip-Hop, Don't Stop,** hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45–9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street. \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

#### FILM

Fourth Annual San Diego Women Film Festival, October 5–8, at Museum of Photographic Arts and Centro Cultural de la Raza. *Many, many* films from a variety of countries screened, including premiere of *Come Early Morning* starring Ashley Judd. Tickets: \$10 per program, all-day pass \$30, all-access pass \$50, with student discounts. 619-238-7559, 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

The Short Documentary Video El Programa de Colocación Avanzada: Lo Mejor Para Nuestros Estudiantes! The Advanced Placement Program: The Best for Our Students will be screened Thursday, October 5, 5:30 p.m., at North County Regional Educational Center (255 Pico Avenue). The youth-producers and those interviewed in documentary will be on

#### OUT & ABOUT

CLASSICAL SAVION GLOVER

Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, October 6.

(SEE DANCE)



hand to answer questions. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (SAN MARCOS)

**Not-So-Scary Family Films** featured every Friday during October at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street). Catch *Corpse Bride* on October 6, 5 p.m. Bring a blanket, chair. Free. 619-401-8858.

"Romper el Cerco (Breaking the Siege)" screens for San Diego Renters Union, Sunday, October 8, noon, at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Panel discussion entitled "Is Revolution in Mexico Possible?" follows. Donation. 619-687-5109. (HILLCREST)

**"Secret Cinema Salon"** — rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Next salon convenes Sunday, October 8, 7 p.m., Donation: \$5.619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

Steve Buscemi's 2006 "Comic Morsel" Lonesome Jim screens on Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Stars Casey Affleck, Mary Kay Place, Seymour Cassel, Liv Tyler. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Iraq for Sale," documenting connections between private cor-

porations and "the decision makers" screens for Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization and San Diego Activist on Monday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Buster Keaton Celebration,** Robert Keaton, the comic master's grandson, presents preshow introductions and postshow talks for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series this month. Enjoy *Sherlock, Jr.* on Wednesday, October 11, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Themes of Immigration and cultural accommodation within context of education policy and politics explored in *Recalling Orange County*. Myléne Moreno's documentary screens Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Library (820 E Street). Film follows battle against a controversial immigrant-rights activist. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Ground Truth: The Human Cost of War," Patricia Foulkrod's documentary may be seen Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Discussion follows. Donation. 858-459-4650.

San Diego Asian Film Festival

celebrates seventh year with more than 130 short and feature films from over 15 countries screening Thursday-Thursday, October 12-19, at UltraStar Mission Valley (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Program boasts Journey from the Fall, Always Sunset on Third Street, Shinobi, Three Times, Citizen Dog, seven short-film programs including all-animation and documentary showcase of local high school students; panel discussions. Prices range from \$5-9.50. Details: 858-565-1264. (MISSION VALLEY)

Explore Italian Filmmaking during series offering "five of the best films from both the old and the new" opening with *Dear Diary* (1994) on Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., at House of Italy (opposite the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Nanni Moretti wrote, directed, and starred in this "gentle satire of a culture full of traditions." Free. 858-831-1717. (BALBOA PARK)

It's a Strange World, Isn't It? David Lynch's 1986 "nightmare comedy" *Blue Velvet* returns with a new 35mm print for fall film series, Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

*Dr. Strangelove*, the 1964 flick starring Peter Sellers (in three roles), screens for San Diego State University history department film festival, Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., in campus Little Theatre. Free. 619-594-7120. (SDSU)

**Kubrick's Cold War Comedy** 

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: Roving Mars (opening on Friday, October 6), Deep Sea and Greece: Secrets of the Past. "Fridays at the Fleet" features Cosmic Voyage (6 p.m.) and Space Station (7 p.m.) on October 6. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

#### **LECTURES**

The Conscience of his profession, Amartya Sen speaks on Thursday, October 5, 5:30 p.m., in Hojel Auditorium at Institute of the Americas at UCSD (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). This Harvard University professor of economics and philosophy is a Nobel laureate for his work on famine, poverty, and social change whose research and writing ranges over a number of fields. Free. 858-534-0999. (IA JOLLA)

"Trans-Border Migration and Development: Promoting Economic Opportunities in Mexico and the Border Region" is subject for conference on October 5 and 6 at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Experts from U.S. and Mexico plan policy discussions with variety of presentations. Free. Hours: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. on Friday. Registration: 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

**Stalked by Her Ex-Husband for 40 Years** — Sherry L. Meinberg discusses her experience when Sisters in Crime gather at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street) on Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m. She has written two books on subject. \$3, 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

What Are Plans for Lower Rose Creek Park? Find out about this area "full of potential" and (an unrelated) proposed 11-mile trolley extension when Clairemont Town Council gathers on Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m., in auditorium at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute). Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

"The Architecture of Other Spaces: A Symposium on Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark" planned Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Morning session with Spyros Papapetros and Romy Galan; afternoon session focuses on new research on Matta-Clark, issues of display, ephemerality, materiality/immateriality! Free. Registration: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Cooking With Mushrooms, class planned Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Buying a Home in San Diego"** workshop, Saturday, October 7, noon, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

"Pluto (To Be or Not to Be a Planet)," astronomer David Devine provides look at International Astronomical Union's recent decision to strip Pluto of

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#### **DEMETRI MARTIN**

"These Are Jokes," Thursday, October 5, Spreckels Theatre.

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planetary status, Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Can a petition signed by over 300 astronomers overturn the decision? 619-238-1233. Included in regular admission. (BALBOA PARK)

**Home Floral Design Basics** explored in class on Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Is Intelligent Design Bogus? UCSD Center for Molecular Genetics researcher Russell F. Doolittle presents "Darwin in the Details" for Humanist Fellowship, Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

At Age 90, Artist Sam Maloof still works every day in his studio. Maloof — who threw out the first pitch at a recent Padres game — discusses his woodworking, Sunday, October 8, 4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. \$15. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (BALBOA PARK)

A Reasonable Proposition? League of Women Voters present nonpartisan examination of pros and cons of all state and local ballot measures, Monday, October 9, 11:30 a.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway).

Busy on Monday? Forum repeats Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., in community room at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free. 760-643-0177. (OCEANSIDE)

"Ferntastic Platyceriums" presented by Oscar Olson for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, October 9, 6 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to learn life cycle of fern, how to find spores, ways to mount these ferns. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-295-7089. (DEL MAR)

Believe It or Not, Your Life Depends on Algae! Russell Chapman examines "Algae: The World's Most Important 'Plants' " for "Perspectives on Ocean Science" series, Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). \$8. Reservations: 858-534-5771.

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy course offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society continues on Monday, October 9, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free; materials provided. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Bird Study: Preparation and Preservation of Specimens" offered Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Instructors Phil Unitt and Suzanne Bond start from outside, focusing on identification. They will skin and dissect a specimen to examine internal organs and structure. Participants

tour ornithology lab and collection, see how these specimens are preserved. \$33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mulch, Compost, Fertilizer!" Landscape designer Jan Tubiolo and composter Elizabeth Ramos discuss these garden-enhancing essentials, Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Fix a Flat in Record Time! Learn to lube a chain and make minor adjustments when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinics on Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Global Climate Change: Perspectives and Solutions" — lecture series at San Diego Natural History Museum commences with panel discussion on climate change, Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. Panelists from science, ethics, economics, and government. Free. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

"What Lurks Beneath? Stream Sloshing for Aquatic Insects" offered by San Diego Natural History Museum. Learn about trials and tribulations of aquatic living on Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., and take field trip on Saturday, October 14, 8 a.m. \$69. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"How to Listen to Jazz: Global Perspectives" — lecture/demonstration offered by *Union-Tribune* music critic George Varga, Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$20. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**Interrobang** is a word indicating "an interdisciplinary event highlighting the exclamation and explanation of design." Martin Pedersen speaks for ongoing Interrobang lecture series, Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$18. 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

"Family Tree DNA Project" examined when John Carpenter speaks for Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, October 10, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-744-7530. (CARLSBAD)

**Celebrate California Wines** during events planned on Tuesdays at JRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723 Felspar). Class is led by Baily Winery representative on October 10, 7 p.m., with wine tastings, cheese (\$25). Optional three-course dinner following event (\$25). Reservations: 858-270-5736. (PACIFIG BEACH)

"Making Sense of Atmosphere" is topic when Heather Roberge, co-founder of Gnuform architectural design firm, speaks at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street) on Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. Practice is informed by research, experimental approach involving materials and form. Free. 619-235-4100 x107. (DOWNTOWN)

Preventing Sports Injuries, training appropriately, and dealing with chronic exercise-related problems discussed by Scripps orthopedic surgeon Enass Rickards M.D.



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and physical therapist Michael Shannon, Wednesday, October 11, 6 p.m., in Great Hall of Schaetzel Center at Scripps Memorial Hospital (9888 Genesee Avenue). Free. 800-SCRIPPS. (LA JOLLA)

Independent Media 101, learn "how to become a community media maker," write a story about a recent event, post it to the San Diego Independent Media Center website, make it a feature, and "practice stuff," Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Free. 619-378-0946. (EAST VILLAGE)

"The Secret of Panda Success Is Not to Keep Any Secrets!" Ron Swaisgood discuss binational efforts in panda research for Special Speakers series, Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m., in zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. Nonmembers: \$17. Required reservations: 619-557-3969. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tech Tooning," live demonstrations of Wacom Technology's "draw directly-on-the-screen" tablets promised when Southern California Cartoonists Society gathers on Wednesday, October 11, in San Diego Blood Bank lunch lounge (440 Upas Street).

#### <u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

#### **MARTIAN ROBOTS!**

Roving Mars opens at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Friday, October 6.

(SEE FILM)



Bring your portfolio for show and tell, dinner. \$10. 619-921-1936. (HILLCREST)

Military Writers Symposium planned Thursday, October 12, 5-11 p.m., at Veterans Museum and Memorial Center. Details: 858-571-5782. (BALBOA PARK)

"Transmission: The Art of Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark" - curator Betti-Sue Hertz leads tour of exhibit for Insight Gallery talks on Thursday, October 12, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, October 15, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art, Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Ordination of Women in Western Christianity" examined by USD theology and religious studies professor Gary Macy, Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Free. 858-453-2236. (MIDDLETOWN)

"The Truth About Immigration: Why Everything You Think You Know Is Wrong" divulged by Linda Chavez, chairman of Center for Equal Opportunity, Tuesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m., at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Required reservations: 619-260-4868. (LINDA VISTA)

#### **IN PERSON**

"Demetri Martin: These Are Jokes" — Comedy Central Live, Thursday, October 5, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$29.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

**Author and Raconteur** Daniel Reveles reads from his works (Tequila, Lemon, and Salt; Salsa and Chips) for Lemon Grove Historical Society's History Alive series on Thursday, October 5,

1:30 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Juice Newton Concert benefiting Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Newton's hits include "Queen of Hearts," "Angel of the Morning." Tickets: \$20-\$45. 858-922-8309. (ROLANDO)

A Song and a Smile presents barbershop quartet entertainment for First Thursday Concert on October 5, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

World-Beat Dance and music, Damaru performs along with bellydancer Shalimar and guest dancers, Thursday, October 5, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"The Stalwart Survivor, or the Man Who Sank the Cuyamaca Float," time for the Julian Triangle Club's annual old-time melodrama and olio, presented weekends through October 29 at Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Play was first performed 49 years ago for Julian's second melodrama. Story is loosely based on history of Julian and of course includes a villain to boo, hero to cheer. Live entertainment between acts, community sing-alongs preceding play.

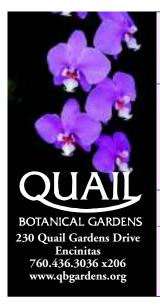
Performances begin at 7:15 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, \$8 for adults. \$2 for children under 12. 760-765-3177, (JULIAN)

Suspense Author Rebecca Drake signs, discusses Don't Be Afraid, Friday, October 6, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free, 858-268-4747, (CLAIREMONT)

Jazz at the Point, Denver and the Mile High Orchestra perform Friday, October 6, 7:30 p.m. in Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene College (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

What Is the Secret of Ben **Hogan's Swing?** Complete model of Hogan's "secret swing technology" is available in book by Tom Bertrand — signed copies on offer benefiting P-Bod Memorial Fund, Friday, October 6, 7 p.m., at West Inn and Suites (4970 Avenida Encinas). \$35 fee includes signed copy of book. Steve Reschke, better known as Captain P-Bod, died in September. 760-448-4500 (CARLSBAD)

A Plethora of Possibilities! AcousticMusicSanDiego hosts James Lee Stanley and Peter Tork on Friday, October 6 (\$15, \$20).



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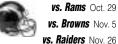
Andre Rieu Dec. 7 Panic! At The Disco

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#### August 19-November 12, 2006

Featuring more than 80 works in a variety of media by the renowned Chilean-born Surrealist Matta and the pioneering urban conceptualist Gordon Matta-Clark, this groundbreaking exhibition is the first to fully explore the father and son artists side-byside to reveal the lasting impact each had on the development of 20th-century art.

This exhibition is organized by the San Diego Museum of Art and is made possible by the generous support of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, and the LEF Foundation.

IMAGE: Roberto Matta, Assage (detail), oil on careas, 1942. Collection of Thomas R. Monahan, Chicago.

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What are we fighting for? Country Joe McDonald takes stage on Saturday, October 7 (\$18, \$22). "Aloha with Style II" promises slack-key and ukulele performances by Grammy winners Daniel Ho, Herb Ohta Ir., and Keoki Kahumoku (\$15, \$20) on Tuesday, October 10, Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Chicano Rehab y Mas!" Teatro Izcalli presents "outrageous comedy inside the Chicano mind," Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7, 7:30 p.m., at MAAC Charter School (1386 3rd Avenue). \$10. 619-336-8376. (CHULA VISTA)

Comedy by headliner Taylor Williamson on Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7, 8 p.m., at Comedy Co-Op Wherehouse Theatre (11211 Sorrento Valley Road, suite M). Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 students. Open-mike nights with 10-20 local comics on Thursdays, 7 p.m.; free. All shows for those over 18. 888-567-4464. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Train Song Festival hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Performers include Alan James, Allen Singer, Baja Blues Boys, Connie Allen, Judy Taylor, others. Free. 858-566-4040. (POWAY

Authors Max Kurillo (California's El Camino Real and Its Historic Bells), Leland Fetzer (San Diego County Place Names, A to Z), and Richard W. Halsey (Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California) sign and discuss their books on Saturday, October 7,

11 a.m.-4 p.m., in conjunction with reopening of Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore (330 North Magnolia). Free. 619-441-0480. (EL CAJON)

Author Robert Gould reads from, signs Father and Son Read-Aloud Stories, Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m., Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Autumn Fest, Saturday, October 7, 4 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Performances by Westminster Choir, New Dawn Singers, Children's Choir, Tweed Family Singers, barbershop quartet, accordion and oompah-pah bands. \$6 general, free for those under 12, 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Guido Adler Jazz Piano Scholarship Competition finals are slated for Saturday, October 7, 2-5 p.m., in Saville Theatre at City College (14th and C streets). Top five finalists compete for scholarship award; competition was open to all California high school students. Judges include two-time Grammy nominee Jessica Williams, Daniel Jackson, Kamau Kenyatta. Admission: free.

Jessia Williams performs in concert at 8 p.m. on 7th in same theater. Tickets: \$25. Suggested reservations: 619-388-3037.

An Evening of Song and Dance presented by friends and students of Anna Carson, Saturday, October 7, 6 p.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (5199 Trojan Avenue). Free. 619-234-1409. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Chuck McPherson's Funky **Drummer Orchestra** performs Saturday, October 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120), Ensemble is said to fuse "orchestral jazz, blues, hip-hop, spirituals, Afro beats." \$10. 619-955-8158.

San Diego Football Historian

Todd Tobias discusses his new book, Bombs Away! Air Corvell and the San Diego Chargers, Saturday, October 7, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

West African Music promised when Adaawe performs for fall World Music Series on Saturday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). The seven women of ensemble create "rich organic music of the voice and drum." \$15. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Jazz Bach, the Jacques Loussier Trio performs for La Jolla Music Society's "jazz series for people who love classical music" on Saturday, October 7, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$20, \$35, \$50. Reservations: 858-459-3728.

"Batizado" and Brazilian Festival, Sunday, October 8, 3 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Capoeira performances, plus traditional Brazilian dances of samba and maculele. Donation: \$5. 619-520-5902. (NORTH PARK)

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ing Street). Program includes pieces by Count Basie, Les Brown, Duke Ellington, many others. \$12 general. 858-481-2087. (CARLSBAD)

Takin' Chances performs a variety of music, Sunday, October 8, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donation. Optional dinner from Flying Bridge follows (\$6.50 general). 760-439-4099.

Shaolin Kung Fu hits stage Sunday, October 8, 5 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Tickets start at \$25. 800-427-7247 (VALLEY CENTER)

Blending Classic with New, jazz vocalist Sara Gazarek plays classic jazz hits and original works, Sunday, October 8, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$25. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

Readings of Arthur Miller's AllMy Sons presented by Sullivan Players, Mondays, October 9, 16, and 23, 7 p.m., in Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Donation: \$5. 858-274-1731. (HILLCREST)

San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, October 9, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Try to unseat a champion, or just scream! Competitors: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Open-Mike Poetry Readings, Monday, October 9, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616.

Former Senior Advisor to President Clinton Sidney Blumenthal discusses and signs How Bush Rules: Chronicles of a Radical Regime, Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at Coronado Library (640 Orange Avenue). Free. 760-325-0103. (CORONADO)

"4x4," Sushi Performance and Visual Art's new performance series begins Tuesday, October 10, 8 p.m., at Bluefoot Bar and Lounge (3404 30th Street). Seven-ten artists will present new or inprogress works in "alternative, caA GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND | BY JERRY SCHAD

ROAM-()-RAMA

ne cool, forested north slopes of Liebre Mountain rear up in stark contrast to the wide, brown Antelope Valley (westernmost Mojave Desert) at their feet. The San Andreas Fault, which lies along the mountain's north base, is responsible for this juxtaposition. Vertical movements have occurred along the fault. as well as more extensive horizontal movements.

Atop Liebre Mountain's sparsely wooded, mile-high crest you can gaze north to the rolling Tehachapis and the southern Sierra, west toward the Sespe country and the highest (8000+ feet) summits of Los Padres National Forest, and south

and southeast over much of Angeles National Forest. Seemingly at your feet is the flat, arid desert floor, stretching to a hazy vanishing point on the eastern horizon. By following a scenic segment of the Pacific Crest Trail, you can hike up to this crest — an ascent of 1750 feet in 3.5 miles — and then retrace your steps back, downhill all the way. To get to the starting point from

Interstate 5 north of Los Angeles, go east on Highway 138. After 4 miles on 138, turn right on Old Ridge Route . Go 2.2 miles south, turn left on Pine Canyon Road (County Route N2), and continue 4.2 miles east to a small summit, at mile 13.5 according to the mile markers along Pine Canyon Road. Park off the pavement in the dirt area to the south.

Just south (uphill) of where you parked, you'll find the Pacific Crest Trail. Go right, and begin a leisurely switchback ascent through red-barked manzanitas, wispy gray pines, and deciduous black oaks. Patches of Great Basin sagebrush remind you that the high desert is not far away.

The mix of mountain-desert vegetation is soon enhanced by many large California buckeye shrubs. Leafless and gray until about April, buckeye becomes one of California's most handsome blooming plants by June, showing off myriad sprays of white blossoms. Botanically, this slope resembles much of central California's Coast Ranges and the lower Sierra Nevada foothills. Here on Liebre Mountain, both buckeye and digger pine are very close to their southern geographical ranges.

Nearly 2 miles up, the trail becomes steeper amidst gray pines. On a little flat to the right, you'll discover a wilderness campsite, with a picnic table, for hikers traveling long distances on the Pacific Crest Trail. There's no water, but the breeze soughing through the long, thin pine needles overhead sets a peaceful mood. Past the campsite, you continue over the broad top of a 4923-foot

peaklet and descend to a wooded saddle. From there the trail switchbacks up through big-cone Douglas fir trees and joins an old road

open to motor traffic when road conditions allow. That's about as high as you can get on the ridge, and is a good place to turn around.

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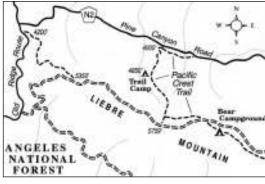
Liebre Mountain swells to a mile-high altitude north of Los Angeles

Distance from downtown San Diego: 190 miles Hiking Length: Up to 7 miles round trip Difficulty: Moderate to moderately strenuous

bed. You enter a grassy clearing dotted with black oaks (5400 feet elevation) - a good place to admire the view of the Antelope Valley while catching your breath.

Ahead another half hour (3.5 miles from the start) vou arrive at a junction where the Pacific Crest Trail veers east. Keep straight and walk up to Liebre Mountain Truck Trail (5759 feet), which is

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sual social setting. All pieces will be low-tech, limited to ten minutes, performed on 4' x 4' stage. Donation: \$5-\$10. 619-235-8466.

Black oak with mistletoe, Liebre Mountain

Master Cuban Jazz Pianist Chuchito Valdes plays for KSDS-Jazz 88's Jazz Live series, Tuesday, October 10, 8 p.m., in Saville Theatre at City College (14th and C streets). Free. Required reservations: 619-388-3037. Concert can

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also be heard broadcast live on KSDS, 88.3 FM. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Knock Your Bra Off Comedy Show" promises comics Jen Kober, Stephanie Paul, Laura Rosenberg, Melissa Tracey performing for Comedy Grill, Tuesday, October 10, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

**Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers** Series features former Chicago Sun-Times political columnist William O'Rourke reading from his work, Wednesday, October 11, p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. O'Rourke has written four novels; his newest book is On Having a Heart Attack: A Medical Memoir. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

#### Rethinking the Jazz Piano Trio,

the Roberta Piket Trio plays for Concert Hour series, Thursday, October 12, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x 2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Author Raymond Moody signs Life After Life, Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MIS-

The Oceanside Music Festival returns, benefiting local high school vocal music programs, October 12-15. Festival kick-off concert by high school choral groups is Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., in Truax Theater at El Camino High School (400 Rancho del Oro Drive).

"Operalia" is presented by San Diego Opera Company's Touring Ensemble, Friday, Opera October 13, 7 p.m., at Truax Theatre. "Saturday Afternoon at the Movies" presented by Pacific Coast Concert Band, Saturday, October 14, 2 p.m., at Grace Chapel of the Coast (the old Crest Theatre, 102 North Freeman Street, at Seagaze Drive). Band will play live music to old film clips.

"A Celebration of Liturgical Music" promises Schola Pacifica performing Gregorian chant, Hebrew cantor Jeff Wayne, and New Venture gospel singers and band, Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m., at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church (609) Pier View Way). Offering.

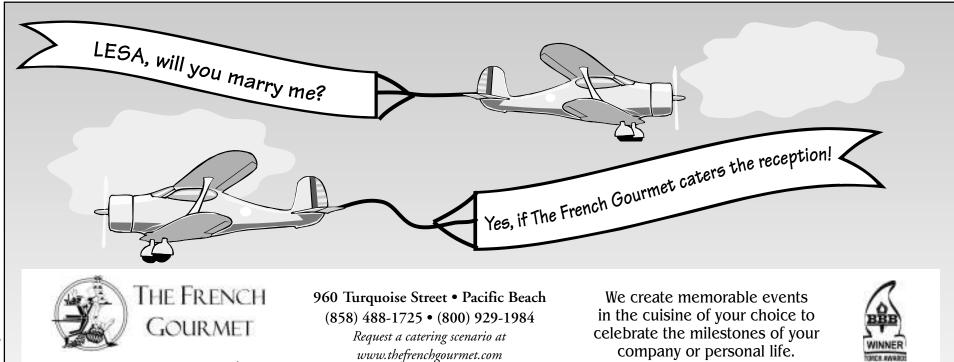
Tickets (except where noted) are \$15 general, \$10 for seniors, students, military. 760-433-3632. (OCEANSIDE)

"Cirque Dreams: Jungle Fantasy," October 17-22 at San Diego Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street). Aerialists, contortionists, strongmen, balancing acts, more. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$19-\$60, available at 619-570-1100 or Ticketmaster (619-235-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Political Commentator, Blogger, author Arianna Huffington discusses and signs On Becoming Fearless, Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m., at 101 Artists' Colony (90 North Coast Highway 101). 760-325-0103. Free. (ENCINITAS)

He Won 2.5 Million Dollars on "Jeopardy," and Ken Jennings will sign, discuss Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4839. (ESCONDIDO)

Way Beyond "Full House," comedian Bob Saget, Friday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Spreckels The-





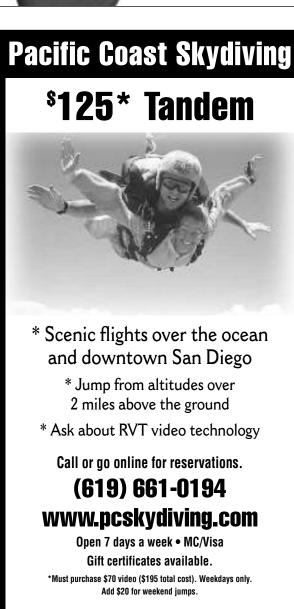


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# Calendar Local Events

atre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$32.75–\$37.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

"The I Chong: Meditations from the Joint" signed and discussed by comic Tommy Chong, Saturday, October 21, 3 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4839. (ESCONDIDO, NORTH PARK)

Best-Selling Author (and Rock 'n' Roller) Amy Tan discusses her work and signs Saving Fish from Drowning for KPBS on Friday, October 27, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tan is also author of Joy Luck Club. \$50 general. 619-594-3830. (LA JOLLA)

#### **SPORTS**

#### **43rd Annual San Diego-Ensenada International Yacht Race** hosted by Southwestern Yacht

hosted by Southwestern Yacht Club, October 6 and 7. Race begins just east of Zuniga Point in San Diego Bay at 11 a.m. on Friday; boats must finish by 2 p.m. on Saturday in Ensenada.

On Sunday, October 8, take part in Regatta Todos Santos, with start at 11 a.m. near entrance to

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Hotel Coral Marina. 619-222-0438. (SAN DIEGO BAY, ENSENADA)

**NSSA Open #1** surfing competition, Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, 6:30 a.m.—dark, at Oceanside Harbor's south jetty. Free for spectators. 714-378-0899.-

**Toy Dog Fanciers of North San Diego** Dog Show, Saturday
and Sunday, October 7 and 8,
8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free
admission, parking. 858-794-1171.

**Cycle to Swami's** with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, October 7. The 40-miler starts at 9 a.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (on East Mission Bay Drive). Bring money for lunch in Solana Beach. 619-275-4511. (MISSION BAY, ENCINITAS)

**Signature IV County Horse Show,** Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 760-753-0431. Free admission and parking. (DEL MAR)

Friends of San Pasqual Academy Team Penning, Saturday, October 7, 5–11 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$25 general, \$15 for those younger than 12. 858-756-1888. (DEL MAR)

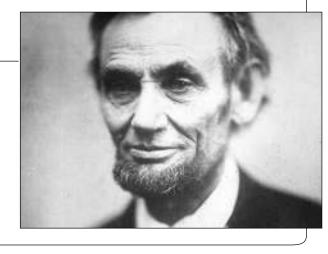
**Up for a Metric Century?** Join Sierra Club bicyclists for challenging ride up south grade of Mount Palomar on Sunday, October 8. Ride starts at 8 a.m. in Kit Carson Park (3333 Bear Valley Parkway), promising Lake Wohlford warm-

#### OUT & ABOUT

#### **FOREVER FREE**

Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation, October 11–November 24, San Diego Central Library.

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up ascent, snack at Rincon Market, six-mile ride to base, seven-mile climb up mountain. Bring money for lunch at Mother's. 619-571-8303. (ESCONDIDO)

Because I Care 5K Run/Walk, Sunday, October 8, at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Run starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by walk at 7:35 a.m. \$30. Day-of-event registration: 6 a.m. 760-750-3684. (SAN MARCOS)

**Dare to Soar the Bridge** 8k Run Walk, Sunday, October 8, starts at 8 a.m. in Seaport Village, proceeds over Coronado Bay Bridge, finishes in Tidelands Park. 858-353-2204. (SEAPORT VILLAGE, CORONADO)

**Coastal 100,** bicycle to San Clemente through Camp Pendleton

from Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road) with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Sunday, October 8. This 100-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. Free. 619-561-3846. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Hike Up Iron Mountain (near Poway) during Hike Bike Kayak San Diego guided outing, Sunday, October 8. Four-mile trek boasting 1000-foot-climb starts at 10 a.m. at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa) for carpooling, \$5. Required reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA, POWAY)

San Diego Chargers host Pittsburgh Steelers in Qualcomm Stadium, Sunday, October 8, 5:15 p.m. Game broadcast on NBC; listen on radio station KIOZ-FM, Rock 105.3. Tickets start at \$54, available

through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday night bicycle-racing season continues through October 24, 6:30–9 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 619-260-3701. (BALBOA PARK)

Cuyamaca State Park Mountain Bike Poker Ride is Sunday, October 15. Cards handed out at five locations along 15-mile course on fire roads and single-track; optional sixth card available for extra 4-mile ride. Starts: 8–9:30 a.m. at Camp Cuyamaca (12561 Highway 79). Riders need to turn in their hands by 1 p.m. Fee: \$35 adults, \$20 juniors. 619-885-9826. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

iPod programmed with five songs to act as guest DJ during Thursday Night Thing, October 5, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Live drawing and painting by local artists, music by San Diego bands, more. Donation: \$3.

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858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

**Earth Charter Community Summit,** October 6 and 7, at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Earth Charter Poetry Slam is Friday, 7 p.m., with MC Bob Nanninga. Poets must arrive by 6:15 with three original poems (each three minutes or less); no

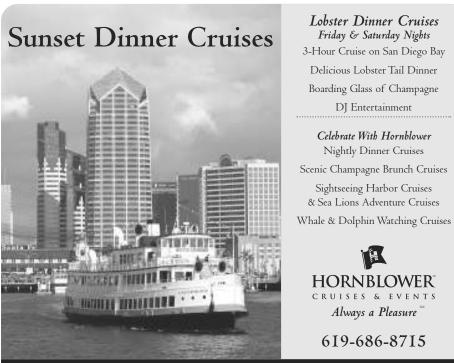
Saturday promises speakers (Dr. Helen Caldicott, 2 p.m.), panels, workshops, discussions, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Free. 760-758-2410.

Coronado Classic Speed Festival is Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., at Naval Air Station North Island. Over 200 "of the world's most









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unique and pedigreed machines" compete on spectator-friendly 1.6mile course over runways and taxiways. \$30 per day. 619-296-0605. (CORONADO)

A Walk to Remember, memorial program and one-mile walk to "remember all of the babies who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, and SIDS," Saturday, October 7. Walk starts at 9 a.m. at Scripps Ranch Community Park (11454 Blue Cvpress Drive). Program includes music, poems, balloon release, ends with walk around park, \$20. 19-448-6874. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

12th Annual Little Italy Precious Festa is Sunday, October 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., on India Street between A and Grape Streets. Eddie Mekka headlines (3 p.m.), live entertainment, stickball tournament, food and vendor booths, Italian motor sports show. Free admission.

Chalk La Strada, an Italian street-painting festival, features artists using chalk as medium to create colorful and detailed works of art on asphalt streets. View chalk art from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, on Fir, Cedar, and Birch Streets. Free. 619-533-7972. (LITTLE ITALY)

Gem and Mineral Roundup hosted by El Cajon Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Lakeside Rodeo Grounds (at Highway 67 and Mapleview). Exhibits, demonstrations, vendors. Free admission. 619-443-8327. (LAKESIDE)

**Honoring Native America** Powwow, Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Park Boulevard and President's Way. Entertainment by Rumsen Ohlone Dancers, Sau-II California Indian Music Ensemble, Wildcat Singers, Native American storytellers, many others; gourd dancing at noon, grand entry at 1 p.m., arts and crafts, frybread and Indian tacos. Bring chairs. Free. 858-627-7362, 619-281-5964. (BALBOA PARK)

International Reptile Breeders' Show and sale - showcasing captive-bred reptiles and amphibians, vendors, educational workshops, lectures — October 7 and 8 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$3 children. 619-445-9964. (DEL MAR)

Bargain Book Sale hosted by Friends of the Carlsbad Library, Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Pio Pico). 760-942-0533 (CARLSBAD)

Knitting Circle — hook up with other knitters to "share ideas, make new friends, help each other," Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). Free. 858-509-9276. (SOLANA BEACH)

Oom-Pah-Pah, traditional German Oktoberfest hosted by German-American Societies of San Diego, Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, at clubhouse and beer garden (1017 South Mollison Avenue). Live German music, dancing, food for sale, vendors' and craft booths, children's fun zone, more. Admission: \$3 for people over 21, free for active military and those under 21. 619-442-6637. (EL CAJON)

Tai Chi Workshop at Rock Paper Scissors (4976 Newport Avenue) Free. 619-990-9062. (OCEAN BEACH)

Carlsbad Rotary Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 7, 1-10 p.m., at Holiday Park (on Pio Pico, between Carlsbad Village Drive and Chestnut). German food, music, dancing, children's activities, pumpkin-decorating contest (for those 5-15 years old), German dinner (1-8 p.m.). \$10. 760-434-6093. (CARLSBAD)

Rotary Wine Taste Chula Vista, Saturday, October 7, 5 p.m., on driving range at Salt Creek Golf Club (525 Hunte Parkway). Samples from restaurants, wine, beer, classic car show, live entertainment, \$45, 619-934-6107. (CHULA VISTA)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical** Conference, Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, noon-6 p.m., at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psy-

on Saturday, October 7, noon. chic arts featured. \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

> 16th Annual Bird Mart and Educational Fair sponsored by North County Aviculturists, Sunday, October 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte). Vendors offering bird-related wares, education booth, educational presentations (11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Free admission. 760-738-9337. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Fiesta Del Rio, Sunday, October 8, noon-4:30 p.m., "Celebrating Tijuana Estuary and Its Cultures: Where Nature and Nations Meet," at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza (910 Seacoast Drive). Performance of Sloughs musical by Mar Vista High School students based on Dempsey Holder and early surfers; mural making, environmental booths, traditional Californio dance, Native American storytelling, much more. Free. 619-575-3614. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Suburban Trees" opens with reception on Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m., at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo Scanga features work by seven area sculptors. Continues through fall 2007. Viewing hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

The House of Spain hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Fall Harvest Moon Festival hosted by Asian American Repertory Theater, Sunday, October 8, 5:30 p.m., at Jasmine Seafood Restaurant (4609 Convoy Street,















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suite A). Cantonese cuisine, music, readings by USC professor Velina Hasu Houston (author of House of Chaos), "Perspectives on Directing" by Peter Cirino, musical performances by Bridget Brigitte and Ila. Tickets: \$40. 888-568-2278. (LINDA VISTA)

Jewelry Utilizing Minerals and Gemstones mined and created by residents of villages in Afghanistan featured during lecture and sale, Monday, October 9, 4-7 p.m., at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free admission. 858-755-1224. (DEL MAR)

"Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" is on display Wednesday, October 11-Friday, November 24, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibition includes reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative materials such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera focusing on Lincoln's America, many aspects of Civil War. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

"Are Computers the Next Step in Evolution?" Discuss topic, Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

9/11 Conspiracy Discussion Group meets on Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., at 2091 East Valley Parkway, suite D. Open moderated discussion, presentations,

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Old Globe Costume and Prop **Sale,** Saturday, October 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., on Lowell Davis Festival Theatre Stage. Designs on offer by Tony Award-winners Jess Goldstein, Gregg Barnes, Robert Blackman, many others; costumes worn by Mary Louise Parker, Marsha Cross, Cynthia Nixon, Dana Delaney, John Goodman, others; furniture from recent productions of Moonlight and Magnolias, The Constant Wife, Nixon's Nixon; more than 50 prop pieces from variety of shows. Free admission. 19-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

Screamin' Season, the Del Mar "Scaregrounds" host annual Scream Zone through Tuesday, October 31. This year: haunted hayride, house of horror, chamber of chills. Ticket prices, hours: 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

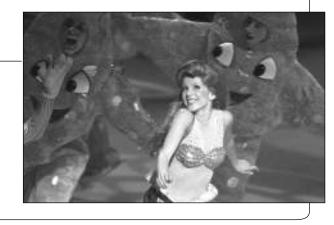
The Haunted Trail, this "all-outdoor haunted attraction" is open 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; 7 p.m.-mid-

#### <u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

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(SEE FOR KIDS)



night Fridays and Saturdays through October. Find trail at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). \$13.99. Not for those under 10. 619-696-7227. (BALBOA PARK)

Have a Story to Tell? San Diego Public Library's digital community storytelling station remains available through Saturday, December 30. Gather reminiscences of your neighborhood, memories of interesting jobs, tales of special interests and activities, to record San Diego history as told by general public. Find library at 820 E Street. Requirements, reservations: 619-236-5821 or 619-230-1938. (DOWNTOWN)

#### FOR KIDS

"Fun with Fables and Modern Myths" continues through Sunday, October 8, presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble and Weaver's Tales in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. You're invited to an "un-scary" Halloween Party presented by Weaver's Tales, October 11-15. 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 Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Moon Festival for Children, Saturday, October 7, noon-1:30 p.m., at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). Storytelling, games, traditional Chinese moon cakes to eat. \$2 for adults, free for children, Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Young Adult Author Neal Shusterman discusses his novel Everlost, the tale of two teens "trapped in an eerie afterlife limbo," Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Also on hand: Laura Preble discussing her Queen Geek Social Club, Linda Meckler on her Ghost Kids Trilogy. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey" — Disney on Ice hits ipay-One Center for performances October 11-15. Audiences are transported "through music, magic, and laughter"

into worlds of Lilo and Stitch, The Little Mermaid, 101 Dalmations, Peter Pan, other productions.

Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 1:30 (bilingual Spanish/English) and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$13.50-\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

#### MUSEUMS

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,

"NASA Accomplishments: In Space and on Earth" chronicles scientific accomplishments and technological spin-offs resulting from NASA missions. How have these discoveries entered our everyday lives?

Ongoing exhibitions include "More Than Meets the Eye" (through May), "Aging for All Ages," "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology,' "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," and "TryScience!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, 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 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)

Museum of San Diego History, career of local artist is highlighted in "Belle Baranceau: The Artist at Work." Baranceau was "one of the foremost expressionist painters of the 1920s and 1930s" who moved to San Diego in 1933 and received assignments from the WPA. Two of her murals are still in their original locations at Balboa Park Club and La Jolla post office. Exhibit provides broad overview of her career, look at her creative process. Through Tuesday, May 29.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203, (BALBOA PARK)



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Franz Lehar's Operetta The Merry Widow opens season for Lyric Opera San Diego, running October 6–21 in Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Cast members include American soprano Stacey Stofferahn Uthe making her company debut as the Widow, baritone Chris Thompson as Danilo, many others.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays; 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$30—\$50. Saturday, October 7, is "special date night" boasting "two-for-one tickets"; kids are free with an adult ticketholder on Thursday, October 19. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Master Class with Mezzo-Soprano Dolora Zajick, Saturday, October 7, 6 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Singers will be accompanied by David Anglin, associate director of opera/vocal studies at Cal State Long Beach. Zajick is considered "one of the world's leading interpreters of Verdi's mezzo roles." Class is limited to six auditioned singers; be part of audience for \$20. Required reservations: 619-723-8820. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz Bach, the Jacques Loussier Trio performs for La Jolla Music Society's "jazz series for people who love classical music" on Saturday, October 7, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$20, \$35, \$50. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Renowned Sitar Virtuoso Kartik Seshadri performs Indian classical music with Arup Chattopadhyay (tabla) and Apurva Manna (*pakhawaj*), Saturday, October 7, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

"Fall Fantasy," enjoy Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," "Romeo and Juliet" by Tchaikovsky, "Quebec, Spring" by Brent Dutton, and works for wind by Jack Stamp, Robert Russell Bennett, and James Curnow when San Diego State University Orchestra and Wind Symphony performs Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. \$12 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Lucerne Festival Strings** from Switzerland, led by Achim Fiedler, performs season opener for Fallbrook Music Society, Sunday, October 8, 3 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stagecoach Lane). Program showcases "Antichesis," a piece commissioned by ensemble honoring its 50th anniversary, as well as works by Haydn, Mozart, Stravinsky, and Mendelssohn. Conductor's preview: 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35 general, \$10 students. 760-451-8644. (FALLBROOK)

Works for Unaccompanied Viola composed by Bach, Kodály, Bloch, and Baker may be heard when Karen Elaine takes stage for fall concert series, Sunday, October 8, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810, (DOWNTOWN)

Rising Stars Concert, pianist Kristina Jacinth, violist Whittney Thomas, tenor Peter Lee gather for La Jolla Presbyterian Church Concert Series performance, Sunday, October 8, 3 p.m. Freewill offering. Find church at 7715 Draper Avenue, 858-729-5520. (LA JOLLA)

Violin Prodigy Eugene Ugorski in concert, Sunday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$30. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

**Spreckels Organ Pavilion** concert by civic organist Carol Williams, Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m. Free, 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Bassist** Bert Turetzky performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, October 9, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Local Spanish Guitarist Jon Ortiz performs classical Spanish pieces on Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

**Selections** by Brahms, **Muczynski**, and Zemlinsky are on program when the Gary Piano Trio performs on Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (CARMEL VALLEY)

"Diabolique/Religioso," listen for Liszt's "Scherzo and March" and "Piano Sonatas" No. 4, No. 7 (White Mass), and No. 9 (Black Mass) by Scriabin when pianist Cecil Lytle performs Wednesday, October 11, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. \$8 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Medieval and Renaissance Music performed by Courtly Noyse, Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m., at St. Philip the Apostle Church (2260 Hardy Drive). Costumed ensemble employs early instruments and discusses the music. \$10 general. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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#### **GALLERIES**

"Veterans" — North County Times photographer Waldo Nilo exhibits work ranging from photos taken as a Marine in Vietnam (1968) to current veteran-related shots through Friday, December 15, in Kellogg Library at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Reception for Nilo

is Thursday, October 5, 11:30 a.m. 760-750-4378. (SAN MARCOS)

New Methods of Artist Thought exposed in exhibit by eight local artists opening with reception on Thursday, October 5, 6 p.m., at Design Within Reach (393 Seventh Avenue). Closes Friday, October 13.619-744-9900. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Surf Photographs, 1960–1965" by Ron Church opens with reception on Friday, October 6, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane; 858-454-3409). Exhibition closes Saturday, November 11. (LA JOLLA)

**Student Art Exhibit** continues through Wednesday, November 22, at Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Opening reception is Friday, October 6, 5 p.m. 858-598-1200. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Other Places" explored by Arizona artist Robert D. Cocke in exhibit of new paintings opening with reception, Friday, October 6, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). Closes Friday, November 10. 858-459-3917. (LA JOLLA)

"Remembered Threads: The Work of James Hubbell" opens with reception on Saturday, October 7, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). This is Hubbell's first all-media exhibition since Cedar Fire in 2003, which destroyed the artist's studio. Through Sunday, November 19. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

**"The Art of Digital Show,"** international exhibit of digital art—for which 2730 entries by 800 artists from 32 countries were sub-

mitted — opens with reception on Saturday, October 7, 6 p.m., at Lyceum Theatre Gallery in Horton Plaza. Juror was Hugh Davies. Display of "all forms of digital art" closes on Sunday, November 19. 858-793-0900. (DOWNTOWN)

**Traditional Chinese Brush Paintings** on paper by members of Chinese Brush Painting Association are on display through Saturday, October 14, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Reception for artists: Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m. 858-245-9670. (BALBOA

"The Color Within," exhibit of work by Jennifer Meeder and Maïc is on view through Sunday, October 15, in Southwestern Artists' Association's Gallery 23 at Spanish Village (1770 Village Place). Reception for artists: Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

"Making Zines, Making History: A Temporary Exhibit" by Grrrl Zines a-Go-Go opens with reception on Saturday, October 7, 7 p.m., at Women's History Museum (2323 Broadway, suite 107). Exhibit exploring "world of self-published magazines and women's roles in this do-it-yourself form of underground communication" closes on Saturday, October 28. Donation: \$5. Youth workshop: Saturday, October 21, noon. 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

**Group Show** showcasing work by Virginia L. Coffey, Erin Harold, Regina Herod, and Teresa Mill opens with reception on Saturday, October 7, 7 p.m., at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). 619-527-2508. Through Saturday, October 21. (SAN DIEGO)







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### Pandemonium In a Pig Sty

### "Sludge dumpers always leave a trail."

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om's in deep doo-doo — figuratively and, in Greg Kotis's absurdist satire *Pig Farm*, literally. Tom runs a farm "somewhere in the U.S." Storms're on the horizon: not just potbellied clouds darkening the skies but also the

government, since it's time for the annual census. Pig farms get zoned. Each can only have so many — and no more — even if the count won't let a farmer break

even. Tom may have invited even more grief by letting young Tim, a "work-release jockey from juvenile hall," to the pre-census count. Tim talks the talk, about motivation and avoiding the primrose path of recidivism, but may not walk the walk, may even be "beyond reform." As the emotional equivalent of a "perfect storm" vectors toward their farm, Tom's wife Tina decides he's been inattentive too long: she wants to make their baby on the kitchen table NOW.

You know something's askew when Tom says he'll get the special pig marker in a voice far too solemn for the occasion. He reaches for an ornate box. The music rises. He opens the box as if it were Tut's tomb. He extracts the marker and raises it slowly. Yes!! Spellbound Tim accepts it as a blessing — and, it turns out, a rite of passage, for counting pigs, he's convinced, will usher Tim into manhood.

Actually you know something's up long before that. The actors attack their lines in a "country

epic" style. Buttressed by twanging banjos and sweeping Aaron Copland themes, every word trembles with the force of finality. Jaws jut toward the rising sun. But then again, since the playwright is Greg Kotis, *Urinetown*'s hip slayer

of sacred cows, what the characters say is almost always at odds with their forthright tone ("I'm talking sludge," Tom says, "fecal sludge"; later, the government in-

spector, Teddy, solemnly assures everyone that "sludge dumpers always leave a trail"). They also talk tough about trivia and reach for elegant metaphors but come up empty, as if they're trying to be in a Sam Shepard play, or some heroic movie about the "land" or the American Dream, and just don't have the chops.

All four are neurotic as all get out but in touch with their "creaturely" natures. There's no lagtime, for example, between the idea of sex — for any of them — and its enactment. They become so mud-and-blood splattered that by play's end their farmhouse resembles a sty.

But, and this is one of Kotis's gifts as a writer, they're also somewhat likeable, in part because they're stuck in every conceivable way, yet determined to improve their lot. Like the elusive metaphors, however, their dreams are beyond their reach.

Last week I wrote about how critics tend to cubbyhole playwrights, unfairly draping them



Colleen Quinlan, Ken Land in Pig Farm

Pig Farm, by Greg Kotis

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Matt August; cast: Ted Koch, Ian White, Colleen Quinlan, Ken Land; scenic design, Takeshi
Kata; costume, Jenny Mannis; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson; fight director, Steve Rankin
Playing through October 2; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at
8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-239-2255.

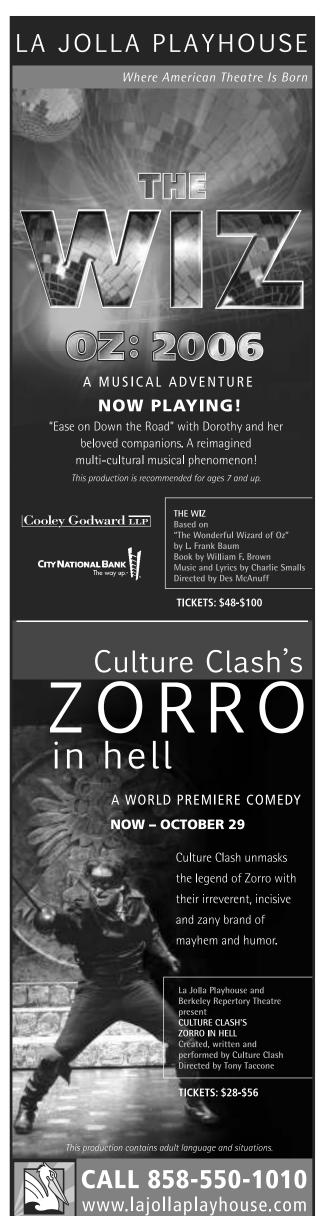
with strict expectations. What goes around... *Urinetown*'s a feisty, exuberant musical with an urgent message. At the end, Officer Lockstock tells audiences that — in an age of Climate Change, and the largest national current-account

deficit in history, and people turning their home equity into ATMs — America's "way of life is unsustainable."

Pig Farm, which deconstructs movie clichés the way *Urinetown* does musicals', has no such







punch line. As disaster heaps upon disaster — including all 14,000+ pigs going berserk (a ham-pede?) — the play builds toward a thematic summing up but concludes with slapstick and silliness. *Urinetown* surprises by having been serious all along; *Pig Farm*'s a bit of a letdown because it declines the expected Big Statement gambit. It turns out to be only what it's been all along.

Taken in its own spirit, out-

side of critical expectations, Pig Farm's a hoot. Given the number of times Tina bonks his character, Tom, with a rolling pin, it's a wonder Ted Koch doesn't have a concussion (Koch plays Tom as a bulb dimmed by years of said clobberings). Ian White's antsy Tim has enough energy to ignite Balboa Park. Whether wielding a rolling pin or trying to "Shout out" tell-tale mud stains on her white nightie, Colleen Quinlan makes Tina a comic gem, more than holding her own in a testosterone-rampant environment. Ken Land, as the EPA snoop Teddy, deftly straddles the line between reactionary thug and a very, very funny human being (his sudden till-the-soil epiphany joins him doubly with Tom and Tina: now he's got a dream that's also beyond his grasp).

The intimate Cassius Carter's a microscope. Actors have no place to hide on a stage large enough, at best, for two midsize cars. You don't see many fight scenes at the Carter: too tough to fake. A first look at Takeshi Kata's set — the farmhouse interior with wooden furniture just one click up from rickety — suggests that movement will be minimal around tables and a stairwell, not to mention on the mudsplatted, slippery linoleum floor.

Not so. Director Matt August and fight director Steve Rankin turn the Carter into a manic steeplechase of slapstick, pratfalls, and physical comedy as hilarious as it is dangerous to perform. "Comic intensity" should be an oxymoron, since the rule with comedies is usually the lighter the better. But the terrific ensemble cast performs Pig Farm with such comic intensity they make minutely choreographed steps appear completely spontaneous.

### THEATER LISTINGS

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#### Ain't You Heard?

Langston Hughes had no idea that when he began writing sketches about Jesse B. Semple ("just be simple"), for the *Chicago Defender* in 1943, that he would continue them for decades and that Jesse and his friends would become an essen-





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tial part of Americana. For the Ira Aldridge Repertory Players, multitalented Charmen Jackson wove the early Semple stories into a dramatic narrative. Though married (and spending late nights with Zarita), Jesse's in love with Miss Joyce. But in order to marry her, he'll need to swing some finances and do some growing up. The opening-night performance was a bit shaky, at first. Once it settled in, the 13-scene, 90-minute piece was both funny and wise. Whether he's acting, reciting Hughes's poetry ("I slept like a rock, or a man that's dead") or singing "Lament Over Love," Leonard Patton's terrific as Jesse, the outspoken man hailed as "the Black Aristotle." Hughes didn't consider Semple an Everyman. "It's impossible to live in Harlem and not know at least a hundred Semples, fifty Joyces, twenty-five Zaritas, or reasonable facsimiles thereof." Andrea Purnell (Joyce), Ida Rhem (Zarita), Laurence Brown (Sonny), and Patrick Kelly (Darby) bring these immensely popular figures to life. Worth a try.

EXPRESS STAGE, ACOUSTIC EXPRESS. 2852 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 7; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-283-4574

#### All My Sons

The Sullivan Players present a reading of Arthur Miller's drama that "brings a man into the direct path of the consequences he had wrought." D.J. Sullivan directed. 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, MON-DAY, OCTOBER 9, THROUGH OCTO-BER 23; MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

#### Attorney for the Damned: Clarence Darrow

As Joe Nesnow portrays the life of the famous lawyer, you begin to wonder who the "defender of the underdog" didn't represent. Darrow's cases constitute a who's who of American legal history: socialists Eugene V. Debs and "Big Bill" Havwood, the McNamara brothers' bombing of the L.A. Times, the Scopes "Monkey" Trial, Leopold and Loeb. In each he fought injustice - and paid an emotional price

for every battle (including his marriage). It doesn't take Nesnow long to become Darrow: a gentle, engage ing rapport with his audience, a rage at stupidity and intolerance, and, most of all, a fearless conviction. Nothing stood in his way. Would this were true of David W. Rintels's wordy, overlong, badly paced script. The play moves chronologically through Darrow's life and feels compelled to cover all of it. The result is a two-hour, episodic ramble that begs for a major edit (Rintels often takes longer to set up a scene than present it). After a while, the script works against Nesnow's finely etched performance. The playwright's words upstage him. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4 (THE SHOW WILL BE DARK DURING OCTOBER); SATURDAY, NOVEM-

BER 4. AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### Bach at Leipzig

South Coast Repertory Theatre offers Itamar Moses's farce about claimants for the title of organmaster at Leipzig's leading church (amid the schemes, "Johann Sebastian Bach lays low"). Art Manke directed.

JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 15; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555

#### Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?

New Vision and Sunshine Brooks Theatres present Del Shores's comedy about a family gathering for the imminent death of the patriarch.

SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH OCTOBER 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-529-9140.

Anyone asked to perform as Ella Fitzgerald will trigger comparisons. And no one - not now, not ever — will measure up to the "First Lady of Song" (who might have objected to an exposé of her private life because she refused to parade her suffering in public: "I'm the only woman in this business who doesn't have a past," she has said). In this concert-with-words biography of the musical genius, Tina Fabrique is very good and has



excellent rapport with her audience. It's just that, and it's probably unfair to say this, she isn't empyrean. Fabrique looks a bit like Fitzgerald, especially when wearing glasses, and what she does well is evoke Ella with a kind of conjuration, and few can do even that. Fabrique shows her versatility in "You'll Have to Swing It (Mr. Paganini)," a Whitman's sampler of styles, from ballad to scat, that comes early in the evening and puts the show on a fast track from which it rarely falters. A tight, fourpiece band plays on a platform of art deco discs backed by tall beadcurtains and baked by John Lasiter's bold lemon and hot pink lighting. In Act Two Brian Sledge, a pinpoint precise trumpeter, joins Fabrique and mimics Louis Armstrong. Their duet, in Gershwin's "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," is one of many highlights.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 15; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

#### Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

Worth a try.

Due to popular demand, the Theatre in Old Town reprises Gerard Alessandrini's musical Bronx cheer to Broadway: some of the sharpest, funniest theater criticism around! The framing device — the show's a Special Victims Unit for Broadway clunkers - doesn't last two minutes before it disappears. But no

matter. Alessandrini's latest attempt to "turn the Great White Way gray" 's a winner, thanks to his ever-present wit and some amazing performances (especially by Valerie Fagan, co-author of Six Women with Brain Death, especially when she slanders Sarah Brightman). Along with lambasting Spamalot and Wicked, the show reprises old favorites: no Forbidden Broadway would be complete without some Les Miz and Lion King trashing (as when an animal sings, under the weight of Julie Taymor's gigantic headgear, "Can You Feel the Pain Tonight?") and Alessandrini's spoof of Chicago and how to dance the Fosse style ("bowler hats," "spread your fingers so") is a hoot. As are every last one of Alvin Colt's cartoony costumes, often changed backstage in split seconds. Amid near-constant laughs, the revue makes serious points about contemporary Broadway's disturbing penchant for "puppet" and "jukebox" theater (à la Jersey Boys) and its general dumbing down of late. All true, yet never put so memorably. (Note: the production has made cast changes.) Critic's pick.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OPEN-ENDED RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M., SATUR-DAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-688-2494

#### **Fortinbras**

Grossmont College Theatre Arts opens its new season with Lee Blessing's comedy about the travails of a lesser-known character in Hamlet. Jerry Hager directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, GROSSMONT COLLEGE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DRIVE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5. THROUGH OCTOBER 14 WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-644-7234.

#### Four Queens — No Trump

Common Ground Theatre presents Ted Lange's comedy-drama about four "bodacious" African-American women playing Bid Whist and "talking girlfriend talk." NEW WORLD STAGE 917 NINTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-263-7911.

#### **George Gershwin Alone** Hershey Felder's concert-biography of the great Gershwin is

sketchy on details (he includes a talk-back session after the 90-minute performance to fill in gaps). Felder prefers to give biographies of individual songs and their inner workings. And one of the real values of Gershwin Alone, along with hearing the wonderful composer's works, is its emphasis on music appreciation. Gershwin's image is of a glib, Noel Cowardlike facility to dash off enduring art (that Gershwin composed "Sev nee" in 15 minutes plays into this notion). Gershwin Alone shows that, to the contrary, the composer poured over a song, laboring Beethoven-like all night and half the day. Felder, whose high forehead makes him a cross between Gershwin and George S. Kaufman, gives us a "loud and brash" portrayal. An expert pianist, when he plays Rhapsody in Blue, Felder hammers the Steinway keys like an anvil and generates a raw beauty from the often prettified score. His singing voice is often too strident, especially in the upper registers. He performs on Yael Pardess's jazzy set: slanting curtains, a mirror, sheet music, a rug corner spearing up the back-wall, angle-lit by Michael T. Gilliam's mood-enhancing patterns.

#### Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 22; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

#### The Golem: Man of Earth

6th@Penn Theatre presents Howard Rubenstein's world-premiere adaptation of the medieval Jewish legend about the man-god created to protect the community from evil. But will the community need protection from the Golem? Zoe Paulin directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15. THROUGH NOVEMBER 8; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH WEDNES-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### Hemingway's Rose

The Plutonium Theatre Company presents Matt Thompson's dark comedy about Max and George, opposites forced to spend time together and discover a surprise. Angela Miller directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH OCTOBER 28; FRIDAY AT 10:30 P.M. SATURDAY (EXCEPT SATURDAY, OCTO-BER 14) AT 4:00 P.M. (SPECIAL 10:30 P.M. SATURDAY PERFORMANCES OCTOBER 14 THROUGH OCTOBER 28.) 619-688-9210

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For anyone familiar with Ken Lud-

#### **Leading Ladies**

wig's farces, an aura of déià vu will shroud this one. Ludwig has twin Otellos in Lend Me a Tenor, and here he has down-and-out Shakespearean actors — Leo Clark and Jack Gable: Clark/Gable...yeah... yeah) — cross-dressing to fool a dowager into giving them her inheritance. Shenanigans ensue, slowly. Ladies feels like Tenor plagiarized and moved from the 1930s to 1958. The show's so formulaic it must be a send-up. It isn't. And the construction's so sketchy it takes almost forever to load in a situation and then reload for the next. Schemes fail. New ones get drummed up. Then someone wants to see the woman, and the man playing her, at the same time. Though farce calls for the lightest of touches, the North Coast Rep cast labors to make the script funny. Genuine laughs come from unscripted moments: Chris Luessmann's excellent sound design dopplers a ringing railroad crossing every time Leo has an idea; Brenda Hogan's terrific Marlon Brando imitation (especially coming from her unlikely character, Audrey, a literate ditz); and set designer Marty Burnett making scene changes while dancing a goofy jig. Individual efforts (including chipper Jeannine Marquie and harried Phil Johnson) make the show, at best, intermittently funny, but they don't overcome the script's ransacking of Tenor or taking its sweet time to unfold a bit. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055





#### Listen

SDSU's department of theater presents this drama, based on actual family phone calls about cancer, written by Patricia Loughrey. Carla Nell directed.

EXPERIMENTAL THEATER SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THURSDAY, OCTO-BER 5, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-8483.

#### **Lush Life**

As a benefit for the theater, Diversionary presents a cabaret performance — "part history lesson, equal parts mischief and improvisation" — by Angelo D'Agostino and G. Scott Lacy. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, FRI-DAY, OCTOBER 6, AND SATURDAY, OC-TOBER 7, AT 8:00 P.M. 619-220-0097

#### Lysistrata: A Peace to End All Wars

Palomar College presents Michael Mufson and Andres Friedman's new adaptation of Aristophanes' "poetic comedy" about a nationwide "sex strike," by the women of ancient Athens, to force warring males into a permanent truce. Mufson directed. HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, THROUGH OCTOBER 8: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. THURS-DAY AT 4:00 P.M. 760-744-1150 X2453

#### The Merry Widow

Lyric Opera San Diego opens its econd season with the popular Lehar/Ross operetta about a wealthy widow and fortune-hunting suitors, one of whom may not be. J. Sherwood Montgomery directed. BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, UNIVER SITY AVENUE AT 29TH STREET, FRIDAY. OCTOBER 6. THROUGH OCTOBER 21: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SAT-URDAY, OCTOBER 21) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-8836.

#### Middle-Aged White Guys

6th@Penn presents Jane Martin's comedy that "bares all" about Elvis, God, and certain high-up officials. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEM-BER 12: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### Miss Witherspoon

The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Christopher Durang's comedy about Veronica's travels, "from incarnation to incarnation, searching for meaning and happiness." Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6. THROUGH OCTOBER 29: WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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ing production of the lives of five friends as told through the music of Billy Joel and the choreography of Twyla Tharp. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, OCTO-BER 10. THROUGH OCTOBER 15: TUES DAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

#### My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra

The Welk Resort Theatre presents a musical revue of "Old Blue Eyes'"

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE. ESCONDIDO. THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; TUESDAY,

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#### **National Comedy Theatre**

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

#### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

#### **Nothing Sacred**

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents George F. Walker's "serious comedy" about Bazarov, a young rebel who effects a reconcili-

ation and tries to "overrun sacredly held principles of the establishment." Martin Benson directed. SEGERSTROM STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OC-TOBER 8: SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

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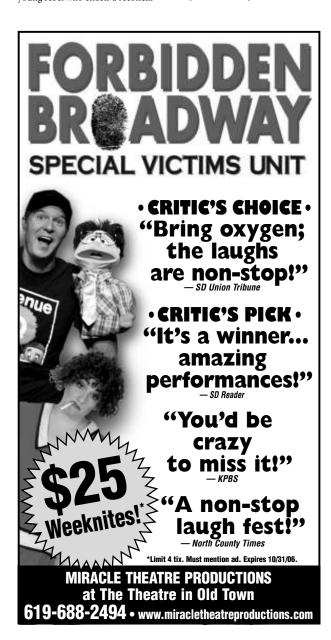
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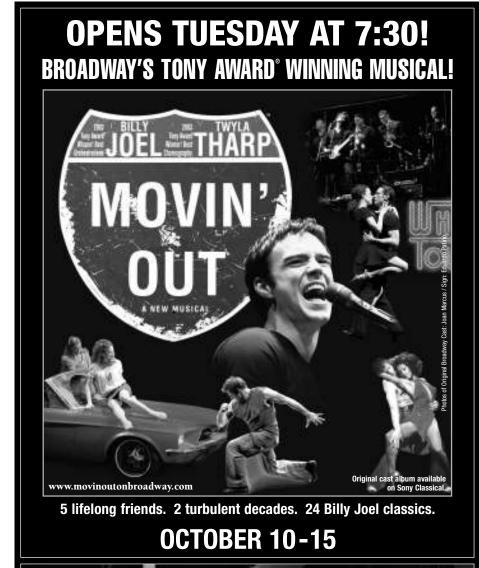
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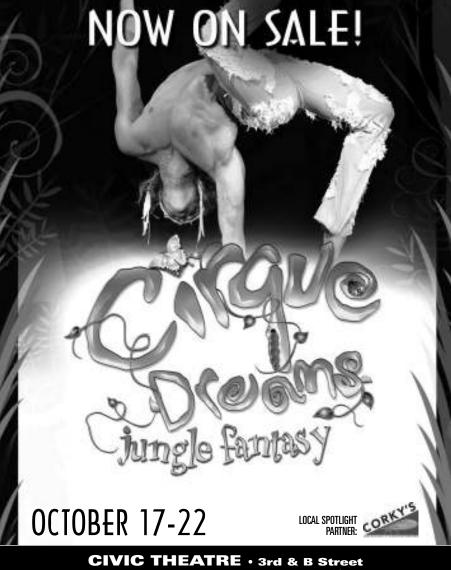
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#### **Readings of August** Wilson's Plays: Seven Guitars

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grassroots Greeks" did for ancient Greek drama in San Diego. The companies present a series of staged readings of one of the American theater's rarely performed but most important playwrights. Twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize (for Fences in 1987 and The Piano Lesson in 1990), Wilson wrote a cycle of dramas that probe the African-American experience through the decades of







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the 20th Century (he concentrated, he said, on the "largest idea that confronted blacks in each decade"). The readings will also be staged at the Performance Annex in City Heights and other locations. The series will culminate in a week-long staged reading festival of all the plays at Cygnet in June 2007. Next offering: Rhys Greene directs Seven Guitars.

#### Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 8; SEVEN GUITARS: MONDAY, OC-TOBER 23 AND THESDAY OCTOBER 24 AT 7:30 P.M. HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 4345 54TH STREET, CITY

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#### San Diego Theatresports: The FunHouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show" — on Fridays — is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four

as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SAT-URDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend -"Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackeriack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

#### Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN: WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

#### Win, Place, or Die...My

Jockeys Are Killing Me! Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Patricia Harris-Smith's interactive "racetrack romp." It's opening weekend at Upson Downs, and the Thoroughbred Club'll never be the same. Pascarella directed. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

#### The Wiz

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ley Repertory Theatre co-present the world premiere of Culture Clash's comedic "unmasking" of the Zorro legend ("is he alive and well or lost in the Hollywood Hills?"). Tony Taccone directed. SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THE-ATRE, LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, THROUGH OCTO-BER 29; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P M SUNDAY AT 7:00 P M MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT







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**SoundScam?** Last week's free Saosin show in the parking lot of Lou's Records in Encinitas did not sit well with a local who sells concert

ones sold at big stores," says the insider. Though the five-to-one multiplier could not be verified, many sources confirmed that CDs sold at independent stores such as Lou's are given more weight than if they were sold by Wal-Mart; hence, the practice is called "weighting." It's said that record

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tickets for a living.

"How do they get away with it?" asks the vendor about Lou's, which has hosted free shows by G. Love & Special Sauce, Flogging Molly, Pepper, and Pete Yorn.

"There were 3000 people who showed up for Jack Johnson," says a person who attended that March 2005 show. "You couldn't drive on the street in back of us because there were so many people." (A call to Encinitas codeenforcement director Joan Hughes was not returned.)

How does Lou's get big-name bands to play for free? An insider says that SoundScan, which generates CD sales figures based on cash-register scans of bar codes, is to blame.

"Every record sold at Lou's counts as five for the

companies encourage their artists to play free shows at Lou's because CD sales



JACK JOHNSON JAMS (UP THE STREET)

matter more there than they do at Best Buy. The alleged rationale is that SoundScan multiplies independent-store sales figures to compensate for the indie stores that are not part of the SoundScan network.



ELECTRIC WASTE BAND: BUILT FOR THE BEACH

about SoundScan's alleged weighting.

Norm Leggio, who has owned Blue Meannie Records in El Cajon for 11 years, says that SoundScan does multiply CD sales from independent stores.

But SoundScan won't tell you what it is," says Leggio. "I couldn't afford SoundScan until 2 years ago, but I wish I had gotten it 11 years ago. It cost about \$1000 for the computer, and then SoundScan charges you another \$4000 for the software. But it's worth it because everyone would have known how much metal we were selling at Blue Meannie when everyone else didn't give a shit about metal, back before the Best Buys and the Wal-Marts jumped on the metal bandwagon.'

A call to David Lopez, who handles retail accounts for SoundScan/Nielsen Entertainment, was not returned.

— Ken Leighton

Brighton Avenue in Ocean Beach. Dubbed "Sounds on the Sand" and held under the auspices of Ho's production company (Don Ho Productions), the first party was on Memorial Day weekend.

**O.B. Sand Blast** This

summer, Don Ho (not his

"Two days before
Memorial Day weekend I
was, like, let's have a band on
the beach. My buddy lives in
one of the condos [at the end
of Brighton Avenue], and he
was down with us tapping
power from him if we
claimed responsibility if
anything was to happen....
We just wanted a free party
on the beach for the
people — for everybody."

The stage was constructed of "the cheapest three-quarter-inch plywood we could find." Carpeting prevented drum kits from sliding around and other band equipment from getting too sandy. Ho says the PA was supplied at a reasonable rate by one of his friends who owns Vistabased Goblin Records.

On separate occasions this summer, Psydecar, Vegitation, Electric Waste Band, Cape May, Wise Monkey, the CHI Club, and Plump played. A couple of bands were prevented from playing by a police sergeant who visited the events with regularity.

"He would ask us for our sound permit, knowing well in advance that it's impossible to get a sound permit within two miles of the beach and on the sand. He said that if we had any sounds come out the PAs they would come back and confiscate all the equipment.... We just had to wait for him to get off work, and then we went ahead and had our party."

Ho claims the sergeant was the only person who complained

about the performances.

"The main thing we tried to do for the whole summer was just have jam bands. We had a lot of requests for metal and punk, and I love [that music] but we can't really have those kind of parties on the beach without having to worry about people complaining."

Ho says he plans on bringing back "Sounds on the Sand" next summer, as long as his buddy still lives in that condo.

— Dryw Keltz

**Restless Natives** Local performers have posted the

following content on their MySpace sites:

The Death Squad's page header reads, "I Will Slaughter Your Family," and graphics feature photos of Hitler and swastikas. At this writing, tracks such as "Emo Arab Turbins" [sic] and "White Power" have been played over 200 times each. Sample lyric from "White Power": "Supremacy is the best, I carved a swastika on my chest / Show respect because I am white, and since I'm white I am always right."

Andre Garcia's "Racist to All Races" (around 250 plays) includes the following lyrics: "Black people eating all the chicken in the world," "There's more Mexicans in L.A. than in Mexico," and "Asian people, open your fucking eyes, can't drive for



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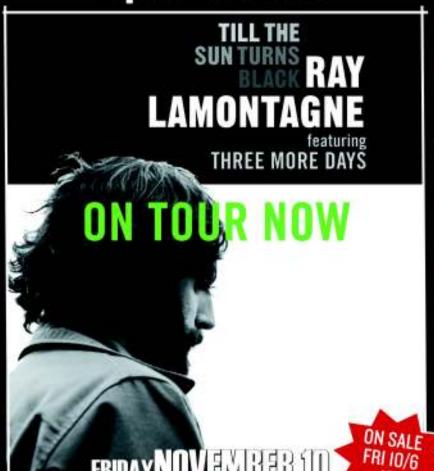
shit, get a life."

Artwork accompanying Life Crisis' "Unpeaceful Protest" (over 7200 plays) depicts the White House and



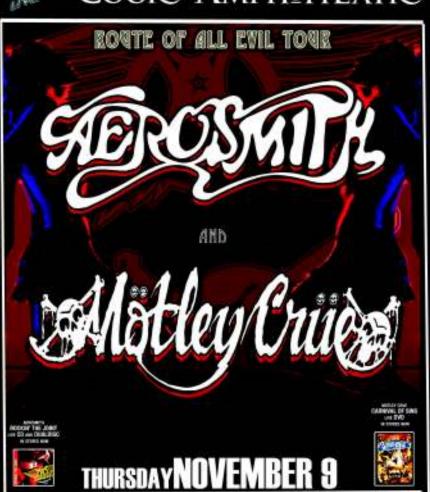






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George W. Bush's presidential limo being torched. Lyrics include: "The time for peaceful protest has passed, time to bear arms and take this nation back...call your local militia and take your country back."

Death metallers Pentagoat claim to be members of the Church of

Satan (one banner reads "Kill for Satan"), and their profile reads in part, "We command the forces of Darkness to bestow their Infernal power upon us!

Songs uploaded

by No Means Yes include "I Killed Her with My Cock" and "Forced Sodomy" (around 400 plays each). A main-page quiz entitled "What Kind of Rapist Are You?" poses the multiple-choice question: "What's the first thing you'd buy before a long night of raping? (A) Two condoms and a police scanner; (B) A pair of aviator sunglasses. I don't want her recognizing me!; (C) Ten feet of good, strong rope. Four for holding her down, six for hanging her afterward; (D) Pepe Lopez Tequila and a pack of USA Golds.'

Tim Raldo of the Filthy Fuks (the only performer to respond to an e-mail query) says, "I get people telling me to change our name every other week, but fuck them, that's why I got into rock and roll in the first place. I live to piss people off and push the boundaries of what is obscene and what's acceptable.'

– Jay Allen Sanford

#### **Trumans Remains Undefeated** Back home

in France after a West Coast tour, Trumans Water's Kevin Branstetter chuckles about a blurb anticipating the band's Casbah appearance last month. In an August 30 item, CityBeat's Scoop Stevens noted that "...the gloriously weird '90s band Truman's Water is getting back



BRANSTETTER PLAYS FOR THE SAME 10 PEOPLE

together to play at the Casbah on Sept. 5.'

"Yeah, 'reunion...getting back together' — pretty ridiculous," says the singer-guitarist, who lives with his French wife outside of Paris. "It's, like, does anybody bother doing research, getting on the Internet, seeing that we've done 15 albums — that we never stopped? We haven't toured







in America much for a while, though, so...pretty cool they'd even remember us, even if they put that cursed apostrophe in our name."

Though Trumans Water began in San Diego in the early '90s and gigged regularly in local venues before migrating to Portland in 1995, their following here was always tiny, often members of other S.D. bands they played with: Heavy Vegetable, Powerdresser, Three Mile Pilot.

"I don't think we were ever nominated for a San Diego Music Award," muses Branstetter. "And we just never thought we'd win anyway, didn't care. It was enough that we had other great bands that liked us, and then others from outside S.D. that told us we were awesome; people like Beck, Boredoms, Sonic Youth, Stereolab — even [Led Zeppelin bassist] John Paul Jones.'

Pending TW plans include a live album they recorded in Norway last fall, then an album of new studio material they recently recorded in Oakland. Branstetter says Asthmatic Kitty (Sufjan Stevens's label) is interested in rereleasing their first three albums. The

four-piece lineup includes Kevin's SDSU graduate brother Kirk on guitar, Mt. Helix's Mike Coumatos on bass, and former Uncle Joe's Big Ol'

Driver/aMiniature/Last of the Juanitas drummer Johnny Schier.

"Our show in San Diego this last time was cool," says Branstetter. "Not that many people as always, just like back when we'd play to 10 people at the Casbah, go off to England and play the Reading Festival for 5000, then come back to the same 10 people."

— David Stampone

#### **Not-So-Serious Bigfellas** Charlie

Recksieck of the Bigfellas says being known for their bawdy tune "I Wish That I Were Gay" has its plusses and minuses.

"The good side is it gives people something to remember you by, but we've taken crap for it. We know you won't get booked at street fairs and family stuff like that. It has cost us there. And [our booking agent] dropped out because she said she had a gay nephew. We were all scratching our heads.

It's just a song."
The song begins with a

piano "flourish" from Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue": "I wish that I were gay / Maybe then I'd understand ballet / I would be so gourmet / I'd get stuffed eating a petite filet / And soufflé / Read Armistead Maupin / Listen to Gershwin."

"When I wrote it I was



BIGFELLAS' GAY SONG OFFENDS SOME

listening to Rufus Wainwright," says Recksieck. "It took me into Gershwin. It occurred to me that this song sounded really gayish. So I added all the gay clichés.... It's like Lou Reed's song, 'I Wanna Be Black.'..

"Our drummer Shay Bell was watching Coldplay on

TV, and they looked about as serious as you possibly could. He said, 'What the hell do these guys have to be all depressed about? They are the number-one band in the country and can pretty much get any girl they want and they walk around like someone just shot their dog.'

Though the Beat Farmers, Mojo Nixon, and Steve Poltz gained prominence in San Diego, Recksieck notes that there aren't many current humorous bands. Members of the Bigfellas are in their 30s and 40s; Recksieck seems as if he couldn't care less about the band's image.

This is not a farm team for us to get on MTV. We're not playing for any goal other than having fun. Our local scene is entirely too serious. Every local band with six people in their audience thinks they are rock

The Bigfellas appear Saturday at O'Connell's in Bay Park and Wednesday at Portugalia in O.B.

— Ken Leighton

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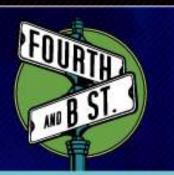
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### **Studio Project Goes Live**

"The soundman decided to go play pool, so you couldn't hear the vocals.'

y Next Dilemma started as a studio project, and three albums later we find we are starting to do shows, says San Diego-based guitar player and vocalist Todd Miramon.

"The songs come from mostly experiences we have all gone though in the past. The new album, Heal, is a prime example of that. We made it into a concept

album...time for us to heal and move on."

Jeffrey Teruel cofounded the band and is also on guitar and vocals; Emelie Miramon was recently added on bass.

#### TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

**Todd** "Playing with a sequencer. Everything has to be right on with no mistakes, and that can sometimes be stressful. Plus the fact that it doesn't give us much room to extend the songs on the fly. We are hoping to bring in a drummer in the near

**Emelie** "The tear down. I don't mind setting up all the equipment, doing a sound check, and obviously I love playing — it's what comes after the show that I can't stand! When we're finished playing I want to hang out, have a few drinks, talk to people, but instead we have to tear down. We need postshow roadies."

**Jeffrey** "I try to keep songs sounding fresh, which is hard to do when you've played them a million times. But being able to play them on autopilot is essential, so you have to play songs a million

times. It's a catch-22."

#### YOUR AXE?

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Todd "I have three. My Rickenbacker 330, which I've had for over ten years. I mostly use this in the

studio. You can hear it on all three albums — such a great tone for Brit-pop music. I run it through a Vox Tone Lab and a 1969 Fender Twin Reverb. When playing live,

I tend to use my MusicMan Axis. Great action, and it has a great live tone feel. For acoustic I use a Carvin 550. Feels and sounds like a Taylor, but half the price."

**Emelie** "I'm not originally a bass player; I've been playing guitar and trumpet all my life. The bass I use for My Next Dilemma was actually given to me. It's an Ibanez.

Jeffrey "I'm not really picky when it comes to guitars. I've always said, 'It's not the guitar, it's what you do with it that matters.'

#### **BEST/WORST GIG?**

Todd "[Best], I would say the Whistle Stop. People seemed more responsive when we played there. The worst gig? Hasn't happened yet for My Next Dilemma, but in the early '90s I was in a band called the Silent Kind, and I remember we played Velvet. The soundman decided to go play pool, so you couldn't hear the vocals. We played five songs and decided to leave."

Emelie "In college I used to play trumpet in a ska band, and while it was always fun and high en-



My Next Dilemma

ergy for us, there were times when it seemed like there were more people onstage than in the crowd. That can be a bit disheartening.'

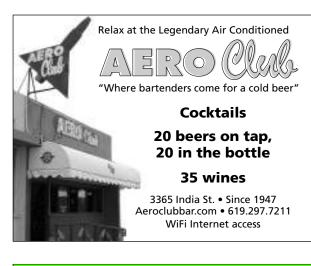
Jeffrey "Best, headlining the Whisky with my band True Hollywood on our bass player Tom's birthday. He was nervous to start, and we had just brought in a new drummer three days before the gig. In the middle of a song, where the bass brought everyone back in, we went on a birthday tirade — while he just kept grinding out the bass line and sweating. I think it was my finest performance as an entertainer. There's no recorded evidence of the night, so it's just something special that everyone that was there shares.'

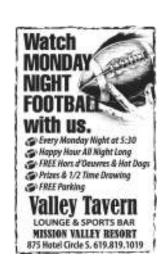
WHERE DO YOU SEE MUSIC GOING IN THE 21st CENTURY?

Todd "I'm hoping to see another Brit-pop movement here in the States. It seems to come in spurts. In the '80s you had several British bands with success (i.e., the Smiths), and the '90s did give us Oasis, the Sundays, and bands like that, but they never made the Top 40 in the U.S. charts. I'm sure we will get stuck with some godawful boy band or bubblegum pop crap.'

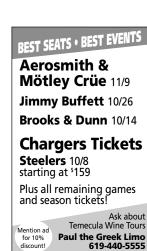
**Emelie** "Every time I turn on the radio, all I hear is someone sampling or remixing someone else's song from two decades ago. I'm not sure where it's going.'

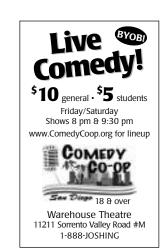
Jeffrey "I don't really know. I've been inspired by my friend Stephen's - a.k.a. the Delta Boy - new album. It's classic, vintage, yet fresh and new. It reminded me that musical trends and fads will come and go, but good music will always be good music."■















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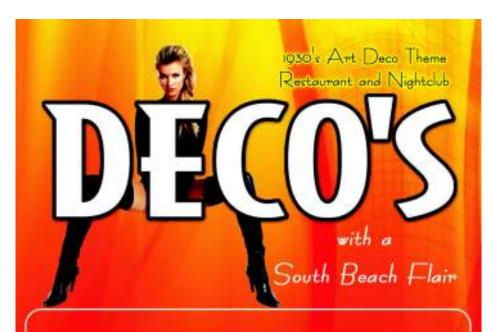












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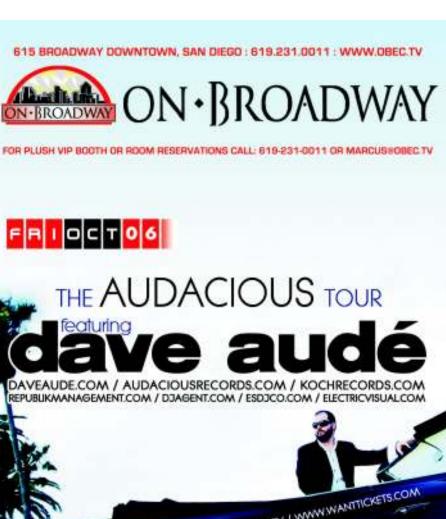
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### Calendar CONCERTS

#### THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

#### **THURSDAY**

Patricia Barber: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Thursday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

#### **FRIDAY**

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 6. 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Live: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, October 6, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400.

The 5th Dimension: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 6, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

James Lee Stanley and Peter Tork: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176

Marc Broussard: 'Canes, Friday October 6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

#### **SATURDAY**

Gov't Mule: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, October 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Madeleine Peyroux: 4th & B, Saturday, October 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

#### Country Joe McDonald:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 7, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Cherry Poppin' Daddies: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.

#### **SUNDAY**

Cecilio & Kapono: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 8, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rancid: House of Blues, Sunday, October 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### **TUESDAY**

Kasabian: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### **OCTOBER**

The Larry Carlton Blues Project:

Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Thursday, October 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Friday, October 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

+44: Soma, Friday, October 13, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego.

**Bohemians:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue,

Rancid: House of Blues, Sunday, October 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Los Tucanes de Tijuana:** California Center for the Arts, Sunday, October 15, 800-988-4253.

Rancid: House of Blues, Monday 619-299-2583.

Covenant: 'Canes, Tuesday, October 17, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

October 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

the Bay, Wednesday, October 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

October 18, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Galactic: House of Blues, Thursday, October 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Veruca Salt: 'Canes, Thursday, October 19, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Nashville Pussy: Brick by Brick,

#### Marta Topferova:

Heights. 619-303-8176.

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 12, 2241 Shelter

Marcia Ball: Belly Up Tavern.

Cheyenne Kimball: House of Blues,

Brooks & Dunn: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, October 14,

Thrice: Soma, Saturday, October 14,

619-226-7662

#### Edie Brickell & the New

Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido.

October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.

Xzibit: House of Blues, Tuesday,

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by

Method Man: 4th & B, Wednesday,

Placebo: House of Blues, Wednesday,

Thursday, October 19, 1130 Buenos Avenue, San Diego. 619-275-5483.

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal

**The Mark Hummel Band:** Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, October 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

Dashboard Confessional: Cox Arena, Saturday, October 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429

India.Arie: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 21, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Secret Machines: Soma, Saturday, October 21, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Bob Dylan: Cox Arena, Sunday, October 22, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

#### Susan Werner:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Roberta Flack: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, October 26, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-

Jimmy Buffett: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, October 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

John Lee Hooker Jr.: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, October 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

Wynton Marsalis: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 28, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

The Gin Blossoms: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Rise Against: Soma, Tuesday, October 31, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

#### **NOVEMBER**

James Hunter: 'Canes, Wednesday, November 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Five for Fighting: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-

Lindsey Buckingham: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Thursday, November 2, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**The Blue Man Group:** Cox Arena, Saturday, November 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

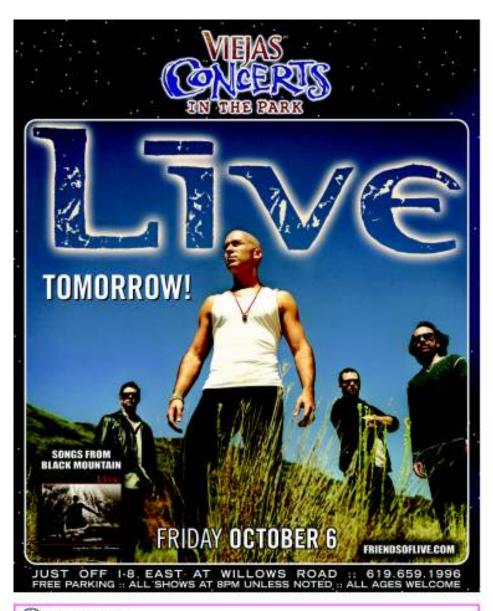
The Starlight Mints: The Casbah, Saturday, November 4, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

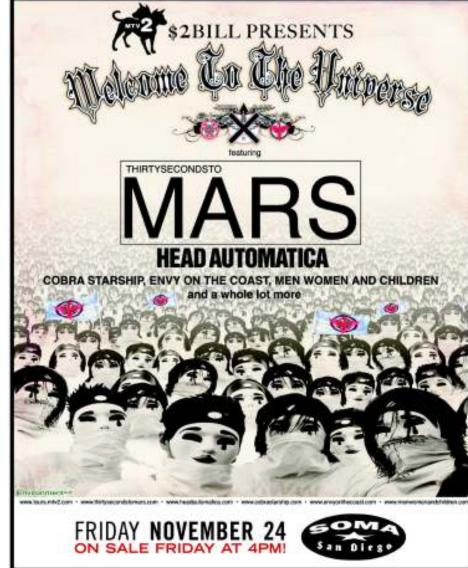
Dramarama and Bow Wow Wow: House of Blues, Saturday, November 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-

Adrian Belew: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

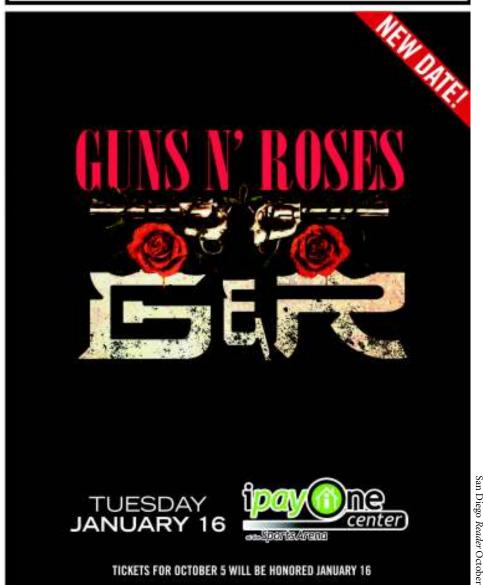
Lisa Marie Presley: Belly Up Tavern,













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**Lyfe Jennings:** House of Blues, Wednesday, November 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Aerosmith** and **Mötley Crüe:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, November 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

**Blind Guardian:** House of Blues, Thursday, November 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Keith Sweat:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, November 10, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

**Jimmy Thackery:** Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, November 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

**Ray Lamontagne:** Spreckels Theatre, Friday, November 10, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

**The Fray:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, November 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

**Janis lan:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 11, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Beautiful South:** House of Blues, Saturday, November 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Vince Gill: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 11, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

**Rod Piazza:** Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, November 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-

Pink Martini: 4th & B, Sunday, November 12, 345 B Street, San Diego 619-231-4343.

**The Deftones:** Soma, Sunday, November 12, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662. **Ciara:** House of Blues, Sunday, November 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**James Blunt:** ipayOne Center, Tuesday, November 14, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**The Slits:** The Casbah, Thursday, November 16, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

**The Damned:** House of Blues, Friday, November 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Kris Kristofferson:** California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

**Frank Black:** House of Blues, Saturday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**The Lemonheads:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**Lady Sovereign:** House of Blues, Sunday, November 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**John Legend:** House of Blues, Monday, November 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

She Wants Revenge and Pretty Girls Make Graves: House of Blue Tuesday, November 21, 1055 Fifth

Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. **30 Seconds to Mars:** Soma, Friday, November 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**The Black Label Society:** House of Blues, Tuesday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Tuesday, November 28, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-

#### DECEMBER

**All-American Rejects:** ipayOne Center, Friday, December 1, 3500 Spor Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

**The Melvins:** The Casbah, Friday, December 1, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Geoff Muldaur: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday. December 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Arena, Sunday, December 3, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497. **Gregg Allman:** House of Blues,

Wednesday, December 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583. **Andre Rieu:** ipayOne Center, Thursday, December 7, 3500 Sports

Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171. **Ziggy Marley:** 4th & B, Thursday, December 7, 345 B Street, San Diego

619-231-4343. **Slightly Stoopid** and **Pepper:** 4th & B, Friday, December 8, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, December 8, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa 619-659-3380.

**Primus:** RIMAC Arena, Friday, December 8, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497.

**Slightly Stoopid** and **Pepper:** 4th & B, Saturday, December 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Panic! at the Disco:** ipayOne Center, Saturday, December 9, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

#### Tom Russell:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, December 10, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

#### **Rosie Flores:**

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, December 15, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Senses Fail** and **Saosin:** Soma, Saturday, December 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662

**Ozomatli:** House of Blues, Wednesday, December 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### Glen Yarbrough:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 23, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**El Vez:** The Casbah, Saturday, December 23, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.









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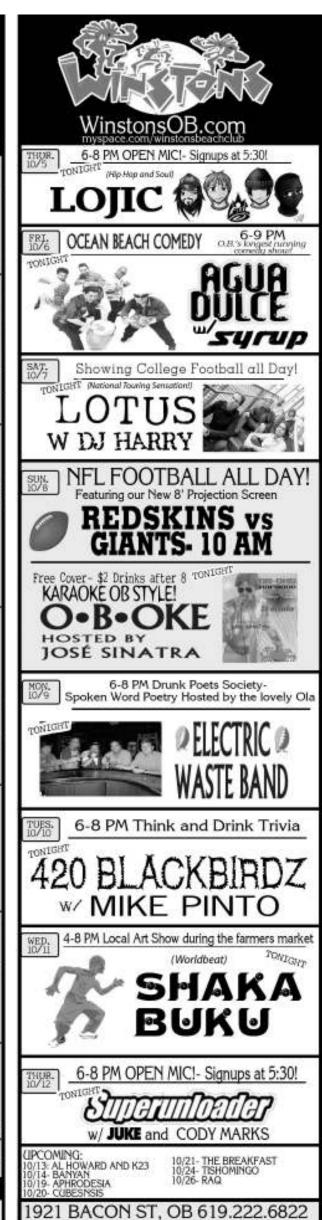
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#### **JANUARY**

**Al Kooper:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, January 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Manhattan Transfer: California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

**Guns N' Roses:** ipayOne Center, Tuesday, January 16, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

#### Eliza Gilkyson:

AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, January 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**The Chieftains:** California Center for the Arts, Friday, January 26, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

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#### DANCE

If you would like to include your DJ event, e-mail sellis@nethere.com or fax information to 619-881-2401 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

Ascension: Second Friday of the month, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

**BrokenBeat Night:** First Saturday of the month, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Club de Sade:** Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and fetish with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

**Club '80s:** Thursdays, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Fashion Whore: Second and fourth Saturday of the month, electroclash, Brit pop, and indie dance punk with DJs Nate Soixante, Saul Q, Barry Weaver, and more. Theme nights with fashion contest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club Pussy Galore: Wednesdays, Robin Roth and other female DJs spin indie rock, electro pop, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372. **Darkwave Garden:** Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Deep:** Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

**Distortion:** Tuesdays, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fridays@Jack's: Fridays, sexy dance music with DJ Misha and weekly guests. No cover; stylish dress. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Jack's Lounge, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Lstr, and guests. Relax with music, board games, and projected videogames. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

#### Gimmie Gimmie:

Fridays, punk, goth, and rock with DJs Bryan Pollard, Morgan Young, and guest. Dino's, 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

**Husky Boy Allstars:** Sundays, hiphop, funk, and old skool. 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

#### Inferno Young Adult

**Nightclub:** Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school sophomore and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

**Liquid:** Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up. No cover. The C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Mixtape Sessions: Wednesdays, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

#### **Moondoggies Pacific Beach:**

Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

**Moose's Gaslamp:** Sundays, Nocturnal, house and trance with DJ Neko. 9 p.m. 535 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-5595.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

**Programme:Zero:** Second Thursday of the month, indie, Brit pop, and soul. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

**Sabbat:** Second and fifth Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Salsa/Latin Night: Fridays, DJ Carlos and Raymond spin salsa, merengue, and reggaeton. 21 and up. Character's Bar and Grill (inside La Jolla Marriott), 4240 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-597-6397.

**Saturday Soiree:** Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. Upscale attire. 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Jack's Lounge, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

**Sin Factory:** First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Darkman and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

**Static Lounge:** Saturdays, house music to dark dance beats. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 18 and up. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

**Therapy:** Fridays, industrial, gothic, and fetish with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

**Transport:** First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

#### **Underground Playground:**

Second and third Saturday of the month, breaks, house, and progressive with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

**Underworld:** Saturdays, industrial, gothic, and dark electro with DJs Bryan Pollard, Cybian, and Harlot. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

#### CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401.

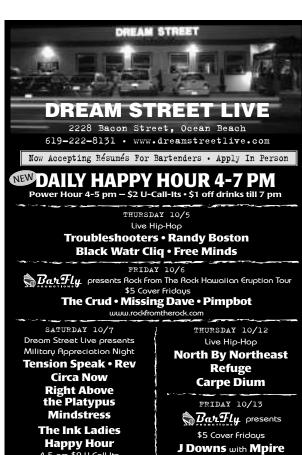
#### Beaches

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.



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- 10/26 Bob Schneider & Band w/Ari Hest

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- 10/27 English Beat 10/28 Atomic Punks
- 10/31 Halloween Party! w/80s Heat & Flock of 80's
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- 11/3 John Brown's Body w/Go Jimmy Go

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- 11/16 Groundation
- 11/17 The Skatalites & The Aggrolites 11/18 Boogie Nights Dance Party!
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**Bar Leucadian,** 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

**Beaumont's,** 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, rock/blues/folk.

**Bully's,** 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-2768. Friday and Saturday, live music.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, live music. Friday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Saturday, Fuerte, salsa. Sunday, the Duotones, rock. Monday, the Cheap Leis. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Cactus Twang, roadhouse rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 9 p.m., Betty, MC Flow, and Lauren DeRose, pop. Friday, 9 p.m., Marc Broussard, Sara Bareilles, and Jonah Smith. Saturday, 9 p.m., Diego Roots, the Expendables, and Arm the Angels, rock. Wednesday, Kush & Blood Fiyah Angels, the Keys of Creation, and Jimi Bridges, reggae.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is punk/rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, 7 p.m., Dave Dean's Musical Forklift and Dan Padilla. Sunday, 8 p.m., Dear Nora, the Red Pony Clock, the Finches, and the Vision of a Dying World.

Clay's, atop the Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Latin jazz. Saturday and Wednesday, live jazz/funk.

**Dreamstreet**, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, the Troubleshooters, Two Sylla, Black Water Clique, and Free Minds, hip-hop. Friday, Pimpbot. Saturday, Speak, Rev, Circa Now, Right Above Platypus, and Minstress, 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., Studio 848. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Stan Silver. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Shannon Harrington. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bluegrass Social. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., open mike.

**Excelsior,** 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, hip-hop/house.

**Hennessey's Tavern (PB),** 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Pickford's Party*, rock. Saturday, *I-Sao-7*, rock.

Jack's La Jolla, 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111. Saturday, 10 p.m., Saturday Soiree, Sean Wilson, and Black Ink, DJ event. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Soul Seduction, jazz.

**The Kraken,** 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, the Blues Invaders. Saturday, the Travel Agents, alternative. Sunday, blues jam with the Blues Brokers.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Dan Papaila*, solo jazz guitar. Also, Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday and Saturday, Latin jazz. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Nick Fiore, John Guilino, Dave Scott, and the Cynthia Hammond Jazz 101 Band.

**Portugalia**, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Dan Papaila Organ Trio*, blues/jazz.

RT's Longboard Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Saturday, 10 p.m., the Stepping Feet, Dave Matthews tribute band.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, pop rock. Friday, 3 Against One, the Fish Tacos, and d.fRost, rock. Saturday, 1-Irie, the Roots Covenant, and Bredrens, reggae. Sunday, old skool/hip-hop. Monday, Mitch Budd, rock. Wednesday, 12 Cent, the Revents, Critical Me, and Effusive Folk.

**Taylor's Bar and Brewery,** 721 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 619-270-3596. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., *the Mojoley Jazz Quartet*.

**Thrusters,** 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/reggae/rock. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth

**Tower Two Beach Cafe,** 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-223-4059. Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., acoustic/folk music.

**Winstons,** 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Live music nightly. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock.



Album: Reversed Space (2005)

Artist: Stacey Blood
Label: self-released

Where available/price: CDBaby.com for \$8.99 and iTunes

for \$7.92

**Songs:** 1) Neptune Nights 2) Poor Little Annebelle 3) Aura 4) Lo Spettro De Vermeer 5) In Over Your Head 6) Make-Believe It 7) Crazy Baby 8) Once Upon a Time

Band: Stacey Blood (vocals, quitar, piano)

Website: staceyblood.com

Stacey Blood plays melodic, slow-paced, uninspired soft rock. His voice is deep and dispassionate. The piano and guitar are competent but not memorable. The first track, "Neptune Nights," is the best and features a steel guitar that lends the song a Southern rock sound. The rest of the songs have acoustic guitar, pseudo-psychedelic keyboard, or piano, and all are unpolished and amateur. It's good for a homemade project, but the record isn't going to receive any attention beyond Blood's friends and family.

Like a lot of young artists, Blood seems to be stuck in the Beatles' '60s era; he's taken their sounds and voice inflections and applied them to his lyrics and chords. Blood's not a bad musician, but he's not doing anything new, exciting, or interesting; the songs are trite and don't surprise the listener.

The songs are a lot like the opening themes to sitcoms. While listening to the CD, I'm thinking of Tom Hanks and that blond guy popping out of a manhole dressed as women or the Olsen twins before they became billionaires. TV themes are a good analogy because they aren't "bad," but they don't con-



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tribute to the progression of music; they're nothing new, and they usually have a clichéd, saccharine, or sentimental feel.

I can't think of any reason to buy this CD or anyone who would appreciate it.

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**Belo,** 919 Fourth Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-9200. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJs and live bands.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Joshua Damigo*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Olga Tapia*, folk.

C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Magnolia Electric and Califone. Friday, Man Man, the Husbands, and Qu'est-ce Que C'est. Saturday, Hardplace, the Bubonic Plague. Sunday, the Turbo AC's, the Angel City Outcasts, and the Chelsea Smiles. Monday, Bobby Bare Jr. Tuesday, the National, Mobius, and Baby Dayliner. Wednesday, Electric 6, Aberdeen City, and the Blue Van.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Quartet. Friday, Yavez. Saturday, Primo. Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen. **Dakota Grill and Spirits,** 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, Private Domain. Saturday, the Siers Brothers. Sunday, the Disco Pimps. Tuesday, the 86'd. Wednesday, the Ghost of Sada.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m., the Downbeat Big Band featuring Clare Delto, big-band jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Gilbert Castellanos & His Quintet, jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., Fred Benedetti, acoustic. Monday, 8 p.m., Gregory Page, Berkley Hart, Dave Howard, Peter Bolland, Joe Rathburn, Michael Tiernan, Joey Harris, Paul Kaminski, Sven-Erik Seaholm, and the Shambles tribute to John Lennon. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Roberta Piket, Billy Mintz, Ratzo Harris, and Coral MacFarland-Thuet, jazz.

**Dublin Square,** 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music and live bands almost every night.

**4th & B,** 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, *Madeleine Peyroux*, jazz singer/guitarist.

**Galileo,** 101 J Street, San Diego. 619-702-7101. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the* 

Johnson Project, R&B/Latin/hip-hop/jazz.

**Heat,** 762 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-398-9340. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Latin/hip-hop/dance.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Brat Pack. Friday, Good Times. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, blues.

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., live disco/Top 40. 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, jazz/dance/Top 40.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information.

**Onyx,** 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Friday, house/hip-hop/saturday, house/hip-hop/'80s music.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Texas Twisters. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Texas Twisters; 9 p.m., Johnny "V" & the Usual Suspects. Saturday, Bill Magee Blues. Sunday, Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. Monday, Blue Four. Tuesday, the Bayou Brothers. Wednesday, Shelle Blue.

**Princess Pub and Grille**, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Bouchard*, piano.

**Rock Bottom,** 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

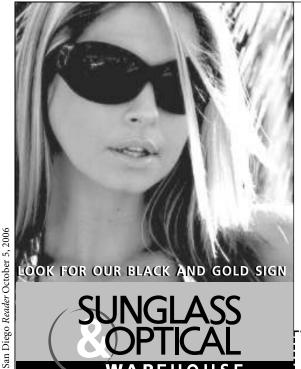
**Samba Grill,** 514 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp. 619-236-1000. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Edo Brazil*, Brazilian jazz.

**Sevilla,** 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Orquesta 8.8*, salsa. Tuesday, *Ritmo Caliente*, salsa.

**The Shout House,** 655 Fifth 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: All music is piano. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Fran Loskota and Karen Giorgio, jazz/blues/pop. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Julio de la Huerta. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to midnight, Faith Page.

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Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 8 p.m., Pato Banton and Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, James Lee Stanley and Peter Tork, acoustic. Saturday, Country Joe McDonald. Tuesday, Daniel Ho, Herb Ohta Jr., and Keoki Kahumoku, Hawaiian music.

**The Aero Club,** 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, 7 p.m., *the San Diego Blues Trio*.

**The Airconditioned Lounge,** 4673 30th Street, San Diego. 619-501-9831. Thursday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., DJ event, deep house music.

**Albie's Beef Inn,** 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Piano bar, call club for information.

**The Alibi,** 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Call club for information.

**The Beauty Bar,** 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-516-4746. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Asobi Seksu* and *Dream Tiger*, dance/pop/alternative.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Harold & Chris, Irish folk. Monday, Pat & Joe and Allison Gill, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jane Lui*, Asian pop piano.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Mark Mallman. Saturday, Sic Monic, Six Foot Deathtrap, Eden Is Burning, Scrape Throat, and Fire Ring Rest. Tuesday, the Tony Levin Band.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845 Friday and Saturday, live acoustic/folk/jazz.

Dino's Nite Club, 3829 30th Street, San Diego. 619-291-3466. Thursday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., DJ Daeman & Tricia, house, 10 p.m., DJ Matty Mac, '80s/hip-hop/Top 40. Friday, 9 p.m., Gimme Gimme Gimme with DJs Atari, Bryan Pollard, and Morgan Young, '70s/'80s/punk/new wave. Saturday, 10 p.m., live music. Sunday, 7 p.m., DJ Sachomo, hip-hop/house/soul. Tuesday, 10 p.m., DJ Carlos Culture, reggae/dancehall. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Girls' Night Out by She Promotions, hip-hop/house.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/punk. Friday, the Gym Class Heroes, Cobra Starship, Hanger 18, and Patent Pending. Saturday, a Dead Giveaway, Shining Through, This Is the Hospital, and the Stranger's Six. Sunday, the Good Cheer, the Rumus Lupins, 15 North, Sus Hijos, and Gone to Oblivion.

**Etta's Place,** 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Call club for information.

**The Gordon Biersch Brewery,** 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*, blues

**Harney Sushi,** 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings*, reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hiphop/disco/funk/old skool. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bento Beatbox*. Wednesday, DJ event.

Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-469-4113. Thursday, *I.J. Lim, Harley, Josh* & Bob, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live music. Sunday, salsa. Monday, hiphop. Tuesday and Wednesday, live

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Patricia Barber, jazz vocalist. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Makai, dance/disco. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Latanya Lockett, 9:30 p.m., Rising Star, dance/disco. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maldonado, smooth jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, Jose Molina Serrano, jazz. Monday, blues jam with Chet Cannon. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Metro, '80s dance. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., Indie by Design, alternative.

**The Imperial House,** 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

**Kadan's**, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Friday, 10 p.m., DJ event, funk/soul/hiphop/jazz/downtempo. **The Kava Lounge**, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Minmae, Roxy Jones*, and *Arabella Harrison*, indie rock.

**The Kensington Club,** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday and Saturday, live rock/metal/alternative.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Jim Gala Jazz Trio.

**Lestat's Coffee House,** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, Pete Thurston. Friday, Manuok and Neonthief. Saturday, Trevor Davis. Sunday, Quincy Coleman, Renata Youngblood, and Erin McCarley. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Kai Brown, Jen Jayden, and Todd Hannigan.

Martini's Bar and Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Vintage Vegas, jazz.

Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *DJ D-2*, hustle/West Coast swing.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, 9 p.m., Hot Like a Robot, Char Star, the Valentine Fist, and Zechs Marquise. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., the Bigfellas and Spud Davenport. Sunday, 9 p.m., the Jesse Johnson Band. Monday, Mystery Train, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., the Airlines, Viva in Stereo, and Dawn & Writer. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Straight Trippin' and Mike Pinto, reggae.



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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens, 619-286-7873, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., Nite Life, blues/swing.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Eddie Rossi and *Joe Soprano*, piano. Monday and Tuesday, *the David Shaw Duo*.

Rosie & Joe's, 7986 Armour Street, San Diego. 858-277-5777. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Hugh Gaskins, rockabilly/blues.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Wednesday, 9 p.m. Shuffledust in Parties, Bauhaus tribute

San Diego Wine & Culinary **Center,** 200 Harbor Drive, Suite 120, San Diego. 619-231-6400. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Chuck McPherson's* Funky Drummer Orchestra, soul/jazz/funk.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock, call club for information.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730, Friday and **Sham Rocks Shack,** 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/R&B/rap.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego, 619-531-8887, Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Performances start at 7 p.m. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Friday, *Atreyu*, From First to Last, Every Time I Die, and Chiodos. Saturday, Hatebreed, the Black Dahlia Murder, Napalm Death, Exodus, First Blood, and Despised Icon. Monday, the Dresden Dolls and the Red Paintings.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, 7 p.m., *John Kopecky*, solo Latin jazz guitar. Friday, 7 p.m., Amelia Browning, jazz/Latin standards. Saturday, 8 p.m., jazz jam

Static Lounge, 634 Broadway, San Diego. 858-534-2311. Saturday, 9 p.m to 2 a.m., DJ events, electronic/house/hard dance beats

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live blues/swing/rock. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco blues. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High* Society Jazz Band.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Monday, Lady Dottie & the Diamonds,

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive. La Jolla (Golden Triangle area).



858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jaime Valle, and guests

Twiggs Tea and Coffee **Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m. Abby. Friday, Amy Ayres, Michael Robert Cook, and Victoria Vox. Saturday, Alonzo Arambu, Iason Webely, Leviticus, and Taran Gray Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open mike hosted by Tim Mudd.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784 Friday and Saturday, live music.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Caion Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Music is rock/punk/metal/alternative. Friday, Sultry Savage Burlesque, the Revenge Club, and Dreaded Solution. Saturday, '80s music. Sunday, P.O.P., Heroe,

Exit 21. Agrist Tense, and the Cherry Tempo. Monday, metal rock.

#### **North County**

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Beach Grass Cafe, 159 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sambajazz, Brazilian jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Pato Banton* and *Iration*, reggae. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Len Rainey & the Midnight Players, blues, 9 p.m., the Young Dubliners and the Fenians, Irish rock/folk. Saturday, the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Skanic, ska Sunday, James McMurtry and the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash, rockabilly. Monday, Jack the Original and *Justin James*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Mofro* and *Papa Mali*. Wednesday, Citizen Cope and Alice Smith.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday, live rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., '80s dance/hip-hop. Tuesday,

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday, and Saturday, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-3735 Friday, 8 p.m., Kay Etheridge and Peggy Watson, jazz.

**Borders Books and Music** (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., Steven Ybarra, acoustic pop.

**Borders Books and Music** (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday,

8 p.m., Winterhawk, acoustic.

7 p.m., Sara Gazarek, jazz.

California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. Escondido. 1-800-988-4253. Sunday,

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566







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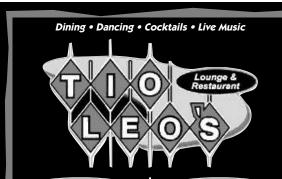
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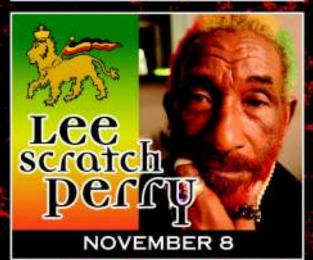
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Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Marie Haddad*, folk. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Patty Hall*. folk.

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Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, the Fanatics, rock. Saturday, Collage Menage, rock.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, the City Limits Band, country.

**Second Wind,** 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock.

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The Bubonic Plague: The Casbah Chaotic Mess: The Jumping Turtle

The Chelsea Smiles: The Casbah

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The Day After: The Jumping Turtle A Dead Giveaway: Epicentre

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The Finches: Ché Café

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Indie by Design: Humphrey's Roxy Jones: The Kava Lounge

The Mentors: The Jumping Turtle

Minstress: Dreamstreet Mobius: The Casbah Napalm Death: Soma

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The Valentine Fist: O'Connell's Pub

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#### **ROCK**

Aberdeen City: The Casbah

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Critic Thomas Bartlett recently described Mark Mallman's music in salon.com as "Billy loel-style stadium rock." Fair enough: Mallman plays in a melodic, piano-based style with lots of tacky '70s-style guitar and drum flourishes. But it seems a little silly to focus on Joel when Mallman's music calls to mind so many other guilty-pleasure acts: ELO. Boston, and Wings, to name a few.

What's more, Mallman's new album, Between the Devil and Middle C, is laced with explicit references to at least a dozen other artists and songs. In "Substances," the Minneapolis resident sings, "All is quiet on the Midwestern front" over a bouncy keyboard part that could have been lifted directly from OutKast's "Hev Ya." In "Knockout on 22nd Street," the piano alludes to Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'," the lyrics misquote the Dead Kennedys and Guns N' Roses, and a guitar solo pays tribute to Queen. Throughout, there are many passages that sound as if they could have been on the soundtrack to a 1980s Jean-Claude Van Damme movie.

Mallman, a former art student, plays with rock n' roll cheesiness the way Andy Warhol played with pop culture imagery. (Mallmarathon

performances, from 1999 and 2004, when he and a group of musicians performed one of his songs for as long as 52 hours straight, could be the musical equivalent of Warhol's infamously long films Sleep and Empire.) The weirdness is intensified in concert. where Mallman pumps his fist and hams it up like an indie-rock Billy Squier. It's not a



matter of sarcasm or simple irony or high camp — it's something else. "The importance of being earnest," he sings in "Knockout on 22nd Street," "it's like juggling hand grenades.

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The Cherry Poppin' Daddies: Belly

The Cherry Tempo: The Zombie

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The Taylor Harvey Band: Island

Heroe: The Zombie Lounge

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Jumpstart: Island Sports and Spirits The Legions: The Jumping Turtle

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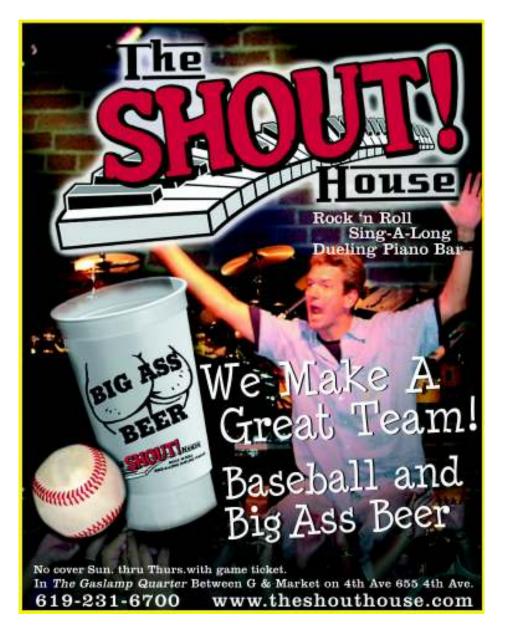


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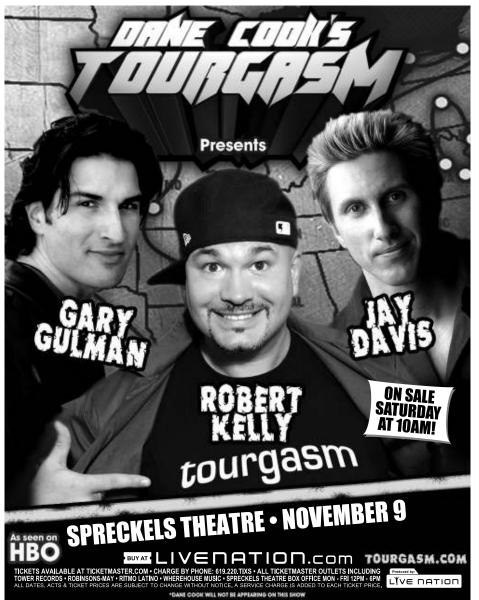
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Slewfoot: The Jumping Turtle

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Strangetown: Sixty 7 Bar and Grill

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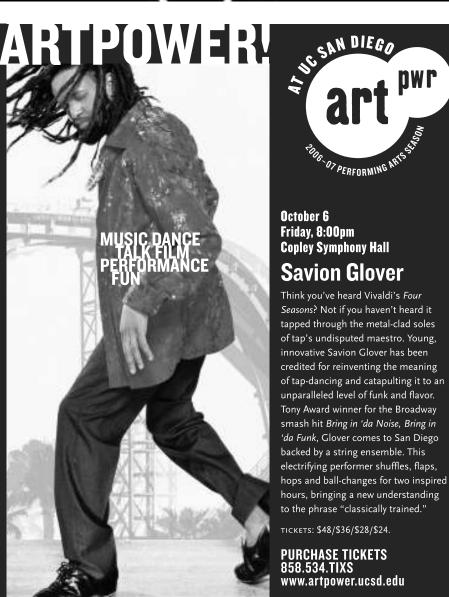
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BY DAVE GOOD

Mofro is two modern good ol' boys from Florida, Call them tree huggers if you will, but they also write songs about domestic violence and handguns. "Hammock. Swamp. Ocean. Scrub," pens singer/songwriter **J.J. Grey** in the liner notes for *Lochloosa*, Mofro's sophomore release. "The four trees on the front of this album represent the four distinct areas where I grew up. All four are on the land where I live; all four speak to me about who I am." Grey and Mofro partner Darvi Hance share a love of the Florida swamp and a genuine disgust for concrete, an emotion that crosses back over generations to an unlikely crank and author named John D. MacDonald.

MacDonald lived and died in Florida. In

the late 1960s he created a character named Travis McGee, the protagonisthero of a popular series of suspense novels. McGee was McDonald's alter ego, through which he expressed his bile at the spread of condos and pollution. Grey and MacDonald are kindred spirits. "All we need is one more damn developer/ Tearin' her heart out," Grey sings. "All we need is one more Mickey Mouse/ Another golf course/ Another country club/ Another gated community." Travis McGee, from The Empty Copper

Sea: "Again like Cedar Key, it had supplied the wood for a few billion lead pencils, until the wood finally ran out."

Lochloosa is a four-star follow-up to Black Water, Mofro's first release. It picks up where the Stones left off after Exile on Main Street, with some rousing James Brownmeets-the-Black Crowes power ballads thrown in. Grey's moonshine-smooth voice verges on



and out of the mix like a swamp snake. A thinking-man's good ol' boys, Mofro blends Nietzschean sentiment with tabloid sensibility. Favorite lyric? "Never met a bullet that

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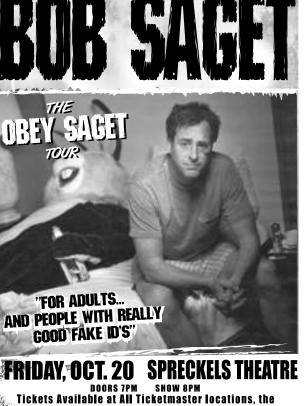
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"It has about 3 grams of fat in it. A regular beef patty has 29."

las. Alack. And bummer. San Diego's ostriches have flown the coop. Okay, "flown" mightn't be exact. Been run outta town. Put it that way. A guy named Dr. Laszlo de Borondy had a farm up in Escondido. Had nearly 500 boids.

Hank and I went up there once. What a sight. Man! To see 200 ostriches racing across the valley in their ten-foot-high flocks — you felt like you'd joined the set of Jurassic Park. One of Borondy's guys at the farm told us that the name "ostrich" comes from Greek: Megas Strouthos — "Great Sparrow." Honest.

De Borondy's farm is where Julius and Marvin and Jeff and their dad Jerry went too. Why? They wanted to serve ostrich burgers at their place here downtown, where I've jumped off the trolley at Fifth and C. Used to be called JJ's — now it's the Classic Malt Shop.

I decide to pop in, sit up at the counter. Ît's a sunny, breezy lunchtime. I'd passed the old JJ's a zillion times, but the Classic Malt Shop is, like, all spruced up. And, hey, they have a \$2.99 breakfast special (two eggs any style, country-style potatoes, toast). Mostly, though, the draw on the sandwich board outside is: "Ostrich burgers. Buffalo burgers."

'Ostrich meat is so much healthier," says Marvin, who's working the counter. "There's almost eight times less fat than in beef." Man, I should call

The Classic Malt Shop has a few tables out un-

der a covered walkway, but the action's inside, where it's all bright whites and reds with a black-and-white checkered floor. Your typical Happy Days milkshake 'n' fries place. The Fonz would fit right in.

Marvin's brother Julius gives me a menu. "Let's

go to the hop" plays out from — hey hey! — look at these. Way-big, eight-inch, emerald-green hanging speakers. Antique. Great sound. "They came from a roller-skate park," says Julius. "When we changed this all last year, we wanted it '50s retro. So the speakers are perfect."

He's waiting for me to decide. No issue, of course. Yeah, they have a bunch of all-day breakfasts, from that \$2.95 eggs, hash browns, and toast deal, through \$4.95, three-egg omelets, and \$3.25 burritos. There's a pretty reasonable steak with three eggs and toast for \$5.95. For lunch, I'm looking at hot dogs, all below four bucks, and sandwiches like BLT or roast beef, both \$4.95. The chicken and "fish on a bun" cost another Washington. A Philly cheesesteak also goes for \$5.95, and a burger-fries-soda deal's \$6.49. The basic burger's \$4.95.

'Should try these chicken strips, man," says this guy next to me at the counter, Vincent, "Or the Philly cheesesteak." Turns out he's a musician. Rock.

But not even the \$6.59 buffalo burger is going to distract me from my bird. Even though it's one buck more — just below the menu's most expensive item, the \$8.95 "3x3 Cheese Burger."

"Long as it's from Escondido," I say.

'Sorry," says Marvin. "The San Diego Ostrich Farm's closed. They sold their flock."

"Dang," I say. "So no giant sparrow...?" "Don't worry," Julius says. "We get our ostrich from Iowa now.

Whew. I grab the ostrich burger (\$7.59) and a coffee (95 cents). And yes, it arrives on a nice blueand-white china plate with a pile of fat fries. I squirt ketchup, mayo, and mustard from the line of plastic tubs, and chomp in. Mmm. Tastes like a regular burger, except for a slight birdy, turkey after-flavor. That and the fact that it's slightly drier is the tip-off this ain't no moo-cow.

'What you're eating is a 1/3 lb. ostrich burger patty," Marvin says. "It has about 3 grams of fat in it. A regular beef patty has 29.'

Wow. Awesome. 'Course I may be making up for that with the ketchup-mayo-mustard gunk I'm dipping those fries into. And then, these ladies come in, order malts and shakes, and I just have to have one. Julius gives me a rainbow freeze with Sprite (\$2.73). Fruity.

"Blue blue, blue suede shoes," sings an Elvis wannabe through those old speakers.

"I first heard that at my high school, in New Orleans," says Lois. She's sitting next to me, where Vincent had been. "Cohen High School. It's gone now, since Katrina."

Oh man.

We all go back to sucking on straws. Then we're humming along with "Sally Go'Round the Roses." Jaynetts, right?

"Saddest thing in the whole wide world / See your baby with another girl...

Í notice Julius is wearing a Navy cap: "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"I wear it because we are Chaldean. Iraqi Christians. We appreciate what young Americans are sacrificing to help our people over there," he says.

Their parents speak Chaldean, Aramaic. "The same language Jesus spoke," Julius says

Gosh. Jesus, the war, Katrina...finding an ostrich burger ain't the world's most vital issue.

Still, I wanna come back sometime for the buffalo. I hear it has even less fat than ostriches. Plus, oh heck. I hadn't noticed before, but there's a buffet thing going too. "It's \$3.50 for an entrée, like meat lasagna," says Julius, "\$1.75 for sides. Come back and try our macaroni and cheese. We put American cheese over it. It's so-o cheesv.

Five minutes later, I stand outside, waiting for the trolley. Ostrich burgers. I can't help it — it just gets me. I wanna yell it out: "Hey, everybody, guess what they've got for lunch in here? Giant sparrows!" ■

The Place: Classic Malt Shop, 510 C Street (corner Fifth and C, at trolley stop), downtown, 619-231-1284

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## **Buyer First, Salesman Second**

"I'm representing wineries that make only 200 cases for the world, [maybe] 50 for Southern California."

he first time I talked with Paris Driggers, he was headed up to Los Angeles to attend a tasting put on by a broker who wouldn't be visiting San Diego. "You've got to go where the wine is," said Driggers. "There's so much funky

stuff to be found that never makes it south of L.A." At the time, he was buying for San Diego Wine Company, a position that encouraged him to dig up hidden gems, spot the up-and-comers (just then, he was high on newcomer JC Cellars), and roam as far afield as France in the pursuit of interesting, wellpriced wine.

Eventually, he rose to manager, but when owner Tom Kowalski decided to sell, Driggers started thinking about moving on. Offered a chance to buy into a 50-50 partnership at Bacchus downtown, he jumped at it. "I followed my instincts, but my instincts may have been blurred a bit, knowing that SD Wine Company was selling. Traditionally, when somebody buys the place, they fire the highest-paid employee and take over management duties themselves."

Driggers helped with Bacchus's transition from an Italian-only store to a general-bottle shop serving the Gaslamp, and business was good. But by February, differences over management roused his instincts again, and he left — as he puts it, "abruptly. I didn't want to leave slowly. I needed to make money for the family.'

By this point, Driggers had worked in restaurants and wineries and had run the gamut on retail.

"I got some nice job offers. But by and large, the people who called up were the wineries — the people I had formed special relationships with. They were saying, 'Who's going to sell our wine in San Diego now?' I ended up figuring out that I had more friends on the winery side than anywhere else." He de-

cided to go for broker.

One of those friends on the winery side was Brian Graham of Ramian Estate. "I met him up at a barrel tasting in Napa. He contacted me later. He's a guy who's into vineyard designation, and he said, 'I'm site-specific. If you want San Diego, I'll give you San Diego.' I brought his wine to San Diego for the first time, suggested a couple of restaurants - places like Parallel 33."

More generally, Graham was using Ricky Sander Wine Company to distribute his wines. "Sander lived up in St. Helena, and he had a knack for sniffing out these obscure wines." But Sander's health was failing, and he was having a hard time keeping track of his Southern California accounts.

Graham suggested that Driggers take on the job, and Driggers accepted. "It was an opportunity to learn that side of the business from a comfortable position — not trying to chisel it out, one winery at a time, trying to get a book together. I had 13 wineries handed over to me in March, with full control over sales and marketing in Southern California.' A few big names (Loring Wine Company, Marco DiGiulio), a few more recent arrivals (AP Vin), and a few well-funded startups. "I love bringing the new stuff," he says.

Apparently, 13 was a lucky number of wineries to inherit. "The buyers and I started hitting it off. I was a buyer for so long. The first thing I do when I go into a meeting with a buyer is say, 'First of all, let me tell you that I'm a salesman second, and a buyer first...Trust me; these are good wines I'm bringing you.' A lot of reps will bring six wines — one is good, and the other five they just need to sell. I was fortunate enough to inherit wines that were all pretty well-picked, and so I could bring wines that were all really good. And being into food, I could identify wines that worked with the menu.'

But Sander's health continued to deteriorate, "and he was stretched financially. I saw it as an opportunity to give him a lump sum of cash to walk away and kind of relax. We visited all the wineries, and they all agreed to come along with me. They'd seen a spike in their sales, and my style was always to go to the best accounts first. We were in the Beverly Hills Hotel, the Hotel Bel-Air, Spago, George's at the Cove. I'm representing wineries that make only 200 cases for the world, which might mean 50 for Southern California. Between Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, and the desert, I can easily identify 25 restaurants that will take 2 cases. I try not to pick up wineries that are set up for disappointment — say, 7000 cases, with 1000 to sell in San Diego at \$70 a bottle. I know what the market can handle." Driggers borrowed the cash



and took over the operation from Sander, changing the name to Direct Wine Marketing.

"Word started to get around — all these wineries eat and drink together. I started getting calls and boxes of samples in the mail, people wanting me to represent them in Southern California." Business was good, but it was taking a toll — that's a lot of territory to cover. "There were wineries that were jumping from established brokers to come with me, and people would say, 'Paris is spread pretty thin.' "They were right, of course, but Driggers was deliberately slow about hiring help. "Before I hire somebody for a territory, I want to know the territory myself, so I know what they're doing, who the players are. If I know the territory, I can say, 'Did you go see so-and-so?' 'Yeah, on Thursday.' 'That's funny; he tastes on Tuesday. Did you really go see



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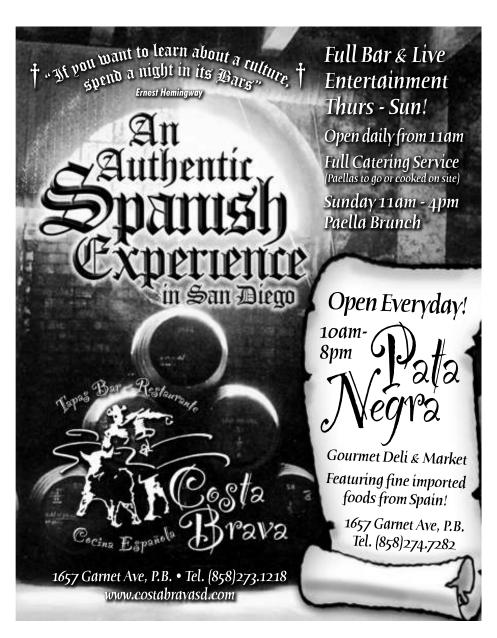
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him?" Also slowing the process: Driggers was hiring via Craigslist. "It's a lot of work to go through the responses, but it's free. I made them send résumés — that weeded out some people. And I said, 'Fine dining experience preferred.' A lot of the people I hired had night jobs at restaurants" sommeliers, servers. "It's people who know food and wine."

Now, he's starting to breathe easier. "I just hired my fifth employee. I have two people in L.A., two in San Diego, a hotshot in OC. I float through the whole area, and if there's a particularly wine-geeky account, I'll call on them personally. Now, I go to tastings, and if I hear something, I'll shoot up to Napa the way I used to do. I'm back doing the same thing I used to, convincing them to come with me."

One fellow who didn't need convincing was David Hinkle of North Berkeley Imports. "He's one of these guys like Kermit Lynch. He'll have stuff made to specs - identify a couple of barrels and say, 'Okay, let's pull those off oak now and put them in stainless steel. Bottle it and put my label on it, saying that it's different from the other stuff you release.' He knows it will suit his clientele."

When Driggers sent out an email blast announcing the birth of Direct Wine Marketing, "about 20 minutes later, I got a call from Hinkle. He said, 'I'm looking for a rep in San Diego." It wasn't that he didn't have representation; he just wasn't satisfied with what he had. "He said, 'You've been at my tastings in L.A. for the last eight years, and they haven't come to one of them.

Driggers took a day to think

it over and seek advice. Ultimately, he took the offer. But San Diego's wine community is not a particularly large pool a move like that makes waves. "I can understand that it upset some people. I went from a friend to a foe, and there are two accounts where I've felt it - they had close relationships with the previous broker. I've tried to be sympathetic, and I've really beat myself up over it, but overall, I feel it was the right decision. It's a business, and he came to me."

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#### **NORTH COASTAL**

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billy" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo," It's

standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/06)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbeanstyle food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself - crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for

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the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

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### Calendar Restaurants

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oys-ters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch—some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy,

rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Le Bambou Del Mar Village, 2634 Del Mar Heights Road (turn north on Mango), Del Mar Heights, 858-259-8138. No mere "pho joint," this lovely restaurant serves the sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine of pre-war Saigon and the owners' daughters serve it in the flower-bedecked dining room with grace, intelligence, and evident pleasure in teaching westerners about the cuisine. Appetizers (most of them designed for rolling with fresh herbs in lettuce leaves and eating with your hands) are varied and of superb quality. Few restaurants here do the royal delicacy of "ground shrimp on sugar cane" so well. Most of the house specialty entrées are equally accomplished. Lacqué duck, sautéed shrimps or scallops in tamarind sauce, and "Star of the Sea" curry are outstanding. The gently priced wine list abounds in the fruity whites that go so well with this cuisine, while beer-quaf-fers can enjoy Vietnam's own "33" brand. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them.

It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wideranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesday; Monday and Wednesday all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese en-trées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Wednesday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily, with a break between the meals; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensiv

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from neverfrozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free edamame to nibble, but the ama ebi often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Addi-

tional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W.* (5/05)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an "American Bistro," Chef Susan Sbicca ("speeka") also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time pri-vate home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a "wine room" upstairs for private parties. In fair weatherthe outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house fa-vorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$4 mar-tinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesday. Crowded during racing season. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

#### **NORTH INLAND**

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*,) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (6/04)

Cabana Cove Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from "surfing spots around the world," includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative







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The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent creme brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baia's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday

through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B. (10/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations recommended. Very, very expensive. —

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of ono (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, terivaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M. (8/04)

**Wine Sellar and Brasserie** 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.* 

#### LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is comemorary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (toro) and flying fish roe tobiko are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, masago, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the uni (sea urchin roe) is pris-





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tine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (tamago), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll - sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onio bell peppers, and salsa) or the Mile High omelet (bacon, cheese, and bell peppers).
Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. (1/06)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy out-Jona, 535-455-1616. Our own hossy out-post of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters - the same

dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. (Closed for renovations, set to reopen December.) The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

**Emerald Chinese Seafood** Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. N.W. (9/02)

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street. Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

**Nijiya Market** 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, in-cluding a somewhat Americanized version of the gauchos' great parillada mixta (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, welltreated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau nore to San Diego than just

sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a pro-fessional DJ on high, periodically spin-ning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBO, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

#### THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of orida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask be-fore you buy. The menu features highquality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better val-ues farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

**The Bar-B-Que House** 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or

a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in minimall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/04)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include vaki soba (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noo dle soup (udon noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. *E.B.* (9/01)

#### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (vou choose: steak, ham. or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: bamee (egg noodle) roasted







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751 Fifth Avenue, Downtown San Diego For reservations: 619-557-0146 pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Magnolias Market Creek Square, 342 Euclid (off Market), Lincoln Park, 619-262-6005. If you're looking for an authentic Louisiana-style feast, this is the best place in town. Bessie Johnson (of the once-famed Bessie's Garret) is back in business, and mouths are rejoicing. At her handsome, spacious restaurant, you'll find generous hospitality, huge portions, and a long, delicious menu of Cajun, Creole, and soul food specialties. The fried chicken is beyond compare, the jambalaya well-nigh perfect, and the BBQ shrimp, crawfish bisque, and étouffée are splendid. Great side dishes include candied sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing. No takeout (except leftovers). Full bar, Lunch and dinner six days; closed Mondays. Low moderate. — N.W. (2/05)

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their sajj. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called sajj) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and fool madamas (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef

shawerma wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/05)

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called - closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light," Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street

Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies each with its own individualized sea-sonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; af-fordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/06)

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Mid-dle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily, until 2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/06)

#### **EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA**

**Brothers Family Restaurant** 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch with early dinner Wednesday to Friday

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gur-gles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

Couleur Cafe 7820 Broadway, Lemon

"raw." The Living Room-comfy café, with couches and classy swirly cane chairs, always had interesting big sand-wiches, but now raw is the rage. Walnut burgers, "seafood" cucumber salads, hazelnut-and-raisin breakfast cereal with bananas, macadamia, and Brazil nut milk — all are part of the new diet of live-enzyme food. If you're not ready, four traditional sandwiches are still there (BLT, tuna, salmon, and chicken). Open 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The knishes and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

Fix Me a Plate Cafe 9168 Fletcher Parkway (next to Souplantation), La Mesa, 619-466-6084. Chef-owner Jimmy Pomier was executive chef at the great Juke Joint Cafe, and now he's got his own place to serve up whopping portions of authentic Caiun and Louisia food. His oyster po' boy is (as France's Michelin Guide might say) "worth a detour," as good as it gets this far away. His gumbo is eccentric; his deep-fried chicken gizzards with aioli are fun. His delicious étouff&#233s are among the highlights of the long menu (on which not all dishes are available all the time). Skimpy wine and beer selection, and BYOB is strictly forbidden, but the lemonade is okay. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday (with break between on weekends). Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (2/06)

**4.0 Deli** Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark, student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

**Grossmont Student Center Cafe**teria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the pub-lic) is big, echoey, and sticks to standardissue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school

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in, well, Switzerland. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday; till 2 p.m. Friday. Closed weekends. Inexpensive. - E.B. (6/06)

#### **FAR EAST**

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, ness the Kountry Kitchen's still around They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or ba-con. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

**La Casa Del Zorro** Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Fac-Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Fac tory's greatest dish is not what it's named

for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real master-piece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

#### **UPTOWN &** OLD TOWN

**Arrividerci Italian Restaurant** 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moon*struck — somehow Arrividerci is it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and whiteawning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable stan-dards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (paglio e fieno al pesto), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine mediterraneo, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (7/04)

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean pastel de choclo (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle seco de cordero (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry

from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vege tarians will find many meat-and-fowlfree options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

California Cuisine 1027 University

(between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant, Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

Chilango's Mexico City Grill 142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646. This bright, cheerful café offers authentic cooking from Central Mexico. You know it's real because there are no "combo plates" on the dinner menu. Instead, enjoy rarely found dishes cooked with creative twists - for instance, the delectable chiles en nogada features poblano chiles with an exuberantly fruity ground-sir-loin stuffing topped with a walnut-cream gravy scattered with strawberries. The "Yucatan salad" with mole-sauced pork is refreshing, and pork with chile pasilla sauce is dark, deep, and delicious. Lunches include various tortilla wraps with a choice of six regional sauces. Mexican and European beers, tasty margaritas made from agave "wine." Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja. Patio seating. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner nightly. Lunches ine pensive, dinners moderate, entrées halfprice on Monday. — N.W. (9/05)

Indian Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken tikki masala, navratan korma (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or keema muttar (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincely sum. Dinner is more expensive. Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Seven days, lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., dinner 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive (buffet); moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). — *E.B.* (1/06)

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gvoza, assorted appetizers, vakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of nabeyaki *udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (10/00)

Kung Food Express Cafe 2949 Fifth Avenue (at Quince), uptown, 619-298-7302. These guys really try to be green. They have a "100-percent plant-based menu," use solar-heated water, give their food waste to farmers to compost, and even try to use biodegradable cutlery, plates, and bowls. They have a "live" food section (meaning raw, so enzymes survive), plus vegan and vegetarian items. One great-looking lunch offering is the collard wrap, a big green collard leaf wrapped around a mix of cashews, agave, agave nectar, alfalfa, cilantro, mango, red cabbage, and avo-cado. Also good are the dishes using steamed quinoa — the Incas' mother grain — plus curried veggies, and beans with Soyrizo. Nice courtyard with native grasses, climbing vines, white umbrellas. Open 11 a.m. till 11 p.m., daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/06)

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people, say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelli-gent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chickenapple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies) The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/05)

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue) Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on local spiny lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes - stewed (not refried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and

pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — N.W. (8/05)

Phil's BBQ 4030 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills, 619-688-0559. Check the lines around Phil's any lunchtime. Although Phil grills his BBO (rather than slowsmoking it), he must be doing something right. He is: That sweet, rich rib sauce he invented is one thing. The fall-off-thebone 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. Re-member: you'll get pork unless you specify beef. Open for lunch and dinner: closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/06)

**Picasso Spanish Restaurant** 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bot-tomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry

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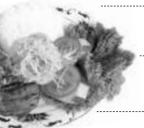


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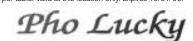
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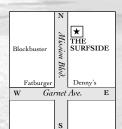
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Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800, For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the green chili and cheese polenta, the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the farofa salad — it's like Amer ican stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

#### DOWNTOWN

**Acqua Al 2** 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of sal-ads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. In winter, breakfasts are served on weekends; in summer, all week. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/06)

**The Blarney Stone** 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Lunch daily; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)



Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, artfilled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousinrestaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hardcentered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat,



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Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an interna-tional anthology of surfer-bar grub and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and de-cent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking,

kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — N.W. (7/03)

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cui**sine** 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street). Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilledto-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (aushak), leek or meat turnovers (bulanee), and battered vegetables (pakawra). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/05)

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war go ing on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respect-ing New York pizzeria would ever *con*sider serving such moonbeamish left

coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors - like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranatemacadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp carbonara fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great peoplewatching or retire to the bar if you pre-fer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — *B.D.* (10/05)

Crudo Restaurant 1953 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-398-2974. Crudo refers to the Italian version of sushi, but that's not on the menu at this flashy eatery-cum-nightclub, a partnership between Italian restaurateur Joe Busalacchi and disco maven Mike Viscuso. Nope, the raw fish here is Japanese fusion sushi and sashimi, with some excellent, creative "party rolls" (like the Green Hornet and the Crudo roll) and

delightful, shareable sashimi — a mini-encyclopedia of fish and garnishes. Fusiony appetizers, noodle or rice bowls, and baroque, high-end entrées fill out the list. Having a bite before the disco opens buys free entry to the lounge. Short wine list at high markups; numerous sakes (mainly by-the-bottle only) at high-to-ridiculous markups; full bar. Want quiet? The dining patio in front is sheltered and serene. Disco Wednesday through Saturday night. Dinner nightly. "Bowls" and simple sushi inexpensive, otherwise very expensive. — N.W. (4/06)

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; bistek a la plancha con huevos (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: caldo de rez (beef soup), pozole (meat and hominy), and menudo, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/04)

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced

fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, gra-nola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

#### **SOUTH BAY &** CORONADO

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (stillcheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. E.B. (1/06)

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboatracing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: have a 1/2-pound hamburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

**Merkl's Deli-BBQ** 415 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0767. Named after Sebastian Merkl, the owner's German granddad, who jumped ship in New York after World War I. Merkl's claims to be the "first real New York-style deli south of Hillcrest." It certainly has serious, all-day, New York-type breakfasts like pastrami and corned beef three-egg omelets or Reuben omelets filled with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut. Or salami and eggs, pancakestyle There's even a breakfast Philly cheese steak. But it's not only New York. Out back, their Texas-style smoker burns mesquite for some pretty mean ribs. Also check Chula Vista's truck farm history











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Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as lo-cals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer - that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.* (7/01)

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El Rincón del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a od place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and barcas (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature cabrería steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) cabrería should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. E.B. (9/04)

**La Petite Cafe** Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage

off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard casera (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/03)

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo, Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111 This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (menudo), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the

omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W. (4/03)

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Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influ-

ence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B. (11/03)

P. F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive (near Executive Way, opposite UTC), 858-458-9007; 7077 Friars Road, Fashion Valley, 619-260-8484, Okay, you're looking at the haunches of a giant horse right outside your corner window. And there don't seem to be any actual Chinese people among the wait staff. But this busy-busy mall-Chinese chain (130plus restaurants) has a certain cool. You have to grudgingly like it. Those re-production Chin Dynasty horses are really something, as are the bits of the Great Wall and the terra-cotta soldiers scattered inside. The food? The spicy ground chicken and eggplant was too salty for our taste, the "Sichuan from the Sea" shrimp too sweet, and the Cantonese roasted duck not that exciting. Yet there are jewels, like the Shanghai Street Dumplings, whose gingery chicken and sweet sauce flavors matched beautifully. And — not that it's at all Chinese — the massive "Great Wall of Chocolate" dessert will knock you over. Lunch and dinner. Moderate.

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Pun-jabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable pakora — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach vou ever loved. palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. moderate. E.B. (11/01)











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Accepted — A seven-time college reject (Justin Long) creates his own fictitious college — South Harmon Institute of Technology, or SHIT for short — to appease his parents and to accommodate fellow rejects. "A bad idea from the get-go," counsels a close friend — a movie review within the movie. A couple of appealing young actresses, Maria Thayer from Strangers with Candy and Blake Lively from The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, are held down in a class of dunces. Jonah Hill, Adam Hershman, Columbus Short; directed by Steve Pink. 2006.

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The Accidental Tourist — Single-handedly, William Hurt damn near ruins the movie. Always a strange, always a mannered, always a tormented actor, he would appear here to be making a concerted effort to find out how close he can get to being the World's Worst Actor without sacrificing the good opinion of his fans and the critics. Of course the role itself affords him a certain length of rope for strangeness, manneredness, tormentedness: he's a travel writer dedicated to the gods of smoothness and comfort, a fastidious seeker in foreign lands of that which is most like home, except that at his untranquil home he has lately suffered the death of his only son and the departure of his wife. With Hurt, how-



All the King's Men

ever, withdrawal nudges up to clinical catatonia, and eccentricity lapses into lunacy. Where he ought, in other words, to arouse concern and sympathy, he arouses exasperation instead. Fortunately Hurt is not the

whole movie. There is also Geena Davis, more than an equal counterweight, as its most unlikely romantic heroine — a teacher of Dog Obedience and an aggressively available divorcée, undiscourageably

chipper and chattery, so garish on the surface as to blind us at first to her depths. The gradual revealing of this character, starting with her not too promising miniskirts and press-on fingernails, and continuing on to

her quite unattractive canine-communication techniques, and to her truly unsettling neighborhood and sickly son, restores some real meaning, some most unmovie-ish meaning, to the concept of Getting To Know Someone. She is, like anyone genuinely gotten to know, a singular creation. And Davis, no longer just filling the void left by Paula Prentiss, but striking out into an adjacent and uncharted void as well, is very much up to the job, every measured step of it. With Kathleen Turner; directed by Lawrence Kasdan. 1988.

★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/28 THROUGH 30, 8:30 P.M.)

All the King's Men — Steven Zaillian's new version of the Robert Penn Warren novel, with Sean Penn, Jude Law, Kate Winslet, and Anthony Hopkins. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 7: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VIL

The Black Dahlia — James Ellrov's theory of the case — the unsolved murder, disembowelment, and bisection of Hollywood wannabe Elizabeth Short in 1947 — as expounded in 325 dense pages of fiction, fitted on screen into the film noir boilerplate: the laconic first-person narration of a twofisted cop (Josh Hartnett), the moody solo trumpet of Mark Isham in the background, and a blonde and brunette brace of femmes fatales (Scarlett Johansson, Hilary Swank). Brian De Palma, the director, has never had much grasp of narrative, and here the tangle so overwhelms him that he neglects even his baroque stylistics. A complicated piece of slo-mo action, akin to his Potemkin plagiarism in The Untouchables, is not only unpersuasive in its staging, but fails to conceal the identity of the killer despite going to great pains (short of cheating with a stand-in) to do so. The highlight, if there must be one, would probably be K.D. Lang's rendition of "Love for Sale" in



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The Devil Wears Prada

a subterranean lesbian nightclub. A lower but steadier light comes from the nice waxy sheen of Vilmos Zsigmond's cinematography. With Aaron Eckhart, Mia Kirshner, Fiona Shaw, 2006.

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The Departed — Martin Scorsese's Boston underworld drama, with Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, and Mark Wahlberg.

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The Devil Wears Prada — Workinggirl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, Working Girl, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary ("A million girls would kill for that job") and the imperious, capricious, queen-bee boss. An ice queen, more descriptively, with snow-white hair, just a bit of sludge showing through at the neck,

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sigh. But Anne Hathaway, talking with a clothespin on her nose, doesn't quite fill the bill as "the smart fat girl." Or to put it more flatteringly, the offenses of her weight and her wardrobe are not overstated. Disappointingly, the possibilities of the fashionindustry setting, from Lauren Weisberger's fang-baring novel, largely go by in a blur of montages and a blizzard of name-dropping. With Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt, Simon Baker, and Adrien Grenier; directed by David Frankel, 2006.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Employee of the Month — Discountstore comedy with Jessica Simpson, Dane Cook, and Dax Shepard, directed by Greg Coolidge.

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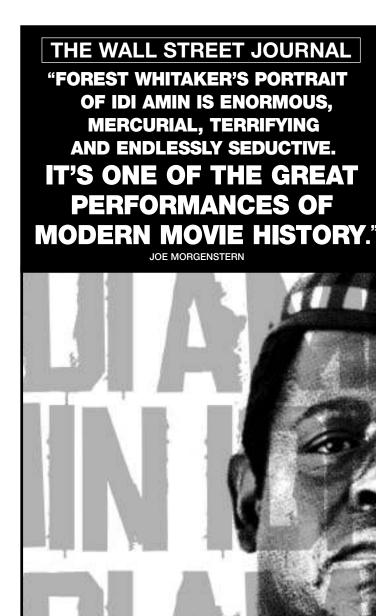
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Everyone's Hero — Computer-animated baseball yarn, a project of Christopher Reeve's at the time of his death, taken over by co-directors Colin Brady and Dan St. Pierre.

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Fearless — Slow, grave, contemplative, talky. Especially talky. A plane-crash survivor — the crash itself is initially skipped over, then gradually pieced together in harrowing flashbacks — comes through the ordeal a new man, with a new and sensuous awareness of the world around him, and a new and annoying aura of invulnerability. The sensuousness is well documented, with highly purposeful and effective use of closeups, but the invulnerability tends to come

out in showy and superficial set pieces: dancing at the edge of a rooftop, driving a car at top speed into a brick wall. Jeff Bridges delivers a "difficult" (i.e., sympathy-repelling, sense-confounding, but also arduous, effortful) performance; the attention to post-trauma mundanities (lawsuits, therapy sessions) makes a sharp and often funny contrast; the finale, at long last getting around to the moment-of-impact flashback, is quite moving but not quite resolving. Altogether a mixed bag. Better than an empty bag. With Rosie Perez, Isabella Rossellini, John Turturro, Tom Hulce; di-



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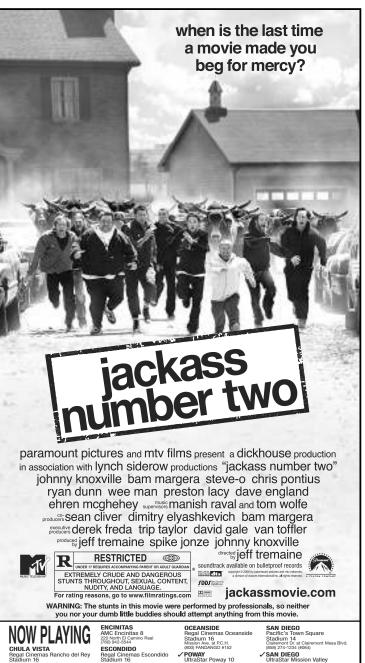
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Flyboys — WWI aviation adventure with James Franco, Martin Henderson, and Jean Reno, directed by Tony Bill. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14;

 $\textbf{Gridiron Gang} \, \text{$\longrightarrow$ Not unpalatable, but}$ predictable and corny anti-gang message movie, based on the "TRUE STORY" (in preludial capital letters) of an experimental football program at Camp Kilpatrick juvenile detention center. Filmed in an in-yourface style by director Phil Joanou, with emphasis on coarse-grained closeups and pushy telephoto shots. Dwayne "The Rock' Johnson, billed under both his names for this "serious" acting effort, does a creditable job as the haranguing coach. With Xzibit, L. Scott Campbell, Leon Rippy, Jade Yorker, David Thomas, Setu Taase. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-FRAMA 6: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MAR-COS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Guardian — Kevin Costner as a veteran Coast Guard rescue swimmer and Ashton Kutcher as a trainee, directed by

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**Hollywoodland** — The speculative investigation into the death of Superman — i.e., the man who played him on television, George Reeves — by gunshot on June 16, 1959, divides itself into the present-tense, but in no other sense tense, nosing-around of a shady private eye (Adrien Brody) and a past-tense review of the third-tier career of the deceased actor (Ben Affleck, a stiff even prior to death, several degrees colder and less supple than the real Reeves). An onthe-set vignette of Fifties grade-Z special effects is amusing in an Ed Wood sort of way; and the digital insertion of Affleck alongside Burt Lancaster in footage from From Here to Eternity, although not quite an exact match, is amusing in a different sort of way, a Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid way. And the vintage clothes and cars are nice. However, the parallel plotlines take a long time to shed any light on each other, and never very much light even by the end; and the present-tense one, padded out with the case of an extraneous jealous husband, doesn't hold up its end of things, is more of a rude interrupter, despite the anecdotal interest of the impact of the reported suicide on the detective's young son. None of the three possible scenarios restaged for the cameras alters the essential facts of the matter: Rashomon this is not. Suicide, for an actor imprisoned in a single role, made sense at the time. Suicide still makes sense. The further speculation never seems more than idle, First-time filmmaker Allen Coulter (a. TV veteran, albeit "quality" TV, The Sopra-



PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Illusionist — Ponderous amplification of a Steven Millhauser short story about a thaumaturge in turn-of-the-century Vienna (a fiercely scowling if not terribly intimidating Edward Norton), arrested on stage in the film's first scene and fast start. There follows a tedious childhood

flashback to a forbidden friendship across class barriers and a clichéd shot of clutching fingertips poignantly pulled apart. The separated friends are destined to meet again in adulthood when Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell with a joke-shop mustache) volunteers his presumptive fiancée as a pigeon in the magic act, whereupon the magician immediately recognizes his long-lost sweetheart (Jessica Biel), while she fails to return the favor, perhaps because of his beard or perhaps because he has aged at twice the rate. The entire story, until at long last it makes its way back to its starting point, is ostensibly told to the Crown Prince by the Chief of Police (the unprepossessing Paul Giamatti), including information he couldn't know or wouldn't share. Questions of whether the magician's powers are supernatural or just prestidigital cannot be answered without Plot Spoilers, or Bean Spillers, though it's fair to say they are answered with trivial tricksiness. Production and photography, nevertheless, are sufficiently evocative of bygone times, even without the antiquated iris-out transitional device. Directed by Neil Burger. 2006. ● (ESCONDIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12. FROM 10/6: LA JOLLA VILLAGE:

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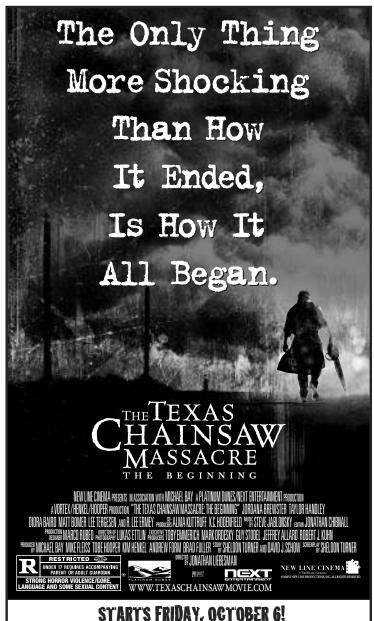
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**Invincible** — From the busy Disney sports department, an implausible but true story made more implausible and less true (and not made "better" in the process), the football equivalent of baseball's The Rookie, wherein a thirtyish laid-off schoolteacher,

part-time bartender, and abandoned husband in South Philly, name of Vince Papale, earns a spot on the Eagles roster at an open tryout under new coach Dick Vermeil in 1976. (Same year as that purely fictional Philly fairy tale, Rocky.) Glossy photography by Ericson Core, who also, à la Peter Hyams, directed; a luxuriance of Seventies hair and explosion of garish fashions; an occasional anachronism ("You disrespecting me?"); a nice, low-key, uncocky portrayal by Mark Wahlberg in the lead role and a complementary one by Kevin Conway as the pessimistic but proud papa; and a passable impersonation of Vermeil by the geeky Greg Kinnear. Vivid vignette: the rookie coach and rookie player throwing up in side-by-side stalls in the locker room (audio only, thank you) before the opening game against the fearsome Cowboys. With Elizabeth Banks, Michael Rispoli, Kirk Acevedo, Dov Davidoff, and Michael Kelly.

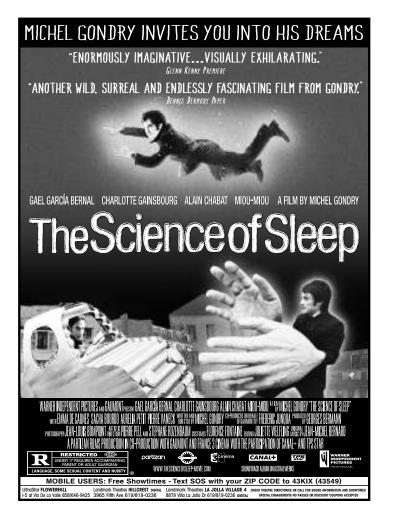
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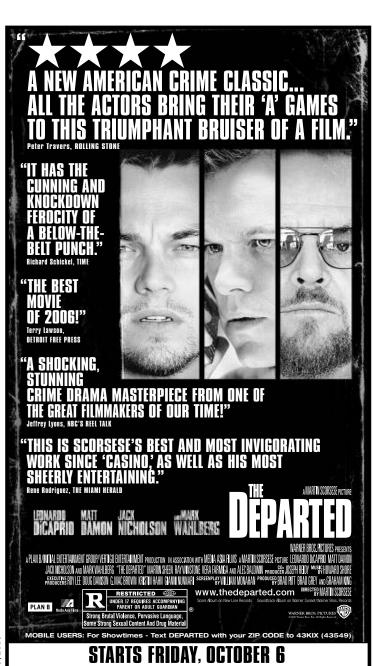
Jackass Number Two - Don't-try-thisat-home hijinks with Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Chris Pontius, and Steve-O, directed by Jeff Tremaine. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-FRAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN

Jesus Camp — Documentary by Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady on a youth camp for born-again Christians. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/6)

Keeping Mum — British comedy starring Rowan Atkinson as a preoccupied vicar, costarring Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, and Patrick Swayze, directed by Niall Johnson. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

L.A. Confidential — Curtis Hanson's illadvised adaptation of James Ellroy's monumental junkpile of a novel. He has, in the adaptation process, cleaned up a lot of the trash (the entire pseudonymous smear of Walt Disney), but what's left is still trash, and thinned out as it is, less coherent. The exposition is often breathlessly labored, and the emerging pattern a jumble. There is one genuinely shocking killing, in part because it deviates from the novel, and along with it a real inspiration in the choice of the murdered man's Last Words. The climactic siege at the derelict Victory Motel by a





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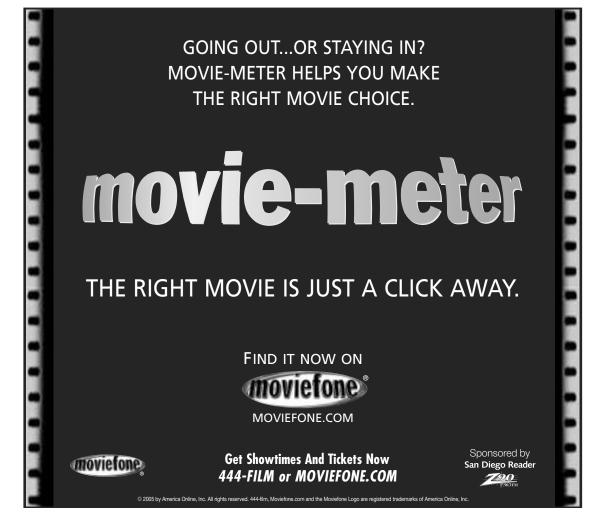
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shadowy squadron of gunmen — a reworking and repositioning of the book's opening scene — provides spectacular reaffirmation of Hanson's basic filmmaking competence. The 1950s period ambience is perfectly sufficient without being suffocating. And the casting of two Australians and a character actor in the three leads — Guy Pearce, Russell Crowe, Kevin Spacey — is a valiant attempt to preserve the novel's strong point: the evenhanded withholding of sympathy, to say nothing of esteem, from three dissimilar cops — priggish careerist, ballistic brute, media-friendly spotlight-hog. With Kim Basinger, Danny DeVito, James Cromwell. 1997.

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**The Last King of Scotland** — Forest Whitaker portrays the Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, with Simon McBurney and Gillian Anderson, directed by Kevin Macdonald. (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 10/6)

**The Last Kiss** — Americanization, and if it doesn't go without saying, vulgarization, of the Italian film of the same name, a fear-of-adulthood seriocomedy centered around a tight-knit group of pushing-thirities. The young cast has some glaring weak spots — Zach Braff looks as if he'd prefer to turn it into a lighter comedy, Rachel Bilson can barely deliver a line — and all of them are outshone by the oldsters, Tom Wilkinson and Blythe Danner. With Jacinda Barrett, Casey Affleck, Michael Weston, Eric Christian Olsen, and Marley Shelton; directed by Tony Goldwyn. 2006.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Little Miss Sunshine — The feature debut of music-video veterans Jonathan Dayton and his wife Valerie Faris was put together on the "quirky" assembly line, a product of the thriving "quirky" industry. Dad (Greg Kinnear) is a would-be self-help guru, "would-be," that is, if anyone were buying his Nine-Step Refuse-to-Lose System. Sample pearl, in casual conversation: "Sarcasm is the refuge of losers." Mom (Toni Collette) is not such an arrant embarrassment, is not really much of anything, except that she has taken responsibility for and custody of her homosexual brother (Steve Carell), a failed suicide and the self-professed, as opposed to acknowledged, "pre-eminent Proust scholar in the United States." Dad's dad (Alan Arkin), who resides in the same household, is a scurrilous cokehead. And the kids are a Nietzsche-reading teenage boy (Paul Dano) who has held fast to a vow of silence for nine months, though he is not averse to communication via notepad ("I hate everyone"), and an owlishly bespectacled younger sister (Abigail Breslin) in competition for the crown of Little Miss Sunshine in Redondo Beach. Since the family lives in Albuquerque, a road movie ensues, with all members of the family packed into a vellow-and-white VW bus. You wait with dread for the moment that will cause the boy to break his silence, and even greater dread for the first public performance of the girl's "talent" as nurtured in secret by Granddad; and the dread in each case proves fully justified. Quirkiness does not preclude sappiness. There are ample compensations, however. Little Miss Breslin is a good crier, and her competitors in the beauty pageant are a frightening collection of JonBenét Ramsey plastic dolls, and the bus itself emerges as the best character, requiring a collective push after the clutch goes out en route, and emitting a rudesounding, unpredictable bleat after the horn gets stuck. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA PALOMA, FROM 10/6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Monster House** — Computer-animated kiddie horror show lowers its sights to an illusion of Claymation. The human figures

are awfully stiff, but the space around them is wonderfully plastic and elastic (the fall of an autumn leaf, first thing in the movie, gives you a dizzying idea of what's in store), and the action moves right along until it runs into the overwrought, long-drawn-out finale. With the voices of Mitchel Musso, Sam Lerner, Spencer Locke, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Steve Buscemi; directed by Gil Kenan. 2006.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Open Season — Computer cartoon featuring the voices of Ashton Kutcher and Martin Lawrence as an endangered deer and bear respectively.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Renaissance — French-made, Englishdubbed, animated science-fiction adventure, directed by Christian Volckman. (KEN, FROM 10/6)

**School for Scoundrels** — Jon Heder and Billy Bob Thornton compete for the affections of Jacinda Barrett, directed by Todd Phillips.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

**The Science of Sleep** — Comedy-fantasy from director Michel Gondry, of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, and Gabriel Garc[mlia Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg.

(FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Scoop** — A companion piece to Woody Allen's Match Point only insofar as it prolongs his revitalizing sojourn in England. The half-year interval between their releases is nothing out of the ordinary for the chop-chop Woodman. Nor is the repeat appearance of Scarlett Johansson in the female lead any more remarkable than repeat appearances in the past by Diane Keaton or Mia Farrow. And the mood, in sharp contrast to the immediate predecessor, has turned decidedly light and playful, which is to say that when (inevitably) the filmmaker contemplates death, it's in childish terms of a literal barge on the River Styx, manned by a scythe-wielding Grim Reaper. The strictly functional comedy-thriller plotline is more on the order of Manhattan Murder Mystery, albeit with an element of the supernatural. There is no earthly reason, outside of the bold harmonies between the whiny older man and the throaty young woman, why the Allen character should be dragged along by the Johansson on this Nancy Drew adventure ("Excitement in my life is dinner without heartburn after it"), and the steady manufacture of amusing lines runs out of steam toward the finish, and the plot premise will not stand up to scrutiny from the vantage point of the denouement. But none of that detracts from the generous supply of chuckles and cackles strewn along the way, still less does it detract from the calm and assured camera that Allen brings to the proceedings (in the right place at the right time for the right duration), and still less does it detract from his mastery and durability, at age seventy, as a comic leading man, defying every precept of polish and precision, creating a persona dependent upon verbal groping and fumbling and sputtering and stumbling, mining a private vein we might label as Lifelike Stylization. With Hugh Jackman and Ian Mc-Shane. 2006.



#### **RENEE HERRELL**

Founder, San Diego Women Film Foundation, www.sdwff.org

The DVD titles I would currently recommend would be *Me and You and Everyone We Know* by Miranda July because I am a hopeless romantic who can't blame a girl for falling in love with a shoe salesman.

Also, The Virgin Suicides by Sofia Coppola because this was Sofia's start and proved she truly had talent beyond her family name. She would go on to win an Oscar for Lost in Translation. Her latest film Marie Antoinette opens this month.

And finally, Born into Brothels by Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman because these are two filmmakers who are truly trying to change a city and possibly a country through their work. We showed the film at our Spring Film Series earlier this year.

WE KNOW (USA) 2004, MGM List price: \$24.98 THE VIRGIN SUICIDES (USA) 1999, Paramount List price: \$14.99 BORN INTO BROTHELS (India/USA) 2004, Thinkfilm List price: \$29.99

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#### JENNIFER HSU

Videographer for San Diego City Schools and festival director for San Diego Women Film Festival

Mira Nair's masterpiece Bollywood rendition, *Monsoon Wedding*, is a colorful, aromafilled delight. As one of the most successful women filmmakers today, Nair shows us one window into the world of Delhi.

Maid in America, an intimate look at Latina immigrants working as domestic servants, screened at our Spring Film Series, and it's wonderful. These women came to America hoping for a better life. Instead they find subsistence wages and long hours. Filmmaker Anayansi Prado takes a critical topic and treats the subjects with respect and intelligence.

Before seeing the extraordinary Songs of Praise for the Heart Beyond Cure at this year's San Diego Women Film Festival, check out The Complete Collected Works by Duke and Battersby. The Canadian filmmaking duo makes videos exploring the boundaries between art and artist, order and chaos, and creativity and laziness. Most of all, they envision a world where humanity can be saved.

MONSOON WEDDING
(India/USA) 2001, Universal
List price: \$9.98

MAID IN AMERICA (USA) 2004,
Women Make Movies,
www.wmm.com
List price: \$34.95

THE COMPLETE COLLECTED
WORKS BY DUKE AND
BATTERSBY (Canada)
1998–2005,
www.dukeandbattersby.com
List price: available upon request

#### **DARIA MATZA**

San Diego filmmaker and program manager for San Diego Women Film Festival

The Goonies, a 20-year-old classic, has a bounty of DVD bonus features, like the picture-in-picture commentary track by cast members. So grab that Monchichi out of storage at your parents' house, get a bag of Pop Rocks, and let Mikey, Mouth, Data, and Chunk take you back to a childhood dream adventure.

Grizzly Man made German filmmaker Werner Herzog better known in the U.S. To find out more about this legendary, quixotic filmmaker, check out Les Blank's documentary Burden of Dreams about Herzog's quest to make Fitzcarraldo. Herzog on the set is passionately, insanely driven to create his vision at almost any expense. The commentary track has more classic Herzog.

Whale Rider's New Zealand landscapes and details of Maori culture should be seen on the big screen, but the DVD has great bonus features, like an interview with director Niki Caro and documentaries on the Maori culture.

GOONIES (USA) 1985, Warner List price: \$14.98 BURDEN OF DREAMS (USA) 1982, Criterion List price: \$39.95 WHALE RIDER (New Zealand) 2003, Sony Pictures List price: \$14.94

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby — Will Ferrell vehicle, on the NASCAR circuit, goes too far, too fast, too often, but the excesses are usually easygoing (the bratty brothers' response to the news of their parents' divorce: "Yeah! Two Christmases!"), and the nonstop product plugging is satirically motivated (i.e., dramatically justified), and John C. Reilly and Gary Cole, along with Ferrell, have good eyes and ears for rednecks. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Leslie Bibb, Amy Adams, and Michael Clarke Duncan; directed by Adam McKay. 2006.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning — Horror prequel with Jordana Brewster and Matthew Bomer, directed by Jonathan Liebesman.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION

VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/6)

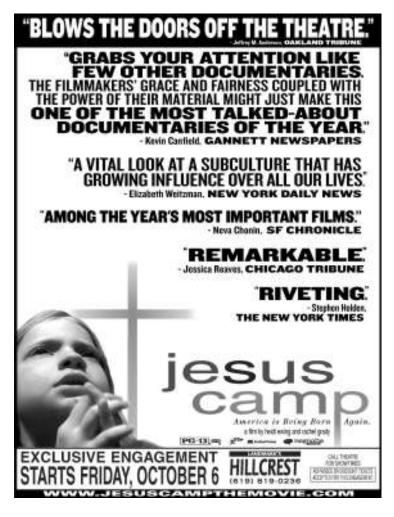
**The U.S. vs. John Lennon** — David Leaf's and John Scheinfeld's documentary on the anti-war activism of the ex-Beatle. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Wicker Man — A needless remake, though not as big a time-waster for the viewer (an hour and three-quarters) as for the writer and director, Neil LaBute, known for less generic stuff like In the Company of Men and Your Friends and Neighbors. He has weeded out some of the silliness of the 1973 British original, but that bit of gardening is offset by his transplanting of the action to a Goddess-worshipping, organicfarming colony on a private island in Puget Sound, where a California motorcycle cop (Nicolas Cage, not altogether serious about the assignment) has come on a personal invitation from his former fiancée to search for her missing child. Further, the pruning

of the protagonist's Christian faith and the grafting-on of a fresh mental trauma and some cheap-thrill dreams are no help at all. If the film serves no other purpose, it at least allows the filmmaker's suspected undercurrent of misogyny to erupt unambiguously and unapologetically into a geyser. The ad campaign — "A psychological thriller. A mind blowing conclusion" leaves no possibility, even if you missed the original, that the ending is going to sneak up on you. Unless, that is, the campaign strategists thought your mind might be blown by the unannounced guest appearance of James Franco in a redundant epilogue, or by the closing dedication of the film to the late punk rocker, Johnny Ramone. (Whoa.) With Ellen Burstyn, Kate Beahan, Molly Parker, Frances Conroy, and Leelee Sobieski. 2006.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)





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Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) All the King's Men (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 5:00) 10:30; The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15) 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:30) 7:45; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:15; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:15, 9:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30); School for Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:15, 10:30

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Black Dahlia (R); The Covenant (R);
The Departed (R); Employee of the Month (PG-13); Flyboys (PG-13); Gridiron Gang (PG-13); The Guardian (PG-13); The Illusionist (PG-13); Invincible (PG); Jackass: Number Two (R); Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13); The Last Kiss (R); Open Season (PG); The Protector (PG-13); School for Scoundrels (PG-13): The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R); The Wicker Man

#### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### Cinerama 6

The Departed (R) Fri. (3:15) 7:15, 10:10 Sat. (12:00, 3:15) 7:15, 10:10 Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 7:15; The Guardian (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sat. (12:05, 3:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (12:05, 3:00) 7:00; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri. (2:55) 5:20, 7:35, 9:45 Sat. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:35, 9:45 Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:35; **Jet Li's** Fearless (PG-13) Fri. (2:50) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30 Sat. (12:15, 2:50) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:30, 8:00; **Open Season** (PG) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35 Sat. (12:20, 2:30) 5:15, 7:25, 9:35 Sun (12:20, 2:30) 5:15, 7:25: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri. (2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:30 Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20, 9:30 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:20

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Renaissance (R) Fri. 4:25, 7:00, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

#### **UPTOWN**

#### Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) L.A. Confidential (R)

#### Garden Cabaret

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Call theater for program information

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Jesus Camp (PG-13) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; **The Last King of Scotland** (R) Fri. 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri. 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; The Science of Sleep (R) 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) Cosmic Voyage (NR) Fri. 6:00p.m.; Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Roving Mars (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Space Station 3D** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center**

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) Call theater for program information

#### **Grossmont Trolley**

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program information

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Call theater for program information

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Guardian (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.; Open Season (PG) Fri.,-Sun.

#### **SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

oadway between H and I (619-338-4214) The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; Employee of the Month (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Fly-boys (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 5:15p.m.; Gridiron **Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Jackass: Number **Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30: Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:00) 7:45, 10:45; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; School for Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **The Texas** Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Accepted (PG-13); The Black Dahlia (R);
The Covenant (R); Crank (R); The Departed (R); Employee of the Month (PG-13); Fly-boys (PG-13); Gridiron Gang (PG-13); The Guardian (PG-13); The Illusionist (PG-13); Invincible (PG); Jackass: Number Two (R); Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13); Open Season (PG); School for Scoundrels (PG-13); The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R); The Wicker Man (PG-13)

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)
The Black Dahlia (R) Fri. (4:35) 7:25, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 3:25, 4:00) 6:50, 7:35, 10:10, 10:55; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 1:15, 2:25, 4:35, 5:10) 7:20, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 1:15, 2:25) 4:35, 5:10, 7:20, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40; **Everyone's Hero** (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15); **Flyboys** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 4:10) 7:30, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35) 4:10, 7:30, 10:35; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 12:40, 3:45, 4:20) 7:10, 7:40, 10:25, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 12:40, 3:45) 4:20, 7:10, 7:40, 10:25, 10:50; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 6:55, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 6:55, 9:45; Jackass: Number Two (R) Fri. (12:55, 3:20, 5:40) 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:30; **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:45; **One Night With the King** (PG) Fri.,-Sun.; **Open Season** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 4:15, 4:50) 6:35, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30 Sat .-Sun (12:15, 1:30, 2:35) 4:15, 4:50. 6:35, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30; **School for Scoundrels** 



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#### Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Call theater for program information

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

**South Bay Drive In** 

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

#### **NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) All the King's Men (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35) 4:10, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (12:35) 4:10, 7:15; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00) 4:00, 7:10, 10:20 Sun. (12:00) 4:00, 7:10; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) Gridiron Gang (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35; 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35; Gridiron Gang (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (12:45) 4:20, 7:00; The Guardian (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:55) 4:05, 7:25, 12:15; 12 10:20 Sun. (12:55) 4:05, 7:25; **Invincible** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20, 9:50 Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:30, 7:55; **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 8:00; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:20, 2:55) 5:25, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:25, 7:50; Open Season (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 4:55, 7:0 9:30 Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 4:55, 7:05; School for Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:40, 8:05; The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Begin**ning** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:45, 9:55 Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:45

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

#### **FALLBROOK**

Galaxy 6

Mission Road (760-945-8784)

The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 4:15) 7:30, 10:30; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

#### **POWAY**

#### Powav 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, Me Departed (R) Fri., Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Flyboys** (PG-13) Fri., Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **School for** Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

#### **RAMONA**

#### Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

#### **SAN MARCOS**

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 11:45, 2:45, 3:15) 6:30, 7:00, 10:15, 10:35; **Employee** of the Month (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:25; **Every**one's Hero (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45p.m.); Flyboys (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (3:55) 6:55, 10:10; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:20, 9:30; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 12:55, 3:50, 4:20) 7:05, 7:40, 10:05, 10:45; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:55) 5:25, 8:10, 10:55; **Jack-ass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:15) 7:35, 9:15, 9:55; **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:50, 5:10) 8:05, 11:00; **The Last Kiss** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:20) 6:50; **Little Miss Sunshine** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25, 4:50) 7:55, 10:20; One Night With the King (PG) Fri.,-Sun.; Open

Season (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 12:15, 2:10, Season (FG) Fri.,-Sun. (1749, 12:15, 2:10, 2:40, 4:35, 5:05) 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:40; School for Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20, 4:55) 7:25, 10:05; The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40) 5:30, 7:30, 8:00,

#### VISTA

**Vista Village** Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:40, 12:30,

1:15, 3:00, 3:50, 4:30) 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:35, 10:30 Sun. (11:40, 12:30, 1:15, 3:00, 3:50, 4:30) 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:35; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:25, 12:10, 2:00, 2:45, 4:35, 5:20) 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:45 Sun. (11:25, 12:10, 2:00, 2:45, 4:35, 5:20) 7:10, 8:10, 9:50; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 3:20, 4:20) 6:40, 7:30, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:20, 4:20) 6:40, 7:30, 9:40; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:40, 10:20; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45; **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:50, 10:20; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:10) 7:00, 9:30; **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 12:25, 1:25, 2:45, 3:45, 5:05) 6:05, 7:25, 8:25, 9:45, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 12:25, 1:25, 2:45, 3:45, 5:05) 6:05, 7:25, 8:25,

#### **NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD**

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 3:40) 7:00, 10:10: The Guardian (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 6:45, 9:40; Jackass: Number Two (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Open Season** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:20

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420) Employee of the Month (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat.

(12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Flyboys** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 4:45); **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:00, 4:15) 7:15; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:15) 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (2:15) 7:45; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Open Season (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00; School for Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15) 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; Little Miss Sunshine (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:00, 9:45 Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:30) 7:00; The Science of Sleep (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sat. 12:10, 3:35, 7:00 10:25 Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 7:00; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sat. (11:45) 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25 Sun (11:45) 2:25, 5:05, 7:45; The Guardian (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 4:05, 7:20, 10:30 Sat (10:20) 1:10, 4:15, 7:30, 10:35 Sun. (10:20) 1:10, 4:15, 7:30; Invincible (PG) Fri. 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25 Sat. (11:30) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10; 9:50 Sun. ass: Number Two (R) Fri. 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:40 Sat. (10:35) 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:40 Sun. (10:35) 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00; Open Season (PG) Fri. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 Sat. (10:20) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:20, 10:30 Sun. (10:20) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:20; **School for** Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri. 12:20, 2:45, 5:10 7:35, 10:00 Sat. (11:15) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (11:15) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20; **The Texas** Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri. 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35 Sat. (10:45) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (10:45) 1:00, 3:25,

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Little Miss Sunshine (R)

#### **LA COSTA**

#### La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221) Call theater for program information

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue

The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:50) 7:10, 10:05; **The Departed** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:15) 6:00, 6:30, 9:15, 9:45; **Em**ployee of the Month (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; Gridiron Gang (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 12:30, 3:05, 3:40) 6:35, 7:00, 9:25, 10:00; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:35) 6:45, 9:50; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:25, 4:45) 7:15, 10:15; **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:30, 7:50, 10:25; **Open** Season (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 12:40, 3:00, 3:30) 5:15, 5:45, 7:25, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10; School for Scoundrels (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55, 10:30; The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:25, 7:40, 10:20

#### Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) The Black Dahlia (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; The Departed (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 12:45, 3:30, 4:00) 6:50, 7:20, 10:00, (12:10, 12:45, 3:30, 4:00) 6:50, 7:20, 16:50, 10:30; **Employee of the Month** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 12:25, 2:20, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10; **Gridiron Gang** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 4:30) 7:35, 10:20; **The Guardian** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 1:15, 3:45, 4:15) 6:55, 7:25, 9:50, 10:20; **The Illusionist** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Jackass: Number Two** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 1:10, 2:35, 3:25, 4:50, 5:45) 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:35; **Jet Li's Fearless** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:25) 7:55, 10:15; KISS Concert (NR) Fri.,-Sun.; Open Season (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 2:55, 5:05) 7:30, 9:35; **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:40, 9:55; **The** Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:10, 3:15, 4:25, 5:30) 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:15

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Esta vez no es una fuerza de la naturaleza; una tormenta o un temblor, que implique declarar un "estado de emergencia"; sin embargo las autoridades locales han declarado esta situación ante la serie de asesinatos y secuestros sucedidos en Tijuana.

La hecatombe o matanza de grupos del crimen organizado establecidos en la región no parece tener fin y, a diferencia de cómo venían actuando, en los últimos días han asesinado a civiles que sólo equivocaron su paso y se cruzaron justo cuando sicarios ajustaban cuentas.

Casi una treintena de asesinatos en las últimas tres semanas, entre ellas el homicidio contra el subjefe de la policía local, oficiales de todos los niveles y civiles. Además de cerca de 250 asesinatos violentos y 60 secuestros sólo en lo que va de este año y otros no denunciados; son los motivos del estado de emergencia.

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### Reyes del Oeste

Abraham Nudelstejer

Diario San Diego

Por primera vez en su historia, los Padres de San Diego consiguieron ganar el banderin de la División Oeste de la Liga Nacional por segundo año consecutivo.

El conjunto sandieguino terminó la temporada con marca de 88 juegos ganados y 74 perdidos.

La misma marca la tuvieron los Dodgers de Los Ángeles pero los Padres se colocaron como campeones de su grupo ya que ganaron 13 de los 18 partidos que jugaron contra la escuadra Angelina en la temporada regular.

Los Padres enfrentan a los Cardenales de San Luis en la primera serie de los playoffs.

El otro duelo en la Liga Nacional es entre Dodgers y Mets de Nueva York.

Estas series las ganara el equipo que obtenga tres triunfos. especial



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De acuerdo a fuentes, estas jovencitas llegan a tener hasta 30 relaciones por día y trabajan un promedio de 16 horas diarias.

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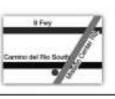




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La llamada "Reina del pop", Madona, entró a los records Guinness al ganar en el 2004 la gran cantidad de 40 millones de dólares, desbancando a Britney Spears quien ostentaba el récord desde 2001.

El libro de los récords mundiales Guiness 2007 en español, que tiene por lo menos 2 mil 244 marcas, saldrá a la venta el 31 de octubre en un gran número de tiendas de Estados Unidos.

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David Letterman es el presentador más famoso de Estados Unidos y considerado una levenda de la televisión nocturna. El se lleva 40 millones de dólares al año. Howard Stern, el presentador de radio, ganó 31 millones de dólares en el 2005

La tarifa de publicidad más cara ha sido en el Súper Tazón XXXV en donde los anunciantes pagaron 2 millones 400 mil dólares por 30 segundos.

A este evento le sigue el último episodio de la serie Friends en donde la cadena NBC cobró 2 millones de dólares por cada comercial de medio minuto.



#### Ciudad en movimiento



### Avanza Tijuana

En el corazón de Tijuana el Gobierno de Baja California construiră el primer centro de convenciones y exposiciones de la ciudad, un proyecto largamente aplazado que afectó la realización de eventos internacionales que pretendían bacerse en la urbe.

Luego de analizar nueve terrenos distintos, la Secretaría de Desarrollo Urbano e Infraestructura (Sedue) escogió la cuadra que divide el Centro de Gobierno y el Palacio Municipal, donde ahora está la plaza a Benito Juárez.

Héctor Velásquez, arquitecto del proyecto y quien también está a cargo de la construcción de la Catedral de Tijuana y la Galería Internacional. manifestó que sólo falta la aprobación del Gobierno

Municipal para comenzar la obra, cuya primera etapa estaría terminada antes del fin de la gestión del gobernador Eugenio Elorduy Walther.

Esta primera etapa contempla el centro de convenciones (una torre verde de siete pisos), salones para un cupo de 5 mil personas, cafeteria, cocina industrial, estacionamiento, zona de autobuses, grandes vestíbulos y sistemas de computación. El costo, que no cuenta el terreno, es de 20 millones de dólares, dijo Velásquez. La segunda etapa, agregó, es la más ambiciosa pues comprende una explanada de exposiciones

y eventos al aire libre de

25 mil metros cuadrados

que construirían sobre

el canal del Río Tijuana.

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### Bien creciditos

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La prosperidad, distribuida equitativamente, impulsó la tasa de crecimiento colectivo que comenzó a mediados de la primera década del siglo XIX y sólo fue interrumpida durante los años trágicos de la ocupación nazi a mediados del siglo XX, cuando la estatura promedio declinó.

Pero con su dieta rica en proteinas y un servicio nacional de salud que cuida minuciosamente de los niños, los holandeses están más altos que nunca, y la misma altura se ha convertido en un asunto de política social que requiere la intervención del gobierno y la empresa privada.

Y si no, preguntenle a Pieter Gijselaar, que mide 2.10 metros de estatura y pasa gran parte de su vida agachándose para entrar por las puertas. El varón holandés promedio mide 1.84 metro, y la mujer 1.70.





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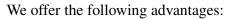
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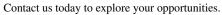


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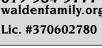
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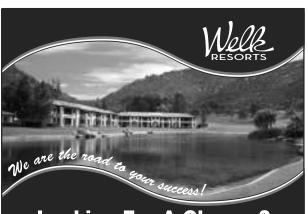
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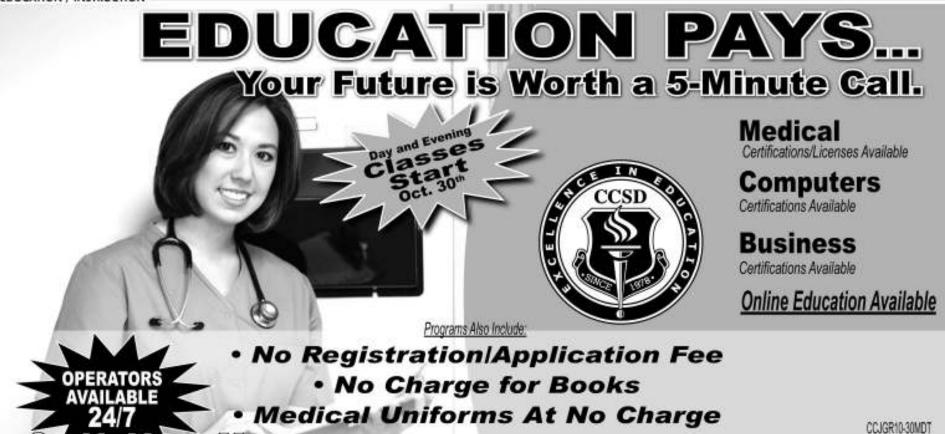


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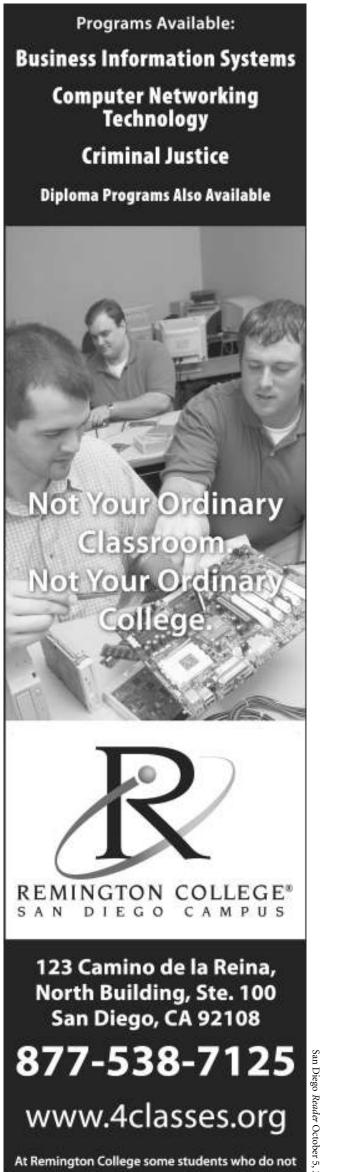
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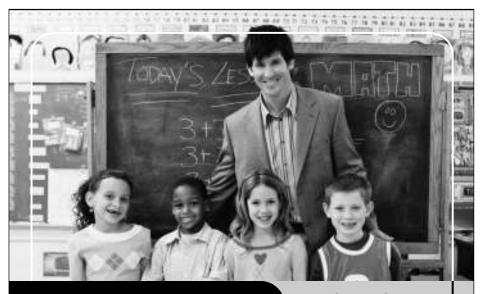
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- 1. Palindromic pal
- 4. Portuguese colony until 1999
- 9. "I'm expecting your idea to be very impressive
- 14. "Take your pick"
- 15. Guilty \_\_\_\_ counts 16. One way to think
- 17. Poem by 61-Across that reads "When I remember bygone days / I think how evening follows morn / So many I loved were not yet dead / So many I love were not yet born"
- 19. Mails
- 20. "American Beauty" actress Suvari
- 21. "Tosca" number
- 23. Poem by 61-Across that reads "To keep your marriage brimming / With love in the loving cup / Whenever you're wrong, admit it / Whenever vou're right, shut up"
- 31. Hitchcock's direction, briefly?
- 32. Stroke's need
- 33. People with licenses
- 34. Part of a moving story?
- 36. 3:00
- 37. Poem by 61-Across that reads "One would be in less danger / From the wiles of the stranger / If one's own kin and kith / Were more fun to be with'
- 41. Crier's sigh
- 43. Shel Silverstein bestseller Babbit"
- 44. Country where Zahara Iolie-Pitt was born
- 48. Tennis umpire's cry
- 49. Absorb the cost of
- 52. Poem by 61-Across that reads "First a little / Then a lottle"
- 55. Sci. class
- 56. Singer India
- 57. 2006 Tom Cruise blockbuster, in brief
- 61. This puzzle's poet
- 65. Join the cast of
- 66. "Superman" star \_-eyed
- 68. Cheech's comedy partner
- 69. Mex. misses 70. Suffix with benz-

- 1. Role played by Keaton, Kilmer and Cloonev
- Not yet shaped
- 3. "Gotta go"
- 4. Query from Miss Piggy
- 6. Rude dude
- 7. Creator of the Koran

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- 8. 1993 A.L. batting champ John
- Condiment also known as

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- 10. Bullring cheer
- 11. Took the prize
- 12. It's slung in campaigns 13. Mag. staffers
- 18. Tarnish 22. Leb. neighbor
- 24. Ensure the failure of
- 25. Sitcom set in a garage
- 26. Turgenev museum site
- 27. Animator Tex
- 28. In order
- 29. Ph.D. holders
- 30. Obsolete plane
- 34. Meat-and-potatoes
- 35. Leb. neighbor 37. Renown
- 38. Cosby's "I Spy" costar
- 39. Apt. on the ground floor
- 40. Golden Rule word
- 41. Myrmecologist's study \_\_\_\_-di-dah!" 42. "Well,
- 45. It might keep a shepherd awake
- 46. Part of TGIF
- 47. Fur merchant family
- 49. Online investor's company 50. Grammy winner Krauss
- 51. Giggle 53. Insistent one
- 54. Bikini line surrounder
- 57. TV comedian Bernie
- 58. I, in Berlin 59. L.A. law figure in 1995
- 60. "Am \_\_\_\_ your way?"
- 62. Clue gatherer: Abbr.
- 63. Actress/model Mendes 64. Nintendo's Super\_

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 9/28/06.

by David Levinson Wilk

There were 112 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Barbara Hyder, San Diego
- 2. Kendra Bernucci, El Caion 3. Bruce Stout, San Diego
- 4. Amber Somol, San Diego 5. James Waters, San Diego

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LOYAL NATIVE SAN DIEGAN, Seeking 50ish male or female for friendship, conversation, occasional casual dinners out, maybe 24 Hour Fitness, keeping in touch. Easygoing, genuine. (10/11) ☎70378

TRAVEL PALS WANTED, For trips to Hawaii, Mexico, Europe, Vegas and short weekend trips. Must be energetic, outgoing and love to travel. (10/11) \$\infty\$70377

FRIENDSHIP. Ageless single senior, NYC transplant, La Mesa. Seeking friends, 55+, to gallivant San Diego! Happy hours,

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LADY CHARGER FANS wanted to watch games on TV together. Share houses, married or single, kids OK. Team is playing great ball. Season's started, call! (10/11) \$\alpha\$70379

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OUTGOING GOOD HUMORED Lady, would like to meet gentle man for friendship and laughter. Let's enjoy lovely San Diego. (10/11) ☎69913

JAPANESE, PETITE, CUTE, Former pianist,

JAPANESE, PETITE, CUTE, Former pianist, shy but sociable, great cook. Seeks ethical man, who can be reliable. (10/11) \$\overline{\alpha}\$69896

NORTH COUNTY GAL, Seeks fun loving guy who has weekends off for adventurous places to be found. 46, brown hair, 162lbs, cute, call for details. (10/18) \$\overline{\textit{TG9922}}\$

ADVENTUROUS, CARING, educated, 57,

ADVENTUROUS, CARING, educated, 57, woman wants gent, 52-62, for fun, friendship and companionship. Be educated, sense of humor, for a sharing and caring, meaningful relationship. (10/18) \$\overline{\textit{T}} \text{69933}\$

ASIAN FILIPINA, Seeking man 30s-50s, good-looking, sincere, marriage-minded. Me, slim, petite 5'3', 103lbs, very attractive. Likes dancing, movies, traveling, dining. (10/11) \$\oldsymbol{\textit{T69910}}\$

ONE OF A KIND, Sincere, petite woman. Seeking fun-loving energetic man between 55-65. Likes outdoors, movies, dancing, affectionate, loving and caring. (10/11) 76-690/4

INSPIRED GODDESS summons unencumbered white male with above-average mentality. This childless, black beauty awaits. Possess character, diverse interests, 30-50 Life's too short to settle! (10/18) \$\oldsymbol{\textit{T}}69932\$

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, Health care provider, 42, 115lbs, 5'4". No children, outgoing, love outdoor activities, homeowner, financially secure. Seeking college graduate, 40-45, nonsmoker. (10/11) 269916

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local daily in 1920. "On a moonlit night I have watched my husband shoot rabbits out in the yard through the window of our home at Fifth and C streets." In 1907 the couple moved to Ocean Beach, where water was so scarce it cost three cents for a bucket. — by Robert Mizrachi

**LEFTIST, 52,** 5'9", son (18), O.B., natural blues-opera, hiking-camping. Dog Beach. Seek progressive, 50ish, easy-going renaissance man to complicate/communicates. simple life. (10/11) \$\overline{\chi}\$69900

QUALITY WOMAN, professional, cultured, aware, great body, humanistic, healthy, positive attitude. Seeking non-smoker gentleman of comparable qualities, 59-73, to explore life's possibilities. (10/18) \$\alpha\$69935

#### Single Mom, 50

Enjoys talking, movies, dining out, walks on the beach, dancing, music, friendship. If you are honest, compassionate, spontaneous and a gentleman, call. (10/11) **25**69905

NORTHERN EUROPEAN Transplant, 60 (looking 40s), attractive, active, bright, well-traveled, former army translator. eking caring military officer, for socia

ivities, travel, possible long-term rela-ship. (10/11) 769903

ONE TELEPHONE CALL AWAY. I'm waiting to hear from you. Mature, Cauca 5'7" woman, seeks tall, Caucasian, active, nonsmoker man for friendship companionship. (10/18) \$\mathbf{a}\$ 69931

EAST COUNTY WIDOW, Pretty blonde 5'6', slim, 60s, young lookingl-acting, nonsmoker. Enjoys travel, dancing, theater, movies, dining, concerts. Seeking tall, fit, attractive, compatible gentleman. (10/11) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$69911

SLIM, CHEERFUL, HEALTHY, Tall, warm, attectionate, white female, 68. Se good-natured, fit, 6'+, gentleman, age 68, for fun, companionship, friends first N-friends first. Nonsmoker please. (10/18)

**IF I COULD CATCH** A rainbow, I'd do it for you. 70 year, happy adventurer, stable. Life is great, possibilities are endless take a chance. (10/11) \$\overline{\alpha}\$69899

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 51, 5'4-1/2, 125lbs, blue eyes, light brown hair. Looking for an honest, sincere man for dating. I like dining, movies, beach, concerts. (10/18) ☎69925

SEEKING ADVENTURER, Traveler, international man, romantic, intelligent, successful, bilingual Christian 47-57 for attractive, caring Christian many interests, painter, dancer, traveler mysterious lady. (10/11) \$\overline{\textit{Taylor}} 69917\$

PRETTY IN PENNSYLVANIA, Young 51. Seeking San Diego sweetheart, willing to relocate for man of my dreams in the land of my dreams. Serious only. (10/11)

ALL AMERICAN GIRL. Tall. slim. blonde. athletic, attractive. Playful, sense of humor, smart. Looking for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Coastal North County. (10/11) \$\infty\$69902

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN. Long hair, nice legs, easygoing. Wants to meet attractive guy, 42-55, honest, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, for friendship or possible relationship. (10/18) \$\tilde{\textbf{a}}\$69938

AMAZING, QUIET, Suspicious, assumptive, all business, that's you. Size 4, almost communicative, trusting, factual, sensitive, that's me. Let's talk. (10/11)

ALTO, STOP, LOOK NO More. Sincere caring senior Chocolate lady from Central America would like to meet classy senior gentleman to enjoy each other's company. (10/18) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$69934

ATHEIST HUNK WANTED by sexy black lady, I'm 40. You under 40, fit, adventurous, loving, happy, self-confident; me same. Ready for love? Any race. (10/11)

NEW TO SAN DIEGO, Wants to go sailing, dining, concerts, cruises, camping and see San Diego. You are sweet, funny, romantic, good tour guide. (10/11)

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EAST COUNTY, Sexy, attractive redhead, 56, 5'10", shapely. Looking for non-smoker, 36 -59, tall, honest, sincere, outgoing, playful, outdoorsy, educated, adventurous, funny kind, caring. (10/18)

black male 45-55 who likes to travel, long walks, movies, plays, cards and dominoes. Be real, no games please! (10/11)

LATIN, FUN, FIT, Professional, 50s, petite, love the outdoors, boating, sports, dancing. Seeking nice, fun, honest, educated guy for a lasting relationship. (10/11)

KIND, MATURE, STABLE, Educated, professional man wanted, to build something special with smart, humorous, shapely, attractive, green-eyed blond. (10/11) 769909

ATTRACTIVE ATTORNEY, Romantic, passionate, loyal and considerate. Likes traveling, dancing, fine dining, theatre, jogging and tennis. Seeks successful, well-educated, slim, honest man, 40-49, (10/18) 269936

**READY FOR LOVE,** affection, companionship. 62 years young. Atlanta, San Fran-cisco, now San Diego. Photography, mu-seums, travel, outdoors, indoors, adventure, family, friends, pets, music, laughing. (10/18) \$\alpha\$69921

adventure, tarmin, memus, pets, music laughing. (10/18) \$\overline{\pi}\$69921 SEEKING MAN FOR PLATONIC Relation ship. We will enjoy our humor, share feel ings and experiences, relative to our bus lives. Blonde, blue eyes, attractive, slen der, seventy-ish. (10/11) \$\overline{\pi}\$69893

SPIRITUAL PATH, 59, attractive Asian, widowed, fit, secure, nice. Seeking non-smoker, nondrinker for monogamous relationship to share life with. No mind games please, only serious. (10/11)

LOVE BALI, Travel, dance, cruises, photography, writing, theatre, music, exploring California. You are college grad, active, similar interests, liberal, verbal, nonsmoker or religious, 65-75. (10/18)

HISPANIC, 48, HONEST, Caring, great sense of humor, childless, enjoy jazz concerts, theatre, movies, cooking, green eyes, light long hair. (10/18) \$\overline{a}\$69930

BEAUTIFUL 48 YEAR OLD, Striking, blue-ish, green eyed lady, likes sports, beach, going on walks, animals. Seeking easygoing man, non-smoker, between ages 43 to 52, with similar interests. (10/11)

BEAUTY AND GRACE Looking for greyhaired gentleman, tall, honest, integrity, sense of humor, for intelligent, funny, kind-hearted, 5'6', blue eyed, blonde, tall, slender. (10/11) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$69897

LADY, 50s, WANTS To meet a man for coffee. I am 5'3". My interests are pie, ice cream, mental health. Men with disabilities are okay. (10/18) \$\infty\$69926

AMERICAN ASIAN FEMALE, 54, vouthful AMERICAN ASIAN FEMALE, 54, YOUTINUI, spiritual, not religious, attractive, child grown, homeowner. Seeks male 48-60 for companionship, shared activity, intelligent conversation, and hopefully more. (10/18) ☎69920

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SEXY, Nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3', 115lbs, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires fun, fit, nonsmoker, upscale, successful, compatible, generous, 36+ Asian/Caucasian stable gentleman. (10/18) \$\alpha\$69939

#### **Halloween Costumed Gentleman Needed**

Cat lady, fun, shapely, playful, blonde, artist, 49. Seeks happy, healthy, employed or retired gentleman, 49-64, for Halloween parties, concerts, travel, future holidays together. (10/11) 76-6919

NO BAGGAGE, NO NAGGING, just good looks with nice figure seeking comfort zone with 58+, tall gentleman who is snuggable, lovable, carefree and sexy. (10/18) 769934

YOU ARE AN AFRICAN American gentle man, 55-65, seeking an extraordinary re-lationship on all levels. I'm anglo, 61, blonde, seeking same. We are educated excited about life. Sense of humor re-quired. (10/11) \$\mathbf{T}\$69914

SEEKING GOOD MAN With a pulse!
Could add in intelligence and sense of humor. Me, tall Latina, plus size, with pulse. (10/18) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$69928

#### MATCHES

#### Men Seeking Women

HISPANIC BUSINESS MAN, 52, fit. Enjoys barbecuing, hiking, thrills, yoga, travel, theater, concerts, movies, most sports. Clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman, lives alone with doggie. (10/18)

SEKING SLIM, LATIN Woman, 40-50, easy-going, caring, non-smoker. White gentleman, 62, own business and home, loyal, caring, for long-term relationship. (10/11) \$\alpha\$70369

Soon To BE 41, WHITE MALE, 5'10'. Seeking attractive, playful lady, 25-55, for weekend trips, dining out, movies and sports events. (10/18) \$\infty\$70408

NICE-APPEARING BACHELOR, early 50s, trim, successful, childless, blue, brown, North County coastal homeowner without encumbrances. You: 40-something, well groomed, not overweight, serious-minded. (10/11) \$\alpha\$70392

EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE WIDOWER.

secure. Seeking nice, attractive, shapely lady 48-65. Dates, dining, fun, romance, dancing, trips. (10/11) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$70401

LET'S KICK IT UP A NOTCH. Food junkie lots of humor. North County, young 55. Seeks smiles. Bring garlic! (10/11)

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX? Humble, de-cent-looking 50, 5'10". Seeking astute, as-sertive woman with loopy sense of humor. Theater, movies, wine, ethnic foods, travel. (10/11) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$70389

LONELY OLD GEEZER, 80s, retired, afflu ent. Seeks young chick 70s-80s for friendship, companionship, on cruises, trips, tours, dinners, shows, whatever we would enjoy doing together. (10/11)

IN SEARCH OF SPECIAL LADY, To share many things San Diego has to offer. Divorced white male, 65+, healthy, non-smoker, caring, sincere, for possible relationship. (10/11) \$\infty\$70367

FIREMAN, WHITE, 45, ready, willing, able to rescue attractive, classy, quality lady, 30-40, from lonely nights and bar scene. Dial my number and have fun. (10/18) 770410

SUPER NICE GUY! Kind, sensitive, romantic, cute, young 56 (looks 45), Jewish, nonsmoking, humorous. Enjoys music, dancing, seeks younger, petite, attractive, quality, nonsmoking, unencumbered lady. (10/18) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$70407

lady. (10/18) \$\infty\$70407

AGE 40, Cute single black guy. Seeks younger, mixed/fair, single black female for home girl/friendship to kick it, movies, dinner, wine and dine. (10/11) \$\infty\$70374

th, I'M HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, Looking for an optimistic, fun, loving gal. Someone to dance with, travel about with, and see what's local and beyond. (10/11)

↑ \$70366 

PART-TIME LONER. Seeking fit, curious 40-50 sweetheart/adventure partner, one maybe three days a week. I'm 55, 6'2' handsome/bald and gainfully employed, usually happy. (10/11) ↑ 70364

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN. 49, 5'7"
black male. Enjoys life, laughter. Seeks black male. Enjoys life, laughter. Seeks attractive, monogamous, fun, working, fit female, who enjoys life, laughter. Race unimportant. (10/11) \$\infty\$70382

TALL RETIRED MILITARY, Handsome, healthy black gentleman, fit. Looking for tall, savvy, attractive, athlete, or athletically inclined woman, sense of humor. happiness for two, (10/11) \$\oldsymbol{7}\$70370

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BURNING HUNK OF LOVE. Caucasian 5'9", 160lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, straight white teeth. Sense of humor. Born in the year of the dog. (10/11) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$70376

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 30-45, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. (10/11)

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MENSCH! Super nice guy, young 56 (looks 45), romantic, handsome, educated, honest, humorous, Jewish, nonsmoker. Enjoys music, outdoors. Seeks younger, petite, attractive, quality, unencumbered lady. (10/11) ☎70385

YOUNG ATHLETIC, OUTGOING MALE. Seeking woman financially secure, fun-loving, diverse and looking for quality companionship. (10/11) \$\infty\$70380

CHRISTIAN, 47, WIDOWER. Consider ate, compassionate, sensitive, kind, likes meaningful conversation, communication, healthy living with purpose, staying in shape, hiking, reading. God first, marriage-minded. (10/18) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$70411

nage-minded. (10/18) ☎/0411

APANESE-HISPANIC MALE, 52, 5'7', nice, kind, honest. Looking for nice friend for movies, jazz, concert, walks, running, talks, fun times. No smoking, nice smile. (10/18) ☎/70396

# **Midnight At The Oasis**

Handsome Hillcrest musician, very youthful 58, 5'11', 185lbs., financially secure. Seeks delicious lady to share my construes pasis of music. dance, film, sensuous oasis of music, dance, humor and the sweet taste of intimate communication. (10/11) \$\infty\$70391

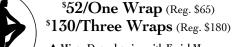
SINGLE, HANDSOME, BLACK CHRIS-TIAN Male, 38, 5'10", recently out of relationship. Looking for serious relationship only. Age, race not important, honesty is, no liars. (10/11) ☎70375

JOHN PRINE, Folk music, campfire singing, hiking, time for trips exploring, talking about things that matter, nature, fun, dance, swim, ride bikes. 40's. (10/18)

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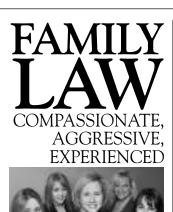
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Raiders of the Lost Ark. It's a great action-packed movie I dig watching. I like the fact that someone like Harrison Ford can take a boring job like archaeology and make it an action-filled adventure. The music was great, the sets, the direction. It was captivating. Also *The Shawshank Redemption*. I don't know why, but every time it comes on TV, I have to finish it. You feel good in the end when the guy totally redeems his entire life, getting back at everyone that screwed him. There's also Dazed and Confused. That's a movie that transcends time. Every kid had parties like that, no matter what time period they went to school.



Suzanne Donahue

Artist

San Francisco

The Graduate is one. It's the perfect movie. Perfectly made, perfectly written. Every scene is great. He was young and in love, and he was conflicted with the fact that he was sleeping with the girlfriend's mother. All the performances in it were good. I also loved Ferris Bueller's Day Off. I'm 38, and it's my age and time period. I own *Ferris Bueller*, so I've probably seen it about 35 or 40 times. If there's nothing on, I sometimes put it in before I go out. I might be getting ready to leave and not sitting there watching it, but I like to listen to it as it's playing.



Dan Yount

Project manager

Encinitas

Pulp Fiction. I've seen it 10 or 12 times. There's always something new and humorous in it that I didn't notice the previous times I watched it. My favorite scene is when Tra-volta and Sam Jackson are going to do that hit. They just talk about burgers in France. They're just driving and talking about a trip to Europe and how you're allowed to buy a beer in a movie theater. It reminds me of my friend and I driving to work. Except I'm going to do an electrical job. They are going to kill people. They're just regular guys. Most movies have gangsters that are gangsters throughout the whole movie. It isn't until they get out of the car that they get serious and then they have to get into character.



Joanne Williams

Pet groomer

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 $\overline{B^{\textit{lazing Saddles}}_{\text{They are hilarious. I don't think}}}$ my marriage would be what it is without those movies. My husband and I use those lines over and over again. My nephew, who is 35, the best thing we do is get an obscure line from those movies and bust it out. With Blazing Saddles, it was when my nephew had a stain on his shirt. I used the line from *Blazing Saddles* about the stain. There are obvious lines, like about the beans around the campfire. The Bill Murray voice in *Caddyshack* we use when we make fun of my brother-in-law, who sounds like that when he's drunk.



Phylly Pearson

Vons employee

Cardiff by the Sea

Overboard and Captain Ron are my favorite movies. I've seen 'em at least 25 times, maybe more. I always wanted to be Goldie Hawn when I grew up. But not in a movie like *Private Benjamin*, more of the romantic films she's done. Captain Ron didn't have Goldie Hawn, but Kurt Russell was in it. I should men tion, I'm in love with Kurt Russell too. I get seasick, so those are weird choices, I guess. I'll go to different ports, but not on boats. My favorite line from *Captain Ron* is when Martin Short is told to go back to the boat, stay on the trail, and watch out for guerillas. Short starts complaining about how there aren't "gorillas" in this jungle. He stepped off the trail, hears a noise, and there are 18 guys with guns leveled at him. He said, "Oh, guerillas, not gorillas." We love



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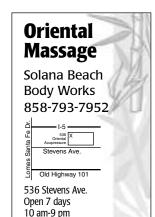
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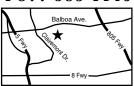




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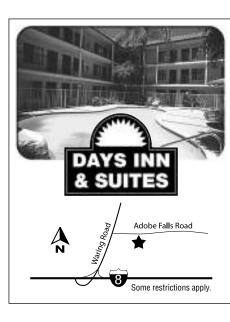
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 In September, following complaints by diners, the health department in Springfield, Mo., notified restaurants that Debby Rose's "assistance monkey" could not be permitted to dine with her (in a high chair), even though Rose says she suffers from a disabling social phobia that she can accommodate only if "Richard" (a bonnet macaque monkey) is with her. Monkeys are generally permitted under the Americans with Disabilities Act if they perform certain tasks, as capuchin monkeys have been trained to fetch groceries from shelves for wheelchair-using patrons. However, animals that provide only emotional support fall into a gray area, according to a U.S. Justice Department spokesperson quoted by the Springfield News-Leader.

#### **Police Blotter**

Fire crews arriving at a burning house on 99th Street in Portland, Ore., on July 26 must have suspected that something was up because nervous residents of the home were ferrying buckets of water to the fire themselves, having already implored neighbors not to call firefighters. Police later found marijuana plants growing in the basement and took three people into custody.

 In an August segment on WWLP-TV (Springfield, Mass.), police chief Anthony Scott of Holyoke, Mass., described the extent of a recent domestic fight in which Ms. Yesenia Ortiz retaliated against alleged aggressor Victor Cruz: "She grabbed another knife and stabbed him in the winky....' (Cruz was arrested and taken to a hospital for treatment of his winky.)

#### **Great Art!**

Artists Gone Too Far: (1) An August Los Angeles exhibition by photographer Jill Greenberg featured 27 two- and three-year-old kids

crying, scenes that Greenberg provoked by offering each one a lollipop and then snatching it away. She admitted that the photos were "upsettling" but denied critics' accusations of child abuse. (2) In August, police in Mumbai, India, decided to get a professional opinion from the local JJ School of Art as to whether a downtown video and photographic exhibition was obscene and should be closed down. (The school's opinion of the show, "Tits, Clits and Elephant Dick," has not been reported.)

- Performance artist Kira O'Reilly's August show in Penzance, England, "Inthewrongplaceness," consisted of a naked woman cradling a dead pig for four hours at a time. O'Reilly explained, on her website: "The work left me with an undercurrent of pigginess [and] unexpected fantasies of mergence and interspecies metamorphoses began to flicker into my consciousness." People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals called the performance "sick."

#### **The Litigious Society**

· One Hindu family sued another in Springfield, Mass., in July over an arranged marriage after the bride-to-be presented herself to the groom's family for the first time and was judged too ugly. Vijai V. Pandey and his wife claimed they were "extremely shocked" at the woman's "protruded bad teeth" and bad complexion, among other deficiencies. A spokesman for an American Hindu organization tried to downplay skepticism over arranged marriages, telling the Springfield Republican newspaper that he had seen "very handsome men who are happy with somewhat homely women."

 Linda Mason filed a lawsuit in Chicago in July against a Borders bookstore, citing a defective toilet in the ladies' room that allegedly triggered near-catastrophic medical injuries. Because the broken seat "shifted to the side" when she sat down, she not only lost her balance and fell to the floor, but suffered "multiple spine injuries" requiring "multiple neurosurgical" operations, resulting in permanent disfigurement.

#### **Least Competent Criminals**

 Pennsylvania inmate Donta Thomas was rearrested in August and charged with operating a drug ring on the outside, carried out via the Favette County prison's pay phones. According to police, Thomas routinely gave explicit instructions to his accomplices over the phone despite an automated message on each call that the conversation was being recorded. According to a spokesman for the state attorney general, Thomas, speaking, would pause so as not to have to talk over the recording, but then afterward resume planning his deals.

#### **Poor at Anger Management**

- Executive chef George Llorens, 60, was arrested in Bridgeport, Conn., in July, accused of punching a colleague in the face because the appetizers she made were cold. ... Police in Decatur, Ala., arrested four people in August after intermittent, daylong fighting (that sent three of them to the hospital) that begin when one flicked a cigarette butt near another's property. ... Jeffrey Cullen, 58, was arrested in August for firing several gunshots at Kingman, Ariz., firefighters (which missed) when they told him that they weren't permitted to rescue his cat from a tree.

#### **Marriage Proposals Gone Awry**

(1) Adam Sutton's elaborate plan to propose to Erika Brussee in July on a small chartered plane near Rome, Ga., didn't work out as the engine stalled and the plane crashed (causing minor injuries) near their friends on the ground,

who were holding up signs with the actual proposal question for Brussee. (2) Mark Papkey's elaborate plan to propose to Holly Barnes in June on a hot air balloon near Boston didn't work out because the balloon drifted into wilderness, fuel ran out, and they and the pilot were forced to spend the night in the woods before being rescued. (Both Brussee and Barnes said yes.) (3) In Wichita, Kan., in September, Kandi Blakney went to the courthouse for her wedding, but when a clerk pulled up her marriage license, two outstanding arrest warrants also came up, and she was jailed in her wedding dress.

#### **Recurring Themes**

- In July in Republic, Pa., and Ogden, Utah, dogs sent trucks off on wild spins after bumping gearshifts. The Pennsylvania dog hit a pole, a fence, and a house and ruptured a gas line; the Utah "driver" (a police K-9) hit a woman, seriously injuring her. ... Near Elliott Lake, Ontario, in July, a bear climbed into Marty Descoteaux's idling boat and bumped the throttle as Descoteaux bailed out. The boat spun around and hit a rock, knocking the bear back into the water.

#### **Undignified Deaths**

- In Jhalabordi village in India in August, a pigeon fell into a well and five villagers went in, in succession, to rescue the pigeon. All five rescuers died. ... In Surkhondaryo province in Uzbekistan in August, a father and son were digging an overflow pit for an outdoor toilet when the walls collapsed. Five neighbors in succession were lowered into the pit to attempt a rescue, but all seven people died.

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#### **Thirty Years Ago**

While in San Diego Metropolitan Correctional Center, though, Leary had already set forth on his new career. He listened every Sunday to KGB disc jockey Gabriel Wisdom's program of "neo-spiritual and scientific" exploration, and he became enamored with the idea of using the airwaves to gather passengers for his next

— "TIMOTHY LEEEEEARY," Richard Louv and Carole Snyder, October 14, 1976

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

You have to wonder if Harold Gee isn't spreading himself a bit thin, trying to put out an occasional journal called the Party Paper on no capital with precious little publishing experience and no staff, and moonlighting as a gogo dancer. It's especially difficult to understand him as a writer-editor-publisher when the fact is that he can't remember the last book he's read to completion.

—"AND NOW FOR SOMEONE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT," Bob Dorn, October 8, 1981

#### **Twenty Years Ago**

At the age of about 15, I started stealin' cars and stealin' beer and all that stuff. Well, one

night three of us stole a car from the Mobil gas station in Ocean Beach, and we were ridin' around, and coming through Old Town, a police officer pulled up next to us in an unmarked car. We didn't know he was a police officer, and we asked if he wanted to race and everything, and he flashed his badge at us; we were just startin' to come out of Old Town and hit Highway 8.

—"MY LIFE OF CRIME," X, October 9, 1986

#### **Fifteen Years Ago**

My high school freshman English teacher told the class he had a very good friend he'd invited to visit. Miles Davis. The class grew quiet. Miles who? Only a few recognized the name or knew he was a musician or knew that the music he played was jazz and the instrument he played it with was a trumpet. This was the late '60s. Who was Miles Davis compared to the Temptations or Marvin Gaye?

— "PEANUT BUTTER AND REEFER AND KIND OF BLUE," M. Corinne Mackey, October 10, 1991

#### **Ten Years Ago**

I have often been asked why in my family four of us turned out to be writers. My brother Paul is both a novelist and travel writer, as I

am. We both write essays. I write poetry. My brother Joseph, as a Peace Corps volunteer in Western Samoa, wrote a novel in 1983, Black Coconuts, Brown Magic. Peter, our youngest brother, is an Arabic translator of note, but he has also written several books about Saudi Arabia and the Middle East. George Orwell in his essay "Why I Write" offers several major reasons why one chooses to do so. He suggests that loneliness has a lot to do with it. ("I think my literary ambitions were mixed up with the feeling of being isolated and undervalued," writes Orwell.) Were we lonely and undervalued? All children are, to a degree, even in large families. Maybe especially in large families. There is also the compulsion to remember, to want to remember, in a very real way to need to remember, to record.

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Theroux, October 3, 1996

#### **Five Years Ago**

Juan sleeps on my couch. I've known him since I was young. Our lives took different directions. Last night he knocked at my door. "I'm sorry to bother you. I need to stay with



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—TIP OF MY TONGUE: "CHILIS." Max Nash. October 4, 2001

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injured herself five days before. During that time I'd spoken to her every day on the phone and talked to my brother once or twice. Neither one mentioned her fall. She said my brother had been coming over and bringing her food every day and helping her out. I told her to elevate and ice the ankle and have a doctor look at it right away. She agreed. When I talked to my brother later that day, I asked why he or Mom hadn't told me she'd gotten hurt. He sounded embarrassed and said, "Mom made me promise not to tell you. She said she didn't want to worry you." My mother confirmed this. I am upset. I should have been told. If positions had been reversed (if I had known my mother had been injured but my brother was not aware of that fact), I would not keep it from him. How can I make sure I don't get frozen out again? CONCERNED DAUGHTER

#### Dear Concerned.

Mom and Bro both need to know how much you hate being out of the loop. Be nice but emphatic. Ask them what you can do to encourage them to share information with you, because you think this business of hiding stuff from each other is unnecessary and hurtful. Find out if there's a reason that they might not want to talk to you. "I didn't want to worry you" could be code for other concerns that need to be dealt with, such as, "I feel you get mad at me when I get hurt" or

"I'm frightened you'll put me in an old age home if you find out I fell." Do a little probing. Tell your mother and brother that because you love them dearly you need to know what's going on, and that it actually worries you more, not less, to be kept in the dark.

#### Dear Saffron,

I'm a bachelor and a lousy cook, so I get a lot of to-go food. There's a Thai restaurant close by that I pick dinner up from frequently that has excellent food. I go there maybe three times a week, so they know me well. The past few times I was there they seemed less friendly, even cold, right when I paid for the food. I couldn't figure out what was wrong. I am always polite and tell them how delicious their food is, but still, upon paying, I now get a tense, offended vibe from them. I went there the other night for takeout with a woman I'm dating. When we got back to the car, I asked her if the cashier seemed bummed out when I paid. She said, "Yes! At first I was confused. Then I realized she probably wanted a tip. There's a tip jar right by the register." I was astonished. Of course I always tip when food is delivered to my home or when I sit down and eat in a restaurant, but is one expected to tip when picking up takeout?

COLLEGE AREA SINGLE GUY

#### Dear Single Guy,

Try this experiment: next time you patronize

your Thai eatery for takeout, give the cashier a nice tip when you get your bags of food. See if that suddenly makes you Mr. Popularity again. I have seen people tip when picking up takeout, and the prominently placed tip jar at the restaurant in question certainly seems like a hint. Tip jars have been appearing by cash registers at coffee bars and many self-serve type restaurants, so I think we have to label this a trend. I've never met a restaurant employee who wasn't pleased about being tipped.

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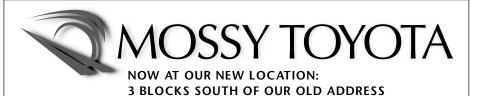
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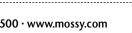
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But why we chose Belize, I don't know. It could as well have been New Zealand, South Africa, Costa Rica, or any of the other countries that we researched online. Belize just sounded attractive; it's the only English-speaking country in Central America, only a two-hour flight from Miami or Houston, politically stable, and part of the Commonwealth as a former British colony (back then known as British Honduras).

We have been living in Belize for five years and have moved from loving it, to hating it, to learning to like it, to loving it once again. Only, now, it's a much deeper and more sincere love.

You can compare it to a long-term relationship/marriage, which usually goes through the same stages: first you fall in love, then you fall out of love, you learn to like each other again, and, eventually, if all is well, you end up truly loving each other. It's a shame that many people never get beyond the "falling in love/falling out of love" stage. They seem to take it as a sign that this relationship isn't for them after all. What they often lose in the process is experiencing the deeper (if less fiery) type of love that's just beyond that phase.

So why this analogy? Because the same thing happens to so many who immigrate to a (developing) country like Belize. They never get beyond the first falling in love/falling out of love stage. As soon as the honeymoon period is over, they are on the next flight home or off on another adventure. The locals have seen this over and over again, so they take everything newcomers say with a grain of salt. Only when you cross the two-year-mark do they begin to accept you and consider taking you seriously.

Why do we enjoy living in this funny little Central American/Caribbean country? (Belize has a minor identity crisis; it

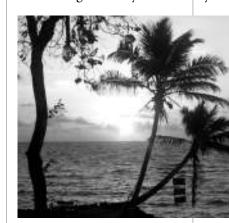
sees itself as a Caribbean nation, but it's Central American.) Well, there are many reasons. Mainly the sense of freedom that you feel when you live here, the fact that our children can play outside without us having to breathe down their necks at all times, the unending supply of sunshine, the relaxed attitude of the locals, the astounding natural surroundings — the reef, the caves, the Mayan temples, the wildlife, the sweet and juicy fruits that drop from the trees — the fact that we can live like kings and queens on a reasonable budget, and the simplicity of life that is a constant undercurrent in developing nations.

Once you've experienced life in a country that doesn't rush, you start to see the insanity of this Western habit. Why do people in Europe and America rush all the time? Generally, they are busy making money to buy stuff and to build ever bigger houses to put all their stuff in. Then they end up with debts to pay for the upkeep of these houses and their stuff in it, so they have to work harder yet again, and round and round it goes.

In Belize, we get to enjoy the simple pleasures that don't cost anything, or not much — watching the sunrise and listening to the jungle awaken, climbing trees with our three-year-old, taking him cave tubing and

snorkeling, shining flashlights in the garden at night, catching frogs and tadpoles (big hit with young boys), enjoying fruits and vegetables from our own garden, etc. Stuff that many people in Western society just don't have time for anymore.

The funny thing is that we have managed to make a decent living for ourselves while doing all this by shar-



ing this lifestyle with others: we eat with the guests of our jungle lodge; their kids (when they have them) run around with ours and with all the local Mayan children; we all walk (on bare feet) to the edge of the garden to admire groups of howler monkeys; we enjoy the fresh produce from our gardens together; we play board games, float in the pool at night while stargazing...

It's wonderful that people pay to experience this lifestyle with us for whatever period of time they are here, as it enables us to continue living like this.

Still, as idyllic as this sounds, life is far from perfect here. Reality can be harsh when you surround yourself with as much nature as we have. Mother Nature, in all her beauty, can be a fierce lady; you simply don't mess with her. When the river floods, it floods; when lightning decides to hit your house three times in as many years, you deal with it; when

> biting insects attack, you get used to it as best you can; when it rains, it pours; when it's hot, it can be unbearable.

Will we ever go back to Europe? Who knows? Right now I wouldn't want to give up the great life we have here. I know that nothing stays the same, so it's pos-

sible that one day we may want to leave. What I know for sure is that living in Europe will never be like it was. In the past five years, the world has changed too much for that. We emigrated from England to Belize on September 11, 2001, the day the world changed into the mess it has become. I try to keep positive and see the metaphor in it. The world can never go back to being like it was before 9/11, and neither can we.

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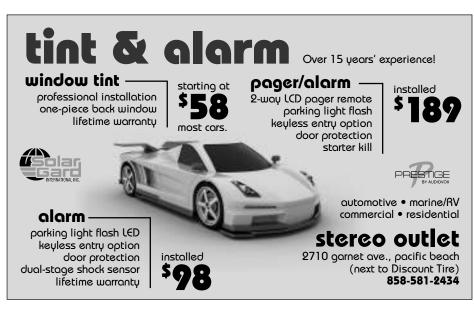
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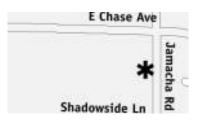
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#### **ARMED ROBBERY**

Location: 1530 Jamacha Road, El Cajon Time/Date: 11:34 a.m. on 9/26/06

**Investigation:** Deputies from the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station responded to the Qatan Jewelry Collection



store...in the unincorporated area of El Caion, regarding a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred.

A suspect described as an Iraqi male adult entered the business, displayed a firearm and took numerous jewelry items. He fled the scene with a second male suspect in a vehicle.

At approximately 12:20 p.m., Patrol Deputy Michael Villalobos spotted the suspect vehicle in a large apartment complex. Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station detectives surveilled the vehicle until suspects matching the description returned to the vehicle and attempted to drive from the area. A high-risk stop was conducted and the suspects were detained. After being identified by witnesses, the suspects were arrested and taken into custody for the armed robbery.

Suspect Alex Y. was found to be a parolee. His parole was violated and he will be facing a new charge of armed robberv.

#### **SUSPECTED HOMICIDE**

Location: 1516 Main Street, Ramona Time/Date: 4:33 p.m. on 9/23/06

Report: A Ramona resident notified the Sheriff's Communication Center of an unresponsive white male adult lying in the bushes...Ramona. Patrol deputies responded with Ramona Fire paramedics and found the subject described by the resident. Paramedics examined the subject and pronounced him deceased at approximately 4:48 p.m.

The victim appears to have suffered facial injuries, but the specific circumstances surrounding his death are being investigated.

#### **FOUND BODY**

Location: Somewhere in Beutwigg Canyon Falls, Dulzura

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. on 9/18/06

Incident: Sheriff's Homicide and Medical Examiner's

personnel, with the assistance of Sheriff's ASTREA, responded to the report of a found body. The partially decomposed body was that of a male subject, which was found by agents of the U.S. Border Patrol in a remote area west of the Tecate border crossing, near the international border.

#### **SECURITIES AND BANK FRAUD**

Location: San Diego

Time/Date: Various times in March 1999 through March 2002

**Investigation:** [The U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego] announced the extradition and arraignment of Jeremy C. on fraud charges relating to financial improprieties at Peregrine Systems, Inc., a business software company formerly headquartered in San Diego, California, now part of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

C., formerly Peregrine's Vice President for Europe and Emerging Markets, was arraigned in federal court in San Diego [on 8/26/06]...on charges of conspiracy, securities fraud, wire fraud, and bank fraud.

C. was first advised of the charges against him in October 2004 and was offered an opportunity to return to the United States voluntarily to face those charges. C. declined that offer, and he was subsequently ordered extradited by the United Kingdom in August, 2006.

As part of the conditions of C.'s release pending trial, Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks required a cash bond of \$250,000, restricted C.'s travel to the Southern District of California, required GPS monitoring, and ordered C. not to have any unsupervised contacts with any current or former Peregrine employees, auditors, or business associates.

According to the indictment...C. and his co-conspirators, who worked either within or outside of Peregrine, intentionally disseminated false financial reports to the public, financial institutions, and others, intending to

deceive them about Peregrine's true financial performance and condition. Nine defendants, including C., are scheduled for trial on April 3, 2007.

To date, eight other defendants have pleaded guilty to felony charges arising out of this conspiracy.

#### **DUI CHECKPOINT**

Location: 1300 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas

Time/Date: 8:00 p.m. to 11:40 p.m. on 9/22/06



Report: Sheriff's deputies and officers from the California Highway Patrol conducted a DUI and drivers' license checkpoint Friday night...in front of Swami's Beach. A total of 408 vehicles went through the checkpoint. 270 vehicles were contacted in the primary inspection area. 24 vehicles were sent into the secondary inspection area. 7 drivers were evaluated for impairment. 3 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence. One other subject was arrested for possession of drugs. The drivers of 3 vehicles had their vehicles impounded for driving on suspended or revoked drivers' licenses or for never obtaining a driver's license. A total of 12 citations were issued for driver license, registration, insurance, equipment or other violations.

#### **SEATBELT SWEEP**

Location: All over Spring Valley Time/Date: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on 9/23/06

**Report:** Sheriff's deputies from the Lemon Grove Command conducted a Seat Belt Enforcement Detail in the Spring Valley area. The enforcement resulted in: 80 seat belt violation cita-

tions, 23 miscellaneous citations, 8 unlicensed driver citations, 14 vehicle tows, 1 DUI arrest, 1 warrant arrest.

#### **DUI CHECKPOINT**

Location: 800 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos

Time/Date: 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on 9/15/06



Report: San Marcos Sheriff's Traffic Division, with cooperation from the North County Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Council, conducted a Driving Under the Influence checkpoint [where] 3718 vehicles passed through the checkpoint. Two hundred and four were inspected. Three drivers were found to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Twenty-three citations were issued. Six vehicles were stored due to various license and registration violations.

#### **WARRANT SWEEP**

Location: All over Lemon Grove and Spring Valley

Time/Date: 6:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on 9/23/06

Report: The Court Services Bureau, along with the Lemon Grove Station's Gang Suppression Team, conducted a traffic warrant sweep. The warrant sweep was targeted at individuals with outstanding traffic warrants for driving under the influence, hit and run, unlicensed drivers and driving on a suspended license. Teams of Court Services deputies and Gang Suppression Team deputies served warrants throughout the cities of Lemon Grove and Spring Valley. Twenty-four people (18 men and 6 women) were arrested and sent to jail.

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I never owned a TV until recently, and the milk crates held my entertainment. The crates carried my books. A lamp in the corner was my reading light, and my ass got waffle crosses from sitting on the crates during hours of reading To Kill a Mockingbird, In Cold Blood, and Welcome to the Monkey House.

The milk crates were my coffee tables. Drinks — coffee, bourbon, long wet bottles of beer — sat crookedly on their diamond-spaced tops.

The crates were my bike stands. They'd hold the forks or prop up the frames while I cleaned, greased, disassembled, and reassembled the chains, sprockets, and derailleur before a long ride to Imperial Beach or Torrey Pines.

I rarely let someone in my place. My friends would stop in for water or a liquor drink, and before I could offer them a nice comfy milk crate to sit on, we'd make an excuse to leave. If I met a girl, we'd stay out all night or go to her place because mine was "being renovated."

Then I cashed out my old savings account, the last of my dot-com bubble, because my back hurt from sleeping on the floor. I bought a bed, actual tables and chairs, and the milk crates did their final chore as step stools while I painted my apartment. But that wasn't why they were shelved. When I renovated my grungy, Spartan studio, I talked myself into buying my first-ever television.

Now the bikes are tucked away in a corner of the kitchen. The books are on a shelf in the closet. The half-empty bottles of brown booze are put back in a cupboard above the

These days what I do most is lie in bed (a real bed) with my girl, who loves trashy TV: Celebrity Duets, Rockstar Supernova, The Teen Choice Awards, and Laguna Beach.

And the milk crates sit atop a cabinet. Maybe I'll put 'em out in the alley tomorrow.

#### WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

#### WALK THE LINE (2005)

#### HBO2 8:00 P.M.

When I was in jail, I shared a cell with a hard, old criminal type. He'd spent the majority of his adult life in prisons, and he was awaiting transfer to a different state lockup in my little-town clink. He popped a white balloon from the back of his overalls and wadded it up in his lunch sack and sat on the toilet for half an hour. I stayed by the front window, watching the guards walk the hallway, and he sat back there talking to me, "Warden's going to put me in solitary this time, I know it. What do I care? I'm going to be dopesick in a couple hours anyway. I'll dry up before I head to Pelican Bay. It'll be good for me."

#### SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS

#### NIK 8:00 A.M.

The other day I was in the grocery store, and I saw this big-headed kid. He had a dome, boy. His eyes were squinty and low, and he looked like an old shake-on-the-stovetop popcorn popper from the brows up. It took all the determination I could muster to keep from nabbing him from the greeting-card aisle and rushing him to the ocean. I wanted to dip his noggin under the water to see if he could send out sonar messages and talk with sea mammals. But I didn't want to explain that to the police. Again.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

#### MUMMY AUTOPSY

#### DTIMES 7:00 P.M.

When I was a kid, I had a parrot. He died and I wrapped him in newspapers and dipped him in starch, "Rawk! Give me brains!" he screeches. "Rawk! I am your dead parrot! Rawk!" Well, it's not really the parrot mummy who says those things. It's me. I made him into a puppet, and I tie him on my head and sit in the bushes outside my apartment and do the voice to creep myself out. Eeeeee! Mummy parrot. Woohooohoo.



# THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS (2005)

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#### SPIKE 10:30 P.M.

To get in shape, I've been doing a lot of martial-arts conditioning. I hit a heavy bag like a boxer. I do calisthenics like kick-outs and bridges for wrestling. Then, I jump rope. I'm pretty good at jumping rope. I can get all the way through, "As I went down to my grandfather's farm/ A billy goat chased me around the barn/ It chased me up a sycamore tree/ And this is what it said to me/ I like coffee, I like tea..."

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

#### **SHOW US YOUR TATS**

#### VH1 10:30 A.M.

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#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

#### **RUG GALLERY**

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#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

#### PROFESSIONAL POKER TOUR — BELLAGIO: FIRST QUARTER ACTION

#### TRAVEL 9:00 P.M.

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#### "Obese families feeding each other dripping nachos..."

By John Brizzolara

The Café Noir on Ninth Avenue near Island Avenue is painted a flat charcoal so that it disappears after sunset, leaving only the small, red-neon rubric, "Café Noir," unblinking, a cyclopean Cheshire cat's bloodshot eye. Were it not for a few stylized advertisements for "2 Buck Beer" in Halloween blackand-yellow, the neo-Victorian structure would look like the setting for an H.P. Lovecraft story, something like "The Rats in the Walls" or "The Thing under the Stairwell." The house looks as if it might host a coven of witches or an opium den. It will be, I have decided, my new capital of the October Country over the next few weeks.

I need a new coffee shop anyway. I have become alarmed at how dependent I have become on Starbuck's just two blocks away, how agreeable I find the music from that chain's own satellite radio station. I fear I am becoming slowly conditioned to a near lobotomized state of mediocre contentment while blowing happily on my latte foam, giggling to myself as I groove on my antidepressants and listen to chick singers who have all been victimized by the same pig or dog of a man. It is too much like a scene I once took in years ago in Santa Barbara.

It was in a Howard Johnson's full of elderly retirees, vacationers, tourists, or locals from the nearby assisted-living facilities for the aged. Row upon row of tables over which were bowed the white heads of seniors, all of them examining their plates of identically white food: mashed potatoes, chicken breasts with white gravy, cauliflower, white bread, a glass of milk, a pale slice of apple pie. Dice-like dentures sat next to plates as patrons gummed the entrées, humming, bobbing their heads to Muzak versions of You Are My Sunshine, Lemon Tree, or I'll Be Seeing You. (The Chicken Pie Shop in North Park is another perfect example of this recurring tableau.) The music and certain particulars have changed, but both Starbuck's and that long-ago Howard Johnson's-ofthe-mind have taken on a personal symbolism for existential defeat, metaphors for resignation. A bit heavy for a coffee and/or pancake-and-patty-melt franchise possibly, but then I have similar associations with, say, Velveeta cheese and reruns of The Lawrence Welk Show.

Importing a bit of Starbuck's to the Café Noir, I listened to Bob Dylan's new CD (bought at Starbuck's) Modern Times while I stared out the windows of the second-floor parlor to the lights of Petco Park. Although usually closed at 2 p.m., the café remains open for baseball games at night and does a good business in Pacifico or Miller Genuine Draft beer; one can get an identical buzz at the café for exactly half the price one pays at the ballpark.

I made notes on a short-story idea I had, inspired by that image from Howard Johnson's or the Chicken Pie Shop. The story was to be titled "Dead Man's Plate" and was/is a ghost story about the dead being haunted by the living; the idea being that life is a far more horrific proposition than death. I had done something similar with the werewolf gimmick for *Twilight Zone Magazine* in a story called "Nightskin." Using passersby leaving the ballgame as models for the hordes of living souls plaguing the dead, I jotted phrases like, "Obese families feeding each other dripping nachos masticating hot dogs...laughter like psych ward patients...Chicano gang members wearing Chargers shirts, shaved heads...say they have bullet holes in their foreheads, etc., waxy, doughy flesh...bloated like bursting sausages...pleasures of the flesh...young girls, mothers dressed like streetwalkers...guy puking beer at

Had anyone read over my shoulder they would have instantly put distance between themselves and me. Headphones clamped over my ears, chewing gum, sipping a chai latte and my head nodding sagely to Dylan's "Beyond the Horizon," like an old pensioner grooving to a scratchy 78 rpm of Rudy Vallee that played nonstop throughout his Alzheimer's-riddled gray matter.

At some point I decided I would sit in this same chair here, Friday the 13th. If the Padres were playing that night, the café would be open, and this seemed the ideal place to be on such a night in the heart of October. I returned



"This is living, eh, Bob? You, me, and three honeys. How's that soup treating you?"

my attention to notes on "Dead Man's Plate." I thought I should write down the initial inspiration.

"DMP is the cellophane-covered portions of recently served meals, usually kept in walk-in refrigerators of restaurants under scrutiny by the health department. Idea is to have samples of every item on menu served within past week to be analyzed later in case of food poisoning. As plot point: method of killing the living chosen by the dead." I spent another happy hour thinking of descriptions I might employ of entire families of pale, redneck cretins, Jerry Springer guests, writhing with the torments of fatal *E. coli* poisoning.

The building is an official San Diego Historical Landmark, which explains its escaping the wrecking ball within spitting distance of the ballpark. I allowed myself a brief fantasy, a footnote in the historical society literature on the house built in 1886 at 447 Ninth Avenue. That entry would read: "In October of 2006, Nobel Prize for Literature winner John Brizzolara conceived the celebrated short story 'Dead Man's Plate' while having tea during the house's incarnation as Café Noir. The short story was the basis for the 2008 comedy musical Jackass VI."

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