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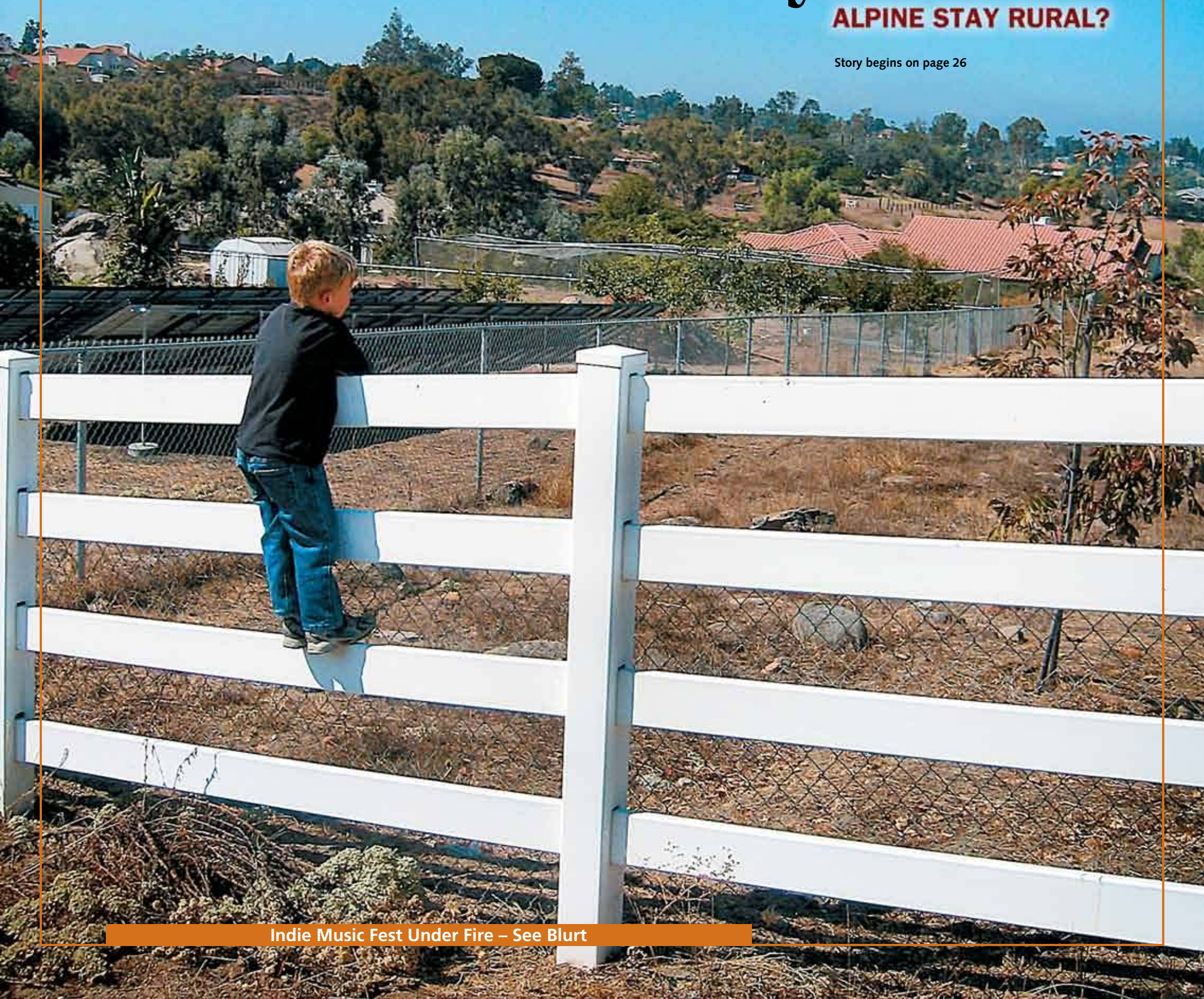
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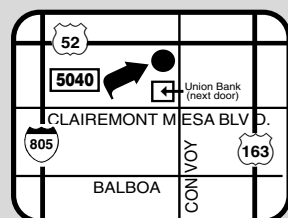
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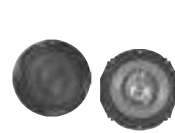
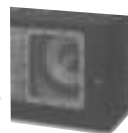
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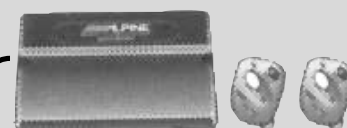


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Meanwhile, although the paper has yet to report it, Copley Press, the *U-T*'s parent, continues its own epic legal battle with the EEOC in federal court here. More than two years ago the federal agency filed a discrimination case against Copley on behalf of one of the *U-T*'s pressroom workers, **Gerard Mitchell**, who claims that the company refused to promote him because he is deaf.



Union-Tribune building

"Mr. Mitchell cannot communicate with co-workers because he cannot hear, read lips, verbalize words, or speak with other employees," a *U-T* lawyer claimed in a court filing. "It would have been an undue hardship on Copley to require it to retool the presses and paperhandler job equipment to accommodate a deaf employee." The fight grew even more heated this summer when the feds filed a motion seeking to rebut evidence unearthed by Copley Press, who allege that Mitchell is a reckless driver and therefore unsuitable for the job. Wrote a lawyer for the government: "Evidence that Mr. Mitchell received a speeding ticket and operated a Van without a Class C license could only be elicited for the purpose of attacking his credibility.... Defendant fails to address how the alleged incident is material to the employment discrimination claim at hand."

The lawyers also wrangled over whether the government could call two witnesses who are "deaf employees of the *Arizona Daily News* and the *Tucson Citizen*, and work in the papers' pressroom. Thus, they would provide highly relevant testimony in this case, where the *Union-Tribune* claims that a deaf person cannot safely and effectively work in a newspaper pressroom." A trial date has been set for next week.

Dam leaks Anyone living downriver from the Lake Hodges Dam, just north of Rancho Bernardo, might wish to take note. The City of San Diego is spending "not-to-exceed" \$159,026 on a consultant who is supposed to find out whether "the



Lake Hodges Dam

foundation of the dam could potentially erode during a Probable Maximum Flood event and compromise the stability of the dam." The study, to be done by the URS Corporation, was requested by the state's Division of Dam Safety.... Recent donors



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to San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**'s privatization and city-pension-limit measures, which are opposed by big labor, include **Pauline Foster**. She's the widow of **Stan Foster**, the wealthy local developer whose pro-union leanings were such that he was honored — with the backing of the labor council — by having

Kearny High's construction school named the Stanley E. Foster Construction Tech Academy. She gave \$500. The big downtown law firm of Luce, Forward, which in the past has handled such outsourced assignments as the almost decade-long courtroom battle to expand Qualcomm Stadium for the Chargers, came up with \$2500, as did American Medical Response, the Colorado-based firm that has the city's ambulance contract.... Ex-governor **Jerry Brown**, the termed-out Oakland mayor running for state attorney general, has been picking up campaign cash from a variety of local gambling interests. Oceanside's Ocean's Eleven Casino gave him \$5600; Alpine's Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians contributed \$2000; and the Pala Band of Mission Indians gave \$5000. Not surprisingly, lawyers were also big givers: **Bill Lerach** and associates gave a total of \$35,350, and Luce, Forward and its workers kicked in \$6000.



Jerry Brown

Pay for play State senator **Christine Kehoe** — who carried Senate Bill 1627 this year to loosen local limitations on cell-phone-tower expansions, which was recently signed into law by Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** — has continued to rake in campaign cash from mobile-phone-industry players. On July 6, she picked up another \$1800 from T-Mobile USA, the American subsidiary of the German telecom giant Deutsche Telekom. T-Mobile had previously given Kehoe \$1000 last December, about a month and a half before she introduced the bill, which was sponsored by the company.

— Matt Potter

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Fat Cats Bully Commoners

By Don Bauder

San Diego's jockstrap plutocrats, with support and succor from city council-member Scott Peters, are muscling in on land

that belongs to the public, say critics. It's happening in two places: on the beach in front of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and at the city-owned Torrey Pines Golf Course. The

the City to place signage on the beach in front of the club saying "Public Beach Access Permitted." The beach and tennis club wants the sign to add "Along the Water's Edge."



La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

California Coastal Commission will be a major arbiter in both of these disputes.

On September 11, the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club filed suit in superior court to overturn a July decision by the coastal commission that, among other things, required

Even after the commission's decision, the club's enforcers have booted commoners off that area of the beach.

The club claims that because of land decisions dating back to the late 19th Century and early 20th Century, it owns the beach out to the

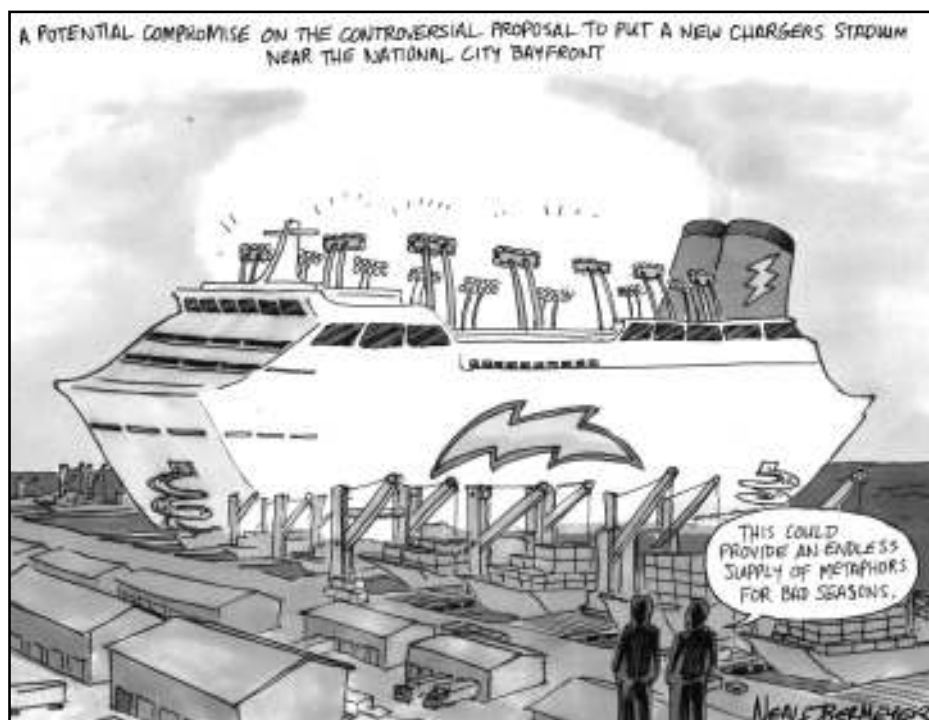
assertions.

At the July meeting of the coastal commission, execu-

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The Heart Meets the Law

By Bruce Kauffman

Jose Esteban held a rolled-up poster under one arm and his two-year-old daughter with the other as he walked toward Washington Avenue from the west side of the Escondido City Hall. Inside, that Wednesday evening, October 4, the city council was discussing an ordinance that would make it unlawful to rent to illegal immigrants.

While children tumbled in the grass laughing, a subdued crowd of 400 watched the meeting on a closed-circuit TV, an older model set up at Grape Day Park. The park is adjacent to city hall, a graceful curving building at Valley Parkway and Broadway, part of a complex that includes the California Center for the

officers, not just from Escondido but from the San Diego County Sheriff's office and departments as far-flung as the San Diego Harbor Police, stood by, some in full riot gear.

Police said the crowd outside numbered around 700 and that opponents of the proposed ordinance outnumbered supporters six to one. Inside, the 350 filling the seats in the council chambers appeared to be split evenly pro and con. Using the police estimates, there was one officer for almost every five people, inside and out. There



Sam Abed



Marie Waldron



Ed Gallo

Arts, Escondido. Behind the TV set was yellow police tape and behind that were 20 uniformed officers. Two hundred

would be one arrest, for public intoxication.

In front of city hall, about 15 feet apart and separated

by two cordons of helmeted police and sheriff's deputies, people on either side of the issue faced off at a crosswalk in the circular driveway. A second television set at the city hall entrance carried the council proceedings for this crowd.

Some waved signs with photographs of the three councilmembers likely to vote yes on the ordinance—Sam Abed, Ed Gallo, and Marie Waldron, who is running for reelection in November for the seat she's held for eight years. Under the photos was written "We Love You." Another sign:

"Deportation, Sí Se Puede." (Deportation, yes, we can.)

Foes held signs that proclaimed "Brown Is Beautiful" and "USA — Not Nazi Germany." At one point, opponents chanted "U-S-A, U-S-A..."

"I'm pretty sure you can read the signs of hate on the other side," said Jose Ayala, who was outside among the opponents. He wore a T-shirt that said "Hecho en California" (Made in California) and said the message applied to him, an American. "I think this is more of a hate issue

than an issue of whether people are here illegally."

Another person among the opposition, a man who identified himself only as a Republican businessman, said, "It feels really mean-spirited to me."

He said he noticed that police officers facing the largely Hispanic opponents had clear plastic visors pulled down over their faces and that officers facing supporters of the measure did not. When he asked one of the officers why, he said, he was told, "Stand back."

"We're all Americans on both sides," the GOP businessman said.

In the meantime, Jose Esteban and his daughter were heading home. He said he was legal but his wife was not, and she still paid her share of taxes.

"It's something unbelievable that they're coming up with here," Esteban said of the city council. "The truth is, we came to work. If they approve the law, the little Mexican businesses will go out of business. We rent, we pay deposits up front. They're trying to take us out. I hope and pray this doesn't pass. The workers, after work, where are they going to go to live, under the bridge?"

The rolled-up poster Esteban carried promoted a movie called *Los Minutemen Cazadores de Arizona* (The Minutemen Hunters of Arizona), in which Esteban, a part-time actor whose day job

is in construction, plays the role of a hunted Mexican who's just snuck over the border. "It's like they have nothing to do and no heart," he said of the Minutemen portrayed in the movie.

A contingent of real Minutemen stood at the corner of Valley Parkway and Broadway, waving signs at passersby. One, a retired biology professor at San Diego State University named Stuart H. Hurlbert, said he was concerned that the environment is not able to withstand the rapid growth in population wrought by rampant illegal immigration.

How to solve the problem? "It's a piece of cake," the professor said. "The problem is there are powerful, important people in Washington who don't want to solve the problem."

Hurlbert said the laws on the books need to be enforced, and recidivist border crossers need to be penalized. "You get crackers and Kool-Aid [when you're caught], and you get a bus ticket," he said.

The ordinance before the city council, six pages in length, notes that the state and federal governments "lack the resources to properly protect the citizens of the city of Escondido from the adverse effects of the harboring of illegal aliens, and the criminal activities of some illegal aliens."

It goes on to state that, upon a "valid complaint" from



Demonstrators against rental ordinance



City council chambers during debate



Outside Escondido City Hall

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tive director Peter Douglas commented, "With rising sea level there is no doubt this is going to be public [trust land]." But the commission did not make a decision on that point, and it will have to be adjudicated.

In its filing, the club's lawyers said that the commission presented no evidence at the hearing that the beach club's alleged property belongs to the public. The signage change means that the public will trespass, the club's beach guards will summon the police, and the club's expenses will rise, lamented the lawyers.

In August, almost a month after the commission's deci-

sion, Denise Knapp of Poway and a friend decided to give the matter a test. They sat down on the beach in front of the club. "I didn't expect to be hassled," says Knapp. "A security guard came over and said we were trespassing and we had to leave or he would call the police." Knapp cited the commission's ruling. "He said it was incorrect; he pulled out a map that showed we couldn't sit there. But the sand was still damp. I knew the high tide line was above that point. He said that didn't matter because the property line extended to where the tide line used to be [in 1938]. His supervisor called the police," and Knapp and her friend left.

The Torrey Pines situation involves similar bullying. After a half-year of civic brouhaha, the city council in late June approved Mayor Jerry Sanders's five-year plan that effectively turns the Torrey Pines Golf Course over to upper-crust civic boosters who want to use it to attract major professional golf tournaments. Local golfers will have to pay higher fees and get in fewer full rounds. It was a victory for the tourist industry and the Century Club, a small group of nobles that already runs the Buick Open and wants to attract more major pro championships after the 2008 U.S. Open is played at Torrey Pines.

"The city's assets are being taken by a private organiza-

tion," says attorney Paul Spiegelman, head of the San Diego Municipal Golfer's Alliance. The Century Club is trying to "privatize Torrey Pines Golf Course, make it a regular site for professional golf tournaments, turn it into a destination resort for wealthy tourists" at the expense of local golfers.

Hardly surprisingly, the Century Club is claiming that sponsorship of the tournaments will boost the local economy, the same way the Super Bowl is said to be worth \$350 million to the host city. The U.S. Open will directly and indirectly add \$100 million to \$150 million to local coffers, asserts the club. "That's phony baloney," says Spiegel-

man, and that is a restrained critique. Economists say that a Super Bowl stimulates a regional economy by about one-tenth of what the National Football League claims.

In late April, the City approved demolition of a two-story 18,800-square-foot clubhouse at Torrey Pines and construction of a 27,000-square-foot clubhouse and 11,600-square-foot support building. The San Diego Municipal Golfer's Alliance has appealed to the coastal commission, claiming that its members did not receive notice of the hearing and that part of the land is under the control of the commission. The new buildings would ruin the view to the ocean from North

Torrey Pines Road, among many things. The big point: the objective of turning the courses into sites for pro tournaments runs counter to the commission's goal of maximizing public access along the coast.

Tom Wilson, executive director of the Century Club, says that Spiegelman's group had plenty of notice about the City's demolition and construction plans. Wilson says he doesn't know whether the coastal commission has any legitimate authority in the matter.

Spiegelman says that at the 2008 U.S. Open, and at other subsequent pro events, "the North Course will be

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destroyed” with corporate tents and the like while the tournament is played on the famed South Course. Wilson concedes the grass under the tents will die but says it will be reseeded, “and in three to five weeks it will be back to where it was.” Because the tents will be in the rough, not on fairways, people will be playing the North Course in a “week to ten days” after the tournament, he says.

Sanders spent five weeks with the hotel industry and Century Club “to figure out how to screw the people,” says Spiegelman. The final council vote was the typical 7 to 1 for Sanders’s plan. Only Donna Frye stood up for the people. Peters carried Sanders’s water by, among other things, distorting statistics to make it look as though ordinary golfers would not be so burdened. “Scott Peters is an honorary member of the Century Club. We asked him to recuse himself and he declined,” says Spiegelman.

Because he was on the coastal commission at one time, Peters played a larger role in the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club flap. With the City’s approval, the club had placed buoys in the water that made it appear that even the swimming area was off-limits to the general public. In 2003, the California State Lands Commission ruled that neither the City nor the club had the authority or permits to place the buoys. The City

applied for vested rights to allow it to place the buoys without a permit. In January of 2005, the coastal commission approved the move 5 to 4, with Peters providing the swing vote.

The Sierra Club filed a suit in superior court challenging the legality of the vested-rights determination. That case is now stayed, as the City seeks a permit for buoy placement. Peters’s wife was a member of the beach and tennis club. “It was a bald-faced conflict of interest,” says Mark Massara, an attorney for the Sierra Club. “The attorney general had said he [Peters] shouldn’t aggressively argue the case on one side or another. But he was a vociferous advocate of the beach and tennis club’s position. We thought he defied the attorney general.”

Peters says the Ethics Commission advised him that, as a nonvoting honorary member of the Century Club, he did not have a conflict of interest. He denies that the attorney general advised him as Massara states and says he paid for his membership in the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club; it is not an equity interest and is not resellable, he says.

The Sierra Club is not named in the beach and tennis club’s suit. However, Massara looks forward to litigation to determine whether the mean high tide line from the 1930s is still relevant. “The only way to resolve this is to undertake new surveys,” says Massara. “When we get

that information, they will lose. What is going on at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club is nothing short of an outrage.” ■

Meets the law

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a resident, an official, or a business, the City would require a landlord to prove that tenants have “legal status.” If the proof is not forthcoming, the landlord has ten days to evict the “illegal tenants.”

If the landlord fails to act, the City could then suspend the landlord’s business license and, during that time, prohibit the property owner from collecting rent from the alleged illegals. The landlord could also be subject to a fine of an as yet unspecified amount.

“A complaint which alleges a violation solely or primarily on the basis of national origin, ethnicity, or race,” the language of the ordinance goes on, “shall be deemed invalid and shall not be enforced.”

Inside the chambers, one speaker after another either denounced the pending ordinance as racist or praised the council for having the courage to take a stand against illegal immigration. Proponents of the measure said that illegal immigrants posed an imminent threat to the quality of life in this city of 140,000, whose population is 43 percent Hispanic. (How many Escondido residents are in the country illegally remains an

open question.)

The proponents said illegal immigrants were straining the city’s resources, compromising the education of children, crowding into substandard housing, and creating such demand for health services that the hospital, Palomar Medical Center, could not keep up.

When all the speakers had been heard from, Mayor Lori Holt Pfeiler called for a five-minute recess. It was after 10:00 p.m., three hours since the meeting began. Following the recess, the councilmembers had their say.

Waldron went first. She said that she grew up in New York and lost 55 classmates in the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. When she said that 9/11 was “caused by illegal aliens flying planes into the World Trade towers,” the crowd began to jeer at her for comparing undocumented Latinos to al-Qaeda terrorists.

She decried a lack of border enforcement by the federal government and said, “We’ve heard a lot tonight from both sides, a lot of emotion. This is not an issue that I’ve taken lightly by any means. A lot of thought has gone into this... That fence should have been built decades ago. We can’t withstand the impacts as a local community because the federal government is not enforcing the laws.

“The problem,” she said, “is we’re so afraid of being called a racist we find ourselves going to the other

extreme, being willing to tolerate everything, even law-breaking, even safety, even the safety of our families.... This ordinance is not about race. It’s about enforcing the law.

“This isn’t about politics,” she said. “If I don’t get elected, I can always say I never backed down on principle, eight years in office. And I never will.”

But some say it’s all about politics. Waldron’s high-profile shepherding of the measure will generate the votes to return her to office, said former councilmember and lifelong Escondido resident June Rady.

Waldron, who owns a T-shirt shop on Grand Avenue, is one of seven candidates for two open council seats. One candidate running her first race ever, Olga Diaz, has a business right around the corner on Kalmia Street, a coffeehouse called the Blue Mug.

Bill Flores, a retiree who once worked as Sheriff Bill Kolender’s assistant and who revived an organization called El Grupo to battle the ordinance, is backing Diaz. “An image comes to my mind,” he said, “and that image is, do you remember seeing the movie *Fiddler on the Roof*? Do you remember at the end when the Jewish community was approached by the Russian policeman and he said, ‘You people have to go.’ And Tevye said, ‘Why? Why? This is our home.’ And the policeman said, ‘It is no longer?’

“This just isn’t right,” Flores went on. “It’s un-American. We’re not saying that

crossing the border illegally is okay. We are asking how do we deal with the border issue. In the best American traditions, we deal with it in a humane, thoughtful, sensitive way. And most of them are from a country that’s our neighbor.”

Jeff Schwilk, a retired staff sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, founded the San Diego Minutemen a year ago. He counts some 300 adherents, a little more than half of them in North County.

“Escondido is being basically overrun by illegal immigrants that are just flooding into that city as a sanctuary,” he said. “And something has to be done, and this is the first step toward doing it. We are about enforcing the laws of this land, which require that all people who want to immigrate here come here legally.

“We’re about getting some control of the situation. It’s out of control, and we can’t afford to let it fester out of control like this. We’ll lose all semblance of what it means to be here in America.”

The vote was 3 to 2, with Waldron, Abed, and Gallo in favor. The measure was scheduled for a second reading, expected to be a pro forma procedure, on October 18. Escondido becomes the first city in California to pass such an ordinance; the second, after Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in the nation. The American Civil Liberties Union is challenging the Hazleton law and said it is preparing to sue the city of Escondido. ■



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Great

I picked up the most recent issue, "Dig a Little Deeper: Cold Murder Case Heats Up" (Cover Story, October 12). That was probably the best article that you guys have ever done. It took me an hour to read. I learned a lot about DNA, learned about this case. It was an interesting case. Your reporter must have done a hell of a job to get all this information. Great, great article. I'm going to keep reading the Reader from now on. It just caught my attention; it was great. And I know several other people, too, who have read this. It's a great, great article. Keep up the good work.

Carlos

Can't Ignore The Water Man

After reading John Brizzolara's article, "He Loves the People No One Wants" (Cover Story, October 5), it's impossible to sit back and do nothing. How do I donate clothing, etc., to the Water Man?

Kim Cromwell
via e-mail

Tell Me Where

I enjoyed John Brizzolara's article on David Ross ("He Loves the People No One Wants," Cover Story, October 5). Please let me know where I can send money to help with his cause.

Chuck Brewer
via e-mail

Stuck At St. Vinney's

The article "He Loves the People No One Wants" (Cover Story, October 5). David Ross speaks for the majority of us stuck working at St. Vinney's because we have families to support. Most of us are looking for work, but for now daily we deal with "the robopathic administrators" breathing down our necks, as David

said. We disagree with David's label of "a warehouse for dysfunctional bodies" referring to the residents we serve; instead, use that label for the same administrators. Recruiters take notice: *There are quality, hard-working employees here needing jobs!!!*

Name Withheld
via e-mail

Wants To Reach Out

I just read your article from the October 5 paper about David Ross ("He Loves the People No One Wants," Cover Story). Thank you for telling his story. Is there any way to contact him about donating to his outreach?

Susie
via e-mail

Well-Directed Energy

Your cover story has really moved me ("He Loves the People No One Wants," October 5). Is there any way to reach him or contact him and see if I could be of help in any way? It is out of utmost sincerity and motivation that I ask you to help me to be in touch with Ross. I want so badly to help; but as a female, the fear of assault has kept me from getting anything done other than leaving food or leftovers or clothes at street corners along Market Street from downtown to Logan whenever I manage to do so. Maybe I can help him make sandwiches and collect clothing, etc. I just want to be of help to the hopeless and discouraged and helpless. I am no Samaritan like David Ross, nor is it out of the kindness of my heart or making an example. I'd like to do something helpful with the same vengeance and determination that I'd otherwise invest into various pointless draining activities.

Gloria Sheik
via e-mail

Charitable Disconnect

Finally someone, David Ross, is speaking up about the reality of working at St. Vincent de Paul Village ("He Loves the People No One Wants," Cover Story, October 5). However noble and heartfelt Fr. Joe's vision is, the fact remains the streets are also littered with the bodies of quality, educated, and dedicated employees, thanks to the gross

mismanagement of his middle-management team of vice presidents and directors. The disconnection between Fr. Joe and the Village employees is growing each day. The hit squad of middle management retains those robotic employees who can be overworked (often combining two or three jobs), underpaid, and will follow the policy and procedure of "don't tell" regardless of what they see.

Mr. Ross's description of the population of SVDP is accurate from a demographic and diagnostic standpoint. His graphic illustration of the living conditions, however unpleasant, is very real. Given the challenges the homeless face, this is a difficult place to reside on a good day. It is a completely draining, defeating, and destructive place to work.

Fr. Joe's vision and passion are commendable. The homeless population needs all of our compassion and care. Fr. Joe needs to reconnect with the reality of the Village, take back control, and restore the mission statement to reality, not just a poster. If the goal is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," then it is time to clean house, Father.

Name Withheld
via e-mail

Double Donation

I work with Meals on Wheels, and many times we receive donations that we are unable to give to our clients for liability reasons. I would like to get in contact with Dave from the cover story ("He Loves the People No One Wants," October 5) to donate these items to him to help with his crusade. I am deeply moved by his dedication.

April W.
via e-mail

Nothing Trickles Down

Re "He Loves the People No One Wants," October 5 (Cover Story). Thank you for showing the human face of the homeless in our city and the humanity and wonderful work of David Ross. It is no surprise that Ross had to leave the corporate mentality of St. Vincent's. While demonstrating at a fund-raising luncheon for Bilbray attended by Vice President Cheney, we (the

demonstrators) saw all the folks going to that luncheon. And, behold, there was Father Joe. Yes, he proudly supports the corporate Republicans and this administration (and has said so). And we all see how concerned this administration is with the victims of Katrina and the poor. The list is too big to include all this administration does not care about. They have a trickle-down mentality of making life hard on the poor. But they do care about their corporate supporters.

Also, Father Joe did a political ad for a proposition some years ago. I don't remember the number, but to quote Carl Luna's observations on California politics, March 3, 2004: "While the proposition he [Father Joe] campaigned against went down to inglorious defeat, just why such a revered figure of charity should get involved in a matter as tawdry as developer politics has left more than a few heads shaking and tongues wagging." In defense of Father Joe, maybe he gets some help from his Republican buddies, but surely he should not publicly be doing ads on their behalf.

So, does corporate St. Vincent's or the police ticketing the good and much-needed works of David Ross surprise anyone?

Alicia Sacks
via e-mail

For The Greater Good

I have just finished your cover story of October 5 ("He Loves the People No One Wants"), about David Ross and the selfless, compassionate, caring things he does for the homeless, helpless, mentally disabled people in the downtown area. There are very few benevolent souls in our society that work towards the greater good and give back to their communities with time and money.

I also try to make a difference in North Park with the homeless because I was homeless myself not long ago. Fortunately, I was "rescued" by a person who also likes to save the world, one person at a time.

What really stood out to me was Sergeant Laura Santiago's attitude toward Mr. Ross. Why should he

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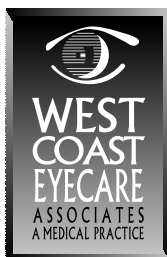
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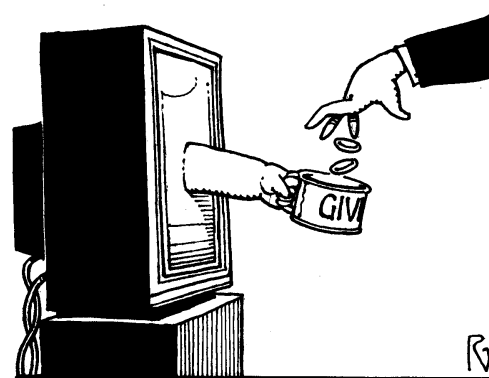
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



TO: Matt Alice:

President Clinton and President Bush the Uno, in the TV commercial asking for donations for tsunami relief, I'm sure volunteered their time. But do they receive residuals when the commercial plays? And what about other actors in public service announcements, like that high school girl where a teacher intercepts a note from her mom? She would be a millionaire by now, as often as that commercial runs. And what exactly is the Ad Council that produces all of these commercials?

— Curious Ken, Cardiff-by-the-Sea

First, a pop quiz. Multiple-choice, don't panic. (1) Friends don't let friends drive: (a) unless the friends get to ride shotgun; (b) rusted-out El Caminos with crushed beer cans, burger wrappers, three ladders, and a Labrador retriever in the back; (c) drunk. (2) Only you can prevent: (a) foot odor, (b) stupidity, (c) rampant bad taste, (d) forest fires. (3) Take a bite out of: (a) crickets, (b) crayons, (c) cheddar, (d) crime. (4) Rosie the: (a) Rottweiler, (b) Republican, (c) Reprobate, (d) Riveter. (5) Just say: (a) Oy! (b) Crap! (c) This is a holdup! (d) No!

I'm sure you scored 100 percent. Thank the Ad Council. All their creations — now part of the basic American genetic material. The council's been doing this to our brains since 1942, when members of the advertising industry wanted to help win WWII without actually picking up a gun. Among other campaigns, the War Advertising Council encouraged people to buy bonds and to keep their mouths shut in case the guy next to them on the bus is a spy ("Loose lips sink ships").

They were so successful that President Roosevelt urged them to continue after the war, aiming their messages at broader social issues. Consider Smokey Bear (apparently his middle name is not "the"). The fried-egg "your brain on drugs" spot that aggravated all you herb smokers so much. And the United Negro College Fund's "A mind is a terrible thing to waste" or, if you're Dan Quayle (Dan who?) speaking to members of the UNCF itself, "What a waste it is to lose one's mind or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is." They've also tackled mentoring, predatory lending, global warming, protection of the oceans, and lots of other topics.

In 1945 the War Advertising Council became the Advertising Council, now the Ad Council. Next week, maybe the A Council. Private, nonprofit, supported by individual and corporate donations.

Bush the Elder, Clinton, and the high school girl got zippo for their work. No actor/presenter in an Ad Council ad is paid. No pay? No residuals. In general, the system works like this: The council selects causes from pleas submitted to them — anybody from the Big Brothers and Sisters and the Peace Corps to the scary Department of Homeland Security. The campaign is assigned to an advertising agency, which donates all the creative and production time and talent. The council handles distribution and media placement; TV, radio, print, Internet, and other media outlets donate the time/space. The only cash that changes hands is for some production expenses, and they're paid by the council.

Sez the council, the sponsoring group can be government, private nonprofit, or a coalition of the two. The commercials must offer "solutions to problems through individual actions" and promote "positive social change." There's our ad for the Ad Council.

Heymatt:

It seems like I just did something that really pissed off my girlfriend. While I try to figure out what it was, I think I need a gift for her. What's the most expensive thing in the world?

— Mickey, in the doghouse

Can we assume that you don't want to follow the herd that's going to buy this year's Victoria's Secret Fantasy Bra? "Hearts on Fire," they call it. Encrusted with 2000 round diamonds and a ten-carat brooch — \$6.5 million. That's 3.25 mil per cup. But every schmo swoops in on Victoria's when he's in a jam. Make the effort to take her to England, where a bar will shake or stir a \$27,000 martini with a diamond in place of the olive. Maybe \$2700 per sip? While you're there, pick up a \$7500 diamond-encrusted tea bag — 250 stones, 0 caffeine. I'd say about \$2500 per dunk. Oh, those Brits!

But maybe your miffed muffin is a philatelist. Maybe she can even spell philatelist! So let's look at a little blue number called the 1868 Benjamin Franklin Z Grill. One of the only two existing was just involved in a high-profile swap that made the stamp worth about three mil. By our calculations, that's \$3 trillion an ounce.

Not good enough? (Dang, man, what did you do!?) Only one more thing to try. The most expensive thing in the world, at least according to all the sources I could find. Imagine the smile on her face when you offer up her very own gram of antimatter. About \$62 trillion, more or less. Antihydrogen is the only flavor available at the moment, but the science guys hope for more. They can whip it up in the lab, apparently harder than creating it in the exhaust of the Starship *Enterprise*.

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One-In-A-Million

Once in a while the Box recommends a book for your consideration. It has to be a sports book and it has to be brilliant. At hand is such a book: *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*, by Michael Lewis (W.W. Norton, 299 pages, \$24.95).

You've probably heard of and might have read Lewis's 2003 work, *Moneyball*. The star is Billy Beane, Oakland A's general manager. Oakland's 2002 team payroll (the year Lewis spent with them) was \$40 million, the 28th lowest payroll of 30 major league ball clubs. (The Padres' 2002 payroll was \$41 million and change, 26th lowest.) Yet, the A's made the playoffs in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2006.

Beane found an anomaly in baseball's marketplace. He understood that the number that counted was “on base percentage.” He didn't care if the player was old, fat, chain-smoked, or spent a decade in the minor leagues. Didn't care if his batting average was .240. If the man had an OBP of .350, whether by walk, hit, bunt, error, or bribe, that's the player Beane wanted. And Beane got them cheap since his competitors were looking at batting averages. (There is much more to this. Buy the book.) Anyway, Lewis wrote it up and he writes beautifully. *Moneyball* changed how fans see baseball and how teams see players.

The Blind Side is about football. Lewis didn't find an anomaly this time. Instead he brought to life a slice of the game few fans follow, the position of offensive left tackle. The book's star is a West Memphis African American kid, Michael Oher. Oher has been described as a freak of nature: 350 pounds, 6'5", with great foot speed, coordination, long arms, and huge hands. One in a million.

According to Lewis, what made Oher one of the most recruited high school seniors in memory occurred the year before he was born with the destruction of Joe Theismann. Theismann was the starting quarterback for the Washington Redskins on the night of November 18, 1985. It was a *Monday Night Football* game. Theismann, 36, was playing in his 163rd consecutive game for the Redskins, when New York Giants 250-pound linebacker Lawrence Taylor (himself a prototype of what the new linebacker will be) made a hit on Theismann that I still recall vividly and cringe when I do. Lewis writes, “...heard what sounded like a gunshot — the tibia and fibula in Joe Theismann's right leg snapping beneath

Taylor...Theismann's bone lay exposed, and his blood was spurting straight up in the air.”

Theismann never played again. Lawrence had set upon him from his blind side, which, for a right-handed quarterback, is the left side. Lewis writes, “When a star running back or wide receiver is injured, the coaches worry about their game plans. When a star quarterback gets hurt, coaches worry about their jobs.”

So, protecting the quarterback became Job 1, and that means having a left tackle who is well over 300 pounds, very fast, very tall, and has “the body control of a ballerina.” The NFL knows the importance of left tackles. Last year, the number one and two highest paid players were Atlanta's quarterback (Michael Vick, at \$23.1 million) and Seattle's quarterback (Matt Hasselbeck, at \$19 million). The third and fourth highest paid players were St. Louis left tackle Orlando Pace at \$18 million and Seattle left tackle Walter Jones at \$17.7 million.

Michael Oher not only has a one-in-a-million body but has lived a one-in-a million life. The kid has an IQ of 85, grew up in the “third poorest zip code in the United States,” West Memphis, Tennessee. He was one of 13 children. His mother, addicted to alcohol and crack cocaine, was usually stoned or in rehab. He never knew his father. Michael lived in foster homes and crashed in other people's houses, attended 11 schools.

What is freaky is how he found his way into Briarcrest Christian School, a thoroughly white, academically prominent private school, originally formed to keep white children out of desegregated public schools. Of course, they don't want to let him in. Not because of race, but because Oher is 16 years old, reads on the third-grade level, and has a D- average. He's got no money, no home, no birth certificate. He's never played organized football. He has the social skills of a cement floor.

The book tells the story of how he made it in school, in football, and on to college. If I have one complaint, it's that the story is too good to be taken as true. People are doing noble things for the right reasons, and outcomes are what we want to happen. There have been questions about Oher's adoptive parents and how he got into the University of Mississippi.

Questions, but no convictions. Lewis is a gifted writer and this is a great story.

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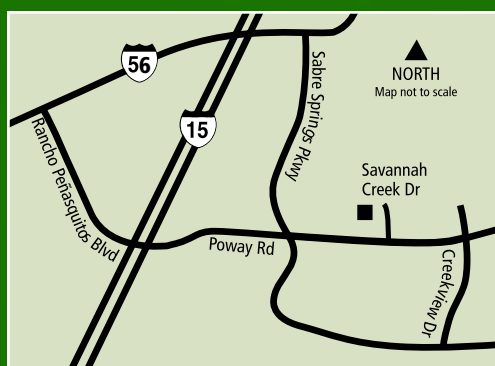


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Denomination: Independent Baptist
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Senior pastor: Willie Del
Congregation size: about 110
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Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: fairly dressy — plenty of sportcoats and ties, plenty of skirts and dresses
Diversity: about 90 percent Asian American, mostly Filipino, but also Vietnamese and Laotian; some Caucasians and African Americans
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: none

"Each one win one" and "Go ye therefore..." read the raised foam letters on the back wall of Mira Mesa Bible Baptist Church. Below these exhortations hung rows of framed, typewritten missives from Baptist missionaries, working in Ukraine, in Nepal, in Trinidad and Tobago, in Wyoming, in Utah, in Riverside. "We gave \$90,000 to the world missions this year," said Pastor Del. "We believe in missions. This church was founded by a missionary." "From the Cross to the Church to the World," read a banner; flags of the world stood in rows on either side of the stage. And the sermon was preached by Gary Craft, who, with his wife Karen, has worked since the mid-'80s as a missionary to the American military stationed overseas.

In his opening prayer, Pastor Del prayed that the Lord would use Craft "to challenge people to be mission-minded." And during the announcements, he stressed the importance of the upcoming "friends day," when congregants "invite all their friends and loved ones who have not visited this church before. We are going all out...knocking on doors, handing out flyers, making phone calls. We will serve them food — our favorite Filipino dishes."

The piano rollicked along under a number of old-style hymns: "Just Over in the Glory Land," "Victory in Jesus," "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." A choir took the stage for "Peace Be Still": "Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea/ Or demons or men or whatever it be/ No waters can swallow the ship where lies/ The Master of ocean and earth and skies." After the choir, the songleader crooned a ballad: "Teach me the mission appointed for me/ what is my labor and where it shall be..."

Gary Clark showed a video that illustrated his ministry and then asked the people to stand "out of honor to the word of God." He read from Luke, chapter seven — the story of the centurion with the dying servant. The centurion sent word to Jesus: "Lord, trouble not thyself, for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter

under my roof.... But say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one 'Go' and he goeth...." Upon hearing this, Jesus "marveled at him" and said, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

Clark's sermon, centered around faith, emphasized the personal relationship with God. "You know, when you got married, you didn't marry the church, and you didn't marry the ceremony, and you didn't marry the one who presided.... You married your wife or your husband. You took that person into your life....and your life has never been the same again.... You have somebody to love who loves you, and you want to please that person.... When we talk about being saved, we're talking about...Jesus Christ coming into your life, and you can never be the same again." And when he began to address the Gospel, he noted that "the Bible says, 'a certain centurion's servant'.... Every time you see that word 'certain,' you ought

to be reminded of the fact that 'God is personally interested in me. I am a certain person.'" Amens — some murmured, some barked — rose from the congregation.

But Clark's main point was that "there are three things that caused the Savior to marvel." First, the centurion's humility in saying, "Lord, I am not worthy." Clark contrasted this with those who "would rather have something they can do, rather than trust in what has already been done, because it demands humility, and it demands repentance." Second, the centurion's "great confidence in God's character and in God's word." Third, when the centurion said, "I also am a man set under authority," he was saying, "I understand the principle. It's the principle of submission to authority." Jesus submitted himself to the will of the Father.... Do you know that a man who is under authority

speaks with great power?... These are the characteristics of great faith."

He closed by bringing the notion of relationship to the altar call. "Every healthy relationship has good communication and good response. If God has spoken in your heart here today, He's communicated with you. You should respond. Respond at the old-fashioned altar; you'll be glad you did." As the songleader sang out "I Surrender All," a solid half of the congregation came forward and knelt in prayer, some doubled over, their heads touching the carpeted steps of the stage.

What happens when we die?

"Christ is the one who pays, who atoned for the sins of mankind," says Del. "If a man receives Christ's payment, the Bible says that will be sufficient for God to accept as his payment. If he accepts Christ as his personal savior, then his soul is redeemed...not by having religion, but by having Jesus Christ as his savior."

— Matthew Lickona

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WILLIE DEL

Mira Mesa Bible Baptist Church Scripps Ranch ★★½

Sermon	
content.....	★★½
delivery.....	★★½
Liturgy	★★½
Music	
congregational.....	★★½
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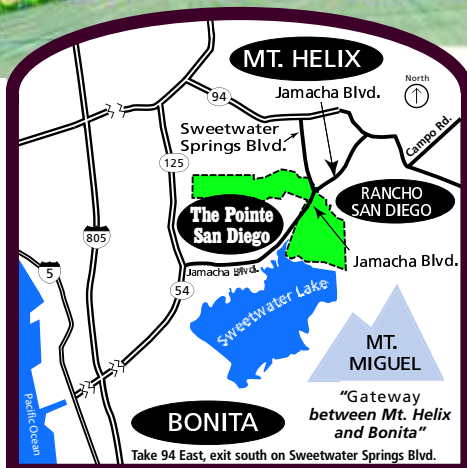
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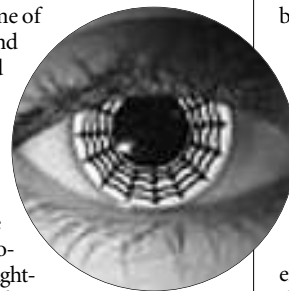
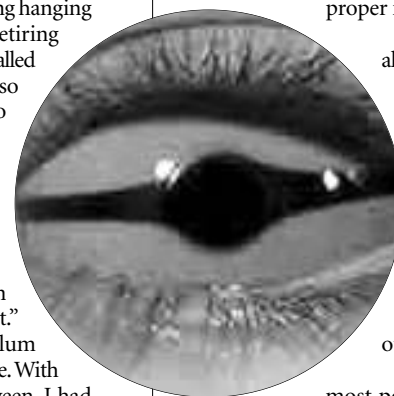
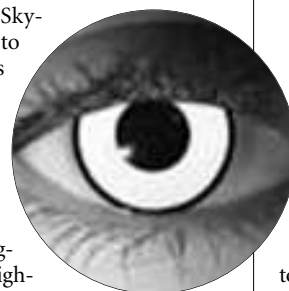
My 82-year-old dad is like a character from a 1950s horror movie. All year long, he's a retired suburban gentleman who goes to church on Sunday, keeps his lawn mowed short, and waves to the neighbors. But at Halloween, he transmogrifies into a horrifying beast who terrorizes the neighborhood kids. Every year, he dons a disguise to scare the Cinderellas and Luke Skywalker-walkers who come to the door. He has dressed as Groucho Marx, a one-eyed pirate, a gorilla, and even Snow White. Forty-five years of his Halloween antics have earned him legend status in the neighborhood. Every year, hordes of trick-or-treaters come to ogle him, holding their pillow cases and plastic jack-o'-lanterns at arm's length so as not to get too close to the character at the door.

Dad still has the Halloween spirit, but at his age, shopping for costumes has become difficult for him. He's considering hanging up his fake vampire fangs and retiring from the fright game. My mom called the other day and told me, "It's so sad. Normally your father is so chipper this time of year — planning his Halloween spectacular, zipping around buying his costumes and props. But the doctor doesn't want him driving for a while. He's so glum about it that he's even let the lawn grow longer than I've ever seen it."

Mom's report made me glum too. It was Eve-to-the-rescue time. With a couple of weeks until Halloween, I had enough time to get Dad a really super costume, something he hadn't done before. But what? At our weekly coffee klatch, Bernice suggested scary contact lenses. It was perfect. Outside of Groucho glasses, changing his eyes is one trick he has not tried.

I ran home and hit the computer. In a minute I was on *coastalcontacts.com* and called their phone line. "The lenses are referred to as theatrical lenses, special effects lenses, or Halloween lenses," said Patty Gibson, marketing associate for Coastal Contacts. "They have been around for about four or five years, but they are definitely increasing in popularity. We do offer them year-round, but this is the biggest time of year. Sales start around mid-September and really start going crazy once October hits. We sell one particular style called Angelic, which is popular through the entire year. Some people wear them as a bright-colored blue lens. So that one sells fast around the year, but others mainly for Halloween. We offer about 40 different style lenses for Halloween."

Gibson laid out a few different aspects to their lenses. "Some special lenses out on the market are hand-painted. We don't sell any of those. They are all custom made so it takes anywhere from two to six weeks sometimes to get them. The other thing that's different about our lens is that the color design is sandwiched inside the contact lens material, so anything that touches your eye is softer, plastic silicone material. That makes it a lot more comfortable to wear. It's



Outside of Groucho glasses, changing his eyes is one trick he has not tried.

not stamped on the outside where you might feel it on the back of your eyelid."

Do they come in prescription and non-prescription?

"Our top sellers we offer in prescription powers. The others are just a no-correction lens or plano — there's no corrective powers to them."

Are they a one-time use lens?

"I wouldn't imagine a lot of people would want to wear these on a day-to-day basis," Gibson replied, "but they are made as a conventional lens, which means typically they last three to six months for daily wear, taking them out each night and cleaning them. But usually people would just wear these for one or two parties and maybe save them for the following Halloween. You have to take them out at night, clean them just like you would any other contact lens, and then store them in a lens case with a proper solution. For someone wanting to save them for the following year, there is a little bit of maintenance that you need to do like changing your contact lens solution every 30 days. I would say they last a year at the max; that is with proper maintenance."

Gibson added, "We always recommend that people be fitted by an eye-care professional first, because it is a medical device, and then they can take their prescription and order through us."

Are the theatrical lenses big in any other countries?

"They are probably most popular in the United

States, but we do also sell them in Canada and in Europe. But really Halloween isn't as big in the UK and other European countries as it is here. So mainly in the U.S. and Canada."

What are some of the more popular lens designs?

"Year-round Angelic is a big seller, but a popular one for Halloween is Banshee (a black vertical pupil surrounded by yellow, orange, and red). I actually wore that lens last year with my Medusa costume. Manson (black pupil surrounded by white, the outside lined in black) is also a big seller. We sell a couple of cat eyes, White Cat Eyes and Red Cat Eyes, which are both very popular, as is the Vampire Red lens. Black Out is really big; the same type of lens is used in the movie *The Covenant*, which came out recently. And we also have a couple of *Star Wars* lenses; the Darth was extremely popular last year with the release of the third *Star Wars*.

"A couple of the lenses are bigger; they are not just a round lens, they cover the entire eye. Slither (army green color over the entire eye with a black horizontal stripe across the middle of the eye) and Flames (an eye full of orange, yellow, and black flames) cost more. Slither runs **\$140** and Flames **\$200**. But the other lenses cost around **\$80** a pair."

Gibson added that purchases of specialty lenses should be placed by October 25 for people to receive them in time for Halloween.

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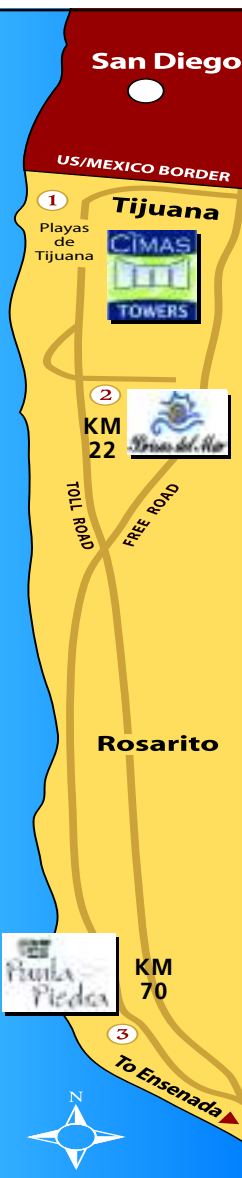
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ROLLER DERBY QUEEN

by Josh Board

I heard about a party for a company called CH1 Productions. As I drove to the Clairemont location, I assumed it would be in a studio, but it was a house with a RockStar Energy Drink van and banner in the driveway.

Miles told me that they once had a "Heaven & Hell" party. A woman chimed in, "That was so cool! One room was all white, and one was all red. I went from being an angel at the beginning of the evening to a devil as the night wore on." The guy next to me whispered, "I wouldn't have talked to her until she had a few beers and went into devil mode." Someone else told me about the previous parties these guys had. When people do that, I know I'm dealing with people who know how to throw a party.

I noticed a wall that had pictures of their previous parties, as well as photos from the "Mud Run" they participated in at Camp Pendleton. I overheard a woman on the phone excitedly say, "That's great! It came back negative. I'm so happy for you." When she hung up, I



said, "One of your friends just pass a pregnancy test?" As soon as the words left my lips, I realized this was none of my business and rude. She said, "My friend has lymphoma. She's only 23." She told me more of the story. It's sad hearing about young people getting diseases like



Top: Miles Hirsch (left); Bottom left: Three girls who went more for the little-school-girl look than '70s roller disco; Bottom right: A guy pumping the keg on the patio who went with the '70s athletic look

wearing a colorful headband, it's impossible to have negative thoughts.

The theme of this party

He had a medal around his neck that read "Singles tennis — Most Improved."

this. And, normally, it'd be a downer at a party, but when you're talking to a woman dressed as a roller derby queen from the '70s and

was "Roller Disco Inferno." Miles had the '70s theme going at his place with Kool and the Gang and Chic blasting out of the stereo (an hour

later he spun more contemporary dance tunes). CH1 Productions paid for two buses to take everyone to Roller World in Linda Vista. I said to Miles, "Great idea. Have everyone drink here and then watch them try to roller skate while drunk." He laughed and said, "We got the buses so nobody would have to drive. They don't serve alcohol at the rink. So, we are drinking before the skating. After

that, we're coming back here to continue. One of my friends was watching soccer this morning at 9. He's already way fucked up." A woman named Paige that overheard this said, "When the party comes back to the house, it won't just be drinking. We're going to be mud wrestling, too." I told her it would be more '70s if they put the pads on at the roller rink and knocked some people out like in the old roller derbies.

I saw a few pairs of Elvis sunglasses, which seem to show up at every party these days. One guy had an interesting pair. When I asked about them, he said, "I was Hunter S. Thompson for Halloween, and these were the glasses I used for that."

Someone else was handing out glow sticks that everyone was wearing around their necks or putting in their belt loops.

One guy was in an athletic outfit, with a baseball shirt, socks pulled up to his knees, and a headband. Another guy had a '70s tennis player look. He had a medal

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around his neck that read "Singles tennis — Most Improved." He said he got it from a thrift shop earlier in the day. There were several Afro wigs and a few handlebar mustaches. One guy was wearing a cow outfit. I'm not sure what that was about.

I went to the back patio where I met a couple smoking. The woman told me she worked with a bunch of old guys, and that her date was the only other young person at her job. "So, we hang out a lot together and party." Since they looked to be in their early 20s, I asked, "Are they old in relation to you, or?..." before I

could finish, she said, "One guy uses a cane. Another guy died recently. Yeah, they're really old."

I talked to another couple, Jenny and Graham, who have been engaged for a few years. I talked to a guy who produced a play in town. It had some gay themes, and he talked about his company, P33. He said their mission is to spotlight onstage and backstage talent in the local area. We chatted for about 45 minutes, although he'd stop to talk on his cell phone every 5 minutes.

I saw several banners for the energy drink and

was told that one of these guys works for RockStar. They provide free cans at the parties if banners are put up. I wondered if anyone would be smart enough to contact beer companies with this idea.

I talked to a guy who met Miles in Santa Barbara, where they went to school together. A lot of others I talked to were former Mt. Carmel students.

When the first bus pulled up, a large crowd marched out to head to the roller rink. I thought the neighbors were probably relieved, thinking they were done with the noise (little did they

know, everyone was coming back after three hours).

I got into a conversation with two women on the back patio. One told me she was at a party in Seattle (where they were from), and she ran into Tom Hanks. He was filming *Sleepless in Seattle*. The other one said she was in line to see *The Graduate* in England and was behind Rita Wilson (Hanks's actress wife). When she noticed Hanks, she said hi and took his picture. I jokingly asked the few people nearby if they had ever met Tom Hanks. One guy said, "I saw him at Disneyland

with his two daughters. He was wearing sunglasses and a baseball cap. I don't think he wanted to be recognized, but he signed autographs for us and was friendly."

I started talking to a woman and when I realized she looked familiar, I said, "Wait a second. I met you earlier. You were wearing a different outfit." She laughed and said, "Yeah, I wanted to change clothes." I looked at her boyfriend standing nearby and said, "Are you going to change your outfit?" He replied, "Guys don't change outfits. Only chicks do that."

The second bus

pulled up and I took a peek. It had a disco ball and dance music playing. It also had booze. Miles asked if I was going to the roller rink. I told him that I hadn't skated since childhood and didn't want to break my neck (and I did have a few drinks). I told him that I saw a group of guys having a BBQ around the corner. "I think I'll crash their party and get some food." ■

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Divine Intervention

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— Charles de Lint

Two amazingly synchronistic things happened to me this morning, things that prove to me the power of my own intentions," Dad said, his voice effervescing with the sparkling tone of wonderment.

"I'm all ears," I said into the phone.

"Well, you know how things have been a little up in the air for funding at work," he began.

"Yes, of course," I said. Rare is the topic not covered in my daily conversations with Dad.

"So, I'm pulling out of the garage this morning, and I was thinking that I shouldn't worry, everything always works out for the best, and I say to myself, 'Hey, take it easy.' And the *first* car I got behind at the stoplight had a bumper sticker that read, 'Hey!' and then underneath 'Hey!' was, 'Take it easy!'"

Here he paused, his silence dismissing any considerations of coincidence.

"That *is* something," I agreed; I tend to be superstitious, often analyzing chance encounters for deeper meanings. Once, I began to dial my sister's number into the phone, but when I placed it to my ear, Heather was already on the line, having called me less than a second before I'd tried to call her. To us, this was nothing short of a miracle.

"What's the other thing?" I prodded, eager for more.

"Well, I was on my morning walk," Dad began, referring to his daily five-mile peregrination from his home in Mission Hills through Hillcrest to Balboa Park and back,

"and when I got to the park, I really had to take a leak." Dad's walks are early, pre-sunrise, before the public restrooms are open. "There was no way I'd make it — I was thinking I'd have to go in a bush. And then, suddenly, where one had not been the day before, there it was — a port-o-potty. I manifested a port-o-potty, right in front of the Old Globe! Right when I needed it most, in the most unlikely of places, there it was! And it was unlocked!"

The bumper sticker thing I got. Toilet manifestation, however, was a bit of a stretch for me. And yet, I could understand how extreme relief in a seemingly dire situation might lead one to suspect divine intervention, even if our *deus ex machina* appears in the form of a port-o-potty. I also knew that, as seen through my father's eyes, that blue plastic bathroom wasn't just *there*. It was there for *him*.

Dad was raised Catholic, one of the Big Three religions that invokes God's divine wrath as a motivational tool. My dad doesn't buy all the fire-and-brimstone, you'll-burn-in-hell-unless-you-eat-your-vegetables stuff. But, as a deeply spiritual person, Dad was not ready to give up on a higher power entirely. From Ra to Zeus to Jesus, man has made God in his image, and imbued Him with mortal weaknesses like anger, love, jealousy, and fear. Thus, my father created the divinity that best suited his personal needs: a hodge-podge of only

the positive, loving, all-embracing aspects of every religion he could find, with none of the bad shit.

"So, you hear about Dad's manifestation?" I asked my sister Jenny later that afternoon; she sometimes brings her laptop over between work and school, a few hours during which we are the best of office mates — professionally respecting each other's need for productivity while allowing intermittent interruptions for a bit of companionable gossip.

Jenny nodded at me and rolled her eyes for good measure. Of course she'd already heard about Dad's miraculous morning — she lives with him.

My cell phone screamed the loud aria I have programmed to sound when someone I know is calling. "Hey, Daddy! I've got Jenny over here; she's borrowing my dictator for some work project."

Before he could comment, Jenny called out, "Yo, Barb!" loud enough for my father to hear, "We've got 20 minutes to *manifest* some batteries for that thing before I have to leave."

Not missing a beat, my dad said into my ear, "Oh, she's so clever with that manifesting, eh?" The smile was evident in his voice. "Tell her she can manifest a fucking key to get in the house, 'cause I'm changing the locks!"

The next morning, I met up with Dad at Midtown Church; within the expansive

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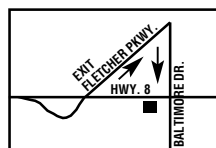
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embrace of Religious Science, he has found a place to worship his personal deity.

“Guess what? That port-o-potty? It was gone this morning,” he said as he joined me by the entrance. “It was there yesterday, when I needed it, and now it’s gone. Spooky, huh?” He made a shuddering noise, as if he’d just been poked on the back of the neck by the icy cold finger of a long-dead acquaintance. Like Kramer on *Seinfeld*, Dad often makes this noise whenever words fail him.

“Fuckin’ crazy,” I said, marveling at the mystery of it all.

As is usual when I join my father at his church, I found myself unable to repeat the words of a chant that precede a minute of meditative silence. As the rest of the people in the room, eyes closed, did whatever they do when people meditate, I pondered my resistance to the words, “I am as God created me, in the light in the love in the glory.” I stared at the candles flickering behind translucent orange and red glass before flowers on the altar.

It’s that word, I thought. I don’t like the word “God.” Maybe all those years of Catholic school have done to me what they did to Dad — too much negativity, too much guilt, too much bad shit. I looked around at all the peaceful faces. It’s just semantics, I continued in my head. So if I take out that dreadful, overly wrought, meaning-laden word, I’m left with an underlying Popeye-esque sort of principle: I yam what I yam and that’s all what I yam. Kind of self-help-y, but I’ll take it over Bible-thump-y any day.

The gentle tap of a cloth-covered stick against a glass bowl launched soft, sonorous ripples into the air that washed over the congregants, calling them back from a hundred individual reveries to focus their attention on the one speaker in front of the

room.

After much listening, singing, smiling, and hand holding, we made our way to the community room. “There’s such a great energy here, right?” Dad asked me.

“Yes, there is.” Then,

remembering my minute of meditation, I asked, “What do you think God is?” I’d always thought of religion as an elaborate fairy tale, filled with magical moments and superior beings with special powers, not unlike witches,

warlocks, and leprechauns. When I was in Catholic school, the God of my imagination was a great sorcerer, casting spells to reward or punish on a whim. Now, the word seems an elusive idea for which every per-

son has a different interpretation.

After taking a moment to think, Dad responded to my question: “There’s one power in the universe. I call it ‘God.’ To me, it’s that which makes my heart beat while I’m

sleeping.”

“And that which grants you port-o-potties while you’re walking,” I added.

“Very funny,” said Dad. “You’re going to hell for that, you know.”

“Yeah. I know.” ■


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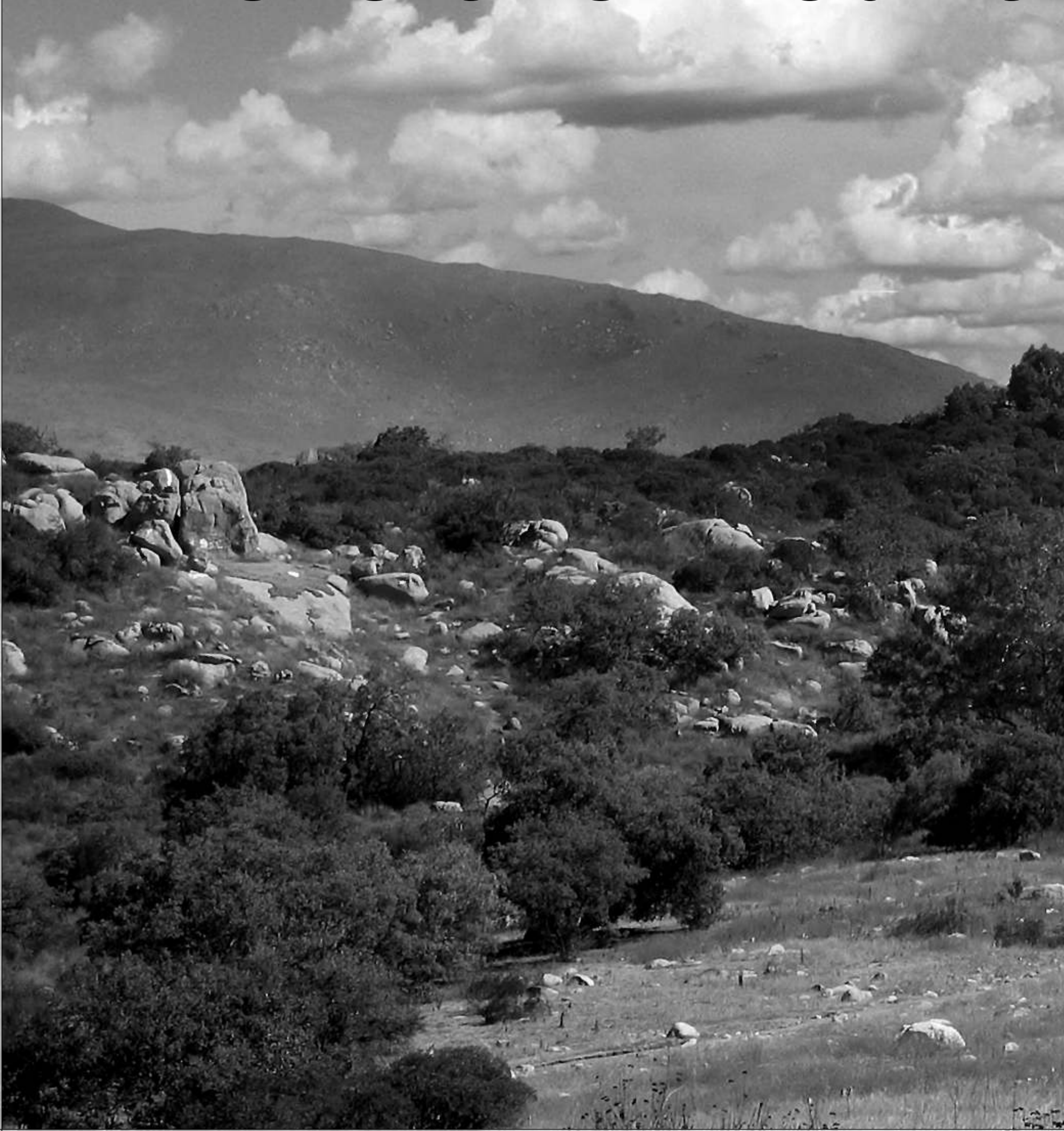


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HOW LONG CAN ALPINE STAY RURAL?

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‘My Get Up and Go Got Up and Went,” says the legend carved into the seven-foot-tall, four-foot-wide white marble headstone of Kenneth James Amundson, born November 7, 1945, deceased February 6, 1975, “Beloved son of Ivan, Husband of Lisa, Daddy of Richie.” At some point Richie used an indelible black marker to write across the headstone’s base, “LOVE YOU, DAD! YOUR SON.”

Amundson’s headstone is perhaps the largest in Alpine Cemetery and is one example of how the place differs from the new “memorial parks” around the county, where displays of individualism are prohibited and where grave markers, placed level to vast green lawns, are almost hidden. Alpine Cemetery is a rough piece of hilly land where, among juniper, eucalyptus, and oak, graves are dug from red clay and where gravesites are often festive and where headstones tend to editorialize.

"Alpine's First Doctor," says the headstone above the grave of Sophronia Nichols, born on November 27, 1835, deceased on November 12, 1903. "I Am Alone No More," spell the big block letters on the simple headstone belonging to Jack P. Fox, 1918-1966. Charles "Butch" O'Connell, March 3, 1940 - April 12, 1969, has etched into the surface of his headstone a highly detailed rendering of a dune buggy. A number of other headstones are etched with images of recreational vehicles. Not far from O'Connell's headstone, a woman who died in her 30s has the image of a girl riding a dirt bike etched into hers. The Saye family, however, has surrounded five double plots with a small white picket fence and has landscaped between the graves with redwood bark and cement paving stones. A white bench faces the graves, and

along its top are painted the words "Sit. Read. Reflect. Pray."

Alpine Cemetery suggests a community not much interested in conformity and whose idea of a good time has centered on the desert and sand dunes 100 miles to the east and not so much on the beaches 37 miles to the west. The cemetery gives the impression of a community isolated not only from the urbanization of coastal San Diego but from the suburbanization of the county at large. On the day I visited Alpine Cemetery, this impression might have persisted if I hadn't glanced at the most recent edition of the *Alpine Sun*. The Alpine Cemetery Association had recently held its annual general meeting, the paper said. Only people living in Alpine are eligible to purchase plots in Alpine Cemetery, the paper explained. In other words, anyone who drops

dead while passing through Alpine doesn't stand much of a chance of being buried there. Like everywhere else in Southern California, land is growing scarce. Twenty-eight miles east of downtown San Diego, even Alpine is feeling the

Community Planning Group that meets one night each month at the Alpine Community Center on Alpine Boulevard. The planning group's decisions on such issues as zoning and land use are purely advisory. The group's most proximate

the relationships they maintain with the handful of respective communities they represent, county government can seem diffuse. Jacob's district, for example, covers about 36 miles by 54 miles, from Santa Ysabel south to the Mexican border and from Del Cerro east to the Imperial County line.

Residents of unincorporated communities like Alpine are used to government operating at a certain remove. In the absence of key political players and local elections, Alpine's sense of itself, of its distinctiveness and "community spirit," has been a volunteer effort largely fostered by personalities drawn to places where few rules apply.

"Alpine seems to have always attracted individualists," said Carol Morrison, president of the Alpine Historical Society, as she showed me a picture of Julian Eltinge,

a.k.a. "Mr. Lillian Russell," who for more than 30 years was America's most famous female impersonator.

"Julian Eltinge, or Robert Dalton, which was his real name, was from Massachusetts and went to Harvard. He was in vaudeville and silent films and did a few talkies. In the films he played both male and female parts. He came to Alpine in 1923 and wanted to establish a hotel and a resort with little houses that could be rented. After the Depression, he lost his money and went back into films. He sold most of his other land holdings, but he did keep his house in Alpine. In 1941 he passed away but wasn't buried here.

"Alpine was the sort of place where he felt comfortable walking around in his overalls just like everyone else. The resort got as far as building an enormous swimming pool, but the Depression came along

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An unincorporated community, Alpine occupies the 13 miles between Flinn Springs and Descanso, a mile or two north and south of I-8. Alpine has no mayor or city council, and its self-governance is limited to the 15-member Alpine

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and wiped out Eltinge. He left. His house is still here and is registered as a historic landmark.”

The Alpine Historical Society owns a small wooden house out on Tavern Road, just across the street from Joan MacQueen Middle School. On the morning I met Morrison, a sweet woman with an open, easy manner, we sat and talked in the small wooden house. Although the morning was warm, the house, built in the late 19th Century, was still chilly inside. After worrying if I felt cold and making sure I was comfortable, Morrison told me that she'd been the historical society's president for four years.

“The original residents of this area were of course the Kumeyaay Indians, and then the Spanish came through during the Mission period. When Mexico separated from Spain we had the Mexican period,

and Alpine was part of a land grant that went from Harbison Canyon to the Cuyamaca foothills. And then the land grant was split, and Viejas Valley came under separate ownership, and what we consider upper Alpine, or Alpine Village, came under separate ownership and was owned by the Aguirre family. The stagecoach stop was moved from Viejas Valley to upper Alpine in about 1865. From there, the town started to develop. After the Civil War, people started heading west. People stayed in Alpine primarily for the farming. We had sufficient water. There are several creeks and streams. There are several natural springs. We had grapes, for example. Grapes were hauled from here to the railroad station in Lakeside. We had wheat, olives, citrus fruit, barley. Chickens and turkey ranches. Also, John Harbison was a beekeeper and had a big bee-

keeping operation at the far end of Harbison Canyon. One of our longtime resident families, the Foss family, they came to Alpine because they'd heard of John Harbison. With very little start-up money, you could make more money raising bees than raising cattle. Alpine was an excellent place for making honey. John Harbison made California the number-one honey-producing state in the nation. He shipped by rail all his honey to the East Coast.

“We also had the wonderful climate. People especially started coming after World War I. Men who had been gassed during the war and had damage to their lungs. There was a special sanatorium in Alpine just for treating those men. We were also on the route between San Diego and points east. Particularly Fort Yuma. So there were always people traveling east to west and west to east. Alpine became a

stopping point. When the automobile became popular, we started having gas stations, motels, and restaurants. It just kept developing from there.

“The biggest population growth occurred between 1970 and 1990. This started after public water came to Alpine and Interstate 8 came through. I just saw a picture of the old fire station taken in the mid-1960s. There's a sign in the picture that gives Alpine's population as 2600. That was pre-water and pre-Interstate 8. We were connected to public water in 1962, and Interstate 8 came in 1969. Before that time, people had only well water to rely on.



“The house that we're sitting in, which now belongs to the historical society, first belonged to Dr. Sophronia Nichols, who came out to California in 1888 because her sister, Caroline Foss, lived here in Alpine. Nichols was a

licensed medical doctor. She had California medical license number 26. She'd attended Boston Medical School. She lived and practiced medicine here in Alpine until her death in 1903. She practiced family medicine. Now, to give you an idea of how small and close-knit Alpine used to be, Dr. Nichols delivered Betty Noble's mother. Betty Noble is another of Alpine's interesting personalities. She was born in Alpine in 1923, and she was the granddaughter of B.F. Walker, who established the Willows, a resort and restaurant, in 1894. Alpine at that time was a resort town. People came here to get away from the hassle of downtown San Diego. There were about six different resorts up here. Asthma and tuberculosis, of course, played a role in this. Until the automobile, the air up here was considered particularly pure.

“Betty Noble joined the Marine Corps during WWII, and she remained a Marine until 1962. She returned to Alpine. She was a sergeant major. There were maybe only three or four women who ever reached that rank in the Marine Corps. She remained very active in the group for retired women Marines. She played golf with them. She never married. She was always a Marine until the end. She had that bearing. And she could still wear her uniform, fit into it, until the day she died. She died in South Carolina. She had gone to attend a women Marines' golf tournament and had a heart problem and died back there. But she is buried in our local cemetery. She always helped us when the historical society gave tours to grade-school children. Her memorial donations went to the Alpine Woman's Club and to the historical society. We've put the

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I asked Morrison how her own family had found its way to Alpine.

"We moved to Alpine in 1988 from Fletcher Hills in El Cajon. We wanted a house with more land that we could put our motor home and RVs on. We just kept looking in El Cajon. We didn't want to go to Alpine. That was *too far*. We kept looking in east El Cajon, but we couldn't find anything. So our realtor gave us Alpine listings, and when we came here we suddenly found houses that were what we wanted and that had land. We bought a new house that had been custom-built. It came with about one acre of land. The house is about 2200 square feet. We paid \$250,000. At the time it seemed like a lot of money. The house we had in Fletcher Hills we paid

only \$72,000 for. Although we sold it for \$235,000.

"When we got to Alpine in 1988, the main difference was that there was less traffic. No traffic lights. The only stop sign in town was at Alpine Boulevard and Victoria Drive. There was one grocery store. Two small shopping centers. There were fewer houses. Even where we live now on Victoria Drive, the land around us has been filled with houses. I think the population was around 11,000 when we moved here, and it's 17,000 now.

"One of the reasons that I definitely feel affection for this town is that my father was in the Navy, and we traveled around a lot. I attended five different elementary schools and three different high schools. I've lived longer in Alpine than in any other place in my life. Alpine is home. It has a strong sense of place because it still retains its



Alpine Cemetery

rural atmosphere. My husband would say it's an escape from the congestion from downtown. Even now when I tell people that I live in Alpine, their reaction always is, 'Oh, that's a nice place!' So we have this sense of wanting to keep it nice.

Wanting to keep it small and not have the problems that people have elsewhere. I don't think we have quite the problems that other places have with gangs and drugs. It's just more of a cohesive mixture of people."

What did Morrison see as the big problems facing Alpine in the next 20 years?

"Growth. Some people want to continue to build houses in an almost uncontrolled manner, and there are others who recognize the importance of growth but understand that it must be controlled. We want to keep the rural atmosphere. Controlled growth is possible, but there needs to be more cooperation between the slow-growth people and the developers. The Wright's Field issue is, I think, important because Wright's Field could be turned into our Balboa Park. Not that we're going to put a zoo in there, but it would attract people to Alpine. It has archeological sites on it. For example, there's a ten-acre area there that was walled in by the Indians. They were growing wheat inside the ten acres and wanted to keep the cows out. There are also some adobe ruins

there. There's endangered species of different plants like the Engelmann oak and the chocolate lily. There are roads through Wright's Field that the stagecoach used to take. The Back Country Land Trust now owns most of Wright's Field and is now in negotiations to buy the rest of it, an additional 142 acres. That's one of the big issues facing the community."

The Back Country Land Trust is, according to its website, a nonprofit environmental organization founded in the early 1990s with the aim of conserving, from "Viejas Mountain to the Potrero Valley," farmland, biological and cultural landscapes, recreational trails and watersheds. In July, several months after Carol Morrison and I talked, the Back Country Land Trust ended negotiations with the group that owned the 142 acres of Wright's Field. Although unable to buy the 142

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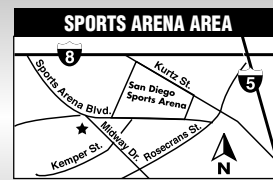
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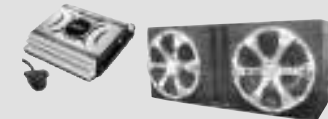
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acres, appraised at \$4.9 million, the trust does own 230 acres that it will continue to manage, improving trails, working with science classes, and exploring the archeology.

Sophronia Nichols's house, now the repository for Alpine's past, sits across Tavern Road from Wright's Field, which, as Morrison indicated, has become for many Alpine residents a symbol of Alpine's future. Compounding this geographic irony is the fact that Sophronia Nichols's house and the land on

which it sits were donated to the Alpine Historical Society by Paul Gonya, a successful local developer. Gonya happens to own 40 acres of land abutting the Wright's Field acreage that the Back Country Land Trust was negotiating to buy. Gonya is of the opinion that the Wright's Field acreage that the Back Country Land Trust hoped to buy would better be used for building much-needed homes. The land is also being considered for a new high school.

A great deal of the

gripping and sniping regarding Wright's Field has, according to those interested in the issue, taken place before the Alpine Community Planning Group. At the late-February meeting I attended, however, the Wright's Field issue wasn't mentioned. The group instead concerned itself with less glamorous matters such as joint-driveaway exceptions and the inability that some Alpine residents have experienced in trying to obtain building permits for enlarging their garages. As the meeting dragged on, it took on the numbing, hypnotic quality that I recognized as identical to that of neighborhood planning group meetings I'd attended in San Diego.

I'd hoped for something more dramatic. The Alpine Community Planning Group started in a way sharply different from how San Diego's neighborhood planning

groups begin their meetings. The Alpine group's chairperson, Jim Mowry, kicked off the evening with an invocation in which he asked God to "continue blessing our community and the county we serve and, above all, this great nation in which we live." After Mowry's invocation, everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

"People in Alpine and the people who serve on the community planning group take what the community planning group does very seriously," Jim Mowry told me when I met him after the Ash Wednesday service at Alpine Community Church, where he'd served as pastor for the past 15 years. (Pastor Mowry retired in September.)

Alpine Community Church, founded in 1884, belongs to the United Church of Christ. On the evening I visited, Alpine

Community was holding its Ash Wednesday service, as it has for the past five years, in conjunction with Good Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregation. About 30 people, mostly older couples, attended the service.

Pastor Mowry said that he suspects that Alpine won't be able to accommodate any more than 25,000 residents.

"I believe in planned growth, and I believe that things haven't been planned well in these outlying communities like Alpine. While I think it's a pretty conservative place, I think it's simplistic to view everything as coming down to just two points of view: no growth or uncontrolled growth. I think this simplistic view of things has made it difficult to discuss growth issues in a productive way. I've seen improvements in the planning

group. Even if our role is purely advisory, I think it's important that we as a community are at least able to have some voice in how our community will grow."

Walking across the 400 acres of Wright's Field on a late afternoon, one could see why Paul Gonya and others feel strongly about the place. It's one of the few wide-open grassy areas of its type left in the county, and the land slopes gently from east to west, affording a panoramic view to the Pacific. Seen from Wright's Field, sunsets have the dreamy, romantic feel of 19th-century landscape paintings.

Engelmann oaks, outcroppings of rock, and clusters of boulders interrupt the field's gentle slope. Rabbits scamper through the brush. Hawks overhead keep tabs on the rabbits. Local teenagers illegally race their dirt bikes across the field. Deer leave tracks in

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Built in 2001, Joan MacQueen Middle School is a stark modernist concrete-and-glass structure that stands in such contrast to Wright Field's wildness that it made me wonder about the past, and future, of Alpine's educational system. I asked Greg Ryan, superintendent of the Alpine Union School District, how Alpine's schools had changed over the past 20 years. Ryan explained that in 1985, the district had only one middle school and one elementary school, served approximately 1100 students, and had a budget of around \$4.9 million. Now, said Ryan, the district has one all-kindergarten school, three elementary schools, one middle school; serves 2300 students; and has an annual budget of \$16.5 million. After middle school, said Ryan, most Alpine kids move on to either Granite Hills High School in El Cajon or to Steele Canyon High School in Spring Valley. I told Ryan that I'd heard from several Alpine residents that they very much wanted a high school in Alpine. These people had said they thought a high school, with its sports teams and school band, would add to Alpine's "community spirit." Ryan said that the county was in the process of looking for a piece of land in Alpine that might be suitable for a high school.

"But, as you know, even looking for a piece of suitable land is a process that can sometimes take several years. I don't think we're looking at a high school in the immediate future."

When I asked Ryan

to direct me to someone who had the longest overall view of the district, he suggested I speak with Rick Miller, principal at Alpine Elementary.

"We're the oldest school in the district," Miller said when I finally

got in touch with him. "The building we're in now was built in December 1953. We've got 480 students, first through fifth grade. I've been here for 16 years, and I was the principal of the middle school for 8 years.

"When I first got to Alpine in 1981, there were just two schools, a total district enrollment of 850 students. There were no traffic lights, no fast-food restaurants. At that time the community was very close. Parents were very

involved with the school, and the children were very well behaved. There was a very close, small-town feel in the community.

"I would definitely say that we're more affluent now. The apartments

have dwindled by half. Half of the apartments in Alpine have been turned into condos. The price of housing has definitely gone up. The community's definitely upgraded. But there's not been very much change

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in ethnic makeup of the district. Alpine Elementary is the most ethnically diverse in Alpine. About 10 percent Hispanic, 5 percent Native American, very limited other minorities. And this has remained rather consistent over the years. Our English-learner population is almost all Hispanic. Another thing that's remained consistent about the district is that we don't have a very transient population at all."

As a point of pride, Miller cited the March 2006 index released by the state Department of Education that ranked how well California schools had performed on a battery of standardized tests in 2005. On a 1 to 10 scale, with 1-2 being "well below average" and 9-10 being "well

above average," one of Alpine's schools had scored 8, three had scored 9, and one had scored 10. Alpine's schools had scored considerably higher than those in nearby Lakeside and El Cajon.

"I think Alpine did so well because, as I said, we have a very stable population. Once kids start going to school here, because of our expectations for their behavior, the kids get into a good 'student habit.' Because we're just a little outside urban areas, families probably don't just find themselves here by accident. The families came here after making some definite decisions, and those decisions probably involved some good, quality, family-value types of decisions. Families

here put a high value on education, and we, the educators and administrators, take that high value as an opportunity and do a good job with it.

"Twenty years down the line, I don't think Alpine can get much bigger, unless some areas are rezoned for denser housing. I think that over the next 20 years, the district's enrollment will go down, just because younger families will find it difficult to buy and live in Alpine. Actually, right now we're starting to experience a slight decline in enrollment. Up until three years ago we were growing. But this year, for the first time, we started to turn around. But I think the school district will continue to flourish over the long term. We'll be able to attract a good

quality of educated professionals to the area. I think the district will go through a dramatic change in staffing. We've got a lot of baby-boomer employees who will retire. Maybe the overall tone of the district will grow younger, but I don't foresee any dramatic changes in the quality of education in Alpine."

Miller's school is a couple of blocks south on Tavern Road from Sophronia Nichols's house and Joan MacQueen Middle School and Wright's Field. Driving along the winding roads surrounding this area, one is struck by the tidiness. Like everywhere else in Alpine, people here are conscious of how their homes and land appear. They plant things like lavender, Jerusalem

sage, and bush mallow where their land meets the road. Homes on very large lots often have small groves of orange, grapefruit, and lemon. And many homes, on large lots and small, have wide concrete slabs beside the garage for parking RVs and the trailers used for towing dirt bikes and three-wheelers to the desert.

Also while driving along those winding roads, one gets a sense of Alpine's development. The oldest homes, the ones built in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries are, like Sophronia Nichols's home, two-bedroom clapboard places that often sit on much less than a half-acre of land. Over successive decades, homes got larger, were set farther and far-

ther back from the road, and were built on bigger parcels of land. What one sees, then, as one drives along winding roads bordered by oak, eucalyptus, and Chinaberry is that the ranch-style homes built in the 1950s and 1960s sit on smaller lots than do the rustic wooden A-frame-style homes built in the 1970s and 1980s. The big new pale-stucco three- and four-bedroom homes often sit on two or many more acres. One can see how "old Alpine" might feel crowded out by the new.

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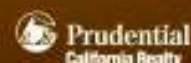


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We started thinking that it was time to move. And it was pretty much a decision we made for our kids," said Vicki Poole, who teaches third grade at Boulder Oaks Elementary, which is a "95-second" walk from the four-bedroom, three-bath home she shares with her three children and Floyd, her husband.

Vicki had invited me out to Alpine for a Sunday lunch, but at the last minute, her 20-year-old daughter, Rachelle, had returned early from a Palm Springs weekend, and that day was Rachelle's birthday, and for her birthday, Rachelle wanted a chocolate sheet cake for lunch and a late dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. When I walked into the Pooles' home, Vicki was stirring chocolate frosting in an aluminum pan on the stove, and Chica, the Pooles' Chihuahua, started racing around my ankles.

"Before we moved," Vicki explained, while she stirred the frosting, "I'd heard good things about the school system in Alpine. I taught school in Lemon Grove, and I thought the schools there were good. I really admired the teachers there. But they were having to deal with things like kids living in cars, kids in abusive families. It was tough.

"At first we thought about moving to Vista, but it just wasn't practical. One day I got a call from my best friend, and she said, 'My sister and I just bought houses next door to each other in Alpine. Why don't you guys come up and look?' So we ended up buying this lot, which was right next to theirs, and it's been really great for the kids. All our kids. We've sort of got our own little compound where all the kids have been able to run around and play and have someone keep an eye on them."

"We started construction in October

1992, and we were done by March 1993," said Floyd, Vicki's husband, as he ambled into the kitchen. Born and raised in Lakeside, Floyd owns a liquid-waste disposal company that services septic tanks throughout East County.

"What we found here in terms of raising kids," Floyd said, "is that in the schools, there's a lot more parental support. At an open house, for example, you don't get just Mom and Dad. You get Mom and Dad and grandparents and aunts and uncles."

"When my kids give some little performance," Vicki said, "I have to make sure to put out 40 or more chairs just to accommodate all the family members who show up. And when it comes to needing things for the classroom, if I ever need anything, the parents make sure I get it. They may not always be able to donate a lot of their time, but they're always willing to donate money."

"I think Alpine breeds kinda snobby people," said Rachelle, when we later settled around the kitchen table. "Alpine is obviously wealthy when you compare it to a lot of places in El Cajon. That's what makes living and growing up here different from living and growing up in El Cajon. Many people here are professionals, and they make a lot of money. People who make a lot of money tend to spend more time thinking about their kids' educations."

"There are some very affluent families here," Vicki added. "At the elementary school, you wouldn't believe it. Kids getting picked up in limos to go to birthday parties. You've got 11-year-old girls going to day spas for facials and manicures and getting their hair done."

Rachelle's 19-year-old friend Taylor, also an Alpine neighbor, joined us along with Rachelle's

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11-year-old sister Victoria and 18-year-old brother Ryan.

"It is a little bit of culture shock when you go to El Cajon for high school," said Taylor. "I think the thing about Alpine is that it's such a small community, and if you grow up here you go to the same small schools with everyone. What happens is that you end up having a good foundation for long-lasting friendships. I don't think that would be the same in a larger community or in a big city."

"That's why I don't think Alpine should have a high school," said Rachelle. "Kids need to know that Alpine isn't your life. They need to know that there's a big world out there."

I asked if Alpine kids had any sort of reputation out in the big world.

"Yeah, for participat-

ing in student government," said Ryan, lounging in an armchair near the dining room table. "I'm attorney general in ASB at Granite Hills. Three out of the four major ASB officers are from Alpine."

"That's the way it was when I went to Granite Hills," said Taylor. "Four of the four major officers were from Alpine."

When I asked Rachelle, Taylor, and Ryan if they felt affluent, suburban Alpine life in any way shielded kids from the sexual mischief teenagers often get into, they all said no.

"Computers are everywhere now," said Rachelle. "And anywhere there's a computer, there's access to pornography. It doesn't matter where you are."

"As for premarital sex," said Taylor, "I don't think there's any differ-



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ence between Alpine and the city."

"But there are a lot of lushes here," said Rachelle. "Definitely a lot of boozers. A lot of beer."

"The drug is mostly marijuana," said Ryan. "But it may be used a little less nowadays. I don't know."

"Soma," said Taylor, referring to carisoprodol,

a by-prescription-only muscle relaxant. "Kids take it because it heightens the effect of getting drunk. And kids take it on its own because, unlike alcohol, no one can smell it on your breath."

When I asked if religion played an important role in their life, the kids said no.

"We're not churchgoers," said Vicki. "I don't mind if my kids go to church. It's their decision. I've just raised them to be good people."

Victoria, who'd been listening to the conversation while curled up against the dining room wall, said that she liked going to church.

"I have a Mormon friend," Victoria said. "I've been to church three times with her, and I thought it was a lot of fun."

Sixteen-year-old Loni Heavener goes to church more often than that. Born and raised in Alpine, Heavener, a cherubic blonde with long straight hair, is lead singer for Transparent, the youth band at Alpine Christian Fellowship. Her mom, she told me, works at Raytheon, and her dad's a truck driver. She said that the move from

Alpine's middle school to Granite Hills High was an eye-opener.

"Parents in Alpine just tend to be more protective of their children," she said. "I didn't hear bad words until I was in the seventh grade. I've always had a taste for the city, but I'm pretty content that I grew up here. There's more space to run around for little kids, and there's more parental supervision."

"There is drug use among the teenagers because there's not a lot to do here. There are a lot of pot smokers, and they smoke it religiously. And there's always the media, things like television, forcing teens to conform to certain attitudes and behaviors. No matter where you live, you have that."

"Out here you've got parents who will buy beer for their kids just to make

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sure they'll stay on the property," said Nick Pruitt, a 19-year-old Granite Hills graduate who attends Alpine Christian Fellowship with Heavener.

"That's what changes the dynamics of how kids get into stuff out here, the amount of open space. There are a lot more places to hide than in the city — ravines, trees hol- lowed out on the inside. Places where kids go to smoke marijuana. But the population isn't as dense as it is in the city, so it's harder to get into some kinds of trouble. In El Cajon, kids just go out on the street to get into trou- ble. In El Cajon, I've seen kids use drugs in the classroom. Out here, it's a little bit harder because there aren't as many peo- ple around. And that's one of the things that makes it a good place to grow up. You're able to go

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out and enjoy the out- doors. You've got a big back yard. You can stay at home and play, but you don't have to stay inside

the house, playing on an Xbox." Pruitt and Heavener said I should stop by Alpine Christian Fellow-

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acres of graded land on Alpine's west. The church's youth-ministry building faces a big open field that has a broad, unobstructed view all the way to the ocean. On the early evening I visited, the day's gray sky was clear- ing, the sun was setting, and the recent rains had turned the field bright green. Against this idyllic background, a group of teenagers huddled around a barbecue, kin- dling a fire, preparing to roast marshmallows. One of them, 17-year-old Travis Veeder, who lives with his construction- worker dad, told me he loved growing up in Alpine.

"You get to have so much fun. There's so much to do outdoors. You get to do stuff that kids in the city really don't have much of a chance to do, like riding motorcycles. For kids,

Alpine is like a big park. My dad and I live on 30 acres. There's no one near us." "I felt pretty isolated when I was a little kid," said 19-year-old Morgan Tverberg. "But the nice thing was that you could go out and have picnics in your own back yard, or you could go hiking or exploring. I grew up here my whole life, and so I know it does have an effect on you. When you go to El Cajon to go to school, it can be kind of intimidating. I remember that I was very conscious of how physically distant I was from home, and I really didn't like the crowds at school. I'd never been around crowds like that before. There were 3000 kids at Granite Hills. It was a big change." Tverberg told me that her mom works at the Pine Valley Water

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Company and that her dad works at the Wild Animal Park. I asked her if, given her parents' experience of raising kids in Alpine, she would want to do the same.

"Well, yeah, of course," she laughed and exchanged a look with

Veeder. "But..."

"But by the time we're old enough to start thinking about having kids..." continued Veeder.

"Alpine's not going to be the same," said Tverberg. "It's already growing so fast."

"I'm young, and I can already tell that it's growing and getting more crowded," said Veeder. "It's a lot bigger now than it was when I was small."

"If I decided to raise kids here," said Tverberg, "they probably wouldn't have the same experience

growing up that we did."

Out on Alpine Boulevard, in what old-timers refer to as "downtown," one gets a feel for the Alpine that many residents are reluctant to surrender. Behind the white clapboard Alpine Woman's Club, built in 1899, shaded by mature eucalyptus, a memorial garden — rosemary and lilacs and white baby's breath — honors Miriam Bennett, who served as Alpine's postmaster and was a longtime Alpine Woman's Club member. The club's name is itself a reminder of Alpine's particular character. Current members are quick to point out that, yes, it is in fact the Alpine Woman's Club, that it is an organization unto itself and has no relation whatsoever to the General Federation of Women's Clubs based in Washington, D.C.

"Years ago we used to belong to the national organization," said 85-year-old Pauline Silver, who joined the club in 1973. "That was long, long before I moved to Alpine. But from what I understand the national organization had too many requirements to meet, and the women of Alpine wanted to do their own local thing. Alpine's always been a little bit different that way."

"In the time that I've belonged, the membership really hasn't changed a great deal. We've made a lot of improvements to the building, but the club is still the same warm group of people who've always belonged. The same people who enjoy this sort of thing. We still have a good, strong membership and don't have problems finding new members."

"The changes we have experienced have been small. We stopped doing the rummage sales, for example, because they weren't so profitable. There are now more places for people to go for bargains, like the 99-cent store. We used to meet

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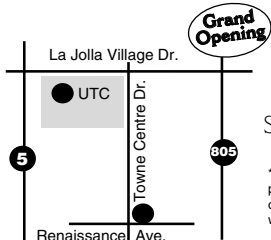
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twice each month, but in the past five years people have gotten so busy that we switched to meeting once a month. We usually have interesting, educational programs, programs about health,

about safety. We have a lot of fun things where people come and entertain, musical programs and things like that.

"We still have our annual Victorian tea in February. That's always

been successful, and it's become so popular that we now have two sittings. Basically, we still do the same old good things that the club has always done. Giving scholarships to local kids. Helping the

community in other ways. I don't think that will ever change."

Just around the corner from the Alpine Woman's Club, on West Victoria Drive, in a tidy white clapboard house

with a huge asparagus fern on the porch, Alpine Realty does business.

When I first spoke to Dee Broughten over the phone, she was so self-effacing about her knowledge of Alpine real estate

that I expected to meet an unassuming woman. But when I knocked on Alpine Realty's front door, I was greeted by a tall woman with high cheekbones who wore her thick, pale-blond hair piled atop her head in a loose bun. She resembled Katharine Hepburn and also had something of the late actress's directness. I'd been told that she'd sold real estate longer than any other realtor in Alpine, that her more than 20 years of experience gave her a good vantage on the local market's ups and downs. Broughten's modesty, it turned out, was a kind of practical reserve.

"I stay out of politics," she told me, eyeing my tape recorder. "I just don't do it. I don't get involved. I don't take sides. You can't do that when you're a realtor."

She relaxed when she started talking about how her family came to Alpine in 1983.

"It was so *quiet*. That's what we loved. Rural living. No traffic. It was totally country. You drove around and you saw cattle, chickens, horses. I'd been living in Clairemont but had lived in a number of areas in San Diego, Point Loma, the beach areas. We wanted quiet.

"I remember it took us several months to find a place. We didn't have an agent, and Alpine is the sort of place where you really do need an agent. It's not laid out on a grid. There are lots of hills and valleys. Lots of hidden-away areas. Little nooks and crannies. You need someone who knows the place very well to help you. We finally found a place. Three bedrooms, two baths, 1700 square feet. We paid \$135,000, if you can believe it. At that time, I don't think there was a house in all of Alpine that was valued, including land, at more than \$300,000. We were delighted. After school, our boys could go out

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"I got my real estate license in either 1984 or 1985. There were maybe only four or five other realtors here. Now, there are easily three times that number. I remember that this office, Alpine Realty, was on Alpine Boulevard in 1987, and I remember that I could leave the front door open. Maybe two or three cars a day would drive down the boulevard. It was so quiet that I could have the door open and still talk on the phone. I also remember that by 1996 or 1997, I had to keep the front door to the office closed. Fumes from cars driving down the boulevard starting wafting in, and the traffic noise was awful. That was when I definitely noticed that Alpine had changed."

Broughten has also noticed a few other ways that Alpine has changed. She glanced at a notepad open on the desk in front of her.

"After you called, I just sort of looked through the local listings. The least expensive right now is a two-bedroom, one-bath, 744-square-foot house that sits on less than one-quarter of an acre. This house is priced between \$399,000 and \$419,000. The most expensive is a 2600-square-foot home that sits on 80 acres that go right up to the national forest. This house is priced at \$2,990,000." (Prices have adjusted downward since I talked with Broughten in February.)

I said that while driving around Alpine I had noticed that new homes seemed to have been built on larger and larger lots.

"Sewage," she said.

"Sewage is the issue. Only very few homes in Alpine actually are connected to a sewage line. Out here, almost everyone has a septic tank. Over the years, state and county regulations have increased the amount of land you need in order to have a septic tank. It's something that people in cities don't really have to think about. But out here, sewage has played a big role in the community's development, and it's one of the reasons why Alpine will reach a limit to how big it can grow. It's not that septic tanks are difficult to maintain. Nowadays they're no problem at all. With minimum care, you need to have them pumped out only every two or three years. It's no big deal. The amount of land legally required for a septic tank is the real issue."

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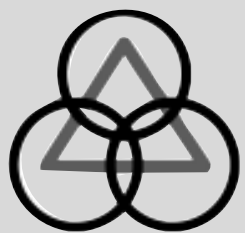
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downtown along that stretch of Alpine Boulevard that has access to public sewage. This has resulted in a kind of efficient coziness. For many years, the Alpine Woman's Club building served not only as town hall but also as Alpine's library. In October 1900, the Alpine Library Association took over part of the building to establish Alpine's first library and charged an annual one-dollar membership fee. In 1914, San Diego County started a library of its own in the same room. The two libraries lived

together for 43 years until the county took over for good and the library association donated its 5000 books to the county. In March 1978, the library moved to its present location, a 3000-square-foot space housed in an innocuous pale-stucco building across the street.

"I'm not a librarian," said branch operations manager Connie McKeever, on the morning we sat down to talk. "I'm a librarian *technician*. We don't have a librarian."

McKeever, a trim woman with an aerobics

instructor's pep, worked at four other county libraries before coming to the Alpine branch four years ago. She's worked at the branch longer than anyone else and oversees two full-time and two part-time employees, one student volunteer, and one library substitute. She's responsible for a collection of 23,737 books. Last year, said McKeever, her library circulated 71,961 items.

"Which means that, in relation to our size, we have a pretty high circulation."

This is why McK-

ever dreams of having more space.

"Now, this is just my personal dream for the library. I'm just speaking for myself and not the county library system. But in my personal dream for the library, I'd really like to have a full-time librarian and get out of this building and get into at least 10,000 square feet of space. I'd love to have a community room and a room for children. I'd love to have more Internet stations. I've got only four, and I know that the Campo branch, a new and smaller library,

has eight Internet stations."

McKeever said that the Alpine residents who visit her library "seem to like mysteries, books about gardening, home improvement, landscaping, and horses."

"Another characteristic of this library is that we seem to get a lot of men, or at least a lot more men than what you see at other county libraries."

McKeever said that people in Alpine are particularly devoted to their library, that its Alpine Library Friends organization was very robust.

"We even have an anonymous donor, a woman, who's very generous with us. I don't feel comfortable giving out the exact amount, but every year she donates thousands of dollars to the library, which is very good for us because the county has a program that matches the donations we receive."

At McKeever's prompting, I drove down to the bookstore that Alpine Library Friends runs in a donated space at Alpine Creek Town Center. A number of things about the store surprised

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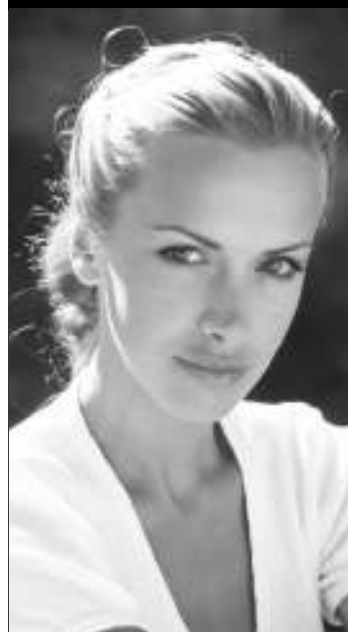
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me. One was that the selection of used books for sale was very large and, to my taste, very good. I'd expected a much smaller space, and I'd expected to find the usual jumble of mysteries and cookbooks. But the Alpine Library Friends bookstore seemed almost as big as the Alpine Library. After browsing the store's shelves for only five minutes, I snapped up for a total of seven dollars *The Letters of John Cheever*, Doris Lessing's *Under My Skin: Volume One of My Autobiography*, and *Memoirs of Madame de La Tour du Pin*, a gossip 450-page first-person account of life in France in the years immediately before and after the Revolution.

I was surprised to find that, in addition to its large and unusual selection of books, the store was also able to accommodate an exhibition called "Inside Anne Frank's House," which included a detailed recreation of two of the rooms in which Anne Frank and seven other people hid during the Nazi occupation. I happened to be at the store when a group of six older women were visiting the exhibit. Olga Worm, the woman responsible for bringing the exhibit to the bookstore, led us into the two rooms via a small door hidden behind a bookcase. The older women, grim-faced, followed Worm through the cramped, dim, airless rooms. Two of the women, who appeared to be in their late 70s, looked as though they were grinding their teeth. Tears welled in their eyes. I was relieved to leave the exhibit and talk with Worm.

"Of the Jews you know, how many have llamas?" she asked by way of explaining how Jewish life in Alpine differed from Jewish life in urban San Diego. "Right now we have 6 llamas. In the past, we had as many as 30. My

son raised llamas as a 4-H project, and his llamas won first place at the Del Mar Fair. I don't think there are many Jewish boys whose llamas have won first place at the Del Mar Fair."

Although born in Brooklyn, New York, Worm grew up in Pocatello, Idaho, where her father, a professional musician, worked as a tailor in a men's clothing store. Worm said that the

largest city near Pocatello was Salt Lake City, a three-hour drive away.

"There were only about 20 Jewish families in Pocatello. We were very accepted in the community, but it was there that

I got used to being different, to standing out a little bit. So the move to Alpine hasn't been a very big deal. My husband Oscar and I lived in Del Cerro for about 20 years. He owned a restaurant. I

owned and ran five discount women's shoe stores. We were very active at Tifereth Israel, the Conservative synagogue in San Carlos. My husband and I decided to retire, so we sold our

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businesses and moved out here to Alpine 7 years ago.

"What happened was that we knew four other families at Tifereth Israel who lived in Alpine. We'd always say 'hi' to each other and 'We really

ought to get together someday.' We'd talk about it, and some would say, 'I bet there's a lot more Jews in Alpine than we think.' Others said, 'No, there are no Jews in Alpine.' We finally decided, 'Let's find out.' So last year, before

Thanksgiving, we put up flyers around Alpine, at the library, at Alpine Community Center, at the grocery store. On November 24, Thanksgiving, we had our first event, and 25 people showed up. Since then

we've had an event every month, and we now call ourselves Alpine Jewish Connection. There are now about 80 people on our mailing list, and we're getting new members all the time."

Alanna Light belongs to Alpine Jewish Connection, and her other local community involvements included vocal opposition to the development of Wright's Field. Light lives not only across the street from Wright's Field, but because Alpine's "small-town feel" makes this sort of thing inevitable, she also lives next door to the 38 acres on which Paul Gonya built a 5500-

square-foot home. One late afternoon at the beginning of March, I sat in Light's home in what she describes as her "cluttered techie-room," where she's installed an entire video-editing suite. Light worked at Channel 10 for 15 years as "an operational engineer, which means I did everything from graphics to satellite feeds, from stage managing to camera operator. I was part of the crew."

Light responded to her hungry adolescent son's sudden craving for raw carrots and ranch dressing while she explained to me how she became a community

activist.

"I moved to Alpine ten years ago from San Carlos. I wanted to have horses in my back yard. I wanted land. And at that time land in Alpine was cheap compared to anywhere else. I couldn't afford the usual horse properties in Del Mar or Rancho Santa Fe. It simply wasn't going to happen. So in 1996 in Alpine I was able to buy a 2400-square-foot ranch home with a barn and horse arena on two and a half acres for \$262,000. At the time, I was terrified. It seemed like so much money. But I loved living in Alpine. I think it was a

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good move for my kids. The ethnic diversity wasn't there ten years ago, but it's gotten a lot better now. It's definitely improving.

"I live directly east, right across the road, from Wright's Field. We certainly used it all the time for walking, playing, riding horses. I wasn't that concerned about Wright's Field until last year when my son Steven was in seventh grade and was enrolled in an outdoor activity class at MacQueen Middle School. They were using Wright's Field as an 'outdoor classroom.' Normally, Steven is a computer guy, but he started coming home and pointing out native Californian plants to me. And I was impressed. At some point Steven's instructor explained that the Back Country Land Trust, which already owned 230 acres of Wright's Field, wanted to buy an addi-

tional 142 acres. So my son came home, and he decided that he really, really wanted to help the Back Country Land Trust buy that land.

"My background is in radio and television promotion. So Steven and I wanted to let the community know what was really going on in order to find out if this was what the community really wanted.

"Steven volunteered to spend \$400 of his bar mitzvah money to buy buttons that said, 'I Love Wright's Field.' He wrote an editorial for the local paper about how much he loved Wright's Field. Steven asked if he could give the buttons away at school, but the vice principal said that in order to give away the buttons he had to give the other students a presentation about what the buttons meant. Steven's kind of shy. He was nervous

about standing up in front of school, but he did it. Some of the kids were real jerks about it. They scratched out the word 'love' on the buttons and wrote 'hate.' One day Steven came home and asked me, 'Mom, what's a tree hugger?' The kids at school had been teasing him, and he didn't know what a 'tree hugger' was. We didn't walk around calling people 'tree huggers' in our house.

"That's all we were really going to do. But I ended up getting more interested. I put up a sign in my yard facing Wright's Field that said, 'Habitats or Homes? Keep Wright's Field Wild.' I made a website, and on the website I videostreamed a video that I and Stacy Taylor, the local liberal talk-show host, put together. We started getting lots of hits. What I was doing was completely unaffiliated



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with the Back Country Land Trust. They made it very clear that they weren't endorsing anything that I was doing. I've also been a sort of free spirit, so that was okay by me. I and a friend put together a rally. I found someone who had a plane to fly over the rally. We had 400 people show up, and they spelled out the words 'SAVE ME' by standing in formation. All sorts of people showed up. It was a good cross-section of Alpine. That was all last June [2005]."

Light's next-door

neighbor, Paul Gonya, is a Rhode Island native who first came to San Diego, he says, "while on my way to Vietnam in the 1960s. Then I came back in the early 1970s and decided to stay. It was strictly for the weather. I first settled in Pacific Beach. I was there for five years, while I was going to San Diego State. I was studying business administration, and I took an M.A. in accounting. I came to Alpine because I saw an ad in the newspaper about Rancho Palo Verde, an upscale development out here. I came out and looked at

some property on the small lake. I subsequently bought a house off Holly Road in the early 1970s. It was a really nice house that had been built by the

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guy who did the illustration of the little girl holding the umbrella on the Morton's salt box. The house was 3000 square feet. Sat on three acres. This was in 1972. We paid

\$62,000. It was a midrange home at the time. Back then, the most expensive homes in the area were, I think, in the \$200,000 range."

Gonya is a trim man with a well-tended white beard and a precise, considered way of speaking. Dressed in an unostentatious dress shirt and pair of slacks, he had the

vaguely ascetic presentation of a mathematics professor.

"The reason I came to Alpine was that you couldn't buy land near the ocean. You could buy only a postage-stamp-size lot near the ocean. I just traded the ocean for land. I was a traveling consultant working for banks. I commuted for about ten years to downtown. I worked for California First National Bank as a banker, commuting downtown every day. People at work thought of Alpine as a nice upscale community, which it's

always been, but they thought it was too far away."

Gonya told me that he's built more than 400 homes in Alpine.

"The land behind where I lived on Holly Road was for sale. This was in 1978, 1979. Twenty-eight acres. The cost was \$60,000. It was owned by a Texan company, Gulf States Toyota. Many people I talked to downtown at work wanted more land, because the lots in San Diego were so small. I went in with some other bankers, and we bought

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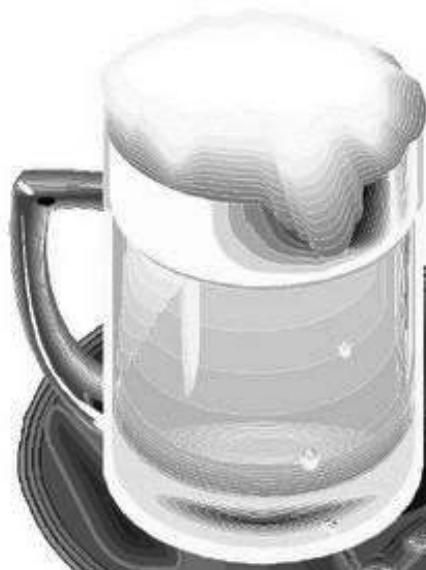
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standards for building a quality home. Things like, for example, screwing in all the drywall instead of nailing it in so you don't get nail pops. More concrete in the foundations. More steel in the foundations. More wood in the house. Everything we do exceeds county standards. What we were saying was that, look, come to Alpine and you'll get more land, a better-quality home, plus we'll build the home according to your specifications. Our homes are, on average, close to 3000 square feet.

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and gets the lot. They hire you and you build the house on their construction loan. We, on the other hand, develop the lots, but we build custom homes on those lots. We give our customers anything they want. We have 30 plans. We now have 31 plans because a customer just brought another in. The customers can use their own plan or one of ours. They can change it all around. They choose from 200-plus different options. Everything from the roof tile on down. From the color and shape of the roof, to the color of the stucco on the house, everything. We have an interior designer from Ethan Allen who works with us. We're truly a custom construction

builder."

Over the years, had Gonya noticed any changes in the types of people buying his homes?

"When we first started we were pulling people out of El Cajon and Lakeside. Now, we're pulling people out of La Jolla, Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, and Coronado. We're pulling people who want what's unique to Alpine. You can get some land and a really great house. And we've always been less expensive than those communities. But that's becoming a thing of the past because we can't find the land to build on anymore.

"If there's any other demographic that really stands out, it's that we have a lot of law enforce-

ment people who now live out here. That's because we have the lowest crime rate in the county, and I think those people know those statistics. I think they want to raise their families where they don't have to 'work' on crime when they're at home. We have one community where almost one-third of the homeowners are cops. It's a 30-unit subdivision called Alpine Ranch Estates North. We call it 'Cop Land.'

"In terms of other trends, nowadays people want media and Internet accessibility. They also want a view from every room. That's our most popular home. We've built that home 50 times."

I asked Gonya about the septic-tank issue.

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When did he notice that Alpine had started to grow?

"There were 3000 homes when I came to town. There are now 5000 homes. That's 2000 homes in 30 years. That's not exactly a boom. And, actually, there will probably be something less than 500 more homes that will ever be built in Alpine. There's no land left. It would be a miracle if you could build more than 500 more homes in this town. And that would be over the next 20 years. We know every piece of land in this town. With the current zoning laws, that's the number of homes you

might get. We own 100 acres. And that's it. Ninety percent of the properties in Alpine don't have sewer, and it's not economically feasible to bring sewer in. That's why none of the big tract builders have come to Alpine.

"A builder could theoretically bring sewer in if the builder could get the density. But you can't get that density because the land isn't flat enough to give you that density. The environmental issues prohibit the density. The topography prohibits the density. And you're simply not going to bring sewer to a project that doesn't have density."

What does it mean when no more houses can be built in Alpine?

"It means that the housing will get more expensive. And it means that the properties here that aren't of that caliber will be torn down, and a more expensive home will be built on the land. Unfortunately, the average American doesn't get to live in that kind of place. It becomes a Santa Barbara or a Rancho Santa Fe or a Telluride or Aspen. In Aspen, the billionaires throw out the millionaires. Alpine will become an elite town of elitist people. And that's a shame, because the average person won't be able to buy here."

Is an elitist Alpine the sort of place where Gonya would want to live?

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38 acres, and a ranch in Oklahoma, and land in Florida. I happen to love Alpine. But a while back I ran to be on the Alpine Community Planning Group. A lot of people wanted me to run. I got elected. This was from 2000 to 2004. And, unfor-

tunately, that brought out some of the very few worst people in the world. And that makes it a little less desirable."

Gonya's memories about the Alpine Community Planning Group made him pause. I couldn't tell if he was

angry or sad: Gonya doesn't seem the sort of man who's comfortable expressing strong emotions. As if to pull himself out of his funk, he started talking about the ranch he'd purchased in Oklahoma. "It's incredible." He said that at his house he

had a brochure about the ranch. He wanted to show it to me.

Gonya's four-bedroom home is a white and buttery yellow Victorian with ceilings that range from 12 to 20 feet high. The decor is late 19th Century with an empha-

sis on equestrian touches — paintings of horses, posters of quarter horses. Gonya owns 20 quarter horses, and both he and Christina, his wife, ride. On his 38 acres, in addition to a swimming pool fed by a man-made stream that meanders

through the property immediately in back of his home, Gonya has constructed a horse-riding arena, a covered "round pen," a "mare motel" where his brood mares hang out until they foal, and a show barn that is more immaculate than

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most middle-class homes. (The garage attached to Gonya's home seemed larger, and certainly cleaner, than my 800-square-foot house.)

The brochure Gonya wanted to show me was a glossy, full-color 12-page paean to "Paws Up Quarter Horses: Birthplace of World Champions Offered at \$3,295,000." Located 30 minutes north of Oklahoma City, this "Triple Crown of equestrian properties" that Gonya has purchased has five residences for ranch personnel, four ponds, a 52-stall mare barn with a "magnificently furnished conference room with a stunning wrought-iron chandelier," an 8-stall stud

barn, a 105-foot by 225-foot riding arena with an 1800-square-foot, climate-controlled "viewing lounge," and 450 acres of pasture.

In the several hours I spent with Gonya, the only time he came close to expressing anything that seemed like happiness was when he was paging through the "Paws Up Quarter Horses" brochure.

"It's gorgeous, isn't it?" he said about the ranch. "That much land at that price. To people in Southern California, it seems unbelievable."

Elsewhere in Alpine, the comparative price of local land wasn't the only thing people had a diffi-

cult time believing. On a warm Sunday morning in midwinter, I stopped by the Episcopal Church of Christ the King in Alpine. I was a little early for the 10:00 a.m. service.

Although the doors to the narthex were open, no one else seemed to be around. Lacking anything to do, I started to page through the parish's guest book. I noticed something odd.

The book contained the names, addresses, and religious affiliations of guests dating back to 1996. Most of the visitors were from San Diego and Alpine. Most identified themselves as Episcopal. A few said they were Presbyterian or Methodist or

Baptist. Starting in March 2005, however, several visitors made a point of identifying themselves as "Anglican." I at first thought Christ the King had for some reason started to attract English tourists, since "Anglican" is the term that members of the Church of England often use to describe themselves. But the Anglicans in the parish guest book gave either San Diego or Alpine addresses. I was puzzled.

I'd last visited Christ the King on All Saints' Day in February 2002, when I was writing regularly about religion for the *Reader*. I'd interviewed Christ the King's rector, Father Keith Acker, who

explained that his parish had traditionally been "high church," or "Anglo-Catholic," meaning that it was one of those Episcopal or Anglican parishes that felt a strong affinity for the Roman Catholic tradition.

But something had happened between February 2002 and March 2005. Nosing around the narthex on that midwinter morning when no one else seemed around, I came across a half-dozen copies of a two-page letter that someone named Stephanie Smith had, on February 8, 2006, addressed to Christ the King church. Smith, who identified herself as a San Diego resident, had enti-

tled her letter "The Remnant Church."

"On Sunday a small group from St. Bartholomew's in Poway and one member of St. David's, San Diego, went up to support the remaining twenty-some members of Christ the King Episcopal Church in Alpine," Smith began. "The service was upbeat and the sermon excellent. We all felt that we were in the presence of the Holy. On leaving the church building, I made the comment to one of my friends that this was indeed a remnant church. Off the cuff, I responded by saying that a remnant church are those people who are left behind to bring that

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The church overlooks a canyon, and on the mid-winter morning that I was snooping through the parish guest book, the weather was damp and the wind blowing through the canyon smelled of sage. A little before ten o'clock, Christ the King's parishioners, or what remained of them, started to show up. As they entered the nave, they genuflected deeply before

sitting in one of the long wooden pews. By the time interim rector Reverend Arnold Fenton started the service, there were 25 people, including me, in the nave. Without referring to notes, Father Fenton gave the sort of fluent, cogent sermon that I think of as typical of the Episcopal Church.

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what had happened to her church as "unfortunate."

Later, I spoke with Father Keith Acker to get his side of the story.

"Christ the King had always been theologically conservative," he told me. "What eventually happened wasn't sudden. It had been building for some time."

Father Acker said that he and many Christ the King parishioners had

long felt that the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or ECUSA, the denomination to which the parish belonged, was becoming theologically too liberal. The August 2003 confirmation in New Hampshire of the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop seemed to justify their fears.

"The difficult change here locally was the election and consecration of the new bishop, James Mathes."

Father Acker and Christ the King's more conservative parishioners took the election and consecration of Bishop Mathes, whom they felt was theologically liberal, as their cue to exit the ECUSA.

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service at Alpine Elementary School. We emphasize scripture, sacraments, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. We're at about 35 folks. We're part of the Anglican Province of America; our bishop is in Seattle. One of the reasons that I was confident in making the Anglican Province of America our church-home is that they've entered into full communion with the Church of Nigeria, which has its own archbishop and about 15 million

members."

Father Acker's former parish is one of two landmarks people notice as they approach Alpine. The other is what appears to be a home sitting high atop an otherwise barren mountain on the north side of Interstate 8. What's remarkable about the structure isn't only its extreme elevation and isolation but the enormous American flag flying in front of it. On a Sunday afternoon when I drove out to look at the place, I found that it wasn't a home at all. A sign in its driveway announced that the building was a VFW hall and that the building and land surrounding it had been donated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars by Tom C. Dyke.

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"I was born in Omaha, Nebraska. My family were Bohemian farmers. They grew everything. During the Dust Bowl, they came to San Diego. We ended up down there in Frontier Housing in the Rosecrans and Midway Drive area. That was housing built out of two-by-twos, just thrown up for all the migrants and cheap labor. All the Dust Bowl people ended up down here. We came here in 1939. I was two years old.

"I grew up there in Frontier Housing until the late 1940s, and then we came here. My father was a barber and a horse trainer. He had horses at Caliente. He had a friend named Barney who owned the Harbor House down where the Harbor House is today, at Seaport Village. That was where you caught the ferry over to North Island. Barney owned the Harbor House and was a ticket collector for the ferry. Barney and my dad were inseparable. They were what you'd call racehorse chums and drinking buddies. They caroused with the women in Tijuana and all that stuff.

"Barney developed asthma and heart problems, and the doctors basically told him that if he moved to Alpine, which at the time had the healthiest climate in the United States according to a government report, he'd probably live a couple more years. So Barney came up here to Alpine



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and started the Log Cabin Cafe, which isn't there now. My mother, having been a waitress for him down at the Harbor House, well, she and my dad decided they'd come up here so they could be with Barney. I was about

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"They ended up throwing my ass in jail up here because I wanted to work. Ever since I was five years old, I'd worked. Odd jobs. But when it came time for me to go to high school, I didn't want to

go. I wanted to work. Up here they had segregated high schools, a segregated school system. The schools I'd been to in San Diego weren't segregated. I didn't know what segregation or redneck was until I came to Alpine.

Here, the white people were segregated from the Indians. At that time, there was only one black family allowed in Alpine. That was a guy named Lee Roper. He was a great guy. You couldn't use each other's bathrooms and all

that stuff. You had real segregation here in Alpine just like you had down in the South, you know, against the blacks. So I didn't like that too well. For example, at school, if a white kid used the Indians' bathroom, which

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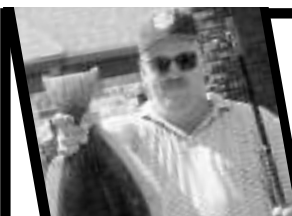
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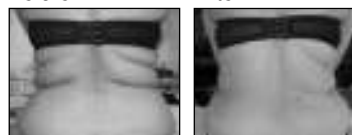
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blacks. They wouldn't let me speak Bohemian. In Nebraska, if I said I was Bohemian, my mother would just come unglued. And down in Frontier Housing, back then, it was just like what Logan Heights is today. You had all the races mixed up there. You had all kinds of poverty there. We were all looked down upon as the lowlife of San Diego. So basically, the schools

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release possible. I was probably about 14 years old at the time."

Later, Dyke used a forged birth certificate to join the Army. He took his basic training at Fort Ord. He returned briefly to San Diego before going to Fort Benning, where he was to become a para-trooper. However, before leaving for Fort Benning, Dyke got into a fight with a policeman.

"He turned out to be the chief of police in El Cajon. He grabbed me by my hair and slammed my head against the car. It pissed me off. I beat the shit out of him."

Dyke went back into California Youth Authority custody. Later, the Army discharged him. When his life settled down again, he went back to work. He saved money. He bought an air compressor and did drill and blasting jobs around Alpine. He saved more money. When he was 26 years old, he and a business partner bought 28 acres north of Alpine Boulevard for \$2500 per acre.

"Which was an outrageous price at the time. I hated living in the center of Alpine. So I bought the land so I could live out there and people would leave me alone. That must have been about 1955. I wanted to be in Alpine. I was free of the downtown problems. We only had 250 people or so when I came here. There was plenty of open space. That's why I wanted to be here. Look, I basically came out of the ghetto, and when we came up here I saw beautiful mountains and beautiful trees, wide-open spaces, and land that you could buy. You could own a piece of the land for yourself. Also, I hated neighbors. I still do. And, so, I started buying up land whenever I could. Every time a piece of land became available north of Alpine Boulevard, I'd try to buy it. I ended up buying what I guess would be

90 percent of the available land on this side of the street. At the most I had more than 300 acres.

"I've also given away a lot of land over the years. There was a point in my life when I owned more than 1000 acres. I owned a small town in

northern Nevada. Part of a mine in Iowa Hill, California. In Tennessee, 70 miles north of Knoxville, I owned a bunch of land. And all along, I've had this blasting business. I'm also a general contractor. All my work has been in the Lake Murray area. I've

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ees. I used to have 135. That was back in the late 1970s. "I've always been a pass-it-along kind of guy. I've always given things away. I gave Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, an entire subdivision of 66 lots. That's over 60 acres. I

gave it to Lincoln Memorial University because they teach God and country and honor Lincoln's memory. They've got kids from 28 nations studying there, so that seemed worthwhile to me. I gave Father Joe Carroll 619 acres in Campo, which was about \$4.5 million in

property.

"The land for the VFW hall, I bought that land probably in 1980. The house had already been built on it. I went in and rebuilt everything. I never lived in it. The house sits on two acres of land. At the time I didn't plan on giving it away. I rented it. One of my sons lived in it for a while. I'd helped form the VFW up here years earlier. I wasn't a founder, but I helped. I'd promised the commander that when I found the right piece of land, I'd donate it to the VFW. And one day it just came to me. I thought, 'What site would be better

for a VFW hall than that site?' So I gave it to them with a number of conditions. One was that they fly the largest American flag possible. I think the one they've got flying now is 15 feet by 20 feet.

"The reason I donated the land and house to the VFW was that, by that time, I knew who God was and I'd really learned the history of how this country was founded. On my dad's side of the family, the first white settler in New York was an ancestor of mine. George Washington's chief of staff was another relative of mine. I've started paying attention,

as I've gotten older, to the fight for freedom. My family loved to fight for freedom. So I donated that land to the VFW out of my appreciation for what veterans have done for everybody in this country.

"One of the other conditions that I put on that land and house when I donated it to the VFW was that they teach children the Veterans of Foreign Wars constitution. And what the VFW constitution says is teach the children about God, teach the children about country, and teach the children not to war no more." ■

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Rilke and Me



Rainer Maria Rilke (left) and the author

I was a runaway when I was 15. Ran from Chicago to New York. Got off the Greyhound bus at four in the morning, armed with a guitar named Beulah, a canvas knapsack heavy with books and paper, and \$11.39 in the pocket of my jeans.

I walked in the street and suddenly
it was stretched with trembling strings.
...It's only a queen who dares to dance,
yes, dance in a city street!

My New York uncle gave me the name Rilke after he, my aunt, and I had finished a heavy meal and were lounging around the living room of their West Side flat. "Rilke," he said. "You ought to read Rilke."

I had been staying with them for a few days. The multitude of streets, the beds of strangers in which I slept, all receptive to my manic joy, were also wearying and wearing, with a pace difficult to maintain. I fled to the home of this aunt and uncle but discovered this was no place to be either, since they demanded I follow certain rules that my orneriness just would not allow.

I was soon back on the bus to Chicago, to the familiar pattern of my mother's nagging about my bad behavior and my escaping to the streets for two or three days and nights in between.

Whoever you are, go out into the evening,
leaving your room, of which you know each bit;
your house is the last before the infinite,
whoever you are.
Then with your eyes that wearily
scarce lift themselves from the worn-out door-stone
slowly you raise a shadowy black tree
and fix it on the sky: slender, alone.
And you have made the world (and it shall grow
and ripen as a word, unspoken still).
When you have grasped its meaning with your will,
then tenderly your eyes will let it go....

Not long after I had returned, I was wandering the streets and happened to stop in this bookstore, where I saw a used copy of selected poems by that name Rilke. I took the book to a nearby park and set-

tled down on the grass to read. It was a curious experience. I could not possibly have had much in common with Rilke. I was a young, black female child of the ghetto; he was a

I saw Rilke and
there was death
on one side of
him and life on
the other.

white male born in Prague in 1875, dead years before I was even born. Yet there was something that drew me to his poems, and as I read them, this tiny "ah" kept rising from my throat.

If it had been madness of a sort that had sent me fleeing to New York City, it was the madness born from the desire to be free. I saw the freedom inherent in the queen who would dare dance in the streets and, in setting forth and setting out all that my self desired, I saw the beauty of self-creation and world creation. Poetry had always seemed entrapment to me, a falling into the words of another and into a world controlled entirely by the poet. Rilke had no desire to control me. I was not trapped. I was set free. Yet one learns that freedom is not simply the absence

of chains nor the wandering in the streets with no visible restrictions. The freedom inherent in Rilke's poetry was the more dangerous sort. The one that leaves you standing alone on the edge of the precipice, asking whether you dare take the plunge or not. It is a freedom that carries you to the point of nothingness, asking what you will make of this, what you will do there.

What is this story all about? Not about my relationship with Rilke now — we having grown older and having stomped around the escarpment — but about how I first came to know him. It is about my grandmother and my great-grandmother and all my ancestors, enslaved and free, though none are mentioned by name. It is about leaping over mountains and taking

flight from the tops of clouds, though none of this is here described. It is about Rilke and me in the simplest way in which we existed: him writing his words, me living my life.

So. In the living room of my family's apartment, where I slept on a couch/bed, I would pick up Rilke and, amidst the sounds of the neighborhood, of curses and laughter and children screaming, the L train screeching around the corner, car horns blowing, and from somewhere a recording of Percy Sledge singing "When a Man Loves a Woman," I would read about memories lost and enchanted gazelles. I would read about blue hydrangeas, delicate flamingos, and anguished solitude, while the smells of cabbage and greens drifted out from the kitchen, and I

could hear my mother hum softly an old church spiritual. I read,

I have seen for some time now
the change in everything
Something arises and acts
and kills and brings suffering

In the gardens now
from day to day
is a change from green to yellow and gray
a slow dying-away:
how long my road has been.

Now I stand in this emptiness
and look down the rows of trees.
Almost to the distant sea
the foreboding earnestness
of the sky lies heavily.

Quite often I became afraid. I knew what was



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being asked of me. In the emptiness stood I, and the foreboding heaviness was of the world within that I. It was up to me to challenge this weight and, teetering on the edge of freedom, lift myself off

to the heights. The road that lay behind me, where all had been given to me, was long — yes — and long overdue to be over. Grow up. It is time to put away those children things and take the plunge.

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Later, my partners and I would walk the streets, up and down, aimlessly, sharing a couple of bottles of white port wine. We'd go to the restaurant on the corner, order a ham sandwich on white

bread with double extra mayonnaise and extra double mustard, and get a bag of weed between two slices of bread. We'd take our five-dollar sandwich to Lincoln Park, sit on the benches in front of the monkey cage, taking tokes and sips and sometimes think something about our lives. About what choices we could make. About what our chances for survival might be. We thought we were tough and could not be hurt by anything or

anyone, and yet we knew how limited were choices for kids like us and how difficult and unpredictable was survival. Our lives had been decided for us a long time before our birth, and now, now it would be very much a matter of luck if any dream we chose to pursue became reality.

One of my friends said he would not join the Army and fight for no white man. He did not say what he would do or could do instead.

Dreams were kept unspoken. We lived by certain assumptions. Most of the girls assumed that they might marry, have children, and, if lucky, be loved and cherished. A few, me among them, assumed the opposite. We would never marry, never have children, never be loved or cherished. We would make this journey alone. Why we assumed that rather dismal scenario came from our scorn of the other girls' assumptions that we, looking at the lives of those we knew, considered fantasy. We would grow up in this world but never be disappointed by whatever misery occurred.

We were high. Off the weed and the white port. We would head south back to our neighborhood, walking through the Gold Coast area, ritzy, rich, white, and so despised by us. We always walked looking up at their windows, sometimes seeing them inside, seemingly so smug, smart, secure, while we felt the stench of our fear, our loneliness, our ignorance, our black selves for whom no one wished us well. We would see one of them walking down the street, looking easy, walking soft, a god of the world,

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and we'd do him or her, do 'em and grab what we could from pockets and purses. We'd get enough for more ham sandwiches, more white port, and maybe have something left over for some-

we delivered onto their bodies we felt were justified. It was the violence of our lives, done to us, and the violence returned one by one by one. It was easy to do them harm. What was

ceeding, alert, fulfills that which is timely.
Killing is a form of our wandering sorrow...
Pure in the spirit serene
is what happens to ourselves.

I would like to leave all that I have been taught and leap into that abyss where nothing is certain.

In Rilke's poetry: sorrow and the burning pain of solitude. I lay on my couch/bed and found death too. I studied the lines and stanzas of endings, of dying, of life unfulfilled and felt close to tears. For I could tolerate those feelings and thoughts inside me — I thought myself so strange at that time that death and death thoughts seemed entirely appropriate for me. But I could not bear that others could feel that way too. It seemed to me then that it could not be me, or anyone, who was the strange one, but that it

thing else. We'd laugh at the look they had in their eyes as we grabbed at them and ran. "Niggers." They would never forgive the rest of our race. But we never felt sorry, we never felt guilty, and the beatings and poundings

difficult was to stop the beatings before they got out of hand.

Far from the onlooker be every breath of pity,
not from the hunter merely, who, pro

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was the world itself that caused these feelings to surface again and again in the hearts of all kinds of people. And if that was so — that it was the world and not the people in the world — then what could possibly be done? We could cure our own ills, perhaps. But how to cure the sickness of the world, a glance at which caused such terrible feelings of sorrow? I was so disturbed by what I read that I thought I would explode in agony.

...I would like to walk out of my heart under the wide sky. I would like to pray.

Still, I read on. And the more I read, the more I began to see that, though death was very much a part of Rilke, life was there just as strong. I saw Rilke and there was death on one side of him and life on the other, and he walked down the middle

as the two converged before and behind. He stood in the small center between the two, and the whole was life *and* death. Life and death meeting before and behind swirled through his poetry and converged in the art and act of creation, rather like an explosion that was neither all joy nor all sorrow but a center of pure being.

Within these thoughts and these words I sensed salvation. Rilke became as much a part of my salvation as had Nina Simone singing “Mississippi Goddam” or “Four Women.” Along the lines of life we all so shakily walked lay answers and meaning. The suggestion that we stoop to pick up some of those answers and meanings was frightening, and yet it was that or nothing.

Don’t be afraid to stoop down and get

there.

All that I felt and *all* that I was combined to create, the mystery and the mysteries that somehow needed to be confronted. Bewildered? Disturbed? I often had a vision of myself standing

thing — can come unless one is prepared to take the risk of pursuing that truth, pursuing the god that will bring forth the prayer and allowing the self to be let go...out of the heart...that the prayer might come.

We saw junkies weaving down the streets and taunted them for their weakness.

alone, apart, from a forest of humanlike figures. This, and the forest too, needed both to be accepted.

Rilke’s poetry suggests that nothing — no truth, no beauty, no any-

Reading him I thought, I *would* like to pray. I would like to believe there is something worth praying for and someone to whom I could pray. I would like to leave all that I have

been taught and leap into that abyss where nothing is certain, nothing sure, except that then prayer is genuinely possible.

Go then. Go to it. Freddy and me ate bags of bananas and carrots as we went around talking revolution to the dudes and dudesses in the streets — “organizing.” We held meetings that few bothered to attend, printed mimeographed sheets of paper upon which we had scribbled our ideas, and called for strikes, boycotts, demonstrations, armed battle. We saw our neighborhood and our people on the verge of collapse.

Most were apathetic towards our concerns and didn’t want to get involved. Few listened. Once, we went beneath the L-train tracks and sat with winos drinking cheap wine out of paper bags and suggested that there just might be a bet-

ter way to live. They looked at us, wild-eyed 17- and 18-year-olds, and laughed. We saw junkies weaving down the streets and taunted them for their weakness.

“All we want to do is save ourselves, save our souls,” Freddy would say. “Find something to believe in that will believe in us in return.”

He scorned my feelings for Rilke. “If that man was here right now, right here, he’d spit on you just like all these other ofays and hunkies. He’d be just as racist and as much of a pig as they are. He’d fit right in. And...he’d call you nigger.” I did not doubt that Freddy was right. If Rilke *was* here, wouldn’t he have to choose a side like all the rest of us? Wouldn’t he, because of his color, choose the side aligned with most of the rest of his color? But he wasn’t here. He didn’t have to choose. And I

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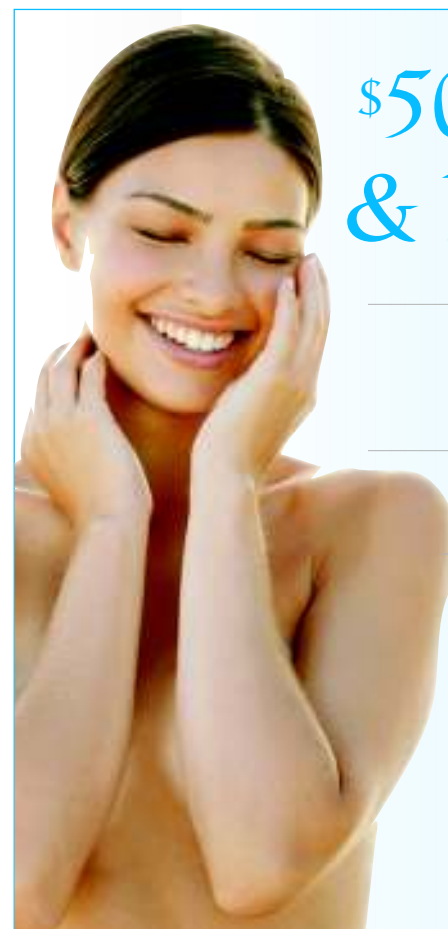


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didn't have to choose for him.

Freddy said, "Forget about him. Read your own people, learn your own history."

I had never looked at Rilke as being *in* history, for it seemed as if the biographical details of Rilke's life were peripheral to his life. He lived not in the details of dates, time, and events but in the interior without time. Yet the dates during which he lived were dates in the history of my people. I knew how much *in* history I was and was forced to be.

Did I have to "forget about him" because of our differences? Was knowing and liking him a betrayal of my people and my history? Was the need to remember my history such that I could not also include Rilke in my life?

**Letters To
A Young Poet**

I stood beneath the street signs, looking up at the names: Goethe, Schiller, Sedgwick. I savored the sound of them and the images they brought forth. But I thought it odd that on

I felt as if this reckless
emphasis on the individual
was surely a betrayal of my
connection to my people.

Goethe Street would be where the dope dealers congregated, on Schiller where the junkies died, and on Sedgwick, where I lived, all manner of life

in between. I began to think about the idea of culture. I wanted mine to be simple and pure, but it seemed to me to be filled with difficulties

and the problems of its existence as a subculture within the white dominant culture full of hazards. I wanted to be a poet. No. I wanted to be a certain kind of poet. Who could see the things that Rilke saw and experience the inward journey in the way that Rilke had. Yet I did not see how I could go to the inside places without bringing my history in with me — a history that created me and to which my art ought to be returned. I could not relinquish that history for any other people or

past, but how could I be free, so tied to history and so tied to the politics of my life — a history and a politics that demanded allegiance to my people and not to some long-dead poet of European descent? In *Letters to a Young Poet*, Rilke told the poet that too much of life was for so many people a room from which they were afraid to leave because that room offered them security. They sat in the room and examined a small corner of it or the strip of the floor upon which

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they walk up and down and fail to feel out the unspeakable terrors or the shapes of their horrible dungeons. Yet, a person must experience everything and assume existence as broadly as it can be experienced. The cowardly refusal to do so is what has done us the greatest harm and has impoverished our being as individuals. I was not altogether sure how this could apply to me. I felt as if this reckless emphasis on the individual was surely a

betrayal of my connection to my people — to Freddy, to my partners. And there was this problem too. If I were to go it alone and jump into all that was unknown, without the foundation of my past, who would there be to catch me should I falter?

More Than Enough Of The Night

I was 17. No longer really living at home but living nowhere else either. It was November. The wind blew off Lake

Michigan, and I wrapped my coat, absent of buttons, tighter around me as I walked along the beach. It was night. The lights from the buildings along the Gold Coast sparkled and in the distance, the tall tower of the John Hancock Building stood like a metal beacon drawing the headlights of cars careening down Lake Shore Drive.

The wind howled and the waves leaped and twirled magnificently. But, I should have

been somewhere inside, sitting by a fire, drinking cocoa, reading a book, the light from the lamp beside me giving the room a yellow glow. I should have had...the heat of...another human being...to warm me...the touch of...hands...the security of days and nights in which I felt protected and warm. But I had none of this. The waves whose touch would have chilled me. The lights whose warmth was far away.

I walked to the friend's house where I stored a few of my books. I picked up my Rilke and went into the room off his back porch. It was a room used for storage, piled with old clothing, boxes, things broken and abandoned. I climbed beneath the pile of clothing.

And if the earthly has forgotten you, say to the still earth: I flow.
To the rapid water speak: I am.

Other poets have said more to me than has Rilke. And yet their more was not an essential more. Rilke's value lies not in the ideas or thoughts or the meanings of the words he writes but that he turns each poem into the journey that stands before us all. He could not make me dream; he could not send me a dream, and he could not become the

dream itself. But through his eyes I have seen the object in the poem and its thought dwindle in importance compared to the "getting there," with the writer turned into, becoming the writing and words scratched out on a piece of paper becoming the yielded self, planted. Rilke's insistence on art as death, on beauty as the beginning of terror, on seduction by melancholia, and other such constant themes in his work, was surpassed by the terrible rumbling ever present that commanded the self be liberated. In liberation, the intangible, the unidentifiable, the infinite seen are thus the foundation upon which we stand. These — we who are on this earth cannot make them end but through them we begin.

There's nowhere, my love
the world can exist
except within.

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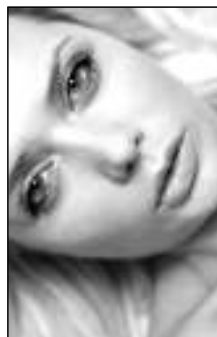
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There are barriers between
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barrier is the one we
create within ourselves.

Our lives are used up
in transformations
and what's outside us
always diminishing
vanishes.

The poverty of my expe-
riences that some might
consider beneath them,
Rilke salvaged. All that
was unbearable, Rilke
made me bear. Discover-
ing the world inside
myself, the prayer within
that was my own, and
understanding how they
had come to me made
what others assumed

unembraceable, my ten-
der enveloping.

However much we
are rooted in our histo-
ries and in the cultures
that have created us, and
however we define our
responsibility toward
that, history and culture
are not diminished by
nor in conflict with our
rootedness inside our
immeasurable longing.
Instead, it is that longing
that often tightens the
bond to history and cul-
ture. It is the knowledge
of the freedom inside

that enables the chains to
be seen more clearly.
When I took what Rilke
gave, it did not limit my
relationship to my peo-
ple but rather redefined
that relationship, saying I
was not from a history or
a culture but rather *was*
the history and the culture
demanding freedom.

There are barriers
between us all. Yes. The
worst barrier is the one
we create within our-
selves. That wall, broken
down, is what will liber-
ate the world.

I took Rilke, and me
and Rilke, we went parad-
ing all around in grief, in
sorrow, in joy, in love, in
life, in death, hardly able
sometimes to tell the differ-
ence between any of them,
but we went on, striding
and strutting from here to
beyond and back again,
and this was what it was all
about, heh? This was what
it was all about. Let's begin
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be ticketed and/or harassed at all by law enforcement? I do believe that on the side of every police car is the statement "To protect and serve," but *who* are they to protect and serve? Only the taxpaying citizens that have roofs over their heads?

I realize the homeless problems are tremendous, having walked the walk personally, but they won't just vanish by ignoring them! The powers that be in San Diego need to step up their efforts to devise a workable solution to this problem and implement it soon. A lot of these people receive SSI, welfare, or VA benefits but are unable to make the best use of their money because of their mental and/or physical conditions. As your article states, these are people no one wants. They've fallen through the cracks in our society with little chance of recovering from it.

I suggest that the CCDC get their greedy paws off the homeless and helpless and invest in more centers like Neil Good Day Center and other outreach groups to do something proactive to try and help these folks instead of driving them away or ticketing those who help them.

This is a serious, long-term, devastating problem that will not vanish — ever. San Diego is not America's Finest City anymore.

Mary Brandelius
North Park

What's The Point?

Dear Ollie and San Diego Reader Music Editor, I just read the review you printed of Stacey Blood's album, *Reversed Space* ("Hometown CDs," October 5) and felt compelled to share my thoughts.

First, let me say that I haven't heard the album, haven't seen Stacey Blood perform, and wouldn't know him if I ran into him on the street. Let me also say that I understand the Reader never has done fluffy, happy, promo pieces — that's just not your style. I get it! All that said, I felt Ollie's review was over the top.

The album might not suit your taste — it might even be really bad — but

why not choose another album from the stack instead of flogging Mr. Blood in public? There are lots of talented musicians in our town with great albums. Why not shed a little positive light on one you like instead of tearing some poor guy apart?

Steve Denyes
via e-mail

Philistines 2, Elliot 1

I hate to beat an old, tired horse to death, but the letters that Sam Berouty and Alan DesRoches wrote last week (October 12) in regards to *my* letter from the week before are obviously panhandling for a response. I had written regarding the diva girl's trip to San Francisco ("Street Warfare," "Diary of a Diva," September 21) and opined that all of San Francisco was laughing at both her level of insight and the quality of her interaction with the city, both of which were patently nonexistent. I wondered why anyone would even bother to write about something that they obviously know nothing about and, perhaps more mysteriously, had exerted zero energy attempting to learn. Kudos to the diva girl, however, for her apparent fan base. Of all the letters the Reader printed regarding that column, mine was the only one that was critical at all.

Therefore, I found it almost impressive that Berouty and DesRoches found it necessary to respond to me. Their input would have been even more impressive, however, if they had really had anything to say worth hearing. Instead, they compared their experiences with different cities in terms of music, food, art, wine, and other nonsense. That sounds like consumerism to me, an "interaction" only in the economical sense. That's pitiful! I, for one, won't ever sit by and allow people to denigrate cities to those lowest, most common denominators. The two even went on to apologize for my letter when what they should have been doing is hiding their faces in shame for apparently missing the soul and spirit of the existence of my letter itself. Who were those two letter writers, who was the diva girl as they rushed from air-con-

ditioned airports to plush hotels to catered concert halls like so many blind mice, unable to truly see their surroundings? That is really the question that needed to be asked.

The French writer Marguerite Duras once wrote that in her life, the real kings were the drunkards out in the streets at all hours of the night. I may or may not agree with that, but at least she recognized things as a reason. Believe it or not, truth and beauty are *always* intertwined in some way, no matter how things appear on the surface. It's just a matter of deciding that vision, in all its levels, is important enough to develop. It's a shame, really, that I am apparently the only one wondering these things. On the other hand, it gives me a certain sense of super-stardom. Oh, wait, I already had that!!!

Yes, San Francisco laughed when the diva girl pretended her way past the panhandlers, hoping perhaps to make it up later with a column. They laughed again when Berouty and DesRoches made the mistake of assuming that just because I know San Francisco so well meant I desire to be on a first-name basis with them. That's not the way things really are, boys — your mistake.

Elliot T. Richey
via e-mail

Escondido's Bubble Burst

About "Tin Fork": I appreciate the diverse locations Ed visits and writes about. Regarding the last two letters (October 5 and 12) complaining about Ed's location choices, I was surprised to read such pretentious comments. Some people are open-minded enough to explore other types of food and locations. It can take longer to get to North County than to the restaurants Ed visited in Mexico. Sorry to burst your bubble, but the world does not revolve around Escondido. You are obviously ignorant of the fact that the Reader is distributed across a large area, where small-minded, arrogant, proud "citizens" are not the only ones who read its articles.

Vanessa
via e-mail

Red Riding Hood Lied

Wolf Week in Julian

The Alaskan gray wolves here eat beef, chicken, goat, horses [when donated], deer, and some fish, on occasion, that is donated by the Navy,” says Melinda Booth, development manager of the California Wolf Center. “Deer would be a more natural food for them, but the other meat is very nutritious. The Mexican gray wolves are only fed non-livestock food, like deer and bison.”

Because most Mexican wolves are released back to a natural habitat as part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Mexican wolf-recovery program, participating organizations like the California Wolf Center work to keep the animals from developing a taste for cows and chickens.

For national Wolf Awareness Week (October 15 to October 21), the center is focusing its attention on the endangered Mexican gray, of which only 300 exist, most in captivity. “Mexican wolves are the most distinct, genetically. They are around 20 pounds less than the average grays, and most have similar coloration — a brownish, rust-ish color with a white splash across the face,” says the center’s executive director, Patrick Valentino.

“Prior to the Endangered Species Act, there were government programs to kill wolves. We had this archaic, nonscientific foundation of a country that was anti-predator, generally, and anti-wolf specifically. The Little Red Riding Hood myth created a hatred for the wolves.”

Valentino learned in historical accounts that the wolves were often killed inhumanely. Among such methods of killing employed by government agents were poison; digging pits into which wolves might fall and eventually die; and capturing wolves, wiring their jaws shut, and then releasing them back to the wild.

A 1996 Environmental Impact Statement determined that the Apache and Gila national forests (located in Arizona and New Mexico) would be ideal habitats for Mexican wolves. When the first wolves were released as part of the recovery program in 1998, however, challenges arose.

“When you’re releasing captive-born animals, you’re going to lose a lot and have to bring some back in,” says Valentino. “Some just die. What usually happens is they might start feeding on or harassing livestock or start hanging around areas where people are. When they’re brought back and permanently retired to captivity, it usually has to do with their inability to stay away from livestock and people.”

According to Valentino (and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), wolves play a crucial role in the health of the ecosystems to which they belong. “Wolves are not random, but [rather] selective, hunters,” Valentino explains. “When they’re hunting, they’re looking for weak, sick, diseased, or young. It’s almost impossible to take down a healthy animal.” Primary prey include elk, moose, deer, caribou, and bison. “Healthy [prey] are nearly 100 per-

cent successful defending themselves, so Bambi has the upper hand. When [wolves] are successful, they cull out the weaker animals; when they’re not successful, they help keep animals alert and moving, which allows plant life to return.”

By scaring their prey into movement, wolves help to keep the land from being overgrazed. “Like when you farm, you don’t just use up this one area, you keep moving it around. The plant life benefits by the mere presence of wolves.” Scavengers like coyotes and bears also benefit. Because the animals killed by wolves are typically large, there tend to be plenty of leftovers. “Wolves are considered the engineers of biodiversity, or keystone predators,” says Valentino.

In an average pack of seven wolves, only two or three will participate in a kill, “but several others may be involved in getting [the prey] separate from the herd — they decide [which] one is weakest, then focus in, pick up speed, and chase the animal. The kill happens very fast;

they want to kill quickly, because if they don’t, they can get hurt — elk can kill wolves.”

Valentino compares packs of wolves to human families, with a “mom and dad,” or the alpha male and alpha female. “A lot of people say [wolves] mate for life, but they mate for life unless they don’t. It’s the same with people — sometimes they split up, sometimes one dies, sometimes one cheats. But [the wolves] are still going to focus on a family unit, because it makes the most sense.”

— Barbarella



Mexican wolves

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BAJA

Amanecer de Viaje, Patty Blake reads from and signs new book, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

"Contact With the Dead Ones" is topic for lecture by Georgette Rivera, Thursday, October 19, 7:30 and 10 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

"Teatro del Terror," Alejandro Camacho presents this play for adults, Friday, October 20, 7 and

9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Carmina Burana presented by Baja California Dance Company on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 8 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). Tickets: \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

Off-Road Poker Run, Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m. Details: 619-819-6323. (ENSENADA)

Fiend Festival 2006 is Saturday, October 21, 7 p.m., at Multikulti (at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street). Program includes Misfits, Adicts, Marky Ramone, UK Subs, more. \$25. All ages. 011-52-664-680-2631. (TIJUANA)

Los de Abajo versus the Lunatics in concert at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), Saturday, October 21, 8 p.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Vilma Palma in Concert, Saturday, October 21, 9 p.m., at Box Underground (in old jai alai *frontón* on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

2006 Governor's Cup Challenge Regatta, regatta open to all classes of sailing vessels in Bahía de Todos Santos starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 22. Entry fee: \$20 per boat. 011-52-646-173-4500 x400. (ENSENADA)

X Pilots Freestyle Motocross International competition, Sunday, October 22, 4 p.m., at Downtown Bullring (Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-104-1940. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

RADICAL!

Random Dances Ataxia, Saturday, October 21, Mandeville Auditorium.

(SEE DANCE)



Images of Baja California offered when Orchestra of Baja California performs Sunday, October 22, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Singers include soprano Florencia Tinoco, guitarist Roberto Limón. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

The Comic Play *A Oscuras Me da Risa* is performed Monday and Tuesday, October 23 and 24, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$42 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Author David Ojeda reads from, signs *La Santa de San Luis*, Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río, 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

Architecture examined in Manuel Rosen Morrison's new book, which he'll sign and discuss on Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

Francisco Cespedes in concert, Wednesday, October 25, 9 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$50, \$60 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Ladytron in Concert, Thursday, October 26, 8 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$20 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

A Delicately Thin Waning Crescent Moon graces the eastern sky at dawn on Thursday morning, October 19. An even thinner, hard-to-spot crescent moon, nearing its new phase, will be seen just over the eastern horizon during the early stages of dawn on Friday morning, October 20.

Leaves Are Beginning to Turn in coastal San Diego County's riparian woodland and oak woodland habitats. In response to a fairly dry spring and summer, the summer-green crowns of willows and sycamores are already fading to yellow and brown. Beneath the

oaks, the deciduous poison oak is flushing red. Good places for autumn walks this month and next include San Clemente Canyon (Marian Bear) Park adjacent to Freeway 52, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve north of Mira Mesa, and Wilderness Gardens Preserve County Park east of Pala in North County.

The Floss Silk Tree, a conspicuous "autumn bloomer" here and there around San Diego, has been showing off its pinkish or purplish, hibiscus-like flowers for at least a month now. The broad, heavy trunks of this South American import, studded with fat, cone-shaped spines makes it easy to identify.

Beautify Chula Vista Day is Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m.–noon, starting at Hilltop Middle School (44 East J Street). Volunteers will remove debris from sites within city. Free. Required reservations: 800-237-BLUE. (CHULA VISTA)

Volunteer and Friends Work Weekend, trail repair work in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Meet at volunteer campsite in Cedar

Grove. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

"Geology Rocks," easy docent-led walk focusing on land formations at lagoon, Saturday, October 21, starting at 9 a.m. at Batiquitos Lagoon nature center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). All ages. Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Hike Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve on Saturday, October 21. Park ranger leads two-mile hike down to riparian area and back; steep uphill slope on return. Trek starts at 9 a.m. at staging area (19324 Santee Lane). Wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring water. Free. 760-749-5423. (VALLEY CENTER)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on October 21 at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Birds and Biodiversity, birding expert Claude Edwards leads educational bird walk, Saturday, October 21. Group gathers at 9:30 a.m. in front of Cabrillo National Monument visitors' center (1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive). Bring binoculars. \$5 per vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Gold on the Trails! See golden sycamores, cottonwoods, and goldenbush during guided walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, October 21, 22, and 25, 9:30–11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Help With Wildlife Monitoring after San Diego Tracking Team hosts training, Saturday, October 21, 9:45 a.m.–4 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. To reach site, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs. Free. 760-715-4102. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

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Help Save Buena Vista Creek Valley! See part of 134-acre Sherman parcel, learn about its important cultural, historic, and natural resources, Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.–noon. Meet on porch of historic Marron Adobe (at dead-end of Haymar/Plaza west from College Blvd. near Highway 78). Take mini-tour of adobe, site, displays and hear presentations about why preserving this valley is important to North County. Donation requested. Required RSVP: 760-724-3887. (CARLSBAD)

Bird Walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, October 21. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Help Rescue Wildlife in Peril with Wildlife Assist. Next orientation is Saturday, October 21, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO)

Canyon Favorites Hike, Pat Watkins leads moderately paced hike to Walden Pond, Carson's Crossing, and waterfall in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, October 21. Hike starts at 3 p.m. at end of Park Village Road. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

The Orionid Meteor Shower, one of the year's five best annual showers, peaks on the early mornings of October 22 and 23 (Saturday night–Sunday morning, and Sunday night–Monday morning). There will be no interference by moonlight this year. A few meteors will begin to appear around 9 or 10 p.m.; however, for best results, look during the hour or two before dawn, roughly 4–6 a.m. Under ideal conditions (a dark mountain or desert site and an unobstructed horizon) you may spot up to 30 meteors per hour. The Orionids “radiate” from the constellation of Orion, and many leave long-lasting, glowing trails. Comet Halley is believed responsible for this shower. Every year at this time, the Earth plows through a stream of icy particles presumably shed by that comet in the past.

Enhance Native Habitat by removing nonnative vegetation in Crest Canyon during work party hosted by San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, Sunday, October 22, 1 p.m. Tools, training, refreshments provided. Free. Directions, registration: 858-755-6956. (DEL MAR)

The Crescent Moon returns to easy visibility in the evening sky at dusk on Tuesday, October 24. On that same evening, you should spot Jupiter, a bright pinpoint of light, some ten degrees to the right of the low-lying moon. Jupiter is increas-

ingly slipping into the sun's glare. By early November it will be too closely aligned with the direction of the sun to be able to see it at all.

Look for Osprey and Wood Ducks with Audubon Society birders at Santee Lakes, Wednesday, October 25. Moderately strenuous hiking on level ground. Join group at 8 a.m. in parking area between first and second lakes within Santee Lakes Regional Park. Bring a scope. Directions: 619-692-3246. Vehicle day-use fee. (SANTEE)

Historical Uses of Edible and Medicinal Plants explored by naturalist Irene O'Neill during easy, slow-paced hike in Daley Ranch, Wednesday, October 25. Meet at 9 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

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)

DANCE

Bellydance Showcase with dancing by Eliza, Jessenia, Leilainia, and Shalimar and live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, October 19, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Hey Wire makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contradance on Friday, October 20, 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)

Mystical Mosaic Performance by Raks el Anwar, students, and guests, Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., at Art/Dance Academy (1401 El Camino Real #105). Open bellydancing for all levels. Free. 760-757-4470. (OCEANSIDE)

“Alice: Wonderland/Rhapsody” is presented by San Diego Ballet, October 20 and 21, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Piece is choreographed by Javier Velasco in collaboration with Young Audiences of San Diego and Culture Shock Dance Troupe. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. General admission: \$15–\$30. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Mojalet Dance Collective presents four new works choreographed by Faith Jensen-Ismay, October 20–22, in San Diego State University's Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200). Dancing begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday,

7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10–\$14. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including October 21, at Cheek2Cheek (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

A Radical Look at Physicality — Random Dance presents *Ataxia* for ArtPower series, Saturday, October 21, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Piece draws from worlds of “neuroscience, composition, psychology, design, and computer programming.” Tickets: \$30, \$34, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Guest caller is Brooke Friendly on October 22. \$8. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered Tuesdays, including October 24, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8–10 p.m. \$5 (first visit free). 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

Dances from Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire on tap when Moreton Bay Fig Morris dancers convene on Tuesday, October 24,

7:30 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive). Free. 858-689-8947. (BALBOA PARK)

“Garden Trilogy” presented by British choreographer Yolande Snaith and her newly formed dance company Imago Moves, October 26–29, in Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building (studio 3) at UCSD. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. \$18 general. Suggested reservations: 619-867-8749. (LA JOLLA)

Riverdance, celebrating Irish music, song, and dance, hits stage November 14–19 at San Diego Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$26–\$85, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

“She,” produced by Ray Harryhausen in 1935, screens Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Harryhausen will be on hand to sign books at screening. \$14 general. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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What a Cast! See the Coen Brothers' *Big Lebowski* — starring Jeff Bridges, John Turturro, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi, Philip Seymour Hoffman — when it screens for Cinema Under the Stars series, Thursday–Saturday, October 19–21, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Iron Mike" Mervosh, Sergeant Major USMC (Retired) will be on hand for screening of *Flags of Our Fathers*, Friday, October 20, 10 a.m., at Regal Oceanside 16 (401 Mission Avenue). Matinee admission fee. 760-439-1327. (OCEANSIDE)

Not-So-Scary Family Films featured every Friday during October at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street). *Beetlejuice* screens on October 20, 5 p.m. Bring a blanket, chair. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Private Pressure for Ratification of Kyoto treaty is explored in DVD from Climate Crisis Coalition screening on Friday, October 20, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (4227 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 877-586-9789. (CITY HEIGHTS)

San Diego UnderSea film exhibition screens on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Each program promises 15 digital films, including some in high definition, by amateur and professional underwater artists.

\$10 per night. 858-558-7278. (BALBOA PARK)

Spike and Mike Return! Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation runs October 20–November 25 in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. Program boasts two new Weird Al music videos by Seth Green and Bill Plympton, over 21 new short animated films including *Happy Tree Friends*, *Pirate Baby's Cabana Battle Street Fight 2006*, *How to Cope with Death*.

Spike and Weird Al will be on hand "to sign your stuff" on opening weekend, when festival begins at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday; \$15. Following weekends, screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday; \$10. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"9/11 Press for Truth," documentary about "9/11 families fighting for answers and accountability" screens Saturday, October 21, 2 and 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Paul Thompson, an author (*The Terror Timeline*) featured in film and relative of a 9/11 victim, will be on hand to answer questions. \$8 general. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

"Heneini — Coming Out in a Jewish High School" screens with panel discussion, reception on Sunday, October 22, 4 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$10.

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Teen screening for high school students only is slated for Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); dinner provided. Reservations, information: 858-362-1347. (LA JOLLA, HILLCREST)

"Abolition: Broken Promises" presents a grim picture of black experience after slavery, through eyes of those who experienced it and their progeny. This "explosive documentary" screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Buster Keaton Celebration, Robert Keaton, the comic master's grandson, presents preshow introductions and postshow talks for ongoing Carlsbad Library film se-

ries this month. Enjoy *Parlour, Bedroom, and Bath* on Wednesday, October 25, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Cutting-Edge Climbing! Josh Lowell's *Dosage Volume IV* and Peter Mortimer's *First Ascent* screen for Reel Rock Film Tour, Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$12. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore Italian Filmmaking during series offering "five of the best films from both the old and the new" continuing with Lina Wertmüller's *Seven Beauties* (1974) on Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., in building next to House of Italy (opposite the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Free. 858-831-1717. (BALBOA PARK)

Creepy and Startling! See Roman Polanski's first English-language film, *Repulsion*, when it's

shown for fall film series, Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"I Soliti Ignoti" (1958) screens Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roving Mars, Deep Sea, and Greece: Secrets of the Past*. "Fridays at the Fleet" features *Yellowstone* (6 p.m.) and *The Magic Flight* (7 p.m.) on October 20. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

The 1925 Silent Horror Classic *Phantom of the Opera* starring Lon Chaney screens with live music by Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films with mezzo-soprano Kristin Behrmann, Tuesday, October 31, 7 p.m., in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Audience helps with sound effects (think coconut shells). 858-534-8074. Admission is free, parking is not. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

"A Personal Look at Pieter Bruegel" offered by actor and dramaturge Barry Kraft for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, October 19. Kraft will present images of Bruegel's mastery, read from literature surrounding the artist. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. \$12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Adaptation and the Origin of the Species" offered by Dolph Schluter, University of British Columbia professor, Thursday, October 19, 2 p.m., in Sumner Auditorium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (8602 La Jolla Shores Drive). Schluter studies ecological forces responsible for origin, persistence of species and evolution of differences between them. Free. 858-534-3624. (LA JOLLA)

"Amor Es una Palabra Aguda," lecture in Spanish by Baja California poet Elizabeth Algravez for "La UABC en UCSD" series, Thursday, October 19, 4 p.m., in UCSD's Literature Building 155. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Does Your Pet Suffer from Allergies? Animal dermatology expert Jennifer Aniya, DVM, presents pet allergy "Happy Hour," Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). Types of allergies, signs and symptoms, available treatments. \$10. No pets. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

Haunted Pen Creative Writing Workshop with prompts and creative triggers offered by author, humorist Jill Badonsky, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). All levels, writing from

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"Secret and Dangerous: The Son Tay P.O.W. Raid" discussed by pilot William Guenon, Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Air and Space Museum. Guenon shares account of raid "from training to takeoff and back through touchdown" in this covert 1970 Hanoi night raid. \$15. Registration: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Mainstreaming Conservation: Making Conservation Hip and Fun" is subject when Fay Crevoshay and Aida Navarro Barnetche of Wildcoast visit Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for Friday Speaker Series on October 20, at noon. Wildcoast protects and preserves coastal ecosystems and wildlife in the Californias and Latin America. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class planned on Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). \$85. Registration: 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

A Mini-Fair with sessions on desktop publishing, "going online wirelessly," PowerPoint presentations, "The Integrated Genealogist" is planned when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

"Art and Architecture" is topic when Drew Hubbell, currently in partnership with artist James T. Hubbell, presents slide-illustrated lecture at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street) on Saturday,

October 21, 9:30 a.m. 619-224-8584. Donation: \$5. (DOWNTOWN)

Brainstorming Fights Story Problems! San Diego Romance Writers meet for brainstorming on Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Bring eight-ten pages of your work for afternoon critique session. \$25. 619-298-0511. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Cooking with Your Kids," make three easy, healthful recipes with your child on Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. For those ten and older with an adult. Fee: \$45 per pair. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Escondido Genealogical Society convenes on Saturday, October 21, to hear Phyllis Young describe how to use Daughters of the American Revolution sites for research. Meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. in Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-489-7760. (ESCONDIDO)

"100 Years Ago in Pacific Beach" is topic for slide presentation planned when Pacific Beach Historical Society meets, Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"The President, the War, and the 2006 Midterm Elections" analyzed by UCSD political science professor Gary C. Jacobson when San Diego Independent Scholars gather on Saturday, October 21, 1:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. His most recent book is *A Divider, Not a Uniter: George W. Bush and the American People*. Free. 760-431-6822. (LA JOLLA)

"Middle-Eastern Silver Jewelry — How a Woman's Passion Spawned a Museum Collection" explained by Marjorie Ransom, who recently studied jewelry and history of silver-smithing in Yemen, Sunday, October 22, 4 p.m., at Mingei International

Museum. \$15. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (BALBOA PARK)

Diplomat and Philanthropist Colonel Irving Salomon is discussed by his daughter, deputy city attorney Abbe Wolfsheimer, when Jewish Historical Society meets, Sunday, October 22, 1 p.m., at Congregation Beth Israel (9001 Towne Center Drive). Free. 858-674-0838. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Water, Water Everywhere — But Is It Fit to Drink?" Hossein Azar, staff supervisor of City of San

Diego's Water Reuse Program, ponders whether we should recycle our wastewater when Association for Rational Inquiry meets, Sunday, October 22, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

"Afghanistan and Iraq — Viewpoints from Australia and Canada" presented by Bill Jordan for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, October 23, 10 a.m. in second-floor activity room at La

Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Jordan recently visited Canada and Australia. Free. 858-487-4695, 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Women as Ballplayers in Ancient Maya Society," Maria Ramos presents recent research on whether women took part in these famous ballgames, Monday, October 23, for 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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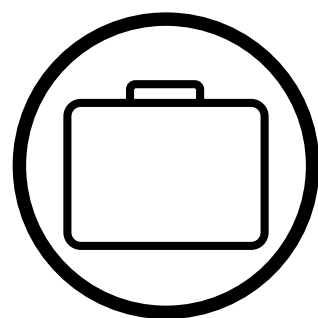
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"Killing Time Under Martial Law:

Literature and Politics in the Philippines" is presented by Filipino writer José (Butch) Dalisay Jr., Tuesday, October 24, 4 p.m., in UCSD's Literature Building 155. 858-534-4618. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Managing Your Irrigation Water

is subject for garden horticulture manager Don Schultz, Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Making College Financially Feasible"

is subject for workshops hosted by California Coast Credit Union on October 24 and 25, 6:30 p.m. A certified financial planner will analyze various savings, investing, and financial aid options. Workshops offered on Tuesday at California Coast Credit Union office at 9201 Spectrum Center Boulevard in Kearny Mesa; and on Wednesday, October 25, at 140 Knoll Road in San Marcos. Registration: 877-495-1600. (KEARNY MESA, SAN MARCOS)

"Katrina: A Firsthand Report"

delivered by Jim Brown, a member of San Diego Veterans for Peace, Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m., for Matters of Controversy series at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Expect photographs, commentary on his personal involvement in recovery efforts. Donation. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

"Cultural Change Among the Luiseño

During the Protohistoric and Historic Periods" explored by Camp Pendleton archaeologist Steve Harvey for San Diego County Archeological Society, Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Free. 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PEASQUITOS)

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On certain crystal-clear days (most common between late October and March), the looping hike over East Mountain on Santa Catalina Island affords an ever-changing panorama of the blue ocean, San Clemente Island to the south, and the snow-capped summits of the San Gabriel Mountains on the mainland. On this walk you will cover 8.5 miles of distance along mostly dirt roads and wide trails, and gain a total of 2000 feet of elevation. That's a good half-day's worth if you don't dawdle much along the way.

You'll begin your walk in Avalon, Catalina's capital-of-sorts. First, of course,



Avalon Harbor, Santa Catalina Island

you'll need to navigate to the island itself. Visit the Santa Catalina Island Company's website (www.scico.com) to help with your plans and reservations. Ferries to Avalon depart from Dana Point, Newport Beach, Long Beach, and San Pedro. When planning for your hike, don't forget to bring plenty of water (especially important during Santa Ana wind episodes), and sun-protective

clothing. Also note that hiking permits (for travel outside Avalon) are mandatory; inquire on the way over, or when you arrive.

Let's assume you start from Clemente Avenue and Wrigley Road (a.k.a. Mt. Ada Road) on Avalon's south edge. On paved Wrigley Road you swing around the high ridge overlooking Avalon Bay, enjoying picture-postcard-perfect views of boats at anchor and of the famous round casino building on the bay's far side.

Go right after 1.3 miles on Renton Mine Road (the paved road continuing ahead descends left toward a power station at Pebble Beach). Renton Mine Road takes you uphill to another junction, where you make another right on East End Road. On the slopes hereabouts, notice the St. Catherine's lace, a type of buckwheat endemic to the dry slopes of the island. The flower clusters on this large (up to several feet high) shrub can spread as wide as a foot, with a creamy white color fading to rust in the fall.

After curling around East Mountain, East End Road proceeds due west along the ridgecrest, with spectacular views north down to Avalon Bay and south over the sparkling waters to San Clemente Island. You'll notice that thick accumulations of chaparral coat the north-facing slopes, while the sunnier, south-facing slopes are much more parched and brown. Drought-resistant prickly-pear cacti grow abundantly on the ridgecrest and down along the drier slopes.

After a total of 6.8 miles, you'll veer sharply right on Memorial Road. Some easy walking down this dirt road takes you along a cool, north-facing slope covered by tall and luxuriant (by San Diego standards, anyway) growths of chaparral plants such as scrub oak, manzanita, and toyon. At the bottom of the hill you come upon Wrigley Memorial, a 130-foot-tall edifice built as a memorial to chewing-gum magnate William Wrigley, Jr., who purchased the island in 1918.

The famed botanic gardens started by Wrigley's wife (Ada Wrigley) in the 1920s lie just below the monument. Distinguished by a virtually frost-free climate,

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are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.



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Registration: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"Architecture in Formation"

is topic of lecture by David Erdman, UC Berkeley professor of en-

vironment design, Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). Free. 619-235-4100 x107. (DOWNTOWN)

"Intro to GPS" offered on Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and at REI San Diego (5556 Copley

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"The Italian Baroque of

Guercino" is presented by theologian, art historian, classicist Otto Mower for "Art in the Afternoon" series lecture at Timken Museum of Art, Thursday, October 26, 12:30 p.m. Talk is in conjunction with "Guercino: Stylistic Evolution in Focus" exhibition. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

"An Exploration of the Caves

of Unrivalled Height of Dunhuang" offered when Judy Chungwa speaks for Asian Arts Council on Thursday, October 26, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10 general. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Global Governance for Public

Health: How Can This Work in the 21st Century?" Thomas Novotny, from UCSF School of Medicine, addresses question on Thursday, October 26, 4 p.m., at Weaver Center, Institute of the Americas at UCSD (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). Novotny is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics, was assistant surgeon general in U.S., worked with World Bank. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"Winemaking 101: From

Winery to Wine," two-part event begins with look at wine-making techniques and "how to taste them in your glass," Thursday, October 26, 6:30 p.m., at Wine Bank (363 Fifth Avenue, suite 100). \$40.

Part two is a trip to Belle Marie Winery for wine, tour, education, on Sunday, November 5, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. \$43 fee includes transportation. Pay \$75 for both sections. Registration: 619-955-8884. (GASLAMP QUARTER, ESCONDIDO)

Avocado Expert Julie Frink

discusses variety selection and growing avocados in Southern California when California Rare Fruit Growers meet on Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m. Fruit tasting follows, "rare pomegranate" tree from India raffled. Group gathers in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-846-3337. (ENCINITAS)

"Tasting Chocolate in a Cultural

Context," chocolatier John Scharffenberger traces "importance of the cultural history of chocolate through its pre-Columbian origins" during lecture, booksigning on Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Expect to "taste and savor chocolate" — this guy knows what he's talking about! \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The United States and the

Middle East: A View from the Arab World" offered by Rami Khouri, executive editor of Beirut-based *Daily Star* newspaper, Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., in room 201 of Arts and Letters Building at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-7137. (SDSU)

Consider the "New Planet"

Eris and "its possible astrological effects" when Astrological Society of North County meets on Thursday, October 26, 7:30 p.m., at 2091 East Valley Parkway suite D. General discussion follows. Donation: \$5. 760-644-5461. (ESCONDIDO)

"Taking Back Our Country

from the Religious Right: The Politics and Theology of Spiritual Progressives" presented by Rabbi Michael Lerner of *Tikkun* magazine, Thursday, November 9, 8 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom

at UCSD. Lerner will discuss “timeless theological and social issues that remain highly relevant in contemporary America.” Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

“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 week-ends 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)

Headliner Kurtis Matthews performs Friday, October 13, 8 p.m., at Comedy Co-Op Warehouse Theatre (11211 Sorrento Valley Road, suite M). Shashi Bhatia is headliner on Saturday, October 14, 8 p.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)

Costumes, Movement, Music celebrating “colorful performance traditions of Ghana” showcased when Ho-Asogli is presented for Concert Hour series, Thursday, October 19, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Author Discussion and Signing, Carol Hamburger shares her story in *The Star Pupil: A Dot’s Quest to Find His Place in the World*, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

California Senator Barbara Boxer signs and discusses *A Time to Run: A Novel*, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. 760-325-0103. (NORTH PARK)

He Won \$2.5 Million 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)

“Holy Land, Whose Land: Modern Dilemma, Ancient Roots” discussed and signed by Dorothy Drummond on Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Legal Thriller Author James Grippando presents *Leapholes*, a book for young adults, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

“Cirque Dreams: Jungle Fantasy” continues through October 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 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)

“Real Men of Comedy” — including Joe Rogan, Charlie Murphy, and John Heffron — in concert, Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$47, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

The Pendragons present their illusions October 19–22 at Sycuan

Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday–Sunday, 2 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$35. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

“The Myth Project,” Patricia Rincon Dance Collection and Sushi Performance and Visual Art examine “essence of storytelling as a charter for social action through an original, site-specific work” blending dance, theater, circus, spectacle. Performances are outdoors, Octo-

ber 20–22, 6 p.m., at NTC Promenade (Decatur Road, building 210). Ticket: \$20 general on Saturday and Sunday, following “pay-what-you-can preview” on Friday. 619-235-8466. (POINT LOMA)

Oregon Poet Clemens Starck reads from his new book, *Traveling Incognito*, Friday, October 20, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Invisible Children of Northern Uganda organization benefits from concert by Storm Gospel Chorus, Friday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Avenue). Listen for spirituals, classical works, opera arias. Donation. 760-525-7233. (CARLSBAD)

The King’s Men kick off fall concert series with program of gospel songs, ‘60s doo-wop, romantic selections, and some barbershop,

October 20 and 21 at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday. Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

“World Beat,” rhythms of the world and bellydance promised during Camarada’s “Candlelight Concert,” Friday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Botanica (2310 Kettner Boulevard). Beth Ross-Buckley (flute) and Fred Benedetti (guitar) will be joined by

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An Evening with Author Carolyn See slated for Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 of MiraCosta College's San Elijo Campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). See, bestselling author of novels including *The Handyman* and *Golden Days*, will discuss her newest book, *There Will Never Be Another You*. Booksigning follows talk. Free. 760-795-6815. (CARDIFF)

The Wonderful Susan Werner performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Thursday, October 26 (\$20). Latin-Brazilian-style vocalist Marta Topferova takes stage on Friday, October 20 (\$20). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Dancing at the Elks — Tell Mama blues swing dance band plays for your dancing pleasure, Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., at Encinitas Elks Lodge (1393 Windsor Road). Cover: \$8. 760-753-2243. (ENCINITAS)

Comedienne Joy Gohring headlines Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 8 p.m., at Comedy Co-Op Warehouse Theatre (11211 Sorrento Valley Road, suite M). Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 students. All shows for those over 18. 888-567-4464. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Concert and "Teach-In Benefit" hosted by San Diego Peace and Free-

dom Party and Sagon Penn San Diego Copwatch, Friday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Bands include Unified Division, Dropjoy, others. \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-260-1731. (NORTH PARK)

Way Beyond "Full House," comedian Bob Saget, Friday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$32.75–\$37.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Five Funny Females" Tour hits stage at Horton Grand Theatre on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 11 p.m. Line-up includes host Susan Alexander, Erikka Innes, Rachel Warner, Christine Gelat, Chantal Carrere. \$15. 619-234-9583. (DOWNTOWN)

Author Candace Conradi discusses, signs *Diamond Moms: A Mother's Guide to Raising a Baseball Player*, Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Author Justin Akers Chacon discusses, signs *No One Is Illegal*, Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

The First American Woman in Space, Sally Ride, plans lecture on history of Mars exploration, booksigning on Saturday, October 21, 1–3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Shaolin Kung Fu Spectacular! San Diego State University's Open Air Theatre hosts the 25 Shaolin

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Full House — comedian Bob Saget, Friday, October 20, Spreckels Theatre.

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warriors demonstrating various styles of kung fu, acrobatics, and weapons fighting on Saturday, October 21, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$40, \$65. 760-481-4373. (SDSU)

Slave Narratives and Spirituals presented by Black Storytellers of San Diego, Inc., Saturday, October 21, 2 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Program is in conjunction with current "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation." Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"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.

Busy on Saturday? Chong also plans appearance on Sunday, October 22, 3 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 Univer-

sity Avenue). Free. 760-325-0103. (ESCONDIDO, NORTH PARK)

Making a Difference, Eve Selis, Sue Palmer, Randi Driscoll, and Susan DeVincent plan benefit concert for Interfaith Shelter Network, the Storefront, other charitable organizations on Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Admission: \$5 plus donation of blanket, warm clothing, towels. 619-515-4474. (ENCINITAS)

Jazz Bands of PLNU plan concert, Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$10 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Latin Harp Night with performances by Cesar Daniel, Carmen Elena, and José Smith hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego United Methodist Church

(170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

An Evening of Music promised when Tom Rush and A.J. Croce perform Saturday, October 21, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$36, \$38. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

"Comics That Kill 8: Plight of the Living Dead" — stand-up comedy show, Saturday, October 21, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). \$4. Not suitable for those under 13. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

Peter Tosh Day Celebrations planned Saturday, October 21, 9 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Mikey Dread with the Dread at the Controls Band and Boom Shaka celebrate Tosh's life. \$12 in advance. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Author John Gobbell signs *A Call to Colors*, Sunday, October 22, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona, 760-479-0242). Free. (LA COSTA)

Historical Mystery Author Carola Dunn visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign, discuss *Gunpowder Plot*, Sunday, October 22, 2 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Author Simon Winchester — writer of *A Crack in the Edge of the World*, *The Professor and the Madman*, *Krakatoa*, many others — discusses and signs books on Monday, October 23, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Reading of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* presented by Sullivan Players, Monday, October 23, 7 p.m., in Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Donation: \$5. 858-274-1731. (HILLCREST)

Queen Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots and their courtiers will greet guests during celebrity sonnet presentations with dramatic readings, music, and dance from sonnets of William Shakespeare hosted by San Diego Shakespeare Society, Monday, October 23, 7:30 p.m., in Old Globe Theatre. Performers include Jonathan McMurtry, Karen Keltner, Dalouge Smith, Scott Feldsher, Claudia Russell, Mike Keenally, Midge Costanza, members of California Ballet, many others. Donations benefit society's April student festival. 619-675-2028. (BALBOA PARK)

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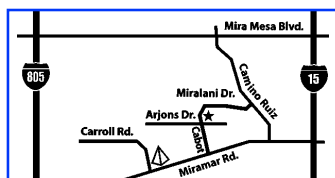
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San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, October 23, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Join the rowdy audience, the judgmental judges, or the talented poets. Competitors: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Congratulations on Your Divorce: The Road to Finding Your Happily Ever After" signed, discussed by author Amy Botwinick at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive), Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m. Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

ivoted, nonpartisan "get out the vote drive" with music and poetry by minerva, Hargo, Steve Garber, David Curtis, Danny Campbell, Robin Henkel, Terry Hertzler, Billy Thompson, Gregory Page, Steve Kowitz, others. Events begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). \$10 general. 619-571-1925. (EAST VILLAGE)

"The Life and Loves of Dinah Washington" presented by Yvette Freeman, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24 and 25, 7:30 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Tickets: 858-481-1055 (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Salute to the Military Comedy Show" — Patrick DeGuire, Bob Hansen, Erik Knowles, and sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction for Comedy Grill, Tuesday, October 24, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Community Activist, NPR Commentator, and writer Jeff Biggers reads from his work on Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. His most recent book: *In the Sierra Madre*. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Fantasy Authors Melanie Rawn (*Spellbinder*) and Kate Elliott (*Spirit Gate*) sign and discuss their books on Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (KEARNY MESA)

Storyswap — tell a short personal story, folk tale, tall tale, or literary tale, Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Story must be suitable for family audience. Free. 858-484-1325. (MIRA MESA)

"The Rolling Darkness Revue" hits Warwick's Bookstore on Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m. Authors Glen Hirshberg, Peter Atkins, Clay McLeod Chapman, Dennis Etchison plan Halloween storytelling and signing "for an adult audience." Find Warwick's at 7812 Girard Avenue, 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Work and Poverty, theme explored in American folksongs, highlighting work by Woody Guthrie, by Joel Rafael for Concert Hour series, Thursday, October 26, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Fantasy Author R.A. Salvatore signs, discusses new Sell Sword novel *Road of the Patriarch*, Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Mysteri-

ous Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

"On the Razzle," Tom Stoppard's adaptation of a Thornton Wilder story presented in Roundabout Theatre at San Diego's Academy (room 95, 800 Santa Fe Drive), October 26–November 4. Mistaken identities, romantic escapades, dazzling wordplay. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, children. 760-753-1121 x 5156. (ENCINITAS)

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

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New York, New York! Liza Minnelli in concert, Wednesday and Thursday, November 1 and 2, 8 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino

and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Tickets start at \$40. 800-427-7247. (VALLEY CENTER)

"The First 80 Years Are the Hardest," according to Broadway legend Carol Channing, who presents her one-woman show on Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Concert is benefit for Center ARTES and San Diego County arts education. Tickets: \$20-\$55, available by calling 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

Del Mar International Horse Show boasting "best of the West Coast show jumpers, Olympic

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Join the Electric Warriors — to "escape the confines of cars" and "behold the city" — Friday, October 20, 10 p.m.-midnight. Debut ride starts at Vons (450 West University Avenue) for the "common goal of fun." Free. 619-997-8254. (MISSION HILLS)

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Sunday, October 21 and 22, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., on south side of Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. 760-931-1450. (OCEANSIDE)

Showpark County VI Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-481-9085. Free admission and parking. (DEL MAR)

Dog Paddle, bring your dog out for kayak tour from La Jolla Shores to sea caves on Saturday, October 21, 8:30 a.m., at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). Equipment is included in \$45 fee per person; canines free. Reservations: 858-549-1685. (LA JOLLA)

Barry Alford Pine Valley Memorial Ride hosted by Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists is Saturday, October 21. Fifty-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at fire station on Alpine Boulevard (exit I-8 at Tavern Road). 619-426-8192. (ALPINE)

Lake Hodges Kayak Adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m. Paddle down one of county's oldest reservoirs and ad-

mire wide range of plant, animal species. Open to those six and older. Fee: \$65 for adults, \$20 per child 6-12 in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ESCONDIDO)

Tae Bo Inventor Billy Blanks leads class on Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m., at Mission Valley YMCA (5505 Friars Road). Proceeds benefit children's programs at YMCA. \$80 fee includes "meet and greet" with Blanks following class, lunch. Registration: 619-298-3576. (MISSION VALLEY)

Light the Night Against Crime, now in its 20th year, 5k run/walk starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring a flashlight and wear a costume! Race-day registration: 5 p.m. 619-298-7400. (BALBOA PARK)

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Sunday, October 22, at Sixth Avenue and El Prado. Registration: 7:15 a.m., walk at 8:30 a.m. 619-682-7425. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Chargers meet up with Chiefs in Kansas City on Sunday, October 22, 10 a.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games start at \$54, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Julian Loop, join Sierra Club cyclists for a jaunt starting at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 22, in center of Julian (near museum). One steep hill, lots of fall colors along Wymola Road, in Pine Hills. 858-623-0628. Apple pie, anyone? (JULIAN)

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)

Greater San Diego Hunter Jumper Horse Show runs October 25-29 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 8 a.m. each day, closes at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 p.m. on Friday and

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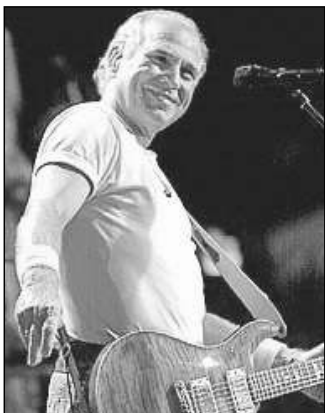
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“Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation” continues through Friday, November 24, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibition includes reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative materials such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera focusing on Lincoln’s America, many aspects of Civil War. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Time to Scream? 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.

The Haunted Hotel at 424 Market Street) serves up screams 7 p.m.–11 p.m. Thursday, Wednesday, Sunday; 6 p.m.–1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Mondays and Tuesdays except October 30 and 31. \$13.99. 619-696-7227.

The Haunted Trail, an “all-outdoor haunted attraction” is open 7–11 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; 7 p.m.–midnight 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. (DEL MAR, GASLAMP QUARTER, BALBOA PARK)

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Fair, Thursday, October 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Martin Luther King Community Building (140 East 12th Street). Free admission. 619-232-1225. (NATIONAL CITY)

House Beautiful Home Show, October 20–22, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Vendors offering all manner of home items. Free admission. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. 800-999-5450. (DEL MAR)

Gem Faire, October 20–22, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 80 importers, wholesalers, manufacturers offering their wares; jewelry repair; demonstrations, classes. Hours: noon–7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 for weekend pass. 760-390-3599. (DEL MAR)

Celebrate Historic California Old Route 80 during events planned on Saturday, October 21. Events begin at 7 a.m. at Seaport Village, continue through 3 p.m. in parking lot at Vie-

jas Casino in Alpine. Details: 619-445-0180. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Still Need a Costume? San Diego Junior Theatre hosts 18th annual Halloween costume sale, Saturday, October 21, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., in front of Casa del Prado Theatre. Costumes and accessories range from \$1 to \$100. 619-239-1311. (BALBOA PARK)

California-Friendly Gardening Festival hosted by Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden, Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Drought-tolerant plants for sale, irrigation technology demonstrations, talks on water-wise gardening, home composting, Great Pumpkin walk, live music, more. Free admission. Find campus at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Baskets and Botany 2006, celebrate Tecolote Canyon and traditions of Southern California Native Americans on Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Te-

colote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Performances by storyteller and mime Abel Silva, kids’ activities, basket-weaving and bird-singing demonstrations (by Jon Mesa Cuero), food and plants (for sale). Free admission. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

“Celebrating 30 Years in Vista” is theme for fall harvest fair, antique engine, and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, October 21, 22, 28, and 29. Harvest fair includes blacksmith and wheelwright demonstrations, vintage skills, food, music, displays of antique cars and steam engines.

Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Hours: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Admission: \$8 general, \$7 seniors, \$5 for those 6–12, kids under 6 free. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

San Diego Dragon Boat Festival, Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at Playa Pacific in Mission Bay Park.

On water, dragon boats race to beat of drum; on land, enjoy “colors and traditions of San Diego’s Asian Pacific Islander communities.” Free admission. 858-405-3326. (MISSION BAY)

Life Drawing and Painting Open Studio offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring drawing and painting supplies. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

14th Annual Kaleidoscope of Quilts hosted by Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild, Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Lemon Grove Masonic Lodge (2590 Main Street). Display of over 100 quilts, kids’ corner with quilting activities. Free admission. 619-561-8054. (LEMON GROVE)

Taste of Del Mar and Art Stroll, Saturday, October 21, in downtown Del Mar. Self-guided art tour along Camino del Mar, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. More than 25 restaurants serve up samples of



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Hillbilly Gothic: A Memoir of Madness and Motherhood



Adrienne Martini

By Adrienne Martini
Free Press, 2006, \$23, 221 pages.

FROM THE BOOK JACKET:

"My family has a grand tradition. After a woman gives birth, she goes mad. I thought that I would be the one to escape."

So begins Adrienne Martini's candid, compelling, and darkly humorous history of her family's and her own experiences with depression and postpartum syndrome.

Illuminating depression from the inside, Martini delves unflinchingly into her own breakdown and institutionalization and traces the multigenerational course of this devastating problem. Moving back and forth between characters and situations, she vividly portrays the isola-

tion — geographical and metaphorical — of the Appalachia of her forebears and the Western Pennsylvania region where she grew up. She also weaves in the stories of other women, both contemporary and historic, who have dealt with postpartum depression in all its guises, from fleeting "baby blues" to full-blown psychosis.

Serious as her subject is, Martini's narrative is unfailingly engaging and filled with witty, wry observations on the complications of new motherhood: "It's like getting the best Christmas gift ever, but Santa decided to kick the crap out of you before you unwrapped it." New mothers and those who have struggled with parenthood — whether or not they dealt with depression — will find affirmation in this story of triumph, of escape

from a difficult legacy, of hope for others, and of the courage to have another baby.

WHAT THE REVIEWERS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: Martini, a journalist and college professor, summons her blackest comedic chops to rehash her free-fall into postpartum depression — and the newfound understanding of her own upbringing that buoys her back up. Still mired in the oppressive Appalachia that chafed at her in childhood, she checks herself into the Knoxville psychiatric hospital shortly after giving birth, acquiescing to the "hillbilly Gothic patchwork" of suicides and manic-depression that scourge her family history. As her newborn daughter battles jaundice, her mother hovers intrusively as she awaits

the mystical ability to breast-feed; Martini ponders her maternal fitness with a panicked despair nimply rendered with dry humor and candid self-appraisal. Her misery, so jarringly at odds with the "bundle of joy" in her arms, throws open a window on her own mother's severe depression, helping Martini to make peace with her family and its legacies. Unflinching honesty, mordant wit, and verbal flair (she comes apart "like a wet tissue" after giving birth) save this memoir from soggy self-pity. In its humor and empathy, it's a nonjudgmental resource for the thousands of mothers battling the "baby blues."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Adrienne Martini, a former editor for Knoxville, Tennessee's

Metro Pulse, is now an award-winning freelance writer and college teacher. She lives in Oneonta, New York, with her husband, Scott, and children, Maddy and Cory.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Along with being a full-time wife and mother and a part-time college instructor, Adrienne Martini writes reviews of science fiction for *Bookslut.com*.

"Is science fiction your favorite genre?"

"Yes, it is. The more 'busty babe in space' the cover, the happier I am. There are a couple of writers right now who are doing some really interesting stuff and playing with the genre, but I read it to escape."

"If you had asked me what kind of book I was going to write, I would have said I wanted to write the great American space opera."

house specialties, noon–4 p.m. \$25. 619-233-5008. (DEL MAR)

Gardeners, Start Your Shovels!

Annual fall plant sale is Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Plants from over 100 local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries; books, tools, baked goods, crafts, garden ornaments. \$8 general. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego GuluWalk 2006,

slated to "bring awareness to the most neglected humanitarian crisis...in northern Uganda, Africa," is Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m., at corner of Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Walk in solidarity with these so-called "night commuters." Free. 858-576-2149. (BALBOA PARK)

"Amor Eterno" is theme for Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebrations commemorating "the dearly departed" hosted by SoLo (309 South Cedros Avenue). *Ofrenda* (altar) will feature a skeleton wedding installed by Ruby Lang. Opening reception is Saturday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. *Ofrenda* remains on view through Tuesday, November 1. Free. 858-794-9016. (SOLANA BEACH)

Heartland Coin Show, Sunday, October 22, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Masonic Temple (695 Ballantyne). Dealers will offer U.S. and foreign coins,

currency. Appraisals, admission are free. 619-787-5331. (EL CAJON)

Stamp-Collecting Show

, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, October 22, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

Paw Prints 2006

sponsored by San Diego Spaniel Rescue, Sunday, October 22, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Paw Pleasers Dog and Cat Bakery (2525 University Avenue). Sitting fee: \$29.95. Reservations: 619-561-9877. (NORTH PARK)

House of Czech and Slovak Republics

hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, October 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Backgammon Club of San Diego

holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive). \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate California Wines

during events planned on Tuesdays at JRDN Restaurant at Tower 23 Hotel (723 Felspar). Class is led by Thornton Winery representative on October 24, 7 p.m., with wine tastings, cheese (\$25). Optional three-course dinner follow-

ing event (\$25). Reservations: 858-270-5736. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Own and Ride a Bike?

Is it safe? Physical therapists at Scripps Encinitas Rehabilitation Center offer bike fittings and safety check clinic in therapy gym 2 on Wednesday, October 25, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Fittings begin every 15 minutes; bring your road or mountain bike. Find center at 354 Santa Fe Drive. Required registration: 760-633-6507. (ENCINITAS)

Cajon Classic Cruise Halloween Show

, Wednesday, October 25, 5–8 p.m. at 168 Main Street. "Costumed classic car" contest, "trunk-or-treating" for kids. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Artists and Pathologies"

How Would Beethoven Compose on Prozac, and How Would Van Gogh Paint on Lithium?" Ponder the question and discuss, Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. Free. 619-421-1879. (NORTH PARK)

"Suburban Trees"

continues through fall 2007, at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo Scanga features work by seven area sculptors. Viewing hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mondays–Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"The History and Mystery of the Salton Sea"

explored during symposium hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute, Friday–Sunday, November 10–12. Symposium surveys cultural and geographical story of the sea, its natural resources, and complex changes. Program boasts field programs, lectures on wide variety of topics in Indio, field tours, more. Fees, details: 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

FOR KIDS

Partake of *The Magic Purple Potion*

when Puppet Express performs through Sunday, October 22, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *The Polka Dot Ghost* by Big Joe Productions, October 25–29. 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)

The Musical *Oliver!*

is presented by J*Company, October 19–29, at David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Saturdays, 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets: \$12.50 children, \$16.50 adults. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"My Fair Lady"

presented by singers, dancers, and actors of Christian Youth Theater October 19–29, at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: 619-588-0206. (LA MESA)

Creeps of the Deep

, explore "mysterious animals of the deep" during family program, Saturday, October 21, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Activities, demonstrations. Included in regular museum admission. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Explore Magnetism

when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, October 21, noon–3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Making Zines, Making History:

A Temporary Exhibit" by Grrrl Zines a-Go-Go continues through Saturday, October 28, at Women's History Museum (2323 Broadway, suite 107). Exhibit explores "world of self-published magazines and women's roles in this do-it-yourself form of underground communication." Related youth workshop: Saturday, October 21, noon. 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

Fairytales and Folklore, third biannual Lux Family Days, Sunday, October 22, 1–4 p.m., at Lux Art Institute (1550 South El Camino Real). Art activities, music, entertainment, all centered around New Mexico artist Jim Lawrence's *Story Box*, a new "valise commission," which will be unveiled by the artist. Free. 888-458-9278. (ENCINITAS)

Halloween Magic

presented by Craig Stone, Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Library (2920 Burgener Boulevard). Wear your costume. 858-581-9935. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Halloween Tots and Tales

interactive story time for preschoolers, Thursday, October 26, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$2. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

MUSEUMS

Chinese Historical Society and Museum

"Strokes of Elegance" boasts paintings by Ping-Guang Zhou. The artist has adapted ancient Chinese painting concepts to his own style, combining highly decorative *gongbi* technique with modern artistic feeling to produce a unique style of painting. He is best known for bird and flower motifs, painting cranes, peacocks, plum blossoms and peonies.

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"Do you ever review memoir?"

"I'm not a big memoir reader." She scans her bookshelves as she talks, "I really don't read that many of them. Anne Lamott's *Operating Instructions* is one of my all-time favorite books, but I've just never enjoyed the genre. A lot of times it feels like whatever they're revealing doesn't speak to me, or I just don't care because it doesn't seem like that big a thing.

"I think books like *Prozac Nation* and *A Million Little Pieces* have spoiled it in a way. 'Let me write about my depression and inflate it. Let me write about my drug addiction and inflate that.' It just doesn't seem real, somehow."

"Given the way you feel about memoir, how did you approach *Hillbilly Gothic*?"

"I never set out to write a memoir. Before I had my daughter, if you had asked me what kind of book I was going to write, I would have said I wanted to

write the great American space opera, which is a weird little subgenre of science fiction.

"I think not reading a lot of memoir may have helped. I worked for newspapers for 10 or 11 years. That teaches you a lot about the idea of story and how to tell a story. I approached the book like a journalist. I just wanted to tell the story."

"What was the most difficult part of your story to write?"

"I think the stuff about my father's mother was the hardest to nail down because I hadn't dealt with a lot of it. I didn't realize how much emotion I had invested in it, until one day when I was sitting in front of the computer writing away and suddenly realized that I was crying."

When Adrienne was a freshman in college, she came home for a break to find that her grandmother had attempted suicide and was institutionalized.

"Writing about the psych ward that she was on — I hadn't realized what my mind had done

with the details. When I went to describe the place and asked myself how it really looked, I couldn't come up with it. It had become, to me, something very high-gothic and Poe-esque."

"How did the people you grew up around respond to mental illness?"

"My husband and I have a theory that when my father's mother finally dies, we won't find out until a week later because nobody will want to talk about it and be the one to share the bad news. We'll go to Pittsburgh for Christmas and ask 'Where's Grandma?' and they'll say, 'Oh, didn't we tell you?' Nobody wants to be the one to talk about unpleasantness."

"Is it stoicism or is it repression?"

"I think it's both. I think a lot of it is that you don't want to talk about things that are stigmatized. For many of them, being mentally ill was just a question of lacking moral fiber. It's not that there's something physically

or chemically wrong, you're just weak.

"Living in isolation, weakness is not encouraged or tolerated, so you just didn't talk about it. Then, after so many generations, if you do talk about it, what's wrong with you? Especially if you're talking about it to outsiders."

"You talk about having struggled with depression prior to giving birth. When did you first recognize what it was?"

"I initially went to a psychiatrist in Austin because I had to fly and I could not get on a plane. Even the vague idea of getting on a plane would leave me in a corner, huddling and whimpering. We started to talk about family background, and she went through this checklist for depression and asked if I had ever exhibited any of these signs. I realized I had, and that I thought it was normal.

"So, she helped me with my immediate issue, which was getting on the plane. (The answer

"For many of them, being mentally ill was just a question of lacking moral fiber. It's not that there's something physically or chemically wrong, you're just weak."

to that is lots and lots of Xanax!) Then, we started looking at the larger issues, and it dawned on me how depressed I'd been off and on for as long as I could remember."

"Are there recognizable triggers that lead to depression in your case?"

"I wish there were, because then I'd have something to avoid. It seems to be random, but I have

to say that being institutionalized really gives you a wake-up call. I joke that going to Tower 4 was one of the best things and one of the worst things that ever happened. I never want to do it again, but at the time it was exactly what needed to have happened.

"Over the past four or five years, recognizing the depres-

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American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, "Exit 7," an exhibit by Christie Dunning featuring photography combined with textile techniques "to examine Bonita's changing land-use" over the last 60 years, continues through Saturday, November 11.

"Cows, Chickens, and Sheep, Oh My!" Exhibit includes dairies in Sweetwater Valley, chicken hatchery in National City, Frank Pekarek's milk bottle collection, and spinning and weaving items, on view through Saturday, November 11.

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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ern Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otag Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North.

For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his

family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this mu-

seum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday, noon-4 p.m., presenting history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. On fourth Tuesday of each month, *Children Around the World* videos screened in Hall

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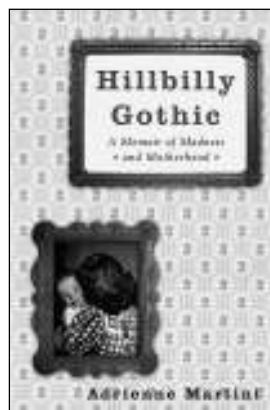
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sion for what it really is, it's a lot easier to deal with. I'm no longer shy about asking for help."

"Do you think society is getting better in its attitude toward and understanding of depression?"

"I don't know. I would like to say that all of the world has become like Brooke Shields, 'Yes.

Mental illness exists.' But my suspicion is that it's more like the Tom Cruise response where the feeling is that it's just the pharmaceutical companies selling medication and that there's really nothing wrong with you. 'If you try Scientology, you'll feel much better.' Or, 'try whatever brand of Christianity.' I think it's getting better, but we're not there yet.

"Depression and mental illness have always been labeled a women's issue. I don't think the numbers bear that out, but I think that's how it's viewed. The general societal response is, 'Suck it up girlie, and do as you're told.' I don't think larger reactions to mental illness will change until that attitude changes.

"Two-thirds of the people on the psych ward where I was were women. The guys who were there were mentally ill, but it was a different kind of thing. The women were depressed, but the men were..."

"Really crazy?"

"Yeah, really crazy. Depres-

sion, you can kind of live with for awhile, but something like bipolar disorder or schizophrenia — you look at that and say, 'Wow. You're crazy.'"

"At the end of the book you leave us with the announcement that you're pregnant again. What was the aftermath of that birth like for you?"

"Well, forewarned is forearmed. Having done it once, the unknown of giving birth was known, and that helped quite a bit. It also helped having an OB who knew my history. At every appointment we talked about it. After giving birth she made it very clear that I was to call her no matter what, day or night, even if I thought it was nothing.

"There were a couple days where I thought it was happening again. Things started to feel like they were spiraling out of control, but I did call and we dinked around with my medications and that seemed to work.

"We also called in my husband's mom early. She lives

just a couple hours away."

I wondered if her family was nervous that the postpartum depression would recur with the second birth. "Was your family on pins and needles?"

"If they were, they didn't say anything. I think everybody was calling to take my mental temperature. Though, they did that when Maddy was born too. I'm very good, after so many years of not wanting the world to know that I was having mental and emotional issues, at saying that everything is fine. With the second baby, they called my husband, Scott, and asked him how I was doing."

"You counsel women to not become invisible if they are experiencing depression after giving birth, and yet the inclination to hide those feelings is so strong. Do you have any tips for women for how to overcome that reticence?"

"I think the biggest thing that helps is finding a group of moms. I think the same holds true for people with mental illness.

"For the first two weeks, I suspect every mom's head is spinning."

Nobody wants to sit around in a circle and say, 'Oh, let's talk about our feelings.' Really, what you want is just someone who can ask you if you're having a rough day, or someone who's willing to hold the baby for a half hour so you can take a shower, or to invite you out for coffee and a chance to get away for a few minutes.

"You would be amazed how small gestures make it all so much easier. The day that I checked out of the psych ward and came home, my house was full of food that people had baked. For the next two weeks, someone brought dinner to us every night. Often they didn't even stop long enough to talk, they just dropped the food off. That was huge, and

it made me feel so cared for."

As our conversation winds down, I share that my youngest daughter is just about to deliver our first grandchild. Having read about Ms. Martini's postpartum depression I am, understandably, nervous for my own daughter. "What should we look for as signs that 'the baby blues' have evolved into something more serious?"

"For the first two weeks, I suspect every mom's head is spinning. But, after that, if she says she's not sleeping and not eating, then there's something wrong. You are so tired during that time that if you're not sleeping there has to be something else going on."

— Jerry Miller

of Nations, select cottages open. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Chevrolet in the U.S.A. 1911–2006" continues through Monday, October 23. Chevrolet classics and lesser-known models are displayed, as well as advertising and memorabilia.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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)

San Diego Maritime Museum, "Taming the Pacific Swell: The Evolution of Surfing" continues through January, tracing history of

modern surfing from its Hawaiian beginnings to billion-dollar industry it is today. Changes in surfboard design used to illustrate evolution of the sport.

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

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

San Diego Museum of Man, "Guatemala! Celebrations of Weaving" features hand-woven clothing items, plus musical instruments such as oboes, a drum, and a marimba with gourd res-

onators. Items included in exhibit, on display through March, were selected "principally for their timeless beauty."

"Body Ornamentation: Artistic Representations of Self," continuing through Tuesday, March 27, examines this enduring art form. Exhibit focuses on many different types of body art in variety of cultures around the world, as well as underlying reasons behind the ornamentation. See examples of body painting, tattooing, scarification, piercing; documentary videos, photo murals.

"Reflections" showcases rare and significant objects representing 90 years of the museum's collection history; some of the objects have never been displayed for public. Items include a *Seri* woodcarving of a whale; bronze sculpture by Alan Houser; more. Through Saturday, March 24.

"Passage to Panama: Past to Present" continues through Thursday, January 25. Exhibit documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

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

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for

tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

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

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"I am not an artist, I am an architect."

The historical record doesn't say much about what Freud called the "family romance" among artists of centuries past. In Renaissance Venice, Jacopo Bellini and his sons, Gentile and Giovanni, all achieved prosperity and honor. Tintoretto, himself son of a Venetian dyer (hence his name, "Little Tinter"), trained as painters his daughter and two sons, one of whom was the old man's workshop foreman. In the 18th Century, Giandomenico Tiepolo's canvases were so studiously similar to those of his famed father, Giambattista, that viewers often confused the two. Familial relations in the modern period haven't been any more or less complicated than in the past, but they're better documented. Camille Pissarro was such a kind, decent man that relations between him and his artist son Lucien were genial. And the American painter Fairfield Porter admired and promoted his brother Eliot's photography, even while Eliot's reputation eclipsed his own. One of the more ragged, unhappy relationships of the modern period, however, existed between the Chilean-born artist known as Matta and his son Robert Gordon-Matta. The slippery ties binding father to son are the subject of an illuminating exhibition at the San Diego Museum of Art.

Born Roberto Sebastián Antonio Matta Echaurren in 1912, Matta studied architecture in Santiago and in 1933 left to work with Le Corbusier in Paris, but after a few fairly unproductive years as an architect, he devoted himself to drawing and painting. By 1938 he was a member in good standing of André Breton's Surrealist group. A year later he moved to New York, and in 1943 his then wife, Anne Clark, gave birth to twins, Gordon and John Sebastián (called Batán), but Matta left his family soon after the twins' birth. Gordon communicated with him off and on — the exhibition includes letters between them — but the father remained remote and, in the end, disapproving of his son's art. Gordon finally adopted his mother's surname to separate himself from the elder Matta, especially when he realized that in their respective practices both cultivated architectural concerns. When the father died in 2002, after a life of migrating from one European locale to another, he had outlived both sons. Batán, who possessed auspicious gifts

as a figurative artist, suffered mental disorders that kept him institutionalized off and on most of his adult life, until he fell from a window in his brother's SoHo studio at age 32. His twin died of cancer two years later.

REVIEW

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Matta — urbane, sociable, proselytizing — so strongly influenced a certain idiom in American Surrealism that I once saw, side by side, canvases by him and his friend Arshile Gorky, whose work I thought I knew pretty well, and couldn't tell who did which picture. Matta helped propagate André Breton's surrealist program in the 1930s and 1940s. Breton believed that the automatic products of the unconscious, unmediated by reason and the censorship of the waking ego, would restore to art an Edenic freshness and originality. Surrealist art aspired not to represent but to originate, not to draw on an available vocabulary of imagery but to invent new images, to add to our inventory of the known. Matta's signature forms for many years were slashing, high-keyed biomorphic motifs — shoots and vines, looping vasculatures, marbled whirlpools — existing in what feels like architectural space, though there's no architecture visible. He was, as he often said, more interested in the interiors of consciousness, what he called "inscapes," than in the Euclidean forms he'd practiced under Corbusier.

The fancy dancer connecting Matta's career to his son's was Marcel Duchamp (who, in fact, godfathered the twins). Matta's early work derived from Duchamp's cubist paintings and sculptures. He "hung" abstract forms on a canvas in a way similar to Duchamp's suspending of forms in a glass panel in *The Bride Stripped Bare by Her Bachelors, Even* (The Large Glass), dated 1915-23. The early, painterly Duchamp disappeared somewhere inside the conceptualist Duchamp of the readymades (found objects like a bicycle wheel, urinal, or broom) who has influenced much art of the past 50 years, Matta-Clark's included. Matta's pictures of the 1940s are a surrealist lexicon of diagrams, signs, and vectors. Drawing was crucial for him, because like other surrealists, he believed that the act of drawing, with its calligraphic feints, surges, and self-revisions, instantly externalizes the psyche's mercurial movements. Matta's paintings from the 1940s through the 1970s sometimes look

like a hallucinated forensics lab: kidneys, hearts, and livers connected up by sheer or opaque architectural gestures — flooring, hydraulics, walls, struts, and beams. By 1981, he was telling interviewers, "I am not an artist, I am an architect." He meant, I think, that his paintings designed and explored the plasticity of space; they gave expression to an imaginary architecture of consciousness.

Matta-Clark announced his own debts to Duchamp's Conceptualism, which held that any expressed idea constituted art and that any object or act, if declared a work of art, by fiat therefore became one. Conceptualism, which had its origins in the anti-art antics of Dada, dissolved centuries of art's established ontology and hierarchy. Art didn't have to express meaning; the mere presence of an object or act was its meaning. Conceptualism stressed process, irresoluteness, performance, and found or improvised materials. In 1968, Matta-Clark constructed a tunnel-like rope-bridge across a spillway at one of the gorges near the Cornell campus, where he was studying architecture: the structure — in its daredevil un-utility, its cocoon-ishness, its "unconstructed" material — coolly rejected the orthodoxies of conventional architecture then taught at Cornell. He also ran string around a cemetery, in humorous homage to Duchamp's 1943 *Mile of String*, a large web spun around surrealist pictures by André Masson, Salvador Dalí, and Joan Miró. Creating string patterns in space was one form of conceptualist drawing, of three-dimensionalizing the activity. Matta-Clark's art, to my eye, doesn't have Duchamp's prankishness (no great loss, in any event) and is more preoccupied



The Bride Stripped Bare by Her Bachelors, Even (The Large Glass), 1915-23, Roberto Matta

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with danger, violation, and the uncanny. His 1972 *Suitcase*, an open valise containing shards of glass, recalls Duchamp's *Box in a Valise* (a foldaway case housing his own works) and the whole glass panel of *The Bride Stripped Bare*, as if Matta-Clark's suitcase were the deadpan, itinerant custodian of what it had shattered. It's more provoking, more



TRANSMISSION

THE ART OF MATTA AND GORDON MATTA-CLARK

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-by-side 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, *Assise* (detail), oil on canvas, 1943. Collection of Thomas R. Monahan, Chicago.

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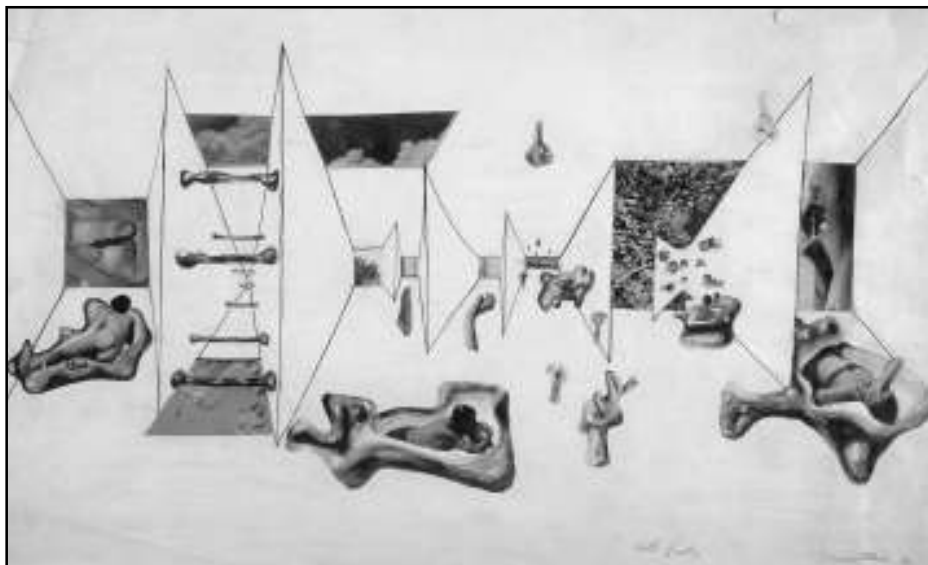
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disturbing, really, than anything produced by either his father or Duchamp.

Matta-Clark became a downtown hero in the 1970s. His activities packaged serious conceptual expressions in media-savvy actions like *Blow Out*, an incident where he shot out the windows of the Institute of Architecture and Urban Studies in New York. He became best known for his “cuttings”: he carved holes in buildings destined for demolition and once sawed a house in half. These “re-designing” processes were chronicled and archived by videotape and still photography. His intention was to liberate (and, in his photographic collages of these events, re-form) space by fragmenting conventional architectural structures; he also treated space as if it were wood or concrete, material that could be hacked or chain-sawed. He called this practice “anarchitecture.” He refused to call it anti-architecture because he really was obsessed with mass and space, with what he called “the living architecture of the city.”

Matta-Clark’s exhibitionist un-makings of public and private buildings were aggressively contrary to the sort of work his father was doing. Matta didn’t like or appreciate his son’s work. He was too preoccupied with what one critic calls “interior mental space” and its architectural expression in painting. His son was more compelled, as Gordon himself put it, by the way “interior space of memory seems to create a theatre-like setting but at a very about-to-be disintegrated level.” The most intimate (and ghoulish) expression of this in the exhibition is *Sous-Sols de Paris*, a video transfer of an 8mm film Matta-Clark made of his descent into subterranean



Wet Sheets, 1936, Roberto Matta

Paris in 1977. As he descends a sewer ladder and begins his journey, we’re aware of the darkened theatrical space he’s both creating and probing. It’s certainly a memory narrative in the way it recalls classic mythic descents into the Underworld in Homer, Virgil, and Dante. And once down there, we’re indeed among the dead. The jittery camera crawls along pipes, wires, stairways, and walls, and finally, in the catacombs, pans piles of bones and skulls of hundreds of skeletons that were “relocated” from Paris’s overcrowded cemeteries in the 19th Century. The film is creepy, cool, fantastical, and, for my money, investigates the “interior space” of life more observantly than anything produced by his famous father. ■

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GALLERIES

“Seeing” by Philip Buller opens with reception on Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m., at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Through Sunday, December 3. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Untamed Coast” by Tom O Scott and “Colors of the Past” by Blake Shaw are featured at Or-dover Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172) through Sunday, November 12. Opening reception for artists is Thursday, October 19, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Hand Struck,” exhibition with work by Christina Corbin and Karen Sangren is on display through Friday, November 10, in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma

Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Reception for artists is Friday, October 20, 5 p.m. 619-849-2200. (POINT LOMA)

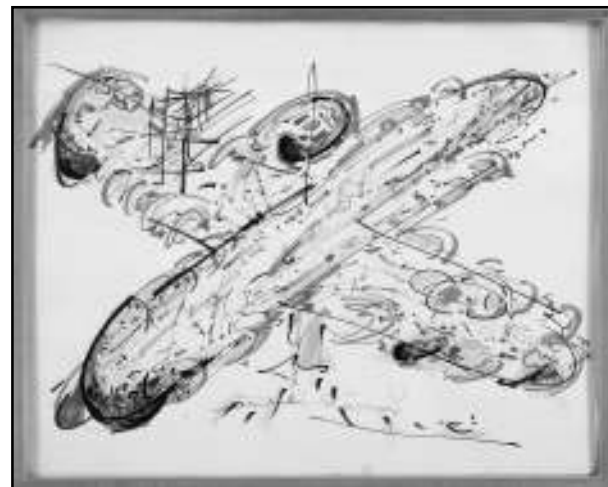
“Stratiform,” exhibit of recent paintings in resin by Aren Skelman opens with reception on Saturday, October 21, 6 p.m., at R3 Gallery (2421 India Street). 858-967-4972. Closes Sunday, November 19. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Fleeting Moments,” Jeffrey Clark has painted “delicate organic shapes onto layers of acrylic sheets” in this exhibit, opening with reception on Thursday, October 26, 4:30 p.m., in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Reception followed with lecture by artist at 7 p.m. in LRC-435. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, “Grass and Gold — Nomads of Kazakhstan” opening on Saturday, October 21, focuses on important archaeological discoveries, including those in 1998-1999 at frozen burial site of Berel. Exhibit includes gold, silver, and bronze artifacts fashioned into small animal forms along with their stories of recovery, overview of the history and culture of Kazakhstan, and mythology of the Steppes. The art objects are being shown in the U.S. for the first time. Through Sunday, April 15. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County, “Folk Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection



Untitled (energy tree), 1972–73, Gordon Matta-Clark

of Mingei International” presents contemporary objects of daily use from throughout Mexico fashioned from tin, clay, wood, paper, and fiber. Exhibit “demonstrates the importance of family, community, religion, and fun.”

“Pre-Columbian Art of Mexico — Selections from the Collection of Mingei International” highlights clay and stone objects. These objects “abound with material from myth and legend.” Both exhibits close on Monday, January 15. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art” — closing on Sunday, May 13 — features approximately 50 works by 48 artists from museum’s permanent collection. Showcased pieces demonstrate “diversity and hybridity of contemporary Latin American art,” with artists working across media and between disciplines.

Concurrently, see site-specific installation by Milwaukee-based Argentinean artist Santiago Cu-cullu. His art juxtaposes images of progressive, historical figures and events with his personal experiences. This piece engages the architecture and oceanfront site of museum.

“From the Vaults: Recent Acquisitions” focuses primarily on works on paper, demonstrating a range of contemporary drawing and photography practices in recent additions to permanent collection. Closes Sunday, December 10.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, “The Roads Most Traveled: Photographs of Migration by Don Bartletti” examines lives of migratory workers in search of economic survival. Exhibit including 90 photographs by Pulitzer Prize-winner Bartletti continues through Sunday, January 14.

“Close-Ups: San Diego Neighborhoods” showcases creativity and artistic expression of San Diego’s youth. Students from San Diego City and County public schools, grades K–12, explored their neighborhoods using photography and film over course of 2005–2006 school year. Closes Sunday, November 5.

“James Fee: Recent Photographs” captures Fee’s most recent road trip to Big Sur and San Francisco, capturing landscape “distinctly West Coast and American.” Through Sunday, October 29.

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

San Diego Museum of Art, “Transmission: The Art of Matta and Gordon Matta-Clark” is described as the “first comprehensive examination of the relationship between the work” of this father and son artist pair. Exhibit includes approximately 80 works including paintings, sculpture, drawings, and photographs. Both artists were trained as architects who “strongly relied upon concepts of architectural space in their mature artwork.” Through Sunday, November 12.

“Personal Views: Regarding Private Collections in San Diego,” opening Saturday, October 21, features 25 “of the finest private collections to be found in the San Diego area.” The collections highlight historical artworks from the 19th and 20th centuries, including

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"Paper Traces: Latin American Prints and Drawings from the Collection at SDMA" continues through December, highlighting approximately 60 Latin American and U.S.-Latino works on paper. The prints, drawings, posters, portfolios in exhibit "confirm the vitality of paper as a medium with a particular historic outline of its own."

"Backs," on exhibit through Sunday, February 18, focuses on backs of five paintings where important information such as age and ownership is revealed. Works are drawn from museum's European collection. Labels, inscriptions, and markings divulge details of painting's history of attribution, exhibition, ownership, sale.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Guercino: Stylistic Evolution in Focus" explores dramatic shift in artistic style of Il Guercino, considered one of the most prolific and successful artists of 17th Century. At heart of exhibit is Timken's *Return of the Prodigal Son*, a theme Guercino painted a number of times over his life, shown with versions on loan from Borghese Gallery in Rome, and Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna. This is the first time these three works have been shown together. Closes Sunday, January 7.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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Classical Guitarist Miguel de Hoyos performs traditional Spanish songs and classical works in concert, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). \$10. 760-729-1173. (CARLSBAD)

Franz Lehar's Operetta *The Merry Widow* opens season for Lyric Opera San Diego, continuing through October 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 Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$30-\$50. Kids are free with an adult ticketholder on Thursday, October 19. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Violinist Glenn Dicterow, San Diego Master Chorale, and San Diego Symphony present "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, October 19-22. Program includes pieces by Mozart, Bruch, Schubert, and Bernstein.

Take in Thursday's concert at 8 p.m. at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$29-\$49. Group returns to Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street) for performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday; \$20-\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (ESCONDIDO, DOWNTOWN)

"World Beat," rhythms of the world and bellydance promised during Camarada's "Candelight Concert," Friday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Botanica (2310 Kettner Boulevard). Beth Ross-Buckley (flute) and Fred Benedetti (guitar) will be joined by dancer Marizabel Arango. \$50. 619-231-3702. (LITTLE ITALY)

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Youth Symphony Concerto Competition Finals hosted by San Diego Youth Symphony are Friday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Participants will showcase their individual talents "on a single concerto movement." First-place winner will solo with San Diego Youth Symphony at concert in January and receive scholarship. Free admission for spectators. 619-233-3232. (LA JOLLA)

Pipe Organ Concert Series gets underway when Jackson Borges of Torrey Pines Christian Church performs Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ, Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

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Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, October 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

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certs featuring "Little Russian Symphony," "Marche Slave," "Capriccio Italien," and "Romeo and Juliet," October 21 and 22 at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (CARLSBAD)

"Awake O North Wind," 60-voice Palomar Chorale plans concerts with music by Daniel Pinkham, Mendelssohn, and David Ward Steinman on October 21 and 22. Concerts commence at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

The Calder Quartet plays Christopher Rouse's "String Quartet No. 1," "String Quartet No. 13 in B-Flat Minor" by Shostakovich, and Ravel's "String Quartet in F Major" on Sunday, October 22. ArtPower concert begins at 2 p.m. in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$30, \$34, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by J.S. Bach, Rossini, Mozart, Granados, and de Falla may be heard when pianist Enrico Elisi performs for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society, Sunday, October 22, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$24. Reservations: 760-726-1524, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

Pieces by Muczynski, Zemlinsky, and Brahms promised when the

Gary Trio performs Sunday, October 22, 2:30 p.m., for fall concert series at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

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Pianist Awadagin Pratt has been awarded the Naumburg International Piano Competition and the Avery Fischer Career Grant. He performs for Barbara and William Karatz chamber concert series on Sunday, October 22, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$35. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Giacomo Puccini's Madama Butterfly is performed by Teatro Lirico D'Europa, in Italian with English supertitles and a full orchestra, Sunday, October 22, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$50-\$65. 760-839-4100. (ESCONDIDO)

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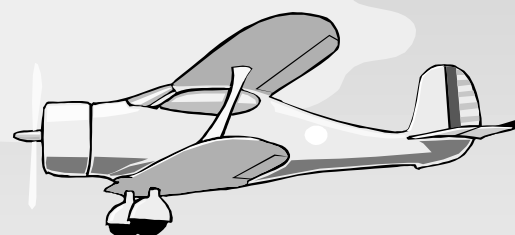


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Cow Spins

Baum would be amazed at what a century's worth of technology has achieved in theater.

Areimagined *The Wiz* at La Jolla Playhouse is a homecoming for L. Frank Baum. The author of the Oz books wrote six of them while wintering at the Hotel del Coronado and, later, at his Coronado home on 1101 Star Park Circle. He may have based his descriptions of the Emerald City on the "fairy gables, spires, and domes" of the Hotel del. In 1910, he told a local reporter that, to a transplanted Chicagoan, the island on the bay felt like Oz: "Those who do not find Coronado a paradise have doubtless brought with them the same conditions that would render heaven unpleasant did they chance to gain admittance."

Actually *The Wiz* is a homecoming within a homecoming, since Baum also set three stories in an unnamed village — i.e., turn-of-the century La Jolla — that becomes the gateway to the Emerald City in *The Scarecrow of Oz* (1915).

A first look at Robert Brill's massive, intricate set at the Playhouse makes you wonder what Baum might have thought. Brill has transformed the Mandell Weiss Theatre from a proscenium stage — like the ones Baum wrote for — into an environmental space reminiscent of Eugene Lee's sprawling, sculpted designs for Rhode Island's Trinity Rep. Gleaming black and lit with lemon beams, the Yellow Brick Road winds through the Weiss, splitting the audience in half. Brill also put bleacher seats on the stage, creating an in-the-round effect. For everyone in the house the action

is, at times, either near or far.

Much like Cirque du Soleil, objects and people drop from the sky or rise from a central circle — or, like Aunt Em's house, do both when the tornado hits: it appears, at the same time, on Dorothy's TV, on video screens around the theater, and in person with Weiss-shaking thunderclaps.

Baum would be amazed at what a century's worth of technology has achieved in theater. Given his gently stated insistence for diversity in every book, Baum might enjoy *The Wiz*'s African-American take on his story. But if he saw the opening-night performance, Baum might question the dominance of technical wizardry over the story itself.

Many visuals are remarkable: Oz spangles with Vegas glitterballs and a monster "Oz" medallion; during the tornado, as in the movie *Twister*, a cow spins in wide circles; and the poppy field's a wonder of giant, flaming red-orange (hibiscus-like) petals. These come with an in-joke: someone says "poppies"; another seemed to ask, "From Afghanistan?" But the miking, often fuzzy on opening night, garbled that most apt question.

Forget the Oscars or the Super Bowl. The only thing Americans genuinely share in common might be the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*: black-and-white Kansas to Technicolor Oz; Tin Man singing "If I Only Had a Hot" (which always made me wonder, a hot what?); "I'm melli-ting..." Familiarity may be the reason the

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Nikki M. James in *The Wiz*

The Wiz, by William F. Brown (book), Charlie Smalls (lyrics)
La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD

Directed by Des McNuff; cast: Nikki M. James, Tituss Burgess, E. Faye Butler, Albert Blaise Cattafi, David Alan Grier, Orville Mendoza, Rashad Naylor, Valerie Pettiford, Michael Benjamin Washington, Heather Lee; scenic design, Robert Brill; costumes, Paul Tazewell; lighting, Howell Binkley; sound, Peter Fitzgerald

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playhouse has reduced the story, and several songs, to sound-bytes. Since the audience knows what's coming, make the surprise how it gets done technically? But that consistently upstages the human elements. Many of the early numbers feel cramped, the hip-hop dances truncated, as if speed were production value #1. And the pace

is blitzkrieg throughout. The show only pauses when Dorothy and her chums dance-sprint up spiraling stairs or on the runway across the audience. It's the human movements that take time.

In Nikki M. James, the playhouse has found a splendid Dorothy. She can sing, dance, and act up a storm, and she always has the audience in

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her hand. But, except for the stirring “Soon As I Get Home,” most of her numbers feel abridged or half finished. Sure Dorothy’s trapped, but she’ll escape. You keep wondering when the show will let James cut loose — because you know she can.

Ella Fitzgerald liked to “loosen” a song. *The Wiz* could use much of same — and be even *more* hip-hop. Where, for example, are the rap numbers? Where’s the sustained funk? The opening-night version felt like *The Wiz* reimagined as a white “cover album” of the 1975 Charlie Smalls musical. The show rarely even suggests that it’s “been down from day one.”

The entire cast, wearing Paul Tazewell’s amazing rainbow-hued costumes, obviously has the chops. Some could use toning up, or down and, in the cases of E. Faye Butler’s one-note, unscary Evillene and Heather Lee’s stereotypically goofy witch Adaperle, rethought. Rashad Naylor’s Scarecrow, David Alan Grier’s Wiz, and Tituss Burgess’s Lion are on the right track. They just need to amplify their characters’ traits — in particular those they think they lack but have in abundance.

As Toto, Albert Blaise Cattafi’s pretzel contortions — not to mention his flashy heel-slides down the Yellow Brick Road, should he slip — could give him lifelong sacro-issues. He and Michael Benjamin Washington come closest to realizing their roles. Washington’s Tin Man rises like Lazarus from a pile of technological detritus. After a moving rendition of “Slide Some Oil to Me,” Tinman says all he lacks now is a heart. So does *The Wiz*. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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” Haywood, 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, engaging 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



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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 AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4 (THE SHOW WILL BE DARK DURING OCTOBER); SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Bug

Aphids aren't bloodsuckers. Or are they? A secret government (or the Bilderbergers) didn't stage JFK and 9/11 to escalate Vietnam and invade Afghanistan and Iraq. Or did they? Tracy Letts's sleazy thriller tromps right down the middle of these questions. It's set in an unlikely local: a motel in Oklahoma where rock cocaine-toking Agnes "hermetized herself" from her abusive ex-con husband. She meets kindly, distant Peter Evans. Her potential savior brings about even greater paranoia: he was a government subject at Groom Lake (i.e. Area 51) and may be carrying a bug virus of burrowing carnivore aphids. Agnes gets it (or is she just scratching sympathy sores?). Helicopters swarm overhead. Men in black? Or delusional ravings? Cygnet Theatre's crack design team does it again with a detail-rich motel room (Sean Murray), costumes ranging from frump to top shelf (Veronica Murphy), and lighting (Eric Lotze even has a strobe effect) and sound (George Ye, brilliant) designs that tell the story by themselves. The production, directed by Murray, is full of taut suspense, including many an eloquent silence. And the performances are quite good, especially Robin Christ's chain-smoking Angie and John DeCarlo's flip-flopping Peter. Where the production sometimes flags: as if it fears being labeled a "conspiracy theorist" (possibly this country's most dominant stereotype), it stresses *Bug's* comic moments. Letts created down-and-nearly-out characters rarely seen onstage. Emphasizing the humor of *Bug* marginalizes them even more,



Cirque Dreams — Jungle Fantasy

making their reactions, to real or imagined causes, often just silly. This choice gives the audience too easy an out. Sure Angie and Peter could be "hitting the pipe a little too heavy." But then again...

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

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Broadway*San Diego presents Cirque du Soleil's theatrical circus, this time in a jungle motif. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 22; THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?

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Forbidden Broadway: Special Victims Unit

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 with-

out 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.

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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 Coward-like facility to dash off enduring art (that Gershwin composed "Swanee" 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 can get 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.

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Hedda Gabbler

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Hemingway's Rose

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The Merry Widow

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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 AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Miss Witherspoon

"Skylab is falling!" Chunks of warped metal clonk on the San Diego Rep stage as if the crumbling space station drew a bead on the nay-saying Miss Witherspoon. In Christopher Durang's pseudo-metaphysical comedy, space junk bombing from the sky becomes a metaphor for her many reincarnations, which have been such messes her karma's got a "brown tweed hue." She's so down she makes nihilism sound like a healing balm. In Bardo, the Buddhist netherworld, she debates with serene Maryamma about never returning to another life. And when she does, slammed back into time by a lounge chair locked in reverse, it's to a carnivorous dog, or smack-shooting parents — though none seems as evil as having been one of Rex Harrison's wives. Durang's script has many a comic highlight, and lows as well. It's real talky (as if he had to stretch a concept to reach a 90-minute evening) and often feels contrived. Smartly, director

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The Merry Widow

Delicia Turner Sonnenberg and the Rep cast plow through the long speeches and over-extended dialogue and stress the play's zany spirituality. Melinda Gilb gives Witherspoon the right dour notes, especially when born again, and again. On Nick Fouch's way split-level set (maybe five feet of difference), and wearing Jennifer Brawn Driscoll (especially as THE controlling mother from Hell), JoAnne Glover's ethereal spirit helper Maryamma, and Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson (in a cameo as an African-American Jesus) spike scenes at just the right moment.

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 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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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; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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Pig Farm

Tom's in deep doo-doo figuratively and, in Greg Kotis's absurdist satire, literally. A storm's on the horizon, the government's about to take its annual pig census (one too many and Tom could lose all), and his wife Tina decides she wants to make their baby on the kitchen table NOW. *Pig Farm* unfolds like a heroic "save the farm" movie gone haywire. Kotis deconstructs movie clichés the way his Tony Award-winning *Urinetown* does musicals'. The only letdown in an otherwise funny, often hilarious show: the musical ends with a powerful summation (America's "way of life is unsustainable"). *Pig Farm* concludes with slapstick and silliness and no major punchline. It stays what it has been all along. Director Matt August and fight director Steve Rankin turn the Cassius Carter into a manic steeplechase of pratfalls and physical comedy, all performed by a terrific ensemble: Ted Koch's Tom (a bulb dimmed by repeated rolling pin clubbings); Colleen Quinlan's Tina (a comic gem, more than holding her own in

a testosterone-rampant environment); Ian White's antsy Tim (on work-release from juvenile hall with enough energy to ignite Balboa Park); Ken Land, as EPA snoop Teddy (repressing, irrepressible reactionary thug). "Comic intensity" should be an oxymoron, since the rule with comedies is usually the lighter the better. But the ensemble performs with such comic intensity they make minutely choreographed steps appear spontaneous.

Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 29; 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. 619-234-5623.

Readings of August Wilson's Plays: Seven Guitars

The San Diego Black Ensemble and Cygnet Theatre could do for the late August Wilson what "Grass-roots 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 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, OCTOBER 23, AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, AT 7:30 P.M. HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 4345 54TH STREET, CITY HEIGHTS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF READINGS AND LOCATIONS, CALL 619-337-1525, X3.

Ridiculous Fraud

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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



Pig Farm

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 BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Side Show

For five performances only, Premiere Productions stages the cult musical favorite based loosely on the lives of conjoined twins Daisy and Violet Hilton and their rise to the vaudeville stage. Randall Hickman directed.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, AT 7:30 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Since Africa

“I tell him my whole life story,” Ater Dhal recalls a psychotherapy session, “he says that I have had more, he calls them ‘traumatic experiences,’ than anyone he has ever met.” Ater is a “lost boy,” Dinka refugee from southern Sudan who lived through two civil wars. He comes to America and, in Mia McCullough’s drama, not only encounters culture shock but creates it in those trying to help him: Reggie Hudson, an African-American deacon; Diane MacIntyre, widow of a brilliant CEO; and her daughter, Eve. *Since Africa* is about identity, how diverse diversity actually is and, most of all, about knowing when to let go and when to preserve the past. The play has a scene or two too many, but the Seema Sueko-directed Mo’olelo Performing Arts production’s a thoughtful charmer made special by Alephon-sion Awer Deng’s performance as Ater. A Sudanese “lost boy,” Deng co-wrote *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky* about his experiences (government troops attacked his village when he was seven). Deng’s such an authentic presence that even his less-than-polished acting enhances. Rosina Reynolds’s Diane’s a crisp, funny portrait of well-meaning urges taken over the top; Mark Christopher Lawrence’s deacon does a nice long turn into doubt; Erika Beth Phillips does one of the year’s best monologues when Eve visits her mother’s shrink. Nick Fouch’s set combines three locales in the small Diversionary space (are those elephant tusks silhouetted on the rear wall?). And as a statue come to life, young Nyeda Lane becomes Ater’s animating spirit. Her graceful, urgent dances bring ritual, myth, and mystery to a world threatening them with extinction.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

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 crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of diffi-

culties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama 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 THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY 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 “race-track 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

Reviewed this issue. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

Zorro in Hell

Alice went through a looking-glass and saw Mad Hatters and Tweedles Dum and Dee. Clasher, a broke L.A. freelancer, goes on a sodium pentothal-induced odyssey to Old California. Along with a breakdancing gay grizzly bear/psychotherapist, and the world’s oldest Chicano, Clasher has a Carlos Castaneda-like initiation and finds his inner Zorro. Culture Clash is back in town! Richard Montoya, Herbert Siguenza, and Ric Salinas still refuse, even when performing in La Jolla, to defang their satiric barbs. In a thin-skinned era that labels all dissent as unpatriotic, Culture Clash’s ornery, rabid agit-prop theater comes as a breath of neocon-free air. One could wish that *Zorro in Hell* name-dropped less compulsively (as if the writers needed to establish literary credentials) and could shore up the few weak scenes with more than just funny local references. Along with being sharp and up-to-the-second topical, CC is really funny. Part is verbal, of course, but a lot comes from their rambunctious physical style. The trio intuitively each other’s moves so well, you’d think it’d be tough to share a stage with them. Not so. Joseph Kamal fits right in as the fictional Zorro. And as the randy, possibly 200-year-old La Doña, owner of the mystical El Camino Real Inn, Sharon Lockwood, legendary SF Mime Troupe artist, is outstanding. One of the show’s themes is the rejection of single perspectives on anything. Christopher Acebo’s set enhances the theme: the downstage space (where most of the “now” scenes happen) looks like a footlit western dance hall; behind a movie screen a proscenium frames the inn’s adobe façades. The more the stage resembles traditional “realistic” theater, the more it moves into the fantasy world.

Worth a try.

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Indier Than Thou

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Todd Dulawan has an issue with the way bands are booked for the third annual

average just to be considered [by each promoter]; some are \$5, some are \$15.... Where does all the money go from the bands who don't get selected?"

Panos Panay, founder of sonicbids.com, says his service can save the artist money. The per-event fee "is roughly the cost of sending

majority of those fees go to the promoter," in this case, to the San Diego Indie Music Fest.

San Diego Indie Music Fest executive producer Alicia Champion did not respond to a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton

Average-Looking Scumbags

At 7:30 p.m. on October 3, local rapper Brendan B was on his way home from a Newport Avenue bar in Ocean Beach.

"I was cutting through an alley, and two guys came out of nowhere, approached me and stabbed me and ran," he says. The assailants, who had been walking behind him, instigated the attack by calling him "bitch" and "fag," among other names.

"I should have just kept walking and ignored them, but I was curious as to why they were saying this to me, so I stood there and waited for them and then they walked up and stabbed me. They didn't push me; there were no punches thrown or anything."

The knife cut into the left side of B's torso, below his ribcage. He chased the two until he realized the seriousness of his injury. A male and female found B bleeding and called an ambulance.

"I get to the hospital, and right when I get there it's like

a scene from *E.R.*; there's 15 people working on me and right away I go into surgery and the doctor tells me that he doesn't know how serious it is. He tells me that if I wake up with a big cut down from my chest to my belly button it was pretty serious, but if I wake up and it was just, like, three incisions it wasn't as serious." He woke up with the three incisions.



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WHO CUT BRENDAN B?

"The blade went in about two and a half inches, and [the doctors told me] it just barely missed my intestines and my organs." B was in the hospital for two days and may miss up to five weeks of work. He anticipates medical bills of at least \$10,000. He does not have health insurance.

The two assailants were "average-looking kids...scumbags": two white males in their late teens to early 20s, both with short dark hair; the one that stabbed him was approximately 5'10", kind of skinny (about 160 pounds), and wearing a white T-shirt and jeans.

Brendan B will appear at 710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons) in Pacific Beach on November 1.

— Dryw Keltz

Oh, Diddy "They picked us over Channel 9-3-3 and Z-90 because they thought we were the station with the most high school appeal," says Blazin' 98.9's Cesar "DJ Seize" Gonzalez. P Diddy's appearance at Chula Vista High last week drew TV coverage from three local stations and CNN.

After Blazin' 98.9 was selected as local "host" by Warner Bros. Music (distributor of Diddy's Bad Boy Entertainment record label), the station announced that the high school whose students sent in the most cell-phone text messages would win the rap star's appearance. During the four-day contest, Chula Vista High students sent in 34,000 messages, beating out second-place San Diego High, which had 21,000. A total of 173,000 messages were sent in, according to San Diego-based mSnap.

Most of the time, text



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YEAH, YEAH, CHULA VISTA, UH, UH...

messengers don't pay extra to send messages connected with radio-station contests. Sometimes, though, stations

receive revenue; Z-90 and mSnap split the take at a June Coors Amphitheatre concert headlined by LL Cool J. For 99 cents, fans could see their message on a big screen during the concert.

According to Gonzalez, Channel 9-3-3 and Z-90 asked to participate but were not welcomed at the event.

"The high school had a full security team. If they showed up, they would not be allowed on the premises."

— Ken Leighton

There's a Crock, Then There's KROQ

A couple of weeks ago, before he played the Killers' unreleased single "Sam's Town," 91X morning DJ Chris Cantore asserted that it was a "leak"; the song's airing was unauthorized by the record company.

"That was nothing but smoke and mirrors," says Garrett Michaels, who works mornings at competing FM-94/9. "We could have done the same thing. The record company also gave us a copy. I just don't think that the new Killers album is a big deal."

Michaels recently infused a little drama into his morning show before playing music from the new Bob Dylan CD. He told listeners more than once that he'd get into trouble if he played songs in their entirety; he then played portions of songs.

When record companies do allow "leaks," San Diego stations tend to be lower on the rock-radio food chain than our northerly neighbors.

"KROQ usually gets [an anticipated new song] on a Friday and everyone else in the country gets it on Monday," says a radio-

blurt

the inside track

San Diego Indie Music Fest scheduled for March 3, 2007.

"Most of the slots reserved are for bands that are not even from San Diego," says Dulawan. "My main beef is [the event's] affiliation with Sonicbids. Sonicbids is worse than 'pay to play'; it's more like a pay to *maybe* play."

Sonicbids.com facilitates promotion, booking, and A&R for bands that subscribe. For a fee (a \$5 "introductory" rate for three months, \$50 for a year), the service creates an electronic press kit for the band. At the band's request, Sonicbids sends electronic press kits out for promoters' consideration. Sonicbids was selected by Indie Music Fest promoters to acquire talent.

"The artist profiles on purevolume and MySpace are just as good or better than the [electronic press kits] on sonicbids.com," says Dulawan. "In order to sign up to *maybe* [play] one of these festivals, you have to pay an additional \$10 on

something through the mail.... This way the artists don't have to pay for postage



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DULAWAN SNIFFS OUT MONEY TRAIL

and the promoters don't have to sift through a ton of mail."

Dulawan says, "The thing about postage is a bunch of crap. How much does it cost to send a CD in the mail? It doesn't cost anywhere near \$10. It's, like, \$2 and change."

Regarding the \$10 fee that's being charged by Sonicbids, Panay says, "The

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industry insider who recalls the mid-'90s airing of a Depeche Mode song.

"KROQ did a world premiere with that song, so we just taped it off the air, cut out the part where they say 'KROQ,' and started playing it on our station. The record company got really upset and said KROQ was screaming at them since they were supposed to have the exclusive. I told them it was just too bad and that we were going to still play it."

The insider says record companies have responded with cease-and-desist letters that threaten legal action.

"I ignored them. We could have countersued for restraint of trade. Besides, no record company in its right mind would actually follow through and sue a radio station; they couldn't afford to piss off the station."

Legal threats to keep stations from airing songs "are just worthless pieces of paper," the insider continues. "Because of the Internet, the songs are now everywhere [before the record is released]. There are a lot of ways to find the music, like fan websites. The person who first leaked the song broke the law, but once the song gets out there, it becomes public

domain. Besides, radio stations are proud to get cease-and-desists since it proves they got the song before KROQ."

On September 29, KROQ debuted "Anna Molly," a cut from the new Incubus CD that won't be released until late November. Other rock stations received their copies three days later.

"Whether you like it or not, KROQ is the biggest rock



WHO CARES ABOUT THE KILLERS?

station in the world," says Michaels of FM-94/9. "But I think it is unfortunate that the bands' and labels' marketing plans are not taken into consideration. It could be argued that playing a song too much in advance could be detrimental to future sales."

— Ken Leighton

Scatter!

Bands often leave their hometown for greener pastures, but Tristeza left town because of their lack of green.

"It's sad when a practice room costs the same as an apartment," says Tristeza drummer James Lehner. "We couldn't do it anymore. It



TRISTEZA'S CORE SHIFTS TO LAS PLAYAS

"We would go down there maybe four or five nights a week," says Lehner. "It was

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was too hard. Plus, being on tour a lot, you have to worry about your own rent and then worry about your practice-space rent."

So, the three core members — Lehner, Christopher Sprague, and Luis Hermosillo — scattered: Lehner moved to Michigan, Sprague lives in Oakland, and Hermosillo moved to Tijuana's Las Playas neighborhood. Hermosillo was the first to go, so while Lehner and Sprague were still in San Diego, the band used a spare bedroom in Hermosillo's Tijuana house to practice and record tracks for their latest disc, *En Nuestro Desafio*.

always the same deal: drive from San Diego all the way down to Luis's house, down by the beach. It would take an hour. Then, coming back, depending on the night, there would be a long wait at the border. It got kind of tiring, but it was nice because we could play when we wanted to and not have to worry about neighbors complaining.... In Mexico, they wouldn't let you know [if the music bothered them]. Maybe it bothers them, but it's noisy in general. You're woken up every morning at 7 a.m. from trucks delivering propane. Down there they're not so worried about things."

— Larry Harmon

Remasterful "Every time I open my mail, someone has sent me the most important recording in their home," says audio-restoration specialist Eric Van der Wyk of his King Tet Productions. "People send me cassettes, reel-to-reels, and out-of-print records to remaster and convert to CD. Sometimes, it'll be a tape of their old high school band or a soldier in Vietnam talking on a little three-inch tape or maybe a demo record by some garage band that never got signed 30 years ago."

Van der Wyk — a self-taught jazz and blues musician — says his is one of the few local companies set

reissue, too."

Other locals he's worked with include Holly Hofmann, Mike Wofford, Shep Meyers,



VAN DER WYK: IN LEAGUE WITH THE BATTALION

up to remaster from vinyl sources.

"I've handled some really rare 78 RPM acetates; mostly jazz but also things like a set of battle reenactments that were issued in tiny numbers by the Treasury Department."

He just finished remastering the *Second Coming* album by local punk legends Battalion of Saints.

"George Anthony — he's one of the only members who's not dead — he couldn't find anyone else in San Diego who could remaster it from vinyl.... I just made a deal to do the

and 84-year-old jazz guitarist Mundell Lowe, who lives near him in Tierrasanta.

"He gives me free rein on his lemon tree." The King Tet catalog comprises around three dozen CD releases, including Van der Wyk's releases and authorized reissues of other musicians.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Any Marina keeps busy. Weekdays (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.), she's a DJ on 94.9 FM.; on weekends she's performing at venues from San Diego and Los Angeles to Portland.

She once went to Hollywood to try her hand at acting and later found herself in San Diego. It's here that she composed the songs that would make up her debut CD, *Miss Halfway*, the title track of which has been featured on *Grey's Anatomy*.

"Richard Dreyfuss once told my acting class, 'You're never as bad as you thought you were, and you're never as good as you thought you were,'" Anya muses, "which has served useful to me after many a show. If you're a musician who is constantly thinking you just changed the world with your set, it keeps your ego in check; if you err more on the pessimistic side of things, then it also keeps you from going too far into the bad place."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

"Figuring out how to achieve that magical moment where everything clicks and something extraordinary happens...when all the songs are sounding good, and I am able to ride that strange wave of chaos, and it's somewhat effortless. You have to harness the energy of the audience and use it to charge your set and maybe even your demeanor. There are so many factors at work during a show — audience, you, your confidence level, your preparedness, the actual music, the inter-song banter, the band, the monitors, the mix. Sometimes everything technical can be fine, but one thing can topple the whole house of cards. Sometimes you are so prepared and ready and the audience will just be dead or tired or too

chatty or timid. Sometimes you don't prepare at all, and it's the best show you've ever had. I still don't entirely understand it — there is no equation to guarantee a great show."

YOUR AXE?

"All of my guitars are special. Sadie was my first Taylor — 312 CE — named after the Beatles' 'Sexy Sadie,' of course. Then I

have a baby Taylor that has been held hostage in Greg Laswell's living room. His name is Lil Bow Wow because he is small and brown and produces a nice, warm sound. Then there is the guitar I play most often, which is a koa Taylor guitar. I don't know the exact model, K-12 or something, but it just has the best tone and action and everything. I can't figure out if the guitar seems more male or female, so I gave it an androgynous name, Parker — after Parker Posey. All my Taylors were gifts from an ex-boyfriend so they sort of have memories in them of that whole time. Right now, though, I am crushing hard on my latest purchase. It's a 1968 Gibson hollowbody, and it sounds amazing. It needed a bunch of work, though, to be playable on a regular basis, and I have to thank Bill at Buffalo Brothers, and especially Fred at the Repair Zone, who has spent almost as much time with her as I have. She is Zooley, after the Salinger story and Zooley Deschanel."

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

"I am freaking out over the new Inara George project, *The Bird and the Bee*. It's got this whole '60s Swingle-Singers-meets-the-Postal-Service vibe to it. I am also in love with Emily Haines & the Soft Skeleton, *Knives Don't Have Your Back*. Emily



Anya Marina

is in Metric, but she just kills it on this solo album. She is so fucking brilliant with her harmonies and her totally understated, perfect voice. Her late father was a poet, and you can tell he influenced her work a lot."

GIGS?

"I have had weird things happen at gigs, like Shaun Cassidy coming up to sing the 'lick my pussy' part of a song I used to do eons ago. I had a lady call me a slut and a whore before I played my first note. Then she threw up on herself and was escorted out by security. One of the most fun shows I ever did was last year at the San Diego Music Awards because it was the first time I rocked out with a whole band, and my nerves were going crazy, and I ended up winning best recording, so it was an orgy for the senses all around."

WHAT DID YOU DO PROM NIGHT?

"My best friend at the time, Matt Lantz, took me to my senior prom. I just remember wearing a hideous green satin dress with white pumps, and I remember him picking me up in a white sports car, which he proceeded to drive 132 miles per hour...I thought I was going to die. Matt ended up getting into a bad motorcycle accident years later, which crept me out. I remember telling Matt that he should hit on this cute girl, Stephanie, during the prom — I was like his wing man. They ended up talking all night and getting married a couple of years later. The very last thing I remember was the huge party at the hotel afterwards and waking up in a walk-in closet, holding a three-foot-long purple bong...two of the biggest stoners in school and I discussed astral projection. I think we solved some important mysteries of life that night." ■

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Veruca Salt: 'Canes, Thursday, October 19, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Nashville Pussy: Brick by Brick, Thursday, October 19, 1130 Buenos Avenue, San Diego. 619-275-5483.

FRIDAY

Marta Topferova: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Mark Hummel Band: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, October 20, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

SATURDAY

Dashboard Confessional: Cox Arena, Saturday, October 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Joan Sebastian: ipayOne Center, Saturday, October 21, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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.

SUNDAY

Kinky: 'Canes, Sunday, October 22, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Bob Dylan: Cox Arena, Sunday, October 22, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

MONDAY

Umphey's McGee: House of Blues, Sunday, October 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

TUESDAY

The Cramps: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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New Found Glory: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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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. 619-659-3380.

Jimmy Buffett: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, October 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Bob Schneider: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 26, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

John Lee Hooker Jr.: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, October 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego. 619-224-3577.

The Average White Band: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, October 28, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Wynton Marsalis: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 28, 340

N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

April Verch: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, October 29, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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.

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James Hunter: 'Canes, Wednesday, November 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Shelby Lynne: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, November 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Five for Fighting: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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. 619-299-2583.

P.F. Sloan: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Bouncing Souls: House of Blues, Sunday, November 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Joan Jett: House of Blues, Monday, November 6, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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Buster Daly's: Second Thursday of the month, *4mat*, jazz-funk, soul, and hip-hop with DJ Xavier. 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

'Canes: Thursdays, Top 40, hip-hop, and old skool with DJs Power Girth, and Rick Nasty. 9 p.m. 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The C Lounge: Sundays, *Liquid*, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Dino's: Fridays, *Gimmie Gimmie*, punk, goth, and rock with DJs Bryan Pollard, Morgan Young, and guest. 3929 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-3466.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth, Adam Atom, and Diskdroid. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Honey Bee Hive: Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions*, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJ Ricky Wrecks and Mada; 8 p.m. to

1 a.m. Thursdays, *Deep*, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallcrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-702-6010.

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.

Jack's Lounge: Fridays, sexy dance music with DJ Misha and weekly guests. Saturdays, vocal house with DJ Sean Wilson. 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-456-8111.

Kadan: Wednesdays, *Darkwave Garden*, punk, gothic, and ethereal with DJs Bryan Pollard, Stern, and Grimderella. First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and breaks. Second and third Saturday of the month, *Underground Playground*, breaks, house, and progressive with Jack Tripper and guest DJs. Tuesdays, *Distortion*, mashups, bastard pop, and cybertrash. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Second Friday of the month, *Ascension*, Robin Roth and Tom King spin the best in dark underground dance music. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

Michael's Lounge (Hyatt Regency): Thursdays, DJs Neko, Sky, and Chris Mullins spin hip-hop, dance, and '70s/'80s. 9 p.m. 3777 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-552-1234.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, 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.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Who cares that Latin music's new star is Czech? Much of what has been written about **Marta Topferova** describes her Eastern European heritage as something akin to a musical disability. Topferova did record an album of Czech folk songs once, but she says that she doesn't favor the music of the motherland nearly as much as Spanish folk because "Czech music lacks the African rhythms that Spanish music is built upon." When I first tracked *Flor Nocturna*, I thought I was listening to a Spanish girl singing Spanish folk. In no way does Topferova sound like a Czech girl singing music from another culture; she sounds like a blood-Spaniard. I called her and asked her how she does it. "I don't know," she says. "It's a mystery to me, too."



MARTA TOPFEROVA

At the age of six, Topferova began the absorption of Latin culture that would eventually culminate in a recording career when friends of her parents brought over some records by Spanish artists. She tells me that's how she learned Spanish, by listening to records. "That's a great way to learn a language," she says in a halting, Slavic accent. "And my parents had a Spanish dictionary around the house and a book of Spanish words."

Topferova traveled to Spain once, where she did the whole cultural immersion thing and perfected the cuatro, a four-string guitar native to Venezuela. She lives amid Spanish culture now — in New York. Her music has been called Latino urban folk, but I hear jazz sensibilities woven into her songs in the way she approaches space and instrumentation. Her music is contagious and open and leaves ample room for solos. Forget that

she's not Spanish and that it took her years to assimilate Spanish culture. Enjoy her music for what it is — educated, jazzy folk. And if it takes a Czech woman to shake down Latino pop's booty-call approach to music, call that progress.

MARTA TOPFEROVA, AcousticMusic-SanDiego, Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$20.

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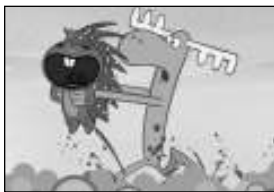
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Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues.

Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-459-0474. Saturday, live blues/classic rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Veruca Salt*, *Agent Sparks*, *the Strays*, and *Big Backyard*, hard rock/punk. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Rebirth Brass Band*, New Orleans jazz, and *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *the M-80's*, *the Stepping Feet*, and *the Spazmatics*. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Kinky*, Latin electronica. Wednesday, *33 Degrees*, *the Forsaken*

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Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Saturday, *This Flood Covers the Earth*, *the Constants*, AM/PM, and *I Am Cataclysm*. punk/rock.

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.

Cody's La Jolla, 8030 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-0040. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Roy Resnikoff*, piano. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Dick Koenig*, jazz guitar. Wednesday

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *the Gathering Crew*, *Odisee*, *Trek Life*, and *Opoetik*, hip-hop. Friday, ZO, JV, *Black Cotton*, *Loaded on Arrival*, *Lil' Joe*, *the Clairemonstaz*, and *Angela Gardener*, hip-hop. Saturday, *Silverside*, *Kicking K8*, *Evolocity*, *Lost Disciples*, and *Sight Unseen*, heavy/hard rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Raina Rose* and *Hunter Paye*. Friday, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.,

Rusty Jones. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ben Ingraham*. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bluegrass Social*.

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, *Group Policy*, rock.

Ki's Coffee on Top, 2591 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-2158. Friday, *Peter Sprague*, jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *the Salt Lickers*, rock. Saturday and Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues.

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., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*.

People's Food, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Sunday, noon to 2 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/pop/Latin.

St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club (formerly Blind Melons), 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Friday, *Shaka Buku*, *Justin James & the Sons of Beaches*, *Native Root*, and *Tubby*, reggae/rock. Saturday, *the Sure Shot*, rock. Wednesday, *Echo Revolution* and *Kids Don't Sleep*, rock.

Taylor's Bar & 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 jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *Riot House*, rock. Saturday, *Sweet Tooth*, rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Christopher Dale* and friends. Wednesday, *Rock Dirty Raw*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Aphrodesia*. Friday, *Cubensis*, rock. Saturday, *the Breakfast*, rock. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Tishamingo* and *Deadline Friday*, rock. Wednesday, *Elephants in Mud*, alternative rock.

Downtown

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lee Tyler Post*, acoustic rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Monty McIntyre*, acoustic folk.

Busalacchi's Ristorante, 3683 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-0119. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Standard Jazz Trio*, straight-ahead jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Two*

Gallants, *Langhorne Slim*, and *the Trainwreck Riders*. Friday, *the Dave & Deke Combo*, *the Golden Hill Ramblers*, and *the Palominos*. Saturday, *Archie Bronson*, *Outfit*, and *Satisfaction*. Sunday, *the Detroit Cobras*. Monday, *Oxford Collapse* and *the Joggers*. Wednesday, *Juana Molina*.

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, *Night Shift*, classic rock. Sunday, *the Disco Pimps*. Tuesday, *the 86'd*. Wednesday, *the Ghost of Sada*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *David Dahlsten & Rainbow Dancing*, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., *Troy Jennings*, *Chris Klich*, *Brad Steinwehe*, *Scott Kyle*, *Dan Weinstein*, *Phil Rowley*, and *David Mosby*, New Orleans brass.




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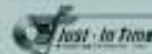
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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Traditional Irish music and live bands almost every night.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Call club for information.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Brat Pack*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Stanton Moore's Trio*, jazz, and *Joseph Arthur* with *Annie Stela*. Friday, *Bruce*, *Bruce*. Sunday, gospel brunch. Monday, *Umphrey's McGee* and *New Monsoon*, rock. Tuesday, *the Cramps* and *the Demolition Dollrods*, punk. Wednesday, *New Found Glory*, *the Early November*, and *Cartel*, indie rock/punk.

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, 9:45 p.m., live disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the M-80s*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*. Friday, *Crossfire*. Saturday, *Danny Sanchez*. Sunday, *Chet Cannon*. Monday, *Tell Mama Blues*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*.

Princess Pub & 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 Guarare*, Latin/salsa. Tuesday, *Piece by Piece*, jazz/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, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Karin Carson Trio*. 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*.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Sunday, *the Mitch Budd Band*, rock. Tuesday, *Nitro Express*, Southern rock/country/blues. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*, Dave Matthews tribute band.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Mikey Dread* and *Boom Shaka*, reggae.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Be Your Own Pet is the kind of band that warms an old punk rocker's heart. All the band members are under the legal drinking age, and at least one is too young to vote. They are a punk band from Nashville, of all places. Their lead singer goes by the name **Jemina Pearl**, and she yelps like a blonde, Southern Karen O. They have a hilarious video for the song "Bicycle, My Bicycle," in which they pedal around, mock-terrorizing a small town like something out of a 1950s juvenile delinquent film. The music is so wildly energetic and endearingly amateurish that it can only be called punk, but it's nothing like the formulaic stuff that goes by that

name these days, and neither is it a rehash of the past.

Clearly Steve McDonald and Thurston Moore are smitten. McDonald, who was just 11 years old when he formed Redd Kross back in the early days of L.A. punk, produced BYOP's self-titled debut album. Moore, the Sonic Youth guitarist and longtime supporter of young bands, signed BYOP to his label, Ecstatic Peace.

No doubt the help of these older artists has something to do with the fact that BYOP is now on the cover of magazines and touring internationally, and the cross-generational help is kind of a sweet thing to witness. But BYOP's sound is the sound of youth. If you're under the age of, say, 25, this could be the best thing you've ever seen or heard. If you're over 25, you



BE YOUR OWN PET

can either be a patron (like McDonald and Moore) or you may find yourself being patronizing (the way I find I'm being right now).

BE YOUR OWN PET, Epicentre, Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m. 858-271-4000. \$12.

San Diego

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, *Marta Topferova*.

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. Live music.

bold:The Arts & Entertainment Center, 3026 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-260-1731. Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Unified Division*, *Drop Joy*, and *Ya Basta*, indie rock.

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.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Nashville Pussy*, *Priestess*, and *the Sultry Savage Burlesque*. Saturday, *Unset*, *Depswa*, *Outlet*, and *Audkik*. Sunday, *Trampled by Turtles* and *the Sickstring Outlaws*. Monday, *Ouija Radio* and *Fresh Kills*. Tuesday, *Dada* and *Jamestone*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Speak Easy Quartet*, '40s traditional jazz.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/metal/punk. Thursday,

Be Your Own Pet, *Awesome Color*, and *Tall Firs*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live rock/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Stranger*, reggae.

Harry's Bar & 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, *J.J. Lim*, *Josh*, & *Bob*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Sunday, salsa. Monday, tango.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Rising Star*, dance/disco. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Corvelles*, 9:30 p.m., *Mark Hummell & the Blues Survivors*. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *5 O'Clock Shadow*, classic rock, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight, *Patrick Yandall*, smooth jazz. Monday, blues jam. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Albert Cummings*, blues guitar. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Angel Short*, *Jane Lui*, *Sean Wiggins*, and *Sarah Green*, acoustic alternative/rock.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *the Hoodoo Blues Band*.

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Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Liz Clark, Julie Lloyd*, and *Melineh Kurdian*. Friday, *Curtis Peoples, John-Mark*, and *the Evening News*. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Allison Lonsdale*, 9:30 p.m., *Radio Memphis* and *the Derren Raser Band*, classic rock. Sunday, *Kate Gaffney*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *the Dukes of Haggard* and *the Cash Kings*, rock/country.

Martini's Bar & Grill, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *When I Rise* and *Mike Pinto*, reggae. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Colporter, Oliver Reigns*, and *Me, My Brother, and a Guy Named Rey*, rock/metal. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Podunk Nowhere*, acoustic rock. Monday, 7:30 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Music is acoustic/folk. Friday, *Gene Warren*. Sunday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Cindy Lee Berryhill, Arabella Harrison, Sara Petite, Steph Johnson, Joanie Mendenhall, Molly Jensen, Molly Meekin, Regina Dawn, Annie Dru*, and *Chelsea Flor*. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

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 O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Performances start at 7 p.m. Music is rock/metal/alternative. Thursday, *Auralust* and *Blizzard*. Friday, *Lower Definition, the Fire Restart, Invictus, Fight Fair, Impulse*, and *Quartetto*. Saturday, *the Secret Machines*. Tuesday, *Alexisonfire, Moneen, a Change of Pace*, and *the Cancer Bars*.

South Park Bar & 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 session.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Bonehead*, rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues/swing/jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Joey Show*, rock. Saturday, *Blue Rockit*, blues/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. Music is hard rock. Friday, *the Widows, the Earaches*, and *the Points*. Saturday, *Gang Green*. Monday, *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

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. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Chris Carpenter, Shelton Viola, Aaron Bowen*, and *Paul Jacobsen*. Friday, *Aaron Bowen, Derek Evans, Stasia Conger, Thomas Hodges, the Green Water District*, and *Zen Boy & Karma Girl*. Saturday, *Jen Knight, Mosaic, Zosia, the Bass Clef Experiment, Aramburo*, and *Hargo*.

Sunday, 4 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*, 8 p.m., *Bushwalla, Lindsey Yung*, and *PTizzy*. Wednesday, open mike with *Tim Mudd*.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, *That Mad Ahab* and *Fatigo*, whiskey tango/folk. Saturday, *Transport*, rock.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Music is rock/punk/metal/alternative. Friday, *Run Barbara Run, Full Frontal Assault, MC84*, and *Demadiado*. Saturday, *the Spots, Firethorn*, and *Heard*. Sunday, *Curbside Manor, Blood on the Tracks, Stolen*, and *the Valentine Fist*. Monday, metal rock.

North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Frank Morina* and *Mahogany Rush*, rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Subdues*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Ras Michael & the Sons of Negus, Kush & Blood Fiyah Angels*, and *Kingtone*, reggae. Sunday, 1:30 p.m., *Peter Puppig*, acoustic, 9 p.m., *the Easy Star All-Stars*, reggae, and *Outlaw Nation*, funk. Monday, 9 p.m., *Bonnie Prince Billy, Dark Hand*, and *Lamplight*. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations* and *Alvado Ulgade*, reggae. Wednesday, *Shawn Colvin* and *Brandi Carlile*.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, hip-hop. 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., *Primasi*, Eastern European folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Jamie Crawford*, pianist.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Brenda Penneton*, folk.

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Saturday, 8 p.m., *Teflon*, acoustic rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Night Shift*, classic rock. Saturday, *the MLC Bands*, rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/country. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, funky rock. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Red Land*, rock/blues. 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, swinging blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mark Lessman*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Abigail's Attic*, alternative rock.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Zen Boy* and *Karma Girl*, acoustic pop.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to

9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/metal/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Down with Leo*, *Beside Me*, and *Kelly*. Friday, *Clockwork*, *Straight Trippin'*, *Of One Mind*, and *Dub Train*. Saturday, *Pound Foolish*, *Kavena*, *the Love Street Division*, and *Canvas Pandora*. Sunday, *the U.S. Bombs*, *Charley Horse*, *Viva Hate*, *Hellfire Trigger*, and *the Hillstreet Strangers*. Tuesday, *a Love Ends Suicide*, *Burn in Silence*, *Year of Desolation*, *Damcyan*, *Fire Brings Rest*, and *Carcinogenic*. Wednesday, *Blood on the Tracks* and *Moontucky Risin'*.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Friday and Saturday, live music. Monday, Dixieland jazz.

Mira Costa College, One Barnard Drive, Oceanside. 760-757-2121, extension 6139. Friday, 7 p.m., *Despite the Wolves*, *Suffer the Heat*, *the Burning of Rome*, and *Romak & the Space Pirates*, metal/alternative/new wave punk.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., *Flashback*, classic rock.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Wheel House*, rock. Friday and Saturday, live rock/blues. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., blues jam.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Cold Shower*, rock. Saturday, Yovee, alternative.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Bottomline*, classic rock.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Friday, 10 p.m., *the City Limits Band*, rockabilly/blues.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett Anderson*, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott Wallingford*, jazz.

Coronado Island Marriott, 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.

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Garage*, classic rock.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104
Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-
3456. Friday, *Da Groove*, rock.
Saturday, *the Stiletto*,
rockabilly/swing.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107
Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-
5280. Thursday, *the Fall Guys*,
acoustic. Friday, *Big City Shaman*,
blues, Saturday, *Mystique*, jazz/R&B.
Sunday, *Jim Moore*, acoustic folk.
Monday, *Taylor Harvey*, acoustic
rock. Tuesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.
Wednesday, *2 Guys Will Move U*,
acoustic.

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acoustic trio.

Cosmos Coffee Cafe, 8278 La
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and Saturday, *TNT*, classic rock.

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the Tall Dudes, rock.

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main
Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687.
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Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo
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rock.

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country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia
Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday
and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic
rock.

Stefanos, 14019 Highway 94,
Jamul. 619-741-8095. Sunday,
5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Caribbean
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Shift*, swing.

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Turtle, The Zombie Lounge

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The Burning of Rome: Mira Costa
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The Cancer Bats: Soma

Canvas Pandora: The Jumping Turtle

Carcinogenic: The Jumping Turtle

A Change of Pace: Soma

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Clockwork: The Jumping Turtle

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The Constants: Ché Café

The Cramps: House of Blues

Curbside Manor: The Zombie
Lounge

Damycan: The Jumping Turtle

Dark Hand: Belly Up Tavern

Demadiado: The Zombie Lounge

Depswa: Brick By Brick

Down with Leo: The Jumping Turtle

The Downs Family: The Kensington
Club

Drop Joy: The Arts & Entertainment
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Earthless: The Kensington Club

Elephants in Mud: Winstons

The Fading Captains: The
Kensington Club

Fight Fair: Soma

Fire Brings Rest: The Jumping Turtle

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Firethorn: The Zombie Lounge

Fresh Kills: Brick By Brick

Full Frontal Assault: The Zombie
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Genghis Khan: The Kensington Club

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Radio Memphis: Lestat's Coffee House

The Derren Raser Band: Lestat's Coffee House

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Riot House: Tiki House

Rock Dirty Raw: Tiki House

Ron's Garage: Hotel del Coronado

Sacrifice: Fannie's Nightclub

The Salt Lickers: The Kraken

Anthony Sanchez: Fannie's Nightclub

Satisfaction: The Casbah

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

Silverside: Dreamstreet

Six-Foot Death Trap: 'Canes

6one9: Game Time Tavern

The Sons of Danger: Fannie's Nightclub

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub, Island Sports & Spirits

The Strays: 'Canes

The Sure Shot: 710 Beach Club

Sweet Tooth: Tiki House

The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail Lounge

33 Degree: 'Canes

Tishamingo: Winstons

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub

Transport: Whistle Stop Bar

Tubby: 710 Beach Club

Umphrey's McGee: House of Blues

Veruca Salt: 'Canes

West of 5: Dick's Last Resort

Wheel House: Ocean House

The Widows: Tower Bar

POP / TOP 40

Diva Soul: Jimmy Love's

The Good Times: Henry's Pub

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Liquid Blue: Viejas Casino

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Makai: Humphrey's

The M-80s: Jimmy Love's

Rising Star: Viejas Casino, Humphrey's

The Stepping Feet: 'Canes, Whiskey Girl

JAZZ / BIG BAND

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The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Charlie Hunter Trio: Dizzy's

Insight: Jimmy Love's

Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro & Bakery

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The Jazz 101 Band: Pasquale on Prospect

Troy Jennings: Dizzy's

The Sam Johnson Jazz Duo: Cosmos Coffee Cafe

Chris Klich: Dizzy's

Dick Koenig: Cody's La Jolla

John Kopecky: South Park Bar & Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Mark Lessman: Coyote Bar and Grill

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

J.J. Lim, Josh, & Bob: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Stellita & Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

The MojoJey Jazz Quartet: Taylor's Bar & Brewery

Stanton Moore's Trio: House of Blues

Mystique: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

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My job often takes me to the Gaslamp, that hotbed of perpetual restaurant openings, and when I spot a newbie, I usually glance at the menu before strolling on. At Gourmet India, a small, simple-looking eatery at the base of Horton Plaza, the glance became a long, hungry gaze. Here was something different from the norm.

Most Indian restaurants in San Diego share near-identical pan-regional menus, varying only in whether the chicken tikka masala is listed before or after the lamb vindaloo. At times I've even suspected that it's all cooked in one central Indian food factory and sent through underground pipes (like water lines) to bubble out directly into the chafing dishes at Indian lunch buffets all over the county.

Gourmet India, in contrast — because it serves regional delicacies — actually has a distinctive identity. Chef-owner Salwinder Khinda and partner Ramjit Kaur are from Punjab (northern India), home of the tandoor, but Salwinder has picked up other styles of cooking in his 25 years as a chef. He learned his craft in his family's Indian restaurants in L.A. Although the menu at Gourmet India covers the typical range of regions, from Punjab to Goa to Chennai (that's Madras to us Anglophones), several of Salwinder's specialties are from Moombai (Bombay in Anglo-speak).

It's a long menu, too, so I gathered a large posse to sample it — Sam, Cheryl, Rebecca, and John, all of whom have spent time either in India or eating in London's "Paki" restaurants. The table for six was barely ample enough to hold plates for the five of us, but Indian music and a tranquil atmosphere put us in good spir-its. From our table we could see a corner of the kitchen and the handsome, bearded chef at work.

Dinner began with a positive omen — a serving of *pappadums* (crisp wafer-breads) with a spicy tomato chutney. We began with Sev Puri — crisp, thin wheat wafers topped with a ravishing mixture of onions, potatoes, green chili chutney, and tamarind chutney, sprinkled with crushed *sev* — crisp, crushed chickpea noodles. Hot, sweet, sour, and earthy all at once, this was an appetizer to rouse an appetite. The menu also includes Bhel Puri ("India's most



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popular railway snack"), which should be worth a try, too.

Uttapam, says the menu, is "a popular grid-dle cake from Bombay." I always thought it was a pancake from Bangalore, but this version proved different from the frit-tata-like southern rendition. We received four disks resembling delicate mini-pizzas, with a dough made from Cream of Wheat cereal. They were topped with fresh tomatoes, onions, green chili, and cilantro. Better yet, they were served with a coconut chutney of yogurt loaded with unsweetened coconut shreds.

Shrimp Chat was equally unusual but less exciting — a bland pile of potato cubes, puffed rice cereal, *sev*, and onions with a few marinated, overcooked shrimp. We couldn't taste the three chutneys the menu promised, although the onion gave it a sweet tang. Masala Dosa (a crisp south Indian crêpe wrapped around vegetable stuffing) was disappointing.

Although the pancake was thin and crisp, the filling was all potato, seasoned with turmeric and mustard seeds. It needed something to lighten it — perhaps additional vegetables, typical of the dosa fillings of Madras. It came with a small bowl of savory *sambal*, lentil soup. Onion Bhaji (frit-ters) also suffered from heaviness.

Among the tandoor-cooked breads, the Peshawari Naan was spectacular — sweet soft bread rounds stuffed with cashews, raisins, and *paneer* (a fresh house-made cheese with a texture resembling fine-grained goat cheese, but without the goaty flavor). Alas, it spoiled us for the regular naan and garlic naan — they seemed like stalwarts of the math club while the Peshawari was the hottest hottie on the cheerleading squad.

Tandoori chicken wings are a recent addition to the appetizer menu. They were tender and savory, served over tandoor-roasted onions and carrots, sweet from the natural caramels

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released at high heat. This dish included a zesty yogurt-based green-chili chutney dip. It's a perfect solution for anyone wondering whether to order a tandoori entrée.

Encountering an appropriate and affordable wine list, we chose a fruity Pinot Gris to accompany our appetizers. There's also a Gewürztraminer, always a good choice with spicy cooking. But even as a table of wine-lovers, we agreed that beer is the optimal choice to go with Indian entrées. We tried two obscure labels. Yeti, from Sikkim, was one. The name hints of "the land of sky-blue waters," although Himalayan water is not much purer than Indian. (Does a lama poop in the woods? Yes, by the edge of the river that downstream

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villages draw on for drinking water.) Yeti was a good choice for wine-lovers — light and crisp. Himalaya was more of a brew-lovers' brew, with a bitter edge. We didn't try Karma beer. It was tempting, but who would dare test karma?

We returned to the tandoor for one of our entrées, the rarely seen Mirchi Tikka, described on the menu as "Hot and Spicy!" It consisted of boneless chicken pieces in a marinade of spices, cayenne, cilantro, and lime juice and tasted light and bright. I've come to fear tandoori chicken, so often is it overcooked dry. Here, it was not just flavorful but also moist — and as spicy as advertised.

Madras fish curry was splendid. I neither knew nor cared what species of white fish it was — the rich, coral-colored coconut-milk sauce was the point of the dish. My only disappointment was that we'd asked the waiter to "make the spicy dishes spicy," and this one could easily have been more piquant, in keeping with its deep-south origins. (With that coconutty sauce, it actually tasted more like the food I ate in Kerala, at the tip of India, than the cuisine of Madras.)

Bombay Chicken is one of the house specialties. The chicken is poached with sea-

sonings, then sautéed with dry green mango powder (*am-char*), coriander, and cayenne. The flavor struck me as homey, though my mother certainly never cooked anything like it. "It's quite salty," Rebecca pointed out. "You're right," I said, "but then most restaurant food is so oversalted I barely notice anymore — I just go home and swig milk straight from the bottle like James Dean in *Rebel Without a Cause*."

To sample the vegetarian curries, we ordered a *thali* combination — two veggies, *dal* (lentils), basmati rice, *raita* (yogurt-cucumber relish), *kachumber* (cuke and onion salsa) and naan bread.

For the veggies I chose *bengan bhartha* (puréed tandoor-cooked eggplant) and *shahi paneer* (a Punjabi royal dish of firm cubes of fresh cheese, nuts, and raisins in light tomato cream sauce). They were all acceptable, but not special. Although Salwinder is a vegetarian himself, he seems more inspired and painstaking with the animal proteins.

We missed out on one house specialty — we ordered it, but it never arrived: a popular Bombay dish called a "Frankie," which has chicken or lamb masala wrapped in a thin housemade "tortilla," like a burrito. I suspect it's Moombai's rendition of the beloved, griddle-cooked and curry-stuffed *roti* wraps of Trinidad and Jamaica — brought from the East Indies to the West Indies by Indian immigrants. At the end of the meal, I asked the waiter where our Frankie had gone. He looked abashed, and not only did he make sure we weren't billed for it, he insisted on treating us to a dessert of *gulaab jamun* ("Indian donuts," he called them) — small dough-balls, fried and then simmered in sweet syrup scented with rosewater. I thought I couldn't eat another morsel but couldn't resist these sweets served warm.

We'd eaten royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. "This was a great meal," said Cheryl. "But what made it so good was ordering the out-of-the-ordinary things, the regional dishes." "I just hope," said Rebecca, "that as time passes, they don't start editing down the menu to the standard, popular stuff, like so many restaurants do — especially in the Gaslamp, where there are convention-eers to feed. The best dishes here are the ones you don't see on other Indian menus — but Americans would be less likely to order them, just because they aren't familiar. Without those, the restaurant would still be good, but it wouldn't be special." ■

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The blue smoke swirls up in front of the window. Beautiful. But it's the flavor wafting into your nostrils that really makes an impression. Lo-ove the smell of ribs in the morning. Actually, it must be, like, one-ish. I only noticed this place because a bumper sticker ("4 out of 3 People have Trouble with Fractions") stopped me on the sidewalk, right where "Breakfast All Day" was written on a window. Huh. "Marie's Café."

It's a small frontage, but inside, the counter has to be 60 feet long. The first half's all kitchen. The second has about a dozen stools and another kitchen in back. Blue-and-white walls, except for some stainless steel behind the counter. Gaps in the wall lead to a plum 'n' peach eatin' area next door, filled with maroon booths and dozens of retro pics. Marilyn, of course, Liz Taylor, Bettie Page — uh, do we know Bettie Page?

"She was quite a pin-up gal," says this older guy. "Twice as popular as Marilyn Monroe."

But now I'm noticing — wow! An Oprah Winfrey "Up By Your Bootstraps" Award for Marie Nealson. Must be the Marie of "Marie's."

A slim gal comes up to the counter. Brown hair, pretty. You can tell she would have given Bettie Page a run for the money when she was twentysomething.

"You still serving breakfast?" I ask.

"Oh sure," she says. Turns out this is Marie

herself. "But we have really great pork ribs on special today, if you want to skip to lunch."

Hmm. A thought. Still see the blue smoke. Chef's flipping the ruby-coated ribs right up there at the front window. But no. My gut would yell blue murder.

So I order a coffee (\$1.35, endless refills, big generous mug), grab the menu, and check out the breakfast side. They have plenty of choices. Three eggs any style is \$4.50. With ham steak, or four bacon, or two links, or corned beef hash, it's \$5.75. All come with

home-style spuds, or hash browns and toast or muffin. A boneless breast of chicken with three eggs is \$6.85, New Yawk steak 'n' eggs is \$8.50, Benedict is \$6.95, and country breakfast (two eggs with biscuits and gravy, plus bacon, sausage, or ham steak) is \$6.95.

They also have a rack of omelets, three-egg, with nearly two dozen stuffin' choices, like Italian sausage, guacamole, peppers. With two items it's \$5.95, three, 30 cents more at \$6.25, four, \$6.95. Looks like three items is the best deal.

I've just about decided on an omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives when this gal Luz at the end of the counter spoils it. "Ribs," she says. "You've gotta have the ribs. They're outstanding today."

Luz is a pastry chef at Heavenly Desserts, across the road. In the trade. Must know what she's talk-

ing about. So I listen. Marie tells me they're \$7.95, with fries or salad.

"What kind of salad?" I say.

"Like that." She points to a plategoad that this guy on my right's eating with his hamburger. The salad teeters, a meal in itself, loaded with romaine, tomatoes, red onion slices, cheese shavings, croutons, bleu cheese dressing, and crumbled Parmesan on top.

"That size?"

"That size, and you get five ribs," says Marie.

Ow. Deal clincher. Breakfast? Objection overruled.

And yes, they are delicious. Two of the ribs are huge. Three are slightly smaller. The salad's a good, fresh contrast.

It does feel strange munching on this stuff for breakfast. But who cares? They'll be lunch too, 'cause I ain't never going to finish.

"You won't be the only one who's had to box it," says this strapping guy, Erik. He's Marie's son. Been working with her all four years since she took over the place. "Mom says, 'If you leave here with an empty stomach, it's your own fault.' She's a workaholic. Since Marie's opened we've had to close down for earthquake retrofitting, for floods from a leaky roof. She's been operated on

for breast cancer, but she keeps on working." Man, that explains the Oprah Winfrey Award.

Marie — really Maria — used to work in solar energy sales, but when she got divorced, she needed steady money. Saw this place for sale, operating as "Johnny's," open since 1952, making it for sure one of the last true, old-time diners in town.

The guy two stools along sits back. He's been working through the "½ lb. North Park Burger" with bacon, avocado, and cheese (\$6.95, also with that gi-normous salad).

"You should have had this," he says to me. "I do. Every time."

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Good to know. But for now, forget those Blue Plate deals. I'm coming back for another Blue Smoke special.

Hey, if it's good enough for Oprah... ■

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It's the model prized — and of late, imitated — by Camillo Magoni, winemaker at Baja's largest winery, L.A. Cetto. It's tempting to compare Magoni with Napa's Robert Mondavi — the shared Italian heritage, the rather iconic status, the promotion of the region's industry as a whole. (Magoni, in his unusual way, has got to be one of the best advocates for Mexican wine in the U.S.: a number of San Diego wineries get their fruit from his vineyards.) But where Mondavi broke away from the family business and started up his own empire, Magoni has stayed put at the same winery where he started in the early '70s. According to Ralph Amey, chemistry professor at Occidental College and author of *Wines of Baja California*, Magoni is "a very loyal company man. He's very much an experimenter — he'll have one hectare of a certain grape,

and he'll make one or two barrels and try blending different grapes together. But Señor Cetto, until fairly recently, took the attitude of, 'Why spend a lot of money on a fancy wine, when we can make a cheap wine very easily, and make a lot more money, since more people are buying it?' It was only through time and patience that they finally came to the point where Cetto said, 'It might be nice to have some reserve wines.' "

Magoni, who had done his grad work in Italy on Nebbiolo, didn't need to be told twice. It's been a while since I tried one, but I do recall that a Cetto Reserve Nebbiolo once made me wonder why Baja as a region was spending so much time on Cabernet when it could be making Italian varietals.

Still, the Mondavi comparison keeps bubbling up. Wineries and even wine regions thrive on stories, stories that lend the place an air of romance, of the connected quality that history helps provide. It's another part of the packaging. Mondavi did a lot to spread the story of Napa — to the point where he became its unofficial ambassador. And when Amey started nosing around and introducing himself, Magoni warmed right up — sharing old photographs, sharing wine, and telling stories.

Magoni wasn't the only one, of course. Amey was able to develop a rapport with a number of winemakers in Baja, due in part, he suspects, to his background in chemistry. "I was able to talk to

them about their winemaking practices and their problems with biochemistry. Because we were able to communicate, I think they opened up more" — something of an achievement in an industry that has been slow to embrace the U.S. media.

For instance: even with that rapport, the enthusiasm for his book in Mexico after its publication appeared to be less than wild. "They're pleased with it, but I've been frustrated with their lack of drive, shall we say, to sell the book, or promote the book." Even L.A. Cetto, which sees a comparative flood of tourists pour through its tasting room doors, was, for a long time, slow about selling. "I'd go in and say, 'How are you doing with those books?' 'Oh, pretty well — we still have some available' — and they'd gesture down at some hidden glass case. But more recently, they've been ordering the books in larger quantities. I've appreciated that."

Why the change? "I'm not quite sure," Amey says. "I think they've begun to trust me a little more. I think they see that I'm not just trying to push a book because I want to make money off of it. Also, when they begin to see people come in and say, 'I saw this wine on this page in the book; could I taste that?' they begin to see that there's an opportunity there. That's really what my interest is. I'm overjoyed whenever I see references to Mexican wine in the literature. It's damn seldom that I do, but when I do, I feel that I've contributed something."

Amey's book chronicles the progress made up until its publication in 2001: first, the proliferation of skilled and educated winemakers. Second, improvements in the vineyard, including more attention to varietals: The Baja vineyard owners "tore out a lot of the old stuff. They had Mission grapes until surprisingly recent times, which made a very blah — and originally, sweet — wine. Even semi-dry, it's just uninteresting. A few wineries



make it now, but it's not their big seller." And he notes that there may be better days to come: "Recently, Baja's Tourism Secretariat announced plans to develop a 'Grape Corridor'.... It is part of a larger plan to promote the wine industry...."

Now, it may be time for an updated edition. For one thing, there are more wineries. For another, the Grape Corridor project is underway. "They've put up road signs, and they're promoting the wines of Mexico. At least, within Mexico. I haven't seen any evidence of their promoting them outside Mexico. But now, at least, they see it as a product worth promoting. Also, when I was writing the book, there was relatively little evidence of Mexican wine in restaurants. Now, you can't go into a restaurant in Baja that doesn't have Mexican wine on the list. In a number of places, they're the only wines on the list — not just the inexpensive labels, but the premium wines. It's been a wonderful outlet for some of the new boutique wineries."

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yards and new wineries.” That may be beginning to change (watch this space), but the investment is still minimal compared to places like Chile and Argentina. “Those are countries which have had a massive input of foreign investment. It has not only provided an upgrade in the quality of the wine, but it has also provided them a conduit for bringing their wines to the U.S. and other parts of the world.”

Knowledge is good, but so is foreign distribution. “It leads to a greater awareness of the wines.” It’s not that Mexico doesn’t export product — as Amey notes, “Only 40 percent of Mexican wine is sold in Mexico. The rest goes to Japan, Europe, and the eastern Asian countries.” It’s that it doesn’t export to us. “The objective is to get involved in

California — and that’s still a tough nut for them to crack.” The ambassador still has work to do. ■

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NORTH COASTAL

Beach Grass Cafe 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery,

Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami’s Cafe and Honey’s), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and “Beach Benedict” with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the “maple” syrup and “butter” spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic “coastal cuisine,” with the best results in seafood dishes like “Moroccan crabcakes” and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their

shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant “pizzette” (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepey offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big,

brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little “croutons” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Pacific Del Mar Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/ Californian fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It’s quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen’s capacities, not to mention diners’ tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. “Pacific Dine-In” offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacific Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (6/05)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “manhole” pancake that’s bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby’s Diner 1 Pierview Way, Ocean-side, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby’s: You can build an appetite just getting there. It’s at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There’s a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby’s is part of a themed “forties diner” chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it’s still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, “Dewey-Warren” presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too; try their omelets. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of

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Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and

the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jalcal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted for parties of four or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (6/98)*

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket very slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a

lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people—actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Also, enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *S.M. (6/04)*

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive

in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy house-made key lime pie is a perfect finale. Beer and wine and good margaritas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robbing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie—save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day—it's the French toast of your happiest dreams,

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The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast—a highlight of the menu—is served until closing time. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict vari-

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ations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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ate a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who’ve been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich “Hot Creamy Oatmeal” with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you’d prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale’s house-

made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say “yes.” Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You’re the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin’s La Jolla outpost, the outside’s the “in” spot, with its brick and earth tones and weath-

ered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the lap-top-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and “pannwiches” such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you’re in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don’t fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *piccata*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you’re planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *S.M. (7/04)*

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the

crisp, pink table linens all scream “expensive!” Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rose-water ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food’s better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called “avant-garde Italian,” a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua’s “destination restaurant” status, there’s a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua’s stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moder-

ate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam’s Steak N’ Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam’s has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with

whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak’s a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won’t need lunch. This brickly, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open for breakfast daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Aladdin’s Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest’s new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Andres’ Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* (“old clothes”): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting

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dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of homemade banana shrimp cake and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

East Buffet 8998 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-1888. Curly-haired stone lions greet you outside one of the grander dining halls in the county. "The biggest buffet of San Diego" claims the menu, with "over 200 items daily." Start at the Mongolian grill. Pick your raw prawns, chicken, pork, beef, *satays*, and hand the plate-load to the Iron Chef. He'll stir-cook them on the hotplate for you. You'll need hiking boots to cover the endless rows of steaming chafing dishes. Must-eat: the fresh sashimi, like salmon and tuna — mouth-wateringly scrumptious. And try the chicken feet (they taste a bit like cow tongue, or brains). Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/05)

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (1/05)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess." Happy hour is weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI

French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in. This little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/05)

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess "heaven." Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/05)

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

THE BEACHES

Bare Back Grill 4640 Mission Boulevard (at Emerald), Pacific Beach, 858-274-7117. This may be the first New Zealand food place in town, but that's not what keeps the customers coming in. It's BBG's claim that most of their meat is certified organic. The owners guarantee hormone-free beef and lamb, both from New Zealand. So, what to eat? Burgers, burgers, burgers — all kinds — from prime NZ Angus to "Bare Li'l Lamb" burgers with wasabi dip. They also offer chicken. Décor inside is strictly Kiwi-land, from the all-black rugby shirt on the wall to the declaration of food principles. People who had given up on hormone-treated meat are coming here for their first burger in years. Open seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/05)

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Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forró* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-

owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Great Moon Buffet 1840 Garnet Avenue (Pacific Plaza 2 shopping center), Pacific Beach, 858-273-6868. This is one of the classier Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets in town. They boast a glittering chandelier hanging in the octagonal entrance, plus "over 150 items daily." Certainly they have great surf-turf, like prime rib and jumbo shrimp or mayonnaise mussels. Or Japanese charcoal-grilled eel with sesame seeds on rice (*unagi-zushi*). It tastes salty yet caramel-y too. Delicious. Or Chinese baked crab meat on crab shell. Add crab legs, and maybe some roast duck. Cramming? Feast today, fast tomorrow. Dessert fruits include loquats, pineapple, peach, longan. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/05)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Seacoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour

shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally

safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. eCourse, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari

steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open until 7 p.m. weekdays, until 8 p.m. weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least five Japanese beers and a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless

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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

La Fachada 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. The 24-hour restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great *Caldo Siete Mares* and *Vuelva a la Vida*, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/05)*

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants

have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until 11 p.m. on weekends; all other branches close early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market and 25th and Imperial.) Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Bakery open mornings; restaurant lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and that's the menu. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or

ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Tuesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Jimmy's 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B. (4/05)*

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two

hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/05)*

Taste of African Cuisine 5241 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-583-5788. This is one of the main gathering places for Somalis in San Diego, but they welcome others to sample their food, which is a combination of African, Italian, Arab, and Indian influences. Fish plays a big role in the diet of a country that boasts the longest coastline in Africa, but so does lamb, goat, and camel meat. Start with a *fadareshin*, a mixed plate of roasted goat meat, fried fish, basmati rice (the Indian influence), and a pile of spaghetti — common since the Italians came to colonize. No meal is complete without bananas, which are mixed in with pretty much everything, especially soups. Open three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/05)*

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sour-dough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals Tuesday through Sat-

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Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world—alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbeque items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and

Bud's Louisiana Food Shop 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish,

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here—chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the “Dude, where’s my taco?” conventioners. The choices are

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Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, or the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved

by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi, which can come with a four-cheese sauce on request. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This

large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights,

the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark,

lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach,

858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *hau-pia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steamtable combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Lai Thai Restaurant 1430 E. Plaza Boulevard #E10, National City, 619-474-5546. Lai Thai started up as the lone Thai in a sea of Filipino restaurants in South Bay, but has gained a respected place under glamorous Summawadee Bubpha. Prices are so reasonable, you



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Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the egg-plant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. — *E.B.* (4/05)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (3/01)

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness

along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* taste buds. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cien Años Calle José María Velasco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — *N.W.* (1/04)

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass port-holes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for filleted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrado" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast

through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.* (3/05)

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada, near CESUN Universidad), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of... countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B.* (10/04)

Malecón de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002,

it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (11/02)

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/04)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting

melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W.* (11/02)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B.* (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than

Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light dour biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/02)

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak'n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B.* (8/01)

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Preliminaries

The director tries to lose the viewer in a maze of flashbacks-within-flashbacks.

Clint Eastwood's *Flags of Our Fathers*, a near-religious experience, will have to wait till I can clear the decks and gather my thoughts. *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning*, *Jackass Number Two*, *Employee of the Month*, *The Marine*, *Fearless*, *Open Season*, *School for Scoundrels*, among others, will have to wait till pigs fly. And *The Grudge 2*, *Keeping Mum*, *Jesus Camp*, among others, will just have to wait. Meanwhile....

Martin Scorsese has shown himself to be so overrated for so long a time that we can have no excuse anymore to act disappointed in him. And his career-altering turn to the overblown epic, a turn marked by *Casino* eleven years ago, would seem to be a course difficult to reverse. *Kundun*... *Gangs of New York*... *The Aviator*.... And now even a trashy light diversion on the order of *The Departed*, adapted from an average-length Hong Kong action film, will get dragged out to two and a half hours — this despite the delivery of dialogue at the machine-gun tempo of a hopped-up auctioneer (or of Scorsese's own casual conversation), and despite, too, the mere semblance

of speed imparted by the free-associative cutting and the incongruous rockabilly beat of the background music, whenever the filmmaker isn't trotting out his collection of rock-and-roll oldies. The convoluted plot verges on

farce: an upwardly mobile underworld spy in the Massachusetts State Police (Matt Damon, raising

his eyebrows in an ostentatious show of innocence) and a downwardly mobile police spy inside the mob (Leonardo DiCaprio, giving himself away with his meat-cleaver worry line) both become involved, first as clients and then as suitors, with a *Harper's Bazaar* idea of a psychotherapist (Vera Farmiga, she of the prow-like cheekbones, life-raft lips, blue-lagoon eyes). Not even the take-no-prisoners crescendo of gore toward the end, jolting though some of it is, can pull the movie back from the farcical brink. And Jack Nicholson, as showy an actor as Scorsese is a director (when he's only in it for the money, anyway), plays the mob boss at a pitch barely below his *Batman* Joker.

Infamous tells substantially the same story as last fall's *Capote*, an un-



The Prestige

comfortable proximity that brings to mind the competing Columbuses of 1492: *Conquest of Paradise* and *Christopher Columbus* (I can't recall which came first) and the competing Earps of *Tombstone* and *Wyatt Earp*. A sec-

ond account, written and directed by Douglas McGrath, of the birth pains of Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood* inevitably shifts our focus to the accuracy of the story and away from, so to speak, the truth of it, the resonance

of it. But perhaps that's partly because this second account is simply not as good a story, covering fewer aspects of it in shallower detail. (The artificial device of mock interviews with acquaintances of Capote's — Harper

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Lee, Bennett Cerf, Babe Paley, Diana Vreeland, Gore Vidal, Alvin Dewey, et al., in actorish incarnations by Sandra Bullock, Peter Bogdanovich, Sigourney Weaver, Juliet Stevenson, Michael Panes, and Jeff Daniels, respectively — testify to McGrath’s clumsiness in getting his information out.) The main contribution of the latecomer is just to corroborate the accuracy of its more truthful, more resonant predecessor: the writer’s love of scarves, his use of Hollywood gossip as entrée to Kansas society, etc. What it contributes of its own boils down to the Kansans’ repeated mistaking of the castrato-voiced Capote for a woman — the one point of originality which the previous version might envy — and the uns subtle kiss on the lips between him and the murderer Perry Smith in the jail cell. (The producers of the upcoming James Bond film might be squirming a little at seeing their new 007, Daniel Craig, in the latter role.) The diminutive Toby Jones in the lead role is much more of a walking-talking caricature than was Philip Seymour Hoffman in the same role, but it’s a perfectly acceptable, perfectly recognizable caricature, possibly more suited to a supporting role than to a lead.

The Prestige is not the year’s best film about magic to feature both Scarlett Johansson and Hugh Jackman. That distinction would still belong to Woody Allen’s *Scoop*, which was unchallenged as well (except insofar as the air pressure in Jessica Biel’s lips may have challenged Scarlett Johansson’s) by that other magic film, *The Illusionist*. Between the two also-rans, it’s pretty near a toss-up, two turn-of-the-century period pieces tangled up in their compulsive twists and turns. Christopher Nolan, the present director, is somewhat less adept at concealing his tricks, despite trying diligently to lose the viewer in a maze of flashbacks-within-flashbacks. Even had he succeeded, his reliance on the plot expedience of dead ringers is taken to lengths of absurdity surpassing even daytime soap operas. Lengths, to be more exact, of the flightiest science fiction. The plot premise of a professional and personal rivalry between a couple of London stage magicians (Christian Bale, Christopher Nolan’s Batman, in addition to Jackman) is fractionally more involving than the hanky-panky of the separated lovers in *The Illusionist*, and Michael Caine adds a touch of class, David Bowie a touch of mustache.

Man of the Year concerns a cable-channel comedian (Robin Williams, given plenty of scope for his penile obsession) who runs for President on a dare, and who thereafter needs to be continually nagged by his aides to be “edgier” and “funnier.” These might also be the voices inside the head of writer and director Barry Levinson, who is prone to talk out his editorial points, and who allows the movie to slip back and forth willy-nilly between political satire and paranoia thriller. (Laura Linney, the whistle-blower who discovers a glitch in the voting-booth software, plays it straight.) That the movie mixes tones is only a part of the problem. The other parts of the problem are that both tones individually are flat and fuzzy.

The Queen, a spot of simulated Royals-watching, ably guided by the seasoned Stephen Frears, is a satisfying, if unsurprising, unrevealing, unimaginative re-enactment of what must have gone on behind closed doors in the week after the death of Princess

Di, in specific the diplomatic efforts of the newly elected Tony Blair to compel the Royal Family (“a bunch of free-loading, emotionally retarded nutters,” in the view of Mrs. Blair) to behave like human beings: “Will somebody please save these people from themselves?” Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen embody Her Majesty and the Prime Minister to two T’s. In support of them, James Cromwell at least looks the part of Philip, but plays only one note, and Alex Jennings is a bit short in the snout (in complete contrast to Cromwell) but is otherwise credibly dyspeptic as Charles. The plentiful humor, out of deference to history and living persons, is very mild. ■

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The Big Lebowski — There are actually two Lebowskis, a big one and a little one, a

multimillionaire philanthropist and a lazy, laid-back bowler, both christened Jeffrey; and when the latter — who prefers to be addressed as “the Dude” — is mistaken for the other by a pair of dim-bulb thugs, he is pulled into an apparent kidnapping plot of rapidly deepening complexity: “a lot of ins, a lot of outs, a lot of what-have-yous.” The Coen brothers, writer-director Joel and writer-producer Ethan, are here having fun with, among other things, complexity per se. Fun with the very idea of complexity. Fun with the concrete and mountainous evidence of complexity. And one of the richest sources of fun, played off in the sharpest contrast to complexity, is the glorious spectrum of stupidity on exhibit: the dope-addled but gropingly rational Dude (Jeff Bridges); the big lug who is always absolutely sure he is right in spite of the fact that he has never been right yet (John Goodman); the woolgatherer who falls behind in the slowest of conversations (Steve Buscemi); the several teams of hired “muscle” (all brawn, no brains), one team of which are self-styled Nihilists; the nympho bimbo; the adolescent joyrider who afterwards forgets his corrected homework (“Use a dictionary,” “Spelling”) in the abandoned car. The complexity is no illusion. It is right there in front of us in frightening and multiplying detail. It brutally illuminates the stupidity. And at the same time it forms the philosophical foundation for a broad and accepting, if aloof and

frosty, view of humankind. The Coens — who better? who else? — are able to make wonderful sport of deadbeats and boneheads from the high ground of diligence and ingenuity. They never play “down” to the audience. They demand effort and intelligence, and they reward these by the truckload: lively characterizations, flavorful dialogue, dense atmosphere, clever and convoluted plotting, rich and well-developed themes, abundant allusions, “in” jokes, grace notes, and red herrings, each element teamed with the others in common purpose. Julianne Moore, David Huddle-

ston, Sam Elliott, Peter Stormare, Ben Gazzara, John Turturro, Jimmie Dale Gilmore. 1998.

★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/19 THROUGH 21, 8:30 P.M.)

The Black Dahlia — James Ellroy’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 two-fisted cop (Josh Hartnett), the moody solo

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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 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.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Bubba Ho-tep — Prolonged dizzy spell brought on by an ancient Egyptian Soul Sucker who stalks the halls of a Texas rest home till he runs into some stiff opposition from a resident who may or may not be the real Elvis (weighing how he got there, you'd have to guess not) and another resident

who believes he is JFK (as he's black, there's not much question). Ossie Davis, Jr., sounding new depths of gravity, has an easier access to absurdity than has the heavily made-up and heavily imitative Bruce Campbell: what's the difference between playing Elvis and playing an Elvis impersonator? The mock-horror element is very much the element of director Don Coscarelli (the *Phantasm* series); the mock-heroic element proves to be more of a reach. 2003.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 10/21 MIDNIGHT)

The Departed — Reviewed this issue. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Mark Wahlberg, Vera Farmiga, and Martin Sheen; directed by Martin Scorsese.

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The Devil Wears Prada — Working-girl comedy in the vein of, oh, say, *Working Girl*, the eager, gifted, underemployed, and underpaid secretary ("A million girls would



The Departed

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, and an anemic, cryonic complexion. Meryl

Streep, in the latter part, is interesting as always, talking in a narcotized, uninflected voice that betrays no emotion deeper than a 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 fashion-industry 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)

Fanfan la Tulipe — Effete Gallic swash-buckler, with the unathletic Gérard Philipe, sloppily choreographed swordfights, and an air of insufferable archness. The wide-ranging black-and-white photography of Christian Matras can be taken seriously. As can the cleavage of Gina Lollobrigida: "There's a lovely valley between those hills." Directed by Christian-Jaque. 1952.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 10/19)

Flags of Our Fathers — Reviewed next issue. With Ryan Phillippe, Adam Beach, Jesse Bradford, Barry Pepper, Jamie Bell, and Paul Walker; directed by Clint Eastwood.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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Flyboys — Fulsome tribute to the boys, the men, of the Lafayette Escadrille, the corps of American volunteers who flew for France in the First World War. A throw-back, to some extent, to the aviation films of, for the prime example, William Wellman, except that Wellman had himself been a pilot in the Escadrille, and in consequence did not have so exaggerated, so exalted, a view of it. James Franco, a contemporary cutie-pie anachronistically aping a Fifties method actor (James Dean) in a setting of the Teens, is no heftier a star than Tab Hunter in Wellman’s 1958 film named after the corps, but then again Hunter wasn’t asked to be such a paragon. Martin Henderson, the new Bruce Boxleitner aspiring to be the new Bill Pullman, comes up even shorter, even lighter, as the hard-bitten, battle-scarred ace of the squad. A couple of colorful details — the 18th-century chateau for a barracks, the domesticated lion for a mascot — cannot go far to compensate for the cardboard characters, the hand-me-down dramatics, the taxing love interest (she speaks no English, he speaks no French), the squarish direction (Tony Bill), the tinny dialogue, the blustery music. There is nevertheless plenty of action, even if it mostly takes place inside a computer, programmed to hurl objects straight at your eyeballs till you yearn for the red-and-green goggles of 3-D. With Jennifer Decker, Jean Reno. 2006. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Gridiron Gang — 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-your-face 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. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Grudge 2 — Horror sequel starring Amber Tamblyn, with a guest appearance by Sarah Michelle Gellar, directed by Takashi Shimizu. (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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Guardian — A salute to the elite rescue swimmers of the U.S. Coast Guard, a select fraternity of 280. Kevin Costner, senior member, is the closest living thing to the mythical “Fisher of Men” who represents the last hope of the drowning man; but he’s now tied down, in recuperation from a rescue gone fatally wrong, as a discontent instructor of gung-ho wannabes. Ashton Kutcher is the noisiest of these, a high-school swim champ (whose actual name is “Fischer” — a potential Fischer of Men — and whose mocking nickname is “Goldfish”) bent on breaking every record in the book. In short, a sort of *Top Gun* of the seas, complete with hackneyed love story, obligatory bar fight, lessons in humility, lessons in humanity. The training is



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gone into in some depth and at even greater length, with spectacular computer-generated waves (*Perfect Storm* program, *Poseidon* program) placed at both ends. Director Andrew Davis, despite the ubiquity of wa-

ter, favors drained, ashen, parched color and a gritty Dust Bowl atmosphere, triggering in the viewer’s eyes a thirst for two drops each of Visine. With Melissa Sagemiller, Sela Ward, Clancy Brown, and

John Heard. 2006. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

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A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints — Dito Montiel’s coming-of-age tale set in New York in the Eighties, with Channing Tatum, Robert Downey, Jr., and Rosario Dawson. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/20)

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 infor-

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The Prestige — Reviewed this issue. With Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale,



Tim Burton's *The Nightmare before Christmas*

Michael Caine, Scarlett Johansson, and David Bowie; directed by Christopher Nolan.
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The Queen — Reviewed this issue. With Helen Mirren, Michael Sheen, James Cromwell, Alex Jennings, and Sylvia Syms; directed by Stephen Frears.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 10/20; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Science of Sleep — Michel Gondry, the director of *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and less memorably *Human Nature*, sets out to demonstrate he can be just as wacky and baintwisty without Charlie Kaufman as his scriptwriter, with, instead, only himself as scriptwriter. The blur of dream and reality demonstrates *that*, all right, but at a cost of increased tedium and irritation. (An unsteady handheld camera no doubt factors into the cost.) The dream scenes, incorporating a variety of animation techniques, are inventive, in-

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telligent, informed, yet also invariably over-stuffed, and not just in the literal sense of the stop-motion straw pony or the plump pillow typewriter. The wispy plot thread has to do with the amorous hankering of a graphic artist and crackpot inventor (mind-reading helmets, time machine, and the like) for his next-door neighbor, a twosome seemingly made for each other: Stéphane and Stéphanie. Gael García Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg have little room to exert their charms. We know they have them. With Alain Chabat, Miou-Miou. 2006.

★ (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 McShane. 2006.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Shortbus — John Cameron Mitchell's indie about the pursuit of love among the patrons of a New York City underground salon.

(KEN, 10/20 THROUGH 26)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber's extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood's besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody ("I don't believe what's happening to me./ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!"). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton's fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV's *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams's *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there's a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7; POWAY 10; FROM 10/20)

World Trade Center — Looking on the bright side of 9/11: the fact-based story of two Port Authority policemen (Nicolas Cage, Michael Peña, roughly four hundred closeups between them) who, together with a couple of unluckier comrades, dauntlessly entered Tower One with the intention to help evacuate it, and survived the collapse of it on top of them. This feel-good approach seems a particularly unexpected one, a particularly cautious and safe one, to be taken by Oliver Stone, professional boat-

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L.A. Story was directed by Mick Jackson and written by Steve Martin. You gotta read the sign(s). Love, weather, art, and roller skates. This film uses the mundane rituals of life in 1990s Los Angeles to make and break the myth of that fabled city. I'll have a double half decaf.

Jim Jarmusch's *Down by Law* offers hiccups, shackles, humidity, and one hell of a journey. This one's sublime in its attention to detail and mythic in the way each character grapples with his or her limitations in an attempt to transcend them.

Adrian Shergold's *Dirty Filthy Love* deals with obsessive compulsive disorder, Tourette's syndrome, and the end of love. A funny film about real pain sans artificial sentimentality. Particularly potent is the scene with Michael Sheen barking at a dog. Sure, he wants to stop, but the dog keeps egging him on.

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rocker and wave-maker, who for once is not looking to cast an accusation or an aspersion (i.e., a stone), but rather to recast himself as the champion of Men in Uniform he became so briefly and incongru-

ously with *Platoon*. Needless to say, there is no counterpart here to the James Jonesian abuse-of-authority figure played by Tom Berenger. The freshness of the event — five years as against the more than dozen years between the Vietnam War and Stone’s version of it — would appear to have cowed him into his best behavior, both civically and cinematically, toning down his camera-work and his cutting along with his bellow. At bottom, this is little more than a grade-A

docudrama — a made-for-TV movie bulked up for the big screen — with a smooth incorporation of familiar archive footage, a decent selection of re-created detail (the shower of paper, etc.), and a meticulous reproduction of the skeletal remains at Ground Zero, a cremated behemoth. The early unfolding of events, beginning at 3:29 on the morning of the 11th, can hardly help but raise a few goosebumps, as it builds an unbearable tension between the film-

maker’s foot-dragging pace and the viewer’s racing memory, a true collaboration between artist and audience. But that comes to an abrupt stop with the fall of the first tower, and the cementing of a static situation, half an hour into the film. The remaining hour and a half of waiting and worrying with the families (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal as the wives), and of suffering and sweating with the immobilized men (calling to mind the forgotten *Lad-*

der 49, that post-9/11 tribute to firefighters everywhere, elsewhere, especially Baltimore), are incalculably more tension-free, more routine, more trite, more mawkish, more TV-ish. Soft Stone, if you will. You might be surprised how much you miss the hard one. 2006.

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LA JOLLA

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Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
The Departed (R); **Flags of Our Fathers** (R); **Flicka** (PG); **Man of the Year** (PG-13); **The Prestige** (PG-13); **The U.S. vs. John Lennon** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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10:10; **School for Scoundrels** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:50) 1:50; **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (11:30) 2:10, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. 2:10, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

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Tiemblan mujeres

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Joanna Álvarez Martínez era un joven de 19 años con ocho meses de embarazo.

La madrugada del 14 de agosto pasado fue encontrada estrangulada, atada de pies y manos, desnuda y envuelta en una cobija.

La policía la descubrió, tras una llamada anónima, en la casa 25 del callejón Diego Rivera en la colonia Libertad Parte Alta a las 04:30 horas. Detuvieron a seis personas relacionadas con el crimen,

a quienes también se les acusa de ser traficantes de indocumentados.

Según la investigación de la Procuraduría General de Justicia del Estado (PGJE), la joven fue asesinada en el patio de la casa por Rosalía Aguilar Guzmán, ex pareja de Fernando López Patiño, de 38 años, padre del bebé que esperaba Álvarez Martínez. El brutal homicidio de Joanna se sumaba a los más de 200 crímenes de mujeres que han sucedido en Baja California en los últimos seis años.

deportes



Tigres salvajes

Han transcurrido 22 años desde que los Tigres de Detroit disputaron una Serie Mundial en la que enfrentaron a los Padres de San Diego en 1984. La euforia es total en Detroit por un equipo que hace apenas tres temporadas perdió una friolera de 119 juegos. El equipo con la mayor cantidad de derrotas en las mayores las últimas 13 temporadas se presentará en su primer Clásico de Otoño en más

de dos décadas.

Dirigidos por Jim Leyland, estos Tigres marchan a paso redoblado con una racha de siete victorias y con el mismo perfil de los Medias Rojas de Boston del 2004 y los Medias Blancas de Chicago del 2005, novenas que se prendieron en octubre y ganaron el campeonato en forma arrolladora. Leyland ganó la Serie Mundial de 1997 dirigiendo a los Marlins de Florida.

espectáculos



Truena el Rock

Sixto Gazpar

Diario San Diego

Los grupos Belanova, Enanitos Verdes y La Quinta Estación, brindaron un concierto lleno de energía, donde público de todas las edades disfrutó de tres de los mejores grupos del momento. El reto era predecir quién sería la banda que cerraría el festival bautizado 'Rock Pop Mundial 2006'. Por un lado estaba Belanova, el grupo tapatío de mucho éxito por estos lados, que como antecedente más

inmediato, contaba con un "sold out" en House Of Blues el mes de Agosto.

También el hablar de Enanitos Verdes es hablar de palabras mayores. Estos "pibes" son toda una institución en el panorama del rock-pop latinoamericano. Su larga trayectoria está por llegar a los 30 años.

Pero no podíamos dejar pasar el tremendo éxito del trío español La Quinta Estación. La confianza puesta en México no los traicionó, y fueron los que cerraron con broche de oro.

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Fuman droga

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Todos los días la maestra de inglés, de una escuela preparatoria del Norte del condado, observa con atención al grupo de cinco o seis jóvenes latinos que regresan del receso completamente drogados.

Varios alumnos del noveno al duodécimo grado de preparatoria llegan a sus salones de clase intoxicados. Unos consumen las drogas antes de llegar a la escuela y otros durante la hora del receso o a la salida de la escuela.

La actitud de este grupo de jóvenes coincide con un estudio que indica que los adolescentes de noveno a oncesavo grado consumen más

mariguana que tabaco.

El acceso a la mariguana se ha hecho más fácil para los jóvenes que no pueden comprar cigarrillos en las tiendas pero si tienen a la mano personas que les venden la mariguana en las calles.

El resultado del sondeo realizado entre estudiantes californianos del séptimo, noveno y onceavo grado realizado cada dos años, reveló que cada día más estudiantes de preparatoria consumen más mariguana que cigarrillos al mes.

El estudio reveló que el 12.6 por ciento de los jóvenes del noveno grado aceptó haber consumido mariguana durante 30 días previos al sondeo.



Hay oportunidad

Desde esta semana y hasta el mediodía del tres de diciembre, el Departamento de Estado de Estados Unidos (DOS) abrirá la ventanilla para la recepción de solicitudes de la Lotería de Visas 2008.

Al igual que el año pasado, los aspirantes a las 50 mil Tarjetas Verdes (Green Cards) deberán enviar sus formularios por Internet y deberán esperar al menos cinco meses para saber si siguen o no en el sorteo.

El programa, que se conoce formalmente como Lotería de Visas de Diversidad (Diversity Visa, DV), ofrece gratis residencias permanentes a ciudadanos de países que tradicionalmente tienen un "bajo nivel de

inmigración a Estados Unidos", explicó el DOS.

Como naciones de 'bajo nivel de inmigración' el gobierno de Washington considera a aquellos países que han recibido, en los cinco años previos al concurso, menos de 50 mil visas de inmigrante.

Por este motivo Brasil, Canadá, China, Colombia, República Dominicana, El Salvador, Haití, India, México, Pakistán, Reino Unido y sus territorios dependientes (con excepción de Irlanda del Norte), Filipinas, Perú, Polonia, Rusia, Corea del Sur y Vietnam "no participan en el sorteo de 2008", subrayó el Departamento de Estado.

Todos los demás países están habilitados para concursar.



Vienen votaciones

El próximo siete de noviembre se llevará a cabo la Elección General de California, en la cual se eligen al gobernador, oficiales del gobierno estatal, alcaldes de ciudades en el condado de San Diego, propuestas locales y estatales.

Además se eligen a miembros del congreso federal y estatal, así como autoridades escolares y puestos especiales como jefaturas de bomberos, suministro de agua, otros.

Asimismo la boleta electoral también incluye candidatos a puestos locales donde se elegirán alcaldes, concejales, secretario y tesoreros de 17 de las

18 ciudades del Condado de San Diego.

Existen 13 propuestas a nivel estatal que se disputan en esta contienda electoral además de 19 iniciativas en jurisdicciones dentro del condado de San Diego.

Todos los votantes registrados en el Condado de San Diego son elegibles para votar. El último día para registrarse para participar en esta elección es el lunes 23 de octubre de 2006.

Las solicitudes de registro de votantes están a disposición en oficinas de correos, el Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados (DMV), bibliotecas, y Registro de Votantes en Kearny Mesa.

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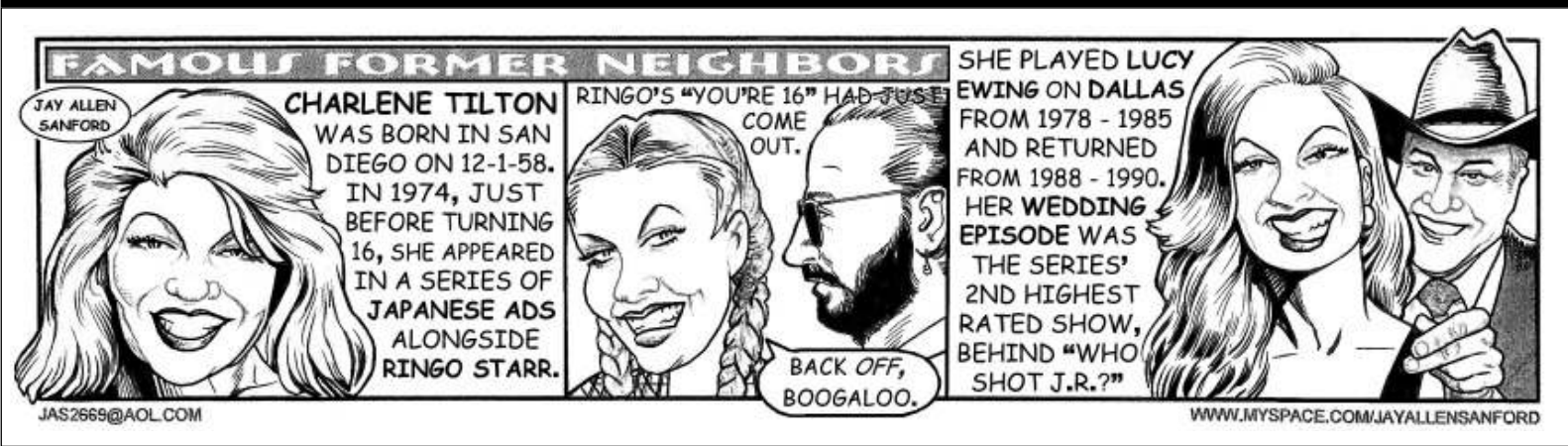
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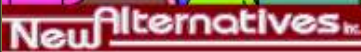
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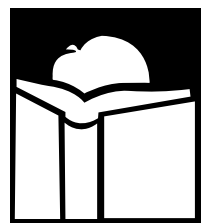
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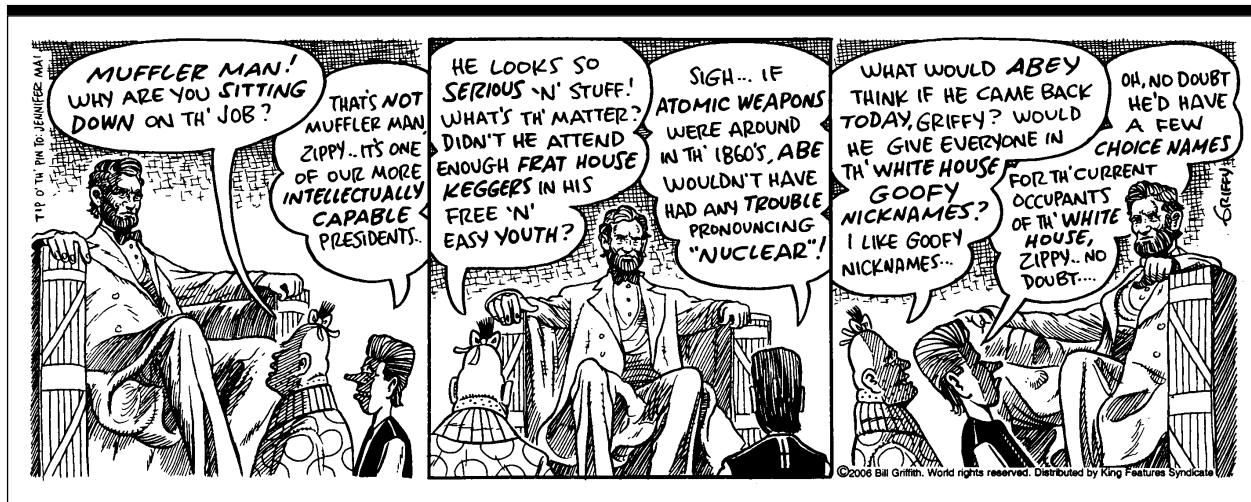
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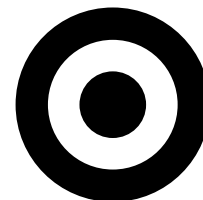
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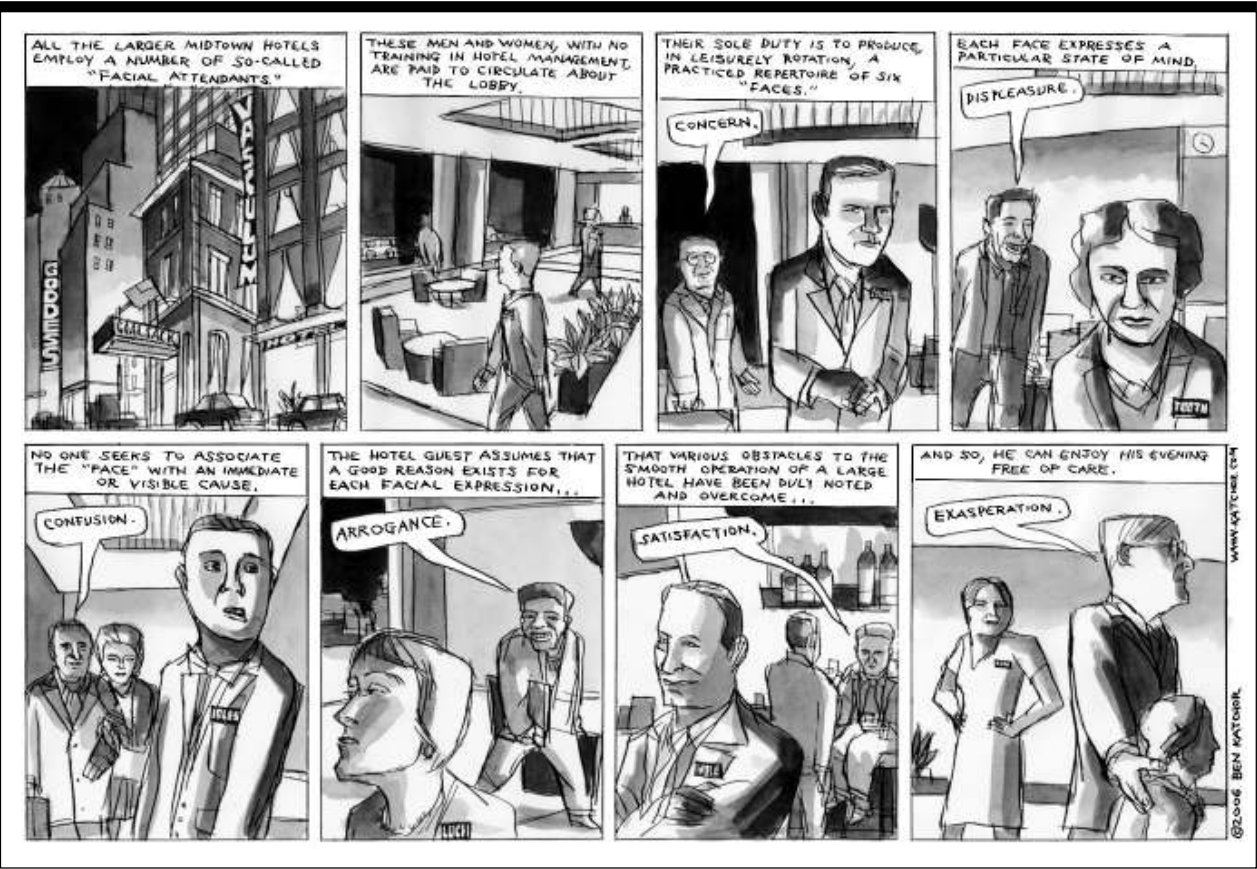
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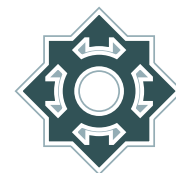


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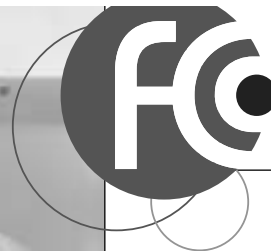
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- 19. Sports org. since 1916
- 20. Scorsese, e.g.: Abbr.
- 21. Bother a lot
- 22. "Give me a moment!"
- 29. ____ Tin Tin
- 30. Baltic land: Abbr.
- 31. When procrastinators do things
- 40. Snitch
- 41. " ____ takers?"
- 42. Crime lab stuff
- 43. 1996 summer blockbuster
- 50. Ruff Ruffman, e.g. (cartoon host of the PBS kids show "FETCH!")
- 51. Ages and ages
- 52. When rent is usually due
- 59. Yoko ____
- 62. Part of UNLV
- 63. Tide competitor
- 64. Award given to Derek Jeter in 1996
- 71. Ignores
- 72. Further amend
- 73. Kleptomaniacs
- 74. Funnywoman Boosler

Down

- 1. Kind of paper
- 2. "Unhand me!"
- 3. In base 8
- 4. "Go team!"
- 5. Suffix for infant or project
- 6. Tide competitor
- 7. Bad way to live, religiously-speaking
- 8. ____ Dame
- 9. Sot's problem
- 10. Persian Gulf fed.
- 11. XXX x X
- 12. North Carolina sch.
- 13. Charge
- 14. Swamp plant
- 18. Stir
- 23. Dr. of rap
- 24. Apply WD-40 to
- 25. Opp. of SSW
- 26. Satisfied
- 27. Somewhat: Abbr.
- 28. Utmost
- 31. Half of hexa-
- 32. Solo in space
- 33. JFK datum

- 34. Moving vehicle
- 35. Terminus
- 36. Bill ____, the Science Guy
- 37. Offbeat
- 38. Italian article
- 39. Bit of sunshine
- 44. Asner and Koch
- 45. Winner's take
- 46. Teamwork spoiler
- 47. Family tree word
- 48. URL ending
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- 52. Bragg and Dix
- 53. Like some desk trays
- 54. Former TV exec Arledge
- 55. Gold Medal product
- 56. First Family from 1909 to 1913
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- 58. Down-and-out
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- 69. Sushi selection
- 70. Senate vote

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page.
- And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.

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There were 122 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Helen Person, Santee
- 2. Sandi Russell, San Diego
- 3. David Weim, San Diego
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ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS. Get group support at San Diego Area meetings. Adults who grew up in alcoholic, other types of dysfunctional households. Feel better about yourself. 619-276-6232, www.adultchildren.org.

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ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER Support Group, Monday, 6:30-8pm, 12-week session, Clairemont area. Learn to stay focused on daily/weekly goals. 619-298-4818.

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GASLAMP CHURCH, next to farmer's market, 3rd & J downtown. Service at 11am Sunday in outdoor garden of Chinese historical museum. Very casual www.gaslampchurch.com.

HIGH ROLLIN Halloween Party and Fundraiser, Saturday, 10/28. DJ, casino-style games, hip-hop performance, costume contest, free food, raffle. 7-midnight, NTC Promenade, Point Loma. \$10. www.highrollinhalloween.com.

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LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP, join us for the "Let's talk lupus support group" October 21, 1pm-3pm. Grossmont Healthcare conference center 9001 Wakarusa Street. 858-278-2788 or www.lupussandiego.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, stop crime and violence. Be a role model. Be a guardian angel! Free martial arts training. 619-964-8099.

MEDITATION. Free classes Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesdays 7:30pm, Saturdays 11:30am. Dharmia Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. 858-616-6308. or www.dharmacenter.com.

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MIND-BODY exercise by Clifford C. Oliver, DC, RN, Free, Thursday October 19, 7-9pm. Price-Pottenger Nutrition Foundation. 7890 Broadway, Lemon Grove. RSVP 619-462-7600.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Ambassadors for Christ. Looking for a new church home? Come worship with us! Pastor Jimmy Fuller. 310 South 31st Street, 92113. 619-531-0141.

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NEW ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meeting in Kearny Mesa at The Sharp Rehabilitation Center (Conference Room 3), 2999 Health Center Drive (92123), Monday evenings, 7-8pm. Richard, 858-939-3156.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step meeting for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Free, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. 619-757-6603.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS Community Walk. Sunday, 10/29, Balboa Park, 5K Walk to benefit American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Register or donate [logon to www.outofthedarkness.org](http://logon.to/www.outofthedarkness.org).

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Overweight? Anorexic? Bulimic? Can't stop eating? There is a 12-step solution. Meetings daily. No dues or fees. www.pflag.com. Call for details, 619-579-7640.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Integrating Love, Eros and Sex" October 19, 7-9pm. 1228-1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Meeting, no fee. 858-259-1880.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "The Fear of loving," October 30, 7-9pm. 3180 University Avenue, Suite 200. San Diego, CA 92104. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. 619-296-9046.

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NAME This Place



Last week's place: (clue: Long, leggy links divide citrus and table) Soaring connecting ramps joining State Route 125 to SR 94, seen from Lemon Grove's Broadway, near Broadway Lane, just south of La Mesa ("the table"). In 2005, traffic approaching this merge on the 125 averaged almost 100,000 cars per day (and jack that up to 160,000, once traffic from the 94 joins in), according to Caltrans. (Last week's winners: Dan Herman, Jane Obara, Carolyn Hoffner, Jeremy Shivick)

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PEACENIK, 52, 5'9", son (18), natural, blues, dancing, opera, hiking, camping. Dog Beach. Seek leftist, 50ish, easy-going, renaissance man to complicate/complete life. (11/1) [☎69975](#)

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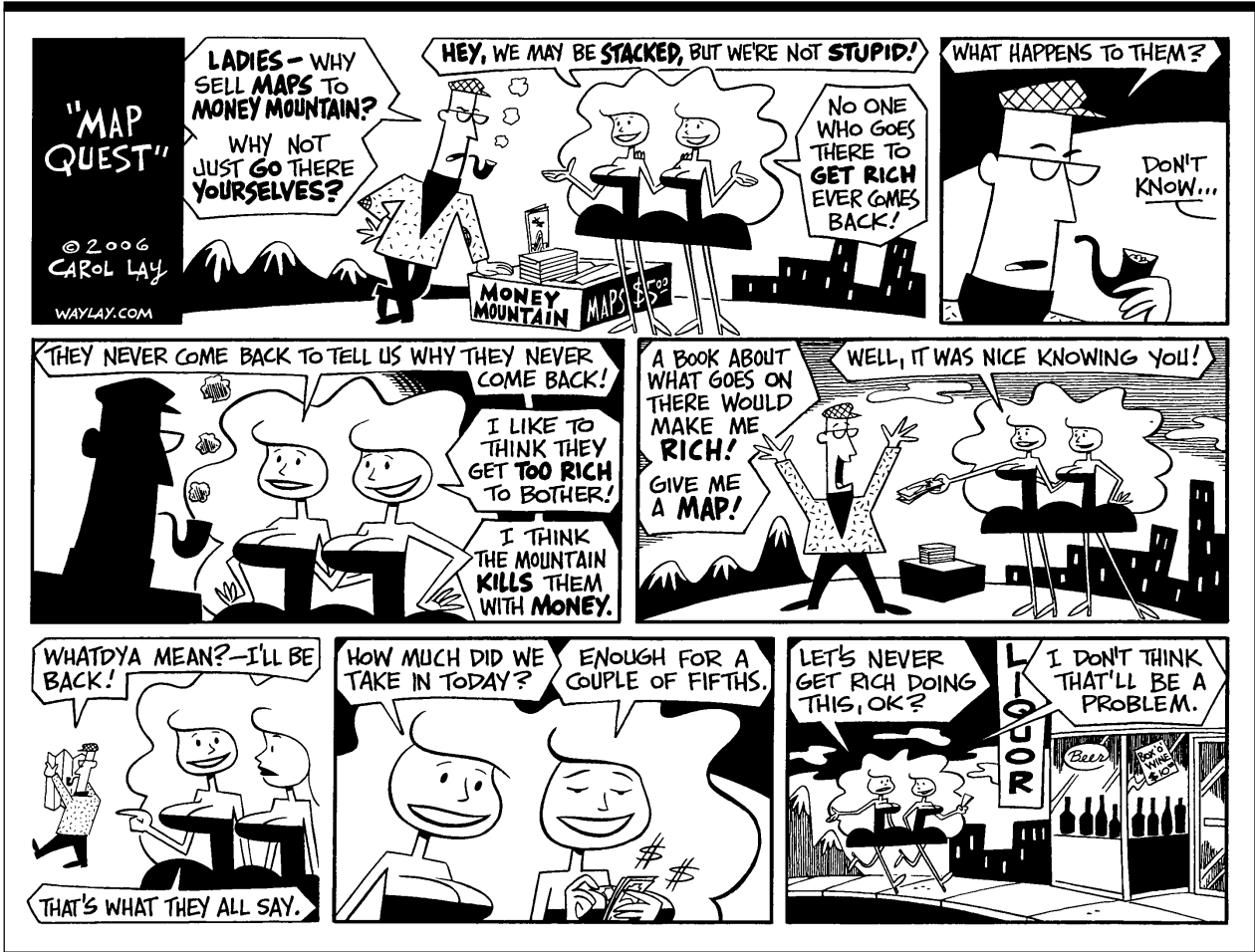
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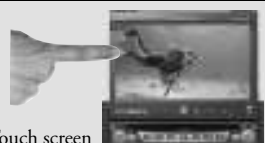
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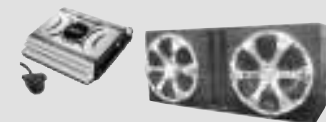
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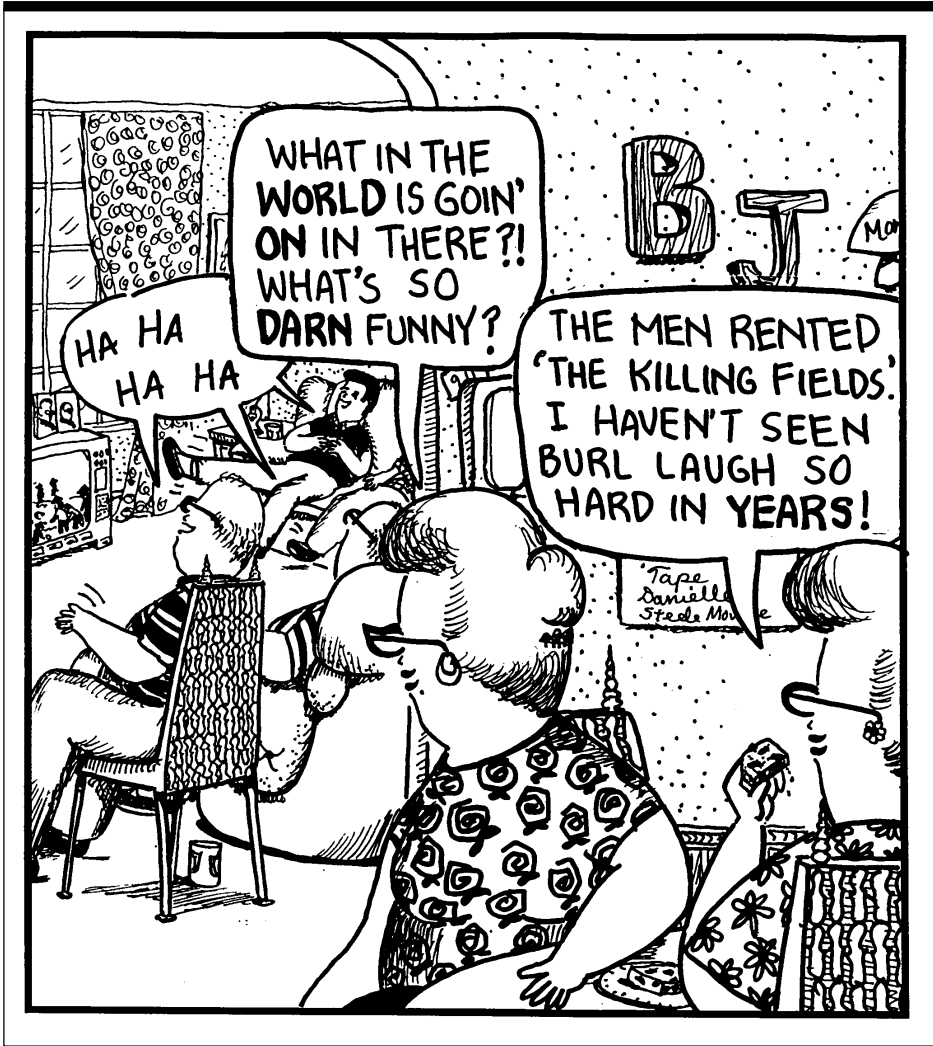
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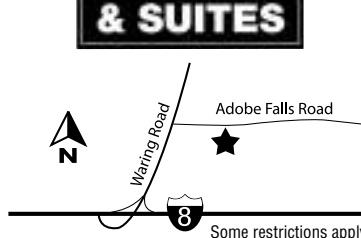
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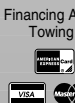
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LEAD STORY
— Most of the year, civil aviation engineer Joseph Ngoupou and his wife (a budget officer at the World Bank) live the life of a suburban Washington, D.C., couple taking up golf on weekends. But two or three times a year, Ngoupou travels to Cameroon, where he is, by heredity, a village chief, responsible for resolving disputes among his 3500 subjects. According to a September *Wall Street Journal* dispatch, his impoverished village has no electrical service or running water and lies five miles of barely passable road from the nearest town. The villagers cede authority to Ngoupou to decide, for instance, the fair price of a bride’s dowry or the proper restitution for the theft of plums.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!
— Sometime next year, if all goes well, Brett Holm of Chaska, Minn., will begin selling his Season Shot, an improvement over current shot-gun shells because its pellets dissolve on contact in the game meat and flavor it for cooking. Holm told Minnesota’s *Chanhassen Villager* newspaper in August that he will initially offer lemon pepper, mesquite, Mexican, and creole flavors, but, he said, chemists are at work to expand the selection. — In Dafen, a suburb of Shenzhen, China, more than half of the world’s cheap oil paintings, including knock-offs of masterpieces, are hand-produced by laborers at up to 30 per day, earning them the equivalent of \$125 to \$400 a month. Germany’s *Der Spiegel* reported from Dafen in August that a “reasonably skillful copy of Van Gogh’s *Sunflowers* sells for [about \$50]. Buy 100, and the price goes down to [about \$33 each].” One painter remarked that when a large order arrives (for instance, from Wal-Mart), he may have to paint the same thing 1000 times, earning perhaps the equivalent of 40 cents each.

Awesome!
— California graffiti artist Paco Rosic set out to facilitate what he called his life’s ambition in Jan-

uary when he and his family bought an abandoned warehouse in Waterloo, Iowa, so that he could re-create with spray paint a near replica (in half-size) of Michelangelo’s fresco on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. The *Los Angeles Times* reported in September that he has used 2000 cans so far and eventually will cover about 2500 square feet of newly installed curved ceiling in the warehouse. — In September, police in Madison, Wis., said Milo G. Chamberlain’s blood-alcohol content was .425 (which experts said normally is attainable only by those either dead or in a coma) but he was picked up, quite conscious, allegedly causing a disturbance at a Marathon gas station, where he reportedly got into a fight with a gas pump before being restrained by passersby. Police said Chamberlain responded to each of their questions only by rattling off strings of numbers of no particular pattern. — Surgeons have reattached many penises (in cases of accidents, self-mutilations, or angry wives’ vengeance), but the first successful transplant of the organ, to the point in which blood and urine flow were regenerated, was performed this summer in a 15-hour procedure at Guangzhou General Hospital in China. Although the patient was left functional, he and his wife, two weeks later, citing “psychological” reasons, ordered the new organ removed. A formal report is to appear this month in the journal *European Urology*.

Least Competent People
— (1) Richard Brooks, 50, was injured in a September incident in Concord, Calif., in which he became enraged at a group of bikers and drove toward them in his car, waving a pool cue with his left arm. It wasn’t the bikers who injured him, though. Brooks got out, still in a rage, walked around behind his car, and was backed into because he had left the car in reverse gear. The collision knocked him into traffic, but some of the bikers pulled him to safety. (2) Brian Hoyt, 46, was arrested in Framingham, Mass., in August after he, riding his bike the wrong way on a busy

street, headed straight for a police cruiser, forcing the driver to swerve. Police Lt. Paul Shastany said Hoyt appeared to be “playing a game of chicken with the officers.”

Fetishes on Parade
— Alfred Thomas Steven, 69, was arrested in the La Purisma Mission park in Lompoc, Calif., in September, and cited for trespassing and animal cruelty for attempting to satisfy himself sexually with a horse. According to police, Steven apparently had anointed himself with olive oil and coated his nude body in feed grain or oats, and then lay down so that the horse would nibble and lick him. Deputies said he told them that it was a longtime fantasy.

Addictions and Compulsions
— (1) In a September raid, sheriff’s deputies in Vista, Calif., seized jars of urine from the home of a suspected methamphetamine user. Deputies said the user appeared to be saving his own urine in order to extract, and reuse, the meth he had already used. A Drug Enforcement Administration agent said he was unsure whether the practice was widespread. (2) A September episode of the periodic NBC *Dateline* stings of online child-sex predators, in Long Beach, Calif., turned up 38 arrestees, including one who had already been busted once by the program.

Fine Points of Pennsylvania Law
— (1) A superior court judge in Reading, Pa., overruled a county court judge in August and declared that Miller Genuine Draft is, indeed, an actual beer. The county judge had said that the prosecutor failed to show that MGD was on the state beer list, but the superior court judge said there was other evidence that MGD is beer. (2) In Carlisle, Pa., Derek Randall Pittman, with a .237 blood-alcohol reading, was ticketed for drunk driving, even though he said that all he did was hold the steering wheel momentarily while his friend in the driver’s seat took a bite from his

sandwich. However, that was enough to be “operating” the car, said a judge at a hearing in August.

Recurring Themes
— In 2001, a veteran middle school science teacher in New Bedford, Mass., used the same needle to prick the fingers of two dozen seventh-graders to make blood slides for class. The teacher retired before school officials learned of the gross breach of blood-safety procedures, and subsequent tests revealed no problems. In September 2006, a first-year teacher at Salina South High School in Salina, Kan., used the same lancet on more than 20 students in her anatomy and physiology classes, thus violating not only blood-safety rules but system guidelines against using real blood for class work. All students were tested, and results were pending at press time.

Odds & Ends (Mostly Odds)
— “Mr. Yamaki, you are an incredibly lucky man,” said New York City federal magistrate Lois Bloom in September, presiding at a bail hearing for Japanese executive Yoshio Yamaki, 56, who had been charged with stealing \$7 million from his employer to fund his gambling habit. Bloom was referring to the fact that his substantial bail had been jointly arranged by Yamaki’s wife, Hiroko (whom he had walked out on in January), and his mistress, Megumi Tsuji, with whom he had been living. — In August, Alexandria, Ind., dentist David Steele showed off to an *Anderson Herald Bulletin* reporter the two gold crowns he had fitted on his one-year-old Persian cat, Sebastian. Though he said the crowns were ostensibly to strengthen Sebastian’s teeth, the reporter said that their prominence suggested “a hip-hop star’s guard-cat or a movie villain’s pet.” Steele also put a gold crown on his Boston terrier.

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Thirty Years Ago

Lou Conde said he doesn't care about clean air or open beaches. Lou Conde doesn't want any more Free Clinics. Lou Conde wants to cut off jobs from the government. We don't need Lou Conde in office. Vote for Roger Hedgecock for Supervisor.

—CLASSIFIEDS, *October 25, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The advertisement the *Reader* carried October 15 on page thirty-one for the upcoming, offensive "Bunny Hunt" is the ultimate in hypocrisy.

Playboy says it's an "equal opportunity employer." Will its representatives seriously interview and hire men who want to wear high heels and bunny costumes and serve cocktails? Will they interview and hire women who want to wear tuxedos and serve dinners (less ogling, higher tips)?

—LETTERS: "PLAYBOY ADVISOR," *J. Donley, executive vice president of San Diego County National Organization for Women, October 22, 1981*

Twenty Years Ago

A few years ago, Caltrans built a bike path from Encinitas to Solana Beach, with a large berm separating the path from the Coast

Highway. "We told them they'd have nothing but problems with it," Shields says. The path was eight feet wide, and the smallest Caltrans street sweeper was ten feet wide, making it necessary for Caltrans to buy a new sweeper, just for those two miles of path, at a cost of \$80,000. Even so, most cyclists refuse to use that path, and those who do tell war stories of collisions with pedestrians crossing the path with surfboards under their arms, beachgoers with ice chests and umbrellas, baby strollers, and even head-on collisions with cyclists traveling in the opposite direction.

One Saturday in 1984, at least a dozen riders from the San Diego Bicycle Club were injured on that stretch of highway, all in one accident.

—"TEN-SPEED TERROR," *Steve Sorensen, October 23, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

One day a younger guy in our cell was sniveling about his case. He was a lop and wouldn't have even been in 6D except that he'd not only stabbed his wife to death during an amphetamine-augmented argument but had cut her to shreds and let the kids see what was left. It was giving fits to his public defender, who was also mine. (Michael Popkins — highly recom-

mended if you've cut somebody to pieces and are broke.) "Look," he was saying for about the fifth time, "if I'd been a straight-out murderer, would I have warned her off like the last witness heard?"

—"I JUST SMOKED A CAMEL AND WATCHED HIM DIE,"

Lin Robinson, October 24, 1991

Ten Years Ago

Many Auden friends found Kallman appalling; they noted that he lived off Auden, traded on the poet's fame, was louche and indiscreet. Although Kallman and Auden collaborated on libretti for Stravinsky (*The Rake's Progress*), and Brecht and Nicholas Nabokov and Auden found Kallman's contribution considerable, outsiders (and many an insider) tended to consider Kallman not much more than a dumb blond. Mrs. Clark was always fond of Kallman. "They loved each other, Wystan and Chester. It was a marriage." (In *Wystan and Chester*, Mrs. Clark remembers Auden telling her, "Any marriage, happy or unhappy, is more interesting than a love affair.")

—"WYSTAN AND CHESTER," *Judith Moore,*

October 17, 1996

Five Years Ago

I was appalled by your article about who will



San Diego Reader, October 24, 1991

and won't fight ("City Lights," October 11). It was so one-sided, interviewing a bunch of spoiled brats who have no concept of the price paid by our forefathers to give them the freedom and advantage they take for granted.

They should live in Afghanistan for a month or a year, if they could last that long. Maybe then they would understand how great they have it, and they could understand why we must fight terrorism or be taken over and controlled by it.

—LETTERS: "SEND 'EM TO KABUL," *Pamela Nuccio, North Park, October 18, 2001*

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What a wonderful, unusual experience I had last night.

Our Belizean babysitter is a preacher's daughter, and together with her parents she has been following some kind of Bible study for the past year (set up by American missionaries). Her graduation was last night. People in Belize love graduations! In Holland, where I'm from, we only do big graduations after university. I mean, there is a ceremony after high school too, but it's nothing too extravagant, and we definitely don't wear robes or funny hats that we toss into the air. That's only for university graduates. Well, not so in Belize. Here they do graduation ceremonies at preschools. The funny robes and hats come out for the primary school graduation, for high school graduation, for college graduation, and, as it turns out, for Bible-study graduation.

Our babysitter was excited about the upcoming ceremony and wanted me to come to church to watch it. I reluctantly agreed. See, I'm not particularly religious. I believe in God and in the teachings of Jesus, I just don't believe in organized religion. As far as I'm concerned, they are all man-made, and none is therefore without human imperfection (we all get the wrong end of the stick sometimes, so I'm sure the same goes with divinely inspired writings and their interpretations).

And, no offense intended, I am particularly wary of North American missionaries. Belize is full of them. They come in hordes, preaching, converting, and performing charity work (often building houses, fences, and playgrounds while the locals watch from their porches). I admire the charity projects, but I'm not too keen on all this shouting about the devil and God's wrath. And that's what the missionaries often do. Christian fundamentalism is a foreign concept to Europeans such as us, but it travels straight down south from the States to Central America.

So, together with my seven-month-old baby and our resort's security guard (I didn't fancy driving through the jungle by myself at night), I went to church. And, boy, did I enjoy

it! It wasn't at all what I had anticipated, but it was one of the most fascinating things I have seen for a long time. There was no preaching going on, just lots of booming Hispanic Christian music, beautiful singing, and frantic dancing.

It reminded me of my MTV days, when I used to spend time at raves (illegal house parties where kids took ecstasy tablets, drank gallons of water, danced for 12 hours straight, and hugged strangers and told them they loved them). Just like the ravers did back in the '90s, these churchgoers were working themselves up into a frenzy. Waving their hands in the air, singing at the top of their lungs, swaying, shaking, jumping...brilliant! The only thing that struck me as peculiar was that people were ushered to the front of the church once they started their wild dancing, and they would be held or followed by another church member, probably to ensure that they wouldn't fall over. The women were acting like they couldn't control their own bodies (was Freud right after all? Are women simply hysterical?). The men would also dance wildly, but they were in much less danger of falling over, evidently. I mean, a church member would still hover near them, but never touch them.

I was so tempted to join

the dancers at the front and do my MC Hammer, but I realized that that would be perceived as rather inappropriate, so I suppressed my urges (very Christian, don't you think?) and stuck to swaying in the air with my flabbergasted baby in my arms (he was as dumbstruck by the whole experience as I was).

I guess I should have



M.C. Hammer

realized that I was in the wrong church, because our babysitter was nowhere to be seen. Still, I was enjoying this bizarre display of worship, this celebration of life (especially once people began to use whistles and the BPM was steadily being raised), when suddenly I felt a tap on my shoulder. It was my babysitter's brother, bringing me the bad news; the graduation was in the church around the corner.

I was sad to leave the ravers and became even sadder when I saw how boring the church of the graduation was. There he was, the North

American missionary with a Spanish translator, talking about Jesus and the devil and the devil and Jesus. But when I looked over, I saw our beloved babysitter, beaming, with her funny blue robe and graduation hat. And so I stayed in this boring old "white man's church" (why is the religion that gets exported by "the white man" invariably dull?).

I took photographs of the graduation, allowed my baby to be passed around from person to person — people from Central America love babies — and listened to people rambling on in Spanish on stage. I had no idea what was being said, just as I had no idea

what had been going on in the other church. Still, I was happy for the girl who brings so much joy to my baby boy and me, as she was so proud and beautiful that evening. And seeing all these faithful, in both churches, made for a wonderfully diverse night.

I don't see myself making this a regular occasion; I disagree with too much that's being said in church. But experiencing a glimpse of Central American worship was something I will never forget.

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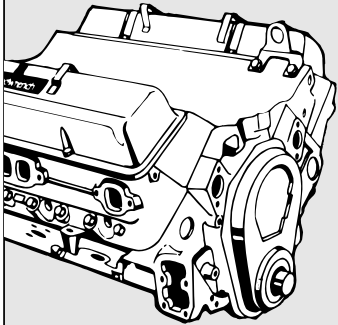
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Location: [4300] 44th Street, Talmadge
Time/Date: 10:55 a.m. on 9/26/06

Incident: A male suspect under the influence [was] yelling at another male and a possum. An officer made



contact and the suspect took a fighting stance as he cursed the officer and advanced. The officer tased

the suspect. The suspect removed the barbs and walked away. The suspect refused the officer's commands to stop.

They went into a yard where a Rottweiler came at the officer. The officer shot and injured the dog. The suspect was driven away by the owner of the dog.

The suspect was located a short time later and arrested for two warrants, resisting arrest and...under the influence of drugs. The owner of the dog was arrested for assisting in the suspect's escape.

MULTIPLE ASSAULTS

Location: Fulton Street and Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista
Time/Date: 9:32 p.m. on 9/22/06

Report: There was a large fight between black male and Hispanic male students at Kearny Mesa High School...a group of Hispanic male students decided to retaliate and attacked a black male student at 7900 Levant Street, beating him with a baseball bat, causing injuries to his ribs. The black male teamed up with several other black males and went to 6900 Linda Vista Road to attack some Hispanic male students who were in the Rite Aid parking lot.

When they arrived, they encountered a larger-than-expected group of Hispanic males who proceeded to beat the black males, sending them to the hospital with various injuries.

Other black male students learned of the attack and went to a Taco Bell at 2300 Morley Street, where they

attacked a group of Hispanic males with baseball bats and golf clubs. Two of these Hispanic males suffered serious head injuries and were transported to the hospital for treatment. These black males also attacked an uninvolved Hispanic male, 52, who was walking on 2100 Ulric Street. He was also transported to the hospital with serious injuries.

STABBING

Location: 5028 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach
Time/Date: 10:57 p.m. on 10/05/06

Report: The victim, white male, 31, was in front of the Sunshine Company...when he got into an altercation with a white male on a skateboard. A fight started and the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim twice in the chest. The suspect, described as being mid-30s, dark clothing, ear-length brown dreadlocks, fled the scene on the skateboard.

CARJACKING

Location: 2220 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley East
Time/Date: 5:42 p.m. on 9/28/06

Incident: The victim, white female, 41, pulled into the parking structure at her apartment complex. She parked her 2004 silver Infiniti sedan and was talking on her cell phone when she was approached by the suspect, white female, 25-28, thin build, black hair in a bun, dark clothing, sunglasses, armed with a semi-auto handgun.

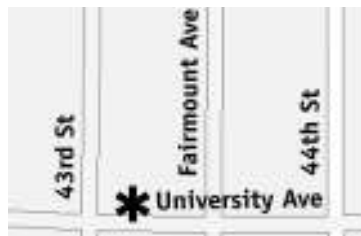
The suspect ordered the victim out of her car and asked where her cell phone was. The victim indicated that it was in her purse. The suspect took

the purse, cell phone, car keys and threatened to shoot the victim when she asked if this was a joke.

She ordered the victim to run away, got into the car, exited the parking structure and drove off.

ROBBERY

Location: 4318 University Avenue, Teralta West
Time/Date: 8:21 p.m. on 9/27/06



Report: An Hispanic male, 20s, 5'5", 140 pounds, short hair, mustache, blue T-shirt, jeans, armed with a steak knife, was harassing some people outside [Rita's Bakery]. The people went inside to get away from the suspect. He followed them inside, pulled out the steak knife, confronted the female clerk and demanded cash. She opened the register and handed the suspect the money. He exited the building and fled on foot.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: Linda Vista Road and Ulric Street
Time/Date: 4:43 p.m. on 10/01/06

Report: A suspect had struck a Transit bus window with a golf club, injuring a passenger. The passenger was transported to a local hospital for treatment of facial cuts. While investigating this incident, officers heard a

commotion nearby, checked and found two Hispanic males assaulting another male. Officers intervened and pepper-sprayed one of the suspects. The second suspect pulled a knife and threatened the officers. He was tasered and then taken into custody without incident...it was later determined that he was 16 years old. The suspect that was pepper-sprayed, Hispanic male, 27, turned out to be the suspect that injured the bus passenger.

SHOOTING

Location: 1000 40th Street, Encanto
Time/Date: 5:59 a.m. on 10/05/06



Investigation: The victim, an Hispanic male in his 30s, was walking [when] a vehicle with four Hispanic males in their 20s pulled up to the victim and they asked him, "Where you from?" The victim replied, "Market Street, but I don't play that anymore." A verbal argument between the victim and the suspects took place, and one of the suspects pulled out a revolver.

A struggle took place between the victim and the suspect, and a shot was fired that removed the victim's left-hand pinkie finger. The suspects fled and the victim made his way to a nearby house, from where the victim's girlfriend transported him to the hospital.

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MISSION HILLS. Furniture sale. Saturday, 10/21, 10am-1pm. Desk, \$125. Dresser, \$30. Bookcase, \$55. Couch, \$200. Recliner, \$125. 2805 Columbia Street (off Laurel). bcschile@yahoo.com.

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OCEANSIDE. Garage sale. Saturday, 10/21, 7am. Clothing, furniture, shoes, miscellaneous. 1613 Downs Street.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Garage sale. Sunday, 10/22, 7am-3pm. Electronics, clothes, bikes, movies, kitchen appliances, furniture, holiday decorations. 1510 Chalcedony Street (cross street Haines).

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“WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?”

A classroom full of scruffy, grubby, teenaged boys and primped, upright girls. I’m drawing Transformers and comic-book characters on my desk. Optimus Prime and Wolverine.

“If you don’t know what you want to be right now, it’s best if you sign up for college.”

She’s the career counselor, and it’s time for her to cross off “Speak to kids in Bonehead English class” from her list of things to do. Since you have to fail Sophomore English A to get into Bonehead English as a junior, she knows she’s talking to kids who aren’t going to college, but she tries anyway.

“There are great job-training programs at the local junior college.”

My friend, Tuff, reaches across the aisle that separates us and taps the can of tobacco in my front pocket. I slide the tin out and hand it to him.

Why would Optimus Prime and Wolverine fight each other? There’s been a mix-up. They’re confused. Wolverine springs toward Optimus Prime and takes a laser blast to the shoulder.

“What do you want to be? There’s a program to be a nurse. There’s a school for mechanics. Firefighter.”

Tuff is going to be a truck driver. His dad’s a truck driver. His brothers and uncles are truck drivers. He taps the empty can of Pepsi on my desk, and I hand it across the aisle. He drops a long string of brown spit into the can and sets it on his desk.

“What do you want to be?” she asks. I look up. She’s staring at me.

“I want to draw comic books.” This baffles her. There’s no program at the local junior college for comic-book artists.

“Well,” she pauses and thinks. “There will always be a need for manual laborers,” she tells the class, using me as an example. “Even if there are tractors that can dig a ditch, someone has to go through it with a shovel to clean it out.”

Thanks for the vote of confidence.

“What else do you want to be if you can’t draw comic books? What do you like to do?”

I get my can of Copenhagen back from Tuff. Open it and take a chew. Think for a second. Start to rub away the drawing on my desk.

“What do you like to do?” she asks again.

“I like to watch TV,” I say.

“Well,” she says through a smile. “There are no jobs watching TV.”

WHAT I WILL AND WON’T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

THE GREG BEHRENDT SHOW
CW 9:00 A.M.
His next best seller will be *They Just Weren’t That Into My TV Show*.

TIM BURTON’S CORPSE BRIDE (2005)
FAM 8:00 P.M.
“Ollie’s Frigid Ex-Live-In-Girlfriend” is the better show, but not “Family Channel” stuff.

It’s kind of light on the romance-after-death theme and heavy on the bottle-of-vodka-hidden-in-the-toilet-tank motif.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

GOOD EATS
FOOD 11:00 P.M.
I want to be the guest on a Friday-night cooking show so that when the host asks me what I’m cooking, I can respond, “Cigarette butt,

coffee grounds, and Roloids stew! Because, do you really think anyone’s watching this right now?” The secret ingredient is hairspray! Wink!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
LAGUNA BEACH: THE REAL ORANGE COUNTY
MTV 10:00 A.M.
Do you think the kids on *Laguna Beach* get fed up with being young, rich, beautiful, and dramatic? I’ll bet one of them, at one time, just wished she was a little pudgy and wearing a chunky sweater in Iowa. Just for a second, when her quarterback boyfriend made the dirty Wookiee with her immigrant maid in the back of his Mercedes SUV, she *longed* to be average.

WILD CHILD: THE STORY OF FERAL CHILDREN
DSC 11:00 P.M.

I confess. It was me. I was the one, stripped naked and creeping along that wooden fence in North Park. Oh, the embarrassment when the police shined that bright spotlight up into that tree and I was there, hanging upside down with baby opossums clinging to my belly. When the tranquilizer wore off, all I could say, through streaming tears, was, “They’re my family!” They called me pervert. They called me a menace. Oh, my babies. I’ll come for you. Squeak! Squeak! I’ll come for you!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

DIDDY PRESS PLAY
MTV2 3:00 P.M.
Diddy Press Play, Market It as Your Own, Collect the Fortunes from It, Don’t Acknowledge the Original Artist, and Never Really Develop a Talent of Your Own was the original title, but it wouldn’t fit on the screen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

WHEN ZACHARY BEAVER CAME TO TOWN (2003)
EWAM 4:40 P.M.



Heroes

People snickered behind his back but never really said anything to his face. Because it’s, you know, kind of childish. It was hell to be in a meeting with him when the CEO asked, “What do you think, Beaver?”

HEROES
NBC 9:00 P.M.

Every couple of months I sit with a pencil on my desk and my eyebrows in an angry “V,” trying my damndest to move that thing with my mind. I’m sure I can do it, but I haven’t unlocked the part of my brain responsible for telekinesis. Move, you little yellow Ticonderoga Number 2. MOVE!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

HELP ME HELP YOU
ABC 9:30 P.M.
The whole *I’m Okay, You’re Okay* new-age revolution passed right over my father. He was firmly ensconced in the “stop being an a-hole and mow the lawn” way of thinking, so I developed my own “you’d be cooler if you didn’t suck so much” attitude. Who’s to say which way is better?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

CBS EVENING NEWS WITH KATIE COURIC
CBS 6:00 P.M.
Tonight’s headline, “CBS Trades in Journalistic Credibility for Pinchable Cheekies.”

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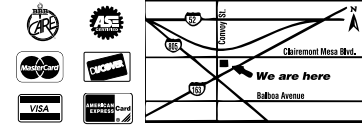
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Dear Engine Revved,

It's scary how many people drive around in a permanent state of road rage. Please ignore

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Dear Saffron,

I took a date to a performance at the Civic Theatre recently. She went to the ladies' room well before curtain time, and it was as if she had sailed to Africa. She was gone a very long time, and we almost missed the beginning of the play. When I asked if she was okay, she blushed and said there was a humongous line for the ladies' room. At intermission we walked by the ladies' room on our floor, and there was indeed a huge line. I know the Civic Theatre is not alone in this — many theaters and stadiums have inadequate numbers of women's restrooms. What a shame that for females, event attendance means queuing up for an eternity if nature calls. Can't this be improved?

INDIGNANT THEATRE PATRON

Dear Indignant,

I am so with you, having languished on these endless lines myself. Architects, listen up! A public space with ample women's bathrooms

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Dear Saffron,

This is in reference to the letter you printed from the guy who felt pressured to tip when he picked up food to go. Tips are for personal service that you receive. Picking up food that was made, packaged, and then set aside for you is different. If I'm in a restaurant and greeted nicely, with constant refilling of beverages, etc., or if I have pizza delivered, then, yes, I would expect to tip someone for that extra effort they put in to make my experience more pleasant. And the better the service, the better the tip. If I have that pizza delivered, and it's hot, timely, cheese not all over the lid, and the driver is polite at the door — the better the tip. My calling in an order and picking it up and you being nice while taking my money doesn't warrant a tip.

FAIR TIPPER IN EL CAJON

Dear Saffron,

I read your response to the letter about a relative who was barely scraping by, yet bought expensive purebred Jack Russell terriers. (Those dogs are a handful; we might have overbred them.) I live in poverty myself. The people who come up my street scratching their lottery tickets...that's

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If telepathy were an accessible human faculty, I bet it would work best in October.

By John Brizzolara

I don't want October to end. This has been a fine one. Three-quarters of the way through my favorite month I have to look around me and say, *this is good*. I have a theory that there is something, literally in the air at this time of year — or possibly it's the lack of something. Something debilitating. Less humidity is what I arrive at immediately. It seems to facilitate the synapse connections, link those flexo-resensor nodules of creativity (that phrase is a perfect example), and conduct optimism like copper. The ordinary reality we experience some 335 days of the year seems suspended in these weeks, if only a little, as if we're allowed a glimpse of things, as if our customary blinders — so familiar we are rarely aware of them — have slipped temporarily and we can glimpse things through a crack of sunlight normally unavailable: October light. If telepathy were an accessible human faculty, I bet it would work best in October. Also, there is death in the air, as Hemingway said, when the boys really get their pens moving.

This column should appear on October 19th, and my sole association with that date is the birthday of a former girlfriend I was mad about, and I mean mad in the mental-illness sense. That love affair was an object lesson in mid-life crisis and alcoholism meet the chemical illusion that is romantic love as well as the very real dementia of lust

riddling an aging Catholic.

An actual harvest moon has passed. I saw it glowering incandescent amber over Kensington the other night. And by the time this page appears, a Friday the 13th will have passed also. Halloween is still ahead, and to prepare, I am reading a volume of short stories by Algernon Blackwood, a dark fantasist writing at the turn of the 19th and 20th Centuries.

The book, titled *Ancient Sorceries*, contains a story by that name featuring the character John Silence, a "psychic doctor" who encounters an ordinary little man named Arthur Vezin who has experienced the extraordinary. "[D]ull, ordinary folk have no right to out-of-the-way experiences and the world having been led to expect otherwise, is disappointed with them, not to say shocked. Its complacent judgment has been rudely disturbed."

Ancient Sorceries, one of Blackwood's *John Silence* — *Physician Extraordinary* stories appeared in 1905 or 1906, when Blackwood turned to fiction after producing articles for publications like *Methodist Magazine* and the theosophist journal *Lucifer* in the late 1800s. The editor of the Penguin edition I have, S.T. Joshi, writes in his introduction, "Awe is perhaps the dominant motif; Blackwood is somehow able to invest the simplest events — or even the characters psychological reactions to those events — with a portentous grandeur, as if the very fabric of the universe is involved."

This is the sense I get from October, and I am happy to share it with you along with my Halloween recommended reading list. As to what it was that Arthur Vezin experienced in the Blackwood story, that would be telling, and it would be far better had you Blackwood to do that telling. While I am in the neighborhood, Blackwood's that is, and Halloween (and I did use the word list), allow me to mention Arthur Machen (rhymes, I read somewhere, with "blacken") another Victorian fantasist of the darker school. Machen was a fellow member (along with W.B. Yeats and Aleister Crowley) of The Order of the Golden Dawn or The Golden Dawn Society. The GD is a mystical secret society immersed in magic (or "magick") that survives today and appeals to whacked-out academics and intellectual drug addicts with a fascination for Satanism and the like, as well as ill-informed Goth heavy-metal fans of Black Sabbath/Ozzy and Led Zepelin; Ozzy's one-time guitarist Randy Rhoads wrote the song *Mr. Crowley* about "The Great Beast," and Zeppelin's guitarist Jimmy Page lives (or lived) in Crowley's former mansion on Loch Ness, in Scotland. Stories of Machen's like "The Great God Pan" and "White Powder" are great Halloween reading fare and lend a kind

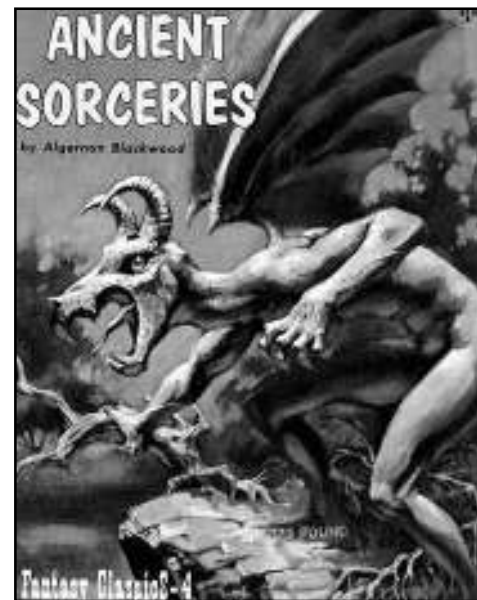
of British public school class to an otherwise gaudy field of entertainment — somewhat like Vincent Price.

This tenth month of the year is, I say, an occasion to celebrate the cat as well. With Halloween and a Friday the 13th this doubly so, and though we are put in mind specifically of the black cat, this need not be necessarily. I am, I suppose, a cat person, though I don't go around saying so. I don't own one but partly because I am not allowed to and mostly because I can't bear losing another one. My fey, pagan fascination with these animals brings me back around to *Ancient Sorceries*.

Giving nothing away, I will only include this passage from the story.

"There rose in him [John Silence] quite a new realisation of the mystery connected with the whole feline tribe, but especially with that common member of it, the domestic cat — their hidden lives, their strange aloofness, their incalculable subtlety. How utterly remote from anything that human beings understood lay the sources of their elusive activities. As he watched the indescribable bearing of the little creature mincing along the strip of carpet under his eyes, coquetting with the powers of darkness, welcoming, maybe, some fearsome visitor, there stirred in his heart a feeling strangely akin to awe."

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