

She Hated Adverbs

My long conversation with Judith Moore about writing began in 1980. We first met at a monthly campus ministry

shindig for the faculty of Central Washington

University, in Ellensburg, Washington. Judith

was escaping the small-town tedium she describes in her book *Never Eat Your Heart Out*. I would drive 40 miles up from Yakima, where I taught philosophy at a community college. I wanted to meet professors I hoped could help me climb the academic ladder, a scheme Judith viewed with amusement. In personal conversation, you always had the feeling she was searching out things you were shy about telling the world.

In the beginning we mostly talked books. But each of us scribbled as well. I was working on fiction and sending travel articles to the *Yakima Herald Republic*. Judith began doing book reviews several times weekly for the Ellensburg paper. Her work on those reviews led to the “Reading” column she kept up in this paper for over a decade.



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BREAKING NEWS

America's finest scoundrels

Longtime cynics greeted last week's announcement that architect **Hal Sadler** has been chosen the next



Hal Sadler

Mr. San Diego, to be awarded on August 23, with a hearty laugh. Sadler, a wealthy pillar of the local establishment, is just the latest in a long line of business types of colorful reputation to receive the honor, first given in 1951 to **Joe Dryer**, a ferocious booster who formed the Heaven on Earth Club to promote the massive growth and development that some now see as an environmental bane. In those days, the prize was handed out by the Grant Club, described in a 1947 *San Diego Union* story as "a coterie of men meeting every noonday in the Grant Hotel lobby."

"Hangers-on at club gatherings include local lobbyists anxious to find some fulcrum to move their projects through local legislative halls. They are tolerated but not accorded real membership. Political writers are encouraged to attend, but, like children, they should be seen and not heard." Local titans of the now-long-gone airplane industry, including **Fred Rohr** and **Reuben H. Fleet**, were among the early recipients of the annual award. Other winners of less towering repute included *Union-Tribune* publisher **Jim Copley**, famous for using his newspapers to advance the careers of his favorite pols, the best-known being **Richard Nixon**.

Most notorious among the honorees was **C. Arnholt Smith**, whom Copley once called "Mr. San Diego of the Century."

For years Smith, also a Nixon patron, was the city's most powerful banker and industrialist, possessor of his own airline and tuna-fishing fleet. His career came to an abrupt end with the insolvency of his United States National Bank as a result of imprudent loans to certain friends, including those having ties to the mob. Then there was **John Alessio**, who, legend has it, was discovered by Smith while he was shining his shoes. Smith made him a messenger at his Banco del Pacifico in Tijuana; four years later Alessio was running Tijuana's Agua Caliente racetrack. In 1970, six years after becoming Mr. San Diego, Alessio, who once owned the Hotel del Coronado and Mr. A's restaurant, was convicted



C. Arnholt Smith

of income tax invasion by laundering cash through a Mexican bank; he did a two-year stretch in federal prison. Now comes Sadler continuing the proud tradition. In December 2004, the onetime member of the city's Centre City Development Corporation board, agreed to pay a \$6000 fine to settle a complaint by the city's Ethics Commission that he had repeatedly voted in favor of the downtown library project, for which his firm had the design contract. A year later, he retired from the board.

Hand slaps and evasions

The state's Fair Political Practices Commission is set to approve a stipulation between it and ex-Chula Vista mayor **Steve Padilla** and Padilla campaign treasurer **Donald Wroe** that settled charges arising

from Padilla's 2002 mayoral campaign. The commission alleged that Padilla accepted a total of \$2850 in cash contributions of \$100 or more, a violation of state law.

Under the settlement, Padilla and Wroe will pay a \$4000 fine; the penalty was relatively mild, according to the stipulation, because the campaign had reported the money on its disclosures at the time and cooperated with the agency's investigation. In June, Chula Vista dentist **Robert J. Matkovich** agreed to pay a \$99,000 fine for laundering a total of \$5250 to Padilla's campaign through 21 employees, friends, and business associates.

Also on this week's FPPC docket: a \$952.79 fine against San Diego developer **Tom Sudberry** for failing to file a "major donor" statement summarizing \$39,175 in contributions he made during 2005. Recipients included the GOP's Lincoln Club, Donna Frye for Mayor, Jerry Sanders for Mayor, Ron Roberts for Supervisor, Scott Peters for City Council. In yet another FPPC case, the Bob Filner for Congress committee is set to be fined a total of \$3900 for failing to report a \$25,000 contribution it made in November 2005 to "No on 77," a campaign committee that successfully opposed GOP governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**'s ballot attempt to let a panel of retired judges draw up the state's legislative and congressional district boundaries.



Bob Filner

Busy signals Qualcomm, the big La Jolla-based cell phone outfit, hasn't been having a lot of luck in its long-running patent battle with competitor Broadcom. Last week, **George Bush** declined to alter a ruling by the U.S. International Trade Commission requiring Qualcomm to pay royalties to Broadcom for power management technology it's using in its imported chips. Whether by coincidence or not, in May and June of this year, a long roster of Qualcomm executives were maximum \$2300 donors to the presidential campaign of GOP senator **John McCain**. They include V.P. **William Bold**; president **Steve Altman**; executive V.P. **Louis Lupin**; executive V.P. **Marvin Blecker**; **Jeffrey Jacobs**, son of company founder **Irwin Jacobs**; executive V.P. **Roberto Padovani** (\$1500); V.P. **Donald Jones** (\$1000); executive V.P. **Daniel Sullivan**; CFO **William Keitel**; Qualcomm Wireless Business Solutions unit president **Joan Waltman**; and CEO **Paul Jacobs**, another son of Irwin's.... Democratic assemblywoman Lori Saldana sends word via a spokesman that the state recovered \$10,000 from the at-fault driver who crashed into her state-owned 2005 Honda Accord Hybrid in December 2005. The balance of \$2199 in resulting damages, he says, came from a "fund paid into by the assemblymembers for this purpose."

— Matt Potter

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Steal a Pig?
No, Steal Big

By Don Bauder

*The law doth punish man or woman
That steals the goose from off the common
But lets the greater felon loose
That steals the common from the goose.*

— anonymous 18th-century English epigram

These pithy words should be the motto of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the federal agency that is supposed

to police capital markets but actually protects corporate bigwigs and Wall Street moguls

Thomsen, who heads the agency's enforcement, proclaimed, "Insider trading ahead



Gary Aguirre

who fleece the lambs and pluck the geese.

Early this month, Linda

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John Moores

of mergers and acquisitions is one of the SEC's top priorities." That may be true — for small-time rustlers. It is definitely *not* true for the rich and powerful.

There are several repugnant reasons for this. One of

them is what San Diegan Gary Aguirre calls "the rotating door." Attorneys work for the SEC for a few years, learn how the law can be evaded, then join a large law firm that is representing the big-time sharks. "Too many senior officials at the SEC think more about the \$2 million-a-year law-firm job they are going to step into and too little about how the major Wall Street players compromise the capital markets," says Aguirre, brother of City Attorney Mike Aguirre. After several years in Washington, Gary Aguirre has returned to San Diego, possibly to write a book.

This month, the Senate's



Charles La Bella

Committee on Finance and Committee on the Judiciary issued a combined final report concluding that Aguirre was fired unjustly from the securities commission because he wanted to pursue an investi-

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Small Deeds, Big Payoff

By Ernie Grimm

The Tijuana neighborhood of Adolfo Ruiz Cortines sits north of the river about five miles east of the San Ysidro crossing.

The east-west thoroughfare Avenida Defensores de Baja California bisects the lower-middle-class neighborhood. Campaign signs hang from every light pole, fence, and building along the busy street. The pudgy face of National Action Party (PAN) candi-

date Enrique Méndez, for instance, smirks on at least five posters on one short block between calles José Cerda and Antonio Salvatierra.

One face you won't see on the campaign posters is that

de Baja California.

The crosswalk painting is part of a novel approach to campaigning that Alcaraz came up with after he was invited to run for the 12th District of the Baja California

state legislature. "The idea came from the reality of campaign money that we have," Alcaraz says, as one of ten or so yellow-shirted volunteers takes over the painting. Soap-opera-star handsome, with black hair combed back in a Bob's Big Boy swoosh, the young candidate continues, "We don't have the resources that the PAN or the PRI have. One of the great social inequalities that we have in our country is that campaign money is given [by the government] to the different parties, and how much money a party gets is based on what percentage of votes your party got in the last election."

Alcaraz, who teaches chemistry at the Autonomous University of Baja California in the Mesa de Otay section of Tijuana, was invited by the PRD to run for this office after he worked on the campaign of the nearly elected national presidential candidate Andrés Manuel López Obrador. When Alcaraz accepted the invitation, he was handed 75,000 pesos (about \$7000) to run the campaign. By comparison, he says, the PRI (Institutional Revolutionary Party) and PAN have "millions of pesos" to work with. He realized that buying one campaign poster to every 20 of his opponents' wouldn't be an effective way to spend the money. Besides, he says, "I hate all of these posters. I call them election trash. Look at them," he jerks



Abelardo Alcaraz Santillán

his thumb up toward a telephone pole behind him. It's got half a dozen posters hanging on it. "They spend a lot of money on these things; then they make the neighborhood ugly by hanging four, five, six of them on every block, sometimes one right on top of another. They're supposed to

take them down after the election. But once the election's over, they don't care. I didn't want to spend what little money we have on more election trash. I want to use the money to give to the community. And I wanted to send the message that I'm here to work for my community."

So Alcaraz decided to use his money to do small public works in the 12th District. He bought yellow T-shirts emblazoned with a large number 12, his first name above the number, his last name below it. He bought a few road cones and a diamond-shaped yellow caution sign bearing the letters PRD in its center. He bought high-grade street paint and rollers. And with the help of volunteers, he started painting crosswalks around the 12th District, in which he was born and has lived his whole life. "From the beginning I wanted to set myself apart from my opponents in terms of the type of campaign it was going to be. They definitely have bigger budgets and party structures. But we're going to overpass them with creativity and work. And this [he points to volunteers rolling a bright

yellow crosswalk line onto the street] is the result of that creativity. This is what we're doing, and it's given us a lot of results with the citizens of this community."

What kind of results?

"The first thing," he says, "is the *vecinos* — the people of the neighborhood — came out to congratulate me. They approach us and give us food and water, and some volunteer to help us out. Many have told me, if all the candidates would set themselves up to work, we'd be better off."

Another result of the novel campaign strategy, Alcaraz says, was that the city government, currently run by the PRI, tried to shut down the operation. "From the first day that we started working, the city's public works visited us with the typical party-in-power-style attempt to harass the opponent, as small as he might be. It's characteristic of the Mexican PRI govern-

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Alcaraz campaign volunteers paint a crosswalk in Tijuana

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gation of a Wall Street nabob who was in a very suspicious position to pass insider information about a pending merger. The agency did everything it could to thwart Aguirre's investigation of this kingpin who had "clout" and "juice," according to the report.

One of the former SEC officials mentioned prominently in the report was earlier handling the Peregrine Systems fraud. Some lower-

level Peregrine officials have confessed their crimes in a criminal case in San Diego. But the boardmembers who massively dumped stock while possessing inside information about pending acquisitions have not been touched by the SEC or the Department of Justice. The insiders were warned by Peregrine's own lawyer not to sell stock because they had material, nonpublic information, but they sold anyway, and the government has looked the other

way.

I asked Gary Weiss, author of *Wall Street Versus America* and columnist for *Forbes.com*, about the securities commission's double standards. "There is no question that the SEC is delighted to get an insider-trading case, because it allows the agency to look tough without stepping on the toes of anyone of consequence," says Weiss. He calls the Peregrine matter "one of the many SEC horror stories that I have encountered over

the years. Time and again, the SEC ignores corporate malfeasance that for any number of reasons it decides to give a pass to — kind of the SEC equivalent of the 'get out of jail free' card."

The 108-page report by the two Senate committees is a horrific account of high-level influence peddling. Here's the story in a nutshell, as gleaned from the report: a hedge fund named Pequot Capital Management amassed \$18 million in a few short weeks by betting that a subsidiary of General Electric would make a particular acquisition. Pequot bought a bundle of stock in the company that GE was secretly negotiating to acquire and shorted (or bet on a decline) of GE stock. (Shares of a company being acquired usually go up substantially, while shares of a company making an acquisition often go down.) Wall Street powerhouse John Mack, a Pequot investor and former chairman, and a close friend of the Pequot chief executive, had talked with a Swiss firm handling the acquisition and shortly talked to his friend at

Pequot. "Pequot's trades in advance of the GE acquisition... were highly suspicious and deserved a thorough investigation," said the Senate investigating committees. "Seeking John Mack's testimony was a reasonable next step in the investigation."

Aguirre tried to do that. His supervisor warned that Mack had "political connections." (Among other things, he was a big fund-raiser for George W. Bush.) Mack and his colleagues also had "juice," or the ability to sway the top people at the agency. Pequot's lead lawyer met with the agency's head of enforcement, who would later be hired by a private law firm, opening the way for Thomsen to take over. The big Wall Street investment firm of Morgan Stanley was thinking of bringing Mack aboard as its chief executive. It hired a former prominent U.S. attorney, Mary Jo White of the establishment law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, to see if Mack might be fingered in the Pequot investigation. She contacted Thomsen, who said there was "smoke" but "surely not fire."

(That's not what Senate investigators concluded.) Various Morgan Stanley officials contacted Paul Berger, an associate director of enforcement for whom Aguirre worked. These "juice" discussions took place behind Aguirre's back.

Outcome: agency officials delayed the investigation, narrowed its scope, barred Aguirre from interviewing Mack, stalled Mack's testimony until after the statute of limitations had expired, and shut the probe down. Then they downgraded their evaluations of Aguirre's work and fired him, claiming he didn't respect protocol, among other things. Berger was instrumental in Aguirre's firing. Then, through a fellow official at the agency, Berger passed word to Debevoise & Plimpton that he would be interested in a job there. He got one. The agency official who told Mary Jo White that Berger was available for hire was one Lawrence West, another associate director of enforcement.

For several years, West was the agency's overseer in the investigation of Peregrine Sys-

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tems. If the SEC is serious about cracking down on insider trading in advance of acquisitions, it should state why it has ignored Peregrine's board.

In an effort to comply with state and federal law, Peregrine policy specifically banned purchases or sales of its stock by any boardmember or officer possessing material non-public information. This was particularly true when the company was considering an acquisition. The board began looking into purchase of Harbinger Corporation in late 1999. Directors worried that the acquisition announcement would depress Peregrine stock, because Harbinger appeared to be growing much more slowly than Peregrine. (As it turned out, 40 percent of Peregrine's sales were phony.) The secret discussions between the two companies were hot and heavy in January and February 2000.

In the four days ended February 18, 2000, Peregrine insiders dumped company stock worth \$194 million, with chairman John Moores accounting for \$177 million of those sales. The then chief financial officer, viewing this insider selling, remarked, "The hogs are at the trough." On the day the Harbinger acquisition was announced, Peregrine stock plunged 36 percent — but the insiders had already jettisoned their shares.

All told, Moores sold \$487 million of stock during the fraud period. According to one civil suit, he dumped 46 percent of that stock during company-imposed blackout periods when he was instructed not to sell because he had inside information.

Where has the SEC been all this time? Well, before the company collapsed, and long before there was sufficient information on what had happened, Moores had his personal lawyer, Charles La Bella, hire the law firm of Latham & Watkins to do a whitewash of the entire swindle, exonerating Moores and blaming management. West blessed Latham & Watkins's study. The SEC used that grossly out-of-date report to assess what happened at the company. So did the U.S. attorney's office in its criminal suits.

And Lawrence West? Why, in December 2005 he left the commission and joined Latham & Watkins. He would not comment for this column. ■

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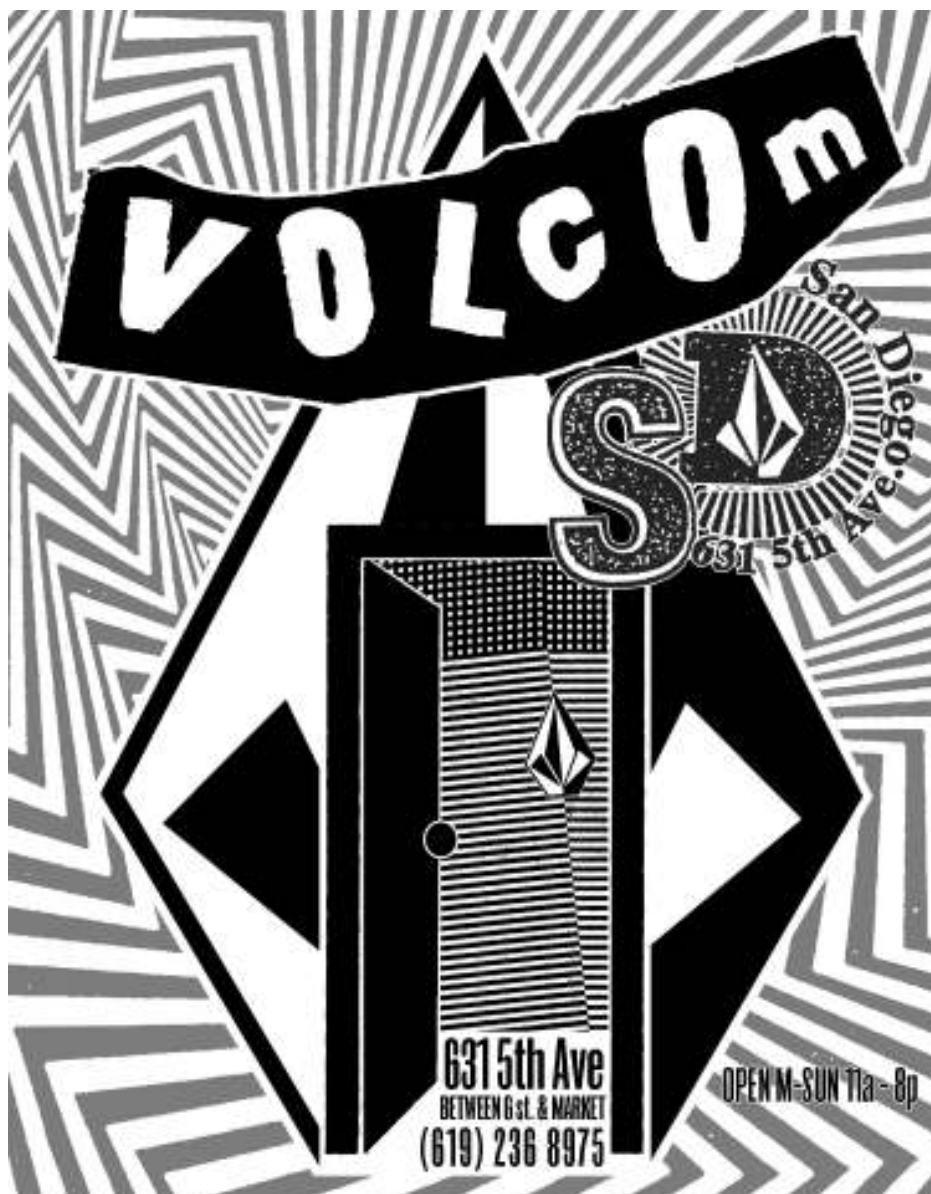
ment mentality. Five times every day they came out and harassed us with their inspectors. The last time, they had police with them, and they said they had orders to pick us all up. But in the end, the people doing this work are just simple workers. They didn't follow through on their threat. They were going to write them up for a fine, but I told them that the media was coming and to go ahead and give me the ticket so the media could see it. That's when they backed off. They left me an appointment to present myself. From there, our activities started generating media coverage. When the story came out, they stopped harassing us. That's what it took to get them to stop harassing us."

In addition to painting crosswalks, Alcaraz and his band of volunteers have

cleaned up parks and cleared the dirt and debris from a basketball court that a small landslide covered years ago. Asked if his works could be construed as media stunts, Alcaraz answers with an anecdote. "I had a first debate, and my opponent from the PRI, Jorge Escobar, after he congratulated me, accused me of pulling a stunt to get media coverage. And he said my party had never done anything for the people. My answer was, 'If we haven't done anything, it's because we've never been in power in this state. The PRI governed for 70 years, and you haven't done anything either. If the media is giving us coverage, it's because of the creativity of my campaign and the fact that we're doing something to help the community. I'll say it openly, I'm running for public election, and I'm interested in media exposure. The difference between you and me is I don't pay to be in the media and you do.'"

Alcaraz has turned into something of a media darling in Tijuana. He's been featured in multiple television and print news stories. The public reaction to the stories, and to the sight of the young candidate working in the streets, has been so favorable that Enrique Méndez, the PAN candidate, has started his own work parties. "And that's welcome," Alcaraz says. "If the other parties are copying me, then I've made a difference. Because changing the way we think is the idea. If they copy me or imitate me, then it doesn't matter if I win or lose. My main objective is to change the face of Mexican politics."

Note: Alcaraz placed third in the August 4 election. ■



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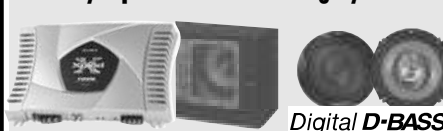
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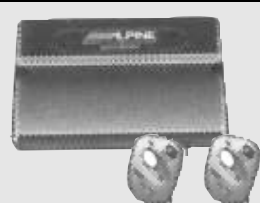


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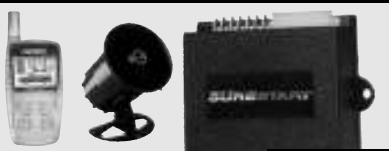
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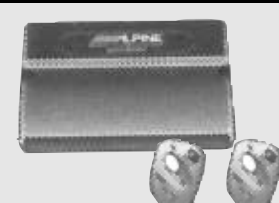
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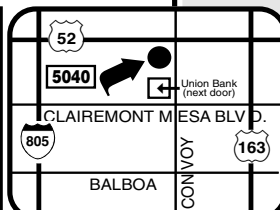


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Technology Update



Young People Lead Nation Buying New HiFi-Tech Device

Remember LIFE cereal's "Let Mikey Try It?" The kid did, and so did we.

It should be no surprise that young people buy cool things first, then the rest of us follow. The new VW Beetle, Starbucks, Dr. Bronners, Blackberry, and iPod are examples of remarkable products that were first discovered by youthful thinkers before the majority of the world finally caught on.

So what's next? Well, it's a tiny computer called HearStic™, and it's being snatched-up by the forty-something crowd like proverbial hot-cakes.

HearStic, which is manufactured by Minnesota-based Audibel®, digitally enhances conversations in noisy situations using a tiny on-board computer chip, and interestingly enough, their popularity has spread quickly - not by what they look like, because they are practically impossible to see when being worn - but by good reviews, word of mouth and a remarkable hi-fi sound. HearStic markets itself with very little effort because it solves a really big problem in an innovatively cool way: namely, it corrects high-frequency hearing loss without plugging-up the ear canal.

It lets natural sounds just pass through the ear canal unamplified and



Digital sound is transmitted into the ear canal by a tiny fiber-optic size tube. The computer the size of a paper clip is worn hidden behind the ear.

gives a hi-fidelity boost only to soft speech sounds. The silicone brain of the HearStic is about the size of a paper clip and is worn in the crease just behind the ear. Digitally processed sound is transmitted into the ear canal through a fiber-optic sized tube, which is unnoticeable.

The cool little devices are available at Advanced Hearing Centers in San Diego at 2727 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 160. Their telephone is (619) 229-9222.



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Been There, Done That

I was wondering why we needed to have two cover stories about the murders in San Diego ("The Sarcastic Killer," August 2, and "Man Brings Lover Roses," August 9) when we've already heard all of them on the news, read them in the newspaper. Every story I read last week I knew all about. So this week I'm not even going to bother to read it, because I think I've heard about all of them already. And I just didn't think it was very interesting.

Jan
Vista

One Last Chance

I am writing to say that I usually enjoy picking up the Reader on a weekly basis and thumbing through the articles. I can usually count on the Reader to be

an uplifting and interesting community paper.

These last two issues, however, are very disturbing (August 2 and 9). I don't even want them in my house. I am waiting to see if the one next week is just as bad, and I may lose faith in this publication.

The front page is splashed with glorifications of local murders?? How do you think that makes the victims' families feel? And one of the longest articles this week is the personal narrative of a woman leaving her husband and taking the kids with her ("Moving Out," Feature Story, August 9)???

If I want to expose myself to such violence, misery, depression, and general mental sewage, I'll start watching the evening news.

Please don't ruin a great publication by sinking to this level.

Jennifer Barry
via e-mail

Dirty Little Operation

That "PB Gone Wild" letter of August 2 was right on. There are people here who think they own this community, and they kept the citizens patrol from reactivating.

Now they want to start their own patrol, and it won't be for free like the other one was. They're going to make Pacific Beach pay for it.

They've got a dirty little operation going on here. Thanks for exposing it for what it is.

Len
Pacific Beach

Correction

Due to an editing error, the August 9 Blurt item "Tale to Be Told" stated that the Loons would soon be playing two shows in San Diego. Mike Stax's other band, the Tell-Tale Hearts, will perform on September 28 at the Casbah. On September 29, the band appears at the Adams Avenue Street Fair.

The Real P.B.

Your July 19 article "Plenty of Booze" and the August 2 letter "PB Gone Wild" are the first examples ever in a local newspaper that have brought out the real inside story about the bad stuff going on in our beach area and why.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, San Diego Reader. This is a big thing that you've done for us. Keep up the good work, and you'll have all of us as your fans forever.

Jay Remington
Pacific Beach

Comments from Reader Website

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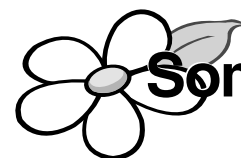
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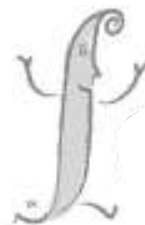
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Dear Matthew Alice:

I understand how cordless phones can pick up signals from other devices. HOWEVER, my wall-mounted (very corded) telephone has been picking up a religious radio station for the past several months. How does this happen? It's very distracting when holding a conversation and hearing a booming guy in the background proclaiming his love for Jesus.

— Religious Phone Girl, Morris County, NJ

Spiritual telemarketers. What next? We checked in with Wavy Gravy, our Team Matthew Alice wizard of all things wired and wireless. He says if this is a recent problem, then your pipeline to salvation is not likely a glitch in the radio station's transmitter. Wavy suggests your phone has some corrosion somewhere in its guts. Or possibly it's in the phone wiring in the house. Corrosion, sez Wav, turns the joints in the wiring into semiconductors. Semiconductors create DC from your AC house current. And you end up with what's basically a crude radio receiver capable of picking up nearby AM signals. Try hooking the phone to another jack, or try a different land-wired phone to narrow down where the problem is. (If you dial around on your AM tuner, you'll probably find the station you're hearing over your phone. Salvation in stereo.) Wavy always hedges his bets, though. He says if you live very far from the transmitter, you might be getting some crosstalk from another phone circuit. Whatever it is, you have our sympathies.

Hey, Matt:

I seem to be the only one noticing this, but it's driving me crazy! I keep seeing California license plates that follow this pattern: a few numbers followed by the letters MA. The plates always have the American flag background. They seem to be popping up more and more. They are definitely not the "normal" randomly assigned plates. I thought it was some military type of plate, but they are not "exempt" plates and seem to have regular registrations. Have you seen them, and can you tell me what they mean?

— Ali, Hillcrest

I certainly would like to say that the "MA" means it's a special-interest plate for "Straight from the Hip" fans and that half the proceeds go to me, but no dice. It's actually a California special-interest license plate, the "9/11 Memorial" plate, \$90 (\$70 renewal), with proceeds going to scholarship programs for the children of California victims of 9/11. Four numbers, two letters is the pattern, random or personalized. The fact that you saw two "MA" plates just means a bunch of "MA" randomized plates were distributed to San Diego. And you must hang around in philanthropic neighborhoods. I haven't seen one at all.

Hey, Matt:

I make tea nowadays by microwaving both the water and tea bag together. It works just fine. It's quick and easy. But I've been told to never put metal objects into a microwave because the metal will get hot. This worries me because the tea bag has two staples in it, one for string-to-bag connection and another for the tag at the other end of the string. Why don't the staples get red hot and burn the paper?

— Rancho Bernardo Ross

Co-rekt, metal can get very hot in a micro. Nuke a big, smooth spoon in a cup of coffee, f'rinstance, and the magnetic and electrical waves start pushing the spoon's electrons back and forth, and the metal will heat up. (It will also get some conducted heat from the coffee.) Nuke a fork with tines exposed, and you'll probably get a shower of sparks, since the electrons gather at sharp metal points and eventually discharge into the air. The thinner and/or pointier the metal, the more problematical it is in a micro. The weapon of choice for microcide would be a sheet of lightly scrunched aluminum foil. So, you'd think staples would be sitting ducks. Skinny and sharp. The bag-to-string staple is no problem, since it's underwater. The string-to-label staple is exposed, but, according our sources, it would be too small to be a problem. It might be protected to some extent by the cup, since the path of microwaves can be knocked off course by other objects in the oven. (That's why, if you're heating two cups of water at the same time, one might get hotter than the other.) And the inside of a microwave oven that's heating water gets pretty humid, so it's not a promising environment for spontaneous fires. Enjoy your tea. Ignore the microphobes.

Dog Jugs, Part II

From Paul L.: "Everyone I spoke to said dogs wouldn't soil around the [glass or plastic bottles filled with water, on the lawn] because of a natural tendency to avoid running water sources." Okay, okay. I give. The science guys don't know nuthin' about nuthin', in this case. Obviously, the water jugs business goes back to our dark past. Ancient wisdom has it that water, particularly moving water, around a house will protect it from evil and disease. How we've jimmied that notion into the odd belief that water in a milk jug keeps dogs from pooping is beyond me.

A searchable archive of past columns is available at SDReader.com

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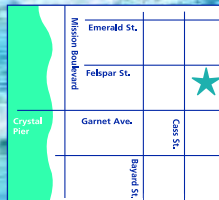
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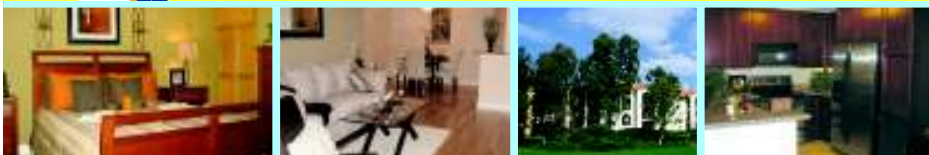
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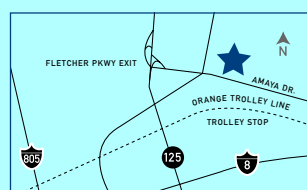
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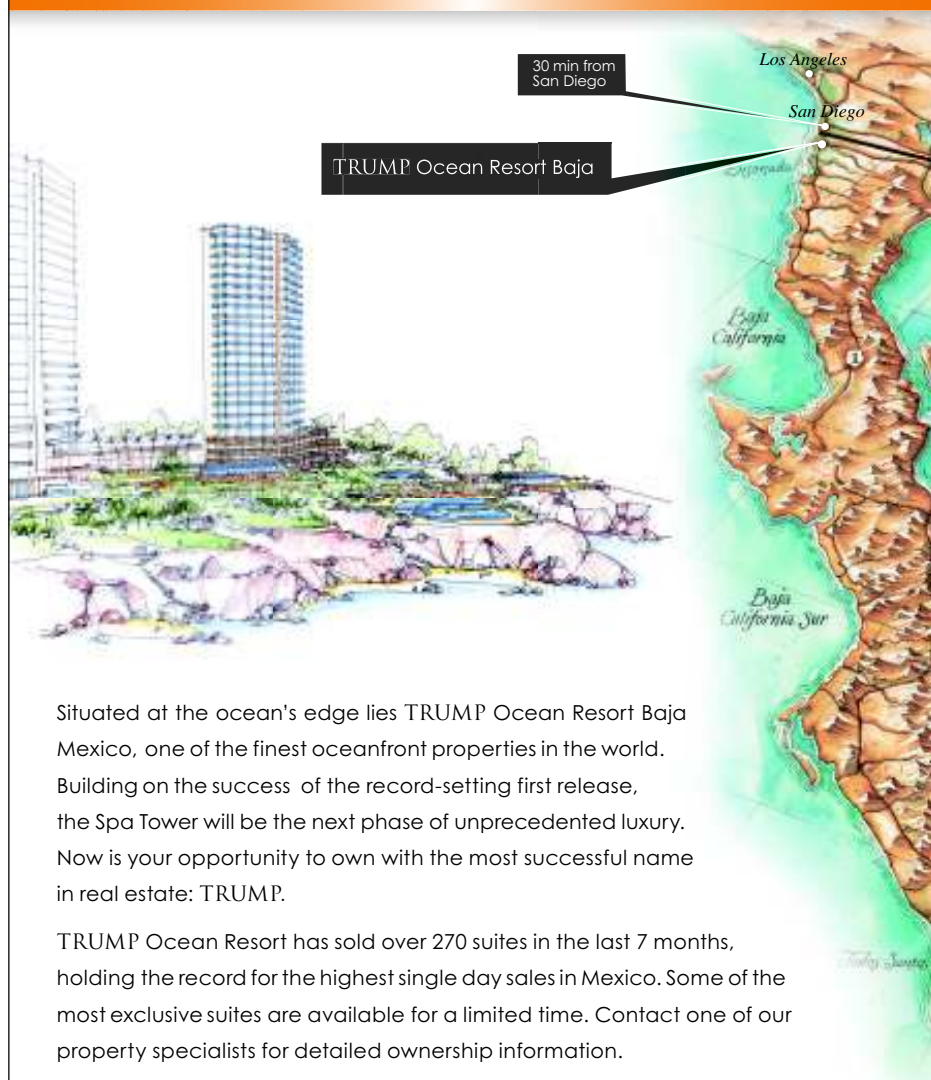
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Battle Bowl 6

This is where it started: *minorleaguefootballnews.com*. I read, "The 4th Annual 'Hall of Fame' All-Star game is Saturday, December 8, 2007, 3:00 p.m., at Virgin River High in Mesquite, Nevada. Mesquite is the home of the Minor League Football Hall of Fame, at the Oasis Resort Casino."

It's Virgin Valley High School, but I don't think the Bulldogs will mind the error. I was a regular visitor to Mesquite in olden days. It was a battered, idiosyncratic border town, the Utah/Nevada border, which is its own unique category. Now, Mesquite has 12,000 residents, five casinos, five golf courses, curbside recycling, 12 registered sex offenders, and the Minor League Football Hall of Fame.

I began clicking around *minorleaguefootballnews.com*, specifically, clicking on a random selection of the 235 team/league decals framing its welcome page. Shortly, I found a decal featuring a football with "SWFL" imprinted on its side. SWFL turns out to be the Southwest Football League, and — looky here — one of its five league teams is the San Diego Thunder.

And, further, San Diego Thunder is ranked number 20 in the nation at *minorleaguefootballnews.com*. And further still, San Diego Thunder is ranked 16th in the nation in the National Events Coaches' Poll, the only California team on the list. Yet and even more, the San Diego Thunder is coming off a January 2007 victory, 19 to 16, over the Conshohocken Steelers (of Philadelphia) at the Manatee Bowl (of Fort Pierce, Florida). This led me (now in a celebratory mood), to *sdthunder.org*, home of our champion San Diego Thunder.

Before we get started, a word about minor league sports...football in particular. Don't blink or your team will disappear, re-form, and come at you again under another name in another league. Follows is a partial list of current and past San Diego County men's developmental football teams: San Diego Bombers, North County Cheetahs, North County Cobras, San Diego Jaguars, San Diego Patriots, San Diego Warriors, San Diego Saints, San Diego Enforcers, Southeast Raiders, San Diego Thunder.

The San Diego Thunder used to be the Southeast Raiders. As the Thunder, they won the 2005 SWFL championship (beating the California Outlawz 31-19 in Long Beach) as well as the 2006 SWFL championship (shutting down the California Tide 14-0 in Glendale). Attendance was 350 human persons in '05 and 250 human persons in '06.

The Thunder's 2007 schedule includes five preseason games and nine regular season games. Their regular season opens in Yuma on Saturday. Their home opener is September 1st against the Long Beach All-Americans. Home field is Balboa Stadium. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

Yes, everything seems in order, but, a moment, please...what is this? The Thunder is scheduled to play the San Diego Stallions on September 22nd. I spy rivalry. Mayhap a thrill-of-victory/agonies-of-defeat situation. Looking deeper, I learn the Thunder is a member of the SWFL and the Stallions listed in the West Coast Football League. Even better. League competition. Deathmatch.

The Stallions' regular-season opener is Saturday. They're playing at home (Montgomery High School), hosting the West Coast Rams. Game time is 4:00 p.m.

But, wait, here's a posting on *leaguelineup.com*, "W C F L / S W F L Honeymoon is OVER!... After only a few months, the merging of the WCFL and the SWFL (PDFA) has flatlined. Inside sources have informed the WCFL fansite that six teams have walked out on

the PDFA and are going back to being the WCFL...where does this leave the SWFL with only four teams?..."

Elsewhere on *leaguelineup.com*: "The schedule is changed due to the fact that the West Coast Football League decided to bail and the PDFA has been changed back to the Southwest Football League. The NEW schedule is NOW up on this site."

The new schedule includes the September 22nd game between the Thunder and the Stallions. Obviously, this is a game of destiny and that's all we need to know. Oh, and it's billed as "Battle Bowl 6."

From I-Newswire: "Since the Battle Bowl came in the year 2000, it's been rough.... First, in the year 2000, the San Diego Patriots were going to play the Santa Barbara Condors, but their team didn't show up. We didn't know why they did not show up. So, that game had to be cancelled. The next game in 2001 with the San Diego Saints had to come to a screeching halt because the owner told me he did want me on the team because of a website complication. But one day as I was sitting in my room reading the paper..."

That's minor league football, it's small-town, and I like it. But, don't be fooled, this is not high school or junior college football — these men can play. There are Thunder/Stallions game clips on YouTube, video.yahoo, and MySpaceTV. Take a look. You might be impressed.



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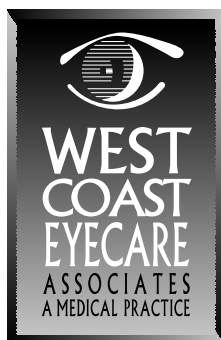
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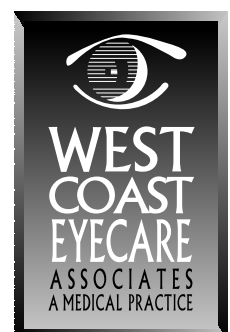


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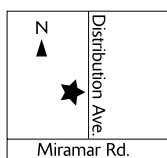
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—EVE KELLY

The e-mail was titled, “When Wildlife Comes Visiting the Garage.” My curiosity was piqued. My friend Austin lives in an exciting world. Her nickname is Lucy — think Lucille Ball — because her calamities are many. This week’s dilemma: a mom and three baby skunks nesting in her garage. “Okay, mice I can handle,” she said, “but a mother skunk and her three adorable-but-keep-far-away babies are now nesting in our garage. We managed to catch the mother in a Havahart cage. Apparently skunks will not spray if they cannot see you, so the key thing is to keep the cage covered. But her little babies whose tails are full adult size and twice as big as their bodies are crawling all over the cage wondering what happened to mom. They can ‘speak’ to each other through the wire door. I feel heartless, and I am not sure how we are going to get the babies. Every time they see or hear me they run back into the garage.”

I couldn’t help but laugh, but also vowed to find some help immediately. Austin sounded desperate.

The next day, I spoke with Frank from Critter Control (800-274-8837). “The type of skunk we have here is the striped skunk,” he said. “We’re just on the tail end of baby season right now. Skunks will have anywhere from four to six babies, and right now, unless you find a first-time mom, they are mainly juveniles and they stay with mom until about fall.

“If we can physically remove the skunk, then we will. Most of the time, we end up having to trap the skunk in a live trap. We use a trap called Safeguard. You can’t find it over the counter, so a homeowner wanting to trap the skunk themselves would want to buy a Havahart cage.”

What food works for bait?

“We bait them with seafood, but for a homeowner, cat food works just fine. We moved away from cat food because of the ants and also it attracts animals that you are not going after, like cats.”

What about a covered trap, as Austin had used?

“You definitely want the trap covered; we use tarps. And the cover needs to move with the trap. We get a lot of customers who trap the skunk themselves and then they call us because they moved the trap and left the covering behind, forgetting it was covering the spray and they are then exposed to it. So with the cover, you are protected even if the skunk does spray.”

The covered trap helps in another way as well. “Not only does it prevent the skunk from directly getting you with the spray, but it also makes the cage more like a den or a burrow for them. They feel

“If you release the animal outside of its ten-mile radius, it doesn’t know where to find food and water.”

more secure inside the trap. And 99 percent of the time, they won’t spray. Most of the time, if you leave the trap alone, they are fine.”

However, Frank says, some skunks have jumpier temperaments than others. “We get some that we pick up and have no problem whatsoever, and then you get some skunks that you pick up and down the road when you hit a speed bump they spray. So it really depends on the skunk.”

How far can a skunk spray?

“They can spray anywhere from 12 to 15 feet accurately, so they can hit you right in the face. They spray an oily based secretion.”

Any warning signs?

“The skunk will usually stomp his feet on the ground, which is a warning to you that he is threatened and is about to spray. Then, if the skunk is facing you, they have to turn around and raise the

tail to spray. So they give you ample time; they really want nothing to do with you. They only spray out of defense.”

Once you catch the skunk, what do you do with it?

“We have a couple of rehabs that we take the skunks to, and they

check and see if they are healthy enough and then they do the releasing. If not, there are times when we do have to euthanize them. Skunks and raccoons are the big ones in California that carry rabies.”

If a homeowner catches the skunk, “they can take and release the animal within three miles of their home. But if you go outside three miles, you are outside the law. The problem is if you release it three miles away, the animal is just going to come back because most of the animals that we deal with have a ten-mile radius.

“Fish and Game did a report,” continued Frank, “and they found out that if you release the animal outside of its ten-mile radius, it doesn’t know where to find food and water. So unless you put it right by a pretty little lake where there is food, you’re actually doing the animal more harm because it just doesn’t know the environment.”

So Frank recommends calling a professional to remove the animal. Critter Control charges **\$329**, which covers a month worth of trapping or up to five animals. It also includes an inspection. “We are going to let you know how the animal got in the house or under the house or under the foundation, and then we also do the seal-up work.”

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Mother of the Bride

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— Ashley Montagu

It was a brilliant idea. Machiavellian genius. Why hadn't I thought of it sooner? It didn't matter — now that I had a plan, and a good one at that, there was no point wasting any time pondering my mental laxity. The family would find out sooner or later; that was inevitable. After all, I'd changed my name, and lying

makes me very uncomfortable — one pointed question and I'd gush like Niagara, spewing an icy cold torrent of truth that might drown my loved ones in confusion and resentment.

Mom sounded apprehensive when I spoke to her on the phone. It was unusual for me to ask her to join me for dinner. Adding to her agony was my comment that I had "something important" to talk to her about. We set out together

from my place. I had gotten as far as the light at the corner of my building when I caved to her frantic stare and blurted, "You know how you're always telling me that if David and I ever wanted to do some kind of commitment ceremony, you'd want to help out or host it?"

The frown on my mother's face morphed into a heartbreaking mixture of relief, astonishment, and joy, like an elementary school student who had convinced herself she'd failed an important test only to discover, upon receiving it back from the teacher, a shiny gold star next to the handwritten word, "Excellent!" Mom tried to suppress her excitement beneath a no-nonsense, all business-type

countenance. But her trembling hands betrayed her as she reached into her purse and dug out a calendar, pen, and phone. "We'll have to pick a date," she said, her voice quivering. "One that will work for everyone."

"Mom, put that stuff away. We'll talk about it all over dinner. All right?"

More to calm herself than to answer me, Mom responded, "Okay. Okay. Okay," and then grinned from ear to ear.

I held off on telling her the rest until we had been seated at our table at Adams Avenue Grill and the server had delivered my glass of wine.

"Mom. Mom, look at me." She tore her eyes from her calendar and met my gaze. "What I want you to do is throw a party — a surprise party — for us to announce to the family that David and I got married." Mom blinked, not quite understanding. "Mom, David and I are *already* married. And I want you to help me—"

"What? When? *Really?*" She kept her voice at a normal pitch, and I silently congratulated myself for deciding to tell her in public. I dug out my new driver's license and handed it to her. She beamed at it, and then at me, before her face grew stern again.

"Who knows? Did you already tell Daddy?"

"No. Just you," I said, my words restoring delight to Mom's features.

I only make it to one out of every five family engagements. I rarely involve my

mother, or anyone really, in my personal affairs — case in point, David and I eloped without informing anyone. Each time Mom had offered to host a commitment ceremony for David and me, I'd blown her off.

When it occurred to me that a piece of government-issued paper declaring me a wife meant the world to her (certainly much more than it meant to me), I knew that telling her first and allowing her to host a party would make her feel special. It would make her *happy*.

The next three weeks played out like a Marx brothers movie. Invitations went out to all family members with a warning that no absences would be tolerated. Like teasing hungry wolves with the smell of fresh meat, Mom dangled her secret before my curious sisters with sadistic glee. More fox than wolf, my sisters retaliated with crafty tactics of their own in their attempts to get my mother to spill. Jane, who is staying at Mom's house until renovations on her own home are completed, demanded, "You have to tell me, I *live* here." An avid *Oprah* fan, she guessed the "surprise event" was an intervention. Heather, who thought a professional photographer was coming to take family photos, tried to win my mother's confidence: "Mom, you tell me everything, have I ever let you down?" Jenny, who thought my mother might be retiring, tried a similar approach: "You know, Mom, I can keep a secret." Each sister swore that she would not

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tell the others. I played my part, asking my sisters what they thought Mom's scheme was all about, and occasionally accusing them of knowing and not telling me. Not once did any of them question whether the event might have something to do with me.

While everyone else was speculating, Mom and I were plotting. We selected a cake from Extraordinary Desserts (where I had to insist to our server that we did not need a "wedding cake," as my mother had called it, but a "small backyard party cake"). We went shopping at Target (where I agreed to red silk rose petals but forbade white-painted metal buckets). We selected music (I requested a Daddy-daughter dance and complied with "Butterfly Kisses," but I stood firm against a cheesy

"Wedding Soundtrack" CD), and we ordered food (after I talked my mom into getting it from Buon Giorno, an upscale Italian restaurant, rather than the taco stand in National City that a friend of hers suggested).

The invitation had said to dress in our "Sunday best" for Saturday's soiree. Mom had placed white roses in clear vases on tabletops in every room. The food was spread out on the table. Each person was handed a champagne glass of Moscato D'Asti, my favorite sparkling sweet wine. My sisters eyed each other suspiciously when we were asked to gather around for my mother's announcement.

Once she had our full attention, Mom said, "I want to thank you all for

coming, because this is a very special occasion—" Her voice broke, and then she lost it — she tried to speak through gasps for breath between sobs as tears streamed down her cheeks. For minutes we stared at her helplessly as she bawled. All eyes were

glued to my blubbering mother, eyes wet with sympathy and hard with impatience. I alone knew what she was about to say — she'd rehearsed it to me dozens of times. Finally, her shoulders still shaking with emotion, she got it out: "I'd like to introduce

you to Mr. and Mrs. David—"

Before my mother could finish, glasses were lowered, stunned faces turned in my direction, and words came flying at me:

"What?"

"When?"

"Really?"

I smiled in response. Glasses were raised and clinked together, sips were taken, and then the rapid-fire questioning resumed.

"I'll explain everything, I promise," I said to my interrogators. "But first, let's eat." ■

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“Well,” she told me several days later, “it has a definite beginning, middle, and end.” The assessment did not encourage me, and when she asked to see the novel I was writing, I demurred. The decision was bad and good. I never did receive insightful criticism she could have given me. But her honesty might have wrenched me to stick with my day job. As it was, I got the experience of at least finishing the attempt, though the novel still sits in a drawer unrevised.

In 1983, Judith left Washington to commit herself to a full-time writing life. Though she eventually went beyond writing about her personal life, she discovered the memoir as a way to get going, spilling out painful details about her childhood and childbearing years. Soon she left us would-be Ellensburg writers in the dust. For the rest of her life, writing was Judith’s way to survive and live as happily as she could.

I came to San Diego in 1985. Seven years later I ran into Judith downtown. I was driving a taxi as a part-time job, and I spirited her around town for interviews she needed to do. By then she was an editor at the *Reader*. She wanted me to write about a painful and embarrassing episode in my life. I couldn’t do it, I told her. But our paths crossed

again in 1997. “Are you ready,” she asked, “to write that story?” I relented and sent her 8000 words. She wrote back, asking what about this and what about that? She must have sent 25 queries. I expanded the story by another 10,000 words. It felt cathartic, but in the middle of it all, I told her over the phone how embarrassed I felt about the things I was confessing. “It’s not like you murdered somebody,” she replied.

After the story appeared, Judith gave me several assignments about philosophy and religion, the subjects I still was teaching. She even got me an indulgent series of six stories on the life of part-time professors, or “freeway fliers.” The stories began a transition in my life, from abstraction to specifics in their own right and from simple self-expression to learning details I never imagined about the world.

One Sunday evening Judith called me and said, “Isn’t it fun?” I had to say no, it wasn’t fun, because I couldn’t write and I felt depressed. “Busy fingers are happy fingers,” she said lightly, speaking to the childishness that was escaping me. But I couldn’t find an angle to get my story started, I told her. “Forget all about



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Judith Moore

angles,” she then said with annoyance in her voice, “and write a sentence. Then write another sentence, and another.” She knew whereof she spoke. Until the last week of her life, that’s the way Judith Moore lived.

— Joe Deegan

Mother Reader

Judith often referred to herself in the third person as “Mother Reader.” An appropriate epithet, considering that after coming across my blog, she elicited a job offer from “Father Reader,” thus giving birth to my career. Like a good mother, she paid close attention to my growth, nurtured and disciplined my writing, scolded and cajoled my ego, and groomed me for a life in publishing.

Judith believed that a writer is never perfect — there is always room for improvement. To emphasize this point, she was miserly with words of praise. Each week I’d send her my column, and each week I would wait in agony for her feedback to arrive in my inbox. When she was pleased with my work, she’d spend one word: “Fun,” “Interesting,” or “Charming.” The six days following such responses were glorious, the word-of-the-week

cradled lovingly and with pride at the forefront of my consciousness. But a writer is never perfect, and there is always room for improvement.

“Barbarella, whom I greatly admire,” Judith wrote in response to one of my stories, “I confess that this piece bored me.” She was careful not to crush a fragile ego but always blunt with her advice. Many documents were returned to me with every adverb and “just” highlighted in green, followed by “DON’T EVER USE THIS WORD.” Sometimes she’d tear through a story adding “CLICHÉ” at the end of most paragraphs.

“Don’t self-publish anything; it makes you look like a slut,” Judith once told me over the phone. She wanted to see me succeed and urged me to “work work work” and “write read read write. If you’re reading a book a week now,” Judith said, “then make it two books a week. And if you’re reading two, make it three.”

Judith would send me books, including James Agee’s *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. “Mother Reader hopes that you take seriously the reading of Agee,” she wrote. “I want you to read and study this book. My hope is that you will enjoy the book, but my hope is also that you will study what he has

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more significantly,
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in order to do what
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done and how. I want you to note especially his close attention to detail, the way he gives ‘soul’ to every door or dress or nose he describes. For people my age (ancient), this was one of those formative books that made us want to grow up and try to become writers.”

Now, over a year later, I’m still trying to get past the third chapter of Agee’s masterpiece. Judith once predicted, in a moment of unprecedented gushing, that I would “grow up to be a superb

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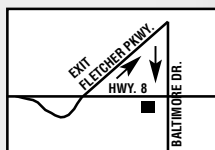
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writer." She knew then, as I know now, that I have a long way to go. I am still striving in her death, as I strived in her life, to make *Mother Reader* proud.

— Barbarella

Build Your Writing Muscles

"Writing is like a muscle, honey." Judith always called me honey, and her voice was warm like cinnamon tea. "The more you use the muscle, the stronger you get; the more you can write. Write in the mornings, honey. When you first wake up."

She called me that day because in our e-mail conversations I mentioned that I was stuck on a TV article, about 200 words short.

Her advice worked. My first column took me a week to write. A 400-word opening story followed by 10 capsules of 100 words each: 1200 to 1400 words total. I

stopped and started again, edited and revised, and seven days later I was finished.

Now I can write one in four hours.

I write in the mornings. With a mind still frizzy from sleep and slowly popping alive with the help of coffee, I sit and write. Every morning. A short story about a dog and a bird on the sidewalk. An observation of a pregnant teen girl struggling to get aboard a bus. All crap. All of it. Stuff you'd conscript to the bottom drawer if not the bottom of a ravine.

But I talked with the page, and the conversations came easier.

I talked with Judith on the phone, and our conversations came harder. I didn't know she was dying of cancer and the treatments were causing her great grief. She never told me she was sick.

"Would you please let me finish what I was

saying," Judith snapped during our last talk.

"Yes. Of course. I apologize, Judith. Go ahead. Wait. Judith?" I interrupted again.

"Yes, honey," cinnamon tea.

"Are you okay?"

"Yes, honey. You know...I'm going to be just fine."

— Ollie

Let the Tape Recorder Do the Work

I could almost be tempted to resent Judith for getting my hopes up. When she signed my copy of her food memoir *Never Eat Your Heart Out* back in 1997, she inscribed it, "To Matt (our big new talent)...With admiration, Judith."

I was 24, two years at the *Reader*. She was a two-time National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship winner (and later she would garner a Guggenheim). She had

been published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, the house that published Walker Percy and Flannery O'Connor, two of my literary idols. She had been reviewed, favorably, in the *New York Times*. "Big new talent"? "With admiration"? I would have been giddy, except I was incredulous.

It got better (worse). She encouraged me to apply for the NEA myself, telling me that they wouldn't even consider me for a Guggenheim unless I already had the NEA. (Well, of course not.) She dropped tidbits from the literary table — "They used to call them Toyota grants, because every writer who got one went out and bought a new car." I couldn't hear enough of this sort of thing.

Then, in 2001, she called and asked me, "How would you like an agent?" One of the happier days of my life. I remember just where I

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stood in the kitchen as we talked on the phone, and my face retains the muscle memory of the goofy grin I sported. I had all sorts of literary aspirations, and I knew that an agent was crucial for getting them realized. Now Judith was offering a reference, the surest route to representation.

I sent the agent some samples. She liked them. When she called, we talked about first, second, and third books. After my first manuscript went out — a collection of columns I'd written for the *Reader* about being a young father — Judith called to advise me. "If Norton offers you \$80,000 and FSG offers \$50,000, take FSG. It guarantees you a review in the *Times*, and everybody will pay attention. You'll have a much better chance with the awards people." I swooned and supposed I could make do with \$50K.

But FSG didn't offer anything. Neither did Norton. Nor any of the other publishers we tried. The agent detected something missing from the manuscript, some element with enough weight to give it *gravitas*. She was right, of course, but at the time, I couldn't figure out how to fix it. I sent the agent the raw material for the second book. And a chunk of the third. Nothing came of it. The agent and I parted company.

When, years later, I managed to land a book contract (for far less money), I did have Judith to thank. It was (once again) through the use of her good name that I started on my road to finding a publisher. But I'm 0 for 2 on the NEA, and something of a seasoned veteran on the literary-rejection front. The "big new talent," as it turns out, has nothing on the big old talent.

So as I said, I could almost be tempted to resent her for painting my future in such rosy

hues. But only tempted, only *almost* tempted. Because along with the promises of future glory, she also gave me excellent counsel about the day job, the writing that actually paid.

My first story for the

Reader came in at 12,000 words, which editorial promptly slashed to 8000. I'm pretty sure that the 4000 words that didn't make it were all mine — as opposed to quotations from my interviews. Words I had

slaved over, little creative outpourings amid the dry reportage — this was my audition piece, after all. I was sad to see them go.

"Honey, let the tape recorder do the work."

That was her consoling

advice. I can see how it might sound like an encouragement toward laziness, or even a dismissal of the writer's craft, sort of like when my wife teases that I am a "word pusher." But it was neither of those

things. Rather, it was an acknowledgment that the subject, together with the person who knows about the subject, was the center of the story — not me, and certainly not my prose. The craft lay in introducing the subject,



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in providing structure and order to the quotations, in making something clear and focused out of meandering conversations and collected facts. And then getting out of the way.

When I thought about it, I realized that her advice was steering me back to Joseph Mitchell, the *New Yorker* writer who had long been my favorite when it came to long-form journalism. Mitchell didn't use a tape recorder, but he did reel off enormously long and rich quotations from his story subjects. I'll close with a bit from *Old Mr. Flood*, Mitchell's profile of a 93-year-old seafood lover who had refused to reconcile himself to the certainty of death. I hope Judith will appreciate the joke.

"Mr. Flood snorted again. 'Oh, shut up,' he

said. 'Damn your doctor. I tell you what you do. You get right out of here and go over to Libby's oyster house and tell the man you want to eat some of his big oysters. Don't sit down. Stand up at that fine marble bar they got over there, where you can watch the man knife them open. And tell him you intend to drink the oyster liquor; he'll knife them open on the cup shell, so the liquor won't spill. And be sure you get the big ones. Get them so big you'll have to rear back to swallow, the size that most restaurants use for fries and stews; God forgive them, they don't know any better.... And don't put any of that red sauce on them, that cocktail sauce, that mess, that gurry. Ask the man for half a lemon, poke it a time or two to free the juice, and

squeeze it over the oysters. And the first one he knifes, pick it up and smell it, the way you'd smell a rose, or a shot of brandy. That briny, seaweedy fragrance will clear your head; it'll make your blood run faster. And don't just eat six; take your time and eat a dozen, eat two dozen, eat three dozen, eat four dozen. And then leave the man a generous tip and buy yourself a fifty-cent cigar and put your hat on the side of your head and take a walk down to Bowling Green. Look at the sky! Isn't it blue? And look at the girls a-tap-tap-tapping past on their pretty little feet! Aren't they just the finest girls you ever saw, the bounciest, the rumpiest, the laughingest? Aren't you ashamed of yourself for even thinking about spending good money

on a damned doctor?" " — *Matthew Lickona*

Faith

"Execrable."

And...

"You sound like a fluttering dilettante."

There were many more in a similar vein. I have all her editorial comments saved somewhere on the jittery hard drive of my old computer. The two above came toward the very end of things, before communication ceased altogether.

It didn't start this way.

These stories never do.

That things ended so badly makes any description of their beginnings difficult, suspect, open to question. Because things between us did begin well, exceptionally so. After I met Judith in the early 1980s, not long

after she began to work for the *Reader* as a regular freelancer, we spent the next dozen or so years in close communication, either by phone or letter, or by spending long periods of time together at one or another of the apartments she rented in Berkeley. We read the same books and, generally, admired the same authors. We wrote and edited a number of stories together. That she was at least 20 years my senior never mattered. I'd always had older friends. I'd always enjoyed having friends whose counsel I could seek, friends I could admire, friends I could look up to.

That last point needs to be emphasized because few people outside the trade understand what writers do or, more significantly, what writ-

ers need in order to do what they do. You of course need a better-than-competent command of the language, a good feel for what it can and can't do, a sense for which rules can be broken or finessed and which are best left unchallenged. All of that of course matters. But Judith was never at ease with, or didn't know or care to know, terms for even the commonest pitfalls — "dangling modifier," "comma splicing," "ambiguous pronoun reference," etc. Judith's strengths were elsewhere, and were far greater.

What a writer needs in order to write is the faith that he can tell whatever the story is that he wants or needs to tell. This faith is difficult to come by. That you have written in the past, even written well, is no guarantee that you can write



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now or ever again in the future. The faith that you can write can be summoned only unreliably from within. Most often, if you are lucky, this faith is inspired steadily, in larger and smaller doses, by an editor, or by a close friend who acts as an editor. This inspiration is elusive. It never takes the form of pep talks or literal hand-holding. It's more a matter of general tone, a manner of talking and being with the writer that encourages enthusiasm for writing itself. It's an attitude that tells the writer, "You can write because you love writing." In this, Judith excelled. Perhaps more than anyone I've ever met, she understood the importance of this faith and how to inspire it in another writer. And because her understanding of this faith was remarkable, she also understood perfectly how damaging it could be for a writer, even dangerous, were this inspiration abused or entirely withheld.

— Abe Opincar

Make Something Better

I never met Judith Moore. To me she was a voice over the phone: slangy, half-cynical, eager to talk about her dog, and passionate about writing. I first talked to her in the summer of 1995, when I flew to San Diego from Boston to do several stories and learned she lived in Berkeley. She was polite but hesitant. After all, she might end up hating

what I wrote. Luckily, she liked my stories, and our telephone conversations grew friendlier and longer, easily lasting an hour. She didn't give me assignments but assumed I could find stories on my own. When I told her my ideas, she might say, "So-and-So did that three years ago" or "That sounds like a one-trick pony" or "Jim doesn't want any more stories about the zoo," before settling on something she thought might work.

She was fierce about writers she didn't like, fierce about writers she said had done a bad job or were lazy. So I felt fortunate I didn't fall into that category. She never said much about my stories, never asked me to change anything. At times she might laugh at a detail or say that Jim liked something in particular. Now and then I wanted a more substantial compliment, but usually the most she said was, "Oh, you get it," meaning, I supposed, that I understood what she understood about writing.

More often Judith would talk about what books she was reading or ask what I was reading, and there would follow an excited exchange. Or she would talk about friends we had in common, and again her enthusiasm would take charge. "Oh, I simply love him," she might say.

Or she would talk about Jim Holman, talk about his shyness, his idiosyncrasies, and how much she respected him. And again: "I simply love him!"

After several years I came to realize that "to have gotten it" was the greatest of her compliments. She held writers to a high standard, but once she felt a writer had gotten it, she stopped worrying about him or her. She took all writing extremely seriously — nonfiction, fiction, and poetry. And she assumed that if someone else took it seriously, then that person would work hard to make it right. So she scorned poseurs and trippers. And while I've always thought I took writing seriously, Judith's attitude led me to work harder. Hearing her, I would think, "So writing really is a serious business after all," even though I'd never really doubted it, except sometimes during "the 4:00 a.m. oh-my-Gods," as Ray Carver used to call them.

Luckily, I still often hear Judith's voice in my head, urging me to make something better, to respect the medium, or simply to work harder. It also urges me to fight my own propensity for self-deception, to think a phrase, paragraph, or page is finished when it's not. During the ten years she read my work, she made me a better writer.

And she keeps making me a better writer. I ask myself, "What would Judith think of this?" and right away I feel her passion to make a piece of writing as good as one can make it. I don't know if this keeps me honest, but it surely makes me work harder.

— Stephen Dobyns

How Truth Can Be Told

I was 26 and unemployed when a friend told me about the San Diego *Reader* and its editor, Judith Moore. I had published a few essays and stories in small literary journals while amassing a file of rejection letters, including one that declined my autobiographical essay on the grounds that "some subjects are untranscendable." I had taken to sending proposals for nonfiction essays to children's magazines. At least then the material I had failed to transcend would not be my own life.

With the usual mixture of hope and dread, I sent Judith a sample of my work: a published review of a photography book called *Sleeping Beauty* that contained black-and-white portraits of dead children — 19th-century memento mori of the grimmest sort. Luckily for me, Judith was not a flincher. She asked me about where I lived and what I was interested in (besides death), and she began to



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give me story assignments based on those things.

For the next 12 years, she kept feeding me ideas and letting me write. Some editors rewrite your work so that you sound more like them, and some want you to adopt the generic voice of the magazine, but Judith did neither of those things. She proposed an idea — diary of an orange grove, say, or the evolution of home economics classes — and then, when I had written the whole story, gave suggestions for additional development. The line-by-line tinkering she left to me and the copy editor, which allowed me to feel she trusted my instincts.

I trusted her instincts too, because she

was the kind of writer I wanted to be. If she liked something I did, I felt hope. If she made even the smallest criticism, I sat back down at the desk.

"I hate flattery, don't you?" she said to me once. I didn't, but I said I did. I wanted to hate flattery.

But mostly I wanted to write well enough to earn flattery from a writer who proved that no subject is untranscendable. When she describes her young self standing in a circle of children who are chanting, "I don't want her, you can have her, she's too fat for me," it's like staring into those voids in the volcanic ash that Giuseppe Fiorelli found during the excavation of Pompeii. Fiorelli injected

plaster into the voids and discovered he could make casts of the dead. Judith did the same thing with her childhood, preserving in her books every vanished corporeal detail, and whenever I feel that my writing has become lifeless and vague, I open one of her books to see how truth can be told.

— Laura McNeal

She Got Me to Think Out Loud

Though I never met Judith Moore, she was one of the most significant people who's ever entered my life. She believed in and nurtured my writing abilities even before I really did. She liked my poetry, and she brought me into the world of journalism and made me feel I belonged

here.

Judith and I spoke on the telephone perhaps nine or ten times. I wish I had recordings of those lengthy conversations — they were funny and full of wit, relaxed and meandering. We'd talk about journalism ideas, and poetry-world issues, and things going on in our lives, and books we'd read and movies we'd seen, and it would always be Judith getting me to think out loud and then making me feel smart. She was incredibly well spoken and had a kind voice, a little-old-lady-type voice, which made her astonishing range of knowledge seem even more astonishing (since you didn't expect such range to come from someone whose voice was so small and fragile

sounding), and it made her often risqué sense of humor seem even funnier.

I remember the first time we spoke, when she called me out of the blue and hired me to write for the *Reader*. We'd been chatting for over half an hour when she suddenly said, "I'm always trying to think of ways to make the *Reader* more popular. I wish we could put the headline 'Hot Slut' on the cover. 'Hot Slut' would be a popular issue." It made me more comfortable talking to this person I didn't know, this person who was about to become my boss. She'd won a Guggenheim and two National Endowments, she was smarter than anyone I'd talked with in years, and she

sounded like my grandmother, but she could also deliver a bawdy tidbit like "Hot Slut."

Over the three years that I knew her, Judith sent me 197 e-mails. Most of them were as short as our phone conversations were long. When I finished my first piece for the *Reader*, she wrote: "I like this, Mr. Geoff. You are so good. Thank you."

When I was going through a divorce, she sent this little note: "I think of you. Sometimes a person feels he will just fall off the edge of the world; you won't. J."

When my first book of poetry was accepted for publication: "Congratulations, sweetheart, J."

Or sometimes she'd send sweet nothings: "I



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think of you every day. J.”

The last e-mail I got from her, two weeks before she died, contained this ominous message, referring to *Reader* editor Jim Holman: “From now on address all correspondence to Mr. Holman. J.”

But I never even knew that she was sick, or at least I didn’t hear it from her. My coworkers at the *Reader* told me that the subjects of death and sickness bored Judith and she didn’t want to talk about her condition. But they did

warn me that her condition was becoming very grave. In the end, it seemed fitting: Judith Moore had talked me through so much, but she didn’t need to be talked through anything herself.

— Geoff Bouvier

Don’t Pretend You Know More Than You Do

Judith made this whole gig happen, I mean “Tin Fork” and the cheap-eats world she gave me. Actually, it wouldn’t have happened without Carla either. She met Judith first and must have mentioned this layabout guy she lived with, because next thing I know here’s this lady, looking like Annette Bening but a little plumper, rocking away in our apartment’s rocking chair with her knees up under a blue-gray flowered granny dress.

She asked me what kind of places I ate at when I was out. I told her whatever’s cheap enough. I liked burgers, burritos, curries, Cambodian, Middle Eastern, Chinese, French if the price is right. I tried to explain I was your origi-

nal San Diego-on-five-bucks-a-day guy.

She seemed satisfied. It turned out she had an idea. “How would you like to write about them?” she asked. That threw me. “Haute cuisine à la hamburger?” Judith didn’t laugh. She wasn’t one to waste time with throwaway chat.

“Can you do it?” was all she said.

It took a moment. Me? Write about food?

“It’s not just food you’re writing about,” she said. “It’s the people, the bargains, the atmosphere, whatever happens. We’re an alternative paper. These are places the mainstream press leaves out. But it’s where most San Diegans go. Mom-and-pop cafés, college cafeterias, taco joints, sushi bars, Father Joe’s...”

“No problem,” I said. “They’re my hangouts

anyway. But the writing?”

“Just remember this,” said Judith. “What interests you probably interests others.”

Huh. Amazing how that one little thought helped my confidence. Judith rocked on, back and forth, and then got up. Such a little woman. Such clear eyes. It seemed we had a deal. “But keep it honest,” she said. “Never accept a free meal, and don’t pretend you know more than you do. Our readers will see through it, and so will I.”

And that’s how “Tin Fork” was born.

Thanks, Judith.

— Ed Bedford

Ask Them How They Vote

Aside from my father, the only real, if informal, writing teacher I’ve ever had was Judith Moore. I met her in 1989, when I

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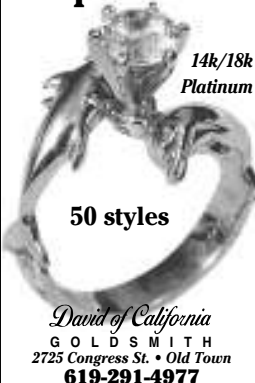
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was working at Hunter's Books in La Jolla, one of the last great independent bookstores in San Diego and now defunct. In the summer of that year, my first novel, out in Doubleday hardcover for two years, appeared in paperback from Pocket Books with a gaudy cover but a neat little blurb from the *New York Times*. I was in an R&B band at the time called the Caucasians, and the other guitarist was Jan Tonnesen, who has worked at Wahrenbrock's Book House for many years. Judith apparently was in the habit of visiting Jan when she was in town and asking him what he was reading and whether there were any writers of interest emerging in San Diego. Jan mentioned my book. Judith read it and liked it. Jan told her where to find me.

The boss at Hunter's was Jeff Mariotte, now also a novelist and owner

of Mysterious Galaxy Books in Clairemont Mesa. It was Jeff who told me Judith Moore had called and wanted to interview me. I had only vaguely heard of her (it turned out later I had read her), and Mariotte assured me she was a classy writer even if I wasn't. That I was lucky.

Judith allowed me to collaborate on the editing of the interview and then quickly instructed me never to do the same

for any interview subjects of my own. I thought she was joking, and I told her, "I only write fiction anyway."

"Oh?" she said, and the conversation that led to my writing for this paper had begun.

"Don't be afraid to fail" is the first thing I remember her telling me, and I should be surprised if I don't see that repeated here and there in this issue. That is probably the single most

important advice any writer can hear, because I was nothing if not fearful of failing at my father's racket: journalism. "Bleed on the page" became an invitation for an already self-loathing and pained 38-year-old, recently divorced and new from cancer treatment. "Write everything as if it will be the last chance you have to write anything." I don't always do that, but I do so more often than I thought I



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would, because I remember it as good advice. “I want to see stains, smell smells. I want the reader to taste this person with all their senses.”

When it came to interviews, she would suggest offbeat questions such as, “Ask them how they vote. That will lead you toward much in the way of their sensibilities.” Another was, “Ask them about their mommies,

and always say ‘mommies,’ especially with men. That will open up floodgates of stuff you won’t expect.”

Finally, as far as journalist versus reporter goes, I remember her telling me to “use this work as a notebook for your other work. Most journalists have some kind of book going.” And “Never call yourself a reporter. They’ll stick you

down at city administration all day going through public records.”

— John Brizzolara

She Knew How Fragile Writers Could Be

I used to send Judith gifts around Mother’s Day. Not on, but around — because she wasn’t my mother. But among her many titles — mentor, boss, friend — there was

also this: the mysterious figure who wore the mantle of *Mother Reader*.

She guarded the *Reader* the way a mother bear guards its cub and was forever popping out new ideas for stories, new directions for the paper to take. I was one of those new directions. She had ferreted out my husband from the same liberal-arts college I attended. Perhaps because my

background was similar to his, she decided to take a chance on me. I was delighted to find that she liked my writing and tried to follow the advice she dispensed in her low voice over the telephone: “Show, don’t tell.” “Write what you know.” “Use strong verbs.” “Honey, don’t worry.”

Judith was a writer herself, and she knew how fragile writers could

be. She knew when to praise, when to cajole, when to discipline. What astounded me was that she could do it with so few words. E-mails were short, sometimes five words. Phone calls ended abruptly, either with a “Bye” or a click. Words were precious to Judith; she didn’t waste them. It was part of what kept her mysterious.

As the years rolled by, she kept that mystery (and the power that came with it), but we still managed to grow closer. I wrote more pieces for the paper, and Judith’s confidence in me grew. She assigned me to write a 1500-word story profiling a homeless woman. When I decided to try helping out my story subject (with unfortunate results), she let me turn that assignment into a 14,000-word cover story chronicling the experience. Later, I wrote other covers (diamonds, bras, mustaches), usually at her suggestion.

She sent poems:

It could happen any time, tornado, earthquake, Armageddon. It could happen.

Or sunshine, love, salvation....

— from “Yes”

by William Stafford

What happened to Judith was cancer. And when she became ill, she pulled back the curtain a bit and started sharing anecdotes from her life. I grew more loyal to her every day, amazed I could be so fiercely attached to someone I did not know well. I wanted so much to help her, and I prayed with great fervor for her healing.

As death grew closer, she opened up even more. During the years that I knew her, she wrote me only five pen-and-paper letters. This one came near the end: “I have been so sick so much of the time — from the chemotherapy, not the cancer itself —

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that I have answered no mail. What I do with the energy I have is to try to keep up with my *Reader* work and help Jim. I enjoy the work, in part because it takes my mind off of how nauseated I am, and naturally — or 'natch,' as Scott Fitzgerald-types must have said — I enjoy helping Jim. I have worked for him now for a few months more than

twenty years. I am so proud of how far this paper has come. I want so badly to get well, if only to keep going on making that cover look better."

She was still Mother *Reader*.

— Deirdre Lickona

"You Don't Do Anger"

Judith came out of nowhere. She called one

evening and asked if I'd like to write something for the *Reader*. I'd read the *Reader* enough to feel flattered, since the writers I'd encountered in it were, at least to my taste, way above most journalists.

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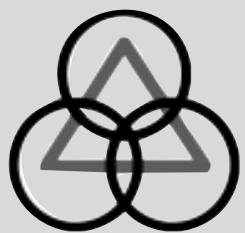
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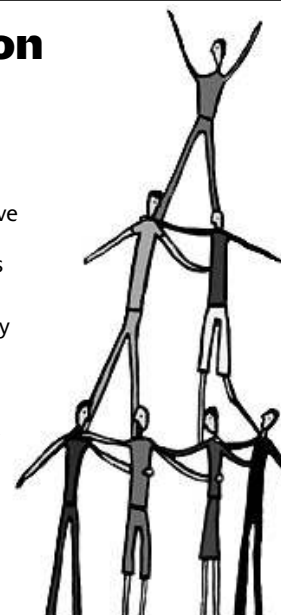
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For more information, please call:

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Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective Disorder

and are between the ages of 18 and 65, you or that person may be eligible to participate in a clinical research trial.

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For more information, call:

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Synergy Clinical Research Centers



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- You do not need medical insurance in order to participate.

If you are suffering from Bipolar Disorder and are having trouble managing the symptoms of this disorder, please contact Synergy Clinical Research Center at **1-888-619-7272** to learn more about how you may qualify to participate in this very important research trial.



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Are you:

- 18 years of age or older?
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- Having difficulty staying asleep?
- In good general health?
- Sleeping less than 6.5 hours at least 4 nights per week?

Synergy Clinical Research is looking for volunteers for a medical research study of an investigational medication for insomnia.

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If interested, please call:

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but now the *Reader* wanted nonfiction feature stories. I told her the only nonfiction I had written besides college papers was book reviews. Then she mentioned what the *Reader* could pay. She knew one way to

my heart.

Judith convinced me I could write these features. And though I pitched her some ideas, the ideas for the stories that have meant the most to me came from Judith. She seemed to know

more about me than I knew about myself.

She sent me to Tijuana to gather the story of Mother Teresa's seminary students who live in a compound near the bus station at the foot of Otay Mesa. She

gave me the arduous task of hanging out with ballplayers in Peoria, Arizona, during spring training and writing about the Major League Baseball strike. And she suggested I'd be the guy to write a column about

people and their cars, though I still have no idea what clued her to my love/hate affair with cars.

Best of all, she was willing to bawl me out. On one such occasion, I'd sent her a draft of a

story about a church in the wake of the Dale Akiki scandal. Akiki had gotten accused of molesting kids in this church's nursery. On account of bizarre tales worthy of Tolkien, which kids had told therapists and which got repeated at the trial, the church suffered daily ridicule on talk shows, in newspapers, and no doubt in saloons, cafés, and locker rooms all over the city.

My cousin belonged to that church. I started attending. I met parents, pastors, friends of the accused and accusers, and observed that these people, whom local media painted as demon-chasing fruitcakes, were no crazier than anybody.

While researching and writing the article, I became ever more furious. At defense attorneys for portraying the church as a haven for loonies. At therapists for allowing kids' fantasies, such as the ritual slaughtering of elephants, to get publicly aired.

The draft I sent Judith had many vehement pages.

Judith phoned. All she had to say was "Ken, you don't do anger."

I'll remember that line as long as I write, maybe longer.

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Qualified participants will receive study-related care by board-certified providers, study-supplied drug, and a glucose meter with test strips to last the duration of the study at no cost, as well as up to \$3,570 in compensation for time and travel.

To qualify, participants must:

- Be above the age of 18
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Not be taking medication for your Diabetes

To learn more about the study contact Catherine DeLue at:

(858) 552-8585 ext. 6740



The best a writer could hope for is an editor like Judith.
— Ken Kuhlken

She Hated Adverbs

I knew Judith Moore only through her voice: a baritone with a slight Southern accent. And I knew her writing.

The first time I spoke to Judith — in early 1997 — she called me because she was reviewing my second novel, which she liked enough that she asked me, a month or so later, if I would be interested in writing for the *Reader*. (My book was about scientists in a rock band in New York City.) I started with the *Reader*'s "event highlight" and moved on to music.

Judith liked the story I had on my website about my pet pig Sporky. I had tried to sell this to the *Reader* six years before, but not knowing much about getting published, I had sent it to a *Reader* writer who sent me back a letter that read, "There is no way my boss would ever run a story about someone's pet." This was handwritten in thick felt pen; the two-inch-high letters took the entire eight-and-a-half-by-eleven-inch page. "Ever" was underlined.

Six years later, however, Judith was asking me if the *Reader* could publish my Sporky story. I said of course, but she could tell there was something hesitant in my voice. She asked, "You sent this to us before, didn't you?" I admitted I had and told her about the letter. Judith sighed a deep, drawling sigh. She even apologized, though she hadn't known anything about it. She didn't suffer fools gladly, and she hated adverbs. That was the first instruction that I remember her telling me: get rid of them. I thought it seemed severe, but the *Reader* paid well, so what did I care about

words ending in "-ly"?

When I moved to the Bay Area two years ago, after working for the *Reader* nearly eight years — seven and a half as the music editor — I was looking forward to

meeting Judith and taking her to lunch in Berkeley, where she lived. I wanted to thank her for giving me a career in journalism. (Makes me cry for a moment as I write this because it's so

true.)

But she declined. I didn't know she was sick. I was shocked when I saw the obituary on the front of the "Datebook" section of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. (They

ran another long one a few days later by a different writer.) Reading the eulogies, I learned about a woman I had never met, a woman who had made me a pithier writer. Now that I've been an

editor and been trained in the constant search for redundancy, I wish I could go back and reedit my novels. Instead, I'm working on a new one and trying to make it lean. I would have wel-

RESEARCH STUDIES

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Do you wake up, and have trouble falling back to sleep?



A research study is being conducted to evaluate a medication in an investigational use for insomnia.

Interested participants must be 18 years of age and have trouble staying asleep.

Study related care is provided at no charge, including a physical exam and investigational medication.

Qualified participants could be compensated up to \$400 for participation in this study.

Trouble staying asleep?

Don't feel rested when you wake up?

A research study is currently being conducted by Pacific Sleep Medicine

For individuals who are experiencing sleep problems throughout the night.

If you are at least 18 years old, you can be considered to participate in a clinical research trial on insomnia.

Study-related care is provided at no charge to participants. This includes a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services, and study medication.

Are You A Night Owl ?

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is currently participating in a national clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of **Delayed Sleep Phase Syndrome (DSPS).**

If you are interested in participating, you must:

- **Be 18 years of age or older**
- **Have a bedtime later than you would like**

Study-related medical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication are provided at no cost. Qualified participants may be compensated for time and travel.

Are you waking up in the middle of the night ?



This research study may be for you.

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is participating in a national clinical research study of an investigational use for an approved prescription sleep medication.

If you are interested in participating in this new clinical study, you must be:

- **18-64 years of age**
- **Have had middle-of-the-night insomnia for at least 3 months**

Study-related medical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication are provided at no cost. Qualified participants may be compensated for time and travel.

For more information on these and other clinical studies, call (toll free)

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comed Judith's input.
—Jennifer Ball

"It's a Good Story for You"

Though she was my editor, I never met Judith. I knew her instead via calls and e-mail. When she

phoned, there'd be that throaty alto, so sure, so self-possessed. I'd grab a pen, and she'd dictate my assignment, then say, "It's a good story for you." Why that was so I never asked. I was grateful just to be called, to be

trusted. She knew the story would find its disposition in me as I wrote it.

Judith's writing is what enticed me to want to write for the *Reader*. During the 1980s, I devoured her profiles,

whether on Herbert Marcuse or a dwarf. How shapely the prose, how fascinated the author. In 1987, a dozen were collected in *The Left Coast of Paradise*, a book I often reread. In the 1990s, I cherished those sections

from her novel-in-progress and especially her review-essays, pieces I razored out and saved.

For example, her fantasy-essay on the left-wing memoirist Sally Belfrage. Judith conjures a man in an airport bar

who is attracted to the aging blonde: "Still gorgeous. Built nice." The red-diaper baby spills the spicy details, rebelling against her libertine parents, grieving over an abortion. The point-of-view shifts are flawless, even when Judith confesses, "I stayed up half a night reading Belfrage's memoir." Judith made reading as imaginative an enterprise for us as it was for her.

It was her personal voice on the page I treasured. So like Annie Dillard's in *Teaching a Stone to Talk*. Short sentences in series with diamond-hard nouns and snap-to-attention verbs; the spark of originality in such lines as "Don't be afraid to get mired in minutiae," from her encomium to the craft of newsy Christmas notes. Taken together, her sentences name their own minutiae, then gallop on with equestrian ease.

She once wrote, "Life is not literature." But in each of her pieces I found just the opposite: her literate portraits were abuzz with style and daring. So, too, was her "Reading" column, where the smartness of her questions provoked an often-desultory writer to focus.

Editorially, Judith

RESEARCH STUDIES



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- Have been diagnosed with IBS
- Suffer frequently from IBS pain

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For more information, please contact:

Medical Associates Research Group
858-277-7177

If you are one of the 15 million adults affected by depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research trial of a new depression medication now being studied.

You may be eligible for the study if:

- You are between the ages of 18 and 70
- You are experiencing symptoms of depression

All qualified participants will receive study-related care and study medication for up to 8 weeks at no cost.

To find out if you qualify for this study, or for more information, please call:
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You may be able to participate in this study if you:

- Are at least 18 years old
- Have been diagnosed with or currently have high blood pressure
- Do not have congestive heart failure

If you qualify and choose to participate, you will be asked to make weekly clinic visits during the study. All study-related medical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication will be provided to qualified participants at no cost. For more information, please contact:

Ritchken & First M.D.'s Donna Perez
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Seeking Patients for a Research Study For Type 2 Diabetics

Dr. Robert R. Henry and his associates at the VA Medical Center are looking for Type 2 diabetic volunteers to take part in a research study to determine if the use of different glucose meters significantly lowers HbA1c.

Participants will:

- Attend eight study visits
- Be randomly assigned to one of two glucose meters

Inclusion Criteria:

- 18 years or older • No history of anemia, serious chronic disease, or severe hypoglycemia
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes for at least 3 months but no more than 15 years
- Have a stable regimen for at least 3 months • Not using insulin

Qualified participants will be compensated for participation up to \$200.

To see if you qualify, or to learn more about the study, please contact:

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Attention Men and Women

Do you have pain in your belly?

Do you have Chronic Abdominal Pain or Discomfort with Constipation? If so, you may have a medical condition known as Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation, or IBS-C.

We are looking for men and women with IBS-C to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of the symptoms of IBS-C.

You may qualify for the study if you meet the following criteria:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have abdominal discomfort or pain and fewer than 3 bowel movements per week, with a feeling of incomplete evacuation
- Have hard or lumpy stools or straining during a bowel movement
- Speak English fluently
- Are able to complete a daily phone questionnaire during study participation

If you qualify to participate in this study, you will receive study medication, office visits, and study-related medical procedures at no cost.

If you are interested in receiving more information, or to see if you qualify, please contact:

Medical Associates Research Group
858-277-7177



Sadness, low energy, trouble sleeping, can't concentrate... Depression – have your symptoms returned?

Clinical research study for adults with depression.

If you or someone you know is:

- 18-55 years of age
- Currently experiencing a depressive episode and have a history of recurrent depression
- You may be eligible to participate in this clinical research study.

Qualified study participants will receive:

- A comprehensive medical evaluation as it relates to the study
- Supervised care by medical professionals during the study • Study medication at no cost
- You may be eligible to participate in this clinical research study.

If you are interested in learning more about this study, please call:

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See our website: www.ari-inc.com



Are you sad due to Bipolar Disorder? Then there might be hope.

We are seeking volunteers for a clinical research study of an approved medicine under investigation for the treatment of depression due to bipolar disorder.

To qualify:

- You must be at least 18 years old • You must have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder
- You must be experiencing symptoms of depression

Qualified participants will receive at no cost:

- Monitoring of bipolar and depressive symptoms
- Medical and lab exams • Study medication

If you are interested in learning more about this study, please call:

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See our website: www.ari-inc.com



Is waking up tonight affecting your tomorrow?

Do you or someone you know have trouble staying asleep? Is it affecting daytime activities? A study of an investigational medication is under way for people who have trouble staying asleep, characterized by waking up throughout the night (sleep maintenance insomnia).

To qualify for participation in this research study, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old • Have trouble staying asleep through the night
- Be impacted in your daily life by your sleep problems

If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you will receive an initial consultation, study-related examinations and laboratory evaluations, all follow-up visits, and you may receive study medication at no charge to you. Compensation for time and travel provided.

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Depression Study

If you are one of the 15 million adults affected by depression, you may be eligible to participate in a research trial of a new depression medication now being studied.

You may be eligible for the study if:

- You are between the ages of 18 and 70
- You are experiencing symptoms of depression

All qualified participants will receive study-related care and study medication for up to 8 weeks at no cost.

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Do you constantly worry? Every day?

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elevated the *Reader*. She stopped my page flipping. Her writing wasn't reportorial; it was authorial. When I got a paper, I hoped she'd appear. And so in 1998, when she phoned about my sub-

mission — a memoir piece called "Everlasting Uncertainty: How I Became a UC San Diego Marxist" — and said in whiskey tones, "We like this and we'll pay you for it, and send me some

ideas for stories," I thought, this is it. I'm quitting my day job to write. If one editor values my work, others will too. Judith's confidence birthed mine, as I'm sure it did many an author's.

That was almost ten years ago. Thanks to Judith and a few others like her, it's been my most creative decade. People think writers get somewhere via tenacity. Tenacity helps. What

really helps is when an editor whose critical-creative voice you trust believes in you, prints you, and pays you. After that, the deadline is easy. A world minus such a rare begetter is

what's hard.

— Thomas Larson

More Blood, More Pus, More Mucus

"This is horrible, this stuff about your mother. Just awful, Susie."

Not since my father had someone called me Susie. And not since my father had the endearment arrived with such menace.

"It's what I call 'writing writing,' and you simply must not do it. It's beneath you."

Though it was my first writing submission to Judith, she'd tasked me with assistant duties well before I worked for the *Reader*. Each Thursday I'd load my arms with foot-tall stacks of inky issues to send her friends and family tear sheets of her stories.

"None of this PR crap anymore. It's a bad habit, and I'll be the one to break you of it, by God. Stop watching that loathsome *thirtysomething* and read a book."

Deemed undereducated and functionally illiterate, I was to begin "at once" my supplementary education. "You might as well start at the beginning of the alphabet," she sighed. "Jane Austen will hold your interest. She talks about clothes and class." (Years later, when I mentioned reading Proust — proud to be well into the *ps* — she dismissed it as "decorative" and hung up the phone without saying good-bye.)

Over the years, my editing remained inconsistent at best, the ragged graph of remedial learning made public on the paper's weekly pages. Misspelled proper names, unnecessary articles, egregious "-ly" endings filled a bottomless repository. For every seamless rewrite or "good catch," two mistakes were missed. When the final misdeed toppled a tower of carelessness, the tone chilled, the message clipped, the phone

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Do you manage your Type 2 Diabetes with insulin?



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- Are between the ages of 18 and 70
- Are managing your diabetes with insulin
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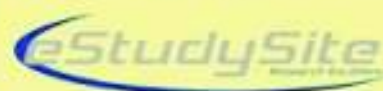


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Qualified participants will receive study medication and study related medical care at no cost, as well as compensation for time and travel.

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Are you or an adolescent you know:

- Suffering from depression?
- Are between 12 and 17 years of age?
- Have had symptoms for greater than 2 months?

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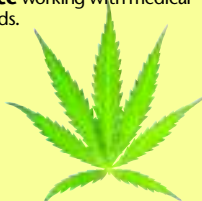
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Once we determine that you qualify for this study (via phone interview), you will be asked to participate in the following:

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grew silent.

One more grammar checklist instigated, another poetry course suggested. *Hadn't I parsed a sentence in grade school?*

When I did write, pandering to her prurience became the subtext of every assignment. More blood, more pus, more viscous yellow mucus, more fetid, familiar body odor of unwashed armpits and "lady parts," as she called them. The more baroque and visceral my description, the better the shame on the page.

"I want praise," she'd demand after finessing a feature or teasing out a recalcitrant story subject. I was often second if not first reader, losing myself in story and style instead of corralling wayward words and errant commas. "We don't pay you to read, Susie. We pay you to find my mistakes."

Fifteen years later, when good reviews of her third book *Fat Girl* surfaced early and often, daily dispatches arrived in lieu of other communication. As blurbs increased in number and status, I struggled to find fresh ways to respond. "This is wonderful!" and "You should be so pleased..." reduced to "Bravo!" and "WOW."

I couldn't finish the book, and by then our story had soured. I'd grown tiresome and untenable, and she was done with all that.

— Sue Greenberg

She Let Me Know What She Didn't Want

Judith Moore remains an enigma to me.

When first asked to write for the *Reader*, I was instructed to run everything by Judith. Who was this lady? Why did she live in Berkeley if

she edited a San Diego paper?

I no longer remember the first piece I wrote for the *Reader*, but I still remember the first time I spoke to Judith. Her aloof tone made me feel like a fool. I like to know the people I work with, but Judith projected a barrier not to be crossed. I wanted to ask her about herself, but I didn't dare. I also wanted to be published and improve my skills. Judith helped me by letting me know what she didn't want.

She never told me my introductions were unnecessary. She just slashed them. If I had an idea for a story that didn't work, she said, "That's not what we're looking for," and it was over.

I made the mistake of testing her once. Someone approached me with information about a corrupt doctor. I

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e-mailed the idea to her. She responded with "That's a good way to get sued." I tried to go over her head by e-mailing the editor-in-chief and in five minutes found my e-mail returned by her, reiterating that I should leave the story alone. I was convinced that she would stop sending me work. I was wrong.

But she didn't give me much advice either. Once, when I had a story idea that was loaded with irony, she told me that

she was "not interested in O. Henry stories." She made me feel foolish so often I could have hated her, but I knew she didn't hold her position on the strength of her pithy comebacks. Talent deserves respect. Still, I communicated with her only when necessary. I finally saw another side when I sent her a sincere compliment on a piece she had written about poet Edna St. Vincent Millay. She e-mailed me her thanks. Then she

called. She was warm and appreciative. I was even more confused.

When she died, many of my writing peers expressed a great sense of loss, so I was determined to learn more about her. I read her memoir *Fat Girl*. It was sad to know how much she suffered. I had a fat period as a preteen that still haunts me, so I empathized — but it was too late. Judith was a talented writer and editor. She knew what she was looking for. For some, she was a mentor. For me, she was a boss, and I regret that I never got to know her better. Of those who knew her as a mentor, I remain jealous.

— Robert Kumpel

Judith's Creed was Read, Read, Read

A friend once told me, "Nothing ruins a bird but its beak." It wasn't until Judith told me that the biggest mistakes a writer can make are

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(a) talking about what he or she is writing and (b) having another person review his or her work that I realized the true meaning of that phrase.

Judith taught me to trust my instincts and to realize that writing comes from within. Writing is not like buying a new pair of shoes or a car or even a house. A true writer comes from the heart and doesn't worry about hurt feelings or how the writing will be construed. A true

writer doesn't care what other people think.

Judith's creed was "read, read, read." I, like Judith, learned to read when I was four. She said that if you aren't a good reader, you won't be a good writer. And to be particular about what you read. While I do fall prey to the occasional summer chick lit, I read more nonfiction since taking "Ms. Moore's Writing 101."

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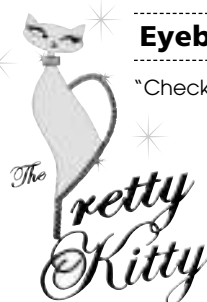
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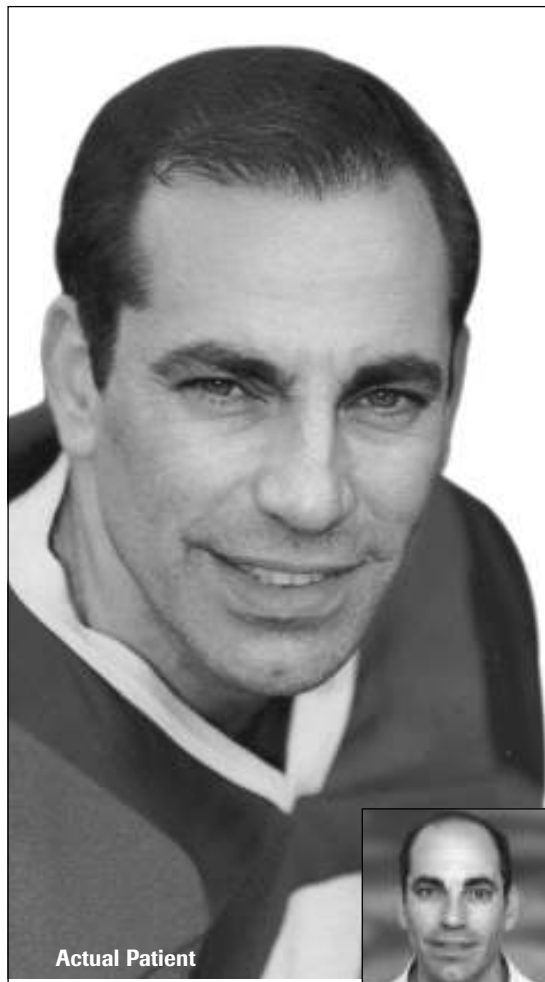
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is put on the black flax floods from Judith (for inspiration), and I make sure that no one else is around except for my dog Puffy, and I never discuss what I'm working on with anyone. In fact, I get this weird cheap "thrill" when my sister, after reading my byline in the paper, calls me up and says, "You didn't tell me you were working on this!"

However, my greatest lessons in writing were learned near the end of Judith's life, when she graciously allowed me to sit at her feet and watch her work. This meant sitting *very quietly*, with Lily the dachshund nearby, as Judith's head did its thing and her fingers flew on the computer.

— Dorothy Stewart

More Was Her Thing
Point-blank, Judith is the reason I'm here. When

she found out that I, at 20 years old, had a love for writing, she wanted to see for herself. A piece I'd written for another magazine some years before fell into her hands, and she promptly programmed it as a reprint for inclusion in one of the *Reader's* collaborative features. From then on, whenever I'd visit her, we'd sit on her couch and talk shop. Dizzy from jet lag and the gorgeous air that streamed through her window, I'd listen as she made lists of things she wanted me to write. An article on an album I really love. A piece about my favorite teachers. On and on.

So, with Judith as my editor, I began to write.

She always wanted more from me, Judith did, more, more, more. "More middle, more activity," she'd say, in the comments she'd send

back to me. I knew what she meant by this, what she wanted. Nothing extraneous, just... More. "Moore wants more," I would joke to myself, sitting back down at my desk, a makeshift, graffiti-covered plank from IKEA I'd bought off a girl in Brooklyn. I was in Boston then, writing as I finished up my last year of college. Judith, dying slowly in Berkeley, communicated to me almost exclusively via e-mail, though sometimes we'd talk over the phone. Her slow, Southern-laced voice would lull me as I lay on my futon bed, night dark outside; three hours earlier, dusk would be just beginning for her in California. But it was mostly e-mail between us, sometimes four or five a day. There were quick ones to see how I was doing, loving ones peppered with kisses, and business ones declar-

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ing deadlines, but they all blended together, all distinctly hers. Her notes would come at all hours, computer chiming as they zipped in from the Internet ether.

But that was her thing, more. I have a vision of her as a small child, hand outstretched, blue eyes waiting as though to ask a patient question, make a silent request. And her desire was genuine; she truly wanted it, wanted to hear more of what went on, what was said, done, eaten, drunk, spilled, tripped over, who was repulsed, enraptured, or simply left behind. A piece I wrote about a nightclub in Boston elicited this response: “Great atmosphere, great suspense, write more. Tell us about what went on, who got laid or didn’t, anyone weeping in despair, conversations, more drinks, your own

longings for the perfect flame, etc.” And back to the computer I would go.

It was this that shone through from her, that made me do more, that made me think about it. I’d sit back and roll through the day, the night, the experience, whatever it was I was writing and pick out things to put down, little things I’d missed at first pass. The color of a cock-tail, how it caught the light on the dance floor and made a reflection. The way the little spokes on a film uptake reel looked like teeth. How my grandmother’s eyes watered. Things that picked up the story, filled it in. “Just go nuts on the page,” she said, “just close your eyes and type, sweetheart.”

— Rosa Jurjevics

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Judith and I shared an October 14 birthday. We

met when a mutual friend threw a party for us both, 30 years ago. I was freshly graduated from a state teachers’ college, where I had managed to avoid any meaningful encounters with literacy. She was married, raising her two teenaged daughters and a stepson, and going stir-crazy in a quiet, dusty town in eastern Washington. Her tone, that first evening, was conspiratorial. We sat in a corner and gossiped, venomously, about everyone else in the room. By the end of the evening we decided we had been separated, somehow, at birth. Three months later, I went to visit her and her husband and family for a weekend and remained, in a spare room off the kitchen, for five years.

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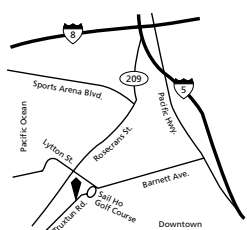
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volume biography of Lytton Strachey. She was reading her way through all of the letters and diaries of Virginia Woolf at the time. The notion of an elect group of like-minded artists, writers, and thinkers all living and working in close society was a heady new concept to someone raised in a red-necked logging town on the Washington coast. I was instantly swept up in Judith's enthusiasm and curiosity about the complex lives and loves of the Bloomsbury group.

To speak with Judith about a book was to learn the context in which the book was written — what the author was up to at the time, who the author's influences were, what had been said to whom, and when, that led the author to write what he did. Judith's reading of text was intimate. Her ability

to recall and connect details and, from them, to construct a rich criticism was something I have yet to experience with anyone else in casual conversation.

Poetry had always seemed beyond my powers of comprehension and outside my sphere of interest. No one could remain aloof, though, on hearing Judith read. She would deepen her voice, soften and elongate her vowels, and breathe life into any poem, from Emily Dickinson ("The soul selects her own society,/ Then shuts the door./ On her divine majority/ Obtrude no more") to Robert Penn Warren ("God's goose, neck neatly wrung, is being plucked") to T.S. Eliot ("Lady of silences/ Calm and distressed/ Torn and most whole/ Rose of memory/ Rose of forgetfulness"). One of the most useful pieces of

advice she gave me was to read poetry for a half hour before setting down to write.

When it came to a new author or a new poem, or even a new translation of a classic, such as David Ferry's *Georgics of Virgil*, Judith's excitement neared campaign status. Friends received copies from Amazon. She talked about it via e-mail or brought the book along to lunch in order to share snippets between courses. Then, in the evening after supper, she'd sit on her couch, with Lily the dachshund ever in attendance, and read whole chapters to her guests. And interspersed throughout the reading, gossip, even about Homer.

— Jerry Miller

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sent by fax, was to buy and read Joan Didion's *Slouching towards Bethlehem*. I was 23 and recently graduated from Thomas Aquinas College, a Catholic liberal arts school where the nonfiction we read was academic in nature. Judith knew where I'd gone to school, and she had a hunch that the commitment to the idea of objective truth that defined my alma mater would translate into good journalism. I think she was right. She was also right to start me on Didion's clean-yet-detailed prose.

For a rainy January week in 1995, I reclined on the queen-sized bed in my hotel room across the street from the *Reader*, drank acrid instant coffee, and read Joan Didion's stories of San Francisco hippies, desperate suburbanites in Pomona, and the

provincial snobs of Sacramento. Every other day, Judith called and asked in a husky voice that made my young hormones tingle, "How's your reading coming, honey?"

"Fine. I really love how Didion gets across the idea that these hippies..."

"Honey," she interrupted, "I want you to pay attention to the details she gets: the size of rooms she's in, the temperature of the air, the color of eyes and clothes, sounds, smells, and mannerisms. All of that observation makes good writing."

Those first two weeks, the only time I'd been alone in my life, Judith and Joan Didion were my chief connections to the rest of humanity. So much so that my mental picture of Judith became the dust jacket photo of Joan

Didion. I was disappointed a few years later when I realized that the photograph on an editor's desk of a matronly woman sporting a bad '80s perm and holding a dachshund was Judith. Thereafter, I tried not to look at the photo when I talked to the editor, and I let my mind reform its image of Judith as the pretty, petite lady wearing oversized shades and a Jackie Kennedy silk scarf. I still think of her that way.

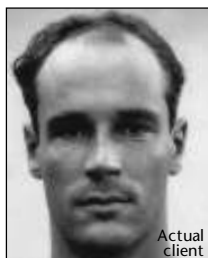
— Ernie Grimm

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article for the *Reader* on one of the last remaining dairymen in San Diego County, a man named Pete Verboom. He lived in the Pauma Valley, only 40 or 50 miles from Laguna but an entirely different

world.

She said the article had to be at least 6000 words long. Then she said something I hadn't heard before in my writing life and haven't heard much since: the *Reader* would pay me! I

said, "Sure" to Judith. To myself, I said, "How hard can this be?"

A few days later, I said to myself, "I don't have the slightest idea how to do this!" I visited Mr. Verboom's farm for a few days — put on the

rubber boots, watched him and his brother pull some calves, interviewed him and his wife at length. Mr. Verboom gave me a journal that his father had written on the voyage from postwar Holland to a new life in the USA, an aid to the assignment. I tried to write the article — it was a miserable mess, with awkward, dopey sentences. Nonfiction is a craft, and even though I've read a great deal of it, I had no idea how to write it.

And over and over again Judith helped. I was back in the East, living in Boston (where my daughter was) and commuting to New York (where I taught). Judith gave me tips: "The people you interview write

a lot of the article for you!" She cajoled me. She encouraged me. She got tough on my ass. I remember once saying something like "So you're giving me permission to..." and she said, "No, I'm telling you to!" She beat me over the head for using too many passive verbs, the same thing for which I beat my poetry students over the head. We'd often talk for two or three hours at a time — about this article and others that followed. She spent a huge amount of energy trying to help me write decent prose sentences.

We became friends during these talks too, telling each other our sad and our happy stories. She was my teacher — getting me

up to maybe a B- level. Not bad, considering where I began: sub-F.

Judith was a wonderful writer. I loved her long and beautifully (a word she forbade me to use!) written series on the San Diego mob figure Frank Bompensiero. I hope these articles get published in a book someday. They should have been in the running for a Pulitzer. I loved her book *Never Eat Your Heart Out*. I loved her last book, *Fat Girl*. She was just beginning to get major recognition for her own work. I was delighted when she got a Guggenheim Fellowship before she became ill. We must have talked and (later) e-mailed for hundreds of hours in the nearly ten years I knew her.

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Judith Moore was my friend. I loved her. We never once met in person.

— Thomas Lux

She Gave More Than She Took

Judith was a ghost to me. She was present, but never corporeally. It strikes me as ironic that I never met her, considering that the body — her body — was one of her principal concerns. We talked on the phone a lot, though. I heard a warm voice and robust laugh. She talked dirty too. She swore. But she also talked like a kid; she said “Ooh!” sometimes. We had long conversations on the phone, and she always spoke her piece with flair. I wasn’t able to always, but I believe that made me a better writer because I wanted to show her that I too had a distinct voice. Many of the pieces I

wrote for the *Reader* were written for Judith, and if I turned out a good one it was likely because she talked me into it.

Judith found me through my family, and she found me at a time when I desperately needed to be found. My father wrote a cover story for Judith about visiting his father in La Jolla, and my brother wrote a cover story for her about a wooden boat. Then she asked me if I could write for her. This was in the winter of 1997. A cliché, I know, but I was a graduate student working on a dissertation and recently deserted by a longtime girlfriend who — if you can believe it — had been cheating on me with a guy named Randy. Judith persuaded the *Reader* to fly me to San Diego, put me up in a downtown hotel, and pay me to drink in bars and

clubs for a week, research for a story on the local music scene. She did this for me I don’t know why — because my father and my brother write well? This was an editor who gave more than she took away.

I let Judith down by taking a job as a staff writer at another weekly paper. She paid me back by hiring me to work full-time for the *Reader* and then asking me to write a lot. She never said “Hi” when I answered the phone; she just started talking, taking an idea or a joke somewhere. For nearly ten years, Judith was a thread in my life, holding me together and leading me here.

— Justin Wolff

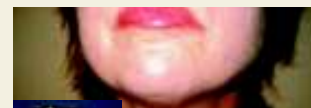
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played the loving, nurturing mother; I, the eager-to-please daughter. It was curious, because we never met. But she headed her e-mails "Dear heart," "Cream puff," and "Dear angel" and filled them with encouraging and pithy tips, such as "Don't ever describe something that

you can get an expert to describe" and "Give me all five senses." When Judith got sick, I knew she didn't want to talk about it. We carried on as before, but my own motherly intuition could sense loneliness and suffering in her short e-mails. So I took a chance and sent her a

book of prayers and some coloring creations from my kids. We enclosed a note telling her we were all praying for her. She sent an e-mail thanking us and signed it, "In your love's warmth." Over her last months, this lady who had been a work mother

to me became in her own words a "scared little girl." I was humbled and honored when she wrote me saying I had become "a spiritual mother" to her. Another note said that she could feel our prayers holding her spirit high.

She wrote of her suffering, how it demanded patience and humility. "I am not accustomed to needing so much help, and that humbles me every day," she stated.

"My body, some nights, is its own cross, and my mind remains too lively." But other correspondence was hopeful. "I have been singing the beginning of the Magnificat a lot. 'My Spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.'"

Even in her dark hours, she still showed me love, warmth, and encouragement. As a good mother does, she taught me how to find joy through suffering, prayer, humility, and love. For that, I will always be grateful.

Toward the very end, she sent poems and prayers in which she found inspiration and solace — poems such as "Life of Sundays" by Rodney Jones and Wordsworth's "Nuns Fret Not at Their Convent's Narrow Room." The last poem she sent me was a prayer

of Saint Augustine's: "Late I have loved you, O Beauty, so ancient and so new; late have I loved you. For behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside and in my unloveliness fell upon those lovely things which you have made. You were with me, and I was not with you. I was kept from you by those things, yet had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and cried to me to break open my deafness and you sent forth your beams and you shone upon me and chased away my blindness. You breathed fragrance upon me, and I drew in my breath and do now pant for you. I tasted you, and now hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I have burned for your peace." ■

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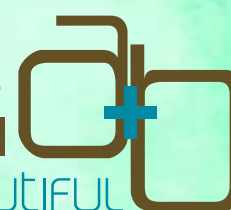
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could suddenly become an axe murderer.

by Jeff Smith George Hunt, his landlord and friend for seven years, visited

Smith in the San Diego jail. "I don't doubt that you did it," Hunt said, "but you must have been crazy. Now how about it?"

"A terrible thing," Smith replied almost inaudibly, "those boys cut the boat adrift. I had to come [home] without a cargo, and they sat for hours together in the foc's'le and laughed and plotted to assassinate me. I made up my mind: I had to do away with them."

Hunt, a shipbuilder, had noticed a change months before. Smith used to save \$1000 a year from investments. Then in 1891 he lost valuable property in Northern California and a small fortune when the San Diego real-estate

boom fizzled. He supported a sister, Elizabeth Nebhut, in Augusta, Georgia, and paid a large sum for his nephew, A.L. Smith, to come west.

When Hunt rented Smith a room, he noticed that his tenant stayed out all night. A local widow, Hunt assured reporters, had captured Smith's affections and — though Smith denied it, even denied knowing her — had "melted" his money.

Smith became moody, moping around the waterfront in a half daze. In June, 1891, he bought the sloop *Lou* and, says Hunt, "from that time appeared to be troubled."

Toward the end of 1891, Smith brought the *Lou* to Hunt's shipyard at 848 Atlantic Street. Up to this point, Smith had chartered the single-masted sloop for fishing excursions and occasional shipping contracts. Smith had Hunt convert the *Lou* to a double-masted schooner, the kind smugglers and guano poachers used to negotiate shallow bays and narrow channels. Smith needed a nest egg, he said, for his old age. To secure it, he would cross the line.

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In September, 1892 — two months before the murder — Smith made a guano run to the Lower Coast. His nephew, A.L. Smith, came along. He noticed that his uncle often lost "possession of his right mind." High winds made him as nervous as none at all. "Once when we were quite close to shore, the wind suddenly died out. The captain became almost wild, and shouted as loud as he could until the wind sprang up."

Pacing the deck, Smith swore he saw the Mexican war vessel *Democrata* coming to jail him for poaching.

The nephew saw nary a sail.



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Smith had the weathered face and savvy squint of a captain, but many questioned his abilities. In 1887 he lost a man overboard. Not far off Point Loma, Smith was belowdecks when the wind shifted and the main boom swung around and flung Ben Bosworth into the sea. By the time Smith came on deck, Bosworth was out of oar's reach. The boat had no skiff, and the captain listened to the sailor beg for help as he went under.

Smith reported the incident at once and, wrote the *Union*, "The story was accepted at the time without suspicion or comment." Rumors of two other deaths — neither proven — clung to Smith's reputation like barnacles.

In November, 1892, he put the last of his earnings into a desperate guano run. He hired George Neale, 16, and Christopher "Willie" Silbery, 15. Why teenagers? It's possible that tough guano poachers wouldn't sail with such an antsy buccaneer. Or, rather

QUOTATIONS

1. Samuel C. Smith: "I done a deed I have always abhorred."

2. Herbert Hensley: The boys went "more for adventure than anything else — not

fully realizing what they had gotten into.

3. *San Diego Union*: "It was the act of an assassin who strikes in the dark."

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than having to give poachers shares of the cargo, Smith could pay the boys a flat monthly fee — \$25 for George, \$15 for Willie — and pocket the rest. Since his last two runs had taken 22 days, Smith could haul in desperately needed cash.

The trio sailed south on November 10. The *Lou*, on Mexican authorities' watch list for years, had two sleeping compartments: a small bunk in the foc's'le, near the bow; and two in the rear cabin. Smith and George Neale slept aft;

Willie Silbery, forward. The foc's'le on the 38-foot vessel was so small, Willie nicknamed it the "cubby-hole."

They reached Round Island, 225 miles from San Diego, on November 14. Storm surf was too treacherous to navigate the skiff, so Smith headed to Whiterock, a safer site eight miles west. Thick guano deposits clung to the cliffs like dirty snow. But for three days the wind blew and Smith watched waves spew foam on the craggy island.

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anchored 400 yards from shore. For two days, the boys broomed the cliffs. It took forever, it seemed to Willie, to fill a 50-pound sack, row it back to the *Lou*, and heave it on board. Willie found harvesting "such slow work," his thoughts turned toward home.

Heavy swells returned. Work ceased. As the *Lou* pitched about — without enough guano for proper ballast — George told Smith that Willie had talked about going home, then asked how long before they would.

"Quite a while," answered the captain.

Later Willie said, "George said he didn't care if it took us another month to get our cargo. There was no quarrel."

Days passed, the surf

need it, or fishlines," said Smith, encouraged by their initiative. As he watched them row ashore, Smith noticed that they'd become

"Sam, throw me an oar," George shouted from farther away. "God, won't you help me? God help me, I'm dying a horrible death."

still too choppy. The crew did little but eat and sleep.

On November 22, George and Willie took the skiff to hunt mussels.

"Take my rifle, if you

"greatly attached." They talked, heads tilted toward each other, as if conspiring.

When they returned around supper, Willie secured the skiff astern

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with three half-hitches.

At 9:00 p.m., Smith arose to check the weather. It looked good. Tomorrow would be a productive day. He inspected the anchor and the skiff. Everything fine.

The next morning, the rowboat was gone. Sailors will tell you that half-hitches are a flimsy

deck. A vague, “sorrowful feeling” came over Smith. He cuffed George. “Then it was *you!*”

George looked away, said nothing.

Smith made a day-long, leeward search of the island, but the skiff had disappeared.

“Why not tell me you must go home?” Smith

bankrupt future, Smith broke down. No skiff. Not enough ballast for a safe sail home. An early December storm would drown them all.

“Let anyone imagine my situation on the high seas,” Smith wrote in his confession, “with two young men who had [sabotaged] my only means of securing a cargo.” If they could do that, then the two “hoodlums” were “capable of murdering.”

The *Lou* weighed anchor and headed north, stacks of empty gunny-sacks in its hold. Smith stayed at the helm, often for long stretches.

Three days later, the boys climbed down the foc’s’le’s companionway and talked for an hour. Occasionally, a head would pop up and peer around, to see if Smith could hear them, then duck back down.

Fearing an attack, Smith hid a rock and a hatchet near his bunk in the cabin. He stayed

confronted the boys. “I would have taken in more ballast and saved my boat!... My God, how can I pay you when you’ve destroyed my only means of doing anything?” He was an old man, he told them, with a sister to support, and wanted to lay up something for his old age.

At the thought of a

Even as Smith gave assurances, “he would look at me so strange,” Willie said later, “I could feel the blood leave my face.”

way to secure a craft, even on glassy waters. But Smith became convinced that one, or both, of the boys had cast it adrift.

Smith shook Willie awake in the foc’s’le. You cut it loose, Smith roared. You want to go home!

“No,” Willie replied. “If you can prove I did, I’ll forfeit my wages.”

George came on

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awake through nine nights, prepared to fight for his life. He stopped eating.

To probe for a conspiracy, Smith asked George why he was so hush-hush with Willie.

"We just chat and have a smoke," George

replied.

"Silbery's not that much," said Smith, recounting rumors that Willie had stolen fruit and been expelled from school and had no talent as a seaman.

George became silent.

At nightfall, December 2, the *Lou* passed North Coronado Island, 11 nautical miles south of San Diego. The wind died down, so Smith decided to anchor four-and-a-half miles above the island, on a direct line between it and Point Loma — and

beyond the two-mile-wide undersea kelp forest that surrounded the northernmost of the four Coronados. They'd sail home at dawn.

Smith ordered the watches: George, nine to midnight; Willie, midnight to three; Smith, three to six.

Within an hour after Willie's watch, Smith came to the foc's'le, asking about a hatchet Willie had secured above his bed. Smith grabbed it and left.

Thoughts of home rocked Willie back to sleep. Suddenly he awoke to a thumping on deck. Then a desperate cry: "Don't shoot me, Sam! For God's sake, *don't kill*

me!"

George? His voice came in waves, as if from the water, and began to fade, drifting astern.

"I've been a good boy — don't *shoot me!*"

Willie crept up the ladder and peeked out. He saw Smith sitting on the cockpit, peering over the beam, his rifle aimed at moonlit ripples.

"Sam, throw me an oar," George shouted from farther away. "God, won't you help me? God help me, I'm dying a horrible death."

Smith fired. The voice stopped.

Then Smith saw Willie.

"What're you shooting at, Sam?"

"Only a bird." Willie ducked below, his mind on fire. Then he heard Smith pretending to answer George: "Only a bird. No. Missed."

At daybreak, Smith still sat on the cockpit, watching the placid waters. Willie came on deck. Careful not to surprise him, Willie slowly sat down next to Smith. ("Sam still had the rifle and he looked at me. Oh, it was enough to kill a man, the way he looked.") Smith had blood on his pants and the bloody imprint of a head on his shirt. There was even a red splotch on his cigarette. He noticed it, but kept on smoking.

"Willie'd you have

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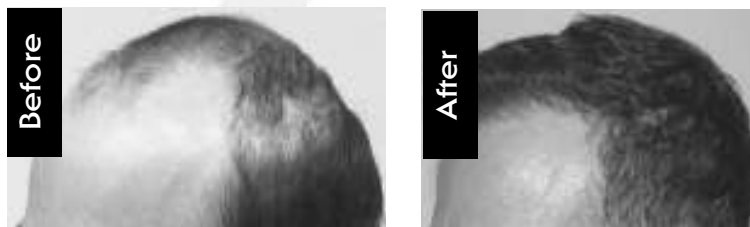
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anything to do with cutting the boat adrift?"

"No sir," said Willie, desperate to "smooth it over."

"I've been thinking about this for nine days," said Smith, his voice as gray as the ocean. "I intended to throw you overboard too, and report that you two went hunting in the skiff and got lost in the surf."

After a pause, Smith changed, as if waking from a coma: "Had I better give myself up, or how shall we fix it?"

Make up a story, Willie urged. Pretend George fell over and drowned. "You're in a hell of a scrape, Sam. You can depend on me to help."

"Then we'll report he was lost overboard on the three o'clock watch," said Smith, "and we don't know how."

That'll work, said Willie, promising Smith he'd stick to it. Then he noticed a trail of blood leading to the deckhouse. Smith told him to get a rag and water and scrub it off — and they'd clean the cabin, too.

Both went below. Freckles of blood fanned across the ceiling. Red fingermarks streaked the side of George's bunk and a crimson trail led from the bunk to the ladder. Willie found a hatchet — an elongated hammer-head, the back a claw for pulling nails — covered with blood and strands of George's hair.

Smith washed the fingermarks. Willie cleaned the floor but didn't touch the ceiling — "the blood was not in clots, just in drops, about fifty drops" — in the hope that someone would discover the evidence.

They got under way as the sun cleared the eastern mountains. But the sails went slack. Blow wind, please! Willie wanted to shout, convinced Smith would snap again.

"I'll be true to you," Willie told him.

"I know that, and I know George cut the boat adrift."

But even as Smith gave assurances, "he would look at me so strange," Willie said later,

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"I could feel the blood leave my face."

Just off Point Loma, while Smith was below, Willie went aft, where the rifle hung. Hearing footsteps clunk overhead, Smith rushed up the ladder and cried, "No, Willie!"

When he saw the boy wasn't going for the rifle, Smith became confused, then composed himself and said, "Go down below and...get me the soap in that pail."

Willie did. Smith unhooked the rifle and, for the rest of the voyage,

clutched it to his side.

Just after sunset, they anchored in San Diego Bay near Jorres Wharf. At the first opportunity, Willie hailed a ride to shore. "Take care of your mother," Smith called to him. "It is a serious thing to take the law into your own hands. I see it now."

Willie raced to his home at the foot of India Street. At 10:00 p.m., he and his father went to the police station. Chief J.W. Brenning and Officer José Cota rowed out to the Lou and found Smith, his face swollen,

eyes bloodshot. He offered no resistance. When they locked him in county jail, he refused to talk.

"I didn't feel safe," Willie told reporters the next day, "until he was in jail."

Word of the murder snaked through San Diego. Close friends were shocked that Sam Smith — a Civil War private under Sherman, a generous, educated, God-fearing citizen — could do such a terrible deed.

At first, Smith wouldn't speak to reporters. But word leaked from jail that he'd deny the murder to friends ("I haven't shot anybody, and I haven't thrown anybody overboard"), or curse the bad

luck that had shrouded him for months, or break down, yelling "those wicked boys; they wanted to ruin me in my old days!"

When news that a second unthinkable crime had been committed in the last two months, San Diegans almost snapped.

Next time: Trial and Error.

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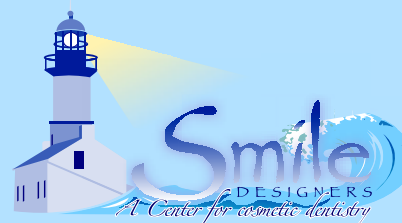
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The October 10 2006 City of San Diego Airports Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting (minutes available at www.sandiego.gov/airports/aac/index.shtml) was attended by Story and Sunroad lawyer Lichman: from the minutes, "Buzz Gibbs [AAC member] moved that the AAC authorize the Chair to send a letter to the City's Development Services Department to express opposition to the Sunroad Centrum 14 high rise building proposed in Kearny Mesa on the grounds that the height of the building is believed to create a hazard to air navigation in the vicinity of Montgomery Field Airport. The motion passed unanimously." Evidently it matters not what any entity (FAA, DoT) other than the city's committees say. Waring deftly recovers his hearing only when the people he owns speak and revolt. A bad case of willfull

deafness, in addition to dumbness and blindness. The AAC is governed by City of San Diego Manager: oops, that would be Sanders/Waring, these days.

Posted by Pal Richard on 08/12/07, 5:40 p.m.

Hello Don; Am a faithful reader of your column in the Reader. Thanks for exposing the lies at [city] hall. When is someone (is it Dumanis' or Moonbeam's job?) going to DO SOMETHING about all these half truths, etc. going on

around this Sunroad mess? What can we citizens do to speed this along to some reasonable truth telling?

Reply by Don Bauder: Councilmember Donna Frye confirmed today (Sun.) that last week, Waring asked her to talk with pilots who use Montgomery Field to see if they would accept flight patterns that would permit a 166 foot building. Waring is trying to reach a compromise with Sunroad. The Federal Aviation Administration opposes such an arrangement, as does City Attorney Mike Aguirre. Frye said nothing to Waring and notified Aguirre. So, as you point out, the lies keep piling up.

that column that was on the last page of the reader a few years ago? Some lady w/ her husband and 6 kids. I think her name was Anne. It was a terribly boring account of washing the dishes and carpooling. Towards the end she was on meds and trying to climb out of the dark hole known as middle class suburbia. Great attempt at vindicating the institution of marriage which you've constantly tried to berate in your previous issues. I cant wait to read why it makes fiscal sense to conceive a kid in your next contradiction (I mean issue)

Remote Control King Published August 8

Posted by Sasquatch on 08/9/07, 11:39 a.m.

While my cousin may have his faults, he still is too good to be abused by the likes of you. You have have grown up with some insecurities if your mother abandoned you in the arctic circle because your father cheated on her with a wendigo. More stories like this and I'll be sauntering out of the woods to put my "big foot" up your arse.

Theater Review Published August 1

Posted by Kitkat on 08/11/07, 12:45 p.m.

I wish I could've seen what you saw in this play. I thought the actress who played Chevalier gave a very flat performance and at times I wondered if her heart was really in it. Since her part was key to the plot, she kind of ruined it for me. I overheard another audience member describe her performance as "wooden" and I would have to say that that was a pretty fair description. I try to keep an open mind about any theater production and understand that I may not be able to infer certain nuances readily, and that every production requires a lot of hard work on the part of the actors and crew. And, since I have a daughter who is an actress (and performing in a play in Colorado at the moment), I feel I owe it to her and to every other actor who puts themselves out there for our entertainment, to watch and appreciate. I thought the set was fantastic and enjoyed the performances of the Countess and Arlequino were great.

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Cover Story Published August 8

Posted by Laugh A. Little on 08/9/07, 1:36 p.m.

Another cover story on homocides? Jeez guys, turn off the Depeche Mode and go out and get a suntan.

Diary of a Diva Published August 8

Posted by jenna on 08/10/07, 1:33 p.m.

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Oceanside Outrigger Canoe Races

What's nice about outrigger canoeing is that you're facing forward, so you get to see where you're going," says John Wascher, vice president of the Oceanside Outrigger Canoe Club. "And [the canoes] are built to go into the swells; you can go out into the open ocean. One big thing with the sport is being able to catch those swells when racing. In a crew boat, where the guys are sitting backwards, flat water is really good. For us, flat water is just kind of sticky."

The annual Paopao nine-man outrigger canoe race will take place on Saturday,

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August 18, in Oceanside. Earlier this year, two organizations — Makana Ke Kai Outrigger Canoe Club and Paopao Outrigger Association — merged to form the Oceanside Outrigger Canoe Club. "A lot of clubs will have Hawaiian names," Wascher explains. *Paopao* means "little canoe" in Samoan, and *makana ke kai* is Hawaiian for "precious gift of the sea." "In this case, we're trying to get better rapport with Oceanside."

Outrigger canoes are propelled by paddle and characterized by a pontoon attached to one or both sides of the boat, providing stability to the canoe as a training wheel would a bicycle. The stability provided by the outrigger allows for longer races in open water. In Olympic rowing competitions, oars are fixed to each side of the long, narrow boats, called racing shells or sculls.

The Oceanside club also participates in an annual 42-mile Hawaiian race from the island of Molokai to Oahu and a 32-mile

race from Newport Beach to Avalon, on Catalina Island. "After every race, there's always a lot of partying," says Wascher. "The men used to go over to Catalina from Newport, but [one] night it got pretty crazy with the guys drinking, so they changed it around. Now the women [race] from Newport to Avalon on a Saturday, and on Sunday morning the men leave Avalon and [race] to Newport Harbor."

The Paopao Nine-Man race is 18 miles long and lasts a little over two hours. The outrigger canoe holds six people; for nine-man races, three alternate paddlers follow the canoe in a small motor "chase boat." Paddlers are swapped out every 15 to 20 minutes. "The fishing boat will race ahead 200 yards in front of the canoe and drop those people in the water," Wascher explains. "As the canoe comes toward them, the people paddling will put their paddles inside the boat, then exit the boat out of the right side by rolling out of the boat as the new paddlers come in on the left side, and the boat never stops — they jump in, sit down, and grab a paddle." Over 40 outrigger canoes from 28 clubs will participate in both the women's and men's races.

Members of outrigger canoe clubs are as attracted to the culture as they are to the sport. "A lot of the Polynesian culture is involved, a lot of what we call 'aloha.' We try to bring as much of it as we can," says Leslie Baron, a member of the Oceanside club. "We make leis to give crews after we finish a race, and we give a formal boat blessing. There are little customs, like pointing the boat in a certain direction when it's on the sand, that add to the sport. The boat should always be facing the ocean."



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That's its home."

Wascher continues, "Someone from the local area who is Hawaiian or Polynesian will get on the speaker and give a nice Hawaiian prayer for safety and bringing everyone back, for good seas."

Accidents do happen. "When we flip over, it's called a *huli*, which must be the Hawaiian word for 'flip.' The majority of the people who are on the water are pretty comfortable swimming, but some people — which is kind of crazy — love being on the water and love paddling but in the open ocean get a little freaked out."

Wascher considers all paddling organizations his *ohana*, or family. "I tell new people, whether you want it or not, when you join this club you get an entire new family that will do stuff for you, like babysit your kids. It's a whole community."

The sport also attracts the very athletic. "You have to dedicate so much to paddling; it's a total body workout. Most people within the community are really active people, a lot of them work out, mountain bike. There are a lot of personal trainers, runners. One guy was an Olympic cyclist, and another was an Olympic rower."

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BAJA

"El Reverso Exacto del Texto," Margarita Valencia Triana reads from and signs her new book, Thursday, August 16, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Murales Bajo las Estrellas," Gregorio Luke discusses artist Diego Rivera, Friday, August 17, 8 p.m., at ICBC (Avenida Centenario #10151, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-900-6210. (TIJUANA)

Marina Puerto Salina Kayak Sportfishing Tournament, in which anglers with kayaks compete in bottom and surface fishing

categories, is Saturday, August 18. Event starts at 8 a.m. at Marina Puerto Salina (Carrera Tijuana-Ensenada km 73, approximately 23 miles north of Ensenada). \$20 per person. Weigh-in at 3 p.m. 866-365-2562. (ENSENADA)

The Grand Prix Tijuana, with competition for all kinds of vehicles, is Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, 9 a.m., at Tercera Etapa del Río. Routes and details: 011-52-664-625-6381. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Tattoo Expo, fifth annual expo showcasing "the art of tattooing and piercing" by artists from around globe, Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, noon to 10 p.m., at Salon Taxistas in Zona Río. Live music, food, tattoo contest. Cover: \$5. 619-850-5747. (TIJUANA)

Fiestas de la Vendimia and Santo Tomás Street Fair, Saturday, August 18, 2 p.m., at Bodegas de Santo Tomás Winery (Avenida Miramar between Calles 6 and 7). Street fair promises games, regional foods, house wines, art exhibitions, cultural presentations, all types of music. Free admission. 011-52-646-178-3038. (ENSENADA)

Twilight Train to Tecate, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum hosts adventure beginning at Campo Depot (Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road), Saturday, August 18. Itinerary: depart Campo at 3 p.m.; arrive Tecate at 4:15 p.m.; depart Tecate at 7:45 p.m.; return to Campo at 9 p.m. During this evening outing, brewery tours are not available. Fare: \$43 general, \$23 children (3-12), free for toddlers on laps. 619-465-7776 x5. (CAMPO, TECATE)

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"De la Palabra al DJ," lecture by Carlos Monsiváis, Saturday, August 18, 5 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Sunset Concert by Armando Mazanero and Susana Zabaleta for harvest festival at Chateau Camou Winery, Saturday, August 18, 6:30 p.m., \$150 U.S. 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA)

"Summer of Love" — rock and roll by Ginny Silva, Los Zantos con Z, Pájaro Alberto, and Power to the People on Saturday, August 18, 8 p.m., at Tia Juana Tilly's (Avenida Revolución and 7th Street). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-685-9555. (TIJUANA)

"La Cuca...Racha," rock and roll in Spanish, Saturday, August 18, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$25 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

"Sinaloa," Ronaldo González Valdéz discusses and signs his new book, Monday, August 20, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in

Zona Río). 011-52-664-685-1264. Free. (TIJUANA)

"Hoyos Negros," René Murillo plans lecture, Tuesday, August 21. Talk starts at 7 p.m. at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$2 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

M-Fest, rock music by Javier Báltiz, La Cruz, Astrorumberos, Somosuno, others, Wednesday, August 22, 6 p.m., Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

The Orchestra of Baja California plans concert, Thursday, August 23, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Explore Baja California's Aquafarms during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, September 8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Participants take boat ride toward Punta Banda and Todos Santos Bay to visit oyster, mussel, protected blue fin tuna aquafarms. Stop at local university

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Orioles, the bright yellow or yellow-orange-and-black birds seen flitting among the palm trees, are summer residents of San Diego County's coastal areas. A century ago, the orioles preferred to nest in sycamore trees, which were then more common in our area's river bottoms. Today these birds are most likely to take up residence in the planted palm trees, where they obtain fiber to build their nests from the easily shredded fronds.

Thunderstorms have visited the Imperial Valley and parts of eastern San Diego County over the past several weeks. The seasonal arrival of moisture from the east and south, more or less typical for late summer, contributes to the greening of certain kinds of vegetation. On the desert floor, for example, the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two to three weeks later if no

further rain arrives. The distribution of green-leaved ocotillos tells not only where rain has recently fallen; it also indicates where the runoff has collected and remained for enough time to be absorbed by the ocotillo's root system.

Watchers of the Dawn Sky this weekend (August 18-19) will notice the bright, so-called winter stars (especially those in the constellations of Orion, Taurus, and Gemini) rising in the east just above the rosy glow of morning twilight. By the end of August, Venus (a so-called "morning star" when seen in that position) will join those same constellations, having just switched from its earlier role as an "evening star."

Seek Lesser Yellowlegs, phalaropes, barn swallows, Baird's and stilt sandpipers, others during Audubon Society birding outing at San Elijo Lagoon on Saturday, August 18, 8 a.m. Meet at end of Rios Avenue, overlooking south side of lagoon. Bring scope, water. Easy hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (SOLANA BEACH)

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho continues in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on Saturday, August 18, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Snakes, Shakes, and Native Plants — naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderately strenuous 3.5-mile hike up and down steep trails in Daley Ranch, Saturday, August 18. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. at La Honda Drive entrance. Bring water, wear hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Cleanup Along San Diego River on Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m.-noon, hosted by San Diego River Park Foundation and Friends of 92108. Equipment, refreshments provided. Join volunteers at corner of San Diego Mission Road/Ward Road and Camino del Rio North (by 24 Hour Fitness). Free. 619-297-7380. (MISSION VALLEY)

Explore Prehistoric Volcanic Rocks and historic grinding rocks (where Native Americans processed acorns near San Diego River) when guides lead walks, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, August 18, 19, and 22, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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Friends of Rose Creek beckon volunteers for variety of work in native plant garden, Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.–noon, behind Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Park on Fogg Street, just south of Garnet. Weed, water, plant native species. Bring work or gardening gloves, water. 858-405-7503. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m., starting at visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Discover Latest Changes in Gaslamp Quarter and East Village during Walkabout-led urban walk, Saturday, August 18, starting at 10:45 a.m. at Fourth Avenue and E Street. Free. 619-231-7463, 619-271-7107. (DOWNTOWN)

Learn of Habits, Habitat, what to do when you find an injured animal when Project Wildlife pro-

gram is presented, Saturday, August 18, 6:30 p.m., in amphitheatre at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

“Squeak, Hoot, and Howl!” Listen for sounds of night hunters — bats, owls, coyotes — during guided walk on Saturday, August 18, 6:45–8:15 p.m., starting at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. (SAN CARLOS)

Start Pruning Now! It’s winter for Southern California’s native plants; learn about these dormant locals when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets on Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). Expert and novice gardeners interested in learning about working with native plants invited. Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Canyon Favorites Hike — take moderately paced loop hike to Carson’s Crossing and waterfall in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, August 19. Hike starts at

5 p.m. in northern parking-staging area; park by kiosk. Free. 858-484-3219. Bring water, wear hiking boots. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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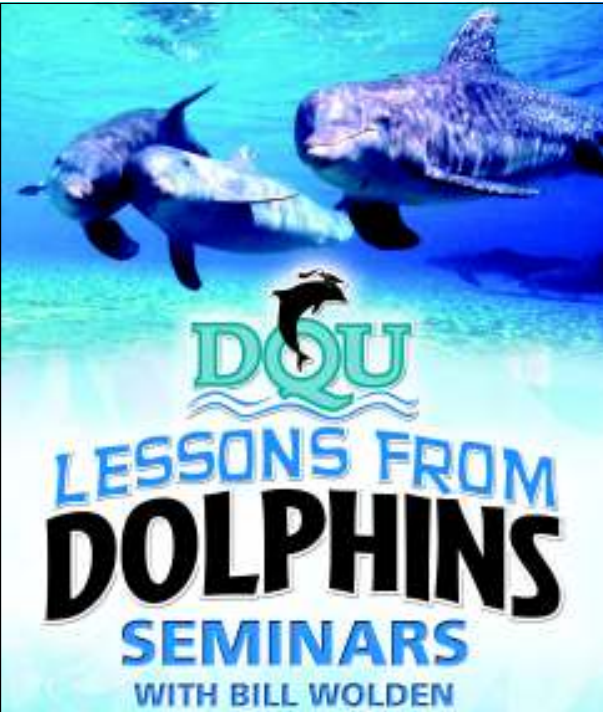
City Ballet Summer Intensive participants perform for Twilight in the Park series, Thursday, August 16, 6:15 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Recital is repeated Friday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 858-274-6058. (BALBOA PARK, CITY HEIGHTS)

Calling All Jitterbugs! Meeshi and CafeSavoy Swing Productions host four-week summer swing class series starting Thursday, Au-

gust 16, at La Jolla YMCA Firehouse (7877 Herschel Avenue). Intermediate swing: 7 p.m.; beginner’s swing: 8 p.m. Open DJed swing dance, 9 p.m.–midnight. \$12 for class and dance; \$40 for four weeks. All ages welcome. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

“RISE: The California Earth Project,” documentary dance presented by Eveoke Dance through Sunday, August 26, at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2124 Park Boulevard). *RISE* is a dance “about the environmental heroes who rise to bring forth a green future.”

Showtimes: 8 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays; 4 and 7 p.m. on Sundays. \$20 adults; \$15 students and seniors; pay-what-you-can performance each Thursday and Sunday one hour before curtain. 619-238-1153. (BALBOA PARK)



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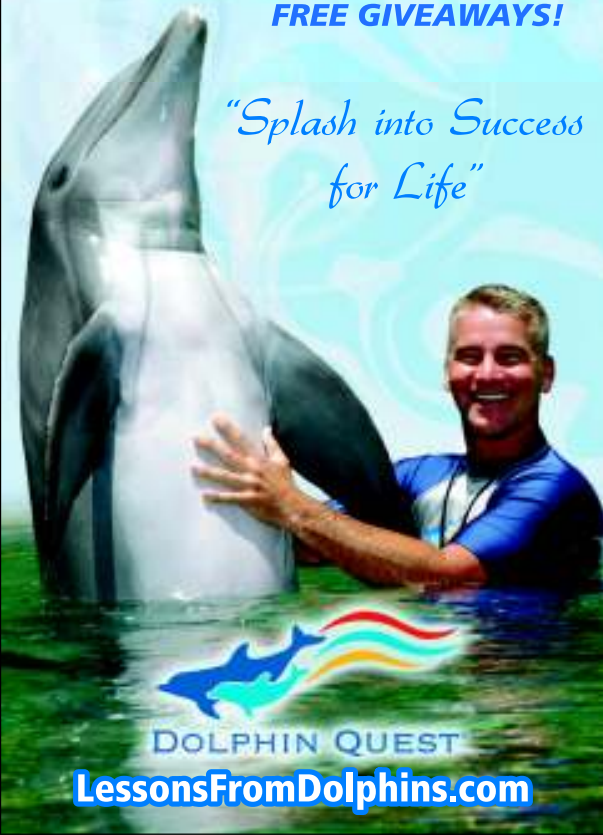
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Cross-Step Waltz Variations dispensed during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, August 17, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing, 8:30–9:45 p.m. All ages. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956.

Portland Caller Mary Devlin is “sure to bring some fun new dances” when Hey Wire plays for contradance, Friday, August 17, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners’ dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including August 18, 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. (PACIFIC BEACH)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Mary Devlin calls, Steve plays, August 19. Beginners’ instruction at 6 p.m. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

West Coast Swing Dance Party, Sunday, August 19, 7:30–10 p.m., at Synergy Dance Zone (7480 Miramar Road). Introduction to West Coast swing class:

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UCSD’s Stuart Collection of outdoor sculpture seeks to enrich the cultural and intellectual life of the campus and the surrounding community. The current 16 works in the collection are sprinkled throughout several hundred acres of the mazelike central campus. Only a few are accessible by car. So, in order to visit them all, you end up getting quite a lot of physical as well as mental exercise.

Early mornings or early evenings in summer are perfect for the walk, when cool sea air washes in from the west and the sun either hides behind the marine layer of clouds or spreads light and shadow across the sleepy campus. Better, too, are weekends, when parking is free and abundant throughout the campus.



Standing, a sculpture by Kiki Smith

To begin, stop at the information booth at UCSD’s south entrance on Gilman Drive (just north of La Jolla Village Drive) and obtain a free Stuart Collection guide booklet and campus map. On weekdays, you may be advised to park in the Gilman parking structure ahead; on weekends you can park nearly anywhere.

The guide booklet and campus maps depict the locations of the 16 permanent works, plus the looping route of a suggested “walking tour” — to be followed slavishly, or ignored if you like to improvise. Either way you’ll cover approximately three miles in up to three hours of time.

Cool off in the drips and drops of water falling to earth from the outstretched fingers of Kiki Smith’s *Standing*, a female figure mounted high on a concrete-cast tree trunk. Compare the physical features of today’s UTC area with

those of 20 years ago as immortalized in William Wegman’s bronze map titled *La Jolla Vista View*. Get a complete look at Alexis Smith’s *Snake Path* from an upper floor of the Geisel Library, then explore its tiled, 560-foot length at ground level. Embrace the sun-warmed granite blocks of Richard Fleischner’s *La Jolla Project*. Listen to Terry Allen’s lead-encased *Trees*, one offering up recorded songs, another emitting spoken poems and stories, a third offering no sound at all. Taste

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and smell the slightly acerbic water arcing from Michael Asher’s fully functional stone replica of a typical indoor chilled-water fountain.

Don’t miss the collection’s newest and most massive work — *Bear*, by Tim Hawkinson, an impossibly balanced cairn of eight massive granitic boulders, weighing 180 tons, quarried from a local source. Another must-see is Bruce Nauman’s *Vices and Virtues*, a kinetic light sculpture constructed of nearly one mile of neon tubing. Save it for last, when twilight is near.

FILM

Classic Movie Series features *Red River* (1948) starring John Wayne and Montgomery Clift, Thursday, August 16, 7 p.m., and Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m., at Stephen and

6 p.m.; intermediate class: 7:45 p.m., taught by Mary Manzella, former National Swing Dance champion, Hall of Fame inductee. General admission: \$8, additional fee for lessons. 619-229-0141. (MIRAMAR)

The Original Production *Door to Door* is presented by transcen-

DANCE Youth Arts Project, Tuesday, August 21, at Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Reception at 6 p.m. promising food, beverages, live world-beat music, and African dance precedes 7:30 p.m. curtain. Tickets: \$40 per person, or \$75 per pair. 619-858-0322, 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

“Groove on Tap!” Rhythm and dance group with tap dancer Claudia Gomez Vorce, percussionist Toby Ahrens, musician Todd Davidson performs Friday, August 24, 8 p.m., at WorldBeat Cultural Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Tickets: \$25–\$30. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue). \$9 general, \$7 seniors and children. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Movies in the Park series concludes with *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on Thursday, August 16, at dusk at Spring Valley Park (8735 Jamacha Boulevard). Bring picnic, blanket. Free. 619-479-0312. (SPRING VALLEY)

“How to Steal a Million,” Audrey Hepburn and Peter O’Toole star in romantic comedy from 1966, coming to Screen on the Green outdoor film series, Thursday, August 16. Steve Martin’s romantic comedy *L.A. Story* may be enjoyed on Thursday, August 23. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. on east lawn at San Diego Museum of Art. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

“Garden State” screens for Cinema under the Stars series on Thursday and Friday, August 16 and 17. Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, Alfred Hitchcock — what other inducements are required to persuade you to catch *North by Northwest* on Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19? Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

“Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea,” new documentary narrated by John Waters investigates “several eccentric communities that surround the sea.” Specifically, “Christian nudists, pop stars, land sharks, hard drinkers, empty cities, failed resort towns, tons of dead fish, a dying cafe, and a man

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Dinosaurs Alive!*, *The Alps: Giants of Nature*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. “Fridays at the Fleet” showcases *Yellowstone* (6 p.m.) and *Forces of Nature* (7 p.m.) on August 17. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Method” — described as “a darkly comedic yet riveting psychological thriller” — screens at UltraStar’s Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive), Friday–Thursday, August 17–23, for Cinema en tu Idioma series hosted by Media Arts Center. Also screening: *Family Law*, from Argentina. \$9.50 general. In Spanish with English subtitles. 619-230-1938x101. (MISSION VALLEY)

Luca Lucini’s Film *Tre Metri Sopra Il Cielo* (2004) screens Friday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

Moonlight Movies feature *Akeelah and the Bee*, Saturday, August 18, at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Fun starts at 5 p.m., movie starts at dusk (around 8 p.m.). Free. 858-581-9919. (CLAIREMONT)

Hal Jepsen’s 1975 Film *Super Session* screens for Surf Film Night and discussion, Saturday, August 18, 7 p.m., in Oceanside Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with viewing of

“The ’70s: Surf Photography by Jeff Divine and Classic Boards from the Era” at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

Third Annual Fall Film Series commences with Martin Scorsese’s *Last Waltz*, Saturday, August 18, 7 p.m. Film chronicles the Band’s 1976 farewell concert in San Francisco. Discussion led by Christy Coobatis. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. Donation requested. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

How About a “Spunky Love Letter to Vancouver”? Paul Fox’s *Everything’s Gone Green* may be seen during Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, August 20, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Silent Movie Night with organist Dennis James and a Laurel and Hardy film slated for 20th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Films of Meryl Streep showcased during ongoing film series hosted by Carlsbad Library, with *One True Thing* (2004) on Wednesday, August 22, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“Digitizing the Microfilm and Microfiche Records Stored in Granite Mountain, Salt Lake City” is title for Brigham Young University video program screened for England/Wales interest class, sponsored by British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Thursday, August 23, 10:30 a.m., at Family History Center (4195

Camino del Rio South). Free, non-members welcome. 619-469-1677. (MISSION VALLEY)

Back by Popular Demand, enjoy “Alt.pictureshows ’07,” Thursday, August 23, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Sherwood Auditorium and portions of museum’s galleries used to screen more than 20 short films. Themes: “Funny Boneyard II: Drama Queens and Global Village Idiots,” “Surrealism a-Go-Go,” “The Wailing Wall, Disc II,” “Mini Docs ’r Us III and Defiant Love,” “Souls on Ice.” \$5 general. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

Talented Artist and Social Critic Jean Lowe, featured in “Suburban Sublime” at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner), plans art talk, Thursday, August 16, 6 p.m. “Lowe creates playful and elaborate art installations that challenge widely held beliefs and opinions.” Included in museum admission. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Love to Hike with Your Dog? Dog-friendly hikes revealed by Donna Lawrence, author of *Leave Only Paw Prints: Dog Hikes in San Diego County*, Thursday, August 16, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Learn about mountain trails, desert roads, from backcountry chaparral to county, city regional parks. \$10. No dogs. Registration: 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

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Enthusiasm Required (as opposed to experience) when Andy Rau and Les Johnson present banjo and guitar workshops, Saturday, August 18, at Deering Banjo Factory (3733 Kenora Drive). Workshops begin at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., include brief concert, lesson, question and answer period, factory tour. \$35 for single session, \$50 for both. Reservations: 800-845-7791. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Trees in the Water-Conserving Landscape" illuminated by a local arborist, Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Tree selection, watering, maintenance, best species for our climate. \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Near-Death Experiences and What They Teach Us" is topic when Association for Near-Death Studies gathers, Saturday, August 18, 1:30 p.m., at San Diego County Credit Union (501 North El Camino Real). Discussion follows short talk by local woman who had "a transformative near-death experience." Donation: \$5. 619-244-8495, 760-943-8126. (ENCINITAS)

"An Introduction to Pine Needle Basketry" presented by Carol Lang on Sunday, August 19, noon–5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Students use local natural materials, transforming yard waste into functional vessels. Bring sharp scissors. Fee: \$80, plus additional \$10 for materials paid directly to Lang. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Progressive Voices and Values" discussed when Humanist Association of San Diego meets Sunday, August 19, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (4065 Vermont Street). Free. 760-445-8112. (HILLCREST)

"Angels and Demons in the Dead Sea Scrolls" presented by Pnina Shor — head of Department for the Treatment and Conservation of Artifacts, Israel Antiquities Authority — on Monday, August 20, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San

Diego Natural History Museum. "Scholars and conservators have been concerned about the conservation and preservation of the Dead Sea Scrolls ever since their discovery at the end of the 1940s." \$25. Suggested reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tough Times for Good Kids," author, Reverend Patti Paris presents parenting workshop, Monday, August 20, 6:30 p.m., Vision Center for Spiritual Living (17777 Alvarado Road, suite 321). Offering. 619-303-6609. (LA MESA)

"Impeachment Is on the Table?" North County Agnostics gather to discuss this idea, Monday, August 20, 7 p.m., in Oceanside Mission Library community room (3861-B Mission Avenue). Free. 760-445-8112. (OCEANSIDE)

Collections Week at Museum of San Diego History includes lectures showcasing society's extensive object collection, Tuesday, August 21, 9:30 a.m., and Thursday, August 23, 1:30 p.m. \$8. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

"French Music at the Fin-de-Siècle, 1885–1915" explored by Nicolas Reveles, San Diego Opera's director of education, Tuesday, August 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. He'll discuss end of French Romantic period, particu-

larly music by opera composers Massenet, Saint-Saëns, Chabrier, Bruneau, as well as "new trends in musical composition by Debussy and Satie, as well as visitors to Paris at the turn of the century who made significant contributions to music, including Stravinsky, Diaghilev, and Prokofiev." \$15 general; includes same-day museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Using Scottish Resources at the Family History Center" discussed by Jackie Webster for Scottish Interest Class of British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Wednesday, August 22, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-7326. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Irrigation Design for Water-Wise Gardens" is topic on Wednesday, August 22, 6 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Design principles for overhead sprinklers and drip irrigation. \$11. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Foundation for Dog Sports," learn skills to help your dog get ready for participation in dog sports during intermediate-level class to help dogs and owners together. Six-session series starts Thursday, August 23, 6 p.m., at

San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$149 fee for six sessions includes informative handouts, prizes. 619-299-7012 x2273. (LINDA VISTA)

Culture of the Kumeyaay explored and discussed by author Michael Connolly, Thursday, August 23, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. He will introduce his book, *Kumeyaay: A History Textbook, Volume 1: Pre-Contact to 1873*. Booksigning follows. \$10 general. 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Some of the Beautiful Little Frogs used by Amazon Indians to poison arrow points and blowgun darts discussed by Dane Thannum when San Diego Herpetological Society meets, Thursday, August 23, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-744-8260. (BALBOA PARK)

Mystery Writing Workshop hosted by Sisters in Crime, Saturday, September 1, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (off University Avenue between Tenth and Vermont). Two-part seminar includes "Plotting the Murder Story" by Carlsbad mystery writer Taffy Cannon and "Write Your Book in 20 Minutes: Mind Map Made Easy" by Carlsbad writer and teacher Eva Shaw. Fee: \$50 in advance, \$75 at door. 760-505-7037. (HILLCREST)

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Performance follows *dumbek* drumming workshop with Raquy Danziger, 5:45–6:45 p.m. Bring a drum. All levels welcome. \$20. 760-703-1487.

"Twelfth Night" is 11th annual "Summer Shakespeare" production by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre, August 16–19. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday, at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, suite D). Tickets: \$12 general, \$9 for students. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Female Brain," doctor and author Louann Brizendine will discuss, sign her book Thursday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"An Evening of Song and Friends," Maia Sharp, Lisa Sanders, and Thomas Hodges perform in concert to benefit Theatre of the World Festival for Youth, Thursday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. \$20. 619-253-2611. (SDSU)

Bill Magee Blues Band plays gritty soulful tunes for TGIF Jazz in the Parks series, Friday, August 17, 6 p.m., at Calavera Hills Park (2997 Glasgow Drive). Shuttle operates between 5 and 9 p.m. from Hope Elementary School (3010 Tamarack Drive) and Calavera Hills School (4100 Tamarack Drive). 760-434-2904. Free. (LA COSTA)

The Variations play big-band music during Concert on the Green, Friday, August 17, 6 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (211122 East Main Street). Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Ancient Bowls and "the Healing They Bring" described by "sound healer," recording artist, author Diane Mandle during concert on Friday, August 17, 7 p.m., at Bamboo Studio (1127 Loma Avenue). Music performed on precision-tuned Tibetan bowls, moon and wind gongs, other "sacred instruments." \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 619-435-9119. Bring a mat to recline on. (CORONADO)

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Winston's Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). A comedy veteran of many years, he was called "the Letterman of Amsterdam" thanks to his talk show there. \$5. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Classical Mystery Tour," Beatles tribute band joins San Diego Symphony for summer pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$12-\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Escondido's Acoustic Duo the Thomas Brotherz perform "intimate cabaret blues" for Hot Blues Engines, Friday, August 17, 7:30 p.m., at Theatrx (155 East Grand Avenue). Expect originals, traditional, vocal, multi-instrumental blues. \$10. 760-216-2306. (ESCONDIDO)

Take Cake! Sacramento band performs for Four O'Clock Friday concert, August 17, 4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Included in regular Del Mar Thoroughbred Club admission (\$6). 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

West Coast Funnies — comedy variety show with headliner Jeff Burghart, Marc Takemiya on Friday, August 17, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tom Clark and Lamont Ferguson take stage on Saturday, August 18, 8 p.m. \$20 at door. 619-997-3033. (CARLSBAD)

Summer in the Park concert series concludes with rock music by Upstream, Saturday, August 18, 6 p.m., at Trolley Barn Park (1900 Adams Avenue, at Florida Street). 619-297-3166. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Chris Clarke and the Monroe Avenue String Band perform for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, August 18, 7 p.m., at Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Clarke teaches, plays mandolin, guitar, upright bass. \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Saturday Backyard Concerts, series continues with concert by singer/songwriter Josh Damigo, Saturday, August 18, 7:30 p.m., outdoors at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Bring blankets, beach chairs. Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

Pirates, Dancers, Musicians, "Elvis," comics, singers, and signers on hand for North Park Vaudeville Show, August 18 and 19, at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets to see the nine acts: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. 619-220-8663. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Song Stylist Andy Anderson performs Sunday, August 19, 10 a.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

Swingin' Dixie Blues may be heard when Chicago Six take stage for La Jolla Concerts by the Sea in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove, Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m. Free. 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Crossroads plays rock music for Summer Sunday Concerts by the Sea at Moonlight Beach on Sunday, August 19, 3-5 p.m. Dogs, alcohol, glass prohibited on beach, located at western foot of Encinitas Boulevard. Free. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)



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What book are you currently reading?

"I just finished *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Luiz Zafon. It's by a young author who lives in Spain. I thought it was fascinating; it kept me up all night."

Who were your favorite characters?

"All the characters are rich — I mean, not wealthy, but deep. My favorite character is the main one. He's a young guy who accidentally gets himself into a pickle. The book opens with talk about a cemetery for dead books, lost books,

books that hardly anybody reads anymore. The main character's father takes his son to this cemetery, where he must pick out one book and become the guardian of that book."

Tell me about the style and language.

"The book was translated from Spanish, and the translation was wonderful, very easy to understand."

Any favorite passages?

"None from *The Shadow of the Wind*, but I also just finished *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov, and I have hundreds of favorite passages from that. One was, 'Never ask for anything, especially of those who are much stronger. They will offer it themselves, and they will give it themselves.' Another — 'All people are good.'"

What book was most life-changing for you?

"*The Master and Margarita*. It had a tremendous impact, philosophically and spiritually. It challenged religion and people in their regular capacities by asking a lot of questions and not giving clear answers. Questions about likes and dislikes, and who we think we are. And I think it gave a better understanding of the life-old question

of 'what is love.'"

Tell me about the style on that one.

"It's translated from Russian, and it's not a book that you would pick up for a light read. And if you do read it, you either love it or hate it."

Who are your favorite authors?

"I like a lot of Russian authors. Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, and Bulgakov are definitely my top three. I like them partly because I had a Russian education — even though I am not Russian — and also because they have written classics. Dostoevsky, psychologically — he took a murderer and tried to give all the insight as to why he killed an old woman, and why he was justifying it."

What magazines or newspapers do you read? How many articles do you read to the end?

"I don't read many newspapers, because they upset me. As for magazines, probably things that have to do with my work: florals, weddings, all boring stuff. But anything I start, I read to the end."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"I belong to a couple of virtual reading clubs. Most of the friends that I talk to about books live in Europe. We talk on the phone or use e-mail or use a webcam. Most of them have backgrounds in the arts. The conversations are always long. I think we all accept that some people like things that some other people don't. It's always interesting to say, 'Oh, you really think that? You crazy bastard!' Things you disagree on, you explore further, and the more you explore, the more interesting it gets."

Down-Home Blues on tap when Cool Fever performs for "Music in the Park" series, Sunday, August 19, 5 p.m., at Memorial Park (373 Park Way). Free. 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Trumpeter Brian Lynch brings his quartet to Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive)

for summer concert series, Sunday, August 19. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. (\$35 includes food); concert at 5:45 p.m. (\$20 without dinner). Reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show with Oliver Paragas, Ryan Mirvis, Buck, Rich Or-

nelas, Jason Bang, Sam Saifer, Sunday, August 19, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). For those 21 and older. \$5. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

Twilight in the Park summer concert series continues when Sun Harbor Chorus sings barbershop tunes on Tuesday, August 21; Har-

vey and 52nd Street Jive take stage on Wednesday, August 22; and Coronado Concert Band performs Thursday, August 23. Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Designer Linda Applewhite discusses, signs *Architectural Interi-*

ors, Tuesday, August 21, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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Toy Piano Festival, seventh annual installment in UCSD's Geisel Library, Wednesday, September 5, 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sue Palmer — a.k.a. the queen of boogie-woogie piano — will perform new works for toy piano. Free

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Stand-Up Comedian, Actress, Writer Sarah Silverman entertains, Saturday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets: \$45-\$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For those 21 and older. (PALA)

Comic Lewis Black performs Sunday, September 16, 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$45-\$65.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Seaside Racing Season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 5, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (August 3, 10); 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 19; and 3:30 p.m. on August 19, 24, 31.

General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

23rd Annual Oceanside Longboard Surfing Club Contest and beach festival runs August 16-19 at south side of Oceanside Pier and pier amphitheater. Competition starts at 6 a.m. each day, finishing at 8 p.m. Free for spectators. 760-931-0301 or 858-792-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

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Boys of (Waning) Summer, San Diego Padres host Colorado Rockies on Thursday, August 16, 7:05 p.m., in Petco Park. The Houston Astros arrive for series August 17-19, with games at 7:05 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Road trip to New York for games against Mets, at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, August 21-23. Tickets: \$8-\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Big Fish Tournament hosted by San Diego Rod and Reel Club, starting at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 18. Categories for marlin, tuna, shark. Tournament ends at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 19. \$95. 619-922-6113.

18-Mile Paopao Nine-Man Outrigger Race starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 18, in Oceanside Harbor. Women, coed racing starts at 8:30 a.m., men's races at noon. Free for spectators. 760-439-3185. (OCEANSIDE)

Two Bicycle Rides are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, starting at 8:30 a.m. in northwestern parking lot at La Jolla Village Square/UC Cyclery. Select from race-training 45-mile ride, slower 35-mile ride with experienced

leader. Helmets mandatory. Free. 858-495-2454. (LA JOLLA)

Penguin and Sea Lion Kayaking on Mission Bay — adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m.-noon. Fee: \$65 adults, \$20 for kids. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride — 34th annual event is Saturday, August 18, beginning with registration at 8 p.m. on south side of County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Coast Highway). Costume and bike-decorating contests at 10 p.m.; 20-mile primarily flat loop ride at midnight. \$28 in advance; \$33 on 18th. 619-645-8068, 760-944-9020. (DOWNTOWN)

America's Finest City Half Marathon begins at 7 a.m. at Cabrillo National Monument and concludes in Balboa Park on Sunday, August 19. Fast 5k run/walk loop begins (6:45 a.m.) and ends in Balboa Park. 760-692-2900. (POINT LOMA)

Tony Mezzadri Surf Classic, Sunday, August 19, 7 a.m., at Ocean Beach Pier. Free for spectators; fee for competitors benefits spinal cord injury research. 619-980-4738. (OCEAN BEACH)

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, August 19, 8-11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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North County Ramble, take 21–35-mile bike ride led by Sierra Club cyclists, Sunday, August 19. Enjoy rolling hills of Rancho Santa Fe, coast. Bring money for snack stop at Champagne Bakery. Meet at 9 a.m. at UCSD, at John Muir Drive and Almahurst and Torrey Pines Road (across from Blackhorse). 858-535-1092. (LA JOLLA)

Gutierrez Cup Competition planned at San Diego Polo Club on Sunday, August 19. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing Season continues with racing at 6:30 p.m. at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Free for spectators. 619-573-4953. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

“Urban Trees 4,” public art exhibit of 30 “urban trees” along North Embarcadero on Harbor Drive (between cruise ship terminal and Hawthorne Street) continues through June 2008. View these botanical sculptures for free. 619-686-6200. (DOWNTOWN)

Toy Train Display and Show hosted by All Gauge Toy Train Association, Thursday, August 16, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Torrey Pines Christian Church (8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North). Free admission. 760-788-1194. (LA JOLLA)

Taste of MainStreet International Food Festival — over 30 restaurants participate on Thursday, August 16, 6–9 p.m.; live music, Rods and Woodies classic car show (on Coast Highway between D and G Streets). Tickets: \$20, available at 818 South Coast Highway 101. Reservations: 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

Third Thursday at Sanctuary 143 on Cedros, promising art, refreshments, Thursday, August 16, 6–9 p.m., at 143 South Cedros Avenue. “Back by popular demand is Jeff Faeth’s *Bob Marley* painting, recently unearthed from the green room of the Belly Up Tavern.” Free. 760-487-1137. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Understanding Hinduism” is topic when P&R Discussion group meets, Thursday, August 16, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

“Hawaii a Go-Go,” Tiki Oasis 7, described as “tropical island weekend getaway in the style of Waikiki circa 1965,” runs August 16–19. Events include “pre-party,” Thursday, August 16, 7 p.m.–midnight, at Bali Hai Restaurant (2230 Shelter Island Drive); admission is free, parking is \$10.

Events shift to Crowne Plaza Hotel Circle (2270 Hotel Circle North), August 17–19. Tiki carvers village, with “rotating cast of tiki carvers” demonstrating cus-

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THE GREAT JAGUAR RESCUE:
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tom carving techniques. Tikis for sale, auction, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday–Sunday. Tiki marketplace, Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; free admission. Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights; \$40. Fees charged for symposiums. 619-297-1101. (SHELTER ISLAND, MISSION VALLEY)

“The Art of Latin America” showcased during folk art festival with Peruvian retablo maker Claudio Jimenez, Oaxacan woodcarvers Armando and Moises Jimenez, rug weaver Sergio Martinez, others, Friday–Sunday, August 17–19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at St. James gift shop (743 Prospect Street). Demonstrations; work on offered by Latin American jewelers, painters, craftspeople. Free admission. 858-456-1105. (LA JOLLA)

Czech It Out! San Francisco Arts and Crafts summer trunk sale with Czech glass beads, seed beads, fire polish beads, vintage European and Japanese glass beads, August 17–19, at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). Hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: free. 619-291-1300. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Mopar Club struts its stuff during Cruisin’ Grand on August 17. Events held every Friday through September 28, 5–9 p.m. Over 400 pre-1974 American-made hot rods, custom, vintage, classic cars and trucks participate in cruise loop running down Grand Avenue and back up Second Avenue. Free viewing. 760-745-8877. (ESCONDIDO)

“Women Empowered,” exhibition of photographer Phil Borges’ new collection opens with reception on Friday, August 17, 6 p.m., at Hallmark Galleries (1162 Prospect Street). Exhibit features images of participants in CARE

projects. Free. 858-551-8108. Through Saturday, September 8. (LA JOLLA)

Furnishings, Fabrics, Frames, accessories on offer when ASID (American Society of Interior Designers) hosts tenth annual ASID clearance sale, Saturday, August 18, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., Scottish Rite Masonic Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). Items are from professional designers, designer showrooms, select retailers, clients’ homes. \$3. 858-646-9896. (MISSION VALLEY)

Hui o Hawaii Luau, Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., at Santee Lakes (9310 Fanita Parkway). Traditional luau menu, live entertainment, children’s games. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$10 for kids 6–12, free for those 5 and younger. 619-247-4275. (SANTEE)

See Spot Surf! “Loews Coronado Bay Resort Surfing Dog Competition” is Saturday, August 18. Day begins with canine surfing lessons at 9 a.m. near YMCA Camp Surf (on Carnation Avenue). Heat one for surf dogs only: 11 a.m.; heat two for surf dogs and their humans: 12:30 p.m.; furry fashion show at 2 p.m.; awards at 2:45 p.m. Free for spectators. \$50 for surf dogs, \$60 for teams. Registration for competitors: 619-424-4000. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Encanto Street Fair and Cultural Arts Festival, Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., along three city blocks on Imperial Avenue (between 65th and 68th Streets). Entertainment by War, with over 30 performing acts on three stages. Artwork by Charles Bibbs featured. “Art on Tour” exhibition with work by over 40 emerging artists. Admission is free. 619-266-0936. (ENCANTO)

Travel to RECON Native Plant Nursery during field trip hosted

by Tijuana Estuary Speaker Series, Saturday, August 18, 10–11:30 a.m., starting at Tijuana Estuary visitors’ center (301 Caspian Way). Nursery’s focus is growing plants to restore native habitat; hear techniques used to ensure that plant and seed material is appropriate for projects. Requested reservations: 619-575-3613 x305. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Wildlife Appreciation Day hosted by Preserve Calavera on Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., at Calavera Hills Community Center (2997 Glasgow Drive). “Meet some of our amazing furry neighbors.” Presentations by Bat Rescue, Project Wildlife; demonstrations by San Diego Tracking Team. For all ages. 760-724-3887. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Fiesta del Sol, enjoy local and regional entertainment, food, vendors, arts and culture pavilion, community information, children’s activities, more. Find fun on Imperial Avenue between 19th and 25th Streets, Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19, 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Free. 619-255-6986. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

“Discover Your Future” is theme for psychic fair planned Saturday, August 18, noon–7 p.m., at Book Tree (3316 Adams Avenue). Professional psychic, astrological, psychometric readings (bring a photo or object). \$35 per 30-minute reading. Portion of proceeds benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. 619-280-1263. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence hosts graduation ceremony — when humans graduate with their new, highly skilled dogs — Saturday, August 18, noon, at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Free. 760-901-4300. (OCEANSIDE)

Alice Munro’s Boys and Girls is topic for Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, Saturday, August 18, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

“Dr. Sketchy’s Anti-Art School,” New York art event started in 2005 by artist, burlesque dancer Molly Crabapple, returns to Bluefoot Lounge (3404 30th Street) on Saturday, August 18, 3–6 p.m. “Artists draw glamorous burlesque dancers,” compete in contests. Featured model is Ophelia Handful of Sultry Savage Burlesque. Suggested donation: \$10. 619-756-7891. (NORTH PARK)

Enjoy Armenian Food, backgammon tournaments, music, children’s games, when St. John Garabed Armenian Church of San Diego hosts grape blessing picnic on Sunday, August 19, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., at Vacation Island AJ100 (at Vacation Road and In-

graham Street). Grape blessing at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon. \$15 fee for adults, \$5 for children under 13 includes shish kebab, baklava, more. 619-284-7179. (MISSION BAY)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, August 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

Summer Beach Festival in Del Mar, Sunday, August 19, 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., at Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard) and Powerhouse Park (Coast Boulevard at 15th Street). Host is Rob Machado for festival of surfboards, fine art, music, film.

Art and photography by Thomas Campbell, Flame, Wolfgang Bloch (10 a.m.–9:30 p.m.). Each surfboard shaper — including Rusty Preisendorfer, Stu Kenyon, Chris Christenson, Uncle Mike, Xanadu, Jeff “Doc” Lausch, many others — will “showcase 16 of their finest crafts” (10 a.m.–7 p.m.). Vendor booths with surf products. Machado’s favorite surf films presented outdoors at Powerhouse Park (8:30 p.m.). Free admission. 858-755-1179. (DEL MAR)

Taste Cake, Hear Music, See Gowns — Bridal Bazaar at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive) on Sunday, August 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Over 235 exhibitors offering their wares. \$10. 760-334-5500. (DOWNTOWN)

House of Hungary hosts lawn program with music and dance at International Cottages on Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

“Argument from Intimidation” by Ayn Rand provides fodder when Objectivist Discussion Group meets, Sunday, August 19, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge (2906 University Avenue). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Quilt Show with over 100 quilts, exhibits, dolls, fashions, quilting bee, vendors, opportunity quilts, August 23–25, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Guest artist: Mary Lou Weidman. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 5 p.m. on Saturday. \$7 general. 619-443-2706. (DOWNTOWN)

“All Organic Wine Dinner” supporting local farmers, artisans, winemakers striving for zero impact and sustainable agriculture, Thursday, August 23, 6:30 p.m., at Firefly Grill and Wine Bar (251 North El Camino Real). Executive chef Aaron Daily pairs his latest creations with wines from Quivira Vineyards. \$85. Required reservations: 760-635-1066. (ENCINITAS)

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Grape Stomp 2007. enjoy traditional grape stomping, wine tasting, winery tours, dinner buffet, dancing, live music, 4-8 p.m., Saturday, August 25, at Orfila Vineyards and Winery (13455 San Pasqual Road). Fee: \$75 general, \$70 for children and non-wine drinkers. Reservations: 760-738-6500 x22. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos Volleyball Camps for those 7-18 offered every week through August 31 at courts south of Oceanside Harbor. Learn basic techniques for skills, tips from pros, training techniques to include in regular practice routine. Camps run Monday-Friday, with full and half-day options. Costs, registration: 310-940-7166. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Magic of Ventriloquism" explored by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, August 19, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Cinderella*, presented by Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales, August 22-26. Showtimes: 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Hi-5 Live!" The three-time Emmy-nominated children's group makes stop at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway) on Friday, August 17, 5:30 p.m. Move, groove with Curtis, Kimee, Jenn, Yasmeen, Sydney. \$32.75. 619-235-9500. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Great Jaguar Rescue: Go, Diego, Go Live!" follows Diego, Alicia, and cousin Dora on adventure-packed missions, hitting San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue) on August 18 and 19. Curtain rises at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with additional show at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$18-\$39, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Season of Sharks" is theme for family program, Saturday, August 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Meet live sharks, learn about local sharks, and make a craft. Included with paid aquarium admission. No reservations necessary.

"Explore It: Sharks," also slated for August 18, runs 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn how sharks have survived for millions of years. Fee is \$4 per person, in addition to regular aquarium admission. Advance registration required: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Air" provides topic when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, August 18, noon-3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Impressionist Giverny" provides theme for family festival on Sunday, August 19, noon-4 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Artist demonstrations and art-making activities teach budding Impressionists of all ages techniques Monet and friends used to paint rolling hillsides, lush gardens of Giverny, France. Exhibition tours in English and Spanish. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts and animals are part of fun on Sunday, August 19, 1 p.m., at San

OUT & ABOUT

"HAWAII A GO GO." Tiki Oasis 7, Thursday-Sunday, August 16-19, Bali Hai Restaurant and Crowne Plaza Hotel.

(SEE SPECIALS)



Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$3. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

Fantasy Author Kevin Gerard reads from his "Conor and the Crossworlds" series for kids/teens, Wednesday, August 22, 4 p.m., at DiMille's Restaurant (3492 Adams Avenue). Free. 858-505-4677. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Scripps Performing Arts Academy students aged 5-12 plan concert, Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. For all ages. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

MUSEUMS

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in

the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species

of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with comput-

erized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, "First Footsteps: Kumeyaay on Coronado" continues through Sunday, September 23, an original installation chronicling Coronado's early inhabitants, the native Kumeyaay Diegueño people. Kumeyaay Indians established seasonal homes along beach, finding food, materials to sustain themselves through mild coastal winters using traditional methods of hunting, fishing, sheltering. See traditional Kumeyaay baskets, pottery, matates, tools, weapons, and a tule boat.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of the last barns still standing in

Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of Making Music hosts “The Ukulele and You: America’s Enduring Love of the Jumping Flea” through Thursday, January 31. “Promoted as an easy-to-play, portable, and fun musical instrument, the ukulele has enjoyed three major waves of popularity on the mainland U.S. Over the last 15 years, the instrument has been going through a third wave of interest both in Hawaii and on the mainland.” Contemporary players are taking ukulele into rock, jazz, classical, punk. Collection includes over 300 instruments ranging from finely crafted rare and historic ukes made of koa, mahogany, other precious woods produced in the ’50s.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Olaf Wieghorst Museum, Jim Willoughby’s cartoon art celebrates rugged way of life in “Old West” and problems faced by cowboys in modern times. See “Willoughby’s West” through October.

Museum displays paintings and prints by Olaf Wieghorst and features exhibits of other artists’

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SEE SPOT SURE!

Loews Coronado Bay Resort surf dog competition, Saturday, August 18.

(SEE SPECIAL)



American West art. Adjacent to museum is courtyard with cactus gardens, 20 x 20-foot reproduction of Wieghorst’s painting *Navajos at Castle Creek*, and original restored home Wieghorst lived in for many years starting in 1945. The museum is located at 131 Rea Avenue. 619-590-3431. (EL CAJON)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the

last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines,” including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world’s first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline’s first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

“P-51 *Mustang*” celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum’s *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-

Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego County Sheriff’s Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff’s department is highlighted at the museum, which is located “just feet away” from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, “From Model to Canvas: A Private Collection of Mexican Railroad Paintings,” features works by Mexican artists from collection of a San Diego resident. Artworks from late 20th Century include an oil painting by Mario Rangel, two pieces by Guillermo Garza Galindo, and four other train paintings. Closes Monday, September 3.

Museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, “Dead Sea Scrolls” exhibition described as “the largest, longest, most comprehensive ever assembled in any country” contin-

ues through December. Exhibit of 27 scrolls — ten exhibited for first time ever — showcases Dead Sea Scrolls from Israel and Jordan, never-before-exhibited ancient Hebrew codices from Russian National Library, medieval manuscripts from British National Library, and modern interpretations of texts. To ensure preservation of the 2000-year-old parchment, 12 scrolls will be displayed for first three months and an additional 12 in last three months.

“Contemporary Israeli Photography,” a collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery on view through December, features work by Neil Folberg, David Harris, Didier Ben Loulou, Duby Tal, others, and includes sculpture and glass.

The permanent exhibit “Fossil Mysteries” showcases last 75 million years in Southern California and Baja California region, a time known for its rich fossil record. Highlights include life-sized models of *Albertosaurus*, *Lambeosaurus*, a sea cow, megalodon shark, more.

Current “giant-screen films” are *Ancient Qumran: A Virtual Reality Tour* and *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

Serra Museum, “Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum” is said to “remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum” on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a “visit back in time to 1929.”

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego’s history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It’s located at the site of the West Coast’s first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (OLD TOWN)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain’s sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel (2115 Park Boulevard), the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents’ office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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Icky Sentimentality

From 1885 till 1915, hundreds of artists descended on Giverny.

In 1883, with his reputation and finances finally on the rise, Monet moved his extended family (his companion Alice Hoschedé and her six kids plus two sons he'd had with his late partner Camille) to Giverny, a Normandy village of some 300 souls located on the Seine about 70 miles from Paris. With its ancient stone houses spread about the land, Giverny was known for its capricious weather — clouds, rain, sunshine, then heavy cover again, all in one day — and its agrarian way of life. It's there that Monet cultivated his famous garden and water-lily pond, painting them, the Seine, the countryside, and the nose-cone haystacks that still stun viewers with their shaggy color and jumpy commas and hyphens of paint. Monet had started out as a caricaturist but in the late 1850s became yet one more young, competitive Parisian painter — brasher and more ruthless than most — trying to break into the annual juried exhibition, the Salon. He was among the first to take advantage of the new aluminum tubes of color that were replacing the old pig-bladder containers and freeing artists to spend much more time painting directly from nature *en plein air*. He experimented with new colors chemists were developing, like the cobalt violet and metallic green that give his landscapes their plush, shocking luminosity.

By 1885, Giverny had also become the under-the-Tuscan-sun destination of its time,

attracting artists from around the world, mostly from North America. Monet's presence wasn't the deciding factor. Visitors were aware of his presence, and some paid close attention to his progress, but most came for the processional light and the quietude of the local peasant culture, not to speak of cheap digs and food and wine. From 1885 till 1915, hundreds of artists descended on Giverny.

Many lodged and gathered at a modest auberge, the Hotel Baudy, and spent their days sketching indoors or rambling the countryside to find the day's motif. Some of their work showed the after-blush of Monet's 1873 *Impression: Sunrise*, a happenstance title that led to the momentous designation of the movement. Monet later described the circumstances: "Landscape is nothing but an impression, and an instantaneous one, hence this label that was given us, because of me. I had sent in a thing done in Le Havre from my window: sun in the mist and a few masts of boats sticking up in the foreground. They asked me for a title for the catalogue, and it couldn't really be taken for a view of Le Havre, so I told them to call it *Impression*." He wasn't interested in Courbet's rough-and-tumble realism but in sensations stirred along the optic nerve and by the come-and-gone-ness of appearances. For all the spontaneity associated with Monet's work, he in fact took considerable pains to achieve certain technical effects, and while he painted *en plein*



Wedding March, 1892, Theodore Robinson

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air, he finished many pictures in the studio. Although most Giverny visitors barely set eyes on him, he established a visual key they relied on.

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L'Epte, c. 1887, William Blair Bruce



Customs House at Varengeville, 1897, Claude Monet

ment itself to model the motif and fashioned flashy surfaces by laying in stabs, wiggles, and side-by-side bars of color. Monet was devoted to what Cézanne called “researches” into new ways of seeing. Although they shared ideas about painting, the Giverny ex-pats, whose work and culture is the subject of *Impressionist Giverny: A Colony of Artists, 1885–1915* at the San Diego Museum of Art, pursued not so much “researches” as a freshness of scene — they came to paint pastoral idylls, what one of them called “the transcendent loveliness of the country.”

It's an instructive concept: to explore the resources and products of an artistic culture created almost entirely by foreigners of means, many of them women. (The exhibition inadvertently recalls the poverty a younger Monet endured for years.) Because of the unevenness of the works included, it also turns viewers

into sappers alert to the occasional Monet canvas primed to detonate as soon as we lay eyes on it. The skills on display run from a clotted, static picture of a stream by William Blair Bruce to Theodore Wendel's sober handling of one of Monet's great motifs, the haystack, and to the ambitious variety and occasional glories of the most gifted of the Givernyites: Theodore Robinson.

Robinson had a responsive touch that seemed to marvel at what it discovered in the natural world; his *Winter Landscape* is a mass of combed and dripping surfaces, and the shivery columnar effects of *Valley of the Seine* remind me of Wayne Thiebaud's recent California landscapes. In his moodiest picture, *Moonrise*, he embeds a pallid moon in a pinkish nest of sky, but Robinson could also be assertive and muscular, using the brush as an instrument to puzzle out his feeling for physical reality. He shared with his compatriots

and Monet (with whom he was friendly) a passion for the way shadows brush across hills and grain, how light tickles or breaks up the stuff it falls upon.

The locale led painters to observe peasant ways. North Americans knew something about farms and plantations, but a peasant tradition going back many centuries was something new. The customs and pieties and arduousness of fieldwork had been recorded and dramatized by French painters like Millet and Breton. When Giverny artists addressed Normandy customs, or painted portraits of their own female cohort, an icky sentimentality and preoccupation with local color spoil things, especially when children are involved. I'd except Robinson's *Wedding March*: he stretches the figures and setting the way I can “stretch” the resolution of the laptop I'm writing on. He makes them estranged painted realities, not realities merely depicted.

The most entertaining section of the show illustrates how the colony, which included Finns, Brits, Hungarians, and Germans, dined, drank plonk, played cards and tennis, staged masquerades, and generally schmoozed *chez Baudy*. Their vigor and good cheer are nothing like the louche, “green” (i.e. absinthe-soaked), bohemian culture represented by Degas, Manet, and Toulouse-Lautrec, but the lodgers seem to be having their own sort of congenial good time. The streaky furnace reds in Theodore Earl Butler's 1896 *Card Players* will poke you in the eye, and Karl Anderson's *Tennis Court at Hotel Baudy* dreamily suggests a vision of perfect leisure — its sandy court and phantasmal players in their shivery whites levitate above gaily colored spectators bunched low in the picture.

Now, about those detonations. Of the several paintings by Monet in the exhibition, the one that sets itself off most dramatically from the Givernyite

stuff is *Customs House at Varengeville* from 1897, which makes much else in the show, for all the dotted, tip-tap, flurried brushwork, look stiffly structured and overdetermined. (See Frederick Carl Frieseke's *Hollyhocks*, in which an upright woman treads an upright flower garden spiked with upright stalks.) Monet makes the little structure on its fenced bluff look as if it's beckoning to the sea, and the popping, speckled blues and greens and rosy reds make it seem that we're viewing the scene in various lights all at once, as if the picture were a simultaneity of competing passages of diurnal time. The verge is painted to look like seaweed lashing up the cliff's face. Monet makes us see how a culture exists right at the margin of nature's erosions. The exhibition has its periodic delights, but it's most worth suffering Balboa Park's parking miseries just to see that one Monet. ■

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ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “In Character: Actors Acting: Written, Directed, and Photographed by Howard Schatz” is collection of portraits featuring luminaries from stage and screen mugging for photographer Schatz. “Resulting photographs depict a wide spectrum of emotions.” Images are accompanied by directions Schatz provided during shoot.

“Weaving Connections: Cultural Exchanges During the Southern California Basket Trade, 1880-1940” offers historical look at work of Native American weavers, with bold, inventive basketry designs. Weavers challenged stereotypes by integrating traditional forms with contemporary shapes, imagery.

Juried show “Cultural Fusion: Exploring the Multicultural Influences on the Arts of this Region” includes paintings, mixed-media sculpture, and video art by local artists.

“Silent Ties: New Work by Shauna Peck” boasts pieces in which Peck “utilizes subjects that symbolize freedom and the complexities and subtleties of strength.”

These exhibitions continue through September. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, masterworks from permanent collection are gathered in “The Beauty of Use — Mingei International Museum at 30,” showcasing significant objects from many cultures shown in relationships highlighting similarities and differences among them. Museum has formed a collection of *mingei* now comprising 17,000 objects from 141 countries such as collection of 19th-Century African tribal currency, group of masks including example of Amazonian feather work, ritual objects, selection of monumental containers. Closes Sunday, May 11. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, Los Angeles-based artist Robert Therrien is said to recycle, reinterpret common images in uncommon ways. See two works by Ther-

rien, including an enormous wood dining table and chairs, and a new work of an oversized folding table with folding chairs, through Sunday, September 23. Show includes selection of early works by Therrien from MCASD’s collection.

“Harold Cohen,” continuing through Sunday, September 23, features work by “one of the few artists ever to become deeply involved in artificial intelligence as a process for art-making.” Cohen is author of AARON program — first computer program to paint original art — an ongoing research effort in autonomous machine intelligence. Exhibit showcases latest developments in Cohen’s research, presents “several stunningly colored, large-scale prints and a digital projection” of AARON’s changing palette and composition.

“Suburban Sublime” includes paintings, drawings, photography from museum’s collection reformulating “traditional principles of the landscape genre to address urban sprawl and suburban expansion.” Closes Sunday, September 23.

New York artist Peter Simensky investigates the mechanisms by which value is assigned, accounted for, stored, and exchanged. See “Cerca Series: Peter Simensky” through Sunday, September 23, including Simensky’s original “Neutral Capital” bill collages, the “Neutral Capital Collection” (mobile gallery-in-a-box housing artworks by prominent international artists purchased using Neutral Capital), as well as new video, sculptural plaster multiples.

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

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “Vik Muniz: Reflex” — continuing through Sunday, September 2 — surveys more than 100 photographic works from 1988 to present, comprising “all of his major series to date.” The Brazilian artist has been making photographs documenting his pictorial reconstructions of famous images of

well-known people, photojournalism, and art history, constructed from materials including dirt, sugar, wire, string, chocolate syrup, peanut butter, ketchup, color chips, plastic toys, junk, diamonds.

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

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, “Harry Callahan: The Photographer at Work” chronicles work by “one of the most influential photographers of the 20th Century.” Exhibition presents negatives, transparencies, proof prints, contact sheets, other materials; these “archival items illuminate the processes and techniques Callahan used to express his visual ideas over the course of his 60-year career.” Closes Sunday, September 9.

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

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

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

Oceanside Museum of Art, “The ‘70s: Surf Photography by Jeff Divine and Classic Boards from the Era” continues through Sunday, September 2. Divine grew up in La Jolla, began taking photographs of his friends surfing in the mid-1960s. Exhibition features a selection of early images, focusing on surf culture in Southern California and Hawaii. Concur-

rently, see vintage surfboards from Southern California collections. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, “Impressionist Giverny: A Colony of Artists, 1885-1915” showcases more than 100 Impressionist paintings, with examples by Claude Monet, Theodore Robinson, John Leslie Breck, Frederick Carl Frieseke, Pierre Bonnard, others. “All of the works on display were produced in or near the charming rural village of Giverny, which became a creative mecca for numerous Impressionist painters during the turn of the century.” Through September.

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

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

“Lyric Visions from Nezami’s *Quintet*,” continuing through Sunday, December 16, includes more than 20 paintings created for or inspired by Nezami’s texts, “among the most celebrated and influential poetic works in all of Persian literature.” Paintings range in date from 15th to 20th Centuries.

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

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CLASSICAL

“Classical Mystery Tour,” Beatles tribute band joins San Diego Symphony for summer pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18. Evenings conclude with fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open 6 p.m.) at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Single tickets: \$12–\$85, available by calling 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

SummerFest Time! La Jolla Music Society’s 21st annual SummerFest continues with “Premieres and Reprises,” Friday, August 17, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Concert boasts pieces by Joan Tower, Marc Neikrug, Chen Yi, Esa-Pekka Salonen. Tickets: \$15, \$25, \$50.

Explore “Shakespeare Through Song” on Saturday, August 18, in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program includes music by Korngold, Haydn, Loomis, Schubert, Chausson, R. Strauss, Stravinsky, Saariaho, Beethoven. Tickets: \$40, \$60.

Selections by Walton, Elgar may be heard during “Rule, Britannia,” Sunday, August 19, 3 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium. Tickets: \$40, \$60.

“Beethoven III — Apotheosis” presented Tuesday, August 21, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium. Tickets: \$40, \$60.

“An Evening with Lynn Harrell” is slated for Wednesday, August 22, in Sherwood Auditorium. He’ll play selections by Boccherini, Kodály, Brahms. Tickets: \$50, \$75.

Except where noted, concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Each 7:30 concert is preceded by “Prelude” program at 6:30 p.m. Reservations: 858-459-3728. Festival concludes on August 26. (NORTH PARK, LA JOLLA)

Classical Piano Recital by students of pianist, composer Arkady Luxemburg, Saturday, August 18, 3:30 p.m., in Piano Exchange Recital Hall (1233 Camino Del Rio South). Free. 619-640-5744. (MISSION VALLEY)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert on Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

“Shakespeare in Opera” — enjoy compositions by Handel, Gian-nini, Rossini, Verdi, Gounod, Bernstein, Porter, others during concert on Sunday, August 19, at Galerie d’Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Performers include Michelle Kei Ishuu (soprano), Kathleen O’Brien (mezzo-soprano), Oberjat (tenor), David Marshman (baritone), and Janie Prim (piano). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$23 at door. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Silent Movie Night with organist Dennis James and a Laurel and Hardy film slated for 20th annual International Summer Organ Festival, Monday, August 20, 7:30 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Summer Sing hosted by Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music (PACEM) on Wednesday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). This week: Martin Neary conducts Handel’s “Messiah.” Events provide opportunity to learn or relearn major choral pieces. Fee for participants: \$15 general, includes music rental; free for spectators. 619-298-7261. (MIDDLETOWN)

Symphony Pops on the Green hosted by Fallbrook Music Society, Thursday, August 23, 7:30 p.m., at Grand Tradition (1602 South Mission Road). Listen for American pops, “light classical favorites” played by San Diego Symphony Orchestra. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking (bring your own or purchase in advance from society). Admission: \$25 for adults, \$5 for children under 13. 760-451-8644. (FALLBROOK)

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that was implemented last year in Borders stores throughout the rest of the country," says Gibb.

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in a later e-mail. "I charge \$10 for my CDs. It probably only cost about \$6 per unit for me to produce them. I'm not in this game to make a killing, just a living. To pass this burden on to my potential fans doesn't rub me the right way." Flick says that he will continue to perform at Borders but that he will no longer offer CDs there.

Guitarist Jim Earp e-mails that he will no longer perform at Borders because of the new policy. "I can't see raising my CD prices only for the Borders stores and then bringing them back down for other venues," Earp, who sells CDs via the Internet, says, "If I did raise my prices, my Internet label would be selling them cheaper than I would!"

Singer/songwriter Michael Tiernan says he'll pass on Borders' new deal.

"I certainly understand the position of the performers who say they can't do this anymore," says Gibb.

Has Borders experienced any long-term fallout?

"In other parts of the country, we did find that, yes, there was a drop in the number of musicians who wanted to play at our stores, and then after a while the number of people playing picked up again."

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Goin' South Slow ticket sales are the likely reason Live Nation moved Street Scene

from the Del Mar Fairgrounds to Coors Amphitheatre and its parking



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lot. Why the slow sales? Live Nation hasn't yet sold single-day tickets; only two-day tickets (\$120) and VIP tickets (\$300 and up) have been on sale. Last week, an insider said fewer than 1000 of those tickets had been sold.

Meanwhile, another theory has surfaced in regard to the venue change.

"Live Nation owns Coors [Amphitheatre]," says an insider. "They don't have to pay rent to themselves, plus they can keep the profits from alcohol sales."

But the plan to abandon the Del Mar Fairgrounds means Live Nation must forfeit a nonrefundable \$40,000 deposit it paid to the Fairgrounds.

"This seems like very bizarre behavior," says a promoter, "but let's face it, Live Nation is a major corporation with deep pockets. They do things with two- and five-year plans in mind. This is the perfect example of the way a large corporation operates. It's always 'the bigger, the better.' But, in the end, a lot less gets done."

As of last week, Live Nation had not released the final band lineup. The Killers, Muse, Social Distortion, and Panic! at the Disco will headline. Single-day tickets go on sale August 18.

Coors Amphitheatre general manager Thierry Gray says "a couple thousand feet of fencing" will be used to surround temporary stages in the parking lot, but he does not know how many stages will be used.

"We have done lots of successful festival shows with outside stages." Ozzfest, the Warped Tour, and Projekt Revolution have all included stages in the parking lot.

— Ken Leighton

A Lot of Rock, Not Enough Roll

When drummer Morgan Young played his last gig with Silverbird on August 3 — just shy of a year after forming the group — few local music fans were surprised. Young has played in area bands for decades, along the way acquiring a reputation as a musician who flits from project to project.

"I'm fully aware that there is a theory that I join bands for 12 months or less," says Young. "I hear the comments and the jokes. I'd be lying if I said it didn't hurt."

Among the groups he has performed with are the Millionaires, Vertibird, the Incredible Moses Leroy, the And/Ors, Vinyl Radio, and the original incarnation of Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Currently he drums for Los Angeles artists Ari Shine and Emma Burgess as well as locals Madjuana, a band that features recent Ocean Beach

transplant and New York Doll Sami Yaffa.

Young cites "creative differences" and a growing reputation as a studio drummer in Los Angeles as reasons for his split from Silverbird. (Silverbird front man Justin Rodriguez was unavailable for comment.) Young acknowledges that there are many good artists in San Diego, but...

"When it comes to San Diego, there is a lot of rock, but not enough roll," he quips. "Music is supposed to be something you craft and put your heart and soul into, to get it right. Many musicians are complacent, rarely rehearsing or putting in serious time.... I mean, when there are rehearsals and people want to leave after an



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ALL OR NOTHING FOR MR. YOUNG

hour, there's something wrong. When I get the feeling that others aren't putting as much in as I am, I'm walking."

Young claims to have received three pages of e-mail about his departure from Silverbird. Though he's disappointed to have felt the need to leave the band, he's

blurt

the inside track

cut of musicians' revenue generated by CD sales. In the past, Borders has allowed artists to pocket all of the money made from discs sold during in-store performances.

"WHAT A RIP-OFF!!!" e-mails Simeon Flick. He has performed at Borders stores in Mission Valley, the Gaslamp, Carlsbad, El Cajon, Carmel Mountain, and in New York. Flick writes that CD sales were his only source of income from those engagements. "I sold my CDs at my Borders gigs for \$10 a pop." In the new deal, he writes that Borders "would end up keeping 4 bucks on every CD I sold."

Borders regional marketing manager Mike Gibb says that under the new system, customers can still purchase a CD from an artist, but they have to pay for it at the store's cash register.

"It's a standard policy

the invoice to the home office and a check is cut for the amount, less the 40 percent



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FLICK GOES OFF ON BORDERS

and any sales tax," Gibb says. Turnaround time on payment? "Usually 30 days."

What about passing the 40 percent cut along to the consumer?

"The answer is a resounding no," Flick writes

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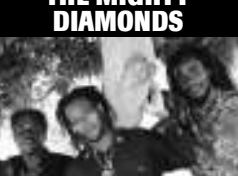
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Leyva’s then-unnamed band got the local BeatleFair job after sending bookers three songs from the *Backbeat* movie soundtrack, claiming the recordings as their own. “We were surprised that such big-time Beatles fans didn’t recognize the soundtrack...then we had to learn some Beatles covers in order to play the gig.”

At the event, his group — temporarily named the Backbeat Band — performed cuts like “Long Tall Sally.” After the set, Leyva says, “He [Sheridan] came over to us and said, ‘That sounded like a blizzard,’ and the little light just clicked — a new band name was born.”

The group performed almost 200 concerts in 2006 and has appeared on the TV show *Veronica Mars*, filmed and produced in San Diego. “We’re playing a Clash song in a garage in one scene.... For the shoot, they replaced our drummer with one of the cast members. [Our drummer] was a little pissed at first, but we got paid \$1500 and were treated like royalty for a day, so he got over it.”

Leyva has also appeared on the MTV dating show *MTV Score*. “The episode had songwriters who compete to write and play a new song, in a single day, to win the date.... I didn’t get the girl, but that’s okay. She wasn’t much of a score, and the prize was a trip to Mexico, which is where I’m from.”

Band members Chris Leyva (vocals, guitar), Gerardo Baladon (vocals, guitar), Sebastian Ray (bass), Todd Newman (keys, guitar, horns), and Mike Byron (drums) answered our queries collectively.

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“At the Shamrock Shack a guy got stabbed, but



Blizzard

the cops didn’t catch the guy who did it. Then we were playing our next gig at Chasers, and cops showed up to arrest the guy with the knife [from the Shamrock Shack], because he was there at Chasers! The cops noticed we were the same band from the Shack and said, ‘Not you again!’ Knife-wielding maniacs must make up a big part of our fan base.”

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?
“Americans have very little comprehension about the 2006 Mexican presidential election and the debate over who really won the vote to be president. We went to Mexico City and supported the rally for the real president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador. There will probably end up being a revolution in Mexico, and Americans should be paying closer attention.”

“Here in America, we wish we could get Bush to listen when his own people tell him, ‘Stop killing our kids and tearing apart our families!’ If he wants to go out there and fight himself, at the helm of a tank like General Patton, that’d be leading by example. If he can’t do that, he should just quit and go into standup comedy.”

PAUL MCCARTNEY OR JOHN LENNON?
“Lennon. If he could come back from the grave and leave one message [for McCartney, regarding his divorce] he’d tell him, ‘That’s what I meant by “Instant Karma,” bitch.’ ”

STAR TREK OR STAR WARS?
“Probably *Star Wars*, because it had that whole Caligula vibe, with the slutty princess and the hint of incest between Luke and his sister.” ■



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Incubus: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 8, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The Kings of Leon: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Toby Keith: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 9, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

P.O.D.: 'Canes, Sunday, September 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Steve Vai: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Monday, September 10, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Foreigner: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 11, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rodrigo y Gabriela: 'Canes, Wednesday, September 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Particle: 'Canes, Thursday, September 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Rascal Flatts: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Chicago: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 14, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

The John Jorgenson Quintet: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, September 14, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Wolf Parade: 'Canes, Friday, September 14, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Guster: House of Blues, Sunday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Velvet Revolver and Alice in Chains: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday,

September 16, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Sinéad O'Connor: Spreckels Theatre, Monday, September 17, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Pink Martini: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, September 17, and Tuesday, September 18, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The White Stripes: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, September 18, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

The New Pornographers: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

America: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Smashing Pumpkins: Open Air Theatre, Wednesday, September 19, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

Clay Walker: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

"92.5 Old Skool Jam": Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 21, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

"Street Scene" featuring the **Killers, Muse, Social Distortion, Panic! at the Disco**, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Eddie Money: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, September 23, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Pepe Aguilar: Cox Arena, Sunday, September 23, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Kenny G: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 26, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Diana Krall: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 26, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Richard Thompson: House of Blues, Thursday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 28,

2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Kenny G: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Rick Springfield: Palomar Starlight Theater, Saturday, September 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

"Adams Avenue Street Fair": Adams Avenue, Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, between Bancroft Street and 35th Street, Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

Yung Berg: 'Canes, Sunday, September 30, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

OCTOBER

Young Jeezy: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 2, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Hootie & the Blowfish: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

They Might Be Giants: House of Blues, Thursday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Air Supply and Christopher Cross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Steve Miller Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, October 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Steve Tyrell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 7, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Black Crowes: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

The Cure: Cox Arena, Saturday, October 13, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

The Tragically Hip: 4th & B, Saturday, October 13, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: House of Blues, Sunday, October 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Dashboard Confessional: Soma, Sunday, October 14, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Laurence Juber: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony: Cox Arena, Wednesday, October 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

The Pogues: 4th & B, Friday, October 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Bobby Caldwell: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 27, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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NOVEMBER

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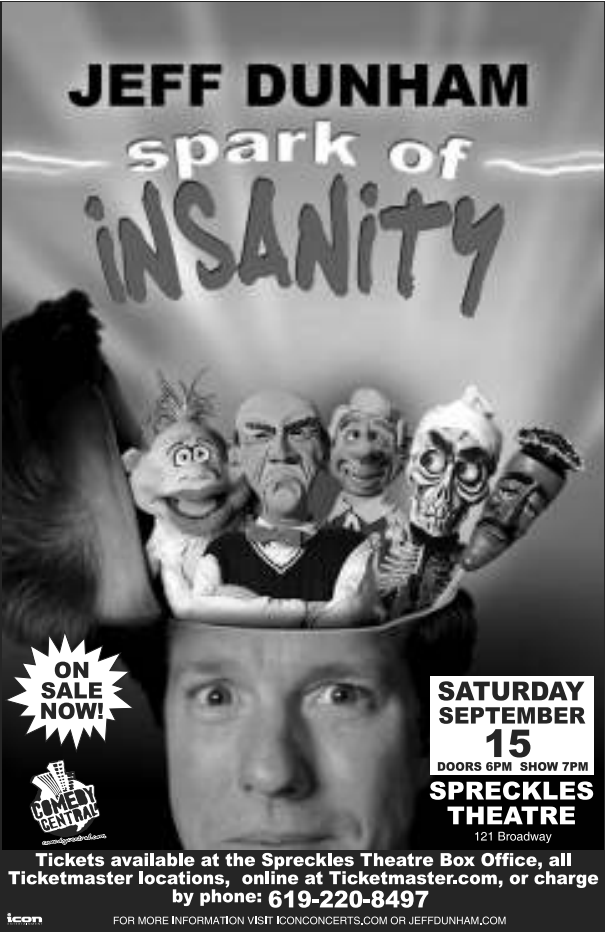
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Maroon 5: Cox Arena, Friday, November 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Peter, Paul, and Mary: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

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Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Puddle of Mudd: House of Blues, Sunday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

DECEMBER

Lucy Kaplansky: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Tori Amos: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 12, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

FEBRUARY

Al Stewart: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 2, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Calendar CLUBS

CLUB CRAWLER

THURSDAY 16

Los Angelino shoegazers **Autolux**

trip it at **Epicentre** tonight. Last week the three-piece appeared at Portishead-curated All Tomorrow's Parties in D.C. Much as their slow-to-the-fore tunes move — Sonics-style strum and feedback complemented by three voices — '04's *Future Perfect* sales swell, making it the dream-pop debut of the decade.... Jammy **Tea Leaf Green** will pack them in at **Winstons**, playing their second and final night at the O.B. mainstay. The SanFran quartet is known for piano-driven breathers. Though younger and more soulful than Phish and Gov't Mule, TLG's an attraction on the "new-hippie" festival circuit.... Solrak and his **B-Side Players** will kick off their "Fire in the Youth Tour" at **Casbah** tonight. The B-Sides are homegrown San Diego, and the band's Chula Vista roots inform their Latino reggae grooves. Their latest disc, *Fire in the Youth*, is out on Concord Records.... *Who can it be now?* It's ex—Men at Work vocalist **Colin Hay**. The Aussie songsmith has found new artistic life this decade, releasing his fifth studio effort, *Are You Looking at Me?*, an adult-contempo collection of soft break-beats, guitar, and the pop singer's trademark whelp. Hay shares a bill with **The Drowning Men** at **Belly Up**.

FRIDAY 17

Del Mar Track's post-race freebee this Friday night's all **Cake**. The Sacramento quintet's in their second decade, and though the band hasn't released anything new in over five years, the live set's full of hits, including chart-topping song "The Distance." Think they'll play that one at the track?.... There's a lot of gigs to choose from tonight. Here we go in "best-bet" to "still-very-good-bet" order: **Blonde**

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Shoegazer music — that trippy sound with loud guitars and quiet vocals — has never completely gone away in the 15 years since its heyday, but it seems to be closer now to a full-scale comeback than ever before. In the past few years, Sofia Coppola has been filling her movie soundtracks with My Bloody Valentine, and the long-reclusive My Bloody Valentine leader Kevin Shields has taken a bigger public profile. The long-feuding Jesus and Mary Chain did him one better and got back together. There's even a documentary film in the works — it's called *Beautiful Noise* and features interviews with everyone from the Cocteau Twins to Smashing Pumpkins.

Redhead visits **House of Blues**. The Kazu Makino-led trio is considered one of the more experimental acts to endure the '90s alternative-rock deluge.... **Whistlestop's** staging SD stomp-rockers **Whoreshoes** and **Bartender's Bible**... **Cattle Decapitation** will slaughter 'em at North County watering hole **The Jumping Turtle**... Jazz guitarist **Stanley Jordan** checks in at **Anthology** for two nights this weekend... Kid club **Soma** fills a bill with six local acts, headlined by punk-n-pop faves **Scarlett Symphony** and **Get Back Loretta**... **Bar Pink Elephant** is up and

running with live shows. This week, Seattle punk novelty act **The Spits** along with **Female Trouble**... And round the corner at **Beauty Bar**, DJ **Gabe Vega** plugs electronic wizards **3OH!3** and **Dandiwind**, and DJ sets from **David J** (Bauhaus, Love and Rockets)... I don't want to hear the words "There's nothing t'do" come out of your mouth!

SATURDAY 18

North Park's **Motorsport Scooters** is celebrating 15 years of biz over the weekend. The events include a night at the **Kensington Club**, where power-pop vets **Buckfast**

Perhaps what's most important is that there's a new generation of bands who are remaking the shoegazer sound in their own image, and some of them are having hit records. These bands come from Norway (Serena Maneesh), Denmark (the Raveon-ettes), Portland (the Helio Sequence), New York (New York and Japan, in the case of Asobi Seksu), Los Angeles (Silversun Pickups), and Texas (Rachel Goldstar and the numerous bands she plays with). Depending on how you define the shoegazer sound — and it is hard to pin down — you could probably find it almost anywhere else.

You don't have to twist the definitions too far in the case of **Midnight Movies**. The Los Angeles band's debut album *Lion the Girl* sounds something like a mashup of Nico, Kraftwerk, and Slowdive. The members of Slowdive probably used to listen to a lot of



MIDNIGHT MOVIES

Nico and Kraftwerk, so it's not a stretch. Of course, this being an L.A. band, everyone in it is good-looking, so no one in the audience wants anyone onstage to actually stare at their shoes.

Blonde Redhead headlines.

MIDNIGHT MOVIES, House of Blues, Friday, August 17, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583. \$18.

Cane's. Both acts are competent copycats, just, y'know, close your eyes.... And SoCal club faves from Laguna Beach, **Common Sense**, visit their rocking reggae to north coastal hotspot Belly Up Tavern.

SUNDAY 19

London-born, Long Island bred hip-hop artist Daniel Dumile, aka **MF Doom**, will break from the Rock the Bells fest to rap the room at **Cane's** on Sunday night. Doom broke with his '04 collaboration with Madlib, *Madvillany*. For the hit-record, DJ Madlib chopped jazz standards unapologetically, while vocalist

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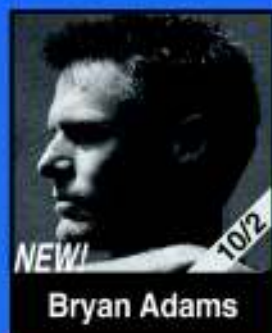
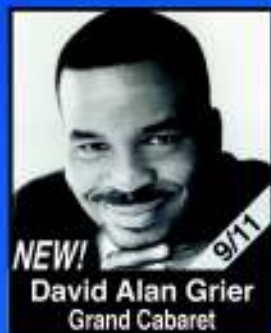
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Doom kept pace with his long-verse style that bucks hip-hop trends.... The **Jack Fest** line-up that the pop-standards station (100.7) brings to **Coors Amphitheatre** Sunday is a meaty cut from their playlist, including Texas trio **ZZ Top**, '80s and '90s hit-makers **The Pretenders**, rockabilly revivalists the **Stray Cats**, and — *tell it to a friend* — **REO Speedwagon**.... Had enough music this weekend? The **People's Society for Knitting and Libations** (PSKL) invite you to bring two sharp sticks and pearl-1-2, pearl-1-2. Every first and third Sunday, the **Whistlestop**'ll draw the pints and provide the DJ while ya'll get "knitfaced."

MONDAY 20

Louisiana native **Marc Broussard** is a young man (25), but the musician's got an old soul. Broussard's latest, this year's *Save Our Soul*, is a collection of Motown and Stax classics by Otis Redding, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, and Al Green, and Broussard infuses the hits with his "Bayou mix" of funk and blues and R&B. The **House of Blues** downtown delivers Marc Broussard's Soul Revue, featuring Southern chanteuse **Shannon McNally** on Monday night.... Over at the Casbah, the Anti-Monday League's gonna punk you, bringing in Portland's **Prize Country** and Salt Lake's **Loom** to plow the room for San Diego punk minimalists **Demasiado**.... If you just want to chill, though,

go visit **Lady Dottie** at the **Tower Bar**, where every Monday, she wears her **Diamonds** out.

TUESDAY 21

Humphrey's and hippies? Once upon a time, maybe. Nevatheless, the bayside showcase is fit to be tie-dyed Tuesday night for an event they're calling "**Hippiefest**: A Concert for Peace and Love." We're talking the **Turtles**, the **Rascals**, the **Zombies**, **Rod Argent**, **Mountain**, **Badfinger**, and good ol' **Country Joe**, babies!... There're no "brothers" and nobody named "Cary" in the **Cary Brothers**. Afraid that's as far as the mystique around the L.A. band goes. The pop is confectionary, like John Hughes movie soundtracks. Portland twee trio **Stars of Track and Field** open. Bring a date to their **Belly Up** sets.... Or bring Peggy Sue to **Welk Resort's Buddy Holly Story**. The music in this annual revue about the original nerd-rocker is lively. Show ends September 2.

WEDNESDAY 22

Belly Up represents the SD Wednesday night, propping three promising local indie acts: **Sayvinyl**, the **Muslims**, and the **Creepy Creeps**.... Pro surfer **Timmy Curran** sings and plays guitar like a pro surfer. I have no idea what that means, but I mean it. Curran's about to release his debut disc, *Word of Mouth*, on Foe records. If you're missing Elliot Smith, this disc is for you. Curran's on tour with Encinitas-based **Escalera** (feat. pro skaters **Bob Burnquist** on drums and **Danny Way** on guitar who both play like pro skaters). Surf and skate fans, get down to **Casbah**

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Dweezil Zappa, son of the late Frank Zappa, plays guitar more like Eddie Van Halen than his famous father. But onstage, he is all Frank — cerebral rather than sexy. Dweezil is an impressive guitarist in the over-stated style of arena metal. He showed his chops in Z, a '90s rock outfit that featured his younger brother Ahmet on vocals. On his own, Dweezil has released a handful of solid guitar-glory albums nothing like his father's difficult comic rock operas. Perhaps this is why, when he created the show Zappa Plays Zappa, it took him two years of practice to master his father's individualistic fretboard techniques.

As a guitarist, Frank Zappa is nearly impossible to mimic due to an amalgam of

frenetic styles that are a result of great intellect, superior technique, and a warped sense of humor. He was prolific and left behind enough unreleased material, his wife Gail estimates, to produce 100 new albums. Dweezil has both his father's skills and his father's sense of the absurd: he has been producing, for some years now, a piece of his own of grand scale called "What the Hell Was I Thinking?" that involves at least three dozen guest guitarists.

Zappa Plays Zappa is a father-son joint effort, a revival tour of sorts of Zappa senior's music geared toward younger audiences who've never had the pleasure. Frank died young, in 1993. ZPZ is a multimedia blend of Frank and his Mothers of Invention in concert footage projected on a screen while a live band of musicians skilled enough to have perfected the Frank Zappa songbook crank out the music. This year Ray White, guitarist and vocalist during Frank's



DWEEZIL ZAPPA

most interesting late-'70s years, joins the ZPZ tour. It is Dweezil's biggest moment in the spotlight yet; naturally, he plays his father's solos. But ZPZ is not about Dweezil. In the end, it is his father's presence that looms the larger.

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Bar Dynamite: Mondays, *Dub Dynamite*, dub-hall, rub-a-roots, reggae bass. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Beauty Bar: Fridays, *Feel the Noise*, electronic dance rock beats. 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge. 619-516-4746.

Brass Rail: Second Saturday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, electro,

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Candelas: Thursdays, *Dive*, deep soulful house music. 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Club Montage: Sundays, first floor, *Klub Retro*, nu wave, synth-pop, and new romantic; second floor, *Underworld*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 2028 Hancock Street, San Diego. 619-294-9590.

The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth and Adam Atom. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

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Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. Sundays, *Hot Summer Sundays* featuring guest DJs. Wednesdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and glitch hop. Sundays, *Dubstep*, downtempo, hip-hop, and jazz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Re:Do*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Buddha and SC. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Lucky Star Nightclub: Fridays, DJ Salsero Mayor spins salsa, merengue bachata, and reggaeton. 8:30 p.m.; 18 and up. 3893 54th Street (at University), San Diego. 619-229-8228.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays and Fridays, *Mambo Lounge*, salsa, bachata, and cha-cha. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Shooterz: Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, new romantic, and punk synthpop with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. First, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, *Therapy*, industrial, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard and guest. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Show Palace: Fridays, *Fuego Nights*, house, hip-hop, and old skool with DJs Que and DJ Dizzy D. 1527 E. Mission Avenue, Oceanside. 760-439-1100.

South Park Bar & Grill: Fridays, *Shakedown*, funk, disco, and '80s with DJs Riddles and Myson King. 1946 Fern Street, South Park. 619-696-0096.

Static Lounge: First Friday of the month, *West Coast Mash Up*, drum 'n' bass, jungle, and ragga. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, DJ Famous Dave mixes music videos. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616.

The Whistle Stop: First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *One Nation*, electro, '80s classics, and hip-hop with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

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Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore, Dean Smith, and Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, *Uplift*, reggae. Sunday, *John Bennett and the Benders*, Americana/alternative. Monday, *Mick Overman*. Tuesday, *Jack Temphchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Tres Sapos*, Latin.

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



Album: *Double Happiness* (2007)

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Hornblower Cruises, 1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego Bay. 619-686-8715. Friday, 7 p.m., live band.

Kaito, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Friday, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Jesus Jackson*, classic rock. Saturday, *Ean Corbet, Andy Linz, Randy Hernandez, Tom Hollenbeck, Evan Watkins, Ian Lutz, and Eric Rumble*, acoustic/folk.

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4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, *Deep Purple*, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Gilberto Santa Rosa*, salsa.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Hennessey's Tavern, 708 Fourth Avenue (corner of Fourth and G), Gaslamp. 619-239-9991. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Idle Train*, classic rock.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock of 80's*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Idle Train*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday,

9:45 p.m., *Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Live music Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae/funk.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Texas Twisters*. Friday, *Shelle Blue*. Saturday, *Soul Diego*. Sunday, *Blue Largo*. Monday,

Rockin' Jake. Tuesday, *L.A. Jones*. Wednesday, *Bill Magee*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sally's Seafood on the Water, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Sally's Steel Drum Duo*, calypso.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Ritmo Caliente*, salsa. Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Peter Prince of Piano*, piano/pop.

Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio de la Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, international/standards.

Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *DaGroove*, rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday and Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Sunday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ Thrasher*. Tuesday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*, a Dave Matthews Band tribute, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave*.

Worldbeat Center, 2100 Park Boulevard, Balboa Park. 619-230-1190. Friday, 9 p.m., *President Brown*, *Messanjah Selah*, *Malika Madremana*, and *Mark Wonder*, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Afro-Reggae*, reggae.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday. *B Natural*, pop/Top 40. Saturday, blues band.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish/folk. Thursday, *Harold and Gabe*. Friday, *Dannicus*. Saturday, *Skelpin*. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Skelpin* or *Robbie O'Reilly*.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Alan James*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/metal/hard rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Skatanic Rednecks*. Friday, *Muzzle*, *the Anti Division*, *the Dreaming*, and *Scar'd Sanity*. Saturday, *the After Midnight Project*. Wednesday, *the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal*, *Anais Mitchell*, and *Steph Johnson*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/indie/metal/punk. Thursday, *Autolux*. Friday, *Somato Sensory*, *Think Vanity*, and *Honor Wounds*.

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, *Cheeky*, jazz/dance/rock.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Private Domain*, classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to midnight, *Chris Duarte*, Texas blues. Sunday, two shows, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time*, smooth jazz. Monday, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., *Jesse Davis*, traditional jazz. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the New Breed Band*, jazz/pop.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *the Little Efert Band*, classic rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/indie/alternative/metal/punk. Thursday and Friday, live bands. Saturday, *Buckfast Superbee*, and *Monsters from Mars*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Bad Credit* and *Rob Dee*. Friday, *Gregory Page*. Saturday, *the Derren Raser Band*, rock, and *Lindsey Cook*, and *the Slater Sisters*. Sunday, *Rebecca Pronsky*, *Alyssa Jacey*, and *J.R.*

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The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band*, big band/swing.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., *the Blues Invaders*, blues/swing.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m., *Shawline Expression*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271
University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-
7372. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Sharon Hazel*
Township, folk rock/indie.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative/punk.

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. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-5034. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Winds of Plague*, Catherine, Beneath the Sky, *At the Throne of Judgment*, and *Born of Osiris*. Friday, *the Scarlet Symphony*, *Get Back Loretta*, *War Stories*, *the Silent Comedy*, *No One Home*, and *Inherst*. Saturday, *the Rx Bandits* and *the Fall of Troy*. Sunday, *Danger:Radio*, *Metro Station*, *Forever the Sickest Kids*, *White Apple Tree*, and *Jupiter*. Wednesday, *the Burning of Rome*, *Destroy the Runner*, *Longstay*, *Demasiado*, and *Lindsey Cook*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning and the John Kopecky Trio*. Saturday, *Mia Jones and the Ko Trio*, R&B/Top 40/jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tim Ninnink and Doug Walker*, modern jazz.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo Delta blues.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Saturday, *Electric Soul*, rock/soul.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *the Leroy Thomas Band*, blues. Friday, *Paradise*. Saturday, *Alan Inglesias and Crossfire*, blues. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Saturday, *Fifty on Their Heels*, *the Vultures*, *the Scare*, and *Skull Kontrol*, alternative rock.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Colin Hay and the Drowning Men*, alternative. Friday, 9 p.m., *Boogie Nights*. Saturday, 8 p.m.,



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<p style="text-align: center; background-color: black; color: white; margin-bottom: 10px;">SATURDAY, AUGUST 18</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: small;">Tribute to Johnny Cash</p>   </div>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: black; color: white; margin-bottom: 10px;">SUNDAY, AUGUST 19</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MF DOOM</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">with guests LUCKY I AM of the Living Legends AWOL ONE</p> </div>  </div>
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<p style="text-align: center; background-color: black; color: white; margin-bottom: 10px;">SATURDAY, AUGUST 25</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">J IRIE & THE LAMB'S BLOOD ROOTS COVENANT BREDREN</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: black; color: white; margin-bottom: 10px;">FRIDAY, AUGUST 31</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Diego Roots</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 5px 0;">STONE SENSES • NIGHTBOX</p> </div>
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<p style="text-align: center; background-color: black; color: white; margin-bottom: 10px;">WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">YELLOW MAN</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">w/ THE SAGITTARIUS BAND</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: black; color: white; margin-bottom: 10px;">UPCOMING</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">9/7 Soulive • 9/8 Tainted Love (80's Tribute) 9/9 P.O.D. and Sprung Monkey 9/13 Particle • 9/14 Wolf Parade 9/27 !!! • 9/30 Yung Berg</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;"> <div> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">FREE REGGAE SUNDAYS</p> <p style="margin: 0;">3-6 PM</p> </div> <div> <p style="margin: 0;">8/19 Social Green & Echo Save 8/26 Kindle to Ember & Jah Roots Hi Fi</p> </div> </div>



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the B-Foundation and Common Sense, surf roots/rock/reggae. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, salsa. Tuesday, *Cary Brothers and the Stars of Track and Field*, indie/rock. Wednesday, *Sayvinyl*, *the Creepy Creeps*, and *the Muslims*, alternative/punk.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live 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., *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skibbereen*, Irish folk.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m.,

Winterhawk, original acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Hip Graffiti*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. 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., *Michele Lundeen and Blues Streak*, blues. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Breed Band*, jazz/pop. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.,

Peter Hall, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Fish and the Seaweeds*, rock/swing. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar*, classic rock.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 619-755-1141. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Cake*, alternative/indie rock.

Finnegan's Pub and Grill, 1814 Marron Road, Carlsbad. 760-720-5311. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Jensen and the Small Pox Mountain Boys*, country.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *the Clachan Boys*, country. Friday, *Lizard Fish*, rock. Saturday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill, 805 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-672-8305. Sunday, 6 p.m.

to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish folk.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Jamroc 101 Caribbean Grill, 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-436-3162. Saturday, 6:30 p.m., *the Flounders*, beach rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m., *Flashback*, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Bandits*, *Dedicated Mind*, and *Buckley's Ghost*, alternative rock.

North Bar Sports and 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., DJ. Friday, 9 p.m., *Help*, rock. Saturday, *Boogie Nights*. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing.

Parioli Italian Bistro, 647 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-755-2525. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ruby Blue*, jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Sacha Boutros*, jazz quartet.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday and Saturday, *West of 5*, classic rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Lifelike*, rock. Saturday, *Meliesa and the Monkey Bites*, alternative/pop. Monday, *Carl O'Callaghan*, Irish folk.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Stage 4* or *Mikan and Friends*, R&B/jazz.

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.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Justin Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *David Hauser*, acoustic. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Gary Seiler*, acoustic.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Gibson*, guitarist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*, guitarist. 1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist.

Sun Deck: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock. Saturday, *Jumpstart*, jump blues.

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

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EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Rockandy*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Hillbilly Noise*, country.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, live country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Jonny*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Franco Z*, standards/swing/jazz.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 10 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/soul/reggae.

Calendar

BANDS

ALTERNATIVE

The After Midnight Project: Brick By Brick

The Anti Division: Brick By Brick

The Armada: 'Canes

At the Throne of Judgment: Soma

Autolux: Epicentre

The Cathryn Beeks Ordeal: Brick By Brick

Beneath the Sky: Soma

Born of Osiris: Soma

Buckfast Superbee: The Kensington Club

Buckley's Ghost: Dreamstreet, Molly Malone's

The Burning of Rome: Soma

Cheeky: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

A Conscious Few: 'Canes

The Creepy Creeps: Belly Up Tavern

Daily Dose: 'Canes

Danger:Radio: Soma

The Deere Johns: The Casbah

Demasiado: Soma, The Casbah

Destroy the Runner: Soma

d.fRost: 710 Beach Club

Dirty Madame: 'Canes

The Dreaming: Brick By Brick

The Drowning Men: Belly Up Tavern

Escalera: The Casbah

The Fall of Troy: Soma

Fifty on Their Heels: Tower Bar

fluf: The Casbah

Forever the Sickest Kids: Soma

Get Back Loretta: Soma

Colin Hay: Belly Up Tavern

Hector's Revenge: Dreamstreet

Honor Wounds: Epicentre

Inberst: The Casbah, Soma

The Inebriated: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Infants: The Casbah

Johnny Different: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Jupiter: Soma

The Lifters: The Casbah

The Lonely H: The Casbah

Longstay: Soma

Loom: The Casbah

Love Mask: Dreamstreet

Lucky.I.Am: 'Canes

Mean Dinosaur: 'Canes

Meliesa and the Monkey Bites: Surf N'Saddle

Metro Station: Soma

MF Doom: 'Canes

Mindstress: Dreamstreet

Misled Citizen: Dreamstreet

Monsters from Mars: The Kensington Club

The Muslims: Belly Up Tavern

Muzzle: Brick By Brick

No One Home: Soma

Nuclear Tomorrow: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Gregory Page: Lestat's Coffee House

The Paranorms: Dreamstreet

Republican Duckhunter: Dreamstreet

The Rx Bandits: Soma

Safety Orange: 'Canes

Sayvinyl: Belly Up Tavern

Scar'd Sanity: Brick By Brick

The Scare: Tower Bar

The Scarlet Symphony: Soma

The Silent Comedy: Soma

Skull Kontrol: Tower Bar

The Slugz: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Somato Sensory: Epicentre

The Stars of Track and Field: Belly Up Tavern

Stripes and Lines: The Casbah

Talk to the Fist: Dreamstreet

Tea Leaf Green: Winstons

Ten Foot Tongue: Dreamstreet

Think Like a Dinosaur: Epicentre

Urban Legend Get Down: Dreamstreet

Vanity Affair: Epicentre

The Vultures: Tower Bar

War Stories: Soma

Wendy Darling: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

White Apple Tree: Soma

Wildbirds: The Casbah

Winds of Plague: Soma

Yesterday's Papers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

ROCK

Animal Corpse: Dreamstreet

Army of Darkness: Dreamstreet

AWOL One: 'Canes

Bad Credit: Lestat's Coffee House

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SUN. AUG 19

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WHITE APPLE TREE
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WED. AUG. 22

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THE BURNING OF ROME
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SAT. AUG 25

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SUN. AUG 26

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FRI. AUG 31

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ROCK

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The Bandits: Molly Malone's

Bedpost Buzzard: 710 Beach Club

Big Back Yard: Tiki House

The Big Provider: Winstons

The Blackout Party: The Casbah

Blue Heat: The Kraken

Boogie Nights: Ocean House

Brax: The Ould Sod

Cake: Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

Canobliss: Winstons

The Cighthouse Thumpers:

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

CDM: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Cotton Fever: 'Canes

The Cradit Union: Ocean House

Timmy Curran: The Casbah

Dedicated Mind: Molly Malone's

Deep Purple: 4th & B

Dive Bomber: 710 Beach Club

Electric Soul: Tio Leo's (Mira Mesa)

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Fight the Fear: 'Canes

Firethorn: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Fish and the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill

Flashback: Molly Malone's

The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken

Flatline: Dreamstreet

Gasoline Chicken: 710 Beach Club

The Taylor Harvey Band: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Help: Ocean House

Colin Hay, August 16, Belly Up Tavern

Idle Train: Hennessey's Tavern (Gaslamp), Henry's Pub

Inner Fury: Dreamstreet

Laguna: Carvers, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Lifelike: Surf N'Saddle

The Little Efert Band: JP's Pub

Lizard Fish: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Lou Dog Trio: Winstons

Moxie: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Nards: Tiki House

Nemesis: Second Wind (San Carlos)

No Dice: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill

Nuthin Speshl: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

One Theory: Dreamstreet

Pink Floyd: 710 Beach Club

Private Domain: Humphrey's

Prize Country: The Casbah

The Derren Raser Band: Lestat's Coffee House

Rickshaw: The Casbah

Rockandy: Dirk's Niteclub

Rockola: Humphrey's

Ron's Garage: Hennessey's Tavern (PB), Hotel del Coronado

Second Story Burning: Winstons

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

The Stiletto: Henry's Pub

The Strikers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Thrill Deluxe: 710 Beach Club

Tim and the 23's: 710 Beach Club

Viva Santana: Humphrey's

Weird Beardagain: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

West of 5: Pounder's

Without a Motorcycle: 710 Beach Club

POP / TOP 40

PTrak Armenta: Pasquale on Prospect

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Gil Barron: Pasquale on Prospect

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorn Restaurant, Humphrey's

James East: Pasquale on Prospect

The Flock of 80's: Henry's Pub

Frankie-Dee and the Funk-Nutra Band: The Kraken

Mark Fulton: Pasquale on Prospect

Holiday and the Adventure Pop Collective: Winstons

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The New Breed Band: Coyote Bar and Grill, Humphrey's

Paradise: Tio Leo's Lounge

Reaganomics: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stepping Feet: Whiskey Girl

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Thursday, September 6

FRIDAY!



Dave Koz & Friends:
At The Movies
with special guests **David Benoit,**
Phil Perry & Kelly Sweet
Friday, August 17

SUNDAY!



India.Arie
with special guest **Anthony David**
Sunday, August 19

AUGUST

Jim Gaffigan **PACKAGES ONLY**
with special guest **Rich Brooks**
Thursday, August 16 • 7:30

Dave Koz & Friends:
At The Movies, Summer 2007 Tour
with special guests **David Benoit,**
Phil Perry and **Kelly Sweet**
Friday, August 17 • 7:30

India.Arie
with special guest **Anthony David**
Sunday, August 19 • 7:30

Dave Brubeck Quartet
Monday, August 20 • 7:30

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Tuesday, August 21 • 6:30

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Wednesday, August 22 • 7:30

Stevie Wonder **SOLD OUT!**
A Wonder Summer's Night
Thursday, August 23 • 7:30

Crowded House
with special guests **16 Frames** and **Liam Finn**
Friday, August 24 • 7:00

Creedence Clearwater Revisited
Thursday, August 30 • 8:00

SEPTEMBER

Cecilio & Kapon
Sunday, September 2 • 7:30

B.B. King / Etta James & Her Roots Band
Tuesday, September 4 • 7:00

SEPTEMBER

Daryl Hall & John Oates
Wednesday, September 5 • 8:00

Temptations / Four Tops
Thursday, September 6 • 7:30

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Friday, September 7 • 8:00

Heart
featuring **Ann & Nancy Wilson**
Sunday, September 9 • 7:30

Doobie Brothers
with special guest **Johnny "V" Vernazza**
Monday, September 10 • 7:30

Foreigner
Tuesday, September 11 • 8:00

Pink Martini
Mon. & Tues., September 17 & 18 • 8:00

America
Wednesday, September 19 • 7:30

Kenny G
Wednesday, September 26 • 8:00

Trisha Yearwood
with special guest **Amy Dalley**
Thursday, September 27 • 7:30

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
Fri. & Sat., September 28 & 29 • 8:00

OCTOBER

Hootie & The Blowfish
Wednesday, October 3 • 7:30

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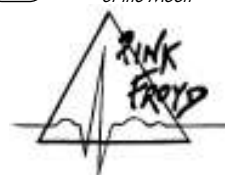
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Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Sacha Boutros: Parioli Italian Bistro

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning: South Park Bar and Grill

The B-Side Players: The Casbah

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos: Anthology

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jerome Dawson: Coyote Bar and Grill

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Robert Glasper: Anthology

John Guilino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Insight: Jimmy Love's

Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery

The Jazz 101 Band: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jazz Project Big Band: Padre Gold

Stanley Jordan: Anthology

The John Kopecky Trio: South Park Bar and Grill

Fran Laskota: The Westgate Hotel

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

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Mario Oliveras and Latin Spice: Pasquale on Prospect

Sue Palmer: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Primo: Belly Up Tavern, Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Ruby Blue: Parioli Italian Bistro

Sambajazz: Cuvée Restaurant

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar

Robert Sebastini: Cafe LaMaze

Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time: Humphrey's

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REGGAE / SKA

The B-Foundation: Belly Up Tavern

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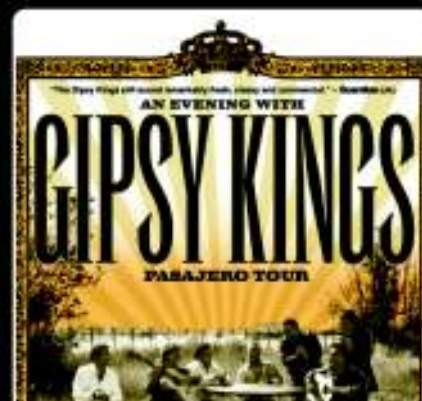
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REGGAE / SKA

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Junior Reid: 'Canes

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Seafood on the Water

Skatanic Rednecks: Brick By Brick

Social Green: 'Canes

Split Finger: 'Canes

Uplift: The Calypso Cafe

Mark Wonder: World Beat Center

COUNTRY

Calico Ridge: Mulvaney's Wagon
Wheel

The California Rangers: McCabe's
Beach Club

Cash'd Out: 'Canes

The Clachan Boys: Hennessy's
Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Handsome Devils: 'Canes

Hillbilly Noise: Don's Cocktail
Lounge

Jensen: Finnegan's Pub and Grill

The Small Pox Mountain Boys:
Finnegan's Pub and Grill

Southbound Jonny: Renegade Inn

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

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Aaron Bowen: Borders Books and
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Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub,
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Cary Brothers: Belly Up Tavern

Joe Cardillo: Cody's La Jolla

Lindsey Cook: Soma, Lestat's Coffee
House

Ean Corbet: Kaito

Dannicus: Blarney Stone Pub

Rob Dee: Lestat's Coffee House

DiAngela: E Street Cafe

The Flounders: Jamroc 101
Caribbean Grill

Mike Gardner: Cheers, North Bar
Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

Gonzo Gonzales: Hotel del
Coronado

Peter Hall: Coyote Bar and Grill

Harold and Gabe: Blarney Stone Pub

Joey Harris: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

David Hauser: Galley at the Marina

Randy Hernandez: Kaito

Tom Hollenbeck: Kaito

David Houser: McP's Irish Pub and
Grill

Alyssa Jacey: Lestat's Coffee House

Alan James: Borders Books and Music
(Mission Valley)

Steph Johnson: Brick By Brick

The Justin Brothers: McP's Irish Pub
and Grill, Galley at the Marina

Andy Linz: Kaito

Ian Lutz: Kaito

Anais Mitchell: Brick By Brick

Adrienne Nims and Raggle
Taggle: Dublin Square, Hensley's
Flying Elephant Pub and Grill

Robbie O'Reilly: Blarney Stone Pub

Mick Overman: Tiki House, The
Calypso Cafe

Kyle Phelan: 'Canes

Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and
Grill

Rebecca Pronskey: Lestat's Coffee
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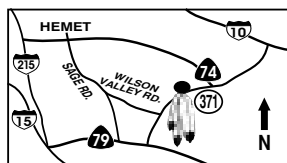
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Melissa Vaughan: E Street Cafe

Evan Watkins: Kaito

Winterhawk: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

BLUES / SOUL

Blue Largo: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Patrick's II

Blue Rockit: Island Sports and Spirits

The Blues Invaders: Pal Joey's

Chris Duarte: Humphrey's

The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Fuzzy and the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

Robin Henkel: Terra

Alan Iglesias and Crossfire: Tio Leo's Lounge

L.A. Jones: Patrick's II

Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta: South Park Bar and Grill

Jumpstart: Island Sports and Spirits

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds: Henry's Pub

Michele Lundeen and Blues

Streak: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Bill Magee Blues Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Patrick's II

Modern Day Moonshine: Viejas Casino, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Thrusters, House of Blues

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors: The Kraken

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NAKED SANDWICH

by Josh Board

I was contacted by a guy who runs a nudist camp. He asked me to be a judge in an *American Idol*-style competition called "Ultimate Idol." The winner would get an iPod and go to the semifinals at another nudist camp.

I told him I was flattered but that I write about parties, that the only things I write about swinging around are piñatas.

When he told me that the contestants would be partying at the campground bar after the contest, I agreed to do it.

The nudist camp was in DeAnza Springs, about an hour east of San Diego. At the gate, two vehicles blocked the entrance. When one of the cars left, I drove in through the exit. Within a minute, I saw blue and red lights in my rearview mirror.

It looked like a cop car. After going through my glove compartment for my license and registration, I turned to find a naked man at my window. He had a hat with a badge on it and asked me what I was doing. I wanted to ask him the same thing. I figured, as long as he doesn't frisk me, we won't have a problem. He radioed in and then let me go.

I drove to the offices and thought the place looked like a regular campground. Then I saw



Top left: Dr. Death (left); Top right: This greets you at the gates of the nudist colony;
Bottom left: Judith and her husband;
Bottom right: The owner of DeAnza Springs, on the left

several people barbecuing — naked. There was an old lady gardening — naked. Normal activities but without clothes.

A couple kids rode by on their bikes and they were dressed. Seeing them kind of upset me, though. If adults want to go live on a resort like this

My first thought was to ask how much sunscreen they go through, but I told her that I didn't think it was "cool." We

complaining that she didn't want any photos taken of her. I thought she said it was because she was going to pursue a career in music and she didn't want this to hinder her. (That made me laugh when I heard her sing — she couldn't.)

I asked a resident about the trailers on the campground. "If it's 399 square feet, you get a DMV license instead of a real estate one." He explained the laws for room additions and rent prices.

When I met the owner of the grounds in his office, I was surprised to find him dressed. I noticed the photos of his dogs on the wall. They looked unusual. He told me one was an Spinone Italiano, which sounded

As long as he doesn't frisk me, we won't have a problem.

and run around naked, fine. But bringing kids into the mix bothered me.

I brought this up with one woman I met from L.A. She comes down here every other weekend. She said, "My daughter is 15.... When we brought her here last year, we were going swimming. She said she forgot her sunscreen, and she came back topless. I have the coolest daughter."

ended up having a civil debate about it.

We changed the subject, and she told me she was singing two songs at the contest. I told her that in my three-page list of rules, it said I couldn't speak with contestants. "Oh, I'm not competing," she said. "I'm performing between the contestants. I signed up too late to qualify."

Another contestant was

like a dessert. The other was a Bouvier des Flanders. I said, "You should have one of those hairless dogs." He said, "Yeah. We've heard that before."

When I walked through the cafeteria, I noticed all the cooks wore clothes. I imagined they'd be naked except for aprons and hairnets.

I saw a Polynesian woman walking by with a plate of food and nothing but a lei around her neck. I smiled at her. She didn't smile back. I wasn't sure why — I made sure I kept eye contact.

A few people were talking about a Sean Penn movie called *Into the Wild*. He called the resort needing 100 extras. One guy said, "We're going to go to the theaters when it comes out. When we're on screen, I'm going to stand up and say 'Those are our asses!'" Someone else said, "Other people will just think you're the ass for talking during the movie."

I lit a cigar and sat down at the judges' table. I looked over the rules. I saw that one of the things I was scoring on was "costume and attire." *Easy*, I thought, *everyone's getting a zero on that*. I wondered if Simon Cowell were here if he'd say, "How could you possibly go around naked when you look like that?"

Most of the performers did

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have on outfits that fit the songs. When Judith, the woman I talked to earlier, performed "Crazy," she was topless.

The MC of the event told jokes and sang a few songs, including "Folsom County Blues." He pronounced my name wrong when he introduced me, and the crowd started chanting for me to take my clothes off. I turned around and told the front row "I don't even get naked when I take a shower. I'm certainly not

going to here."

The two other judges removed their clothing, and I was the middle of a naked sandwich.

When I walked backstage, I found a tall, muscular guy named Jeff shadow boxing. I asked him if he was a fighter. "No. I'm singing, and I'm trying to get rid of the pre-show jitters." Someone suggested, "Try alcohol."

I pointed out a guy in the crowd wearing a penguin outfit and was told that he was a professional wrestler in the '50s and '60s. He went by the name "Dr.



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songs, the crowd went nuts. And she had good stage presence. I could tell a few of the other contestants were mad. One of the judges leaned in to me and said, "We screwed up, didn't we?"

I think she was right. One guy who I felt had the best voice didn't make the top three.

As we walked to the bar where everyone was partying, one contestant thanked me for coming out. I thought that was classy. His wife had cookies and handed me two. I said, "If you would've handed me some chocolate before the competition, maybe he would've won."

Outside the bar, I watched an angry Asian woman get into a shouting match with a nerdy white guy in glasses. She ended up slapping the glasses off his face.

Inside the bar, almost everyone was dressed. Others were wrapped in towels, which seemed to be the main article of clothing around the camp. "They work well when you want to sit down," I was told. "And you're set for the pool or Jacuzzi."

I met a retired dentist who told me, "There are all types here."

I met a guy in his late 60s who said that he reads my column. "But you don't crash parties the way I do," he said. "I have a tuxedo and go to swanky affairs in Hollywood. I was at the *Ebony* awards last week. There was great food. I was one of the only white guys there."

As I was leaving, he said, "Those two girls you were talking to at the bar. Would you ask them if they'd be interested...?"

I told him I didn't know them well enough. When I heard someone belting out Elvis to karaoke, I wondered if he was referring to a song. ■

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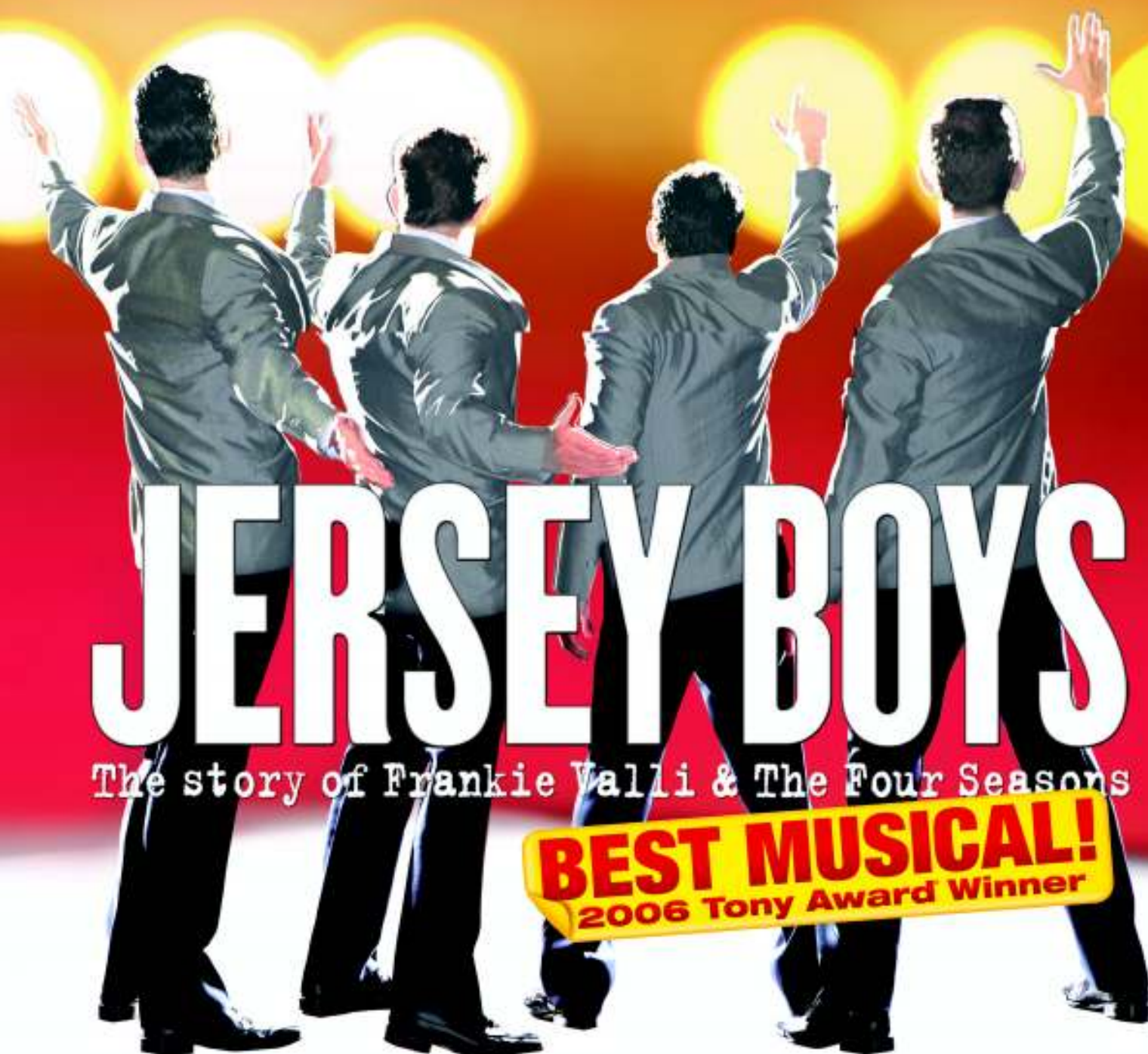
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after the quake

On January 17, 1995, a 7.2 earthquake struck just north of Kobe, Japan. Almost 7000 people lost their lives. In 2000, Haruki Murakami, Japan's master fiction writer, wrote *after the quake*, short stories about the psychological aftereffects of the disaster. Frank Galati wove two of them — "honey pie" and "super-frog saves Tokyo" — into a theatrical piece about healing, ultimately, but also about facing monsters in the world and, maybe more real, in the imagination. The piece blends the stories the way Murakami blurs boundaries (for whom the mundane has mystery and the mysterious is everyday) and, also like the author, contain much more than at first appears. Galati's adaptation is so faithful to the words that narrated por-

tions lag (when characters talk about themselves in the third person, we've drifted far from theatrical immediacy). To his credit, director Galati refuses to spike moments for mere entertainment's sake. He trusts the material, his excellent, attentive actors, and musicians playing a cello and koto to weave the spell. On the surface, the actors don't change all that much. But understated performances allow the audience to enter the characters, where emotions swirl and create a cumulative effect.

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Bell, Book, and Candle

If Superman falls for Lois Lane, will he lose his powers? Will Gillian Holroyd, witch extraordinaire, lose her magic if, while slumming among mere mortals, she falls for dashing publisher Shepherd Henderson? John Van Druten's 1950 comedy spawned the Kim Novak movie and TV show *Bewitched*. There seems more to *Bell, Book* as you watch it than after (it edges toward themes then opts for sitcom safety), but the well-crafted three-acter's consistently funny and, in the hands of director Darko Tresnjak, enjoys a stylish production at the Cassius Carter. Tresnjak and his designers, smartly, treat the light, dated comedy as a period piece (including the music: you need mood? Eartha Kitt purrs "Santa Baby"). As Gillian, Melinda Page Hamilton steers clear of previous interpretations — Lilli Palmer in the original, Roz Russell in the road show, Novak onscreen — but is too icy, especially when she's supposed to thaw. Wearing Perry Como sweaters (Emily Pepper's costumes are textbook early '50s), Adrian LaTourelle is just right as Shepherd, the disillusioned romantic lead. The fun happens when Deborah Taylor (as Gillian's aunt) and John Lavelle (as her maybe-gay brother) come onstage. The other best part: between scenes the cast climbs out of Alexander Dodge's blazing red, sunken living room set and frolics on the surrounding platform to the sounds of Sinatra's "Witchcraft" and Rosemary Clooney's "Hey There," the lights of

New York beneath their feet.

Worth a try.

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Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story

The Welk Resorts Theatre presents a musical celebration of singer/songwriter Buddy Holly ("Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "That'll Be the Day"). Javier Velasco and Steve Gunderson co-directed. WELK RESORTS THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, NORTH ESCONDIDO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-8501.

The Deception

A French countess has a prearranged marriage to Lelio. To learn about him, she disguises herself as a Chevalier — and finds out tons. One deception leads to several and, in the outstanding Jeune Lune Theatre production at La Jolla Playhouse, the countess becomes her mask. Pierre Marivaux (1688–1763) was notorious in his time (and nowadays enjoyed) for his bipolar style — which his contemporaries, Voltaire among them, pooh-poohed as "marivaudage" — inverting the high and

the low at inappropriate moments. Along with telling an intriguing, ultimately fatal tale of avarice in the name of love, director Dominique Serrand and Jeune Lune have done a remarkable thing: they've recreated marivaudage visually and verbally. Performers flow across the stage like leaves down a river, then suddenly make an oblique turn or wobble like Keystone Kops. Most amazing: at no point do they move for movement's sake. Each one, on David Coggin's majestic box set (itself a work of art) is emotionally connected and spontaneous. Merritt Janson heads a splendid cast as Chevalier, giving him/her a subtle intensity, whether she's deceiving or deceived. Emily Gunyou Halaas's Countess moves like a ballerina, then, bouncing from one wall to another, like a *commedia* clown. No step, high art or low comedy, feels out of place. Like the Jeune Lune production, Halaas creates living marivaudage.

Critic's pick.

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speak the period: ruff collars and regal flecks of gold. The spare, well-spoken production has some questionable choices, and the performances are uneven (the younger actors tending to emote the ends of their scenes at the beginning). Charles Janasz's Polonius is near perfect, however, a state department official sliding toward senility. And Celeste Ciulla gives Queen Gertrude, usually played as a docile bystander, depth and vitality. The night I attended, Lucas Hall did a metamorphosis. At first he was just acting Hamlet, and watching himself do it. Then about two-thirds through, it was as if Hall grasped the impossibility of Hamlet's plight: revenge a death, kill the king, but stay pure and "taint not" his mind. Instead of just saying his lines, suddenly Hall *meant* them. From that point on, Prince Hamlet walked the stage.

Worth a try.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: *HAMLET* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA* AND *MEASURE FOR MEASURE*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-234-5623.

Hay Fever

The Bliss family, unbeknownst to its various members, is having weekend guests. Look out below! The family's a new social class: wealthy bohemians (David writes novels, young Simon paints, Judith's a retired actress, and Sorel wants, unsuccessfully so far, to be "normal"). When guests arrive, each comparatively normal, they enter a surreal local where decorum gets turned on its head. Soon they yearn to leave. You could call their exodus a Bliss conspiracy, except that the family can't agree on anything beyond individual liberty. Dressed in Gregg Barnes's stunning costumes (especially for Judith, each of whose is a multicolored/patterned de Mille epic), the Old Globe's fine ensemble cast turns Andrew Jackson's detailed set (but too uncluttered for the "slapdash" Bliss clan) into a maelstrom of clashing attitudes. Director Robert Longbottom sustains a light touch and rightfully stresses Noel Coward's wish that the dialogue be just one language among many: the cast speaks with appropriate looks and gestures (Sarah Grace Wilson's Sorel, for example, bounces from chairs to sofas like a runaway soccer ball). Amid the "playing up" of games and scenes, most of which she instigates, Judith Lightfoot Clark's a splendid Judith. And in the middle of her baroque — and hilarious — sweeping hands and Mrs. Siddons-like swoons, Clark creates a woman resolving a personal crisis with equal, and impressive, aplomb.

Worth a try.

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The San Diego Rep hosts a production of Jeanie Linders's musical about "the change." Songs include "I Heard It through the Grapevine"

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National Comedy Theatre

Improvational 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. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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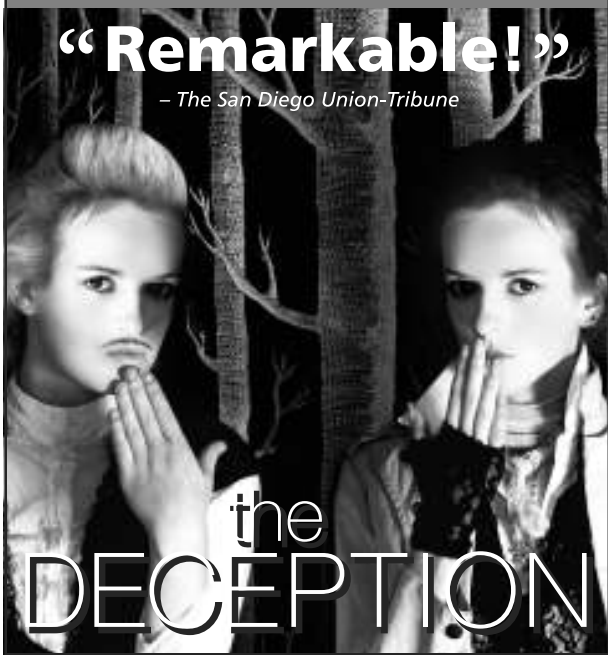
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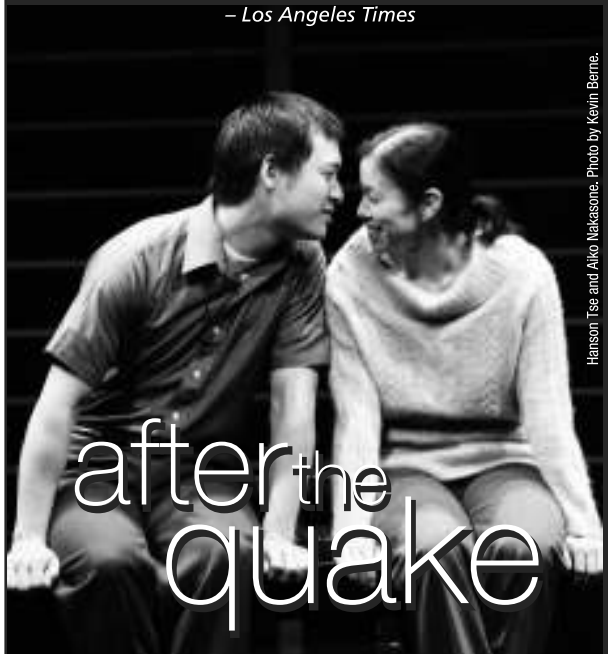
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Worth a try.

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The Two Gentlemen of Verona

For a director, staging one of Shake-

peare's earliest plays is a good news/bad news deal: you get to do the Bard, but it's *Two Gents*, which has gaps you could drive a truck through. Matt August's work, on the Old Globe's outdoor stage, looks as if he's burned for the assignment. Young Veronans, Valentine, Proteus, and Julia, are *really* innocent. And when the country boys reach Milan, they go through the looking glass into decadent Restoration England. In this lust-steamed environment the young men's rude behavior makes a bit more sense (since the adults are scruple-free), if you don't look too closely. You will wonder how Stephanie Fieger's appropriately adamant Sylvia could have remained so unlike her surroundings, and how Tom Hammond's Mick Jagger-agile Duke shrinks in the final scene, giving way to young Valentine's (likable Ryan Quinn) dimly motivated emergence as the play's moral voice. And surely Joy-Farmer Clary's sparkling Julia would regard Proteus, in the end, with a more discerning eye, especially since Corey Sorenson makes Proteus's flip, from ardent innocent to sexual terrorist, so convincing. In such a fickle world, only the clowns — Celeste Ciulla, Sam Breslin-Wright, and Jonathan McMurtry, accompanied by a scene-stealing dog named Monty — are constant.

Worth a try.

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Chef Chris Walsh must be the culinary patron saint of Hillcrest. After a long stint at California Cuisine and a shorter one nearby at his own Cafe W (which burned down), he left the 'hood to accept a Gaslamp gig, opening the glitzy Confidential. It swiftly attracted a young, clubby crowd, drawn more by the decor and cocktails than by the devilishly cunning cuisine. It was scarcely a secret that Walsh longed (and planned) to return to his old stomping grounds and open his own place again. Now, he's back in the not-so-mean Hillcrest streets with his new bistro, Bite, specializing once more in creative tapas, accompanied by wines of the world and artisanal cocktails made from sake or bubbly mixed with housemade syrups.

The setting is closer to Cafe W than to Confidential — bright and utilitarian, with no carpet, no tablecloths (just round black rubber mats slightly larger than the plates) and not much froufrou except in the whimsically decorated restrooms. Sounds bounce on the hard surfaces, but you get used to the noise — it's a less serious din than that at many restaurants, and the softly playing music on the sound system is tasty. (In fact, for a change, I wished I could hear it more clearly.) Seating is at tables or leatherette booths (which, unlike Cafe W's anorexic pews, are wide enough to hold four regular-size humans). Patrons of Cafe W and Confidential will recognize Sam, the charming, tattooed maitre d' who moved to Bite along with the chef and is a partner in the new restaurant. (I'd bet anything he hated Confi. Not his type of crowd.) Service is first rate — friendly and smart. Our waiter knew the menu thoroughly and was alert enough to tell us that the poached oysters come in threes and to ask if we wanted a fourth for our quartet. Of course we did. After we tasted them, we wanted about 40 more.

Walsh's stint at Confidential improved the consistency of his cooking. In the Gaslamp, with big-money backing, he finally had the luxury of expanding his kitchen crew to the size needed to produce a long, labor-intensive menu of tiny tastes. At Bite, the menu isn't quite as long (nor the staff as large, although it's a bit larger than the Cafe W crew). Nor is the menu as venturesome — the food is simpler, earthier, and tips Mediterranean rather than global — but here, too, every dish we tasted was expertly executed. I didn't adore them all (merely most), but the cooking was flawless.

We arrived on a weeknight during "happy hour," when bubbly Prosecco cocktails with house-made syrups go for only \$4. Each of us tried a different one and shared sips. The Kir Royale (raspberry syrup), the Peach Bellini (peach sorbet), and the Passionfruit were all good, but



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the most divine elixir was the Rose — made with a fragrant syrup of rosewater and a touch of sugar to sweeten it, the liquid topped with a real miniature rose.

The menu is divided into "Field" (vegetable and cheese dishes), "Ocean" (seafood), "Farm" (meats), and "Sweets." There are delicious dishes in each category.

From "Field," we began with a dish the Lynne had enjoyed at an earlier visit: Japanese eggplant, sliced partway through and fanned out, grilled charry at the edges. It came with "carpaccio," velvety, thin coins of soft-cooked golden beets, and in the center, a pouf of spicy Boursin cheese to apply at will. All three elements loved each other, a happy ménage à trois. Another trio of tastes appeared in a caramelized onion tart over a puff pastry crust, the tangle of onions topped with a heap of minced niçoise olives. The pastry was perfect, but here the flavors never mingled quite satisfactorily. In fact, the tart fell apart as I ate my quarter of it. The olives slipped away, then the onions slowly slid off. In the end, the various elements segregated themselves on the plate, like cliques in a high school cafeteria.

From "Ocean" we fished up that masterpiece of oysters poached on the half-shell with truffle-chive butter. "Usually," Jim confessed, "I don't really like oysters, but these are amazing." As an oyster-lover, I was shocked, shocked — and then even more shocked at the sheer sensuality of this

rendition. The bivalve meats were plump, warm, and swollen, with a subtle and savory butter cloak. "These are about the sexiest oysters I've ever eaten," I mused. "Really aphrodisiac. A dozen of these and I'd go nympho."

Small, crispy potato pancakes, better even than your grandma's, were topped with smoked trout and dill crème fraîche, with fresh apricot chutney on the side.

They'd be lovable even without the chutney, but the tangy fruit sauce put the dish over the top.

By now, I'd finished the rose-scented cocktail and ordered a glass perfect for "grazing" cuisine: Vouvray, a dry Chenin Blanc from the Loire region of France, typically considered a carefree "vin du piquique." That is, it's smooth, light, food-friendly, and neither expensive nor pretentious. You'll find it listed under the "Other Whites" section of the wine list. (That "Other" category on any local wine list is usually a good place to hunt for unusual treats at relative bargain prices, since most Californians cleave to familiar varietals and growing areas.) Lynne tried a Soave. "The Vouvray is much more 'sua-vay,'" said Jim, comparing sips.

Lynne had previously sampled the "deconstructed Niçoise" (tuna salad) and recommended against ordering it, but we hit another "Ocean" clunker in fritters of bay scallops and white corn with passionfruit vinaigrette. "I don't taste any scallop at all," said Mark, first to embark. "And the corn seems lost, too." The rest of us agreed.

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PICK HITS: Foie gras crème brûlée; poached oysters with truffle-chive butter; foie gras medallions with tropical fruit and pine-nut brittle; grilled Japanese eggplant with beet carpaccio; lamb meatballs; steak frites; berry sabayon; Prosecco and rose syrup cocktail.

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The batter and the sour vinaigrette wiped out any other flavors.

The sole other flop came from the "Farm" — crispy veal sweetbreads (the thymus or pancreas) wrapped in pancetta with red-orange jam. At Confidential, Walsh served a similar dish, in miniature (but with candied quince and an invaluable Banyuls red-wine reduction), and somehow it was brilliant there but oddly boring here. This time the batter-fried morsels were anonymous-tasting — just some porous, neutral protein.

But "Farm" also furnished several of the evening's most riveting dishes, including two vastly different interpretations of foie gras. A tender "medallion" (a small, thin rectangle) came with diced chardonnay-braised pineapple and pine-nut brittle. The latter turned the dish into an edible (and delicious) hint of a culinary joke. The brittle made me think that this could be the

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foie gras recipe that Daisy Mae would cook for Li'l Abner after a vacation in Europe. (Before your time? Substitute Dolly Parton.) Tasting this, Jim made his evening's second surprise confession: He's never liked foie gras very much, but this one he loved — mainly because the cut was thinner than usual.

Even better — extraordinarily better — was the smash hit of the evening and one of the best dishes I've tasted this or any other year. A foie gras crème brûlée ("25 percent foie gras, 75 percent cream," said the waiter), lightly sugared and seared on top, arrived in a ramekin as an ethereal custard to be spooned over thin, toasted slices of Bread & Cie's sumptuous anise-fig bread. Maybe some N.Y. or L.A. chef has come up with a similar idea, but it took genius to match it so ideally to create this heavenly manna. "Whew, this restaurant doesn't bite!" Jim burst out enthusiastically.

We tried two wholly satisfying red meat dishes. Savory, well-seasoned lamb meatballs came in a smoky, spicy tomato sauce that we all applauded, with firm grilled polenta and sprigs of wild arugula on the side. (What's the difference between wild and tame arugula? The "wild" version, *arugula selvaggio*, has smaller leaves and a stronger flavor — and, take it from a gardener, its seeds are harder to germinate.) "Steak frite" offered a small flatiron steak marinated in red wine and cut into slices, arriving with garlic fries and a mini-cup of béarnaise sauce. The steak, rare as ordered, looked and cut like tenderloin, rather than the somewhat tougher flatiron, but had the latter's beefy flavor. The sauce, more acidic than usual, tasted as if it were made with white wine vinegar (a perfectly normal alternative to dry white wine). Tasting it straight, I wasn't mad for it, but when eaten with the steak, the fries, and the few tiny slices of yel-

low summer squash, it was just fine. The *frites* were perfect — thin, crisp, and golden-brown.

We enjoyed all three of the desserts we ordered — berry sabayon with vanilla ice cream, cream cheese bread pudding, and strawberry cobbler. The standout was the airy sabayon (an egg-yolk custard whipped into a frenzy, created by frenzied whipping — or, in modern times, by a restaurant-supply foamer machine), with the mysterious but classic flavor undertone of a touch of Marsala.

If you're wondering how big a bite Bite will take out of your wallet, our indulgent feast — 13 dishes for four people, with two rounds of drinks — came to just \$50 a head. After my July survey of "view" restaurants farther north, the price seems like a "best buy," and you can probably get away with less. So sit down and have a bite!

ABOUT THE CHEF

If you'd like to know Chris Walsh's life story, you'll find it on Bite's website. Since I interviewed him not too long ago for a review of Confidential, I had only a few fresh questions to bring things up to date. First was about the slight change in the direction of the food at Bite.

"When I was developing a menu for here," Walsh said, "and thinking about what I wanted to do next, I really wanted to continue with the 'small plates' concept, but I also was thinking about how at both Cafe W and Confidential we had a lot of Asian- and Latin-influenced dishes. And those are hard to pair with wines. You can only offer so many gewürztraminers and those lighter, fruitier styles of wine. At Confidential we had a full liquor license, and that was really the emphasis, while I knew that here, I would only have wines available. And also, my career started in Italian restaurants and with French cuisine, and I was thinking about getting back to that, because those cuisines are

so wine-friendly. Legally, I can do the same dishes here that I did downtown, but I wanted to differentiate this restaurant from Confidential, because for me there's no point in doing two menus that are the same. My original concept for Bite was more of a wine bar with good food. We evolved into something different from that — but there's a lot of wine bars in the area, yet none of them have really good food. So Bite developed from that philosophy of food and wine, where you'd try different glasses of wine to go with different dishes.

"We really wanted to create a fun atmosphere. I didn't want us to be stuffy or over-the-top like some of the downtown places that are all about grandeur. I wanted a place where I could reach out to the clientele I'd developed as far back as California Cuisine, and then again at W. But also have it be stylish enough to attract the twentysomethings, thinking about my future and cultivating future diners, because we hope to be in this location for quite a time. We see people in here who were clients at Cafe W, and it's really great because they always want to talk to me and tell me how glad they are that I'm back. I definitely like being up here again, close to home. It's so much more local and 'neighborhoody' here. I love that. Although I'm working much harder than I want to..."

"We have a tighter crew, but we have more flexibility. Once a week, I can do new menu items, and that makes it fun for me and for my crew. I put on four new dishes this week. You get bored if you cook the same thing all the time.

"I'm still involved in Confidential, too. I left my sous-chef down there, and I talk with him on the phone once or twice a week, give him any help he needs. The menu there is still about 90 percent of what it was four months ago when I left." ■

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"I ran away from home when I was 16," she says when I get nosy.

Aaargh! Coffee slopped. Got a wobbly table. Again. Why? Four-legged tables! The curse of the drinking classes. When are coffee places gonna learn: only three-legged tables don't wobble. Mathematically impossible. Trust me.

I'm at It's a Grind, the coffee place on Cedar and India in Little Italy. There's a plaque on the wall. "Piazza Jacaranda," it says, which is great, except, no jacarandas on this actual suntrap terrace and no spare umbrellas. I'm getting baked alive. Think Lawrence of Arabia. Okay, make that Lawrence of Arabica. Hello! It's the coffee that's supposed to be roasted, not us.

So yeah. Feeling hot, tired, hungry. Hmm. Suddenly remember my friend Naomi t'other day. "Pierre's Place, my boy. Your kind of place. Run by Father Joe's people. Homeless teens at the Toussaint Center. Try the smoked Gouda-mozzarella pizza and Father Joe's 'Vanillages' gelato. Mixes vanilla with chunks of apple pie."

She got me on that one. So, I guess, today's the day. Ten minutes' walking up Cedar and down Fifth and I'm outside this modern green-and-white building. I duck in past a life-size sculpture of a man helping a boy to his feet and a chalkboard that says, "Open Mike Tonight." Inside's a big, modern, low-ceilinged space. Not cold-modern, though. Quarry stone floor, blond wood tables, sea-green chairs, end walls painted deep red, and, facing you as you come in, a section of brown leather chairs and couches, lined like old men's faces, grouped around bookshelves and a fireplace with a four-foot-wide plasma display above it. Julian Lennon's onscreen wailing "Too Late for Goodbye."

So hey, soft rock on the wall, hard rock on the floor. Father Joe hasn't skimmed here. And the

place is buzzing. Bunch of gals in black — students from the Paul Mitchell hair school, for sure — are getting their orders at their table. "I just love this Tuscan chicken," one says. She has a panini-type sandwich, toasted, cut in two triangles with mixed greens in the middle. And here's the thing. The "plate" under the paper liner is a series of upward-fanning chrome wire triangles. Really cool.

I join the line, with business people, a lot of students talking Italian, a few moms with babies. Kids in maroon aprons — well, actually, they look more 18, or 20 — scurry around the cooking area behind the counter. I see a couple of guys twirling pizza dough in the air in front of a huge rack of pizza ovens. They also have a warming cabinet with all kinds of pizza slices in it. But I don't want to lose my place in line.

I eye the menu. A slice of pizza with just cheese is \$2, with toppings, \$2.50. Ah. And there's that Gouda and mozzarella one. "BBQ Chicken: smoked Gouda & mozzarella, roast chicken, barbecue sauce, red onion, and fresh cilantro."

But at the top of the next page is that Tuscan chicken panini the Paul Mitchell gal was raving about. Roasted chicken breast, provolone, roasted red peppers, and pesto on a ciabatta roll, \$5.95. And you get it with chips, or fruit, or mixed greens. They have a bunch of other panini and regular sandwiches, including beef, ham, turkey, vegetarian — some under fancy names like "Caprese," all \$5.95. And a chalkboard says, "Try our meatball sub, \$5.95." But now I'm face to face with a nice-looking gal at the register. Maria. She needs to know what I want.

I go for the Tuscan chicken panini, with fruit, and get a cawfee (\$1.50). And yes, the Paul

Mitchell gal's right. The Tuscan's hot, crispy, with a really satisfying squelch of goodies inside. If you look at the cross section, it goes green pesto under the top ciabatta, roast chicken, provolone cheese, a big flattened-out red pepper, more of that green pesto, and the bottom ciabatta. The fruit includes grapes, melon, and a couple of half strawbs. Cool.

But it's not just that. Everything's smart. Stylish. The salt and pepper shakers, the Parmesan cheese shakers are all kept in a trendy metal holder, designed like the triangular wire "plates." Knives and forks are wrapped in napkins, tied with green string and held upright in a thick green divided Mexican glass.

I go up to Maria to try that gelato. "I ran away from home when I was 16," she says when I get nosy. "Family problems. They have really helped me here, given me shelter, a family, schooling. I graduated from the high school we have in the center. I'm 21 now. Here, they trained us to get a food handler's card, pizza training, everything. I want to train to become a pediatrician. But not till after the baby." She pats her stomach.

She tells me about "Pierre." Turns out Pierre Toussaint was an incredible guy. He was born in 1766, a plantation slave in Haiti, and he died in 1853, one of New York's most beloved philanthropists. "The statue at the door's him," says Maria. "So yeah. He's our inspiration."

Him and "the Bronx Hustler," as Father Joe's called. I notice a little plastic bobble-head model of him on the counter. "Got any Father Joe's Vanillages gelato?" I ask. She nods. And, though it's not the big crumbly bits of apple pie I'd hoped for in the gelato (\$2.75), bits of apple are there, and it tastes fine.



Pierre Toussaint sculpture

As I leave, they're setting up a stage for tonight's open mike. Man. Can't help thinking. You hear what some of the homeless teens running this place have gone through. And I was getting riled up about wobbly coffee tables? Next time, I'll just stuff some newspaper under the damned legs and get on with my life. ■

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“Old school vs. new school, Bob Hope vs. Adam Sandler, dirt vs. fruit.”

There’s a wonderful moment in the early pages of Lawrence Osborne’s wine memoir *The Accidental Connoisseur* that has stayed with me. Osborne has paid a visit to Robert Mondavi, California’s great ambassador of wine. Mondavi, not content to haul out one of the Reserve Cabernets that made him famous, instead sits our man down with a ’99 Reserve Chardonnay, paired with a ’97 La-tour Corton-Charlemagne — a top White Burgundy. The great man’s judgment: “I think that the Corton-Charlemagne is terribly good. But ours is just, uh, a little more pleasing. Don’t you think?”

Mondavi’s wife disagrees, saying that the La-tour is more complex. “Complex, yes,” replies hubby. “But is it more pleasing? I think ours is more pleasing in the end.” He says the same thing when comparing a ’99 Mondavi Pinot Noir with a ’99 Echezeaux from Jean Gros, adding, “It’s just that bit more fruity, don’t you think?”

And there you have it: France vs. California. Or, in the words of French wine expert Josh at the WineSellar & Brasserie, “Old school vs. new school, Bob Hope vs. Adam Sandler, dirt vs. fruit.” Josh’s first thought about France vs. California has to do with selection. “The U.S. is the only place

in the world in which you have the option to drink or eat or have whatever you want. I have 30 different New Zealand Pinot Noirs, and I have 40 different wines from the Southern Rhone. In France, you would find three American wines. Our freedom is pretty special.”

Lest you think Josh is lapsing into Freedom Fries talk, he is quick to note that, in his experience, “The people who weren’t drinking French wine” for political reasons “weren’t drinking wine to begin with. The high-end collectors are above politics. When you’re dealing with \$500 Bordeaux, you’re not making choices based on politics; you’re making choices based on money. You’re buying the wine thinking that it will go up in value, or thinking that it’s the best wine in the world. It doesn’t matter if the politics of France don’t align with yours.”

Bryan Farres at the Wine Bank agrees that people aren’t buying according to their politics these days. But where Josh thinks it’s easier to find “good value” wines from California, Farres says that at the Wine Bank, France has the best of the Best Buys. “The Columelle in a twist cap? Killer stuff. I’ve got a Côtes de Gascogne that got a 90 from Parker for \$10.” Outside of the bargain bins, “Pinot Noir is as strong as it gets — as strong

as I’ve seen it. We’ve got some good staff that will show people some Burgundies, but the average palate is still Central Coast-driven.” Even if the Central Coast wineries are sailing right off the Pinot map and into Syrah territory. “I tasted a Dehlinger Pinot from one of those killer vineyards blind, and I thought it was Syrah,” marvels Farres. “It was black, and as ripe as it gets. It wasn’t varietal, but they like it.”

Where else does France flourish? “We do well with the ’04 and ’05 Chateauf-neuf-du-Papes, and we have a lot of interest in the ’05 Bordeaux.” Farres won’t necessarily be featuring the five First Growths — it’s hard to compete with the prices offered by the buyers at Costco for stuff like that — “but the better buys are going to be the highly rated lesser properties, things in the \$100 range. I think that, with some of the prices, people are reevaluating — do you go down that road?”

With prices what they are, it’s hardly surprising. John Lindsay at Vintage Wines says the market “is kind of wild and woolly. In Bordeaux, they’ve decided they’re going to raise the price to whatever they want, and they’ve got worldwide recognition, so they can sell it somewhere besides the U.S. From what we’ve been told, it’s all going to Hong Kong, Macao, India, and Moscow. When you get into a glamour vintage, you’re talking some of the First Growths going out at \$750–\$1000 a bottle — on futures. By and large, there are a lot of good, solid Napa Cabernets that can be bought for a whole lot less.” Of course, there are some good solid values coming out of Bordeaux in the \$25 range, and in a nonglamour year, those famous First Growths “might be \$200 or less.” Hence the wooliness.

Meanwhile, over in Pinot country, “a lot of the glamour producers in California are \$35 and up, and you can buy Burgundy for that. I’ve got Premiere Cru Burgundies for \$35–\$45 and Grand



Robert Mondavi

Crus as low as \$55. Ten years ago, a Burgundy would have cost two, three, even four times as much as a California Pinot. Now, it’s a very, very competitive market.” Lindsay says the same is true when it comes to White Burgundy and California Chardonnay, and that Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape is in something of a class by itself, value-wise. “They’ve gotten excellent scores, and when you get up to \$40–\$45, you’re buying some of the very best.”

Still, the general sense I get is that California has the edge here, sales-wise. Jeff at the wine bar/wine shop Wine Steals said, “We sell a lot more California. There’s a select French clientele. Our Point Loma store probably has more.” Laura at the Point Loma location, however, said,

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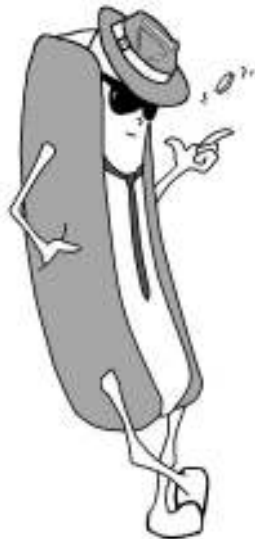
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Sonia, manager at WineStyles in Encinitas, sounded a similar note. “The people in California — my customers, at least — tend to go toward the really bold wines, so I think California is still out-selling France. But I’m definitely trying to introduce people to the more subtle nuances that you can find with a French wine. I think finding that line where you can cross into Old World tradition and add a New World flair to it — something that can be done very delicately — can be a lot of fun. I like wines that do that well. Mahoney Vineyards is definitely one of those; for 20 years, he’s dedicated his life to making a Pinot Noir that could rival the Burgundies of France, and we think he’s done a pretty good job. Also a lot of the Rhone varietals coming out of Paso Robles, such as the Robert Hall Syrah.”

California rules the roost at Donovan’s Steak and Chop

House as well, but if you ask sommelier Drew Bushnell what he prefers, he’ll tell you he likes the “higher acid, generally lower alcohol, and overall sense of complexity” he finds in French wines. “They tend to have flavors from all areas of the aroma wheel, instead of just one small slice of it.” Of course, that’s not to say that he works the French pages of his list above all else. “As a general rule, you try to find the best fit for the person who is actually going to be drinking it. I go ahead and ask them, ‘What are some wines that you *do* like?’ That gives me an idea of the style, and I go from there. It’s fun to explore different palate preferences.”

What he has been willing to do on behalf of his favorites is experiment with the list, and what he’s found has proved interesting. “We have a very expensive Bordeaux section — almost everything in it is very expensive. People didn’t even look at the page; they just looked down and thought, ‘Oh, all French wines are so expensive. Where’s the Napa Cab?’ All I had to do is put a few \$40–\$80 selections on the page, and my French wine sales increased — and not even just on those \$40–\$80 wines. People started looking at the \$150 selections. We’ve been trained to think that Bordeaux and Burgundy are only for the very, very rich — and a lot of the wines that make it onto the list are expensive. But there are some beautiful Bordeaux and Bur-

gundy out there for less than \$100 — restaurant pricing. Still, I can only buy so much French — what’s actually moving is Cal Cab in the \$60–\$100 range.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby’s Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The “gourmet sandwiches” really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that’s your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Fidel’s Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It’s not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel’s menu — but who gives a flyin’ fajita when you can order just about any traditional So-Cal-Mexican dish and know it’s gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you’re going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you’re set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M.

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: “Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar” in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O’side’s past. Most of their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* (“Greek eggs”), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that’s French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there’s no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled “Nouvelle Italian Cuisine,” resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically “northern Italian” bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest’s Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is

also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour’s wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Johnny Manana’s 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green- white- and red-tiled place because it’s such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There’s a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.’s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant’s name means “Fisherman’s Hostelry,” and you’ll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day’s offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the “Bag of Bones” (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for week-end dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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Red Tracton’s 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you’re a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton’s dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don’t give a rip about the Surgeon General’s latest warnings, run to Red Tracton’s and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — S.M.

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that’s not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the

lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Lunch

moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W.*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the

small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — *S.M.*

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shiitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D.*

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast

burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inexpensive. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — *E.B.*

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — *N.W.*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or

money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.*

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. (Also at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Encinitas, 760-436-6261.) This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — *N.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstanding and authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated,

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King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. (Also at 2015 Birch Road, Chula Vista, 619-591-1690.) To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a bar-room as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled

noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly except Monday. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummies' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local

branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner, till 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Fridays). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place

to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features fine seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with seasonal veggie garnishes. Preparations are pleasing but in no way startling — it's a hotel restaurant, after all. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Free parking when there's no concert, valet parking when there is. Dining room pleasantly quiet. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet Sunday. Pre-show prix fixe upper moderate, à la carte expensive/very expensive. — *N.W.*

Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction.

If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and



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pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a

piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL
SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other locations: 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811; and 3946 Illinois Street, North Park, 619-294-8292.) No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Chula Vista and North Park locations have *parrillada* meats. Breakfast through dinner until 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all pizzas" weighs at his often-crowded little corner pizzeria. Truth is, you can't help but be drawn, especially at night, to the little ribbon of lights framing the sidewalk canopy with its tables and benches. Lefty is determined to bring "the real Chicago" to San Diego. So of course we're talking deep-dish pizzas, as well as some thin and crispy. But the ultimate is his "stuffed" pizza, a 14-inch, eight-pound monster that needs one hour's "make and bake" time. They also do Chicago hot dogs, char burgers, beautiful spicy fries, juicy Italian beef au jus sandwiches, and a decent "Lefty's carbonara" (spaghetti, eggs, bacon, Parmesan, and cream). Open lunch and dinner six days, closed Mondays. — *E.B.*

Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage plat-

ter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, Florida" (chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese, spinach, tomato, and onion) or "North Island Dental Clinic" (turkey, ham, bacon). But try a main dish like eggplant Parmesan or chicken with sautéed mushrooms. Or a massive chunk of lasagna, plus bread and salad. Coffee? You get a huge French-style press-the-coffee-down affair. Your big decision: eat out on the flower-strewn boulevard patio or inside among black leather easy-chairs and a giant screen? Open for lunch and dinner daily until 10 p.m. (until midnight Friday and Saturday). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

EAST COUNTY &
COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And

if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studied with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

FAR EAST

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant,

set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

UPTOWN &
OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastрами, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — *E.B.*

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A saved-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — *E.B.*

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market (at Ninth Avenue), downtown, 619-595-0115. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a certain zestiness, a love of strong citrus and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai.

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Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W.*

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue (south of University), Hillcrest, 619-325-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from *mezze* (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade decor, all the cooking is from scratch — no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian *kebbeh*, *soujok* sausages, and shrimp kebabs. Desserts include standard Middle Eastern items such as *baklava*. Wines and beers include food-friendly imports from Lebanon. Open daily, lunch 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *N.W.*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked

salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing midnight Sunday. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (near E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. Don't blink or you'll miss this Gaslamp bargain. The menu claims "New York-Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style eat-in/take-out? Here you're getting cheap-but-good Chinese fare for the price of a cup of soup nearby. Lunch specials (with soup, two egg rolls, rice) include green pepper steak with onions, kung pao hot chicken, beef broccoli, shrimp with veggies — all made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. The owner's last place was in New York, where customers ranged from Kofi Annan to Robin Leach. Chef Chen even has some of his old dishes here, on a page of multi-regional "chef specialties" (#90 to #107 on the menu). But what really

makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805 or even farther. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B.*

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W.*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inex-

pensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W.*

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W.*

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This up-market chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it's spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain's own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the "Slater Special," which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don't eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchinettas* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized "Mandarin" cuisine (they

claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Tofu with eggplant and "Mongolian Hotpot," a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It's not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — *N.W.*

Samba Grill 510 Fourth Avenue (Horton Plaza, top level), Gaslamp, 619-236-1000. This huge restaurant serves Brazilian food and Brazilian spirit. The format is a *rodizio* — waiters circulate through the room with tall swords, impaling an ever-changing assortment of grilled meats (highly salted and cooked well done, but zesty nonetheless). On the side is a vast buffet of additional Brazilian entrées, vegetables, and salads. The staff are charm-ers, but make sure to ask for appetizer and dessert menus and the 100-bottle wine list if the server forgets to offer. Full bar includes authentic, irresistible Brazilian Caipirinha lime cocktails, made by a roving "Caipirinha Girl." Live band on weekends. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. weekends. \$35 buys a more-than-full meal. Half price for kiddies; reduced price for buffet food only; extra cost for a special "gauchito feast" that includes additional meats, plus wild game choices upon request. — *N.W.*

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. "Served Chicago-Style" — meaning, the dog's topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinder blocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cucumber, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W.*

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619-338-9140. If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you’re at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. Not just for tourists, but a lovely getaway for locals, the luxurious dining room with its wraparound windows on the bay is one of the most romantic spots in town — comfortable banquette seating, a view from every table, and an atmosphere that’s quiet and festive, not formal. The light, elegant, healthful Mediterranean-style cuisine (Northern Italy and Southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits organically grown on the resort grounds. Combinations can be witty and a bit whimsical. An excellent wine list at very reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. (If you want a tasting dinner with matching wines, speak to the knowledgeable, trustworthily sommelier.) Inexpensive validated valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Reserve a few nights ahead, as many dinners here are sold out or special events. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *N.W.*

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the ziest in South America, and Chula Vista’s growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little foot-ball of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chancho*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine’s fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there’s always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass

of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado’s world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is “Papa’s Favorite,” an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mary J’s Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker’s Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary’s son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you’d expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they’ll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

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Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana,

685-4955. Eat here and you’re surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana’s great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos’ brands, and a matador’s framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food’s all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you’re looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don’t stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant’s own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant’s name means “the nest” and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don’t sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W.*

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Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido’s little (and less gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W.*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro García Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he’ll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He’ll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He’s there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don’t miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos,

made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, “Mexican hamburgers,” and Sno-Kones (don’t worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it’s a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W.*

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is “just” a cart, but don’t let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It’s always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony’s Fish Grotto 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. You’re going to get a sore neck at the downtown flagship of this local chain, splitting your time between your meal, your partner, and the harbor scene outside. If you don’t want over-complicated food, Anthony’s obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama’s Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony’s has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you’ve got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. Try

to be there at sunset when the water-sky show will do its darndest to distract you. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of “Restaurant Row”), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin’ thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don’t really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for dinner. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their “krab” salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don’t even think of it for a romantic meal out. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Sunday (dinner all day Sunday). Moderate. — *S.M.*

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio’s defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado’s Old Ferry Landing — but it’s worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. “*Il fornaio*” means “the baker,” after all. Beyond bread, we’re talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisticchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you’re into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B.*

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The quiet particulars of Gaiman's tight, sweet little fairy tale sometimes seem lost.

The big-screen film adaptation of *Stardust*, a graphic-novel-turned-full-length-novel written by Neil Gaiman and illustrated by Charles Vess, seems to aspire to be this decade's *Princess Bride*: a lively, jovial fantasy that's smart and slick enough to appeal even to people with a knee-jerk loathing for the genre.

Instead, it comes across more as this decade's *Time Bandits*: an exciting but ramshackle concoction with a lot of memorable set pieces that seem a little strained. Under the weight of celebrity cameos, ridiculously pompous narration (by Ian McKellen), and big-budget special-effects, the quiet particulars of Gaiman's tight, sweet little fairy tale sometimes seem lost, but at least everyone seems to be having a really excellent time.

Charlie Cox stars as a provincial geek smitten with a local girl; she has her eyes on an effete lunk, but she's flattered when Cox claims he'd do anything for her, even fetch her a star that's fallen on the other side of their village's border with Faerie. So she gives him a few days to make good on his rash promise, and off he heads into a bright fantasy world full of spells,

shape-changers, evil witches (led by an alternately beautiful and bedraggled Michelle Pfeiffer), conniving princes trying to kill each other off and succeed Peter O'Toole as king, and a living fallen star played by Claire Danes.

Director Matthew Vaughn (*Layer Cake*) and his cowriter Jane Goldman stick to the framework of Gaiman's

story, though they rewrite the beginning into a plodding exploration of Cox's relationship with his father, belabor the dialogue with reams of exposition, and tack on a half-hour climactic combat that owes a lot of its sloppy pacing and stage-by-stage special-effects toppers to Terry Gilliam. The anarchic tone and sprawling, no-hurry attitude lets a lot of scenes, characters, and fights linger onscreen far too long, making the whole project feel bloated and overextended.

Still, the film's merry, enthusiastic tone — set largely by Robert De Niro, playing a giddy transvestite sky-pirate to the hilt — is hard to beat. The effects are terrific, and Gaiman's story is full of enough unexpected turns to buoy the story along. As with so many Gilliam films, a stern editor with a sense of dramatic timing could have



Stardust

given this film more tension to go with its random bursts of comedy and big, happy fantasy set pieces, but lacking tautness, it'll have to settle for expansive joy.

— Tasha Robinson
A.V. Club Rating: B-

Creatively, *Rush Hour 3* has no reason to exist. *Rush Hour 2* pretty much exhausted the limited comic possibilities left in the pairing of Chris Tucker's unstoppable mouth and Jackie Chan's fists of fury. Commercially, of course, it has every reason to exist. Not surprisingly, the bean-counters with pie charts, graphs, and focus-group findings indicating

that everyone stands to make a fortune off a second *Rush Hour* sequel won out. *Rush Hour 3* is an awfully spare title for such a big-money enterprise, but an appropriate subtitle like *Auto Pilot* or *Once More for the Cash* would have given the game away.

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Jeff Nathanson send the stars to Paris in order to get a little cultural friction going. There, Tucker and Chan bully cab drivers and henchmen, frolic and croon at a burlesque show, and battle evil Chinese mobsters. The action and comedy are largely segregated: Tucker riffs and improvises through a series of comic set pieces, while Chan kicks and punches through increasingly non-acrobatic fight scenes. The filmmakers take advantage of their setting with a battery of hoary French stereotypes, most notably a comic-relief cab driver who begins the film sneering belligerently at the United States but ends it a flag-waving, John Wayne-emulating wannabe American. Living legends Roman Polanski and Max von Sydow have been roped into supporting roles, but this is nevertheless the kind of basic-cable slot-plugger-to-be that audiences forget about even before it's over.

The end-credits outtakes once again provide many, if not all, of the film's highlights. Just a few minutes of Jackie Chan mangling the English language and proposing increasingly perverted—if not downright illegal—pornographic movies to watch on hotel pay-per-view provide more laughter, fun, and energy than the 90 minutes preceding them. Maybe next time Ratner and company can skip the movie altogether and just run an hour and a half of outtakes. For a series devoted to giving audiences exactly what they want, it'd be pretty damn appropriate.

— Nathan Rabin
A.V. Club Rating: C

MOVIE LISTINGS

Duncan Shepherd is on summer leave; he returns in the fall. Capsule reviews are by J.R. Jones, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Andrea Gronvall, Albert Williams, and Joshua Katzman,

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Arctic Tale — Impressive technical achievements and an urgent appeal to reverse global warming distinguish this nature film from other documentaries that anthropomorphize cuddly baby animals. Husband-and-wife filmmakers Adam Ravetch and Sarah Robertson spent

15 years trekking across melting ice floes and shooting underwater in glacial temperatures to get close to polar bears and walrus herds as they struggled in a shrinking environment. Watching these endangered species evolve new approaches to hunting and shelter is fascinating, but the movie is seriously marred by a cloying screenplay and such kid-pleasing touches as shots of walruses

belching and farting. Queen Latifah narrates. — A.G.

Becoming Jane — Miramax has

never scored at the Oscars the way it did with *Shakespeare in Love* (seven awards, including best picture, actress, and screenplay), and this drama closely follows the golden formula, fictionalizing the life of Jane Austen so as to mimic her literature. Reborn as a stunning Anne Hathaway, Austen must choose between true love with a sexy young lawyer (James McAvoy of *The Last King of Scotland*) and a marriage proposal from a wealthy bore (Laurence Fox). This never rises above a date movie, but it's functionally literate (the lovers have some pleasant banter about the realistic merits of *Tom Jones*) and features a fine supporting turn from Ian Richardson (BBC's *House of Cards*) as McAvoy's lordly uncle. Julian Jarrold directed; with Julie Walters, James Cromwell, and Maggie Smith. — J.R.J.

The Bourne Ultimatum — *The Bourne Identity* (2002) turned on the novel premise of an amnesiac man gradually figuring out that he's a \$30 million CIA killing machine, now operating off the grid and hunted by company assassins; *The Bourne Supremacy* (2004) wrung

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some additional drama from the guilt-ridden Jason Bourne trying to make peace with his victims' survivors. This adaptation of Robert Ludlum's third and last Bourne thriller doesn't have much story left, so director Paul Greengrass has to keep it moving all the time, putting Matt Damon through endless car and foot chases and taking to a dizzying extreme his signature style of handheld camera, lurching zooms, whiplash pans, and second-to-second editing. Joan Allen and Julia Stiles return as CIA operatives sympathetic to Bourne; David Strathairn and Albert Finney are the latest set of sinister black-ops guys who want the Bourne situation "tied off," as the euphemism goes. — J.R.J.

Bratz: The Movie — You've bought the dolls; now see if you can sit through the movie. Cloe, Jade, Sasha, and Yasmin like to shop and sneer but are mainly dubbed when they sing; they attend Carry Nation High School, but whether this refers to the temperance leader or the rocking multicultural babes in *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls* is anybody's guess. This atrocious comedy



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

doesn't have an idea in its head but still screams at the top of its lungs, taking pains to distinguish between its rich heroines and their even richer enemies (including Jon

Voight). Sean McNamara directed, but the auteur must be coproducer Steven Paul, who made his debut with *Slapstick (Of Another Kind)*. — J.R.

Broken English — This bitter-sweet romantic comedy, an auspicious feature debut by writer-director Zoe Cassavetes, gives versatile Parker Posey one of her most com-

plex roles. She plays a lonely, pill-popping, hard-drinking New York single under pressure from her mom (Gena Rowlands) to settle down. Her best friend (Drea de Matteo) urges her to just get out there, but all her dates — like a one-night stand with a vain actor (a very funny Justin Theroux) — end disastrously. Enter a coworker's visiting French pal (Melvil Poupaud), who seems destined to cause her even more pain. How Posey's neurotic, self-destructive heroine finds her way to healing is the core of this generous film, whose moral is that happiness can't begin unless you're open to its possibility. With Peter Bogdanovich, Bernadette Lafont, and Josh Hamilton. — A.G.

El Cantante — Jennifer Lopez doesn't sing, but as the feisty wife, caretaker, and enabler of Puerto Rican salsa star Hector Lavoe, she throws herself so wholeheartedly into this cliché-ridden biopic it can't help but recall the Judy Garland version of *A Star Is Born*. Marc Anthony plays the smack-addicted singer, who has some dynamite numbers but not much to say for himself. Writer-director Leon Ichaso presents the whole chronology of Lavoe's professional life in numbing proportion, with such intriguing episodes as the star's Sante-ria cure for addiction given the same weight as his showbiz accomplishments. — J.R.J.

Cut Sleeve Boys — Two gay British Chinese men reexamine their lives after the death of a friend. With Chowee Leow and Steven Lim; written and directed by Ray Yeung.

Daddy Day Camp — Like its methane-filled outhouse that explodes right on cue, this sequel to *Daddy Day Care* (2003) smells. Cuba Gooding Jr. and Paul Rae take over the Eddie Murphy and Jeff Garlin roles as fathers who renovate a decrepit summer camp for their sons, only to be sabotaged at every turn by a rival camp owner (Lochlyn Munro). The juvenile actors come off as movie brats, and the pacing is slowed by treacly speeches about father-son bonding. As a child star on *The Wonder Years*, director Fred Savage worked with some of TV's best, but you'd never guess it from this. — A.G.

Death At a Funeral — A dysfunctional British family gathers to mourn the passing of their patriarch. With Matthew MacFadyen, Keeley Hawes, and Andy Nyman; directed by Frank Oz.

Goya's Ghosts — Since cleaning up at the Oscars with *Amadeus*, Milos Forman has favored biopics (*Man on the Moon*, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*), and this is one of his more fanciful, spinning a historical melodrama around the great Spanish painter Francisco Goya. Stellan Skarsgard cuts a rather drab figure as Goya, whose dark imaginings are mostly ignored to accommodate a fictional tale about a priest of the Inquisition (Javier Bardem) and the merchant's daughter he wants to save/fondle (Natalie Portman). The turning point, Napoleon's invasion of Spain, sets in motion a number of fine historical ironies. But in the second half, set 15 years later, Forman pushes Portman into a gim-

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micky dual role as both the priest’s victim, now crazed and decrepit from years in prison, and her daughter, a teenage prostitute. — J.R.J.

Hairspray — Adam Shankman’s movie version of the Broadway hit — itself based on John Waters’s 1988 film — satirizes prejudice about race, class, and physical appearance in 1962 Baltimore. Plump, peppy teenager Tracy Turnblad (lovable newcomer Nikki Blonsky) crusades to integrate a local TV dance show and helps restore romance to the marriage of her eccentric dad (Christopher Walken) and overweight mom (John Travolta, in drag). With its wisecracking screenplay, period-perfect pop score, and Shankman’s splashy choreography, this may be the funniest, dancingest screen musical since *Singin’ in the Rain*. The inspired cast includes Queen Latifah, Amanda Bynes, Jerry Stiller, Michelle Pfeiffer as Tracy’s snobbish nemesis, Allison Janney as a religious fanatic, and Waters as a flasher. — A.W.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — The fifth movie adapted from J.K. Rowling’s best-selling novels introduces the young wizard prodigy (Daniel Radcliffe) to another formidable adversary: the new instructor at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft, played by Imelda Staunton as a cross between Elizabeth II and Nurse Ratched. A zealous apparatchik of the Ministry of Magic (superbly realized by production designer Stuart Craig), she bans the practice of spells, leaving her frustrated students more vulnerable than ever to the sorcerer Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes). Less magic also means less fun and discovery, as Harry battles depression and a hostile press; this is the bleakest Potter installment to date, and under David Yates’s choppy direction, Maggie Smith, Emma Thompson, Brendan Gleeson, and David Thewlis have little more than walk-ons. — A.G.

Hot Rod — *Saturday Night Live* regular Andy Samberg graduates to a big-screen vehicle as Rod, a witless suburban kid who sponges off his parents (Ian McShane and Sissy Spacek) and fancies himself a stunt rider. The script was a Will Ferrell discard and plays like one, with most of the comic scenes hanging limply on Rod’s delusions of grandeur and any character interest snuffed out by the contrived, self-negating plot (Rod wants to raise \$50,000 by jumping over 15 buses so he can buy his stepdad a heart transplant — and then kick his ass). Samberg can’t carry this, though director Akiva Schaffer supplies some hilarious, *Jackass*-style wipeouts and there are nice supporting turns from Isla Fisher (*Wedding Crashers*) as Rod’s love interest and Bill Hader as one of his goofball friends. — J.R.J.

I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry — Adam Sandler and Kevin James star as Brooklyn firemen who pretend to be gay lovers so they can collect domestic partner benefits. The script originated with Jim Taylor and Alexander Payne (*Sideways, About Schmidt, Election*), but the end result has all the earmarks of Sandler’s cynical, complacent Happy Madison Productions

crew: for every stale homophobic joke there’s a sheepish nod to political correctness, and just to be safe director Dennis Dugan plays the firefighter card at every opportunity. With Jessica Biel, Dan Aykroyd, Ving Rhames, and Steve Buscemi. — J.R.J.

The Invasion — Sci-fi thriller based on the book *The Body Snatchers*. Starring Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig; directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel.

Knocked Up — Judd Apatow made his bones as a comedy writer for Ben Stiller and Garry Shandling, but his own projects — the TV series *Freaks and Geeks* and *Undeclared* and the sleeper theatrical hit *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* — have a sensibility all their own, loyal to the tradition of raunchy adolescent humor but also sneakily astute in their emotional truths. Like *Virgin*, this story of a lazy slob (Seth Rogen) who drunkenly impregnates a beautiful TV host (Katherine Heigl of *Grey’s Anatomy*) shows how young men and women tend to view each other as the gateway to adulthood, though in this case the looming responsibility of childbirth makes the passage even more terrifying.

Funny, honest, and generous, this is mainstream American comedy at its best. Apatow directed; with Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, Martin Starr, Jason Segal, and Jay Baruchel. — J.R.J.

The Last Legion — Historical epic based on the book by Valerio Massimo Manfred set against the fall of Rome. Starring Aishwarya Rai, Colin Firth, and Ben Kingsley; directed by Doug Lefler.

Live Free or Die Hard — Twelve years after the third entry in the action franchise about unstoppable New York maverick cop John McClane (Bruce Willis), a steely computer genius (Timothy Olyphant, the series’s weakest villain so far) has crippled Washington, D.C., by breaching the nation’s vital data banks. McClane enlists a Jersey hacker (Justin Long, the Mac guy from the Apple ads) to reverse the damage, but the bad guys’ omnipotence at nearly every turn dilutes the film’s suspense. The physical stunts by Maggie Q as a lethal martial arts expert and Cyril Raffaelli as a Euro-trash sniper who rappels down buildings are more thrilling than the over-the-top chase sequences, so

contrived as to verge on self-parody. Len Wiseman (*Underworld*) directed. — A.G.

Molière — Little can be proved about the life of France’s most famous comedic playwright, but director Laurent Tirard makes use of biographical uncertainty to construct a clever tale of what might have happened during Molière’s disappearance at age 22. After his acting troupe’s debts land him in jail, Molière (Romain Duris of *The Beat That My Heart Skipped*) finds unusual work advising a wealthy businessman who needs to know about the stage arts to woo a sophisticated marquise. To guard this secret from the businessman’s wife, Molière must disguise himself as a priest, and the web of deceit soon entangles the entire household. Through homage to Molière’s works and by the film’s own example, Tirard reminds us that comedy

can provoke both laughter and thought. In French with subtitles.

No Reservations — I don’t believe in fixing things that aren’t broken. Sandra Nettelbeck’s wholly accessible *Mostly Martha* (2001) is one of the most delightful comedies of recent years, so the idea of a remake with English instead of German dialogue is already pretty dubious, an insult to the capacities of both audiences and the original filmmakers. Catherine Zeta-Jones plays a neurotic chef trying to get along with both her eight-year-old niece (Abigail Breslin), whose mother has been killed, and a sous-chef (Aaron Eckhart) who joins her kitchen staff. She’s miscast, but she can’t be blamed for lacking the verve and smarts Martina Gedeck showed in the original: Carol Fuchs’s silly, mushy script has her character swerve without warning between obtuse rigidity and sweet normality

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Ciao! Manhattan

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The following DVD was chosen for its rich textures and poetic details — things that will welcome repeated viewings long after the storyline has become as familiar as an old shoe. Also, although best viewed at the cinema, this is one that doesn’t lose too much when reduced to the size of the television or Powerbook screen. If I had to choose one American film to explain to transdimensional aliens or the U.N. or whoever how we got to be the way we are, *Ciao! Manhattan* would be the

movie. Edie Sedgwick is a hypermediated life examined, and as far as cautionary tales go, this one has enough unadulterated glamour, stylistic verve, and sci-fi weirdness to keep the dust off.

CIAO! MANHATTAN (USA) 1972, Plexifilm

List price: \$24.98



Some Like It Hot

ANITA DOUCHE

Drag queen

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert has two drag queens and a transsexual in the Australian desert. It’s my top pick because no matter how many times I watch, I still get a laugh over straight men playing gay.

Some Like It Hot was filmed at the Hotel Del Coronado and whenever I’m there I stand in the sand and

think “Marilyn Monroe was here.” Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon dress as women. One falls for another band member but can’t tell her his gender; the other has a rich suitor who won’t take “No” for an answer.

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? has the best quotes.

Two aging film actresses, holed up in an old Hollywood mansion, are affected by simmering subconscious thoughts of mutual envy, hate, and revenge. Maybe it’s the drag queen in me, but I love to watch Baby Jane be a complete bitch to her crippled sister. Feeding her a rat, then her cherished canary. Now that’s a movie! “Blanche... you didn’t eat your din-din?”

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT (Australia) 1994, MGM
List price: \$19.98

SOME LIKE IT HOT (USA) 1959, MGM
List price: \$14.98

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE? (USA) 1962, Warner
List price: \$26.98

— to make her character believable would have been all but impossible. Scott Hicks directed, and even the usually adept Patricia Clarkson as the heroine’s boss is set adrift. — *J.R.*

Once — In the opening scene of John Carney’s engaging indie, a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard of the Frames) hands his guitar to a passerby and gives chase to the wastrel who’s snatched his guitar case and change, but when he finally collars the culprit, he lets him keep the money. That sort of humanity infuses the movie, a low-budget and leisurely plotted DV project in which the singer, a poor vacuum-cleaner repairman, falls in love with a young Czech immigrant (Markéta Irglová) who plays the piano and helps him put together a band for a demo session. The songs don’t advance the narrative lyrically so much as follow the two characters’ uncertain relationship through the slow realization of their themes; in particular a scene in which they first jam together in the back room of a music store is a gem. — *J.R.*

Ratatouille — Brad Bird’s second collaboration with Pixar is more ambitious and meditative than his Oscar-winning *The Incredibles*. “Anyone can cook” is just one of the lessons of this superbly rendered CGI animation about a young rat (voiced by Patton Oswalt) who longs to work in the Paris restaurant made famous by his late idol (Brad Garrett). The novice rodent chef

transcends his clan’s prejudices by teaming surreptitiously with a human, an inept scullery boy (Lou Romano) the rat coaches to gastro-nomic acclaim. Cooking tips abound, and the Proustian moment a snooty food writer (Peter O’Toole) enjoys is a corker. With the voices of Ian Holm, Brian Dennehy, and Janeane Garofalo.

Rescue Dawn — Released by MGM, starring two busy Hollywood actors, and easily slotted as a Vietnam POW adventure, this could be Werner Herzog’s most commercial movie ever. But it’s also elemental Herzog, a story of superhuman willpower that he first told in his moving 1997 documentary *Little Dieter Needs to Fly*. Christian Bale gives a committed performance as Dieter Dengler, the U.S. fighter pilot shot down over Laos in 1966 and held in a jungle camp; Steve Zahn and Jeremy Davies are compelling as Dengler’s suffering prison mates, respectively drawn to and repelled by his irrepressible optimism as he plots their escape. With its clumsy treatment of the Laotian guards and its macho denouement back in the States, *Rescue Dawn* sometimes stumbles into Rambo territory (it was screened for U.S. troops in Iraq on Independence Day). But like much of Herzog’s work, it’s essentially apolitical, focusing on a man at war with his environment — and no one plunges into the foliage the way he does. — *J.R.J.*

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405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Becoming Jane (PG) Fri. (11:15, 2:05, 4:50) 7:30, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:20; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:30, 5:25) 7:10, 8:05, 10:05, 10:50 Sat.-

Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:25, 7:10, 8:05, 10:05, 10:50; **Bratz: The Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:35; **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri. (11:20, 1:40, 4:10) Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:40) 4:10; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 2:25, 5:15) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:25) 5:15, 8:00, 10:50; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:30) 7:40, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 7:40, 10:55; **Hot Rod** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:15, 9:45; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:35, 5:30) 8:15, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 5:30, 8:15, 11:00; **Invasion** (2002) (NR) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:50, 5:40) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:40, 8:05, 10:40; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:25; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:35; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 12:30, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:45) 7:00, 8:15, 9:20, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 12:30, 2:10, 3:00) 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:20, 10:30; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:20) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:20, 7:35, 10:00; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 2:00, 4:55) 7:45, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 4:55, 7:45, 10:45; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 2:15, 2:20, 4:40, 5:10) 7:25, 7:55, 10:10, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:50, 2:15, 2:20) 4:40, 5:10, 7:25, 7:55, 10:10, 10:40; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:25) 6:55, 10:15; **Underdog** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:00) 7:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:00, 7:20

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:30; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:55) 7:00, 9:35; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 9:45 Sun. 7:15, 9:40; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:00; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35 Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:20; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50,

9:55 Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:25) 5:35, 7:50, 9:50; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:40) 5:00, 7:05, 9:15

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:05, 10:20, 10:50; **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:05; **Hairspray** (PG) Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 5:05, 7:55, 10:35; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (2:25) 6:55, 10:05; **Hot Rod** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. 7:20, 9:40; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (4:25) 7:25, 10:25; **Invasion (2002)** (NR) Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:30; **Ratatouille** (G) Sat.-Sun. (2:20); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 7:40, 9:45, 10:45, (12:00, 2:35) 1:40; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:00) 4:50, 7:50, 10:10; **Skinwalkers** (R) Sat.-Sun. 9:50; **Stardust** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:40) 7:30, 10:35; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:00, 2:15) 4:00, 5:15, 7:10, 8:10, 10:15, 10:50; **Transformers** (PG-13) Sat.-Sun. (12:10p.m.); **Underdog** (PG) Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 1:55) 4:10, 6:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sun.; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Care Bears: Oopsy Does It!** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15; **The Invasion** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Skinwalkers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:30, 10:45; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
Becoming Jane (PG); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **Bratz: The Movie** (PG); **El Cantante** (R); **Daddy Day Camp** (PG); **Hairspray** (PG); **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13); **Hot Rod** (PG-13); **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13); **The Invasion** (R); **The Last Legion** (PG-13); **No Reservations** (PG); **Ratatouille** (G); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13); **Skinwalkers** (R); **Stardust** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R); **Transformers** (PG-13); **Underdog** (PG)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Becoming Jane (PG) Fri. (12:55, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:55) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:45) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:45, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50; **El Cantante** (R) Fri. (4:10) 7:40, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (4:10) 7:40, 10:45; **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 4:35) 7:35, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:25) 4:35, 7:35, 10:20; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 7:20; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:55; **Invasion (2002)** (NR) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 8:05, 10:35; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:40p.m.); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 1:30, 2:30) 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:55) 7:05, 9:30; **Skinwalkers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:05; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:15) 7:25, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:15, 7:25, 10:40; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (12:00, 1:15, 2:40, 4:05, 5:30) 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 11:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:15, 2:40) 4:05, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 11:00; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:50)

10:35; **Underdog** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:10, 4:25) 6:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:10) 4:25, 6:50

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive-In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45) 4:30, 5:15, 7:05, 7:55, 9:55, 10:30 Sun. (11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45) 4:30, 5:15, 7:05, 7:55; **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:25; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:20) 4:55, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (12:20) 4:55, 7:55; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 8:00; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. (12:10, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 7:40, 10:15 Sun. 7:40; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 2:45) 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 2:45) 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10, 9:40 Sun. (11:55, 2:10) 4:45, 7:10; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:05) 5:00, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 5:00, 7:40; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:20, 7:55; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 1:55) 4:35, 7:05, 9:35 Sun. (11:40, 1:55) 4:35, 7:05

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Becoming Jane (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 3:35) 7:35, 10:20; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:35, 4:55) 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:35) 4:55, 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:35; **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30); **Hairspray** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 10:15; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 6:45; **Hot Rod** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:40) 10:20; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:40, 10:30; **Invasion (2002)** (NR) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:15) 7:45, 10:40; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (3:25) 9:55; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:15); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 1:10, 2:40, 3:45, 5:15) 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 1:10, 2:40, 3:45) 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:45; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:30) 7:15, 9:50; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:25; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (11:30, 12:30, 2:20, 3:20, 5:05) 7:20, 7:50, 10:10, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 2:20, 3:20) 5:05, 7:20, 7:50, 10:10, 10:40; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 6:55; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 7:20, 9:45

FALLBROOK

River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

(10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Care Bears: Oopsy Does It!** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:30); **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30) 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; **Care Bears: Oopsy Does It!** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri. (10:45, 1:00) 6:00 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 6:00; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 8:15, 10:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
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VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Becoming Jane (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:20) 7:10, 9:45; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:35, 5:30) 7:20, 8:10, 10:05, 10:45; **Daddy Day Camp** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:20); **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:35, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45); **Hot Rod** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:40; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:20; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:25, 11:10, 12:45, 1:30, 3:05, 3:50, 5:25) 6:10, 7:45, 8:30, 10:05; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:10, 2:20, 4:35) 6:50, 9:10; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:25) 7:30, 10:30; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15) 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 12:15, 2:35, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45; **The Invasion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:10, 4:30) 7:00, 9:20; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Care Bears: Oopsy Does It! (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15) 4:15; **The Invasion** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **The Last Legion** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Becoming Jane (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Death at a Funeral** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **No Reservations** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:15

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Once (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Care Bears: Oopsy Does It!** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **The Invasion** (R) Fri. (10:30, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13); **Daddy Day Camp** (PG); **Evan Almighty** (PG); **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13); **The Invasion** (R); **The Last Legion** (PG-13); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13); **Stardust** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R); **Transformers** (PG-13); **Underdog** (PG)

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401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
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MOVIES

Rocket Science — A stuttering boy joins the high school debate team. With Reece Daniel Thompson and Anna Kendrick; written and directed by Jeffrey Blitz.

Rush Hour 3 — Reviewed this issue. Brett Ratner directed; starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

Sicko — Asked who the greatest French poet was, André Gide said, “Victor Hugo, alas.” I feel the same way about Michael Moore. He qualifies, sometimes lamentably, as our most important political filmmaker, in part just because the media do such a poor job of delivering basic news to us. His blistering attack on the American health care system and the abuses of medical insurance companies offers eye-opening contrasts with national health services in Canada, England, and France, and, atypically, he delays appearing on-screen for some 40 minutes to keep the focus on this country’s victims. When his comic persona finally does come in, there’s something a bit irritating about him asking so many questions he already knows the answers to, sometimes paying more heed to the audience members he perceives as clueless than to the people he’s talking to (as when he asks some Cubans on the street, “Is there a doctor here in Cuba?”). But this is still essential viewing — a moving, informative, corrosive, and even sometimes hilarious call to arms. — *J.R.J.*

The Simpsons Movie — Matt Groening’s cartoon series *The Simpsons* has never made me laugh quite as hard as his *Life in Hell* anthologies, which seem to spring from a



Sicko

deep well of personal bitterness that the show’s writers can’t fake. But of course that’s a relative judgment — the show has been the gold standard for satirical TV ever since it debuted in 1989. This long-awaited movie adaptation has plenty of laughs, plus an assortment of milestones for fans (Bart shows his privates, Martin gets to thrash his enemies). The writers also take advantage of the PG-13 rating to violate a few small-screen taboos, as Otto the bus driver is caught sucking on a bong and Homer tells his pet pig, “Maybe we should kiss just to break the tension.” — *J.R.J.*

Skinwalkers — Feuding werewolves are the premise for this horror flick by James Isaacs.

Stardust — Reviewed this issue. Starring Claire Danes, Sienna Miller, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Robert De Niro; directed by Matthew Vaughn.

Sunshine — Stanley Kubrick’s 2001: *A Space Odyssey* and Andrei Tarkovsky’s *Solaris* cast long shadows over this ambitious psychedelic sci-fi adventure by Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting*, *28 Days Later*), but it’s a solid effort nonetheless. Set in 2057, it concerns a space mission to launch a nuke into the dying sun in hopes of saving earth from perpetual winter. Boyle’s spiritual and metaphysical musings intertwine neatly with his pop sensibility, imbuing this with an art-house intelligence without diluting its summer blockbuster appeal. Naming the spacecraft *Icarus II* unnecessarily foreshadows the chain of events that occur as the ship approaches the sun, but Boyle’s denouement is deliciously ambiguous. With Cillian Murphy, Rose Byrne, Michelle Yeoh, and Chris Evans. — *J.K.*

Superbad — Comedy about two socially inept high school seniors (Michael Cera and Jonah Hill)

about to graduate from high school. Directed by Greg Mottola.

Talk to Me — Don Cheadle stars as Ralph “Petey” Greene, who followed a prison term for armed robbery in the early ’60s with a long career as a media personality and social activist in the D.C. area. After playing upright guys in *Hotel Rwanda* and *Reign Over Me*, Cheadle must have reached naturally for the part of the raunchy, rebellious Greene, but he would have been better cast and in fact had the better role as Dewey Hughes, the AM radio programmer who gave Greene his first shot (well played instead by Chiwetel Ejiofor). The early scenes of Greene misbehaving on the air are pretty funny, thanks mainly to Martin Sheen as the apoplectic station manager. But I was bummed out by the movie’s trite VH1 cartoon of the black power era — especially coming from Kasi Lemmons, who made her directing debut with the hauntingly ambiguous *Eve’s Bayou*. — *J.R.J.*

The Ten — Writer-director David Wain (*Wet Hot American Summer*) and cowriter Ken Marino based this

anthology of darkly satiric sketches on the Ten Commandments, though the biblical connection is sometimes so loose it barely seems to apply. The best sketches are a wicked send-up of celebrity worship, with Adam Brody as a skydiving casualty; a story about a virginal librarian (Gretchen Mol) who finds personal salvation in the arms of a Mexican handyman named Jesus (Justin Theroux); and a bit about a sullen detective (Liev Schreiber, very funny) who covets his neighbor’s goods so badly that he self-destructs. Wain and Marino try to tie all this together with a framing narrative about an unfaithful husband (Paul Rudd), which turns into a clever parody of Woody Allen movies. — *A.G.*

Transformers — Not a movie, just one gigantic commercial for Hasbro, this collaboration between director Michael Bay and executive producer Steven Spielberg is a textbook case of cynical Hollywood extravagance. State-of-the-art CGI might please the now-grown fans of the popular line of Autobot and Decepticon toys introduced in the ’80s, but the embarrassingly weak screenplay by Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci (*The Island*, *Mission: Impossible III*) will disappoint those hoping for entertainment value beyond the spectacle of robotic aliens morphing into cars, trucks, tanks, and jet fighters. As if aware of their insignificance, Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Anthony Anderson, and John Turturro ham their way through the boring high-tech drivel about a war over earth’s future, while Josh Duhamel and Jon Voight play it straight. Hugo Weaving voices the evil Megatron. — *A.G.*

Underdog — Based on the ’60s cartoon series, this live-action feature takes certain liberties, adding a silly back story to explain the title canine’s superpowers. The TV show was mildly subversive, with humor that children and adults could enjoy on different levels, but the movie strives for a blander, family-oriented middle ground. As the voice of Underdog, Jason Lee pales in comparison to Wally Cox; Peter Dinklage is properly menacing as the evil Simon Barsinister; and Patrick Warburton, while forced to perform some lowbrow physical comedy, is the funniest thing in the movie as Barsinister’s thuggish henchman, Cad. Frederik Du Chau (*Racing Stripes*) directed; with James Belushi and Alex Neuberger. — *J.K.*

La Vie en Rose — Marion Cotillard tears up all the available scenery in this overblown, achronological biopic of French pop singer Edith Piaf. Whether sincere or cynical, the movie is a near parody of the “*Je ne regrette rien*?” This is Mrs. Norman Maine” school of female suffering and camp mortification: the heroine grows up in Grandma’s brothel, sings on the streets, gets discovered by an entrepreneur (Gérard Depardieu no less), loses or gets snatched away from loved ones, becomes dependent on drink and drugs. Director-cowriter Olivier Dahan lamentably leapfrogs past most of the German occupation, when Piaf was a courageous member of the resistance. With Sylvie Testud and Emmanuelle Seigner. In French with subtitles. — *J.R.*

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Bilingual men/women encouraged to apply.

Test dates: Aug. 18, 2007 or Sept. 15, 2007

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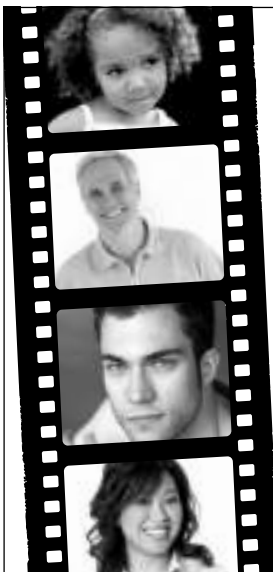
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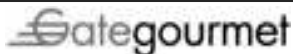
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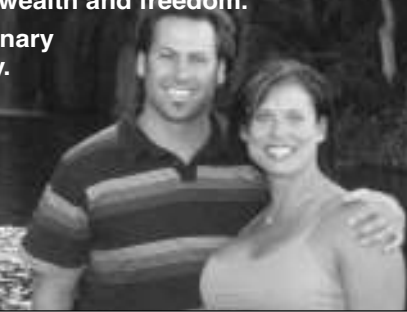
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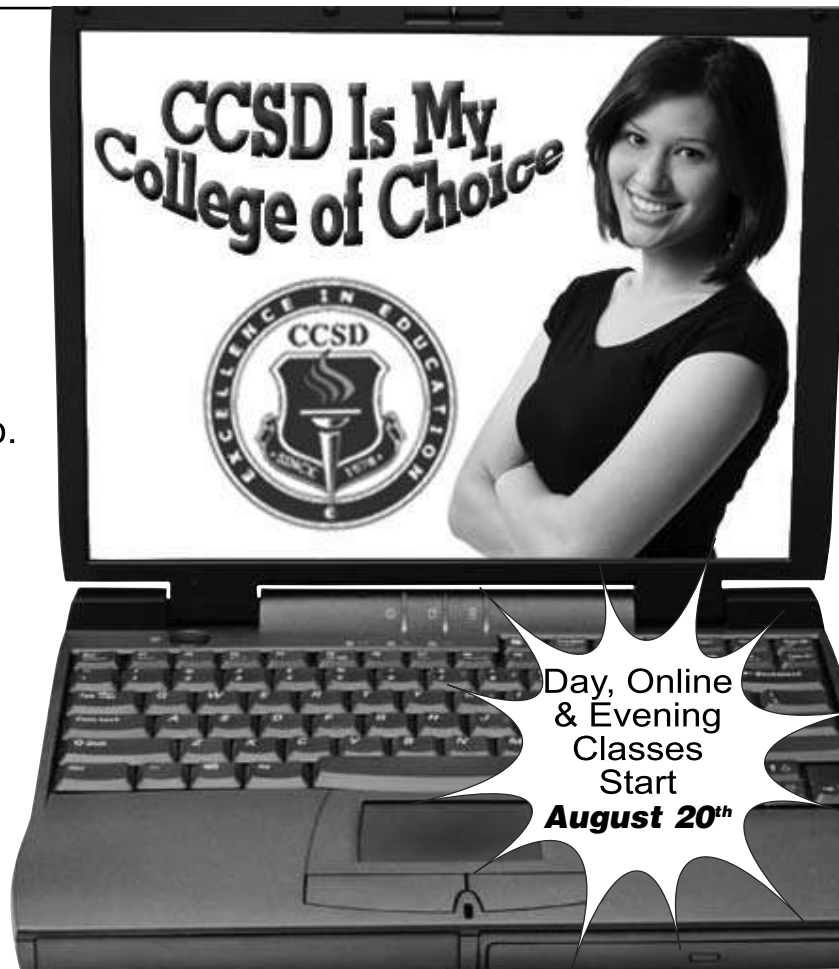
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Lyndsee Staiger

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“Chocolate Rain” by Tay Zon-day. It’s the number-one video on YouTube right now. The song doesn’t get played on the radio yet, but the video has over three million views. It has piano chords that never change, and the guy has a really deep voice and looks nerdy like Urkel. He looks 12 but is probably 25. And he has a really deep voice. I can’t remember the words now. There’s one line about “reading your insurance rates.”



Rosalea Schiavone

Animal Health Technician

Spring Valley

I like so many songs. I grew up with music. My mom listened to country, and I liked that. My boyfriend is a musician. Oh, there are a few songs I don’t like. “Beat It,” by Michael Jackson. I never liked that one. And “You Are the Sunshine of My Life.” Great, now by bringing those up, they’ll probably be stuck in my head all day.



Ellen Staiger

Grandmother

Chula Vista

That “In-a-Gadda-Da-Vida.” The kids would always play that, and it drove me up the wall. I liked some ’60s songs, like “Proud Mary,” “Let It Be,” and “Yellow Submarine.” I liked Herman’s Hermits. But that song was awful. It was so long. It seemed like it never ended. Maybe I would’ve liked it more if the kids didn’t play it so loud.



Jackie Heilman

Financial Manager

San Diego

I have that song by Carrie Underwood stuck in my head. The one about her getting revenge on the guy that cheats. Oh, my little sister used to always play the Spice Girls. She always played that song that goes, “Tell ya what I want/ What I really really want...” Now that they’re touring again, it’ll probably get played on the radio and again be stuck in my head.



Kevin Kenstler

Business Owner

Las Vegas

I always seem to get rap songs stuck in my head. And I hate rap. The songs stuck in my head are usually ones I like. Oh, there is one. That song from *Winnie the Pooh*. When the kids are watching TV and it comes on, it stays in my head for days. It’s that song that goes “rain, rain, blustery day,” or whatever. I’ve even been caught whistling it at work.



Randi Hetrick

Expert Witness

Orange County

It would easily be Cat Stevens’s song “Moon Shadow.” It has the worst lyrics. He sings about losing his arms and how he’d then swim like a mermaid. The words are just creepy. He talks about losing his eyes. And, yes, the music is catchy. I like the melody. It just seems so perverted to sing about losing body parts. I even add my own lyrics, singing, “If I had a torso...” I even enclosed those lyrics in Christmas cards one year.

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Across

- 1. Family men
- 4. Hula Hoop supports
- 8. "I Am the Walrus" character
- 14. Monets and Manets, e.g.
- 15. Tennis' Nastase
- 16. Actor Warren
- 17. Grammar Rule #1: Don't use no _____
- 20. Release, in a way
- 21. Uxmal builder
- 22. Bridal path
- 23. Cook's meas.
- 24. 106, to Claudius
- 27. Grammar Rule #2: Also, always avoid annoying _____
- 32. Part: Abbr.
- 35. Daughter of Cadmus
- 36. Lofty goals
- 37. Assassination victim of 1940
- 40. Classic Bob Marley tune
- 41. Flowery
- 42. Having one sharp, musically
- 43. Heavy drinker
- 44. Grammar Rule #3: And don't start any sentences with any _____
- 48. Malay Peninsula's Isthmus of _____
- 49. D-Day craft
- 50. Three-time batting champ Tony
- 54. Actor Sal of "Giant"
- 57. Scrabble 10-pointers
- 58. Grammar Rule #4: Puns are for children, _____
- 62. Canine coat
- 63. Is obliged to
- 64. Turner of American history
- 65. Is unacceptable
- 66. Cousin of -trix
- 67. Cousin of -trix

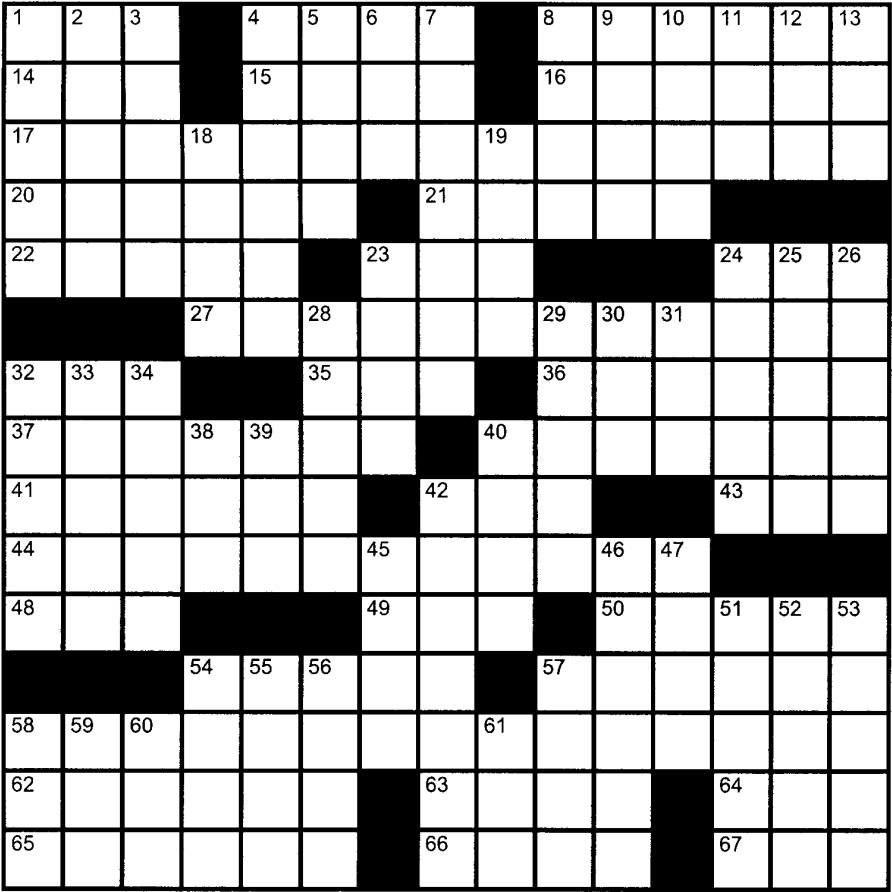
Down

- 1. City near Venice
- 2. Rice-_____
- 3. Stadium litter
- 4. Jewish campus group
- 5. "Before _____ you go ..."
- 6. Fasten
- 7. "Looks that way"
- 8. Net sales locale?
- 9. "_____ life!"
- 10. Put on weight
- 11. "Punk'd" aier
- 12. Consumed
- 13. Gov. Spitzer's constituency
- 18. Actor Lugosi
- 19. Be slack-jawed

- 23. Runtish
- 24. Giorgio's goodbyes
- 25. Car company whose name is Latin for "I roll"
- 26. Rand McNally feature
- 28. Compare
- 29. Fab Four forename
- 30. Fruity refreshment
- 31. Business card no.
- 32. Portfolio component
- 33. Slip
- 34. "_____ Make You Sweat" (1991 hit)
- 38. _____ Mahal
- 39. Disco guy on "The Simpsons"
- 40. Attending to the matter
- 42. "My treat!"
- 45. "The Alexandria Quartet" finale
- 46. Work on a score, say
- 47. Rode a banister
- 51. Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"
- 52. Miles and Wang
- 53. Bus. aides
- 54. People in charge: Abbr.
- 55. Plenty mad
- 56. _____ contendere
- 57. Gusto
- 58. Straight out of the box
- 59. Lennon's lady
- 60. Sun-worshipper's goal
- 61. Boring routine

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 8/9/07.

There were 95 entrants. The winners are:

- 1. Melanie Shutter, San Diego
- 2. Wes Gutierrez, San Diego
- 3. Peter Novel, San Diego
- 4. Sharon Boyd, Cardiff
- 5. Larry Watson, Santee

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CLAIREMONT. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome in small complex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry hook-ups. Carport. Large balcony with great view. Pool. Easy freeway access. 2963 Cowley Way. Del Sol Property Management, Broker, 858-455-1999. www.delsolpm.com.

CLAIREMONT. Furnished studios. From \$425/week. From \$1195/month. No lease! Utilities included. Corporate housing available. Microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry, heated pool, spa, daily continental breakfast. Central location. Weekly maid service, linens. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. California Suites Hotel, 5415 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Toll free, 1-888-475-7147. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2035.

CLAIREMONT MESA. 3 bedroom 2 bath condo. \$1575. Pool, amenities. New paint, carpet. Close to Qualcomm, I-15, 163. Available 8/1. 619-723-4481 or after 6pm, 858-829-1268.

COLLEGE AREA. \$850. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath garden apartments. Ample off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Lots of light. Ground floor #4, ceramic tile, 2nd floor #12, new carpet. No pets. 619-287-9890; numeric page 619-407-1535.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$825. Remodeled 1 and 2 bedrooms. Near shopping. Pool. Air conditioning. Parking available. Laundry. Barbecue area. Pets considered. 3635 College Avenue. 619-582-3993.

COLLEGE AREA. \$750-\$775. 1 bedroom. Near shops. Laundry room. No pets. 6769 El Cajon Boulevard. Apartments in rear courtyard. 619-464-0901.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$950 rent. \$600 deposit, OAC. 2 bedroom 2 bath. Parking lot. Laundry. No pets. At 4423 Menlo Avenue #15. 619-299-8515 or 619-501-4229.

COLLEGE AREA. From \$775, 1 bedrooms. Sparkling pool, on-site laundry, barbecue. Central location. Near all. No pets. 4333 College Avenue. 619-287-8380.

COLLEGE AREA. \$900. 1 bedroom. \$1200, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Central heat/air. Microwave, dishwasher. Balcony. Gated. Intercom entry. 4828 Art Street. Agent. 619-298-7724.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$1495. Move in special: \$500 off 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Custom paint. Laminated wood floor, stainless appliances, fireplace. 858-598-1111 x192. utopi-amgmt.com.

COLLEGE AREA/LA MESA. \$1450. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse. Attached garage. Washer/dryer. New appliances/carpet. Pool. Pets ok. Lease. Available now. 619-644-1286, 619-446-8344.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$700. Gorgeous 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newer carpet/vinyl. Quiet complex. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Cat welcome. 619-287-2282. www.sadaptbrokers.com.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Top unit. New carpet/paint. Parking spot. Near trolley/SDSU. Can show after 8/6/07: available 8/12/07. 619-249-4561.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1500. Beautifully remodeled, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Available now. Refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, oven. Laundry. 1-1/2 miles to SDSU. Call 619-980-9031.

COLLEGE AREA. \$750. Utilities paid. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Includes garage. Laundry. Near SDSU. No pets. 7232 El Cajon Boulevard #12. 619-698-6911. www.goldenmanagement.com.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$825, large 1 bedroom. \$1025, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. New carpet/paint. Close to SDSU. Pool. Air conditioning. Off street parking. Laundry. 4445 Marcellena Road. 619-261-8246.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1150. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath townhome. Gated complex, air conditioning, pool, laundry, assigned parking. Cat OK, no dogs. 4601 63rd Street. Agent, Edie, 619-229-9248.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1800. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Directly across from SDSU. All modern amenities: granite counters, wood cabinets, stainless appliances, etc. Gated community, underground parking, large back patio. Pets OK. Two condos available— both ground floor units. 5540 Lindo Paseo #4. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

COLLEGE. 55+, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, senior unit. Gated, \$725/month, \$500/deposit. 600 square-feet, washer/dryer, air conditioning, dishwasher, small deck, courtyard. Near bus/shopping. Move-in special! www.innoreventerprises.com. 619-368-9410.

DEL CERRO. 1/2-off first month! \$900. Furnished studio, 2 large closets, Murphy bed, community pool/Jacuzzi. 7787 Margerum #235. Agent, 619-471-2201.

DEL MAR. \$1320. Large 1 bedroom condo with view. Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, 1-car garage, swimming pool, Jacuzzi. Gated community. Available now. 858-755-6560.

DEL MAR. \$1695-1895, furnished or unfurnished. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, furnished. Up-dated lighting, travertine floor, pool, laundry room. Garage parking. 2582 Del Mar Heights #2. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

DEL MAR. 2 bedroom. Some with ocean views! Garage. Heated pool, spa, fitness center. Dishwasher, microwave. 526 Camino Del Mar. Call 858-755-4721.

DEL MAR. Block to ocean! 2 bedrooms, \$295 (ocean view!) and \$1845. Free cable, pool, spa, sauna. Gated, nonsmoking community, no dogs. 201 Fourth Street. 858-481-9585; mikeatla@aol.com.

DOWNTOWN, CORTez HILL. Luxury 1 bedroom at The Mills. Very light and bright floor-plan. Huge patio, weight room. Covered gated parking and more. 619-296-2787.

DOWNTOWN, Marina District furnished 1 year old condo, 1 bedroom large living room, very light. Outside entries. 25% lower rent because owner present 1 week a month \$1900. Bev, 855-295-9950.

DOWNTOWN. San Diego's first hip hostel hotel. From \$39/night. From \$230/week. From \$24/bed in hostel. Free wireless Internet. Near bus/trolley. Flat screen TVs. European-style detached bathrooms. Restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. 500 West Hotel, 500 West Broadway. Toll free: 1-888-895-0875. 619-234-5252. www.500WestHotel.com, www.sdrreader.com/rent/2114.

DOWNTOWN. \$875. Beautiful studios. Classic, spectacular building. Hardwood floors. Full kitchen, bath. Murphy beds with built-ins. Laundry/storage on site. Cat-friendly. 619-347-8276. www.floiti.com/biltmore.htm.

DOWNTOWN. Gorgeous bay view condo.\$2800. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Beautiful view of city. Hardwood floors, fireplace, granite countertops, pool, jacuzzi, barbecue. Will go fast! 619-301-4663.

DOWNTOWN. Studios with kitchen and bath, \$625-\$700. Single room with private bathroom, \$500-\$550. No smoking or pets. 10th and E Street. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639 x103.

DOWNTOWN. Comfortable rooms, \$450/up. Studios, \$650/up. Near Gaslamp District. Very quiet and clean. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, community kitchen, shared bathrooms. Near shopping, restaurants, movie theatres and Horton Plaza. No pets. Arlington Apartments, 701 7th Avenue. Hughes Management. 619-231-2385. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2097.

DOWNTOWN. Cozy rooms, \$450-\$625, grab these little jewels today! Very comfortable, convenient location, historic building near C Street trolley. Choice of shared or private bathrooms. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator, no pets. Southern Hotel, 1159 6th Avenue at B, Hughes Management, 619-239-3808. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2099.

DOWNTOWN. Economical furnished rooms, \$400-\$500, best price, save money. Conveniently located on C Street trolley line, near

restaurants, free cable TV, shared bathrooms, on-site laundry facilities, vending machines, elevator service, no pets, 636 C Street (between 6th and 7th), C Street Inn, Hughes Management, 619-234-4165. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2098.

DOWNTOWN. Air conditioned studios with kitchenettes and full bathrooms. No smoking/pets. \$795, including utilities, cable. 728 Market at 7th. Hughes Management, 619-235-1639 x103.

DOWNTOWN. Gaslamp area. Move-in special, \$280. Community kitchen, shared bath, on-site laundry, vending machines, no pets, Star Hotel, 522 7th Avenue. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Outstanding furnished rooms, \$400-\$500. Heart of Gaslamp. Shared bathrooms. Community kitchen. Free cable TV. No pets. 843 4th Avenue. Windsor Hotel. 619-235-6068. Hughes Management.

DOWNTOWN. Attractive rooms. Shared bath. Utilities included! Near City College! \$400-\$595 per month. Weekly rates from \$125! 719 14th Street, Villa Victoria. Hughes Management, 619-231-2385.

DOWNTOWN. Furnished studios. From \$59/ daily, from \$210/weekly rates! Ideal, affordable, short-term stays. Private bathroom, kitchenette, microwave, refrigerator, cable TV. Air conditioning, laundry, voice mail. High speed Internet. Food service daily. Near trolley/bus/freeway, Balboa Park, Gaslamp. West Park Inn, 1840 4th Avenue. www.westparkinn.com. 619-236-1600. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2037.

DOWNTOWN. Beautiful building, new furnished rooms. Refrigerator, microwave, TV, cable. Starting at \$175, weekly. 920 Beech Street. Call 619-234-1952.

DOWNTOWN. Brand new rooms near City College. Single rooms with kitchenettes from \$140/week plus deposit (long-term). Includes utilities/cable. Quiet, secure. Shared bath/laundry. Hotel Mediterranean. 619-231-8656. www.hotelmcd-sd.com.

DOWNTOWN. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, near Downtown, San Diego. Gated, private balcony, canyon view, wood floors, laundry. Off-street parking. Call 760-943-9228.

DOWNTOWN. \$675. Studio, 1 bath apartment, bay/ballpark views, all utilities paid, central location, controlled access building. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$1795. 2 bedrooms, 1.75 baths condo with bay view. Ask about lease terms. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$1985. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath apartment, breathtaking views, gated parking, on-site laundry, chic urban living. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, cat OK with deposit, parking available, paid water/trash/gas. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

DOWNTOWN. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in El Cortez convenient to freeways, Gaslamp and more! Must see to believe! \$1495/month. Small pets OK. 858-598-1111 x190. www.utopiamanagement.com.

DOWNTOWN. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in Trellis. 700+ square feet. All appliances. Gym. Assigned parking. Basic cable included. \$1750. 858-598-1111 x190. www.utopiamanagement.com.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo in the new Alta Rise complex. Assigned parking, gym, all appliances! Must see! \$2395. 858-598-1111 x190. www.utopiamanagement.com.

DOWNTOWN. The Mark. 1/2-off 1st month! Pool, Jacuzzi, gym, barbecue. 2 parking spaces. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1577 estimated square footage. \$3900. 520 9th Avenue. Agent, 619-471-2201.

DOWNTOWN. 1/2 off first month! \$2700. 1481 estimated square footage. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Loft. Gym. 2 parking spaces. 20-pound pet OK. All new inside. 1480 Broadway #2622. Agent, 619-471-2201.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$800/month. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Efficiency apartments with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN/East Village. \$2400/month. 1160 square-foot, 1-1/2 bath, one-of-a-kind loft. Private entrance, hardwood floors, stainless appliances, washer/dryer, storage, concierge. Across Petco Park. 760-807-8971.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Bright, corner studio, \$940. 9-foot ceilings. Ideal location. Bearclaw tub/shower. Charming, secure, quiet building with laundry. 1534 Front, near Beech, 619-233-7428.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP \$1495. Spacious top floor 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in the heart of the Gaslamp. Fabulous views! 9-foot ceilings, all appliances, central heat/air, controlled entry, parking included. William Penn Building, Corner 5th and F. Agent, 619-298-7232; visit www.sbayproperties.com.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Studios, 1 upper, 1 lower, approximately 350 square feet, \$825 includes utilities, 1608 and 1614 8th Street, available now. 1 bedroom, approximately 725 square feet, small yard, \$1200, 10-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, laundry on-site, beautiful garden, city permit parking, top of the hill between Downtown and Balboa Park, 712 Cedar Street, available late August. No pets. 12-month lease/\$25 credit check fee required. For information or appointment, call 619-544-1948.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$780. Studio. Limited access building. Charming, quiet,

residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. From \$650. Totally renovated. Studios and 1+ bedrooms in vintage building. Authentic hardwood floors. 10 blocks from water, authentic hardwood floors, fresh paint, new tile, appliances. Cats OK. 619-297-9011.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$1500. Take over lease. 1 bedroom condo. 1-parking. New granite and appliances. Large private patio. Dog with \$250 deposit. 619-218-4976, 510-506-0005.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1600. Loft. Move-in special! Pets OK, parking available, on-site manager, keyless entry system, laundry facility, cable ready/high-speed Internet capability, hardwood floors, large closets, dishwasher, electric range, refrigerator, heating/air, exposed duct work, high ceilings, 5 floor-to-ceiling windows. 1023 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1333. http://www.sdrreader.com/rent/2145.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. 1/2 off deposit special! Ask about immediate move-in specials! Lofts, penthouse suites from \$1600! Open, loft-style floor plan. Keyless entry system. High ceilings. Cable/high speed Internet ready. Pets welcome. Near bus, trolley, restaurants. Garage parking available. On Broadway, 1014 Fifth Avenue. Toll free: 1-888-241-3523. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2145.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet, \$120/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Move-in Specials. Live/Work Lofts in the heart of The Gaslamp! Roof decks with barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Parking available. Seven locations Downtown. Select pets OK. Visit loft leasing office: 315 Fourth Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdrreader.com/rent/2064.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Furnished luxury loft. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, skylights and balcony facing San Diego harbor. \$1800-\$2200/month. 619-255-0526. Visit www.sdurbanliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Spectacular views! \$1500-\$3800. Studios, 1, 2 bedroom apartments; 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhomes; Luxury 2 bedroom penthouses! Low deposits from \$500! Balconies. Fireplace. Stainless appliances. Washer/dryer. Barbecue. Rooftop deck. Controlled access. Pool. Spa. Courtesy patrol. Pets welcome! Allegro Towers, 1455 Kettner Boulevard. 1-888-401-3692. www.sdrreader.com/rent/2133.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. Beautiful, luxury 1 bedroom Atria apartment. Parking. Washer/dryer. Appliances. Gym, rec/Internet room. Walk to Seaport Village, Gaslamp, ballpark. \$1825. 858-549-8015.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-underground park-

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ing. Dual master suites. Hardwood floors. Granite counters. Excellent location. \$2350. Phil (owner/agent), 619-855-5881.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$695. Furnished studio alcove apartment. Complete living room, bedroom and kitchen furniture. No SDG&E deposit or hook-up fee required. Near 52nd and University. 5101 Towle Court. Close to SDSU. Laundry room. Off-street parking. Low \$300 deposit. 619-281-9451.

EL CAJON. \$775. 1 bedroom. New carpet, refrigerator, air conditioning. Barbecue, pool, laundry, parking, gated. 718 South Magnolia. Ask about move-in special! Section 8 OK. 619-312-0606.

EL CAJON. \$725. 1 bedroom. Just remodeled! Beautiful landscape with gated entry. No pets. 1018 East Lexington Avenue. TPPM, 619-838-8088. www.eastwindsapts.com.

EL CAJON. \$705. 1 bedroom. Fabulous pool/courtyard complex. Super clean apartments. No pets. 314 Wisconsin Street. TPPM, 619-742-7600. www.palmestates.info.

EL CAJON. \$300 off first month! Affordable housing with spacious 1 bedrooms. Pool. Spa. Barbecue area. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Section 8 welcome. 619-440-5258.

EL CAJON. \$750. Move-in special: \$200 off. Quiet 11-plex, 1 bedroom apartments. Air, dishwasher, on-site laundry, gated parking. Section 8 OK. 222 Lincoln/Main. 619-733-6466.

EL CAJON. Fabulous 7 Motel. Furnished rooms starting \$224 per week. Parking. Pool. Cable. Maid service. Laundry. 24 hour security. 1527 East Main Street. 619-442-0457.

EL CAJON. \$1400. Condo style living. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome. Laundry hookups, central heat/air, quiet, gated, private patio. Lush garden, 8 unit complex away from busy streets. No pets. 858-353-6112.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, \$700. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$800 & up. Great amenities, air conditioning, laundry on-site, pool, recreation room, parking. Lushly landscaped. No pets. 294 Ballantyne. 619-440-3044.

EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 2 bath at Sunshine Terrace. Washer/dryer, air conditioning. Like new. Pets OK. Gated community. \$1200. Call 619-572-4188.

EL CAJON. Cajon Villas. \$1000, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$785, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool. Parking. Air conditioning. Fireplace. No pets. Central location. 933 Peach Avenue. 619-447-9193.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, \$795. 2 bedroom, \$925. Smaller, quiet community. Patios, balconies around nice courtyard. On-site laundry facility. Pool area. Near busline. Villa Mollison, 991 North Mollison. 619-588-1780.

EL CAJON. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex in back of 1551 Melvin Lane. 800 square feet. All utilities included except phone. Month-to-month lease. 858-583-0182, www.cal-prop.com.

CHIHUAHUA TERRIER mix, neutered, 1-1/2 years, 11lbs., waggy, gets along with other dogs, black and tan, shots, license, \$100. 619-466-0426.

DACHSHUND PUPPIES, AKC. \$750. Beautiful! Health guarantee, pedigree certificate, first shots. 3 males, 1 female. Female: red smooth. Males: variety. Good homes only! www.dachshundspot.com, 619-312-1895.

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EL CAJON. \$1600. Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Small yard, 2-carport, washer, dryer, plenty of storage. Pet negotiable. 1262 Denver Lane. Available now. 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

EL CAJON. \$1525. 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo. Large unit with garage, washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher. 1360 East Washington Street. Available 8/23. No pets. 858-583-0182. www.cal-prop.com.

EL CAJON. Move-in special! \$700. 1 bedroom. Air conditioning. Gated. Pool. Laundry. Parking. Available now. 506 Emerald Avenue. More Property Management, 858-514-8201.

EL CAJON. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, dishwasher, new carpet/vinyl. Vaulted ceilings, air conditioning, balcony. Call 619-593-0211. www.sadaptbrokers.com.

EL CAJON. \$200 off first month's rent OAC! \$775. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Air conditioning, huge pantry closet, patio, pool. Call 619



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— by Robert Mizrachi

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ENCINITAS. Treat yourself to this elegantly furnished 1 bedroom at Moonlight Beach. Walk to shops, restaurants, Coaster. Gourmet kitchen, washer/dryer, dishes, linens. \$2095/month. 760-753-4101.

ESCONDIDO. \$895-\$1450. Tired of apartment living? Beautiful 1, 2, and 3 bedroom manufactured homes offer spectacular hilltop views. Full-sized

washer/dryer, some small yards. Peaceful community, sorry no pets. 1924 Sheridan Avenue. 760-745-1677.

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ESCONDIDO. \$1400. Townhome, 1300 square feet. 2 bedroom plus 2 bath. 2-car garage. Patio/balcony. Just remodeled. New appliances. Open house: Saturday, 8am-11am. Sunday, 4pm-7pm. 2135 East

Valley Parkway, #16. Next to Soapy's Carwash. 619-933-6982.

ESCONDIDO. Call for specials! Spacious 1 bedrooms from \$835, deposit \$400. 2 bedrooms from \$995, deposit \$500. Great floor plan. Pool, spa. Covered parking. Laundry. RV parking. Cats are welcome. 640 West Lincoln Street. 760-489-8989.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$1850. New 2 bedroom, 3 bath, extra large townhouse-style with views. Gated garage, laundry. Nonsmoking. No pets. Call 619-990-3846.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1250 rent. \$600 deposit. OAC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 parking spots. Laundry. Near USD. No pets. At 1340 Eureka Street #26. Agent, 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs and downstairs apartments available! Some units have patios! Washer/dryer hook-ups. Located near USD. 9 or 12 month leases available! No pets! 5845-5865 Lauretta Street. Call 619-222-4836 x14, www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, \$1300. Available now. Near USD. Cat OK. 5946 Lauretta Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

FASHION VALLEY. \$2350. Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse, 2-car garage, granite kitchen, recently remodeled, private laundry, pool, tennis, and more. Steve, 858-922-0792.

GOLDEN HILL. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath \$775. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood, laundry on-site. Available now. No dogs. 2427 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1575. 3 bedroom, 1 bath townhome. Contemporary setting, newly remodeled, 1300 square feet, 2 minutes to Downtown. Garage, Laundry facility. Security entry. 619-247-7327.

GOLDEN HILL. \$950. Large remodeled 1 bedroom. Appliances. Large closet. Window treatments. Quiet 3-plex near City College/Balboa Park. Pets OK. Coin operated washer/dryer. Parking. 2646 A Street. 619-233-4848.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, \$850. 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$1050. 1010 33rd Street. Very clean, with patio, appliances, laundry, elevator, and parking. 760-724-0558.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Bring in this ad, receive \$200 off, look and lease special and free application! Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1405. Controlled access community. Washer/dryer, microwave, central air/heat. Rooftop deck. Spa. Barbecue areas. Parking garage. Pet friendly! Golden Pacific, 1015 19th Street. 1-800-433-6156. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/2028.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725, studio, \$800, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs units, laundry, parking. Available now. 2004 C Street #10, #17. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$800/month. 1 bedroom. \$800 deposit. New carpet, wooden blinds, fresh paint. Available now. 1 free off-street parking space, free laundry. Close to freeways, bus and downtown. Nonsmoking. No pets. Credit check \$25. 2851 C Street #A (behind 2849 C Street). To view by appointment, contact 619-501-6551.

GOLDEN HILL. 2917 C Street #184. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 Private parking. Washer, dryer. Cat OK. Quiet secure area! vr@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 1-888-483-9925.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Junior 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, decorator colors, balcony, laundry, \$875 utilities included. Cat OK with deposit. On bus line. 619-231-8723.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695/month. Huge studio converted common room. 2 baths. New carpet/paint. Available 9/1. 3093 C Street #17. 619-222-9308.

GOLDEN HILL. \$825. Utilities paid. Large studio. Murphy bed, great kitchen and bath. Lots of windows. Sun deck. Great building with off-street parking. 2930 C Street. 619-559-5423.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1195. Newly remodeled 3 bedroom. Stainless steel appliances. Wood blinds. Berber carpet. Ceiling fan. Garage available. 811 26th Street. 619-559-5423.

HILLCREST. \$1295. Charming Spanish two bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Fresh hardwood floors, new paint, gated entrance. No pets. 3515 4th Avenue. 619-295-6005, agent.

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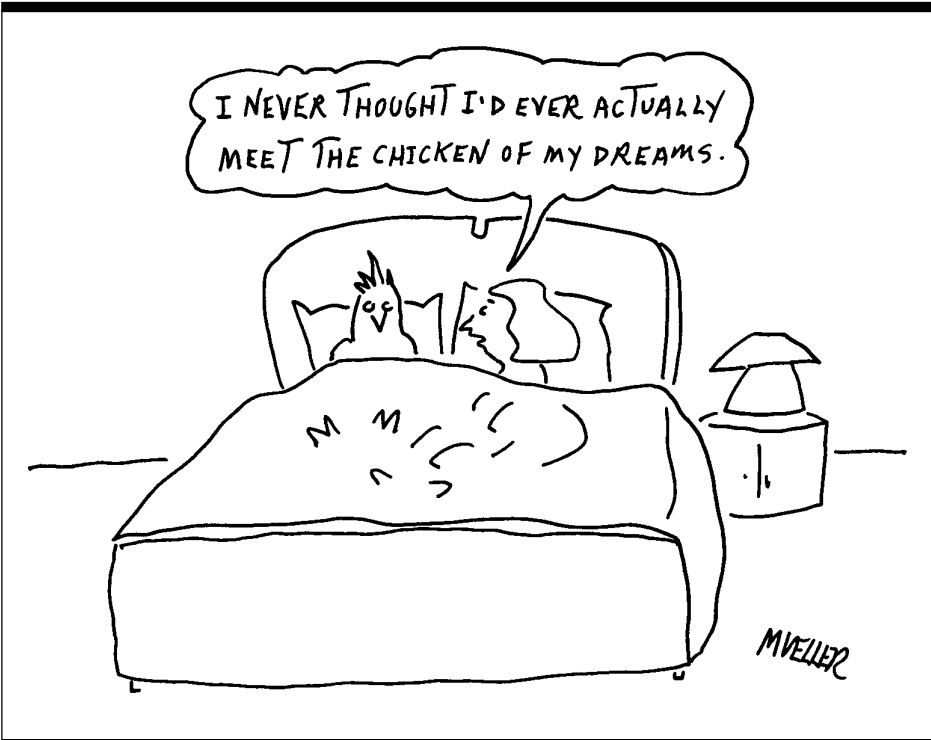
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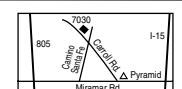
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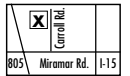
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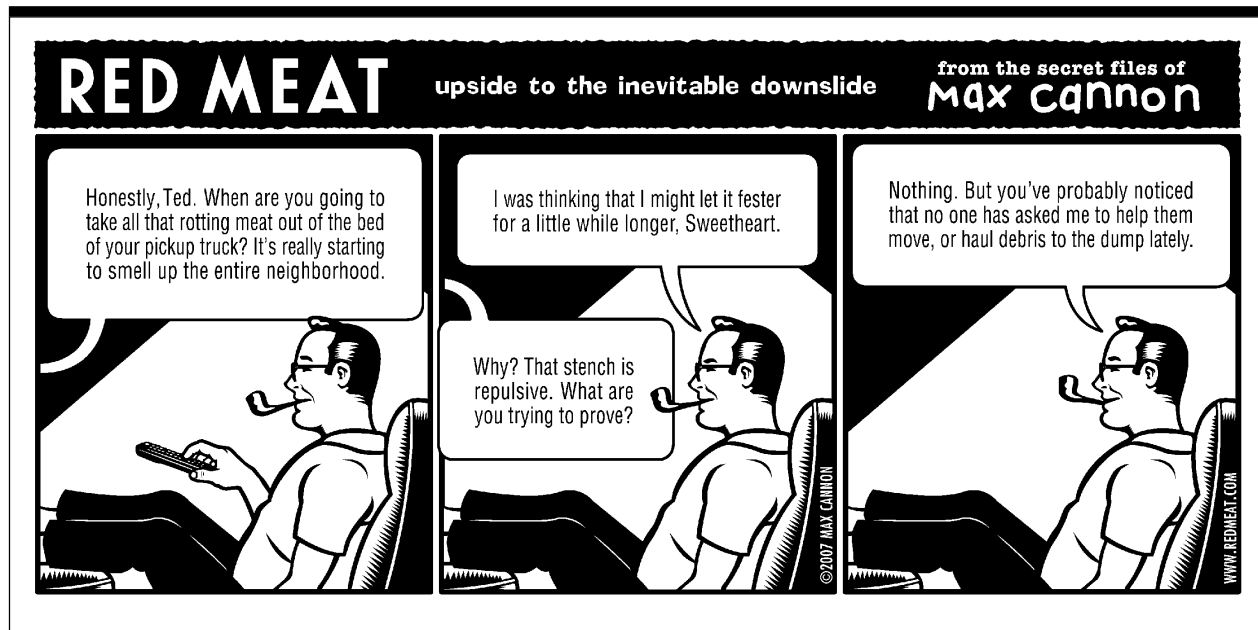
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The Continuing Crisis

— Latest in Brain Science: (1) French neurologists writing recently in the journal *The Lancet* described their surprise in finding, via brain scans, that a normally functioning 44-year-old man had a brain “more than 50 percent to 75 percent” smaller than average, consisting of little more than a thin sheet of brain material surrounding a large fluid buildup. The man is employed as a French government bureaucrat.

(2) Researchers at the University of Calgary said in July that female mice in their study were not only sexually aroused by whiffs of male mouse pheromones but that the scent apparently made the females’ brains grow larger.

— Northbrook, Ill., husband Arthur Friedman persuaded his wife that after ten years of marriage they should become mate-swapping swingers, which he thought would enhance their relationship. His wife, reluctant at first, began to participate and eventually fell in love with another swinging husband, an event that precipitated the Friedmans’ breakup, reported the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Friedman, with an inadequate appreciation of irony, sued the husband under Illinois’ alienation-of-affection law, and in June, a jury found in his favor, for \$4,802.87. However, the soon-to-be-divorced Mrs. Friedman said she felt humiliated by the implication that she had been “worth” just \$480 a year.

Fine Points of the Law

— (1) *The New Zealand Herald* reported in June that a prostitute may be eligible for workers’

compensation based on her having been injured when the car in which she was riding plunged down a hillside. Because the driver was a john who was taking her to a site he had chosen for their encounter, the Prostitutes Collective trade union said hers were “workplace” injuries. (2) Former Brooklyn Center, Minn., car-washer Douglas Williams, 56, was fired last year when, in response to the sales manager’s requiring him to clean up litter, he refused by telling the manager to perform an anatomically impossible act. However, the state court of appeals ruled in June that Williams was owed unemployment benefits.

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— Inattentive Drivers: Trucker Merv Bontrager accidentally crashed his 18-wheeler in Minot, N.D., in April when he looked away to check the floor for the doughnuts he had tossed aside for later eating. ... Kristopher Lind crashed his car in Vancouver, British Columbia, in March when he tried to open the tightly packaged sex toy he had bought earlier that day. ... Andrew Workman smashed his car into another in Shepley,

England, after he lost control when a bee flew through the window and stung him in the crotch (according to the findings of an inquest in April).

Feuds

— (1) Hiroshi Nishizaki, 46, was arrested in Osaka, Japan, in May and accused of causing damage equivalent to about \$5500 by pouring urine on a neighbor’s house on 169 occasions, because it was blocking Nishizaki’s view. (2) Wheaton, Ill., lawyer Donald Ramsell sued Geneva, Ill., lawyer Douglas Warlick in June, demanding that Warlick continue to sell him “his” two of the four season tickets to Chicago Bears games they had split since 1985 but which Ramsell suspected Warlick might keep for himself this year. Warlick complained to the *Chicago Tribune* in June that Ramsell had never contacted him but filed his lawsuit out of the blue. Said Ramsell, “The courthouse is where you go when you have a dispute.”

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Thirty Years Ago

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NEW IN TOWN? So am I. I'm from Oregon. I love acid rock, the ocean, Frisbee. I need friends. Anyone, please reply in *Reader*. Kelli —CLASSIFIEDS, August 18, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I'll never forget moving to San Diego eight years ago from Orange County, but every time I go to Mission/Pacific Beach I regret the trashy, seaweed-littered beaches. Why are our beaches so unkempt compared to the impeccably white beaches up north?

Kelp removal is the bone of contention in this matter. Both the county and the state have policies that recognize the importance of kelp to the beach ecosystem, and leave any in place that happens to wash ashore. As the kelp decays, its chemicals are recycled into the food chain; another benefit is the protection the kelp provides grunion eggs, which are cooled

and sheltered beneath the mounds of seaweed.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, *Matthew Alice*, August 19, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Who doesn't know who Carl Rogers was? He was the father of "humanistic psychology." He was one of the most famous psychologists of this century. He lived in La Jolla for almost two and a half decades, and he was Bill Coulson's hero.

Coulson and Rogers founded the Center for Studies of the Person in La Jolla, where Rogers presided as chief eminence until his death just this past February. But something happened to Coulson. One day he began to think Rogers had made terrible mistakes.

Today it has become Coulson's mission to battle those ideas.... A few weeks ago, this crusade took Coulson from his rented house in Linda Vista to Michigan.... Before the committee, he stood up and preached ideas that would have repulsed Rogers. Parents *must* tell their children what to do, Coulson argued; it's a horrible mistake to tell youngsters they must "make up their own minds."

—**"AN ENCOUNTER WITH BILL COULSON,"**

Jeannette De Wyze, August 20, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

After a few blocks, my mental cursor jumped to the next line. Got to be a mistake, I rationalized. After all, I'm neither a faggot nor a junkie...well, at least I hadn't shot any dope in the last 11 or 12 years. I'm an ex-biker with a black belt in tae kwon do; a veteran of shitty little jungle wars from Vietnam to Suriname, with a couple in between; I had even spent a few months searching for the Truth à la Thomas Merton in a Trappist monastery between hitches in the U.S. Army; after killing a street hoodlum who mistook me for a hippie, I managed to graduate cum laude in only eight years from Leavenworth.

There had to be a mistake. Some kind of strange bug from a Cajun kitchen...but not AIDS. Not AIDS.

—**"THROUGH THE BELLY OF THE BEAST,"**

John Abraham Fultz III, August 20, 1992

Ten Years Ago

It was early May, and San Diego City Manager Jack McGrory was worried. He and the city council had put city taxpayers on the hook for guaranteeing the sale of 60,000 seats for each Chargers game, and now he



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had to deliver. During the bitter fight over the Chargers' contract with the City, McGrory had repeatedly reassured the public that taxpayers would never have to ante up to make good on the guarantee. The tickets, McGrory said, would practically sell themselves.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"JACK MCGRORY'S SECRET E-MAIL,"**

Matt Potter, August 14, 1997

Five Years Ago

Sometimes I wish I could slice open the skin that covers my knees so I could poke around inside a bit. Without pain, of course. Without spilling any blood.

—**"BAD KNEES,"** *Jeannette De Wyze, August 15, 2002*

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BLOG DIEGO

POST DATE: July 16, 2007

POST TITLE: Uncle Walt — Friend or
Foe?

I've identified myself as a feminist for a while, but more so in recent years. It might just be a propensity toward the tomboyish; I'm too lazy to wear makeup, I'm too chubby, and too brunette-ish to be "cute" by general American societal standards, and I'm too uninterested in reading "How to" articles in girly magazines. As far as feminist activism goes, I do not go out and tell men they all suck. In fact, I like men better than women, as far as friend choice goes. To show my support for all things "girl power," I vote pro-choice, pro-gender equality, and pro-pussy in every other way possible. So, it came as a shock when I realized that not only did I ignore the antifeminist and misogynistic subtlety of Mr. Disney, but I loved him so dearly that I have often regarded him as sort of a beloved deceased great-grandfather.

The Disney Dynasty has never been female-friendly. Little girls have longed to be Disney princesses since the very first one appeared on a silver screen (many little boys have had this same wish, but that's another topic altogether). Snow White, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, and the Little Mermaid have all been heroes to many a pink-cheeked-Tinkerbell-nail-polish-wearing-eager-beaver. But behind Disney's beautiful archetypes of porcelain-perfect

femininity lies a dark secret: impossible standards for young girls. Even the tomboys who love Elastigirl and Mulan hum "Some-day My Prince Will Come" to themselves as they climb trees and skin knees.

Now that we know what we're dealing with, let me just say that there aren't many girls who can live up to the common elements of a Disney-fied fairy tale. How many women do you know who married Prince Charming or the real-life equivalent of him? These images and ideas are force-fed to children... Walt Disney is practically the king of all image-based conspiracy, and even his cryogenically frozen head laughs all the way to the bank.

On a side note, you'll notice that Old Uncle Walt also makes me inadvertently say things like, "Disney fairytales," when almost 100 percent of the time, they aren't even his! The Grimm brothers, Hans Christian Andersen, Lewis Carroll, J.M. Barrie, and many other literati all do the hustle in their graves each time someone hits "play" on a Disney DVD. Take

Alice in Wonderland, for example. Lewis Carroll was a seriously gifted writer, but all white rabbits aside, Dirty Disney has taken his tale down a totally different "hole." While this party is going down in stoner paradise, some seriously



awesome literature is being skipped over in favor of Disney's Cliffs Notes version. This is practically blasphemy, but for some reason this is a "tea" party I just cannot miss.

I feel violated. Many molestation victims don't remember anything until 20 years later. It's probably safe to assume that Uncle Walt was not a safe playmate. I have managed to blind myself, and I continue to blind

myself to all of this. I loved Disney fairy tales before I met this new awareness, and the saddest part is, I love them even now! Every time I watch *Aladdin*, it is as though I am totally lobotomized; I never see the man

behind the curtain. I am transformed into a five-year-old girl who wants to look just like Princess Jasmine.

I suppose all I can do is welcome this new-found love-hate relationship with dear old Mr. Disney. Can a feminist sensibility and English-degree-waving spirit live in harmony with my inner Disney princess? (And while I'm at it, can I have some cake and eat it too?)

From this point on, I will have to compartmentalize my feelings about Disney. When I am asked if I think Disney movies are a positive influence on young girls, I will emphatically answer with every negative thing I can say about the image and the standards. However, when I ask myself if I love Disney movies, I will answer, with an equal amount of unbridled fervor, "Yes, and I'm going to Disneyland!"

POST DATE: June 30, 2007

POST TITLE: Stories, Sex, and Souls
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"That's all?! What a loser! I have around 1200 and I get at least ten new 'friend requests' a day!" The two girls laughed, flipped their flawlessly highlighted tresses, and walked towards the library.

Although there are a select few users on these sites who remain unspoiled, the majority rings true in every case: Most people/bands/organizations/movies/etc. use these various sites for the same reason: to sell. Whether Tiffany wants to sell her "personality," DARK ANGEL420 wants to sell her "depression," or Gus wants to sell his "sex appeal," all of these sites are in-your-face billboards that read: "Buy me! Fuck me! Hear me! Want Me! See Me!" It is the "me" that needs something and it's a shame that the "me" has to become an imaginary entity in an imaginary place to get what it wants.

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Hey, stinky, squeeze a lemon into those armpits and run a mint branch around your falafel hole. Corporate America awaits.

If you see a 1984 Dodge Colt with a “Question Authority” sticker, go ahead and translate that to “I hate work.”

And don’t give me that line about “I know plenty of successful pot smokers. I know teachers, lawyers, bus drivers, pilots, blah blah, bleet bleet bleet, who all wake up and pinch a bong load.” That line’s so old and tired it’s arthritic and has a nasty case of piles. That line stands on its front porch in boxer shorts, black socks, and huarache sandals and remembers taking Guadalcanal.

Sure, there’s that one guy we all know who drives his Volkswagen Passat to a fluorescent box office, smokes joints in the parking garage, and writes MP3-swapping software, happily clicking his keyboard, loaded on Humboldt Jefferson Starship purple-haired sticky.

But, society runs on averages. Most people who proudly claim “daily smoker” or “wake-and-bake” status spend their day terrified from stress and overwhelmed if they have to do the dishes and get the mail in the same day. Their ambitions for the week include watching a television show about talking dogs and a low-self-esteem rutabaga.

If you’re spending your hard-earned busboy tips on nontaxable, black market, sandwich bags of plant clippings instead of “God Bless This Country and to Hell with Iran,” stickers from Warehouse O’ Crap Mart, *of course* the government has something to say about it.

Not that I’m a raving fan of our government. I don’t have a big foam number one finger printed with “Congress!” on it.

And I hate work. But I don’t delude myself with some bohemian ideal.

The sticker on my truck reads, “I hate work.” But I get up and I put a damn shirt on every day.

I’m just saying...

WHAT I WILL AND WON’T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

BREEZIES INTIMATES COLLECTION

QVC 8:00 A.M.

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THE OFFICE

NBC 9:00 P.M.

My job is exactly like *The Office*, only not as funny. And I don’t work in an office. I write in

an alley shack. So I dress rats up in little suits and pit them against each other as coworkers and nemeses. Jim the Rat is tired of the shenanigans and would quit the next time he’s forced to limbo at a morale-building party, but he’s a slacker and needs the money. Pam the Rat paws at her fur self-consciously and hides behind her desk. Damn, I hate Michael the Rat, but he’s so funny.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

THAT ‘70S SHOW

FOX 7:00 P.M.

I can’t wait. In 20 years there’ll be “That 2000s Show,” and our lives will be kitschy and quaint. We’ll

laugh at the clothes we used to wear. Not because they’re outdated and silly, but because we wore clothes at all. Nude is the revolution, and I’m starting today. Maybe with a Lone Ranger mask until everyone else has caught up. Wave if you see me at the grocery store.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

CAKE

CBS 9:00 A.M.

Genius is a contribution that is sometimes obvious. A show named *Cake*. Even if it’s not about cake, you had me at “Cake.” I’ll kiss your Italian leather loafers, Mr. Whoever Invented This Divine Program. Let me roll around under your desk and bask in the smell of your knees.

THE BOURNE IDENTITY

USA 8:00 P.M.

Matt Damon and I are almost twins. If he were chubby and balding with a depressed chin and a smell of sour milk. If I had better teeth and I wasn’t missing part of my right ear. Come to think of it...never mind. We’re both just short.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

KEN KRAMER’S ABOUT SAN DIEGO

NBC 8:00 P.M.

Come to my neighborhood, Ken. You can pretend you don’t see me spiking your strawberry soda with moonshine. We’ll ride bicycles with fringe and pinwheels to the nudie bookstore. Then we’ll shave our chest hair into hearts. On the couch, I’ll scoot closer and closer to you until our thighs touch. Oh, my neighborhood’s a doozy, Ken. A doozy.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

CBS 9:30 P.M.

What happened to straightforward titles? *M*A*S*H*. *Cheers*. *Friends*. Now everything has a double meaning. Like this show. This is probably about people who are engaged to be wed, but the title implies that their relationships are hostile, warlike. It’s all very pleased with itself. It’s all very cucumber sandwiches



Anchorwoman

without any crusts. Puffy sleeves. And, believe me, nobody likes puffy damned sleeves.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

AMERICA’S GOT TALENT

NBC 8:00 P.M.

The true intention of this program is to show the rest of the world that we are not just sloped war hogs. That we spend our evenings dancing, singing, learning sleight of hand, and training parrots to book travel arrangements and crap like that. We’re telling other countries to love us, despite our SUVs and Wal-Mart. But it came out all wrong and twisted and it involves David Hasselhoff. Like everything bad.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

ANCHORWOMAN

FOX 8:00 P.M.

Spare me. Murphy Brown, rescue me. I’m drowning in a puddle of mud and contempt for modern television, and I need your sensible shoulder pads for flotation devices. Murphy Brown, save me. MURPHY! SAVE ME!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

ALASKA

PBS 8:00 P.M.

Alaska’s state motto should be “Ice and Drunkards!” Of course, PBS saw fit to throw money into a documentary about bears and trees. They’re doing it alphabetically, and Arizona (“Sand and Drunkards!”) is next. The PBS cameras will train on cacti and ghost towns and miss the point. Again.

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Stand-Up Comedian, Actress, Writer Sarah Silverman entertains, Saturday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (11154 Highway 76). Tickets: \$45–\$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For those 21 and older. (PALA)

Comic Lewis Black performs Sunday, September 16, 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$45–\$65.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Seaside Racing Season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 5, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (August 3, 10); 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 19; and 3:30 p.m. on August 19, 24, 31.

General admission: \$6. Find Del Mar Racetrack at San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. 858-755-1141. (DEL MAR)

23rd Annual Oceanside Longboard Surfing Club Contest and beach festival runs August 16–19 at south side of Oceanside Pier and pier amphitheater. Competition starts at 6 a.m. each day, finishing at 8 p.m. Free for spectators. 760-931-0301 or 858-792-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

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Boys of (Waning) Summer, San Diego Padres host Colorado Rockies on Thursday, August 16, 7:05 p.m., in Petco Park. The Houston Astros arrive for series August 17–19, with games at 7:05 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Road trip to New York for games against Mets, at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday, August 21–23. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Big Fish Tournament hosted by San Diego Rod and Reel Club, starting at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 18. Categories for marlin, tuna, shark. Tournament ends at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 19. \$95. 619-922-6113.

18-Mile Paopao Nine-Man Outrigger Race starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 18, in Oceanside Harbor. Women, coed racing starts at 8:30 a.m., men's races at noon. Free for spectators. 760-439-3185. (OCEANSIDE)

Two Bicycle Rides are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, starting at 8:30 a.m. in northwestern parking lot at La Jolla Village Square/UC Cyclery. Select from race-training 45-mile ride, slower 35-mile ride with experienced

leader. Helmets mandatory. Free. 858-495-2454. (LA JOLLA)

Penguin and Sea Lion Kayaking on Mission Bay — adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m.–noon. Fee: \$65 adults, \$20 for kids. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride — 34th annual event is Saturday, August 18, beginning with registration at 8 p.m. on south side of County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Coast Highway). Costume and bike-decorating contests at 10 p.m.; 20-mile primarily flat loop ride at midnight. \$28 in advance; \$33 on 18th. 619-645-8068, 760-944-9020. (DOWNTOWN)

America's Finest City Half Marathon begins at 7 a.m. at Cabrillo National Monument and concludes in Balboa Park on Sunday, August 19. Fast 5k run/walk loop begins (6:45 a.m.) and ends in Balboa Park. 760-692-2900. (POINT LOMA)

Tony Mezzadri Surf Classic, Sunday, August 19, 7 a.m., at Ocean Beach Pier. Free for spectators; fee for competitors benefits spinal cord injury research. 619-980-4738. (OCEAN BEACH)

Kayak the Calm Waters of La Jolla during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum, Sunday, August 19, 8–11 a.m. Scripps naturalists team with instructors from Ocean Enterprises Express to guide paddlers from La Jolla Shores to caves at La Jolla Cove. Beginners welcome. \$60. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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