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La Jolla Liberal Learns Tolerance from Clairemont Republicans

And Other Tales from
San Diego's Neighborhoods

I look out the car window at the tacky little houses with gravel front yards. The streets are lined with parked trucks advertising hauling, mobile dog washing, drywall, mariachi bands. Inside an open garage, a bunch of men sit around a poker table drinking beer.

I miss La Jolla and tell the realtor. "Well, it's the cheapest neighborhood close to the beach," she says as we drive past a house covered in millions of old dishes, ceramic statuettes, Christmas ornaments, and plastic flowers.

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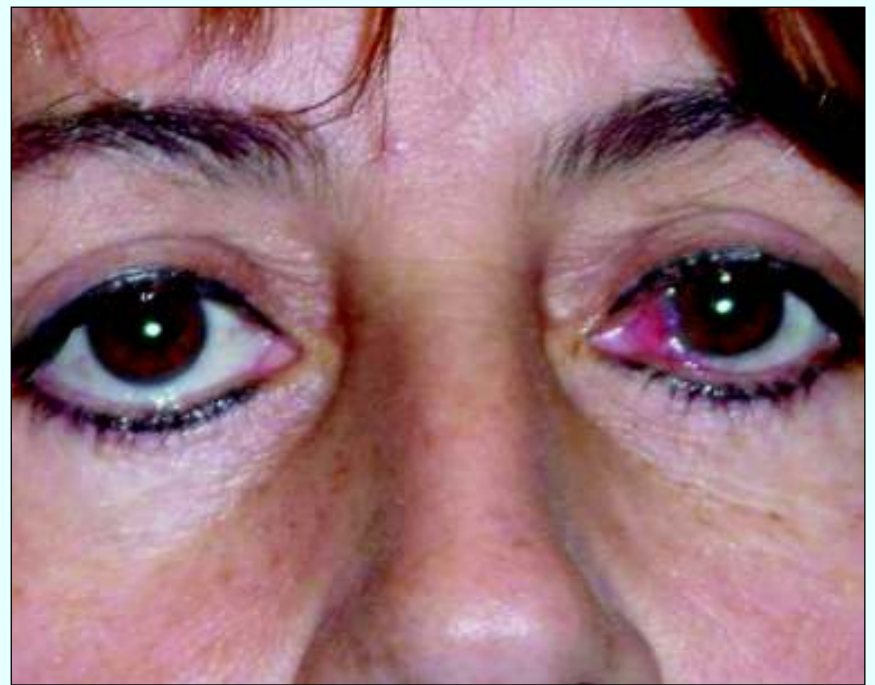
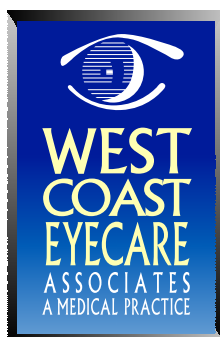
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BREAKING NEWS

Flying blind The TV spots are already running, posters are up all over downtown, banners fly from the lampposts, and hotel reser-



Red Bull Air Race

But getting a safety waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration to fly very fast and low in a tightly drawn course over San Diego Bay between Seaport Village and the Coronado ferry landing, a somewhat dangerous proposition at best — came just in the nick of time. “Flying individually against the clock, the pilots have to execute tight turns through a slalom course consisting of specially designed pylons, known as ‘Air Gates,’ ” notes the race website. “They compete in knockout rounds with the two fastest pilots going head to head in the final.” Conceived in 2001, this year the international race circuit, sponsored by Red Bull energy drinks, has grown to include ten venues, including San Diego; Abu Dhabi; Rio de Janeiro; Monument Valley, Utah; Istanbul; Interlaken, Switzerland; London; Budapest; Porto, Portugal; and Perth, Australia.

To make it happen here, race organizers first had to get permits from three U.S. government agencies: the Federal Aviation Administration, the Coast Guard, and the Army Corps of Engineers. As of last Thursday, however, the FAA still hadn’t given its nod. As **Jerry Pendzick**, the FAA’s flight standards manager for San Diego, put it in an August 29 e-mail, “The original application had to be withdrawn and resubmitted due to changes in the race course made by Red Bull. A revised application with the latest changes to the race course proposed by Red Bull has not been received as of this writing.”

Pendzick continued, “Essentially the ‘FAA Waiver’ for an event such as Red Bull proposes to conduct will require Red Bull and its agents to make all regulatory provisions for public safety while the air race is in effect. These safety provisions extend from complex coordination with Air Traffic to minimize mid-air collisions, to insuring effective crowd control of spectators to the event.”

Specifically, Red Bull needed to obtain an FAA waiver of provisions covering “Aerobatic Flight” and “Minimum Altitudes for Flight,” according to an e-mail last week from Pendzick. The Coast Guard’s interest is in limiting water traffic on the bay and keeping curious boaters 200 feet away from the pylons to lessen the chances of getting hit by the race planes, 21-foot-long Zivko Edge 540s with a 25-foot wingspan, which will be doing 265 miles per hour.

Interestingly, the FAA permit does not require that the government notify the public prior to issuing it, according to Pendzick. “This public notice and coordination is totally the responsibility of Red Bull and its agents,” says

his e-mail. Citizens who want to take a look at the permit must submit a Freedom of Information Act request, which the FAA by law can take months or years to process; a written request for the material submitted two weeks ago still hadn’t been honored as of early this week.

A call to the Coast Guard did produce an undated e-mail of its “notice of proposed rule-making,” establishing a three-day “temporary safety zone... necessary to provide for the safety of the crew, spectators, participants in the event, participating vessels and other vessels and users of the waterway. Persons and vessels will be prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or anchoring within this safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his designated representative.”

Until they began their publicity blitz a few weeks ago, race sponsors were flying well under the public radar as they went about seeking the requisite permissions. That may not have been an accident; in some cities where word has leaked out about the race in advance, irate neighbors have shot it down before it could get airborne. In addition to air-safety concerns, the event is big and noisy, attracting huge, sometimes unruly crowds that line the waterfront to take in the spectacle. Last November, public bus security guards in Perth, Australia, held a stop-work meeting after three of them



Red Bull Air Race

were injured in violent clashes with intoxicated air-race spectators. “From time to time, the sensitivity of proposed operations and their impact

on the public and the environment have caused difficulties for the applicant” is the way the FAA’s Pendzick puts it in his e-mail.

In a phone call this Monday, **Bob Hall**, who runs a Florida-based consulting firm that is handling the San Diego permits for Red Bull, said that the company finally got its FAA permit late last Thursday evening. He blamed the delay on changes in the course mandated by the Coast Guard, not on any lingering safety issues. “Washington issued the permit and it was faxed to the San Diego office. Everything is a go,” according to Hall. “The track got moved; we had to keep the barges out of the shipping lane.” Pendzick was out of the office this week and unavailable for comment.

In addition to their federal permits, Red Bull sponsors also sought and won the endorsement of the port district, which last spring agreed to waive \$50,000 in use fees for shutting down Embarcadero Marina Parks North and South near Seaport Village for 16 days and also kicked in another \$50,000 worth of “advertising and promotional support,” including Web and radio ads and Harbor Police time.

— Matt Potter

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Pyramid, Phony Bios

By Don Bauder

“We have serious concerns about the management,” says stock market research firm Morningstar, Inc., about a

publicly held company, Usana Health Sciences. “The company is under investigation by the SEC, and scandals about directors and executives lying about their qualifications

are well-known San Diegans.

On February 20, San Diego’s Fraud Discovery Institute issued a 500-page, heavily footnoted study of Usana, charging that it is a pyramid



Barry Minkow



Denis Waitley



Ladd McNamara

abound.” And that’s only part of the imbroglio, which has led to lawsuits, the resignation of the company’s accounting firm, the plummeting of Usana stock, and lots of bitter personal denunciations.

Usana is based in Salt Lake City, but the ground fire commenced in San Diego, and two of the executives found to have untruthful biographies

scheme. The company hawks vitamins, energy bars, weight-loss products, and the like through a technique called multilevel marketing, which critics like me call pyramid marketing. These companies make their money recruiting new salespeople who pay to get aboard. Actual consumer-product sales are often trifling, and most of the people who shell out bucks to get on the pyramid lose a bundle. Fraud Discovery Institute made that point clearly with Usana.

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Among other things, the report charged that 60 percent of active distributors do not earn commissions and 70 percent of commissions go to 3 percent of the salespeople.

Further, the report noted that more than 45 percent of the stock is held on the Isle of Man tax haven by Myron Wentz, company founder, and is in turn controlled out of another tax/secretory haven, Liechtenstein. Wentz’s Isle of Man holdings are a matter of record, but the company denies the Liechtenstein control. Wentz renounced his citizenship in the 1990s and spends most of his time outside the United States, according to Barry Minkow, San Diego minister/sleuth who heads Fraud Discovery Institute, and that’s why Wentz’s son David, a University of California, San Diego, graduate, runs the company day to day. Usana says it won’t comment on any of its employees’ estate planning. “Dr. Wentz complies with all relevant tax laws,” says the company. But *whose* tax laws? Minkow believes Wentz is using tax-avoidance strategies and may not have publicly disclosed a past Internal Revenue Service investigation.

When the institute’s report came out, all hell broke loose. The *Wall Street Journal* began doing Usana stories based on Minkow’s study. Later, *Forbes.com* picked up the story. The Securities and Exchange Commission launched its

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Neal Obermeyer



Port of Abandoned Boats

By Ernie Grimm

No fewer than 50 framed diplomas and certificates hang on the wall in the office of José Ríos Hernández, the *capitán*

del puerto, or harbormaster, of the port of Ensenada. A cherrywood desk the size of a dining room table sits in the middle of the office, but Ríos eschews it in favor of the leather couches against one wall. As

going on."

It's a big job, Ríos says. And it's made more difficult by the fact that he's spending increasing amounts of time and money on a nagging problem: ships and boats abandoned and sometimes sinking in his harbor.

Ríos stands about six feet tall. He's dressed in the uniform of his office: black patent leather shoes and pressed black slacks; white shirt with short, creased sleeves; epaulets; and a name tag pinned on the right side of his chest. The white hair on the back and sides of his head contrasts with the stripe of dark gray hair on top. Ríos's manner and the effortless way he handles the requests and questions of an underling who pops in and out of his office suggest that he is a man used to authority. But there's no hint of sternness in his manner. His face is warm and kind, and his speech is peppered with jokes and one-liners. He rolls his eyes and chuckles when asked about his abandoned-boat problem. "It's a national issue," he says, leaning back in the couch and crossing his legs. "Over the last three or four

decades, the fishing fleets in ports all over the republic have gotten older. The average fishing boat is now over 30 years old. That's very old for a boat that's used in the ocean nearly every day. So what's happening is many of these older boats are breaking down or falling apart, and their owners don't have the money to repair them. Or maybe they do have the money, but instead of spending it to repair old boats, which can be extremely expensive, they're buying new boats. Either way, the old boat is abandoned."

Ríos adds, "So about ten years ago, the federal government began a program to rid the harbors of these abandoned vessels. And here in Ensenada, we've got the

problem about 60 percent contained."

Recently, newspapers and television news programs in Ensenada and Tijuana have reported that the abandoned vessels are polluting the bay. The mention of such reports makes Ríos roll his eyes again. "Yes, there have been a lot of media reports saying that, but they're not really true. The abandoned ships aren't really polluting the harbor. The kind of pollution they do cause is sight pollution, because they are very ugly and the birds make them dirtier and dirtier. But the biggest problem with abandoned vessels is they're a danger to navigation in the harbor. That's why we have a duty to get rid of them."

Asked how he rids Ensenada harbor of abandoned vessels, Ríos sighs, leans forward, and rests his elbows on his knees, his chin on his right hand. "It's a very slow and exhausting process," he complains. "First we have to figure out the name and registry of the boat. That can take time. Then we have to track down the owner, which can take a lot of time and work. If we're able to find him, we tell him he's got a certain amount of time to get rid of it. And we can threaten him with legal action if he doesn't get rid of it. That usually works, if we can find the owner. But often we can't find an owner. So we have to go before a judge and get the boat declared ours. Then we put out a request for

bids for dismantling the boat. We accept one of the bids, and the boat is destroyed. The whole process can take months, even years."

Why not sink them off-

and sinking them in a group down at the south end of Ensenada Bay. But because of the current environmental climate, we abandoned that idea."

Ríos estimates that 95 per-



Ferry Catalina



José Ríos Hernández

harbormaster, Ríos is in charge of the growing port. "We monitor the safety and security of all port operations," he says, "and we enforce the maritime laws and regulations. We check all the cruise ships and container ships that come in to make sure they're seaworthy and that nothing illegal is



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Kunimatsu 11

shore to create artificial reefs?

"Artificial reefs were very popular all around the world 10 or 15 years ago," Ríos says. "Divers love them, and they attract fish. But lately, a lot of environmental concerns have been raised about the practice, and it's not done very often anymore. We have considered it. There was talk about taking 10 or 12 smaller vessels

cent of the deserted vessels his office deals with are "from the fishing fleet." The other 5 percent are a mixture of pleasure craft, sailboats, and the

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Phony bios

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inquiry. The FBI is said to be investigating, but Usana says it doesn't know of any such probe. It has asked law enforce-

ment officials to investigate Minkow.

The company's longtime auditing firm, Grant Thornton, resigned in July. It could not agree with Usana on procedures for an outside, independent investigation of the

charges. Because it had no auditor, Usana was late with official government filings and was not in compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission or Nasdaq requirements. On September 5, it hired a new auditor, but

Morningstar says, "We are still wary of Usana's management team."

On the day the report came out, Usana's stock was selling for \$61.19. The company immediately denounced the study's author as a convicted

felon and liar. Minkow hardly refutes the first charge: in 1987 he was sentenced to 25 years in prison for perpetrating a fraud in which 90 percent of reported sales were phony. He doesn't deny his guilt. He got religion, got out of prison in

7 years, and is now senior pastor for Community Bible Church in Mira Mesa. He spends 60 percent of his time saving souls and 40 percent saving people from scams as head of Fraud Discovery Institute.

On March 20, with its stock down to \$47.85, Usana filed suit against Minkow and his institute, charging that many of the claims about the company are false. Usana's lawyers hired Kroll, Inc., which with its law firm fleeced San Diego of \$20.3 million, to dig up dirt on the accusers. Because Minkow made a market bet that Usana's stock would drop, the company claims that his negative report was intended to manipulate the stock downward, in violation of the California Business and Professions Code. In addition, Fraud Discovery Institute "wrongfully and intentionally acted to interfere with and destroy or harm Usana's existing and prospective business relationships," charges the suit.

Minkow says he made a bet on the stock's decline because he had to recover some of the huge expenses of the study. My own view: if someone publishes a positive report on a company and buys the stock, nobody thinks anything of it. What's wrong with publishing a negative report and betting a stock will go down? The criticism of Minkow "is a bunch of malarkey," says Herb Greenberg, a San Diegan who writes columns for the *Wall Street Journal* and *MarketWatch.com* and provides commentary on CNBC. "He has a right to publish his research, as long as people know his position [in the stock]." And Minkow revealed in the report that he is betting for the stock to go down.

Usana blames Minkow's study for four lawsuits filed against the company — three by investors and one by distributors who lost their shirts. That last suit, which is intended to qualify as a class action, was filed by San Diego attorney Alexander Schack on behalf of San Diegans Jeannette Johnson and Christopher Crane. Among many things, the suit charges that "the company's multi-level marketing model operate[s] as a pyramid scheme," more than 74 percent of company associates fail within a year of joining up,

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and more than 87 percent lose money. Usana denies those claims.

Among the defendants are Denis Waitley of Rancho Santa Fe and Ladd McNamara of Oceanside. Both Waitley and McNamara use the title "Dr." in front of their names. Both are spellbinding in front of audiences. And both recently left the company because their biographies are untruthful.

"A life lived with integrity — even if it lacks the trappings of fame and fortune — is a shining star," preaches Waitley, motivational speaker and author of 15 books with maudlin messages (*Being the Best, Psychology of Success*, etc.). Waitley's website lists his alleged self-spun aphorisms, although some have a familiar ring, e.g., "I had the blues because I had no shoes until upon the street I met a man who had no feet" and "We've got to have a dream if we are going to make a dream come true." The first is almost identical to an ancient quote credited to Anonymous, and the second is close to a song in the 1940s musical *South Pacific*.

On March 30, Usana announced that Waitley would no longer be on its board. The company had been reporting for years that he had a master's degree. He didn't. Said the company, "Dr. Waitley recently informed Usana that an error appeared in his biography listed in the Company's proxy statement." Later, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Usana could not verify that Waitley holds a Ph.D. from the former La Jolla University, as he claims. Usana and Waitley both insist that Waitley has that Ph.D. from the unaccredited La Jolla University, which lasted from 1978 to 1994. Waitley sent me an affidavit from Dr. Denis Kelleher Muhilly, who was president of the university from 1985 to 1991. Muhilly laments that the records of Waitley's Ph.D. have been lost, but the ex-president swears that upon taking the reins, he heard that Waitley had received his doctorate in 1980, although the two did not know each other. Problem: how did Waitley get a Ph.D. in 1980 if he had no master's and the school had only started in 1978? Well,

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explains Waitley, he had enrolled in a combined master's/doctoral program and he was given "equivalency credit for my final years in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C., and subsequent corporate management positions." Waitley says the founder of La Jolla University, now deceased, was his Ph.D. advisor, but he can't remember who was on his doctoral committee. He doesn't have a copy of his dissertation but has used its findings in his books.

Dr. David Feldman, a longtime San Diego university professor who once taught Muhilly in a class, is extremely skeptical: "No one gives equivalency credit toward a doctor's degree," says Feldman. "And I would be very suspicious of someone who gets a Ph.D. in two years without a master's degree."

McNamara resigned from Usana's medical advisory board when it was discovered that his license had been revoked by Ohio's medical board this year. He had not informed Ohio that his license had earlier been yanked by Georgia. He would not respond to my queries. He, too, has a website plugging his books and audio recordings. His motto: "Helping people secure their health and financial future with time to enjoy it!"

In addition, the company's chief financial officer and research director have admitted their biographies are erroneous.

It all brings back my first encounter with Usana 11 years ago. Rancho Santa Fe's Robert G. Allen was author of two runaway best sellers on getting rich quick: *Nothing Down* and *Creating Wealth*. But he had gone into Chapter 7 liquidation bankruptcy. Nonetheless, he was still speaking and writing on how to get rich. Among other things, he was selling Usana products. His wife still does. ■

Abandoned boats

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occasional former ferry or military vessel. "We have here a former U.S. Navy ship called the *Tanager*," Ríos says. "It was a minesweeper during World War II. It showed up in Ensenada harbor two or three years ago. From what we've been able to find out, it was pur-

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chased at a U.S. government auction for \$10. The owner brought it down here and disappeared. Now it's our problem."

Ríos flops back into the couch and heaves a sigh of frustration. "You know, getting rid of these abandoned vessels is a huge nuisance for us. We've got a lot of serious work we need to do. We've got a growing container port here. We've got cruise ships coming all the time. There are two in port right now. We've got terrorism concerns. Just after Christmas 2005 we had an 885-foot ship run aground near here. We've got plenty of work to do without dealing with these abandoned boats. I understand it has to be done. They're a danger to navigation, and particularly if they sink, they can cause pollution. I only wish something had been done about it before. This has been a growing problem that authorities knew about for decades, but nobody did anything."

A half-mile from Ríos's office, Ramón González, an officer of the Capitania de Puerto de Ensenada, the agency Ríos heads, steps onto a harbor patrol boat. He's dressed in the same style of uniform Ríos wears, except his pants and shirt are tan instead of black and white. The boat's about 25 feet long, with a high, sharp cutwater at the bow and two 225-horsepower outboard engines at the stern. It's made for speed through choppy water. But the water in Ensenada harbor today is little rougher than glass. As his partner, standing at the covered center console, backs the boat out of its slip, González points out a half dozen abandoned vessels tied to mooring balls 40 yards off the end of the dock. "This one's an old commercial fishing boat," he says, pointing to a metal-hulled boat maybe 60 feet long. To its left lies the hull of a wide-beamed sailboat of 50 feet. There's no mast, and everything above the cabin is charred black. "Fire," González says. "Vamos a la *Tanager*," he calls to his partner, and the twin outboards roar to life, drowning out all conversation. The boat's heading southwest toward the container-ship dock against the seawall that forms Ensenada harbor. To the left a quarter mile, the Carnival cruise ships *Elation* and *Paradise* are moored to the wharf at right

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angles to each other. Their towering superstructures block the view of the mountains behind Ensenada.

After five minutes or so, González's partner throttles down as the boat reaches the *Tanager*, which is moored with its starboard side against a dock near a shipping-container yard. Launched in December 1944 by the American Ship Building Company in Lorain, Ohio, the 221-foot ship served in the U.S. Navy, then the Coast Guard, until 1972, when it was sold to a Seattle man named William A. Hardesty. "It was left here about a year and a half ago," González says. "And the owner has disappeared."

The superstructure of the aging ship is painted gray, while the hull is black. González points to where the water laps against the side. "Do you see how it's rusting right at the waterline? It takes on water through those rust holes. So we have to pump it out every couple of weeks to keep it afloat." Farther to the south, near the entrance to the harbor, three rusty fishing vessels lie moored side by side. The first two are named *Kunimatsu 5* and *Kunimatsu 11*. "Those two came into port from Japan as working fishing boats," González says, "crews and all. But they left them here. They probably needed repairs and the company didn't want to pay for them. So they left them. I don't know how the crews got home. The bigger ship, beyond the *Kunimatsu* ships, it came in full of Chinese illegal immigrants."

About a mile straight into the harbor from the outlet to the open ocean, the ferry *Catalina* lies sunken in the mud, leaning 15 degrees to port. Most of her hull is underwater. All over the exposed bow deck, sea lions lie sunning themselves, some prostrate, some throwing their heads back to let the sun warm their chests. One big bull barks out as the patrol boat approaches. At the stern of the 200-foot ferry, in what was once the restaurant area, stands a red semicircular bar with a brass foot rail. But instead of daytrippers on their way from San Pedro to Avalon, lazy sea lions surround the bar. One lies right on top. "This ship came in seven or eight years ago and sank," González says. "Now it's a home for sea lions." ■



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Cry Baby

I loved the article you put out ("Shuns and Roses") in the "Blurt" section (September 6). I used to be very well acquainted with that band, and Lindsay was so sensitive about everything. She cried about the littlest things with the band (literally). It was nice to see someone throw it in her face. Love your work, man.

Anon.
via e-mail

Badly Mizspalled

While I appreciate your including my letter, "Hokey Crafts and Lawrence Welk," in the September 6 edition, I'm not too pleased about your changing my name from Reznick to "Redneck." In addition to my name, you also spelled *The Lawrence Welk Show* as *Lawrence Walk*. I guess I should thank you for screwing up my name, as I wouldn't want to be associated with the misspelling. You certainly don't seem to have any problem with such matters, though. Jeez.

Dan Reznick
via e-mail

Get Me Outta Here

In response to Rosalia Aguilar's semiliterate letter which appeared in the September 6 issue of the Reader.

News flash for you, Rosalia! People are leaving the state and the country.

San Diego is too crowded, not with people that grew up around here or who are from Mexico but with people from outside the state. The size of the population is not the issue; it is the complete lack of society and common culture. People are rude and self-centered. If you can stand it, take a look at the ads in the Reader. Lasik, boob jobs, and hair transplants are important. It was

not like this back in '83 to '87, while I was in college. I had real neighbors then. Now I have people who live next to me.

Traffic volume is not that bad. It is the self-centered, arrogant assholes with no regard for others who make it bad. It would be better if we could get the muffies to stay off of their cell phones while driving, but that won't happen.

Ignorant people here see Latino and think Mexican. Do you expect people to know where Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador are? Do you expect them to know about the damage that the U.S. has

caused those nations?

There are illegal Asians here too, no doubt. Jewish refers to a religion, not a race. The Mexican Jews in TJ would be double-illegal immigrants if they came over, according to your definition.

We, like many others, are leaving when we retire. At least we will try to transfer out of here until then, because there are many better places to live in the U.S.

Michael Fuentes
via e-mail

Donate, Then Shut Up

Re Mr. Myrland's reply to

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Hi, Matt:

One of my favorite E. John songs is “Candle in the Wind.” One question: How the hell did they make Norma Jean change her name? Was there slavery back then? Did they hold a gun to her head? Couldn’t she sue to get her name back? I hope you don’t say, “Well, it’s all a lie. No one made her change her name.” I’d hate to think that E. John is just a big liar who makes up stories for his own basic lifestyle, just to sell records.

— Big P, Clairemont

Elton’s got you pretty scorched in the shorts, doesn’t he. All riled up about this name-change thing. What Elton (actually, Bernie Taupin) wrote about in 1973 was a common Hollywood practice in 1946, when Norma Jean (actually, Norma Jeane) became Marilyn. By the time she died in 1962, her full, historical name would have been something like Norma Jeane Mortenson Baker Dougherty Marilyn Monroe DiMaggio Miller. The John-Taupin lament, of course, was about the larger issue of what happened when Hollywood ate her soul. The name change was just one metaphorical example.

Marilyn began life in 1926 already behind the eight ball, namewise. Her mother (Gladys Pearl Monroe Dougherty Mortenson) gave Norma Jeane her (then divorced) husband’s last name, Mortenson, which is on Marilyn’s birth certificate. There was a rumor that Norma Jeane’s father was really Gladys’s co-worker Stanley Gifford. That might be why Marilyn’s grandmother (Della Mae Hogan Monroe Baker) had her baptized Norma Jeane Baker, a name she rarely used.

Marilyn spent about ten years in and out of foster homes and an orphanage. Her foster families’ names were Bolender, McKee, and Goddard. She married James Dougherty at age 16. By 1946 she’d been “discovered” by an Army photographer looking for models for a military magazine, was convinced to bleach her hair, had modeled for a year or so, and had signed a movie contract with 20th Century Fox. In addition to Norma Jeane Dougherty, she used Norma Dougherty and Jean Norman as professional names.

Fox talent scout Ben Lyon is credited with creating “Marilyn Monroe” in 1946. “Norma Jeane Dougherty” lacked the glamour the Fox publicity dogs wanted. Reportedly, Lyon thought “Carol Lind” would be a good choice. Marilyn hated it. She picked “Monroe,” her grandparents’ last name. Then they worked on combinations from Marilyn’s own family, including Clare Norman, Norma Jean Monroe, and Jean Monroe. Marilyn liked “Jean Monroe,” which preserved more of her family connections. But Lyon thought she looked like former musical-stage sensation Marilyn Miller and decided “Marilyn Monroe” had a nice ring to it. Norma Jeane would use “Marilyn Monroe” as her stage name until 1956, when she went to court to make it her legal name as she started her own production company, Marilyn Monroe Productions.

Ironic side note: Marilyn Miller’s real name was Mary Ellen Reynolds, until it was changed for the stage because it wasn’t glamorous enough. Double-ironic side note: Until a few years before her death, Marilyn’s Monroe’s married name was Marilyn (Mrs. Arthur) Miller. Want to go for three? Both Marylins lived sad lives and came to similar ends.

It’s claimed that Monroe signed a management contract in 1947 with the name Journey Evers. The original credit on her famous nude photo was Mona Monroe. Reportedly (and perhaps apocryphally), she used cover names in hotel and hospital registers and other public documents: Miss Caswell, Norma Baker, Zelda Zonk, Mrs. Leslie, Miss Faye Miller, Tony Roberts. CMG Worldwide, a gargantuan management, licensing, and promotion company, now owns “Marilyn Monroe.”

Hey, Matt:

There are plenty of ingredients or toppings that add spice to a meal, but is there anything I can add to “cool” the food down? Does the jalapeño have an opposite?

— Jay, via e-mail

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Hey, Matt:

A Cheesehead friend of mine told me that some people who work in the Cheetos factory back East are turning orange from long-term exposure to that “stuff” on Cheetos. Is this an urban legend?

— Cheese Guy, via e-mail

It is now. The cheez stuff is usually annatto, a spicy, powdery dye from a tropical tree, and maybe some chemical dyes. Calling on our usual reliable sources, a relative of a friend of a relative works with commercial annatto. He sez, the powder is usually added as a coating inside a sealed rotating drum. Free-flying annatto would be a health hazard from inhalation. But the stuff is used as a decorative skin dye among tribal people, none of whom work at the Cheeto factory, as far as we know.

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By Patrick Daugherty

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The phone rings, I pick up, Dorothy Giliam says, "Hello."

"Dorothy, been a long time. How are you?"

"I'm good," Dorothy says. "I finished editing Frank's book, and it's published now. I remarried. His name is Richard." Silence. "I've been thinking about you lately, saw the Chargers were on TV, and thought I'd call."

Dorothy is the widow of my friend, Frank Giliam.

* * *

"Here," says Frank Giliam as he hands me a folded piece of paper.

I open it, read, "I'm in town wanting to see you. Mardie."

To back up a bit, Frank Giliam is my political science instructor, and this is February 24, 1969, the 35th day of Richard Nixon's presidency. I am loitering in the first-floor hallway of a three-story, cement-block social-science building on the campus of University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Said collegiate appellation is an optimistic and highly inaccurate descriptor for what is a small strip-mall college placed on the edge of the Mohave Desert.

Frank Giliam is a friend. I was a student in his Poly Sci 101 class last semester. We talked after class, which led to beers at the Rocking Horse Ranch, which led to hanging out on weekends. He's 5 foot 11, 190 pounds, with clear brown eyes showing a touch of sadness, butterscotch brown hair, and a large — one is tempted to say — magnificent, handlebar mustache set over an enigmatic smile.

The note Frank handed me is written by one Mardie Gibbons, a woman I found in the student union of Arizona State University. I'd gone on a short hitchhiking trip to Phoenix, then on to the Grand Canyon, to the Hopi reservation, and back to Vegas. Mardie and I had a couple of good days in Phoenix. I did say something about "look me up in Vegas," but I didn't expect the lookup to occur four days after I returned. This is my first day back at school, two weeks since I'd seen her.

For the first time in my life I am set up. I live in a rent-free four-room cabin out in the desert southwest of town. I have a fake student job and financial grants and loans and tuition waivers. I am an official, legal student. I have friends, mostly teachers. I have a social life of parties and bars and trips and exploring the desert and good

books and people to talk to about good books. I am 24 years old and have no bitch with anybody. I figure I can float here for years.

"Where is she?" I ask.

Frank lowers his head, blushes, "She's been staying with me." Silence. "She came to school looking for you, but you weren't back yet."

Frank was born in Salt Lake City, raised a Mormon, attended University of Utah. He came to UNLV the way most instructors did in those days, with an M.A. from a state university and a start — but never a finish — to a Ph.D.

Frank is old school, very smart, soft-spoken, soft humor. One could go years and not hear him say anything against another person. He did

not swear. He could drink beer all night, never lose his manners, then go home and play Brahms on his piano. He studied Arabic, in the 1960s. Wry wit, honest, loyal, fair, kind... I'll never meet his like again.

But, as I saw it, he was poaching on my finds. I didn't stop to

ask myself whether I wanted to see Mardie or not.

"Well...great. I'll just pop over," I say.

It was male territoriality. My girl-thing was with other man. Must retrieve girl-thing. I drove over to Frank's Motel, a name we'd given his one-bedroom, cement block apartment on the north end of Las Vegas Valley.

Turned out, by the way, Frank was a lifelong friend. He'll die of colon cancer 34 years from now. I drove over to Las Vegas for a final visit. He sat on a recliner in his living room, hooked up to a drip and catheter, body wasted from cancer's assault. Dorothy sat close by on the couch. We talked about the things we always talked about: gossip, news, and books. Frank wound up working as a curator for a local museum, became an expert on Nevada history. He was the guy TV producers, writers, and reporters talked to when they wanted Las Vegas information. I'd often see him on PBS, The History Channel, or A&E. After he died, the City of Las Vegas named a plaza after him.

But, right now, I'm knocking on Frank's apartment door. Mardie answers. We talk. Mardie tells me how good Frank has been to her, what a good man he is. Looking back, I'm not sure Mardie wanted to come with me. I'm not sure I wanted her to come. She came. And then she went.

Frank found Dorothy two months later.

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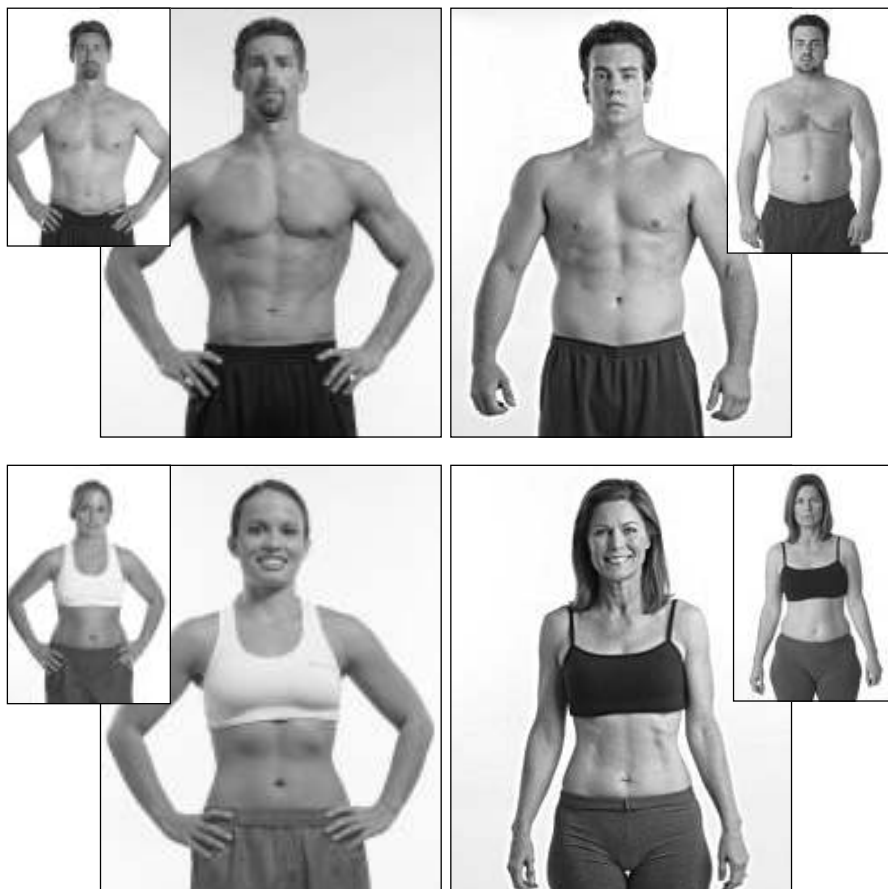
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Address: 2930 Howard Avenue, North Park, 619-563-0560

Founded locally: 1976

Senior pastor: David Fenska

Congregation size: 320

Staff size: 4

Sunday school enrollment: 30

Annual budget: n/a

Weekly giving: n/a

Singles program: no

Dress: semiformal, but some youth in T-shirts

Diversity: mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: Contemporary, 8:45 a.m.; Traditional, 10:30 a.m.; Ethiopian Church, 11:30 a.m.; Sudanese Ministry, 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Ministry, 6 p.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Website: www.cpcsd.org

A churchgoer of a certain age might take in the '60s décor at Covenant Presbyterian Church

and think, "Time for an update." The tawny gold of the deep pile carpet, the worn blue velveteen on the cinema-style seats, the broad, flat swaths of wood veneer, all bathed in mellow, manmade light (long vertical blinds cover both windows) — mid-century modern touches in a postmodern world. But another, younger sort of churchgoer might declare the place retro and delight in the awesome old-school hipness of tiny lights dotting the huge world map on the side wall, indicating the church's missionary efforts around the world (San Diego included).

Most of the younger set attended the earlier contemporary service; gray heads dominated the congregation and the choir at the traditional gathering, though the choir director and pianist were youthful in demeanor. "What we are here to do today is to sing for joy, to express to God our joy for the works of His hands," said Pastor Fenska after reading from the Psalms ("It is good to pray to the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High"). And so the choir lifted up its voice in gentle harmony: "As the deer panteth for the waters/ So my soul longeth after thee."

The "Our Father" followed, and then more singing: choir, congregation, and restrained organ on "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing" and "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," followed by a high, lilting solo rendition of "Before the Throne of God Above." The hymns were bracing in their exposition of the religious life: "Prone to wander Lord, I feel it/ Prone to leave the God I love." "Though none go with me/ Yet I will follow." "When Satan tempts me to despair/ And tells me of the guilt within/ Upward I look and see Him there/ Who made an end of all my sin."

Fenska reminded the congregation that "our prayer team meets on Sunday nights.... Let us know what's going on in your life, and we would be happy to remember you in prayer."

Psalm 106 provided the format for the sermon, which detailed some of the ways in which a person could be "spiritually lost." Such a person "is not controlled by the desires that have been given them by the Holy Spirit...but by those desires that come from another place."

The psalmist recounted the sins of Israel during its sojourn through the desert, and Fenska expounded on five of them. 1. Indulgence ("In the desert they gave in to their craving.") "When a person lets natural cravings control them such that they indulge far beyond the point of moderation." 2. Insubordination ("In the camp they grew envious of Moses...") "The refusal to cooperate with those who have been placed in authority over us." 3. Idolatry ("At Horeb they made a calf and worshipped an idol cast from metal.") "When anything other than God owns your heart and soul...it's always a bad exchange." 4. Ingratitude ("They forgot the God who had saved them.") "To be grateful is part of being spiritually alive." 5. Immorality ("They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor...and a plague broke out among them. But Phinehas stood up and intervened.")

That last required a bit of explaining — apparently, Baal of Peor was worshipped through sexual union with temple prostitutes. "The men would come back to camp, and they were plagued by sexual addiction." One Israelite even brought a prostitute back to his tent; Phinehas's intervention was to take a spear and kill them both. "The Bible says it was credited to him as righteousness," said Fenska. "That's God's business, not mine. My business is to advise people not to use violence...under any circumstances, but here is someone who is just fed up.... He realized that all of the people were in danger of being lost. Very little has to be said about the sexual addictions that run rampant in our community.... Paul says to come away from all of those things and be a holy people."

Fenska concluded, "You'll notice that each sin I've mentioned begins with the letter 'I.' That's not accidental; it's an illustration — that's where sin always starts, isn't it? With 'I.' The challenge we face if we want to be spiritually alive is to live for God, not for ourselves.... Turn to Him and turn away from your sin, and your sins are forgiven and the way of righteousness is placed before you.... You will find your delight will be in Him."

The Hymn of Commitment drove the point home: "Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.... Hold o'er my being absolute sway!"

What happens when we die? Fenska cited Hebrews 9:27: "It is given to man to die once, and after that, to face judgment."

— Matthew Lickona



**Covenant Presbyterian Church
North Park**

★★½

Sermon

content.....★★½

delivery.....★★½

Liturgy.....★★

Music

congregational.....★★

band.....★★½

Snacks.....★★

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—EVE KELLY

Clean notebooks and sharpened pencils, white sneakers and new socks, homework and carpooling — the school year has begun. This year's hectic schedule of school and sports has made me eager to have one night a week just for the family. I have this thought every September, but this year I've resolved to make it happen. The Kellys will have a family game night every Friday. But I need fresh suggestions for games, something other than *Sorry*, *Monopoly*, *Clue*, and *Life*, the old standards in our home. Games that stimulate the brain or build skills would be a plus. I made the round of phone calls to experienced moms to pick their brains on games they play in their homes.

"I love a game we bought at the state capitol building in Sacramento," explained Erica. "It's called *California Bingo* [\$13.95 on lucybingogames.com], and it is a bingo game which uses beautifully illustrated picture cards of California: Golden Gate Bridge, California sea lions, the California poppy. It familiarizes kids with important California facts, and even young ones can play."

On a similar theme, she recommended *Sequence States and Capitals* edition (\$13.49 on Amazon). "The cards have a picture of the state with the capital, and players match states shapes to ones on the board. It's a great geography aid."

"The other game I like," she added, "is *Cinq-O* [\$6.99 on Amazon]. It is a dice game that is great for multiplication skills."

Acting is what Bernice's kids love. "My sister-in-law gave me a game called *Kids on Stage* [\$16.06 on Amazon]. The kids act out either an animal, noun, or verb, which are stated on the card. The person who guesses the answer gets to move his game piece ahead on the board. There's a picture of the word on the card so that the child doesn't have to read to be able to play. I like games that involve a bit of physical activity so the kid isn't just sitting there. But it is not a game that has the kids running pig wild through the house either."

Speaking of wild pigs, Katie recommended a card game called *Pig Pile, The Hog Wild Card Game* (\$18.50 on Amazon). "It's played with a special deck of silly pig cards, and it comes with a couple dozen little plastic pigs to keep track of the points won. The object of the game is to get rid of all your cards."

"Another favorite in our home is *Othello* [\$9.99 on Amazon]. It's a board game played by two people with 64 checker-type pieces — black on one side, white on the other. It's easy to learn, even for younger kids, but there's also a lot of strategy for older kids. The other game played often here is *Blokus* [\$23.99 on Amazon]. It's an abstract strategy game, where you try to cover the board with your pieces."

Lissa suggested the board game *Settlers of Catan* (\$39.98 on Amazon). "It's a game parents enjoy playing with kids; some of those kid games can be torture to sit through. You are building settlements and collecting resources to turn your

"Cards are cheap, and the variations are endless and cut across ages."

settlements into cities. Different resources are needed to build a city after a settlement is made. On each turn, everyone playing has the opportunity to accumulate resources, so the kids don't get bored when it is not their turn. It is a good strategy game and it has enough of an element of chance so that even if the parent has an edge on the strategy, the roll of the die throws in a chance element. And it is neat for the kids to think about how civilizations were made."

Set (\$9.99 on Amazon) was Lissa's other recommendation. "It's a good exercise in visual imagery and spotting patterns," she said. "And oftentimes, younger children are better at it than older ones, which isn't often the case with games. It's great to find a game that works for many age levels. My six-year-old can trounce me at it every time," she chuckled.

Serena's game recommendations came as no surprise. "Being a military-minded family, the boys and Dad love to play *Risk* [\$21.13 on Amazon], which is a strategy game, but also teaches geography and sparks conversations about military history. It comes in several time-period versions, with lots of tiny little pieces. Our eight-year-old can play it with Dad's help.

Even more involved, yet thoroughly engrossing for big boys and Dads, is *Axis & Allies* [\$10.99 on Amazon]. It's more complex than *Risk*; has more little tiny pieces, tanks, planes, factories, ships; and it deals with more specifics of military tactics but with the same educational benefits as *Risk*. Both games take hours. So in houses with toddlers, it's good to play these games in a room with a lockable door, so the game can be left for a time without being ruined."

Serena added a few more nonmilitary suggestions. "*Boggle* [\$13.99 on Amazon] is a good spelling, vocabulary, concentration game, and it can be played in short sessions. The rules can be adjusted to make it competitive between the ages; big kids and parents can be limited to four- to five-letter words. We also love *Yahtzee* [\$7.99 on Amazon], for math skills, and *Catch Phrase* [\$19.99 on Amazon], which builds kids' powers of description. All of these have relatively few parts to keep track of, especially if you have *Electronic Catch Phrase*."

"In our family," answered Angela, "the best investments have been cards. Cards are cheap, and the variations are endless and cut across ages. My children especially like group games like spoon, poker, and Egyptian war."

"I hate most board games," Angela continued, "because they take too long to finish and usually end up in a thousand pieces, which I pick up for a few weeks, then finally throw away with the rest of the sweepings. However, my kids do enjoy *Scene It? Turner Classic Movies Edition* [\$41.95 on gamefest.com]. One evening, we had a very fun intergenerational evening playing *Scene It?* with grandma and grandpa."

She added one final recommendation. "Call us geeks, but chess remains a perennial favorite in our house because it's the one game besides poker and golf that Dad will join in!"

"My older kids like *Pente* [\$11.42 on Amazon]," replied Margaret, "which is simple but strategic, requiring thinking ahead. *Jenga* [\$12.99 on Amazon] is a wood-block building game that is another favorite."

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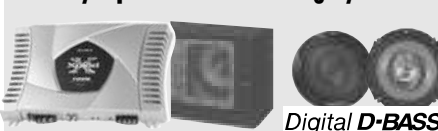
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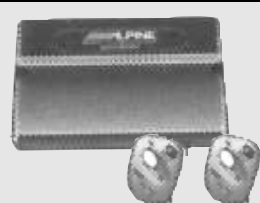


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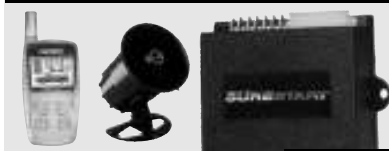
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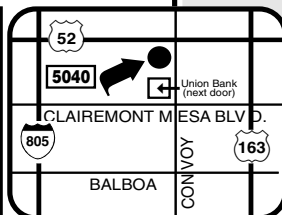


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The thermostat read 85, but it felt more like 100. Jen and I sat side by side on the warm concrete, swishing our feet back and forth in the pool. A bee collided with the water's surface. Its wings pumped desperately, creating tiny ripples all around it. Jen looked to her boyfriend Rob. "Pass me the Stream Machine Hydrobolic Water Launcher, will ya? It's time for a victory launch." David and I watched in silence as Jen used the long, plastic tube to suck up the bee and surrounding water, and then, aiming the weapon over the wooden fence behind her, discharge the whole lot into the air with impressive force.

Jen set the launcher on the cement beside her and said, "We were thinking of going to Toys 'R' Us

after this. You want to come?"

I sought confirmation in David's face, found it, and answered, "We'd love to." Neck deep in preparation for our upcoming five-week furlough in Europe, David and I had been consumed with pre-travel to-do lists — blowing an afternoon in a giant toy store was a welcome respite, the hiatus from responsibility I'd been craving.

The parking lot was nearly empty, as I would expect on a scorching, weekday afternoon. The glass doors slid open, and we were greeted by a delicious gust of cold air. Jen, Rob, and David beelined toward the back of the store. I lagged behind, entranced by the strange

and unnaturally colorful surroundings. My sister Jane had recently told me that she would not buy any Bratz dolls, or what she referred to as "those prostitute, ho-looking dolls," for her daughter Bella, who is almost four and has been asking for such a doll ever since a well-directed commercial sucked her in months ago. Walking down the doll aisle and seeing the sexualized Bratz and My Scene dolls for myself, I understood Jane's concerns.

I pondered the prevalence of DVD and CD-ROM inserts — "advances" with which even classics like Barbie are now afflicted. I squeezed the palm of an animatronic baby-doll, as the box suggested I do to "try" it, and jumped back when the creature let out a freakish chortle. In horrified fascination, I watched as it then, in slow motion, clapped its dwarfish, evil hands. When I stepped away from the doll aisle, I did so quickly, and backwards.

I went in search of my posse. Somewhere in another aisle a child wailed the unmistakable, earsplitting grievance of a whiny brat to whom some adult had just had the audacity to say, "No." Bringing a child to a toy store is the stupidest idea since Caffeine Free Diet Coke. Any adult who does it should be checked for other signs of self-destructive behavior. Think about it. When you bring home a gift for a

child, the kid is (hopefully) appreciative and delighted to have an amazing new toy. But when you bring that same child to a *world* of toys, and then buy *only one* for the kid to take home, the child is left with disappointment and longing for the thousands of items he *didn't* get. That would be like walking a starving man up and down the counter at Home Town Buffet and then allowing him to eat only one croissant. It's just cruel.

I passed by Jen and Rob near the center of the store, where they were testing the bounce-ability of balls on the linoleum floor. An aisle away, the word "Aquasaurs," followed by "Raise your own pets!," brightly emblazoned on a box, caught my attention. The "living toy" idea has always fascinated me in a *Twilight Zone*, alternate-universe-in-which-people-are-the-ones-in-the-plastic-container sort of way. A few years ago, I was devastated to discover that Sea Monkeys were not miniature humanoid aliens, but some kind of unintelligent, microscopic shrimp. Because of this tragic learning experience, I knew that "prehistoric creatures" most likely did *not* mean "cute little dinosaurs."

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"You think that's weird," said David. "They have a toy cashier machine with a *microphone*. The only machines I know like that are at fast-food restaurants. Apparently, it's never too early to begin training your kid for a career at McDonalds."

"Eggs in a box," I said. We shook our heads in bewilderment and meandered through the store until we were again united with our friends in the game aisle.

Jen grabbed a game called Gassy Gus and held it up to the rest of us. "This is so wrong," she said. "You feed him stuff, and he gets gas. It doesn't specify what kind, but if I had to guess, I'd say it's not the kind that comes out of your mouth."

David let out an anguished gasp, and Jen and I rushed to his side. We watched as he gingerly retrieved a box from the shelf. He turned it over to read the back, at which point I caught the name on the front: Mall Madness. The look on David's face as he studied the text made it clear that

he'd finally lost all hope in humanity. "Electronic talking shopping spree game filled with sales, clearances, and fun," he read. Then he looked up and said, "The first shopper who buys six items and gets to their destination wins." He choked a bit when he added, "The worst thing that can happen in this game is that the store doesn't have what you want to buy."

"Don't look at it anymore, beh beh," I coaxed. "Come on, put it back."

"Hey, look," said Jen, by way of distraction. "Battleship has buttons now!"

Following her lead, I said, "In the next aisle they have low-riding VW buses and Cadillac Escalade MP3 holders that light up."

David dropped his head. "Tinker Toys and Lincoln Logs were my favorite things to play with when I was a kid. Now most of the toys are passive rather than active. There was a time when a kid had to use his imagination and creativity to entertain himself with the toy. Now, he pushes a button and sits back, and the toy entertains him."

"Look on the bright side," I said, pointing to a corner in which giant plush-toy dogs were stacked. "It required cre-

ativity on someone's part to arrange those two on top to make it look like they're humping." This time, it was Jen who dropped her head.

Rob and Jen didn't find the water gun they'd been looking for, but they grabbed a few games.

"I'm happy we're not kids anymore," David said as we made our way toward the exit.

"I'm happy to be all grownup, too. It's, like, people think more complicated is better," I said. "Everything's been automated. It's brighter, it's louder, it sings and dances or it comes with a DVD that kids can zone out to. This stuff would just give me a headache. It's no wonder so many freakin' kids have ADHD."

"I agree, no one knows how to focus any — Hey, look at that!" Jen said, stopping by the gumball machines. "I want one!" She dug around her purse for 50 cents, dropped the coins into the machine, and retrieved a monstrous gumball made to look like a dinosaur egg. In the car, Jen gnawed at the top of her egg in search of the sour candy center. With a wad the size of a golf ball hindering her tongue and a sugar high kicking in, she garbled, "Now, what were we talking about?" ■

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La Jolla Liberal Learns Tolerance from Clairemont Republicans

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

We're here because I can't afford to buy in La Jolla, the beautiful place I've come to love and call home, where my friends live and where I surf; the place I'd moved to four years before to get as far as I could from a bad divorce back East. Now, ready to settle in San Diego for good, I want to be as close to La Jolla as possible. This cheaper, uglier neighborhood will have to do.

The house I end up buying isn't bad. It's tiny, but the backyard is huge. Best part is I'm only eight minutes to La Jolla Shores. Worst part is I now live in the kind of neighborhood where people keep boats in the front yard and washing machines in the garage. Where I grew up, we called people like that trashy.

These people are my neighbors.

I meet Ron and Paula next door. They have matching Harleys and an Iwo Jima-sized

American flag flying in the front yard. Ron tells me that the man who owned my house before me repaired lawn mowers in his backyard, and when business was good, you could see mountains of mowers crowning above the fence. "Did you mind that?" I ask. "Hell, no," Ron said, "cuz that was his business. But I did mind when he'd shoot stray cats with a shotgun." At least we have one thing in common.

The day after I move in, my washing machine overflows. Suds gush all over the unpacked boxes in the garage and down the driveway into the street. Suddenly, there's George, an older man with a pug, a walking stick, and a Scottish brogue. "Lass! Yurr need yurr dren snekked!" My dren snekked? It takes him two hours on his hands and knees, but George and his snake coddle my drain into submission. For free.



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Clairemont DMV



Clairemont

Then there is Ruth. In baseball cap and running shoes, 80-year-old Ruth strolls the block like she owns it, and in a sense she does, having lived here for over 40 years. Ruth calls everyone by name and wastes no time learning mine. She also wastes no time figuring me out. "Look at you, Alex, loading up that surfboard. You sure are in a hurry to get to that beach. Must be lots of good-looking men waiting down there for a pretty girl like you."

I meet Ruth's best buddy, Daniel, a first-grader she watches while his parents are at work. Like Ruth, Daniel's an ardent waver and never lets me pass his front yard without a good chat. He introduces me to his parents, his older brother, and his best friend, Tito.

Next door to Ruth are Don and Colleen. Ruth tells me they've been like a son and daughter, helping her and her husband live out the last years at home.

Editor's note: More than 600 San Diegans submitted stories for the *Reader* "My Neighborhood" writing contest. Ocean Beach led all communities with over 20 entries. Writers 10 to 87 years old sent pieces from as far north as Fallbrook and as far south as Tijuana and from most every neighborhood in between. A Marine lieutenant in Iraq wrote to us about the La Jolla neighborhood he misses. Over the next four weeks, 41 of the best neighborhood stories will appear in the *Reader*.



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National City

I try to stay aloof, reviling the collection of rusted-out Chevrolet Impalas down the street. I curse the breeze — not scented by the sea but by hot Krispy Kreme donuts. My neighbors circle their wagons around me and pull in tighter.

It's true I've never felt so safe. Ron and Paula give me their phone number to keep by my bedside. "Call us anytime day or night," and

referred to a nice but scantily clad young mother with tattoos as Stripper Mom.

Here I am, the Wellesley College liberal, encircled by this fiercely independent bunch of strangers, immigrants, and Republicans, who somehow know I need a lesson in tolerance. Sure enough, as my mother always said, "Pretty is as pretty does." From the neighbors I

me to collect his mail, I surprise myself by feeling honored. No, I don't like Ron's Lindbergh Field-strength driveway light, which makes my backyard safe enough for a runway landing at night, but I admit I'm probably safer for it. I've even grown fond of the 100-foot palm tree decked with year-round Christmas lights — sharing its front yard with a boat. My little house has begun to feel like home.

I sure miss Ruth, who died last year, especially when I see the new neighbor who always seems to be pushing a baby stroller while walking the dog while talking on his cell phone. Ruth could crack him with one smile, I know, but now it's my job.

We're losing George, too. He's had a medical diagnosis that none of us can bear to call by name. We still wave and chat, but we keep an eye out when he walks his dog in case he loses his way. After all, we're his neighbors and the least we can do is help steer George home.

Welcome to North Clairemont, our neighborhood.

— Alex Finlayson

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NASTY CITY

Most people recall their first kiss with fondness and clarity. I cannot remember my first kiss. But there was so much kissing and so much groping going on in my neighborhood as a kid, we thought that was the reason people called National City "Nasty City." We wore that badge with pride, believing we had obviously earned it with our adroit, bold, precocious sexual experimentation. We didn't play Hide 'n' Seek — we played Hide 'n' Go Get It! It wasn't until years later that I realized the term "Nasty City" was more often a slur on the socioeconomic condition of the town than the romantic antics of East 12th Street. Imagine my chagrin.

But when I think of Nasty City, I think of John Zamora.

It did not occur to me that 12 years old was a little young to contemplate losing my virginity. John Zamora was two years older than me, and he regularly contemplated it. His attempts to remove my panties at every possible opportunity usually occurred with DJ Tayari on

Me! The snob who secretly has referred to a nice but scantily clad young mother with tattoos as Stripper Mom.

they mean it. The renters Ward and John guard our street like vigilantes; John, to protect his beloved PT Cruiser and Ward guarding tools in his two work trucks. Neighbors are everywhere — in garages, in the yard, walking dogs, shouting at each other through open screen doors. I am comforted by all this presence. Me! The snob who secretly has

once judged, now I find myself learning the small everyday courtesies of neighborliness: a friendly wave, a joke, a favor asked, a favor returned.

Ward and John give me fresh plums from their tree, and I take them a jar of homemade plum jam. When the teacher next door must fly to his father's deathbed and asks

radio station 92.5 playing in the background of a friend's garage. We were loyal to our soul music and oldies, especially "Always and Forever" by Heatwave or "Angel Baby" by Rosie and the Originals (themselves National City natives). Sometimes we would sneak into John's house. His parents had huge religious paintings all over the walls, and I could never shake the feeling of Jesus watching me getting felt up. Nothing sets the mood for love like a particularly bloody rendition of the Stations of the Cross.

I would curl my bangs with a curling iron, put on some unicorn-embazoned top, and walk up 12th street to Ziggy's house. Ziggy's name was James, but we all knew him by his DJ name. Everybody and their brother was a DJ



National City

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back then, or a breaker. "Breakdancer" was a term used only by the media and the uninitiated. You weren't worth your parachute pants or your square of linoleum if you used such a ridiculous word.

The garage and the

radio were all we needed to get our mojo on when I was a kid. Two or three of us would be assigned the task of walking to the gas station "Mini Shop" on the corner of Plaza and Palm for provisions. We slow-danced with the lights off, a bunch of pre-

teens armed with Funyuns, Mountain Dew, and a startling lack of parental supervision. It is astounding to me that I did not lose my virginity until I was 17 and that the lot of us didn't get pregnant in rapid succession that summer of

1983. In my diary, between ramblings about Duran Duran (I either "loved Simon" or "loved Nick" according to my mercurial whim), all I could write about was messing around with John Zamora. That's what we called it, "mess-

ing around."

I should draw a diagram of the neighborhood, that would be so Dave Eggers of me. I lived at the bottom of the block, next door to Mr. Bartlett, whose finely manicured and verdant front garden remains the visual highlight of the street. It was also the home of Toot, the evil Doberman Pinscher who bit me while I was roller-skating. Never leashed but meticulously trained, Toot did not ever, ever cross the seam in the concrete separating the end of his driveway from the sidewalk. So the day he bit me, I couldn't help but be impressed that he actually stuck his neck out over that line, so as to take a bite out of my Dove shorts while still maintaining his perfect record.

Next door to the Bartletts' was my best

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friend Eva's house, then Ziggy's house, up toward the end of what I suppose you would call a cul-de-sac. We certainly never referred to it as such, and to this day I feel some municipal code must surely forbid the use of the pretentious term cul-de-sac within National City limits. Down the other side of the street, before John Zamora's house, was an apartment building that played host to the most


thrilling drama ever to unfold here, when a man shot himself and had to be LIFE-FLIGHTED OUT. The words in my trusty Hello Kitty diary feverishly recount that day in all caps, just like that: LIFE-FLIGHTED OUT.

There was also a huge undeveloped hill of land with just one house on it, home to our friends the de la Cerdas. My first experience with gentrification happened


on that hill, when it was torn down to make room for a motel. I had envied the de la Cerdas, because I had never known anyone who lived so far away from the street, so far away from neighbors. It seemed foreign and pastoral to me, like Wyeth's painting *Christina's World*. Then one day it very abruptly became a Quality Inn.

Directly across the street from my house was Dr. Free, the dentist's

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office. So perfectly aligned with my front window was Dr. Free's that I cannot believe I never got caught messing around with John Zamora on the steps leading up to the dental X-ray rooms. The steps were covered in that bright, stiff Kelly green artificial turf that often left little scrapes on my elbows and back. By rights, my mother should have caught me almost in flagrante delicto on any number of nights if she'd only turned her head away from *Dallas* or *Falcon Crest* at the right moment. Actually, it must have been *Quincy* or the *Rockford Files*, because I would never miss *Dallas*. Not even John Zamora could come between me and



Ocean Beach

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somnolent smile on my face. The parrots: transplants like the rest of us — who can blame them? Waking up in Ocean Beach: the cacophony of my neighborhood in the mid-a.m.

I open my eyes. The weather will say "overcast" — but all I see is silver lining.

A symphony such as this, what might be a headache for some, is for me a daily sacrament which gently stirs me from slumber. I sit, stand, stretch, a little downward-facing dog; I sing a little song for the plants — and walking out among the birds, the breeze, and the local crazies, I remember once again why I call this town my home.

I say "my" home because Ocean Beach is

mine. A part of it is mine, and I am an integral part of Ocean Beach. I am reminded of this fact as I meander down the street toward the plant-garlanded coffee shop, meeting friends I've seen for years without ever knowing their names.

The guy with the guitar, the iguana man, the wood-burning guy — without them, a walk to coffee would not seem complete.

As I pass the window of my workplace, I think of how, tonight, the macabre darkness of this cave will become a carnival bazaar full of people, music, drinks, and friends — with and without names.

"Don't give him any money," a stranger says as my friend and I pass a

my shows.

So although I don't remember my first kiss, I am fairly certain that the 2nd through the 78th came from him. Every one of them, in National City.

— Jennifer C. Cooke

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Half-past sleep, quarter to wake, my dreams are invaded by the noises of morning. The windows rattle with the passing

garbage truck, beeps and whistles of nearby construction pierce the air, the thunder of the day's departing flights resounds low over the palm trees, and the screeching-squawking of the furious parrots puts a

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panhandler. "They only use it for drugs." I look at the homeless man — he is sunburned, bearded, and sitting under an awning to avoid the blazing sun. I momentarily consider what the person says, but it's too late: I've already dropped my coffee change into his cup. The stranger, some elitist-type, shakes his head and walks away.

"To each his own," says my friend, and we continue down the street.

When we reach the beach, we practically fall over the wall and into the sand. We lumber along, saddling coffees, bags, and blankets, waving and smiling to various acquaintances, and finally meet our friends and pop-a-squat — and not long after, taste our first delicious beer.

Almost immediately, a red-bearded Irishman with an enormous

red satchel wanders over and introduces himself. Hand extended, blue eyes square on mine — "Rick O'Shea!" — he gently unfolds his sack. He tells us his story, revealing his past and his handmade crystal jewelry all at once. Rick O'Shea, noticing my friend Renee's peace-symbol tattoo, names her "Renegade, the Peace Warrior." The name sticks; it will be days before we realize his name is "Ricochet."

We walk along Newport, past shop windows, bars, and head shops — we witness two parrots on a telephone wire who are obviously having sex; they are not being discreet about it in the least. We laugh and pretend not to watch them until they finish. One parrot squawks to the other, "So...this is awkward. I'll call you?"

I am secretly dreading going to work, and

alas, before we know it, it's time. We sneak one last beer at the Pizza Place — what the hell, we split a pitcher — and I'm off to work the night shift.

The night begins easily enough; some friends come and go; I

Henry often wonders to himself how this could have happened and at what point the neighborhood took such a drastic turn from the rural days of the 1940s.

sneak into the back for refreshments; the patrons, though exclusively PBR drinkers, are good tipplers. Nonetheless, I begin to realize I won't be walking with good money tonight.

There is a bar fight, someone is kicked out.

Someone spills a cocktail, and I get to clean it up. Some asshole at the bar keeps flicking coasters at the customers. "Relax," I tell myself. "Only five more hours!"

Finally, it seems that the night is drawing to a close. I take a shot and

start to think it was all a bad dream. I'm taking the final drink orders when I see a mean-looking man sitting with his ass inside the garbage can and talking on a cell phone. "Great," I think. "A drunk Sesame Street character."

"Excuse me," I say politely. "You can't sit in the trash, okay?"

"Hey, fuck you, Blondie!" he says, and resumes his conversation.

By now, I'm not only pissed but a little hurt. I get the doorman to kick him out, and after cleaning up some puke in the bathroom and counting my tips — meager — I'm out the door in a jacket-flap. What a night!

I wander through town. The shops are closing, the streets are clearing, everything is dark. My friends, by now, are all asleep. I had such high hopes this morning — what happened to my perfect day? I can think of nothing more appropriate but to drown my sorrows in a bean burrito from El Rodeo. They understand me there, even if they don't speak English.

I walk, erm, stumble

over to the taco-shop-slash-tattoo-parlor. I've just placed my order when I realize — oh God, no! — I've left my tips at work. "GOD IN MERCIFUL FUCKING HEAVEN," I cry in desperation. Looking around at the bums, the drunks, I ask myself: What am I doing with my life?

"*Está bien*," says a voice.

"What?" I lift my head to see the lady behind the counter handing me my burrito. "But I didn't pay?"

She nods in the direction of the street. "He pay for you."

I turn towards the street just in time to see a man walking quickly away. Who the...? Then I realize who it is. It is the man from this morning, the "panhandler" to whom I'd given my coffee change. I smile, take my burrito, and thank

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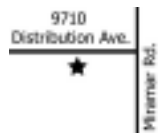
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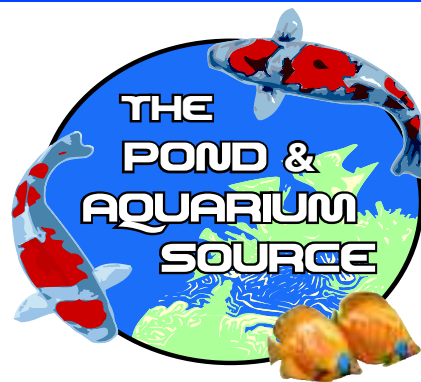
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— Kate Forsyth
and James Sims

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and his wife had watched the neighborhood change right before their eyes. Now the transients sip beer from cans disguised by brown bags as they lounge under the trees in front of the chapel. Kids walk in gangs down the street picking fights. Drug addicts, with only towels wrapped around their waists, hang out by the liquor store because they can't go in without shirts or shoes.

Henry often wonders how this could have happened and at what point the neighborhood took such a drastic turn from the rural days of the 1940s. He has always been an old farm boy. He has always loved horses. Nowadays, he can only watch horses on his color television. He watches old John Wayne movies on the DVD player his son hooked up for him.

Since his wife died seven years ago, he spends most days and nights alone, with nothing but time to peek out of his windows and watch things change.

2. Jonathan and his mom moved to the neighborhood when he was two years old. He was born in Kansas City, but he doesn't remember anything about it. Although his dad still lives there, Jonathan's never been allowed to visit him and his dad has never come to Spring Valley to see him either. His mom tells him that his dad doesn't want to see him, and Jonathan believes her because his dad never calls or sends him anything, not a letter or a picture or even a birthday card. To Jonathan, his father doesn't exist.

The Kenwood corridor is not an easy neigh-

borhood for a kid. The mortality rate in the area is one of the highest in San Diego County, and a kid is forced to grow up in the neighborhood long before kids should.

By eight years old, Jonathan was already getting into trouble, small things — smoking cigarettes with his friends by the Dumpsters and stealing penny candy from the liquor store. Fourteen now, he has already been in trouble with the law. He and a friend broke into a neighbor's apartment for the thrill. They didn't steal anything, but the old man across the street witnessed everything from his window and called the police. Up to that point, to Jonathan, the old man and his old house had been but a dot one sees out of the corner of one's eye; now it was a distinct smudge.

And it was generally known that something needed to be done about that old man who had nothing better to do than to watch out of his windows.

3. It was a sweltering summer evening, the kind that catches you about the throat and holds you hostage all night. Jonathan sat on the sidewalk sipping Coca-Cola from a bottle and holding his cigarette low to the ground so no one would see. He was waiting to meet someone. Sweat poured from his forehead, and he wiped it with his bare arm and looked up to see T saunter through the crosswalk, hat low, hands in the pockets of baggy shorts that clung to his slim figure as though even the smallest breeze might blow them off. They acknowledged each other, and

Jonathan got up and walked away from his bottle. T followed after him to the alley behind the old man's house. It was 6:00 p.m.

At midnight they still sat in the alley, motionless and quiet. All was silent and dark except for two or three streetlights that gave a mild light. The two boys quietly hopped the gate into the old man's backyard and clung close to the fence, making their way toward the house. They knew from days of surveillance that the old man always kept a window at the back of the house opened after he went to bed promptly at 9:00.

They cut out the screen, slid the window open quietly. T hoisted Jonathan up as he climbed through. For a moment, in the dark bathroom, Jonathan

wondered what he was doing. He thought how easy it would be to back out — but it was too late. He walked slowly forward, groping the walls as his eyes adjusted to the dark. The bathroom door was open to the hallway, and Jonathan stepped out. He could make out nothing but the shadowy shape of a desk to his right and an abyss of blackness to his left. He turned left and crept along the hallway, feeling for door knobs. When the smooth coolness of a round knob met his palm, he gripped it tightly. He turned the knob and pushed at the door. It creaked in a low moan. The moonlight shone through the window and uncovered the end of an old sagging bed. As he stood there in the doorway, Jonathan could hear the rough breathing of the old

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man. He had a gun in his pocket and he reached for it, and he pulled it out.

4. Many years later Jonathan sits in the courtroom as the judge pronounces his son, Ben, guilty of possession, armed robbery, and a handful of misdemeanors. He realizes that his own guilt had paved the way for the guilt of his son and soon would pave the way for the guilt of his grandsons — every generation, one Spring Valley rotation in the Spring Valley cycle.

— Kelly Lopez

HISTORIC FLUKES IN LA MESA

Wade is eight now, but he still looks like an angry jack-o'-lantern when he cries. He started crying on cue when he stepped in through the front security door. I'd picked that white security door from the screen-door carousel at Dixieline five years ago, the weekend we moved into this house. It's essentially a cage door. Its steel bars are spot-welded into a sunburst pattern over rolled steel mesh.

Boone and Cody's dad is just dumb!" Wade burred through the tears.

Mike is short and I've only seen his bald scalp inside his living room. He usually wears a ball cap with his mechanical engineering company's logo. He's wiry, with a gruff voice. I hear him barking, "Listen to Coach!" when my son's Little League team practices in the same park as Boone and Cody's. Mike and I live on the same street in La Mesa, south of Interstate 8. We usually talk on the

phone when one of our sons is missing after sundown. His sons both look like his wife, Carol, who is pinched, thin, and pale like her Norwegian ancestors.

My wife didn't like the steel sunburst security door when I took her out to see it lying flat in the bed of my old Ford.

Wade had gone down the street to play football with Boone and Cody and some other neighborhood boys on the long green rectangle of Mike's backyard. His front

lawn is so lush it's almost tropical. My own front yard is a Sad Monument to a Lawn. The desert dirt is patched haphazardly with sun-bleached straws of Bermuda grass and other common weeds. The crappy sod job the previous owner threw down was already browning when I bought the place, because the hastily cobbled sprinkler system didn't fully water it.

"What did Boone and Cody's dad say to you?" I asked Wade.

"That Boone and

Cody couldn't play with me anymore!" His voice and face filled with exaggerated sarcasm. "He said they couldn't trust me to not get Boone and Cody into trouble in the neighborhood."

Wade told me that he and the other boys had crossed the street to slide down a bank of ice plant, leaving a deep gouge in Mike's neighbor's land-scaping.

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I asked him what had happened. He pretty much told me what Wade told me. In his version, though, he named Wade as the instigator.

Our tract neighborhood was named College Heights by the developer. The streets carry the names of Big Colleges. Our street is Purdue. The original trust deed to my property was signed in 1946. It specifies that "no persons of color may reside at said residence unless employed in a servant

capacity." I wonder if Mike's mortgage documents include a copy of this, as do mine.

"So, 'instigator,' huh?" I said.

"Carol and I just feel that it would be a good idea for Wade to stay home for a while."

He said it like he was talking about the weather.

I come from poor-white-trash stock out of the mountains of upstate New York. This is the kind of story my grandmother told us about "those Darby people" late at night, with the old

photos spread out across the table.

I said goodbye to Mike like I was thanking him for an order of fast food.

When my wife saw that security door, she started in talking about my backwards family. She said it looked like something they would have pulled out of the dump. Five years ago, we weren't having serious trouble yet. We'd rented a house farther down the canyon before we bought this one. The rental was on the corner of Princeton and

Harbinson. Every Saturday morning, when the bars let out, drunks in muscle cars did time trials along the quarter-mile from Stanford to Colony. They were still ramping up when they went by our rented house. But my wife generally liked the neighborhood, and we both fell in love with the house on Purdue when we went to view it. You can see Cowles Mountain from the living room, framed by eucalyptus trees planted farther down the canyon. We bought the place on

our first walk-through. But she didn't like that security door. She told me to leave it in my truck and made me promise to take it back.

She changed her mind the day after we met Gary. He was a Vietnam vet who played a lot of golf, smoked a fair amount of weed, and lived next door with his mom.

"We get the best breeze in La Mesa," he grinned, when he came over to welcome us to the neighborhood.

Then he told us a prowler had broken into

a little old lady's house down the block the day before. The police came and everything.

After Gary went home, my wife told me I could install the security door after all after.

The break-in was a historic fluke. It's a quiet neighborhood. The guy who lives around the corner on Harvard coasts his Harley with the engine at low idle when he rumbles by my house at 4:00 a.m. Mike and the other dads down the street have cardboard signs ordering motorists to "Slow Down!" planted on their

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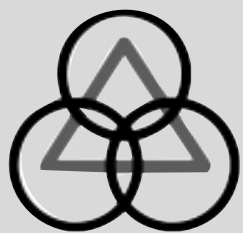
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1-888-619-7272

Are you **one** of the **17 million** people in America who currently have **diabetes**?

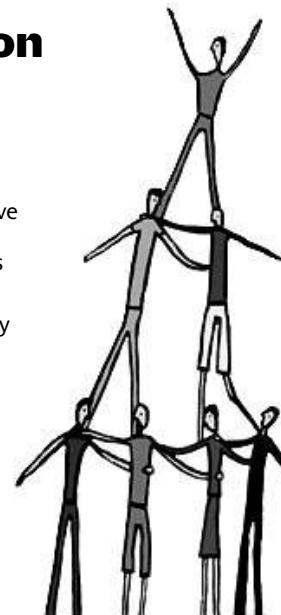
Would you like to help others like yourself in finding better treatment options? If you have type 2 diabetes or if you have experienced symptoms such as increased thirst, increased urination, increased appetite, and fatigue, and a diagnosis is confirmed by your doctor...

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study for a potential diabetes treatment. You may be eligible if:

- You have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and are currently being treated with Metformin
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- You are not currently being treated with any other antidiabetic medication other than Metformin

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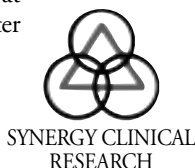


Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder?

Are you currently receiving treatment with lithium, olanzapine, Larnotrigine, or valproic acid? Are you currently experiencing depression? You are not alone!

Synergy Clinical Research is conducting research studies for **Bipolar Disorder with Depression**. All study-related procedures will be provided at no cost. Participants will be compensated for time and travel after each completed visit. We understand...

Call Synergy Clinical Research at: 1-888-619-7272
Together...we can make a difference.



If You Or Someone You Know Suffers From 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.

Participants will receive study-related exams and investigational drug at no charge and compensation for time and travel.

For more information, call:

888-619-7272



Synergy Clinical Research Centers

Are you Depressed?

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study of depression if you meet the following criteria:

- At least 18 years old
- Have a history of depression
- Currently depressed for at least two months
- Current episode of depression not lasting more than two years

Eligible participants will receive study medication or placebo, study-related care, and diagnostic exams at no cost.

Call: 1-888-619-7272



Do you have trouble sleeping?

Are you:

- 18 years of age or older?
- History of insomnia for at least 4 weeks?
- 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.

Qualified participants may receive investigational medication, study-related physical exams and compensation for time and travel.

If interested, please call:

1-888-619-7272

Listen to "Tomorrow's Health Today Show" on CASH 1700 AM Radio every Saturday morning from 11 am to 12 noon, sponsored by Synergy Clinical Research Center.

front lawns.

I lag-bolted that security door up the first weekend I owned the house. But I haven't locked either of my front doors since the wife left two years ago. I just make sure to close the security door when I leave the house.

Wade plays at home now. I haven't talked to Mike in a while. I wave when I see him out picking up bike helmets on his front lawn or taking off out of his driveway in the morning.

—Dan Dare

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WALKING TRAIL CHECKPOINTS IN RANCHO SANTA FE

Without bridle trails, the



Rancho Santa Fe

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Covenant is just another rich ghetto in North County. The trail system — groomed with wood chips, tended with herbicides, increased by the Trails Committee,

and guarded by the Rancho Santa Fe Patrol — is a winding, ten-foot-wide, 50-mile ribbon through bucolic splendor.

For all the resources

focused on the trails, I find them little used. Yes, ten o'clock Sunday morning, the trail around the golf course is a promenade of walkers, runners, dogs, and

horses. But most hours, most days, most trails, you can find yourself with a little slice of paradise all to yourself. The air smells of sage, thickets of eucalyptus surround you, and the occasional glimpse of a coyote or rattlesnake keeps things interesting. I might as well be 100 miles away from anyone.

The Covenant is an area covered by a homeowners' association, like so many other condo complexes, neighborhoods, and gated communities in San Diego. The Covenant's homeowners' association just has the drill down a little better than other neighborhoods. Like Paris Hilton, it has celebrity down a little

better than you or I.

The HOA's loyal representatives regulate what kinds of animals you may own, what types of trees you may plant or remove, what kind of storage you may build on your acreage (stucco finish and roofing style must match the main residence), and whether you may have a fence or lawn. At times it has appeared that the HOA would be choosing hair-color shades for the resident blondes.

Old-timers in the area game the system with unmatched satisfaction.

One summer Saturday around 7:00 a.m., I guided my two dogs onto the golf course bridle trail. A young man in his

RESEARCH STUDIES

Is Diabetes a Part of Your Life?



Learning to live with this chronic disease is not easy. Even with proper diet, plenty of exercise and regular medication, keeping your blood sugar under control can still be challenging.

If you have Type 2 Diabetes, you may be eligible for a research study of an investigational oral medication.

You may qualify for this study if you:

- Are age 18 years or older
- Recently diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes
- Currently not taking any oral diabetes medication or insulin
- Have been told your blood sugar is too high

If you qualify, you will receive study-related care and study medication at no charge.

**To learn more about this study, please call
Ritchken & First M.D.'s Donna Perez at: 858-292-0108 x207**

Are you currently diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder and receiving treatment with Lithium or Depakote?

Do you currently have a combination of the following symptoms?

Unusual periods of "highs" and "lows" • Racing thoughts • Poor attention span • Irritability
Excessive involvement in activities • Unusually elevated mood • Changes in appetite • Rapid thoughts

You may qualify to try an investigational medication while participating in a research study and be reimbursed \$50 for your screening visit if screening and continuing the study as an outpatient, \$50 for each inpatient hospitalization day you are in the study (excluding day of hospital discharge and any stabilization days) and \$100 for each outpatient visit (excluding screening visit).

Total reimbursement will not exceed \$1400.

Call 858-566-8222 for more information.

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Smoking too much pot?

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Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute are working to develop treatments to help you quit smoking marijuana. This 12-week program involves medication.

For more information and to see if you qualify, please call **858-784-7867**

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for more detailed information.



ARE YOU TOO SHY?

- ✓ Do you get **VERY NERVOUS** around people?
- ✓ Do you **FEAR** being the center of attention?
- ✓ Do you **AVOID** going to social events and meeting new people?

If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study comparing several study drug options to treat social anxiety disorder. Medical assessment and clinical care provided.

For more information, call 1-877-UCSD-SHY (1-877-827-3749)

Or e-mail: veryshy@ucsd.edu



20s, dressed in running clothes, ran toward me with an alarmed expression. "They're back there," he panted, "and they're trying to get people off the trail!"

He slowed to a jog and told me the police had asked him if he lived here. With a conspiratorial tone, he added that he had told them he was a personal trainer working with a woman in the neighborhood. Not implausible.

I rounded the trail's curve to find two men seated on folding chairs, with a folding table in front of them. I recognized their elaborate uniforms as those of the Ranch Patrol, the Covenant's private security force. On their table was a computer printout the approximate size and weight of *The Doomsday Book*. They turned toward me and said, "Wait there," gesturing to an area ten feet in advance of their roadblock. "Can we have your Association number?"

I flashed on the jokes I had made with my running partner. Maybe residents of the Covenant should have numbers tattooed on their foreheads.

"You mean my PO box number?" Covenant residents don't get mail delivery — too intrusive. A lot runs off of your post office box number.

"Yes, yes," the rent-a-cop said with a smile.

I gave him my box number, and he made his way through the massive computer printout.

"Very good," he said, after verifying my name but not the names or parentage of my dogs. "Go ahead. And your dogs should be on a leash." Another smile.

Twenty feet around the next curve, I saw a group of runners, all young, unlikely to be homeowners in the neighborhood.

I tipped them off. "There's a checkpoint ahead. Run in the street

for a few minutes and you'll be past them."

— Ann Little

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RAMONA HILLBILLIES

Anyone from Ramona

who denies being a hillbilly is lying. Ramonians seem to believe that by virtue of being nestled on the outskirts of the county, we can still tell people we're from San Diego. I would go so far

as to say we're from a different world. My neighborhood is not so much a community as it is a freak show. I often ask myself, "Where do these people come from?" and sadly I have to reply, "my

own backyard."

Our neighborhood is drastically different from your San Diego County locale. Our roads are unpaved, the mailboxes are located about a half-mile down the road,

and you would not believe where we direct our attention insofar as "neighborhood needs." Our first call to action during the rainy season involves grading the road. Some communities

RESEARCH STUDIES

There is hope...

Pacific Sleep Medicine Research Center offers hope, and help, for patients who suffer from a wide range of medical conditions. Transportation may be provided to qualified participants, and all participants receive compassionate care by our physician and our team of healthcare professionals.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM EXCESSIVE DAYTIME SLEEPINESS?



Do you have sleep apnea and use a CPAP?

If so, you may qualify to participate in a research study for adults to treat **daytime sleepiness**.

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST BE:

- 18 and older
- On a stable CPAP Therapy for at least a Month
- Taking medication to treat depression

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- All study-related care, exams and study drug at no charge
- Compensation for time and travel

TROUBLE STAYING ASLEEP?



Do you NOT feel rested when you wake up?

If so, you may qualify to participate in a research study for adults who experience **problems sleeping** throughout the night.

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST BE:

- 18 and older

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- All study-related care, exams and study drug at no charge
- Compensation for time and travel

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.

WAKING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?



If so, you may qualify to participate in a research study of an **approved prescription sleep medication** for investigational use for adults who experience **problems staying asleep** throughout the night.

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Be ages 18 to 64
- Have had middle-of-the-night insomnia for at least 3 months

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- All study-related care, exams and study drug at no charge
- Compensation for time and travel

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

1-877-927-5337

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IS YOUR TEENAGER EXPERIENCING:

- Sadness or anger?
- Crankiness?
- Problems in school?
- Loss of interest in friends or activities?

These may be signs of depression.

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is conducting a research study for adolescents ages 12-17.

If your teen qualifies, he/she will receive lab tests, physical examinations and medications at no cost. A physician specializing in teen depression will see him/her at each visit.

We are conveniently located in the Mission Valley area.

For more information about this study, please call **toll-free:**

1-877-FOR-INFO
1-877-367-4636

might have to hire someone to accomplish this task, but fortunately I can count five different men who own their own tractors (and no, not just one) on my street. They tend to the task the most practical way they can think of — all at once — a tractor rally if you will. Male bonding, yes, but also neighborhood bonding, which runs much deeper. You have never seen a group of men so pleased to be moving dirt.

This brings me to an experience I would like to highlight as being completely indicative of where I live. Driving quite slowly (so as to avoid a dust storm) down my street, I was flagged down by an older gentleman on his tractor. An elderly hillbilly who damn near approaches 400 pounds was waving

at me. I rolled down my window and perked up my ears. “Do you think you could rescue my shoe?” he asked. That’s right, he had somehow lost his shoe and was requesting that I get out of my car, trample back through the chaparral, and find what was probably a very large shoe to return to him. Without hesitation, I got out of my car and found that damn shoe and placed it into his hands. He smiled and was on his way...which brings me to several questions that I still cannot answer: 1. How does he get into the tractor in the first place, since apparently he cannot get out? and 2. How did he lose his shoe?

You might think that this gentleman is the pride and glory of my street — but did I mention there’s a man with a

sniper rifle? This is probably an exaggeration, but there is a man who wears camouflage most days of the week, a man who has been known to hunt gophers with his Swiss Army knife and bare hands. The sniper rifle — or pellet gun, call it what you will — is utilized at night to shoot the rabbits who snack on the grass. He’s pretty much your average commando.

I have spent time helping my neighbors rescue cows that have gotten lost. I have gone to neighborhood picnics at someone’s man-made pond. We have also discussed how to keep the “druggies” from driving to the end of our street and having sex on old mattresses that have been dumped there. My neighbors may be a bit backwards but are some of the kindest people you would ever meet. And while we aren’t inbred and still have most of our teeth, we are a far cry from the metropolis known as San Diego.

— Keely Hedges

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SAPPHIRE STREET SYMPHONY IN NORTH PACIFIC BEACH

Power lines play tic-tac-

RESEARCH STUDIES

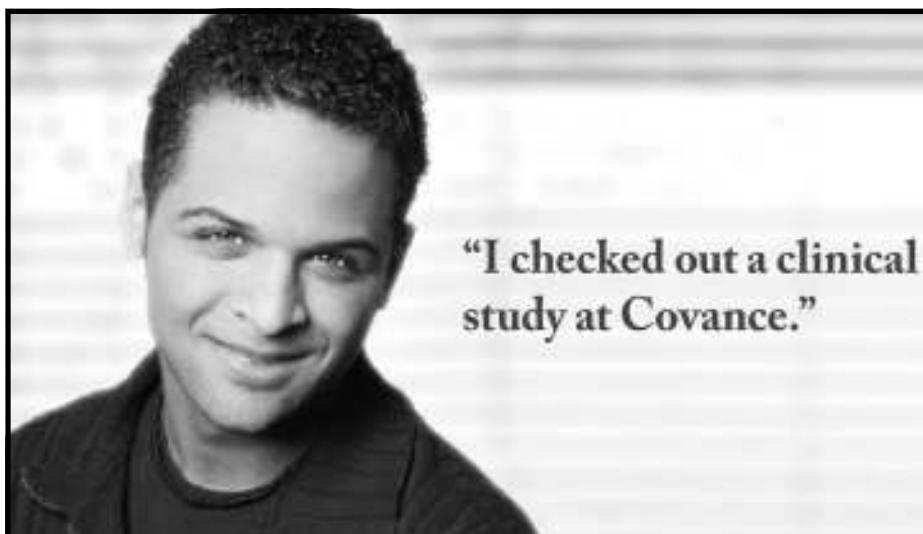
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“I checked out a clinical study at Covance.”

Qualified participants must be:

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- Age 18 to 65
- Able to participate in overnight stays

Participants will receive all study-related exams and investigational medication at no cost. Participants may receive compensation up to \$2,400 for time and participation.

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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

The Scripps Research Institute is conducting 3 investigational studies associated with drinking:

- Heavy drinkers not seeking treatment
- Heavy drinkers seeking treatment
- Drinkers with depression seeking treatment



For more information and to find out if you can earn compensation for participating in one of these studies, contact:

(858) 784-7867 (STOP)



RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Are you taking only one of the following:

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and experiencing any cognitive impairment?

Cognitive impairments include:

- deficits in areas such as memory, attention, planning, and problem solving
- problems with verbal and visual learning
- having a hard time managing emotions

Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational drug for the cognitive impairment in schizophrenia. Participants must be between 18 and 65 years of age to be eligible.

Medical and psychological evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive reimbursement for time and travel.

For more information, please call:

866-550-UCSD

UCSD Department of Psychiatry



Too Shy?

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Always worried about what other people think of you?**

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CENTER FOR UNDERSTANDING AND TREATING ANXIETY

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Anxious?

Are your worries excessive and uncontrollable? Do you experience fatigue, insomnia, irritability?

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as part of a clinical trial of a computerized treatment program at the San Diego State University Psychology Department.

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http://nas.psy.sdsu.edu



Sleepless Nights?

- Having trouble falling asleep and staying asleep?
- Between the ages of 65 and 85?

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study of a marketed medication for insomnia.

Study participants will receive:

study medication, study-related physical exams, compensation for time and travel

For more information about this study, please contact:

(619) 688-6565

See our website: www.ari-inc.com



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
- Compensation for time and travel and an aftercare program may be provided.

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

(619) 688-6565

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.

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

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See our website: www.ari-inc.com



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.

To find out if you qualify for this study or for more information, please contact:

(619) 688-6565

See our website: www.ari-inc.com



Do you constantly worry? Every day?

Do you feel nervous, tense, or "on edge" most of the time? Do you have trouble sitting still or is it impossible for you to simply relax? Are you having trouble sleeping? If so, you may be suffering from Generalized Anxiety Disorder. Affiliated Research Institute in Mission Valley is currently seeking adults between the ages of 18 and 64 who have been diagnosed with or are experiencing symptoms of Generalized Anxiety Disorder to participate in a research study of an investigational medication. Participants will receive all study drugs and study-related medical care at no cost. Health insurance is not needed to participate. So, if anxiety is getting in the way of a full life for you or someone you love, please visit our website or call.

For more information about this study, please contact:

(619) 688-6565

or visit us online at: www.ari-inc.com



toe underneath the San Diego sky as the Sapphire Street symphony begins. From his balcony, an amateur musician strums a guitar. Windows vibrate to the thumping bass of a stereo. Car alarms wail back and forth across the street. Shopping carts rattle and roll down the alley. In between the stopping and starting of the constant gardener's leaf blower, a man gives new meaning to the old term "party line" as he blabs into his cell phone. The conversation is interrupted by the pit bull, Zeus, growling at the endless parade of delivery trucks grinding their gears on Sapphire Street.

A gray-haired man skateboards toward Cass Street, laundry and barking black Labrador in tow. Tourists chuckle in amusement as they limp along sporting new



Pacific Beach

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

beach shoes, and buried beneath lawn chairs, coolers, beach bags, and Boogie boards. An old drunk mumbles, searching for his next drink. He grins, perhaps, because his choices are endless: the Latitude, West End, Froggy's, or maybe even the VFW all offer what he so desperately seeks.

A Hispanic father

and daughter sing as they pedal home from school. While Papa easily pedals along, effortlessly shouldering the weight of his daughter's yellow backpack, her tiny red and white sneakers struggle to push the bicycle pedals down Sapphire Street.

It is the first Wednesday of the month, street-sweeping day. The park-

ing patrol silently issues tickets to residents and tourists alike.

Wednesday's parking tickets, neatly tucked underneath windshield wipers, whisper a painful reminder that tomorrow is the first Thursday of the month, yet another street-sweeping day on Sapphire Street. God bless those of us who

lose track of the days or are deaf to the cacophonous warning of the street sweeper mobile.

Cars crammed bumper to bumper announce the absence of parking spaces. Booming fireworks announce the closing of SeaWorld. A few hours later, babbling drunks announce the closing of bars, and the last nonsensical notes are played in the Sapphire Street Symphony.

— Lori Kelsey

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A GRINGO IN TIJUANA

My neighborhood is broken cars and shaking homeless kittens. It's three-legged dogs and taco stands. My neighborhood is Tijuana, and it's got a lot to love.

I laugh every time I drive home and am barely slowed at the Port of Entry, the rusty mass

of steel that serves as my own ironic welcoming mat. I hit my brakes, rolling over the spikes that could so easily pop my tires if only I were trying to go the other way — back to San Diego, where all the honking folks on the other side of the road impatiently head.

But I'm going home to Tijuana, and as long as the arbitrary stoplight gives me the green — it always, by the way, gives me the green — I'm approximately one minute and 11 seconds away from my house, or my *casita*, if you must.

On to the roundabout, I aggressively nose my way in, travel halfway round, then back out. I drive carefully across the well-trodden pedestrian path where retired couples and 19-year-olds make their way to the *farmacias* and bars of Revolución. I cruise past

RESEARCH STUDIES

TYPE 1 DIABETES



- ✓ Have you been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes for at least 1 year?
- ✓ Are you on insulin and taking injections at least twice a day?
- ✓ Are you between the ages of 18-70?

If you answered Yes to all of these questions, you may be eligible for participation in a clinical research study. A study is being conducted to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of an investigational drug for Type 1 Diabetes.

Qualified participants will receive the following study-related items at no cost for 6 months:

- Diabetes medical care
- Study drug and a long-acting insulin
- Blood glucose meter, test strips and all necessary ancillary supplies
- Laboratory tests, physical exam and ECG
- Nutritional counseling
- Compensation for time and travel will be provided
- Additionally you may qualify for participation in a 1-year extension study

For more information, please call:

Robert R. Henry and his associates at the VA San Diego Healthcare System in La Jolla at: **858-552-8585 ext. 6449**



Sleepless Nights?

- Having trouble falling asleep and staying asleep?
- Between the age of 65 and 85?

You may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study of a marketed medication for insomnia.

Study participants will receive:
Study medication
Study-related physical exams
Compensation for time and travel

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Clinical Studies



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Feeling on top of the World?

Increased Energy
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eStudySite is currently conducting a clinical research study of an investigational medication for manic episodes associated with bipolar disorder.

If you are currently being treated with Divalproex or Lithium, are experiencing a manic episode and are in generally good health you may qualify for this study.

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

For more information or to see if you qualify, Call:



1 877-857-2084

As type 2 diabetes progresses, diagnosed individuals often must intensify their therapy with insulin in order to manage blood glucose levels.

Do you use insulin to control your

Type 2 Diabetes?

If so, the Profil Institute for Clinical Research invites you to participate in a clinical research study involving an investigational insulin.



- Some overnight stays are required.
- You may be compensated up to \$3,750 for your time and travel.

Participants must be:

- Ages 18-65
- Taking insulin
- Diagnosed with Type II Diabetes for at least 3 years

For more information, please call:
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Periods Too Heavy?

If your periods are too heavy, a research study is underway using 2 investigational products for women with heavy menstrual periods.

If you are over 18 years of age with regular periods and struggle with this heavy flow, you may want to consider this research study.

To possibly qualify you must:

- Be at least 18 years or older
- Have heavy but regular menstrual periods
- Not presently on oral contraception or willing to go off

Participants may receive study-related:

- Exam and consultation by a board-certified physician
- Lab studies, Pap smear and ultrasound
- Compensation

For more information call:

619-521-2841

Medical Center for Clinical Research



the turnstile gates — past the incessant *ca-clink, ca-clink, ca-clink* that keeps me up when I've got things on my mind — where the more experienced people, mostly Mexicans, push their way through on the way to

stand in line for the small white cabs, not the big yellow ones. The yellow cabs, you see, are for the *gringos*.

Usually it's late, and I'm tired, but I park my car in front of my rusted, eight-foot-high

gate and jump out to unlock and open it. I used to lock my car door behind me, even though my engine was running and I would be getting right back in, but I'm not as scared anymore. Tijuana has its

reputation, but it's been pretty cool to me over the last year and change, so I've given it a bit of my trust.

But just a bit, though, 'cause I still lock the eight-foot gate behind me —

quickly — both the handle and the tiny-but-sturdy silver padlock.

Greeting my neighbors usually comes in the form of asking them to move one of their beat-up cars, which is inevitably neatly parked

in my spot. Somehow, my half-Spanish and their half-English equals one whole conversation, and nine times out of ten, it ends in smiles. One time, when I first moved to Tijuana, one of my neighbors paid my electricity bill when she realized I hadn't picked it up. She still pays my bill to this day. See, we've managed to work something out.

Two more gates and one more locked door and I'm in my tiny studio apartment, unloading my purse, laptop, and planner and darting through the dark to switch on the lamp beside my bed. I like that light best. It bounces off my orange walls and gives the place a cozy feeling, like the one I used to get when I'd come home for lunch during high school to the fresh-baked bread my mom threw together in the automatic bread machine before leaving for work. Salty and sweet, it was always so damn good.

Cucarachas scatter as I flick on the light, but I don't mind. I hunch over the hot plate that sits atop my microwave, and I cook something, usually beans and rice, while the intermittent sound of *banda* or *norteño* music plays in the makeshift parking lot outside my window. People are there waiting for friends or family to cross back from the other side. Sometimes they get bored and turn their music up loud, drowning out the "Hey, pretty lady, whatcha need?" calls of the men in white coats manning the row of pharmacies across the way.

I like all the noises. It makes me feel less alone.

After washing away the last sting of hot sauce from my lips by drinking straight from a jug of drinkable water, I usually

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try to go right to bed. Every now and then, I'll head out for a walk, stop by a bar for a drink, or simply stand on my front patio and watch the people watching the gate.

But mostly, I just lie down. I read and, if I'm lucky, fall asleep. If it's one of *those* nights, I lay awake, listening to the *ca-clink, ca-clink* of the turnstile gates and thinking about what it all means. I think about everything, not just the stupid politics surrounding that stupid gate.

And that's why I love my 'hood. It's alive and noisy and dirty and scary, but, at the very least, it makes me think.

— A.L. Morlan

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My neighborhood inspires me, even though there is nothing initially

remarkable about this section of Mira Mesa. At first glance, it appears to be as homogenized and serene as any American suburb in the early 21st Century. There's a Vons down the street and loads of chain restaurants a few blocks away.

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You have to understand — I'm more accustomed to shuffling cowboys and dowdy women and Bible-thumping and Wal-Mart. I lived where humid summers melt and freeze into ugly winters, where people eat squirrel soup and worship NASCAR above all else. I wish I were making that up and that it didn't sound like I am

coddling a stereotype. It's all true, and it's all behind me. I have retreated from the country and found my quietude in a more urban landscape. Walden in reverse, I suppose.

I now get to count Sikhs and Indians and Nigerians among my neighbors, and I smell their exotic, delicious dinners when I get home. There are several servicemen around, too, along with a few Mexican and Filipino families with their ever-smiling children. Two elderly Asian women walk up and down my section of the street in straw hats, collecting salvageable throwaways and flowers.

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to try the Mexican market (yes, I know that's old hat around here), but I can't wait to see what's inside. In the most delightful display of culture-blending I've yet to see, there's Sanchez Tae Kwon Do just around the corner.

The winding maze of my apartment complex reveals doors decorated with American flags or little bells or paper cutouts. Some of the accoutrements remind me of Tibetan prayer flags, which I realize they very well could be. Beautiful silks are

regularly draped over patio walls to dry, and more often than not, there is a delightful cacophony of music that echoes between the buildings at any given time. Between the music and the people and the extraordinary weather, this has been nearly the best three weeks of my life. I wonder if my neighbors hear my sighs of relief?

I am relieved because I am finally living, deliberately (thank you, Thoreau) and joyously, in a city that epitomizes sunshine. Any-

ways, how could I not be happy when I am surrounded by palm trees?

— Jennifer Carney

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SAN MARCOS SHANGRI-LA

Got up at eight o'clock because I had a full day of doing nothing to get on with. Started the coffee and walked down the driveway in my robe to get the papers. My wife Gerrie was putzing around in the front garden, waiting for Nina and Larry to go walking. Taking laps around the

perimeter of the park is the sport de rigueur these days.

We exchange pleasantries with Bob and Wanda as they walk past the house. They're walking down the middle of the road. But here in the park, people have the same status as cows in India. Drive around them. Not hard to do at ten miles per hour. If it's a member driving, they'll probably stop to chat and tie up the rest of the road.

The road in front of our house comes down from the entrance of the park. As a monument to

past efforts to ease the transition from the outside world, there are sharp speed bumps about every 20 yards. Occasionally, some kid piloting a FedEx truck, who is absolutely, positively unaware he has kidneys, will attempt to take the road at 30. They usually leave going a whole lot slower.

But most of the delivery drivers who stop by regularly are glad to slow down and enjoy the friendliness. Wave to people and feel welcome. Our mailman, Cory, is a prime example. Most of

us consider Cory a member of the Park family.

Our neighbor, Ruth, is a fiercely independent woman in her late 80s. A couple of months ago Cory had to deliver a package to Ruth. When Ruth answered the door, she was having a mini-stroke and couldn't speak coherently. Cory recognized the symptoms and went to her friend Evelyn on the next block. Ruth was treated and her family notified. When was the last time your mailman did something like that?

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ably thinking I'm someone who gets the *Reader* by mail in Kansas. No, my neighborhood is right here in North County. Over 50 years ago, some free-spirited vegans used to camp up here, five miles north of Escondido. After a while, they bought some land so they could park their little travel trailers here permanently.

As some became ready to retire, they decided to form a stock cooperative and incorporate. There was and still are 32 memberships, couples or singles. Anyone who wishes to become a member must pass an interview with the board of directors. The trailers gave way to mobile homes, and now the mobile homes are giving way to manufactured houses. But everything is still the way it was laid out almost 50 years ago.

We have 19 acres in my neighborhood, with the homes in an 8-acre cluster. Starting at the entrance is a creek that runs along our eastern border and separates us from our good neighbor of 20 years, the Deer Springs Fire Department. Farther south is the leech field ringed by persimmon trees and the old barn.

Local urban myth holds the barn was a stop on the stage route. But we invited an archeologist friend over to look at it, and she said the nails were from about 1900. What fun is that? Just being an old barn. But it sure does hold a lot of stuff.

Looking south, we find the Merriam Mountains. Our property runs halfway up the first one. That land is pretty much in the state it was when the Indians lived on this spot 200 years ago. As a senior community, we don't organize too many climbs up there. Newcomers to the Park can't resist and go as high as they can. The following

day, they are covered with scratches and the poison oak is beginning to surface. The mountain is safe.

Between the mountain and the homes is a large mowed meadow. In

a new development, it would be called the Commons. But here it's "down by the creek," which runs along the southern edge of the meadow. Along the north edge is Oak Creek

Road, unofficially known as Mary Lane, so named for the three ladies named Mary who live along the road and share a love of flowers. Their gardening efforts make this a special area.

That's my neighborhood, and it's actually better than it sounds. Everyone who lives here would like it to go on forever. And we will continue to enjoy our Shangri-la until over-

taken by progress.
— Joe Henchy

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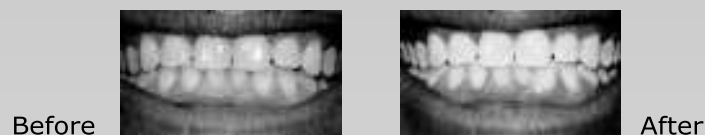


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lace. I am ten years old, and I live in the beautiful little town of Imperial Beach, IB for short. IB is a truly amazing town, with lots of little shops, gorgeous houses, and a magical ocean view. IB is not only a pretty town, it's also safe. Even if there is trouble (which there extremely rarely is, I might add). I know all of the neighbors and trust them to know what to do.

Like I said before, there are some very pretty houses here. I live in a white and navy-blue one-story house with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Unfortunately, I have to share a room with my seven-year-old sister (blah), but we get along...well... interestingly. Never mind. Anyway, there are also two-story houses in our neighborhood. One of our neighbors just got their house remodeled to

a two-story house. In fact, my mom and dad are thinking about going up a second story, too!

Shops here are great. We have quite a few of them! We have the normal ones of course, like Subway and McDonald's, but we also have lots of little unique cafes. My favorite is Imperial Beach Coffee and Books, down by the beach. The lady who owns the cafe is named Katie, so my family just calls the place "Katie's Cafe." When I grow up, I want to open a cafe just like that!

My neighborhood has lots of boys, but NO GIRLS! My older brother has lots of friends, as you can imagine, because of our neighborhood and because he goes to school, but not me! I homeschool, so my only classmates are my two-year-old brother and seven-year-old sister. Although, on the bright

side, I don't have homework!

Another really good thing about IB is the size. It's only one mile long and one mile wide, so you can ride your bike just about anywhere. I like to visit Saltwater Magic, an awesome bike shop by the beach, Katie's Cafe, the library, and a donut shop a couple blocks away.

Another awesome thing about Imperial Beach is the beach. I like to walk there with my family, and play in the sand, make drip castles, go Boogie-boarding, surfing, wave-jumping, watching the sunset, walking home together, and just spending time with each other.

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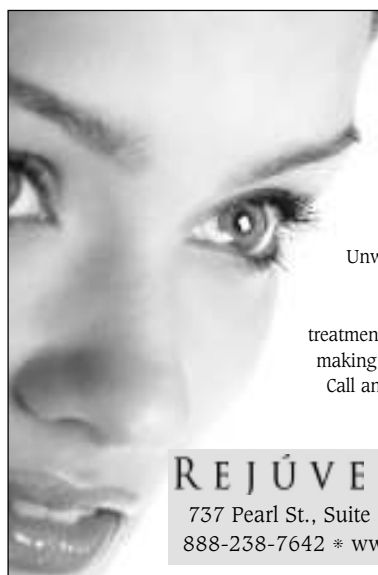
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hood was born.

We developed a tradition of Saturday-evening barbecues in the cul-de-sac, where each family brought their own hot dogs, burgers, and beer. One couple often had steak and wine, which made the rest of us suspect that they might be floating in a larger financial boat. We shared our discoveries and pains, muscles, and rental equipment and cultivated our plots like reluctant farmers in a co-

op. Digging and hauling rocks, building patio covers, and making drapes from fabrics bought in Newberry's basement, we gradually converted our moonscapes into garden oases. What little money we had went for garden hoses, trash cans, and furniture from discount stores like Fed Mart and White Front. Except for the steak-eaters, each family had only one car, and car-pooling was a necessity, not an envi-

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attend our own daughters' recitals but those of their friends as well. The kids played and grew together and walked unescorted a half mile to Toler Elementary School. They learned how to ride bicycles, circling in the cul-de-sac as panicked parents ran to keep up. Then came Marston Middle School, puberty, and that inevitable period psychologists call

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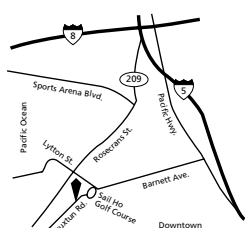
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un-bonding but biologists might call the metamorphosis from fairy princess to Wicked Witch of the West. Once again, our neighborhood came together to address a new challenge. This time, it was parents quietly discussing teen rules and discipline, while teens secretly compared notes on rule-bending and effective parental button-pushing.

Eventually all witches either bloom into rational adults or melt. In our family, this transition occurred suddenly, when our daughter, Julie, completed orientation at UC Santa Barbara and we said goodbye. As she walked toward her new dorm, her new friends, and her new life, I realized that my responsibilities and our relationship had instantly graduated from parent/child to father/daughter.

"Take care of yourself," I whispered to myself.

More tears, emotions, and a sigh of relief erupted again three years later when our younger daughter, Cindy, enrolled at UC Santa Cruz. When we returned from her orientation, our neighbors threw a party to celebrate our empty nest, dry our tears, and remind us of the strength, security, and love within our extended family.

Much has changed in San Diego since 1968. As the city has grown, so have fear, crime, disrespect for others, and paranoia. Our neighborhood has changed too, but the friendships endure. We still care and share, borrow cups of sugar, talk about our kids' successes, and now, we argue over whose grandkids are the smartest (mine). We still

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Depending on who tells the story, when Captain Charles Fitzallen sailed from Cardiff, Wales, aboard the *Challenger* in 1887, he had a bald spot either the size of a monk's tonsure or the Great Globe itself.

By the time his steamship rounded the Horn and entered San Diego Bay — one version of the story goes — Fitzallen and most of his crew had scurvy. The captain ordered his second officer to complete the voyage to

San Francisco, then consulted San Diego's most reputable physician. Peter C. Remondino, M.D., urged the mariner to find work in the south county sunshine, eat regular meals, drink mineral water.

Fitzallen herded sheep for George Neale, an attorney who owned a ranch along the northern spur of San Miguel Mountain. Every day Fitzallen quenched his thirst at a nearby spring. On hot days, he dunked his head in the cool waters that flowed from solid rock, crowned with chalky strata. Within a month, the scurvy vanished.

And something else happened. For years Fitzallen had tried to regrow hair. He'd used every patent nostrum he could find, including the "electric process," said to stimulate dormant follicles, and the Seven Sutherland Sisters' Hair Loss Cure. ("If dying grasses

grow strong when fed fertilizers," asked an ad, "why not hair?") But the 28.4 percent alcohol and 1 percent trace mineral solution failed to resurrect a single strand.

In 1889, eight weeks after Fitzallen's first sip of spring water, the *National City Record* reported: "The timberline on his head was gradually ascending." Hair! "True, it was chaparralish" at first. But it grew softer and turned a bright auburn quite unlike the gray at his temples.

Friends failed to recognize the man with "a shock of hair big as a Chula Vista haystack."

As an experiment, Fitzallen convinced his neighbor Captain Murphy — bald as a door-knob — to take the treatment. Within weeks Murphy grew as much peach-fuzz "as the first tow-headed youngster you meet rolling in the dust of the street."

Fitzallen tried to keep his find mum. But when another neighbor, Christian Jepson, also claimed scalp reforestation, word leaked out. And those who retold the tale, as in a game of "gossip," now called "telephone," may have added the part about scurvy — in 1887, on a steamship. All versions added the burning question: If the miracle water could re-grow hair, could it also retard, nay even reverse, the aging process?

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One member of that company, Alfred Huntington Isham, had come to San Diego in 1886 for the health of his 17-year-old daughter, Edith. Southern California was gaining renown as the "Great Orange Belt and Sanitarium" for treatment of tuberculosis, asthma, and rheumatism. San Diego led the way, boasting more doctors per capita than any other city. Historians estimate that at least ten percent of those who came to Southern California in the late 19th century did so for their health. Among them was Dr. Remondino, who arrived in 1874, hoping to cure his malarial fever.

Isham built a home at Kimball's Addition — National City — because he thought that the Santa Fe railroad line would end there. He partnered with H.L. Story, who co-built the Hotel del Coronado, and Frank Kimball, founder of National City, who'd also come to San Diego for his health. They thought they saw in the gregarious Isham — who could convince atheists that paradise loomed beyond the next bend — a man of promise. In the end, he never met a promise he didn't break.

One Sunday afternoon, Isham, a widower, and his four children went for a buggy ride out to the Neale Ranch, near the corner of today's Sweetwater Springs and Jamacha Roads. Parched from the dusty sojourn, they drank from "Bald-Headed Spring," renamed, of late, for its ability to grow hair. The water had a heavy mineral taste — so heavy, Isham reasoned, it *had* to be healthy!

Isham's first investor was George Neale (who, when newly built Sweetwater Dam flooded much of his property in 1888, sued the San Diego Land and Town Company and



Alfred Huntington Isham

almost wiped National City, then a year old, off the map). Isham painted a burnished utopia across Neale's rolling hills: a railroad extension leading to health spas and hotels at the site; on nearby Mt. San Miguel, "the mountain of great destiny," a world-class hotel, resort, and Southern California's first observatory. The water will make all this possible! Neale leased Isham rights to sell the magical liquid, keeping a percentage of the monthly gross for himself.

At times, Isham claimed to own the land "in fee simple," including San Miguel Mountain; at others, just the spring; at another, he was buying the land in installments from Neale. Frank Waddy — Isham's British agent who called Isham a "practiced prevaricator" — tried to determine ownership. He finally decided that "Isham owned little or nothing except the right to market the water." But over the years Isham sold shares several times, and the whole spring as well, "when ever he needed a little money, which was quite

QUOTATIONS

1. James Harvey Young: "The age in which major discoveries were made for the first time in a genuinely scientific way was the very age in which patent medicines reached their apogee."
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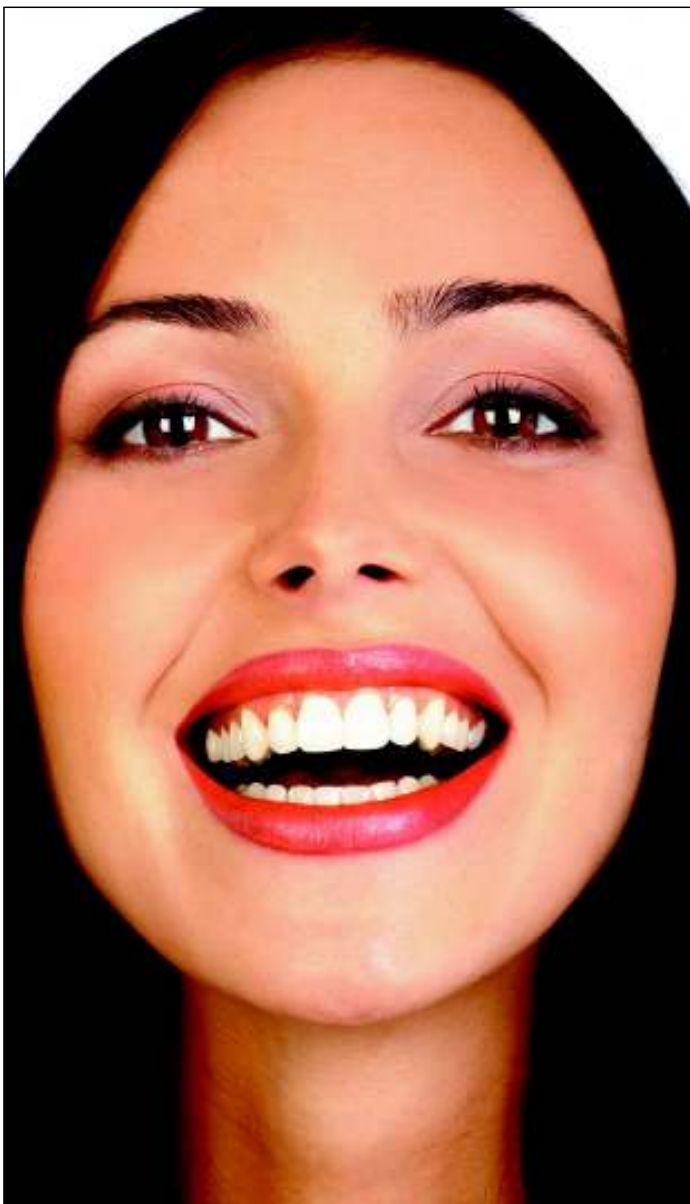
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often,” since he spent twice what he made. “His rule of life seems to have been: When in doubt, sell the spring—whether I own it or not!”

Until 1892, Isham developed several projects at the same time, his pet being the Mt. San Miguel Observatory, which he tried, and eventually failed, to convince Mary Proctor to sponsor. During this period, he worked on ways to generate profits from the spring's 15-barrel-a-day flow.

Isham started a small bottling plant. He hired Mrs. Almonch Chittenden, who owned a nearby ranch, as a nanny for his children and manager of the business. A short woman “of ample physique,” people said Mrs. Chittenden could stack 100-pound cases of bottles six or seven high without perspiring. Captain Fitzallen became her assistant. When he wasn't running his businesses with Story and Kimball, or courting Mary Proctor for the observatory, Isham established connections across the country for distributing the water that “promises to give back youth.”

Patent medicines flooded

the market by the thousands. But few succeeded. Even P.T. Barnum, promoter extraordinaire, failed to convince enough buyers that his wonder grease could grow hair. The key was national marketing, a relatively new idea at which Isham became a master. He wove such appealing visions that, to this day, it's hard to separate fact from fantasy, including the circumstances of the Fitzallen shooting.

The Chittendens owned a ranch near Mt. San Miguel. Fitzallen was their chief hand. On November 1, 1891, horses bolted through a five-yard gap in a fence where three ranches came together. So Isham, Mrs. Chittenden, and Fitzallen went to rewire the posts. At 1:00 p.m., ever on the lookout for salubrious fluids, Isham crawled down a snake-infested gully to inspect an old well.

“Let that fence alone,” red-faced W.S. Root shouted at Fitzallen for unexplained reasons — since Root owned no property in the area.

“All right,” said Fitzallen, and stopped twisting wire.

Root moved to within 15 feet, drew a revolver, aimed. “I

tell you — let it alone!”

“ALL RIGHT!” said Fitzallen. At those words, Root fired, drilling Fitzallen through the kidney. He collapsed. Root fired again.

According to the *San Diego Union*, Mrs. Chittenden, “the brave little woman,” stared Root down. He lowered the gun.

Isham came up from that snake-infested gully. “I'm shot,” Fitzallen mumbled, the right side of his shirt a spreading red splotch. “I'm done for.”

“Run and get the team,” Isham shouted at Root. “We may save him yet!”

“I don't care a damn what becomes of him,” Root replied, holstering the revolver and walking away.

The sheriff arrested Root, who never gave a motive (and who, many attested in court, had been on good terms with Fitzallen). He was sentenced to four years in prison.

Fitzallen lay at Isham's house — at 32nd Street and National Avenue in National City — hovering for five days between life and death. Several doctors tended him. Fitzallen finally recovered, thanks,

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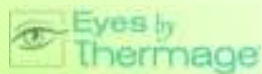
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to the amazement of Dr. Remondino, to the captain's remarkable blood. It "seemed like the blood of a youth of 25 than that of a man of 57." Was it the water?

Someone shot Fitzallen, said Frank Waddy, but it wasn't Root. Most likely encouraged by Isham, Waddy gilded the Root story into a fictional second version, retold as fact ever since.

While Isham was lining up contracts and distributors in New York, says Waddy, George Sanford came to Bald-Headed Spring. He represented a San Francisco land company, he said, and owned rights to the water. He convinced Mrs. Chittenden, and they smashed every bottle, filling new ones with

Sanford's name on them.

Isham returned from New York unannounced. He found Mrs. Chittenden living "in close association" with Sanford. Isham and Sanford quarreled. Sanford left. Amending the error of her ways, Mrs. Chittenden helped Isham smash every bottle with Sanford's name.

"Incredible as it seems in one of his shrewdness," writes Waddy, Isham "again entrusted his affairs to Mrs. Chittenden," and went back to New York. Sanford returned and smashed all the bottles. Isham, tipped by a warning, recrossed the continent and confronted Sanford.

"This time the arrival of his competitor was too much for Sanford," writes Waddy.

Sanford drew a gun and fired point blank at Isham. "By a strange twist of fate, the bullet missed its intended mark and hit...our friend Fitzallen" in the abdomen.

Somehow, the fictional version continues, the gutshot Fitzallen made it over bumpy roads and lurching railroad cars from La Presa station to Remondino's San Diego hospital where, after the captain "hovered for five days between life and death," Remondino declared him out of danger, his blood had an injection of youth, etc.

There's no record of the Sanford shooting. And the odds of Fitzallen taking a bullet in the same place twice, and *living* — he died in bed in

1901 — are greater than lightning repeating itself. But something happened between Sanford and Isham, some confrontation. Several years later, Sanford got his revenge.

Between 1890 and 1892, just about everything Isham touched turned to dross. After choosing San Miguel Mountain as the site for her father's memorial, Mary Proctor changed her mind about the observatory in October, 1891. And without Southern California's first observatory as a flagship, the fleet of hotels, spas, and resorts that Isham and Story had envisioned disappeared.

In March, 1892, Frank Kimball wrote in his diary that the national depression, which peaked in 1893, was "beginning to be felt throughout the county. Money was hard to get, so people traded work for goods, or goods for other kinds of supplies."

Isham, Story, J.S. Gordon, and Frank Kimball had an

agreement: no one would buy goods in Kimball's name. By 1892, Kimball discovered that Isham and Gordon had been signing his name on bank notes. The forgeries, which Kimball called "the most infamous robbery ever perpetuated," reduced him to absolute poverty.

Isham scammed Story, and refused to pay clients, one of whom, the Milburn Wagon Works of Ohio, said "Isham wriggled and squirmed and crawled out of every hole possible."

During this time, writes Stephen Van Wormer, something in Isham snapped. His "apparent success rested upon a foundation of dishonorable and negligent conduct. He became involved in over forty lawsuits in a period of ten years."

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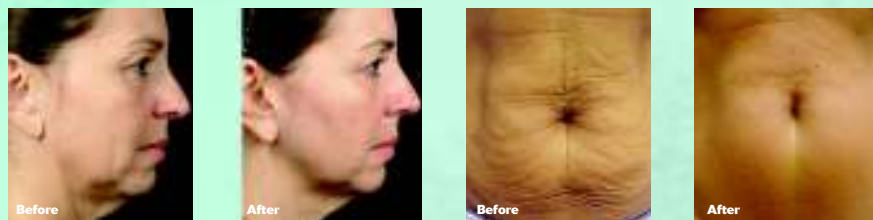
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Neale was a popular, trusted San Diegan. His testimony had weight. In December, 1892, Captain Samuel Smith, of the schooner *Lou*, snapped — for financial reasons, many said. He hacked Neale's son, George Jr., to death off the Coronado Islands. When a mob demanded vigilante justice, Neale's admonition — let the law take its course — stopped a city-wide riot.

Neale, of course, got a percentage of the company's profits. So did Fitzallen, at least until August, 1892, when he threatened Mrs. Chittenden's life, screaming, "If it was not for Isham's children, I'd put

you out of the way!"

Fitzallen's real beef was with Isham: as sales grew, his royalties in "the San Miguel hair-restorative water deal" dwindled to a dollar a day, which had to feed the mules hauling the bottles from the plant to La Presa railroad station and himself. Fitzallen received six months in jail and left the business.

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the whole area being the panacea." Remondino also invested in local real estate.

Isham's announcement, along with the first barrage of testimonials, smelled like a scam. The chamber of commerce demanded an investigation. Three of the city's top physicians — Remondino, Thomas L. Magee, and T.A. Davis — interviewed "disinterested parties" and subjected the mineral spring to numerous tests. "The water is alkaline ferruginous, sulphuretted and arsenical," the *Union* quoted them on May 14, 1892. "We must acknowledge that it made the hair grow on scalps where it has been entirely lost." Plus, "the new hair partook of the color and character of the hair of youth."

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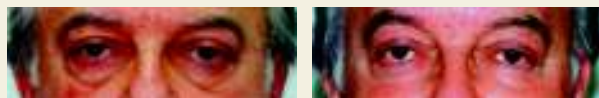
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Word was: if you could have Isham's money, you'd give yours away.

Next time: The Great American Fraud.

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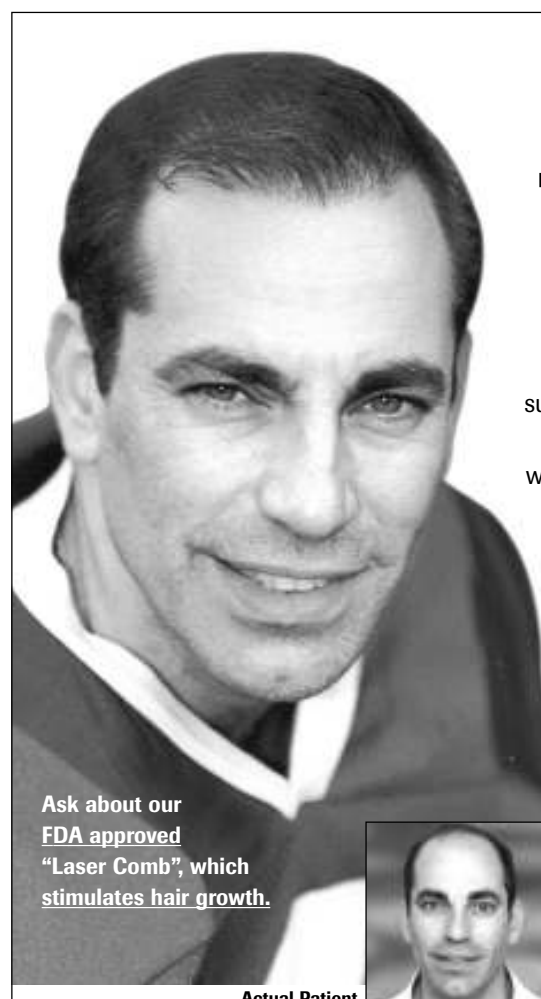
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ending *Full Focus*, etc. ("Breaking News," "City Lights," August 30).

Direct quote from Mr. Myrland: " 'I don't know where people get the odd idea that we should *survey* members on every management decision we make' " — followed by — "KPBS's executive salaries were set based on a national *survey* that the station had conducted of similar management positions" (italics added).

Number 1 resulted in the loss of some fine programming and loss of credibility to the station.

Number 2 resulted in a pay increase of \$30,000 per year for Mr. Myrland.

'Nuff said.

F. Clemens
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You sure scooped the rest of the papers on the problems of Pacific Beach. You

had that big story about PB booze ("Plenty of Booze," Cover Story, July 19) and that letter titled "PB Gone Wild" (August 2) weeks before the big riot in Pacific Beach over the Labor Day weekend.

Now, with national coverage, from CNN to *Fox News*, those who think they own this town can no longer pretend the problem isn't all that serious. But it's taken a damn riot to jar them back to the real world.

Does that mean the local leaders and the other local media are going to recognize and encourage those PB self-defense sessions and the distribution of those pepper pens? It's an effort that's been struggling for recognition and support.

Does that mean the beach area mural and arts festival idea will finally have a chance to be seen? It's a concept that's been trying to get attention to help change our area to a refreshing, positive image. They've been unable to get the word out.

Does that mean a new

idea of using eminent domain to reduce the bars might finally get a chance to be heard? It's something that can be done for the protection of a community, instead of to satisfy the greed of a few powerful people.

Can any of these things happen now? Don't hold your breath. The chances of the leaders doing much of anything beyond a little window trimming are mighty slim. It will take a sustained demand from a usually lethargic public. In other words, it will take a miracle.

I guess we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

Mark Korman

Not Asian, Just Sick

After reading "Do You Feel Safe at School?" (Cover Story, August 30), it's obvious that, as much as we in America would like to believe we have progressed in how we view those who are different, we obviously haven't come far enough when it comes to (many of) our attitudes towards those of Asian descent. It seems many are ignorant of

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the fact that, like whites, blacks, and any other group of people, Asians and Asian Americans have our own individual personalities, beliefs, interests, and issues. There is a widespread belief that Asians are not "American," regardless of whether they're a legal immigrant or have roots here going back four or more generations. The fact is, if you are of Asian ancestry, you are always seen as different and thus are judged by your Asianness, whether by the media or society in general.

When Cho went on his shooting spree at Virginia Tech, there was a general sigh of relief from some non-Korean Asian Americans when it was revealed that Cho was of Korean descent. But such an attitude is based on a delusion some have that non-Asian Americans can tell the difference between Asian cultures/nationalities or even care. When a tragedy like this occurs, and the perpetrators are white, such as the Columbine shooters, they are seen as misfits, aberrations.

Sick, evil individuals. But when a f***up like Cho goes on a rampage, there are idiots who feel that Asians in general, especially Asian males, need to shoulder part of the blame as well. While I was outraged when I heard the news, unfortunately I wasn't surprised, since the ever-increasing number of senseless, over-the-top school shootings and other crimes have had a numbing effect. As an American of Asian descent, I certainly felt no guilt or personal responsibility over it, nor any need to appease anyone by keeping my head down. That would not change the fact that this guy had very serious issues, and those who could have helped prevent this tragedy dropped the ball and let him slip through the cracks. Who knows? Perhaps his unimposing size was a factor, but since many gangbangers and school shooters are fairly small-framed, being six foot six and 240 pounds is no guarantee of safety in such a situation.

As far as campus security,

I remember a few years ago, while I was working as a captioner for hearing-impaired students at SDSU, during one of the classes, a very strange young man, somewhat disheveled and carrying a backpack, was roaming the hallway in Hepner Hall, muttering and ranting to himself. He stuck his head in the classroom, wild-eyed, yelled something, then continued down the hall and into the courtyard outside. The professor was concerned enough to go contact campus police. Meanwhile, two guys from the class followed the man, who glared back at them and once reached into his backpack. They followed him to an on-campus coffee shop, where they saw him sitting and glaring at female patrons. They said that when they called campus police, they were told there was nothing they could or would do unless he actually committed a crime. It was not determined whether the guy was a student on the campus or not. The professor eventually returned to the classroom and was justifiably angry that campus police were not taking her concerns seriously.

Now, perhaps the campus police were only following procedure, but I'm always reminded of this incident when I hear of another school shooting and the news anchors inevitably ask, "What could have been done to prevent this?" Luckily, on that day, this obviously disturbed individual was not a homicidal maniac; but the campus police would have done nothing to prevent a tragedy if he had been.

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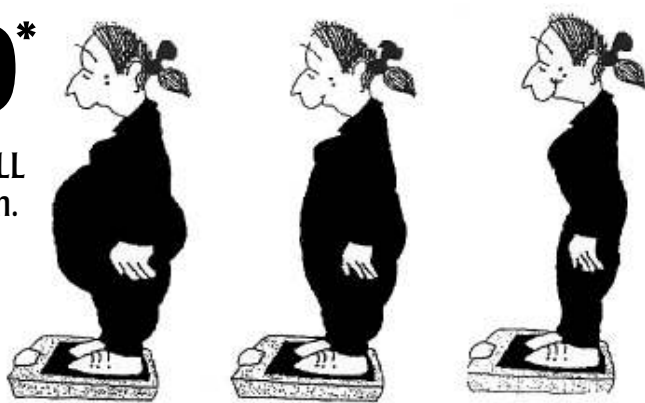
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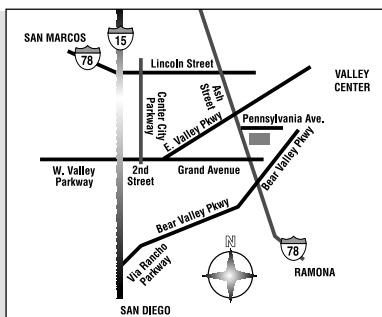
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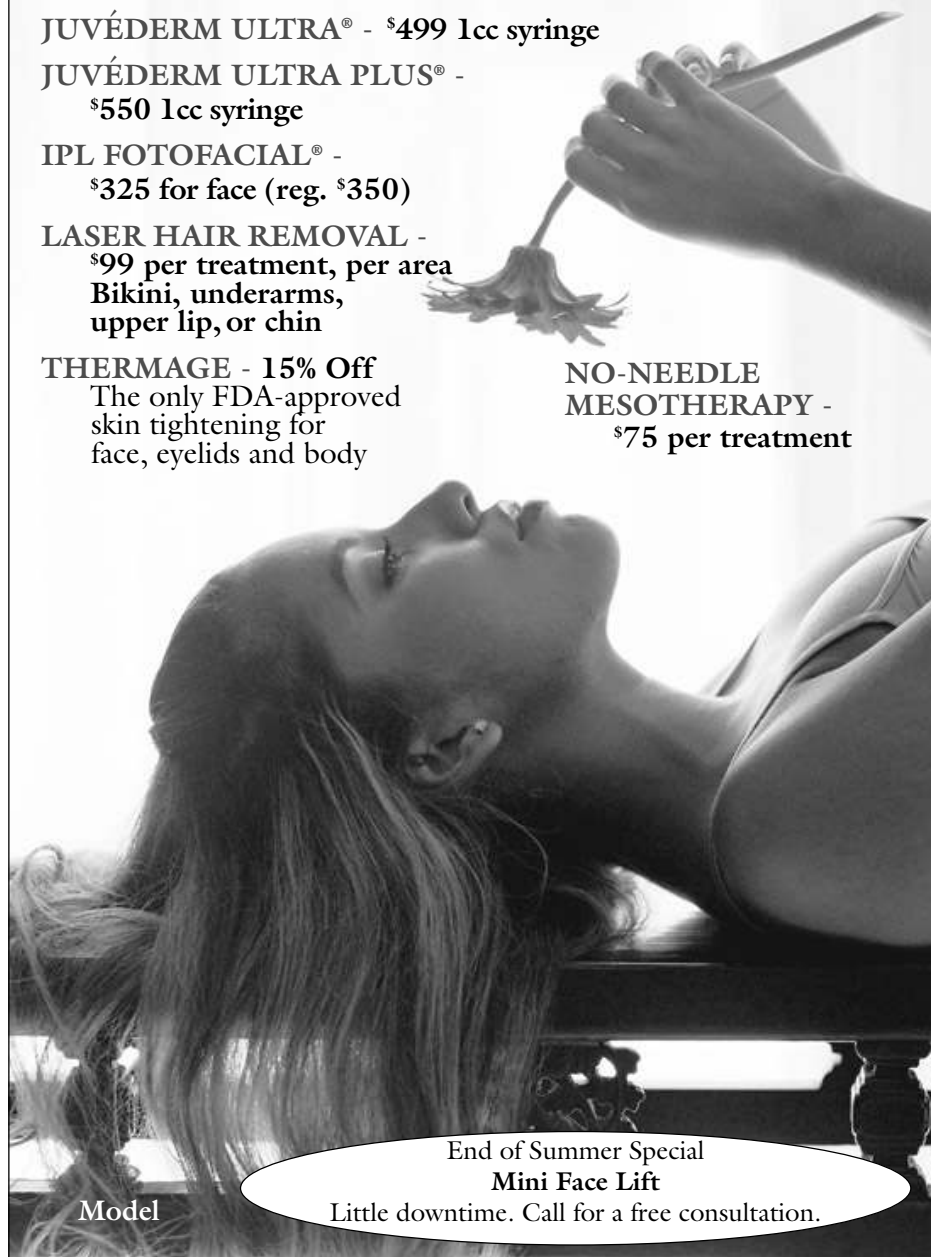
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Man Vs. Beast

Animal cruelty ("Sporting Box," August 30). Abuse, slaughter, exploitation, gambling. Michael Vick? No. Those magnificent beasts still being "euthanized" at the "new" Del Mar track. Where are their pictures, their stories? PETA has it right. Arrogant, ignorant humans in their funny hats!

Ted Rodosovich
via e-mail

Wrong Is Wrong

Just a quick note about the cover of the August 30 Reader ("Do You Feel Safe at School?").

It's "Virginia Tech" or "Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University," not "Virginia Tech Univer-

sity." A quick trip to www.vt.edu would have made this clear.

The latter is like referring to "Thomas Aquinas College" as "St. Thomas Aquinas College." A benign mistake, but wrong nonetheless.

A. Hokie
via e-mail

Bomb The Burglars?

Re "Reason with the Thug," by Bob (Letters, August 30). Right back at you, Bob, regarding your letter about the letter from Kathleen Beope, "Nobody Needs a Gun," August 23. What B.S. I am a person too. I have no gun under my bed. I have no gun, period. Nobody needs a gun means nobody needs a gun. This should

further translate into nobody has a gun. What do you do if your life is threatened and you're not near your bed? Do you spend your life hovering around your bed? Or do you live perpetually armed, a big shot protecting the righteous thrall of gun-happies? Now there's an assemblage of mass destructive weaponry. B.S., indeed.

I too am a person threatened by a drug-crazed jerk in 2007. I was nowhere near my bed, my home, or a gun. God help us if we in this social order rely only on shootouts to stem the threat of mayhem. I agree with you: say what we will, until we're in such a position, we really don't know what the hell we're talking

about. Next time you and I are accosted by angry members of this predatory culture, let's escalate the use of bombs and bullets. Why reason or rationalize when we can draw blood with gunfire? Good luck with that one, Bob.

Becker
U.S. Navy Retired

Comments from Reader Website

Movie Reviews

Published September 5

Posted by harvey k. shlebotkin on 09/5/07, 8:19 p.m.

Who in the sam hell is this Tobias character? He sure ain't no Duncan Shepherd, I can set you straight on that score. He writes like some hemmorrhoidal

dweeb circa 1982, pushing his glasses up on the bridge of his nose till the tape in the middle sticks to his sweaty bangs. I would frankly like to give him an Indian rope burn.

Cover Story

Published September 5

Posted by rexl on 09/5/07, 8:44 p.m.

abrego saves for years to then finance one hundred percent??? then she cannot come up with \$2600 and yet owns two restaurants. Inez has taken out almost \$280,000 cash from her house, where did that money go? the author does not ask, and she does not say? these people need to take responsibility for their actions. the author needs to take some

writing classes, and the reader needs to do more rigorous editing.

Posted by Bob on 09/7/07, 5:31 a.m.

There is no way that these people could have afforded a \$410k house with their income. They probably got the sub-prime loan by doing a stated income deal by the sounds of his job. They probably stated that they made much more than they actually did. That is loan fraud on part or mortgage broker and borrower. Does the article mention anything about this. NO

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When I structure my classes, they're usually themed," says Elizabeth Podsiadlo, known as the Opera-Singing Chef. "If I'm doing Italian, I'll be singing Italian. If I'm doing French, I'll be singing *Carmen*. Once I did an Italian-Mexican fusion and sang a [Enrique] Granados song, a beautiful Spanish piece. It's hot and sultry."

Podsiadlo became a personal chef 14 years ago when her husband, after reading an article about the subject, suggested she give it a try. In the article, Podsiadlo remembers, "They put out a large figure of what a personal chef could make, like, \$60,000, which now I know was totally a lie. You would have to

be super fit and be on your feet 12 hours a day, every day. Most of the personal chefs I know work two days a week. Making that kind of money [as a personal chef] was not realistic unless you were Superman."

To supplement her income, Podsiadlo conducted a cooking demo at an expo for Healthy Dining San Diego. While setting up, she began to sing to herself. A woman who was helping to organize the event encouraged her to sing during the demo.

"I was really shy and embarrassed, because I knew I had far to go on my voice," Podsiadlo remembers. "But these people would be walking around like zombies under the fluorescent lights in the home

show, and they would see these seats and sit down in front of me and look like they were about to fall asleep. So I would come out with this note, *Waaaaa!*, and they would be shaken awake." After that demo Podsiadlo decided to incorporate singing into all of her demos and classes. For the past six years she has offered cooking classes to seniors through the Oasis program, a national non-profit organization that benefits mature adults, and to the general public at Great News Cooking School.

On Saturday, September 15, Podsiadlo will conduct a cooking class at the Quail Botanical Gardens, during which she will prepare appetizers and sing opera. "I try not to sing too much because I don't want to shy people away who are open to the idea but new to the experience," she says.



Elizabeth Podsiadlo

As original as the idea may sound, there are quite a number of singing chefs. In Florida, P. Francesco Milana prepares Italian food for dinner parties and sings Neapolitan ballads and Italian love songs when each of his six courses is served. Olga Watkins of Pittsburgh sings gospel music while hosting cooking demos and classes at Whole Foods Market and boutique cookware stores. Sarah Allen in Toronto is a personal chef who cooks, serves, and sings arias in her customers' homes.

In New York, Jackie Gordon offers what she calls "eatertainment," a form of dinner theater. After cooking in the kitchen,



Spicy orange hummus

Gordon (who calls herself Divalicious) takes the stage before a room full of diners and sings about the food, educating by way of entertainment. Philadelphia's singing chef Frank Borda combines food education with cooking education. When he's "cooking Puccini," he serves foods and wine from Puccini's region (Tuscany) while singing Puccini songs. Andy LoRusso, a traveling singing chef, sometimes sings his recipes as he prepares his dishes.

Podsiadlo sings opera before class resumes after a break or prior to beginning a dish, but she does not sing while cooking. "Opera takes a certain level of energy," she explains. "It's like a laser beam as opposed to a fluorescent light. Opera is the martial arts of voice. It's very difficult to sing Vivaldi while cooking; Vivaldi's pretty harrowing." It is more relaxing for Podsiadlo to sing Appalachian or Celtic folk music. "I love German *lieder* songs. My mother was German, so I grew up singing those, like Schumann and Schubert."

When it comes to food, Podsiadlo prefers unique combinations. "The other day

I made a gastrique [a thick, sweet sauce served with meat] using balsamic vinegar,

wine, and spices that made it look and taste like a syrup of chocolate." She tops her pumpkin-walnut cake with candied orange slices, over which she drizzles syrup flavored with allspice and bay leaves. Her savory pumpkin lasagna contains apples and pumpkin, and her apple crepe is prepared with thyme and served with a Greek lemon-rosemary cookie.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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BAJA

Tijuana Fair with entertainment, music, and food continues through Sunday, September 16, at Parque Morelos.

In Palenque, see Yuridia and Los Sierreros on Thursday, September 13. Explosión Norteña takes stage on Friday, September 14. Los Tigres del Norte perform Saturday, September 15. Concerts begin at midnight. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

More Poems by Camelia García Arellano collected in *Quiero Cambiar de Look Interior*, which she'll read from at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street) on Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m. 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Canadian Brass Quintet in concert, Thursday, September 13, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina

OUT & ABOUT

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Taste of Maiz, explore history and importance of corn — the essential vegetable in Mexican life — during outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, September 15, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. Participants will visit a cornfield, a modern tortillería, participate in a cooking class, and enjoy the resulting meal! \$92 fee includes transportation, meal. 619-255-0203. (ENSENADA)

Bulls from Campo Hermoso meet up with matadors José Antonio “El Capitán” Ramírez, Uriel “El Zapata” Moreno, Alfredo Gutiérrez, and Alejandro Martínez Vértiz on Saturday, September 15, 4 p.m., at Cortijo San José. 011-52-664-630-1825. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

“Circuito Independencia,” bike ride for all categories of riders, Sunday, September 16, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Tercera Etapa, Zona Río. 011-52-664-630-4233. (TIJUANA)

“La Literatura del Norte Vista Desde El Centro” is topic for lecture by Ignacio Trejo Fuentes on Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Morrissey in Concert, Thursday, September 20, 8 p.m., at El Foro (#1500 Avenida Revolución). Tickets: \$30–\$75. 619-734-2333. All ages. (TIJUANA)

“Tequila, Azul, y Batuta,” concert by Betsy Pecanins at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río) on Thursday, September 20, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

San Diego's Coastal Sage-Scrub Vegetation is now at the very nadir of its growth cycle. Shades of gray and yellow have replaced the bright greens that carpeted many of the still-wild coastal hillsides up until April or May of this year. Sometime this fall season, hopefully, the first substantial autumn rain will shatter the usual summer drought, and our “summer-deciduous” vegetation could bounce back in a matter of days.

The Time of Sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through

the background stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about nine minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about one-half degree per day.

The Zodiacal Light, which can appear as a diffuse, pillar-shaped glow in the eastern sky for up to an hour before dawn, will be quite conspicuous at dark locations this weekend. The subtle glow is caused by the sun's light reflecting off dust particles floating in space in the plane of our solar system. In the sky, this reflected light appears superimposed along the string of constellations we know as the zodiac and especially those zodiacal constellations closest to the direction of the sun. An old name for this phenomenon is “false dawn” — a good description of the effect under clear and very dark skies.

A Delicate Crescent Moon, its cusps diagonally inclined, sinks to-

ward the southwestern horizon as twilight fades this weekend (Friday, September 14, or Saturday, September 15). From Coronado Beach or Seaport Village, watch the crescent disappear behind the dark profile of the Point Loma peninsula.

The Lake Is Still Full of Water and birding should be productive when Audubon Society birders head to Lake Hodges on Saturday, September 15, 8 a.m. Look for Clark's and Western grebes, kites, osprey, California gnatcatchers, more. Meet in parking spaces just past Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring a scope. Free. 619-692-3246. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Trail Repair Work in Paso Picacho continues in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on Saturday, September 15, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area be-

hind fire department building. Free. Registration: 858-566-7399. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

California Coastal Cleanup Day (the 23rd annual) is Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.–noon, at more than 60 sites throughout county. Locations and other information: 619-758-7743. Supplies provided. Free. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Visit Green Dragon Art Colony, learn about Devil's Slide, walk in footsteps of Ellen Browning Scripps during Urban Safari walking tour led by Patty Fares, Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-944-9255. (LA JOLLA)

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Explore Florida Canyon with Canyoneers during hike through this central canyon on Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m. Directions: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Listen for Night Hunters — bats, owls, coyotes — during twilight walk on Saturday, September 15, 6:15 p.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park, Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-2748. (SAN CARLOS)

Learn of Habits, Habitat, what to do when you find an injured animal when Project Wildlife program is presented, Saturday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., in amphitheatre at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

See “Celestial Wonders” and learn telescope etiquette during star party hosted by San Diego Astronomers Association, Saturday, September 15, 7:15 p.m., at Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Telescopes provided, but feel free to bring your own. Free. 858-565-3600. (JULIAN)

Imagine the Future and learn history of Santa Ysabel Preserve when ranger Lisa leads walk along portion of Coast to Crest Trail and Santa Ysabel Creek on Sunday, September 16. Hike starts at 9 a.m. at Highway 79 staging area (one mile north of Santa Ysabel on Highway 79, just south of Santa Ysabel Mission). Free. 760-765-4098. (JULIAN)

Rhythmic Rambling Game! Participants cover measured distances of one-quarter, one-half, one and two miles at their own pace during this Walkabout event on Sunday, September 16. Walkers guess how long it will take to reach separate distances before each segment. Enjoy two hours of walking at any pace over flat terrain, starting at 9 a.m. in front of Torrey Pines High School (3710 Del Mar Heights Road). Free. 619-231-7463, 619-271-7107. (DEL MAR)

Vegetation and Views, naturalist Rick Paul leads occasionally strenuous four-mile hike to explore diverse plant population in Daley Ranch, Sunday, September 16. Ad-

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Guatay Mountain, a gently swelling, chaparral-covered ridge rising about 900 feet over the hamlet of Guatay, is distinguished by its old-growth population of Tecate cypress trees. This particular species of cypress has a very spotty native range stretching north to Coal Canyon in Orange County and south into northern Baja California.

Although the bulk of the mountain lies within Cleveland National Forest, direct access from the north (Guatay) side is precluded by private property. The longer, unmarked route described here traverses public land all the way.



On the Guatay Mountain ridge

To get to the starting point, take the Pine Valley exit from Interstate 8, drive 0.3 mile north to Old Highway 80 in Pine Valley, and turn left. Proceed 1.5 miles, generally north, to the turnoff for the Pine Valley Trailhead, on the left side of the road. Drive 0.5 mile down the twisting entrance road to the trailhead (National Forest Adventure Pass required).

After parking at the Pine Valley Trailhead, walk back north on the entrance road for 0.2 mile to a sharp bend in the road. On the left, follow an old roadbed (now reverted to an informal trail) through a pipe gate. Continue 200 yards along the right bank of a small creek, then cross over to the left bank to pick up the continuation of the trail. You steadily climb through mature stands of manzanita, ribbonwood, chamise, and scrub oak. You can see and hear the occasional vehicle on Old Highway 80 across the ravine to your right.

After a total of 0.8 mile of walking, you come to an unmarked trail junction. Veer sharply left and go sharply uphill (south), following the eroded remains of an old firebreak through an attractive mix of scrub oak and mountain mahogany. The latter shrub, at about this time of year, sends out curly, pipe-cleaner-like seeds that glisten when backlit by the sun.

At 1.0 mile, you reach a crest (4000 feet elevation) and start bending west. From here to the summit, simply follow the old firebreak up, occasionally down, and always west along the ridgeline ahead. At 2.6 miles, you arrive at the rock-strewn 4885-foot summit, which offers a panoramically wide, if not vertiginous view stretching west as far as the Pacific Ocean.

The Tecate cypress habitat lies exclusively on Guatay Mountain's north-facing slope. While retracing your steps to the starting point, you can visit some of the larger trees down and to the left of the firebreak following the ridge. The Tecate cypresses on Guatay Mountain are thought to be the oldest (100+ years) and highest-elevation (4000–4500 feet) specimens of that

species existing anywhere.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

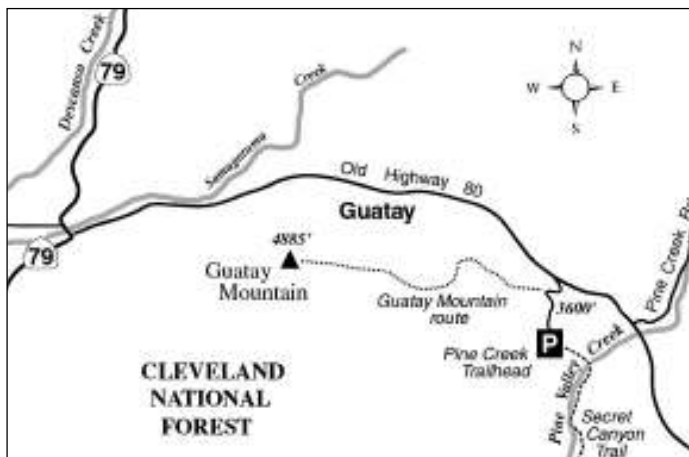
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Learn to Design by Habitat when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets on Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). Expert and novice gardeners interested in learning about working with native plants invited. Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Wanna Be a Volunteer Naturalist in Daley Ranch? Daley Ranch's Volunteer Association is accepting applications for "coveted positions" as naturalists; training classes for naturalists run Saturdays, September 22–November 17 (no class will occur on Novem-

ber 10). Trainees learn cultural, natural history of area, along with botany, reptiles, birds, mammals, Native American studies, and geology, training in basic first aid and CPR. Upon completion, volunteers lead tours of Daley Ranch trails. Free. Registration: 760-839-4241. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Beginning West Coast Swing group classes led by a Passion for Dance, Sundays in September, 6 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard). Patterns and technique. Fee: \$8 per week or \$30 per month. 858-414-3877. (ENCINITAS)

The Circulators Square Dance Club has beginners' classes continuing Friday, September 14, 6:30 p.m., in Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). First class free; thereafter pay \$3. 619-464-0135. Open enrollment continues through September 21. (BALBOA PARK)

Old Twine String Band makes music, Chris Page calls for contra-dancing, Friday, September 14, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Persian Garden Tango, Part II taught on Friday, September 14, in

room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open vintage dancing, 8:30–9:45 p.m. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Scottish Country Dancing introductory night, Friday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., in room 203 of Casa del Prado. Weekly beginner class series to follow. Free. 619-280-5855. (BALBOA PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including September 15, 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)

Malashock Thinks You Can Dance! Reality TV dance show-inspired fundraiser supporting 20th anniversary season of Malashock Dance and education and outreach programs of Malashock Dance School. On Saturday, September 15, local celebrities and community leaders paired with professional dancers and choreographers from Champion Ballroom Academy take part in fun ballroom dance competition. Evening includes performances by professional ballroom dancers, students from Malashock Dance School, more. Reception follows. Competition starts at 8 p.m. in Qualcomm Hall, 5775 Morehouse Drive. Tickets: \$50–\$75. 619-260-1622. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

English Country Dancing with calling by Judee and Tyge, Sunday, September 16, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Ballet Folklorico performance of dances from "old Mexico" in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Tuesday, September 18, 6 p.m., at Santee Library (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard, suite 17). Free. 619-448-1863. (SANTEE)

FILM

"¡Que Viva! Cine Mexicano" presented by Media Arts Center San Diego every Wednesday in September, 6:30–8:30 p.m., outdoors at food pavilion at Otay Ranch Town Center (2015 Birch Road). Enjoy short and feature family films from Mexico, Latino art, live music. Films include *Atletico San Pancho*, *Jai*, *Tiro de Gracia*, *Al Otro Lado*, *Magos y Gigantes*, *Mi Radio*, others. Free. 619-230-1938. (CHULA VISTA)

Takeshi Kitano's Poetic Film Dolls screens for fall film series, Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Film was "partly inspired by traditional Japanese Bunraku puppet theater, which gives this multifaceted tale of lovers a visually entrancing atmosphere." \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"The Graduate," with Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft, Katharine Ross, screens Thursday–Saturday, September 13–15, for Cinema under the Stars at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

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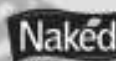
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NAME: CHRIS OLSEN | **OCCUPATION:** LOCK SALESMAN
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What book are you currently reading?

"The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. I've read through chapter four, but I decided to read a little of the preface."

Tell me about the book.

"It's basically the main text for Alcoholics Anonymous. It's the stories of people who have gone through it and pretty much the basis of the program, all of the steps and how you go about those to get yourself out of alcoholic dependency."

What do you make of the argument?

"So far, it's definitely ringing true to my ears. It's been help-

ful so far. From the experiences I've had, and the meetings I've been at, if you're an alcoholic, you can definitely relate to this book."

Tell me about the style and language?

"A lot of it is testimonial style, so you're getting someone's direct point of view on the experiences they went through and the actions they took, but then it takes a step back and ties it all together. I'm not really reading it from a critical point of view, though!"

Compare this with other books you've read.

"I've read stuff by Tony Robbins,

and I think he and those kinds of self-help people draw upon the same attitudes and concepts that are in this book, so I think they're very similar in some sense."

What book was most life-changing for you?

"1984 and Fahrenheit 451 are two that I remember from high school that changed my way of thinking a little bit. A lot of the stuff in 1984 you see happening every day, with people's rights being eroded. It is ringing true."

Who are your favorite authors?

"A cool science fiction writer, William

Gibson, wrote *Neuromancer*, kind of a cyberpunk style. His style is hard to follow, but I like it. I like anything about the future, future society."

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"None regularly. I read the *Tribune*, I read the *Reader*, basically whatever's lying around, but I don't subscribe to any."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?
 "Depends on what friends I'm talking to. Anything from politics, stuff going on, who's advertising where. You relate to different people on different kinds of levels."

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *The Alps, Coral Reef Adventure, Dinosaurs Alive!* "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *Lewis and Clark* (6 p.m.) and *Bears* (7 p.m.) on September 14. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Let's Go with Pancho Villa," this 1936 film from Mexico screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, September 14. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue) and later at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One

Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

El Cajon Video and Film Festival, with films submitted by student and emerging filmmakers, is Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at International Ministry Center (389 North Magnolia Avenue). Onstage panel discussion at noon, awards begin at 7 p.m. \$5 for all-day pass. 619-444-3770. (EL CAJON)

"PMH Atwater: We Live Forever — The Real Truth About Death" screens when Association for Near-Death Studies meets, Saturday, September 15, 1:30 p.m., in room

407 in 400 building at Mira Costa College (San Elijo campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue). Discussion follows. Donation: \$7. 619-660-5106 or 760-943-8126. (CARDIFF)

The Documentary Zeitgeist screens for "Current Events Theater" at the Rancho San Diego Library (11555 Via Rancho San Diego) on Sunday, September 16, 1:30 p.m. (refreshments at 1 p.m.). Flick "reviews propagation and preservation of myths in our culture, from the story of Christ (which is linked to astrology and the zodiac)," more. After the film, East County Democratic Club pre-

sents Presidential primary straw poll; representatives of each campaign are invited. 619-820-5321. Free. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Mike White's Comedy *Year of the Dog*, starring Molly Shannon and Peter Sarsgaard, is featured during Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. In Spanish with English subtitles. (LA COSTA)

Deepak Chopra's New Film, *How to Know God*, will be shown at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m. Movie was written, directed, narrated by Deepak Chopra, who also appears in the movie, and "explores new insights and scientific discoveries into this ancient mystery." Discussion follows. Offering. 609-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

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Thursdays, September 13, 20, 27, 7 p.m., and Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m.–noon, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Nonmembers: \$100. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"Four Months on Mars: One Woman's Adventure" presented by Mars researcher Kathryn Bywaters for Mars Society on Friday, September 14, 7 p.m., at San Diego Women's History Museum and Educational Center (2323 Broadway, suite 107). Bywaters, an undergraduate biochemistry student at CSU San Marcos, spent summer vacation along with six other researchers at Mars Society's Flashline Mars Arctic Research Station, located 900 miles from North Pole. Free. 619-723-3456. (SAN DIEGO)

Early San Diego Regional History Conference promises that "history of San Diego before 1848 will be brought to life by San Diego-area teachers, scholars, actors, artists, and students" on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16. Conference activities — lectures, storytelling, fiesta, historical art-work, music, dance, more — take place at Kimball Elementary School auditorium (302 West 18th Street), InterAmerican College (140 West 16th Street), San Diego Presidio Park, Casa de Machado y Silvas Adobe on the Plaza in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Guests are invited to dress in pre-1848 period attire. Fee: \$20 per person, \$35 for families. Space avail-

ability, registration: 619-423-7248. (NATIONAL CITY, OLD TOWN)

"Digital Imaging — A Review and Look Ahead" on offer when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego gathers, Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). 858-278-4519. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Civic Conscientiousness: The California Academy of Science" is topic when architect Gordon Chong speaks for Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, September 15. Program starts at 9:30 a.m. at NewSchool of Architecture and Design (1249 F Street). Donation: \$5 general, free for students. 619-224-8584. (DOWNTOWN)

Goodbye, Grass! Learn methods for removing lawn, ways to use new space, replacement plants for lawn area, Saturday, September 15, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$30. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"What to Do When the Page, the Screen, and the Mind Are Empty" is divulged when local Avon author Christie Ridgeway speaks for Romance Writers of America on Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Judy Duarte and Lorelle Marinello tell about "Taking the Contest Route to Publication" in afternoon. \$30. 619-741-9114. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Disaster 101: Have a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Informed" presented Saturday, September 15, 10:30 a.m., at Vista Library (700 Eucalyptus Avenue). "Learn what it takes to prepare your home and family for nat-

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Workshop repeated on Thursday, September 20, 6 p.m., at Santee Library (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard #17). Admission is free. 858-565-5592. (VISTA, SANTEE)

Soft Pastels Demonstration by Michael Steirnagle for Clairemont Art Guild, Saturday, September 15, 12:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-273-3259. (CLAIREMONT)

"Awesome Appetizers" are on tap when opera-singing chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo leads cooking class on Saturday, September 15, 1:30–4 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Recipes, tastings offered in class. \$35 for nonmembers. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Presidential Elections Analyst Professor Samuel Popkin of UCSD focuses on 2008 presidential election for San Diego Independent Scholars, Saturday, September 15, 1:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Popkin's

most recent book is *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Free. 619-224-5664. (LA JOLLA)

Become a "Cultural Detective" with Ruth Mastron and Alliance Française, Saturday, September 15, 2 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Lecture in French focuses on cultural differences. Donation: \$10. 619-824-6694. (LA JOLLA)

"Progressive Voices and Values, Part 2" is topic when Humanist Association of San Diego meets Sunday, September 16, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (4065 Vermont Street). Free. 760-445-8112. (HILLCREST)

"UFO Forum 2: An Interactive Session" planned by Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) — with member presentations on "Skeptics and Skepticism," "Update on Betty Hill Abduction Incident," "San Diego UFOs Past and Present" — Sunday, September 16, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy

Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Kuerétaro BCLAD/Master's Program," education specialist Teri Saffon tells of this "program to develop Spanish curricula and teach Spanish to indigenous people" during 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, September 17. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Nutrition Solutions for Common Challenges During Treatment" divulged when Vicki Newman, R.D., speaks Monday, September 17, 3:30 p.m., at Moores UCSD Cancer Center (3855 Health Sciences Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-822-2236. (LA JOLLA)

Why Has Art Market become attractive to professional investors, and why will art continue to appreciate for the rest of decade? Find out when Max Donner — whose "Classic Collector" column may be found in September in *Heritage Magazine* — presents "Art: The Beautiful Investment," Monday, September 17, 4:30 p.m.,

at Bank of America (1199 Orange Avenue). Free. RSVP: 619-522-8800. (CORONADO)

"How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Cat" — training secrets, cat behavior, nutrition, preventing destructive behaviors, socialization with people and other animals, how to communicate with cat, Monday, September 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). For people only. \$35. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

"Reptiles Inside and Out," explore reptile morphology through examination of external structures and internal anatomy using preserved specimens, skeletons, and dissected material during classes led by Brad Hollingsworth at San Diego Natural History Museum on Monday and Wednesday, September 17 and 19, 6:30 p.m. \$33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Hear Little-Known Facts when author Richard Lederer addresses San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, September 17, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (on east side of Vermont Avenue, north of University Avenue). Presentation is based on his new book, *Presidential Trivia*. \$5. 760-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

"The New Atheists: Are They Harming the Freethought Movement?" Discuss with North County Agnostics on Monday, September 17, 7 p.m., in Ocean-side Mission Library community room (3861-B Mission Avenue). Free. 760-445-8112. (OCEANSIDE)

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Boatsmart Course hosted by San Diego Sail and Power Squadron, Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 18–27, at Southwestern Yacht Club (2702 Qualtrough Street). Safe boat handling, boating regulations, buoys and lights, more. Nominal materials charge. Registration: 760-943-9965. (POINT LOMA)

“Pet Care 101 — Beyond the Basics” is workshop topic on Tuesday, September 18, 7 a.m., at Pacific Beach Recreation Center (1405 Diamond Street). Jane Forst discusses caring for pets by balancing their animal health needs with your need to treat them like family. Free. All ages. 858-413-2121. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The Senior Vice President of the Republic of Liberia is Joseph N. Boakai, who will visit St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street) to raise awareness of the Foundation for Women’s “Dollar-a-Day Initiative,” Tuesday, September 18. Speakers include Barbaro Owens-Kirkpatrick (former ambassador to Niger), Deborah Lindholm (FFW executive director). Goal of initiative is to engage 10,000 people to set aside one dollar each day for 100 days with the objective of raising \$1 million to help poverty-stricken women in Africa, India, and the United States build income-generating businesses. Reception at 7 p.m., discussion at 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-483-0400. (LA JOLLA)

Native Plant Fair promised when landscaping authority Greg Rubin focuses on landscaping with California’s native plants for California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104 or 101. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Future of Real Estate Development: Environment, Economy, Equity” — Mary Lydon, the executive director of Urban Land Institute, speaks for bi-monthly Brown Bag forum hosted by WalkSanDiego.org on Wednesday, September 19, noon, at Downtown Information Center CCDC (225 Broadway). Free. 858-483-7078. (DOWNTOWN)

Dog Safety Lecture, learn dog safety tips on dog toys, poisonous food and plants, more, Wednesday, September 19, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Training accomplished through “kind, effective, and modern positive-reinforcement methods.” \$35. Required advance registration: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

“Bringing Home the Bacon: Finding Editorial Work” is subject for panel discussion hosted by SD/PEN Editors Network, Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Panelists: Simona Cherlin, Heidi Clevenger, Preston Hathaway, Sharon Hermann. Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

“Chocolate Candy Making and Caramel Dipping” fundamentals dispensed by Mark Jacobson at San Diego Natural History Museum on Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. Demonstration

and hands-on practice. \$43. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“Chaparral, Grizzly Bears, and the Agua Hedionda Lagoon” is topic when chaparral ecologist Rick Halsey from California Chaparral Institute speaks Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road, at Faraday). Free. 760-804-1969. (CARLSBAD)

Focus on Immigration when Paul Pierre, district director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, address North Coast League of Women Voters on Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. at Carlsbad Senior Center (799 Pine Avenue). Free. 760-736-1608. (CARLSBAD)

Pet Detective Annalisa Berns visits San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street) to present lecture on lost pets, Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. Berns focuses on lost-pet prevention, what to do when pet is lost, how scent dogs are used in pet recovery. \$10. 619-299-7012. (LINDA VISTA)

Savor the Past with food historian Arlyn Hackett from *San Diego Union-Tribune*, Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. Food samplings from Colonial Spanish period; participants explore “ordinary and unique examples of cultural heritage that defines the diverse and rich history of the San Diego region.” \$20. Reservations required by Tuesday, September 18: 619-232-6203 x150. (BALBOA PARK)

“Latest Breakthroughs on Breast Cancer and Nutrition” relayed by oncologists Dr. John Link, M.D., and Dr. James Waisman, M.D., for “Knowledge Is Hope” lecture series, Thursday, Septem-



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ber 20, 7 p.m., at Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (10905 Road to the Cure). Presentation followed by question-and-answer session. Free. 619-548-4056 or 858-450-5990 x243. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

“Lemon Grove at 30” is topic for panelists Jack Shelver, James Dorman, and others for “History Alive” series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society, Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). Free. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

“Gardening under Mediterranean Skies V: Lessons in Our Gardens” is theme for symposium on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Events celebrate plants thriving with minimal care in our climate, showcases range of garden possibilities in low-water environment. Talks by landscape architects Owen E. Dell and Shirley Kerins, followed by visits to four different gardens for tours and on-site lectures by experts who designed them. \$185. Registration: 760-295-7089 or 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Renowned Buddhist Monk, Peace Activist, Author Thich Nhat Hanh speaks Tuesday, October 2, in Jenny Craig Pavilion at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park) for 18th annual Social Issues Conference. Evening begins with guided meditation and chant at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7 p.m. \$10 general. 619-260-7550. (LINDA VISTA)

IN PERSON

National City Slam! San Diego Repertory Theatre is “looking for stories about important passages or life-changing experiences” from National City and South Bay communities. Auditions slated for Thursday, September 13, 6 p.m., at Kimball Senior Center (1221 D

Avenue); and Saturday, September 15, 11 a.m., at Kimball Recreation Center (148 East 12th Street). Auditions limited to two minutes in length, on first-come, first-served basis. 619-336-4290. (NATIONAL CITY)

Love, Swordplay, and disguises — Shakespeare’s pastoral comedy *As You Like It* is presented for 11th annual free Shakespeare production by Coronado Playhouse (1835 Strand Way) through September 23. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. First come, first seated. 619-435-4856. (CORONADO)

Oceans Apart, songs and instruments from Ireland, Wales, Scotland, North America may be heard when duo with Steve Colby and John Good perform for San Diego Folk Heritage, Friday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Meditative Sufi Music, vocalist Rojan and Shams Ensemble — boasting musicians from Kurdistan, Iran, and Iraq — play Kurdish and Persian music on Friday, September 14, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$30 general, \$15 students. 858-653-0336 (LA JOLLA)

“A Three-Dog Life” — author Abigail Thomas discusses and signs books on Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., at Muttropolis (227 South Cedros Avenue). “In these...essays Thomas reflects on how her marriage had to be reinvented after the night her husband, Richard, took their dog, Harry, out for a walk, and Harry came home alone.”

Busy on Saturday? Thomas will also sign books at Muttropolis at 7755 Girard Avenue on Sunday, September 16, 1–3 p.m. Free. 858-755-3647. Canines welcome. (SOLANA BEACH, LA JOLLA)

Five Local Blues Bands are finalists in competition to represent the area at Blues Foundations International Blues Challenge in Memphis in 2008. Fuzzy, Aunt Kizzy’z Boyz, Beale Street West,

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Billy Watson and His International Silver String Submarine Band, and 145th Street compete before judges on Saturday, September 15, 10:15 a.m.–3 p.m., at ‘Canes Bar and Grill (3105 Ocean Front Walk). Tickets: \$8 before 11:15 a.m., \$10 after. 619-256-1124. (MISSION BEACH)

“Hellboy Creator,” illustrator, and author Mike Mignola discusses his prose novel, *Baltimore, or, The Steadfast Tin Soldier and the Vampire*, Saturday, September 15, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Mariachi Concert hosted by American GI Forum, benefiting AVID program, Saturday, September 15, 6 p.m., at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School (1290 Ivey Ranch Road). Dinner and show: \$25. 760-757-6276, 760-724-2508. (OCEANSIDE)

Concert for Autism by Dave Humphries and friends, Saturday, September 15, 7 p.m., Claire de Lune (2906 University Avenue). 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Los Angeles Poet Mark Solerno reads from his new book, *Odalisque*, Saturday, September 15, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Peter Sprague String Consort — comprising a classical string quartet

and a jazz trio — in concert on Saturday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Selections by Sprague, Chick Corea, new arrangement of Bach’s “Prelude No. 9” from “Well-Tempered Clavier.” Donation: \$15. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Sandi and the Accents Reunite for concert, Saturday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino del Rio South). Their first single was “Better Watch Out, Boy”; the group disbanded in 1966. \$30. Space availability: 619-518-9553. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Spark of Insanity,” Jeff Dunham and his Suitcase Posse hit stage on Saturday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Theatre (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Comedienne, Actress 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)

West Coast Funnies — comedy variety show with headliner Dwayne Perkins (of Comedy Central; *Conan O’Brien; Late, Late Show; Last Comic Standing*), Lorie Cohen, Pearl St. Players, Saturday, September 15, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State

Street). \$20 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

Festival del Grito celebrating Mexican Independence Day, Sunday, September 16, noon–7 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hispanic singers, bands. Free. 858-755-1161. (DEL MAR)

“Davka, the Survival of a People” is a multimedia exhibit of photographs, videotaped and audiotaped oral histories and testimonies illuminating path from Holocaust to survival of ten families, on display through Wednesday, September 19, at Julian Library (1850 Highway 78).

Reception on Sunday, September 16, 1 p.m., includes lecture entitled “Eyewitness to the Holocaust” presented by Ramona resident Erwin Levy. Talk followed by klezmer concert with virtuoso klezmer clarinetist Alexander Gourevitch. Free. 760-765-0370. (JULIAN)

Film and Broadway Star Farley Granger discusses, signs *Include Me Out: My Life from Goldwyn to Broadway*, Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m., at Claire de Lune (2906 University Avenue). Discussion follows screening of Granger’s Hitchcock film *Strangers on a Train*. Event is repeated on Tuesday, September 18, 6 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-564-3112. (NORTH PARK, ESCONDIDO)

“Musica Sin Fronteras (Music without Borders)” promised when La Jolla Symphony Chamber Chorus and conductor David Chase perform Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Traditional, folk, and contemporary music by American and Mexican composers; songs in Spanish and English. \$12 general. 858-534-4637. (ENCINITAS)

Mystery Author Margaret Coel discusses her 13th book, *The Girl with Braided Hair*, at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Sunday, September 16, 3 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

San Diego Poet Harry Griswold will read from, sign his new book,

Camera Obscura, for Sunset Poets on Sunday, September 16, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Open-mike readings follow. Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

The New Antiwar Comedy Ladies First, by Lauren Simon and Anita Simons, receives reading on Sunday, September 16, 3 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Actors include Rosina Reynolds, Sandra Ellis-Troy, Annie Hinton, DeAnna Driscoll, D. Candis Paule, Monique Gaffney, Charlotte Ostrow reading narration. Donation requested. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

Infectious Delight and Spontaneous Dancing may occur during summer concert with “pedal steel guitar and rich vocal harmonies” creating “range of music including country, big-band era favorites, Elvis” tunes. Concert starts at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, at Cuyamaca College campus, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. Free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

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)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show with Kinner Shah, David Feingold (a.k.a. Fat Jewish Guy), Rich Ornelas, Jason Bang, Chris Heard, Bob Hansen and Cate Gary, Sunday, September 16, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). For those 21 and older. \$5. 619-702-6010. (DOWNTOWN)

Bond with a Bolt! Meet some Chargers players when they’re on hand to sign autographs, Tuesday, September 18, 4 p.m., at new Aragon neighborhood (7745 El Cajon Boulevard, look for Aragon signs). Fans are encouraged to bring merchandise for players to sign, have photographs taken. Free. 619-464-0963 (LA MESA)

Poetic Brew boasting “poet legends” Michael Klam and Ted Washington, Tuesday, September 18, 7 p.m., at Rebecca’s (3015 Juniper Street). Open-mike follows (sign-ups at 6:30 p.m.). 619-284-FOOD. (SOUTH PARK)

Economic and Environmental Benefits of installing “clean, renewable solar water heating” systems explained during workshop for homeowners sponsored by California Center of Sustainable Energy (8690 Balboa Avenue) on Wednesday, September 19, 6 p.m. “Homeowners can receive up to \$1500 in incentives...for the installation of a qualifying solar water heater.” Federal tax credits are also available. Free. Required reservations: 858-244-1177, 866-733-6374. (MISSION VALLEY)

Green Flash Seaside Summer Concert Series concludes for season with performance by the Bigfellas, Wednesday, September 19, 6 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium docents on hand to answer questions about marine life and exhibits, food (for sale). \$25. For those 21 and older. Reservations: 858-534-4109. (LA JOLLA)

Author Jason Deith discusses, signs *Discover Wellness*, Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m., Borders Books and Music (878 EastLake Parkway). Free. 619-482-9883.

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Novelist Cecile Pineda reads from her work for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m., in room LA2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Pineda is author of numerous books including *Face*, *Frieze*, and *The Love Queen of the Amazon*. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

Legendary Guitarist Jim Hall and acclaimed pianist Geoffrey Keezer perform for Athenaeum Jazz series, Wednesday, September 19, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$29. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Chapman Stick Master Tom Griesgraber performs for Concert Hour series, Thursday, September 20, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Twelve-Year-Old Pop Star Daechelle will sing and talk about her success, Thursday, September 20, 3:30 p.m., at Valley Center Library (29200 Cole Grade Road). The Valley Center middle school honors student has a song featured on *Bratz* soundtrack. Free. 760-749-1305. (VALLEY CENTER)

The Injustices Queer Folk Face provide fodder for Los Angeles-based performance artist Tim Miller, who presents “Us:A Performance” on September 22 and 23 at Masonic Hall (2904 University Avenue). Miller was one of the “NEA 4.” Shows begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$22. 760-564-3112. (NORTH PARK)

Nobel Laureate James D. Watson discusses his new book, *Avoid Boring People (Lessons from a Life in Science)* on Monday, September 24, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Among his awards: Nobel Prize in 1962, Presidential Medal of Freedom, National Medal of Science; he was director of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1968–1993). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

“This Filthy World,” filmmaker John Waters performs his one-man “vaudeville” act celebrating his film career for ArtPower, Wednesday, October 10, 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$42, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres finish road trip in Los Angeles against Dodgers, Thursday, September 13, 7:10 p.m. Pads head back to Petco Park to host San Francisco Giants, September 14–16, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Pittsburgh Pirates arrive for games September 17–20, at 7:05 p.m. Monday–Wednesday, 12:35 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets: \$8–\$67. 619-795-5005. (EAST VILLAGE)

Action Sports World Tour returns to Belmont Park, September 14–16. On Friday and Saturday, athletes including Bucky Lasek, Pierre Luc Gagnon, Andy Macdonald, many others compete in BMX, skateboard, inline vert events. Sunday promises “S3 Supergirl Jam,” an all-female skate and snow competition with Gretchen Bleiler, Lyn-Z Adams Hawkins.

OUT & ABOUT

BEST VOICE IN KIDS' MUSIC? Red Grammer, San Carlos United Methodist Church, Saturday, September 15.

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around bay, with some ticketed areas. 619-225-9160. (MISSION BAY)

The 16th Annual San Diego Start! Heart Walk in Balboa Park is Saturday, September 15, with registration at 5:30 a.m., opening ceremonies at 7 a.m. at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Donation. 858-410-3822. (BALBOA PARK)

Camp Pendleton Heartbreak Ridge Half-Marathon is Saturday, September 15, 8 a.m., in Las Pulgas area on base. The 13.1-mile route is mostly gravel out and back, on off-road course over rolling hills. 760-725-6836. Civilians welcome. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Freedom Ride, this 100-mile ride with motorcycles and classic cars is Saturday, September 15, starting with ride registration at 9 a.m. in parking lot of Rancho Financial

(16456 Bernardo Center Drive). Ride ends around 1 p.m. with luncheon, awards, in parking lot of Belmont Village (13075 Evening Creek Drive in Sabre Springs). \$20. 858-521-7209. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

All-Woman, Full-Contact Football! So Cal Scorpions host Empire State Roar on Saturday, September 15, 5 p.m., in Edward’s Stadium (next to La Jolla High School, 750 Nautilus Street). Ticket prices: 877-717-8464.

Friends of San Pasqual Academy Team Penning, Saturday, September 15, 6 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$30 general, \$15 for those 2–12. 858-759-3298. (DEL MAR)

Mission Bay to La Costa Express Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, September 16. Moderate hills, brisk pace, 52 miles. Ride starts at 8:30 a.m. at De Anza Cove, Mission Bay Park, heads to La Costa, through Rancho Santa Fe and Carmel Valley, with snack stop. 858-565-7262. (MISSION BAY)

Tour de San Diego, join Knickerbiker bicyclists for 25-mile jaunt up Pacific Highway, through Mission Valley, along East San Diego and South Park. Ride on Sunday, September 16, starts at 9 a.m. at County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Highway). Bring money for lunch. 619-262-3969. (DOWNTOWN)

Paddlin’ Party, hit the water at Ocean Beach Pier during events planned by Surfrider Foundation, Sunday, September 16, 9:30 a.m.–noon. Bring kayaks, surfboards, Boogie boards to join in noncompetitive paddle, or just cheer from sand. Breakfast provided to paddlers. Post-Paddle Party includes en-

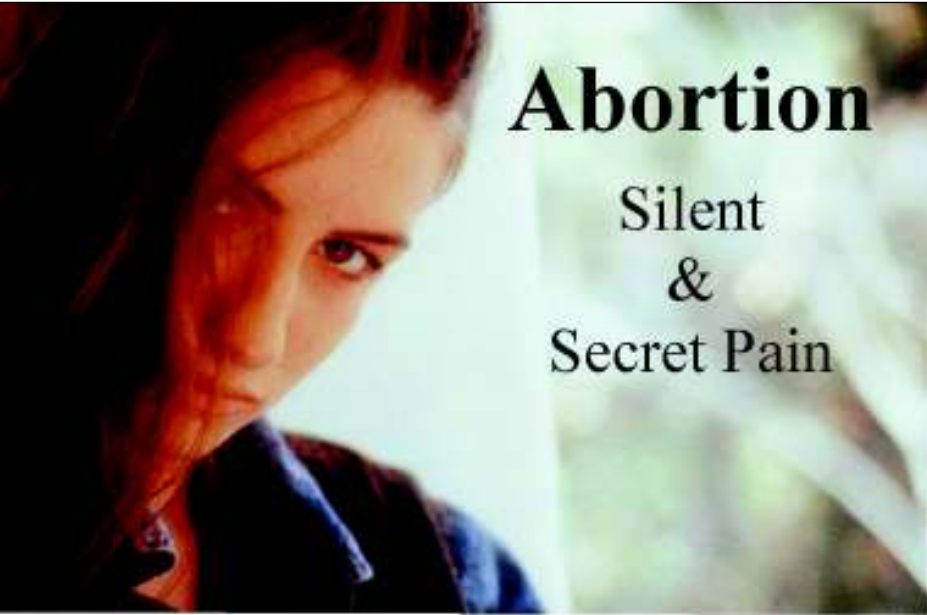
vironmental awareness and action booths, art, health and wellness booths, kids’ area, live music and dance, food. Party — noon to 6 p.m. — is at Rock Paper Scissors, 4967 Newport Avenue. Free. 858-792-9940. (OCEAN BEACH)

Kayak Lessons on Mission Bay offered Sunday, September 16, starting at 10 a.m. at Allen’s Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Participants must be able to swim. Free. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

Spreckels Cup Polo competition set for Sunday, September 16, at San Diego Polo Club (14555 El Camino Real). Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

San Diego Chargers head to New England to meet up with New England Patriots, Sunday, September 16, 5:15 p.m. Game broadcast on NBC; listen on radio station KIOZ-FM, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games: \$54–\$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Subaru Urban Assault Race, described as “largest urban adventure race series in the country,” is Sunday, September 23, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Biking event combines mental challenges such as timed brain teasers and riddles with physical challenges such as steering bouncy balls through construction cone mazes and wading through foam pits. Two-person teams race bikes to checkpoints around town to complete tasks, starting point at 900 Arnele Avenue. Fees: \$100–\$120. 303-408-0747. (EL CAJON)



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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

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)

YachtFest San Diego runs Thursday–Sunday, September 13–16, at Island Palms Hotel and Marina (2051 Shelter Island Drive). Tours of yachts for sale and charter. Seminar: "Your Career in Yachting," 9 a.m. on Sunday. Show hours: 11 a.m.–6 p.m. daily. General admission: \$32. 858-836-0133. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Taste of Downtown, cuisines of world on offer during self-guided walking tour, Thursday, September 13, 5–9 p.m. Participants may use shuttles or walk to 46 participating eateries ranging from Gaslamp Quarter to Little Italy. \$25. 619-233-5008. (DOWNTOWN)

Rods and Woodies Classic Car Show, cruise night series concludes on Thursday, September 13, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Live music in front of Encinitas Smog (682 South Coast Highway 101). Ogle classic cars between D Street and Lumberyard on Highway 101. Free. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

"Wavcrest Woodie Weekend," described as "largest and oldest of all-woodie" meets, starts with "Rods and Woodies on 101" on

Thursday, September 13, 5:30 p.m., between D and G Streets on Coast Highway. Featured car club: San Diego Woodies; live entertainment by Secret Samurai.

Wavcrest Woodie Meet is Saturday, September 15, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., in Moonlight Beach parking lot (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Free. Food, entertainment.

Woodie cruise on Highway 101 on Sunday, September 16. Free admission to all events. 760-746-6199 or 619-993-8401. (ENCINITAS)

"Saudi Arabia — Caught between Two Worlds" is subject when P&R Discussion Group gathers, Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

Fall Home/Garden Show returns to Del Mar Fairgrounds, with hundreds of exhibits covering wide variety of home-improvement and decorating subjects, September 14–16. Hours: 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. \$8 general, free for kids under 12. 858-586-1202. (DEL MAR)

Nitro Night is September 14 during Cruisin' Grand. 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)

Put 15 Candles on the Cake when Birch Aquarium at Scripps celebrates 15 years with events on September 15 and 16. Green Earth, Blue Ocean Community Fair on Saturday, along with watershed demonstration, kelp tank feeding

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show, more.

On Sunday, enjoy kelp tank feeding show, fish printing, cake. Details: 858-534-7336. Find Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Oceanside Harbor Days on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., with "Pirates Plunder at the Harbor," nail and sail competition and outrigger, canoe, and sailboat races; "Pirates Attack Water Show," fishing derby, live entertainment, static military and civilian displays, demonstrations, arts and crafts, food, more. Tall ships the *Californian* and *Spirit of Dana Point* will be available for dockside tours and ocean tours at 5 p.m. (\$45). 760-722-1534. Free admission. (OCEANSIDE)

The 37th Annual Julian Bluegrass Festival and Banjo Fiddle Contest is September 15 and 16 at Frank Lane Park (2645 Farmers Road). Performances by Trails and Rails, Sara Petite and Tiger Mountain Boys, Cool River Trio, Highland Way, Judy Taylor, Howling Coyotes. Contests, open jam sessions.

Both days feature food and music-related vendors' booths. Festival opens at 9 a.m. both days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Bring blankets, chairs. Tickets: \$15 adults; children under 16 free with paid adult. 760-765-3937. (JULIAN)

Life Drawing and Painting Open Studio offered every Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6–9 p.m., at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Bring drawing and painting supplies to work with model; a few short poses followed by one or two long poses. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (EAST VILLAGE)

Delightful Dolls of Southern California's annual doll sale, Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Antique and modern dolls, doll clothing, accessories, stuffed animals, books, toys, more. \$5. 619-265-0443. (KEARNY MESA)

Drive Along Historic Stage Route in celebration of first transcontinental mail route. On Saturday, September 15, participants drive an estimated 70 miles, starting at 10 a.m. at Warner Ranch, finish at 4 p.m. in Old Town State Historic Park. Overland Mail historians Steve Van Wormer and Chris Wray will discuss life on the route. Donation. Reservations: 760-767-4063.

Fiesta at Rancho Guajome Adobe, take horse-drawn wagon ride, listen to Native American storytelling, take a self-guided tour through 28-room National Historic Landmark, Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Live music, period fashion show, dancing; children make ice cream, piñatas, cowboy and cowgirl vests, more. Admis-

sion: \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 4–12; free for children 3 and under; children's activities included in admission. Find Rancho Guajome Adobe at 2210 North Santa Fe Avenue; 760-724-4082 x4. (VISTA)

Fall Bamboo Sale at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), Saturday, September 15, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Over 100 varieties of bamboo offered, bamboo crafts and products. Admission: \$10 general. 619-507-0826. (ENCINITAS)

University Heights Arts Open, showcasing work by over 100 visual and performing artists, runs noon–6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16. Self-guided tour of artists' open studios — musicians, performers, playwrights — includes shuttle service. Event hub at Birney Academy of International Studies, 4345 Campus Avenue. 619-508-4075. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School," New York art event started in 2005 by artist, burlesque dancer Molly Crabapple returns to Bluefoot Bar and Lounge (3404 30th Street) on Saturday, September 15, 3–6 p.m. Theme: "Back to School," with featured "naughty schoolgirl" Dixie Von Trixie of Sultry Savage Burlesque. Suggested donation: \$10. 619-756-7891. (NORTH PARK)

Lemon Grove Jazz, Wine, and Art Festival with performances by Grammy-nominated jazz artist Larry White, along with Gary Walker, Ronnie Rose and friends. Expect wine, art by artists and craftspeople "of every type," food from local restaurants takes place 4–10 p.m. on Saturday, September 15, on grounds of St. John of the Cross (8086 Broadway). Tickets: \$65, \$35 general. 619-469-9621. (LEMON GROVE)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, September 16, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

Sea Chantey Festival is Sunday, September 16, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., on board *Star of India*. Performances by Oceans Apart, Jackstraws, Gilman Carver, Westlin Weavers, others; shipboard activity demonstrations, raising of sails. \$12 general, discounts for seniors, kids. Find the ship berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

"Concert for a United World" and open house hosted by Self-Realization Fellowship, Sunday, September 16, 1–6 p.m. Gather to "share...the spirit of unity and friendship that Paramahansa Yogananda fostered throughout his life." Concert features 50-person orchestra and 45-person chorus, performances by opera singer Jennifer Jones, Alan Paul (of Manhattan Transfer), soloist Ken Bell.

Also on tap: tours of gardens, meditation chapel, and hermitage; screenings of *Glimpses of a Life Divine*. Find Self-Realization Fellowship Retreat and Hermitage at 215 K Street. Free. 760-753-2888. Food and beverages are not permitted on grounds. (ENCINITAS)

The House of Turkey hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Free admission. (BALBOA PARK)

Is America a Capitalist Society? Discuss Ayn Rand's *Moral Defense*

of *Capitalism* with Objectivist Discussion Group, Sunday, September 16, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge (2906 University Avenue). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. (NORTH PARK)

"Yoga for Your Face!" Learn brief, energizing routine designed by Jaruska Solyova specifically for muscles of face and neck on Tuesday, September 18, 11 a.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). Comfortable clothing, empty stomach. \$30. 858-456-9964. Repeats Thursday, September 27. (LA JOLLA)

Book Club Happy Hour, Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Discuss, share ideas with other book clubs; publishing representatives on hand to present their favorite book club picks, expertise on how to start a book club. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Point Loma Past and Present" is theme for fourth anniversary celebration at Point Loma Library (3701 Voltaire Street) on Wednesday, September 19. Make sailor hats and sing sea chanteys during "Sailboat Making and Sailing" program for children (4 p.m.); Noah Tafolla speaks, screens his film on Point Loma (7 p.m.). Art show highlighting scenes from Point Loma on display. Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Demons, Golems, and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination" is theme for "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature" reading, discussion series at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Program begins with look at *Satan in Goray* by Isaac Bashevis Singer on Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration: 619-236-5817. (LA JOLLA)

"Suburban Trees" continues through fall at Carlsbad Sculpture Garden (2955 Elmwood Street). Exhibit inspired by a piece by Italo Scanga features work by seven area sculptors. Viewing hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Mondays–Fridays. 760-434-2904. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Who Really Runs America? Bring your opinion for P&R Discussion group, Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Pico's Pail" presented by Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers through Sunday, September 16, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Big Joe Productions take stage for *Mother Goose*, September 19–23. 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)

Bear Necessities, *Disney's the Jungle Book* is next production for La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre, running September 14–23 at Firehouse YMCA Community Center (7877 Herschel Avenue). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$10–\$15. 619-239-8355. (LA JOLLA)

Family Open Studio, Saturday, September 15, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tour of current exhibition, creation of work of art inspired by exhibit. For all ages. Ma-

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Green Earth, Blue Ocean, learn about sustainable products, services, technologies during conservation-themed family day activities, Saturday, September 15, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium at Scripps (2300 Expedition Way). Crafts, science, tours included in regular admission. No reservations necessary.

“Explore It: SDG&E Energy Lab,” also slated for 15th, runs 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Learning lab focusing on how energy works, how we use it. Fee is \$4 per parent/child pair, in addition to regular aquarium admission. Advance registration required: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

“Energy” provides topic when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, September 15, noon–3 p.m. Participants “make a free science experiment” to take home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Best Voice in Kids’ Music? Red Grammer presents “Hello, World,” a concert for young children, Saturday, September 15, 1 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts and animals are part of fun on Sunday, September 16, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$3. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

Love on a Leash, children to read stories to certified therapy dogs on Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (1330 Salmon River Road). The idea: help

kids gain confidence and reading skills in “relaxing environment.” For kids in grades one–six. Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Teen Council Meeting — providing opportunity for those 12–18 to earn community service hours, gain leadership experience, “have a say in programming and material selection for teens” — convenes Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

MUSEUMS

Birch Aquarium at Scripps, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. “Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge” examines science behind climate change; “Art of Deception” explores undersea camouflage. “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, bamboo, 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)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the pro-

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celler-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.

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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: Amer-

ica’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 to inexpensive, plastic marvels 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’ 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)

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CLASSICAL

The Debut of a New Collaborative Work by Peter Sprague Consort and California Quartet is planned during Concert Hour performance, Thursday, September 13, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Piano Series, Robert Holm performs Friday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance

Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15 general. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

Peter Sprague String Consort — comprising a classical string quartet and a jazz trio — in concert on Saturday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Selections by Sprague, Chick Corea, new arrangement of Bach's "Prelude No. 9" from "Well-Tempered Clavier." Donation: \$15. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton and Demare McGill, principal flute of San Diego Symphony, plan concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Musica Sin Fronteras (Music without Borders)" promised when La Jolla Symphony Chamber Chorus and conductor David Chase perform Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Traditional, folk, and contemporary music by American and Mexican composers; songs in Spanish and English. \$12 general. 858-534-4637. (ENCINITAS)

Concert Pianist Dmitry Kirichenko performs works by Mozart, Bach, Brahms, and Schubert for "Pleasure of Your Company" music series, Sunday, September 16, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donations welcome. 858-538-8158. Reception follows. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Mistaken Identity/Disguise in Opera" provides theme for concert, Sunday, September 16, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Soprano Michelle Kei Ishuu,

mezzo-soprano Ava Baker Liss, tenor Aleksandr Agamirzov, baritone William Nolan, and pianist Timothy Todd Simmons take on showcase pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, Verdi, Ponchielli, Strauss. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$23 at door. Reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Child Prodigy Cellist Sarina Zhang plans concert for opening mini-concert of the season, Monday, September 17, noon, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Guest Artist Recital, Jeremy Kurtz plans recital with his string bass and pianist Ines Irawati on Tuesday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

Convergence plays works for flute, clarinet, and piano for family music series on Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Program includes pieces by Donald Draganski, Sir Malcolm Arnold, Henry Mancini, Franz Liszt. Free. 858-552-1668. (CARMEL VALLEY)

"The Ten Most Popular Classical Pieces Ever" will be revealed and performed by San Diego Chamber Orchestra and conductor Jung-Ho Pak on Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Listen for "most beloved musical classics from stage, screen, and television." Tickets: \$20-\$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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GALLERIES

Woodcuts by Kirsten Francis and Claudio Orso Giacone, artists with "two different approaches to the oldest form of printmaking," may be seen through Friday, October 19, at Bay Park Press (4138 Napier Street). Exhibit opens with reception, Friday, September 14, 5:30 p.m. 619-275-0696. (BAY PARK)

"As Good as the Getty," the 2007 SDSU graduate review exhibition continues through Thursday, September 20, in Everett Gee Jackson and Flor y Canto Galleries at San Diego State University. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"Flight of Dreams," showcasing new paintings by Larry

"Renzo" Lewis, opens with reception on Friday, September 14, 6 p.m., at Madison Gallery (1020 Prospect Street, suite 130). RSVP: 858-459-0836. Through September. (LA JOLLA)

"The Graphic Imperative: International Posters for Peace, Social Justice, and the Environment, 1965 to 2005" is on exhibit through Wednesday, October 10, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Retrospective of 40 years of international sociopolitical posters focuses on issues of "our turbulent times." Co-curator Frank Baseman plans gallery talk at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 14, followed by reception until 9 p.m. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

"Uniformed" by Therese Cipiti Herron and Judy Parenio's "Impressions of Mexico...Dia de los Muertos and Other Influences" continue through Sunday, October 7, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Juror Ann Berchtold selected "Outstanding Visual Artists" of the region; art by youths from Montgomery Middle School may also be seen. Reception for artists: Friday, September 14, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

The Annual Faculty Art Exhibit at MiraCosta College continues through Thursday, September 27, in Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Reception for artists is Friday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. 760-757-5368. (OCEANSIDE)

"Embracing Randomness — Urban Musings" by Lisa Smith and John Clark's "New Works from the Ancient Stories Portfolio" are fêted during reception on Saturday, September 15, 5 p.m., at

Ordovery Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Gallery artists have work on view as well. 858-720-1121. Closes Sunday, October 21. (SOLANA BEACH)

The "Gentleman's Loafer" Art Show "directed" by Dark Vomit, features art "designed to print" on men's black corduroy loafers; each artist submitted a design to be printed on the top of a shoe. Finished (printed) shoes are on display and for sale (\$25) during reception on Saturday, September 15, 6 p.m., at Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue). 619-563-9770. Through September. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"A Moveable Feast — Luscious Offerings from Four San Diego Artists" may be enjoyed through Monday, September 17, in Gallery 21 of Spanish Village (1770 Village Place). Art Party for artists Julia Gill, Steve Gould, Joan Everds, and Greg Klamt is Sunday, September 16, 2 p.m. 619-226-1670. (BALBOA PARK)

Stories and Images by Youths of Project Aja are featured during exhibition and reception, Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m., at Sanctuary 143 (143 South Cedros Avenue). Aja Project teaches photography to refugee and immigrant youth to "share their stories and build confidence for the future." 760-487-1137. (SOLANA BEACH)

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.



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“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 — North County, “Paper Transformed,” exhibition made up of “Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses” and “Origami — The Art of Paper Folding” from Mingei’s permanent collection continues. For “Crowning Glory,” Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. “Origami” boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, “American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition” opens on Sunday, September 16. Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.—A.D. 220); “Scholar’s Rocks” is English name most commonly used for these items. American viewing stone collecting began with first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and *suseki*.

The “Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio” also opening on view on September 16 are likely from a 19th-Century edition of *Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio*. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits close on Tuesday, October 30.

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 Therrien, including an enormous wood dining table and chairs, and a new work of an oversized folding table with folding chairs, through Sunday, September 23. Show includes selection of early works by Therrien from MCASD’s collection.

“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, “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, “Picturing Eden,” opening on Saturday, September 15, and continuing through Sunday, January 13, examines “many facets of paradise, from a place of contemplation and restoration to a site of loneliness and despair.” Exhibition includes work by more than 30 artists, including Michael Kenna, Sally Mann, Han Nguyen, and Doug and Mike Starn.

“Public Privacy: Wendy Richmond’s Surreptitious Cellphone,” opening on Saturday, September 8, “explores how 20th-Century Americans occupy personal spaces while going about their daily lives in the public eye.” Richmond allows viewers to observe people in mundane routines by shooting tiny movies on her cell-phone video camera. Closes Sunday, January 6.

Also on view through January 6, “New Light: Selections from MoPA’s Education Programs,” including

photographic and multimedia pieces by more than 60 San Diego students.

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

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, November 25, features over 80 new works, many of which have never been displayed before. Highlights include new subsection of sculptures of *lohas* (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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Concert IMBY Steve Rohrer booked the bands for "Ranchita Rocks," a three-day event at which 40 bands will play. Concertgoers are

event would have "angry music for angry people."

"If [Sgt. Evans] was bad-mouthing the type of music from a white band, just think how he would deal with black artists.... Because of what the sheriffs said, I called the NAACP...[because] two of my headliners are HR [of Bad Brains] and Fishbone [which

transmission lines from the Salton Sea to Del Mar.

Ranchita Rocks tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$40 on the day of the show. Rohrer says beer will cost \$6 a cup; water, \$1 a bottle. Twenty-four portable toilets will be available to the 1000 to 2000 people expected to show.

Because it would be hard to put a fence around the ranch, how does Rohrer expect to prevent people from walking in?

"That's one hell of a hike," says Rohrer. "You have to bring in a pretty good load of water and know your way around Ranchita. If you are bad-ass enough to walk on, then you deserve to get in."

Local bands on the bill include Vegetation, the Blackbirds, Haywire, Teflon, Jalopy, the CHI Club, Grand Canyon Sundown, a Dull Science, and Compass Rose.

"We have a DJ tent and a comedy camp with comics from L.A.," says Rohrer. "I'm already booking Ranchita Rocks for 2008. The Powerlink won't go away by next year. Everyone out there in Julian, Warner Springs, and Ramona is behind this. No property near Ranchita has sold in a year because no one will buy out there if they think this [electrical transmission line] is coming in."

Ranchita Rocks (www.ranchitarocks.org) takes place September 28-30.

— Ken Leighton

Truth Hurts Rapper Tonex (pronounced toe-

NAY), a pastor at Truth Apostolic Community Church, has generated controversy because he curses in his song "The Naked Truth": "I got out alive, nigga...I did it, I made it, [I'm] the genius, the faggot, the weirdo, the hobo, the homo, the magnet."

Other lyrics include "I got my cock back" and "I'm sexy, I'm bold, I'm hot," as well as an angry shout-out to "that preacher that touched me when I was fucking six." The words "bullshit" and "bitch" are on the track, too.

Tonex's label Zomba

"The Naked Truth" isn't Tonex's first brush with controversy. In 2005, he announced he was divorcing his wife of five years. Soon after, he was sued by Zomba/Verity Records for one million dollars after he announced that the label was "mistreating" him with "unfair business practices"

that reduced his income. "Verity has left me financially broke and without anything," Tonex stated in his reply to the lawsuit, which is still ongoing.

Tonex's 2004 CD *Out the Box* debuted at number one on *Billboard's* gospel album chart. He has won six Stellar Awards, including "Artist of the Year" in 2004, and was nominated for a 2005 Grammy for "Best Soul Gospel Album."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Lightning Strikes At press time there was speculation that Dynamite Walls, Scarlet Symphony, and Dirty Sweet might be last-minute additions to next weekend's Street Scene lineup. Weeks earlier, the booking of side stage headliner DJ Kid Lightning was announced; he's the local club DJ who has opened shows for the Rapture, Massive Attack, and Britney Spears (at downtown's House of Blues earlier this year).

Some speculate that Kid

Lightning (a.k.a. Jamal Dauda) got on the bill because he is a talent buyer for House of Blues/Live Nation.

"Any local band would have loved to play the Street Scene and yet he books himself," says a local band manager.

Dauda has worked as a

blurt

the inside track

encouraged to camp out on the 160-acre Golightly Farms Ranch between Warner Springs and Julian. Rohrer's mother and owner of the ranch, Carolyn Morrow, is co-promoting the show.

"We went through the entire permit process with the sheriffs," says Rohrer, 37. According to Rohrer, sheriffs approved of his plan to pay \$4000 to a private security company that would provide 12 guards each day.

"Then they came back at the last minute and said that we had to pay the sheriffs \$6700 just to have two cops on Friday, four on Saturday, and four on Sunday.... They said, 'Oh, you're having beer.' They made us pay almost \$7000 extra just to pay them so they could come work [the event] themselves. We told them four months ago we were having beer."

In a September 5 *Union-Tribune* article, sheriff's sergeant Tom Evans compared the concert to Woodstock and said the

has black band members]. I am worried about their safety because of what they said in the *U-T* article."



ROHRER TAKES A STAND AGAINST SDG&E

Rohrer says the purpose of the concert is to raise money to pay legal fees in the fight against SDG&E's proposed Sunrise Powerlink, which would run through the ranch. If the plan goes forward, 150-foot-tall steel towers will suspend



TONEX TO BECOME A LIVING SACRIFICE

Gospel Group has dropped him, citing the pastor's recent "awkward behavior" and "Tonex's decision to move in an artistic direction outside the scope of gospel music." YouTube video essays that address the controversy include condemnations by Pastor Clarence Smith and former Tonex fans.

In an interview on Christian website *Path MegaZine*, Tonex explains, "It wasn't a Christian song, and it wasn't a cry for help. It was a cry that 'I made it.' I will become a living sacrifice by being that honest and that transparent."



THE KID WORKS HIS WAY UP AND ON THE BILL

promotions assistant for 91X and FM-94/9. He segued to a job in the talent-buying department for the local House of Blues venue, which became part of the Live Nation concert-production company.

Although Dauda admits he is handling local talent for Street Scene, he denies he booked himself.

"As far as I know, I had nothing to do with that.... It is a sensitive subject. It is hard to say if me working for [Live Nation] had anything to do with that."

— Ken Leighton

East Side, West When vocalist-guitarist Amber Coffman takes the Casbah stage this weekend as a member of Brooklyn's art-pop band Dirty Projectors, it will mark a sort of homecoming. Before relocating to New York at the

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beginning of this year, Coffman played for a few years in San Diego's Sleeping People, which shares the Sunday-night bill.

This past July, in the kitchen of the Bedford-Stuyvesant house she shares with bandmate Dave Longstreth and other musicians, she said, "I love [New York City] and its energy, but I do miss being in San Diego with the people, the weather, and that less hectic pace...." A postcard of Sunset Cliffs adorned the fridge door.

Another SD connection in the Brooklyn rental is roommate Ray Raposa of the Castanets — the part-time San Diegan rents the basement and last year recorded a split ten-inch with the Dirty Projectors in the living room. (Entitled "BlackWater," the Castanets track documents the nautical near-disaster the band escaped last September when their NY-to-Virginia sailboat tour ended outside Baltimore after grazing a buoy in the dark.)

Because the house has acquired a rep as home to some of NYC's critically acclaimed acts (including Vampire Weekend), *Fader* magazine did a group interview ("Who's the messiest?" Raposa: "Me. For sure. Water bottles full of piss. A lot of beer cans. Some gnarled dishes").

Dirty Projectors recorded

their latest album in the house. *Rise Above*, released on Tuesday, is being hailed by critics as a breakthrough record; it's a reimagining of tracks off 1981's *Damaged* LP by Black Flag.

While cleaning out his boyhood room, DP leader Longstreth found the empty Black Flag cassette case — his favorite album from middle school. He set about creating new compositions to the record's lyrics that he could recall from memory. The result encompasses everything from quirky rock and deep soul to a unique



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avant-Afropop, propelled by Longstreth's somewhat Jeff Buckley-ish vocalizations and the key contribution of recurring female vocals akin to Marley's I-Threes or South Africa's Mahotella Queens.

Coffman's is one of those sweet female voices on the record — the other is from former Dirty Projector and veteran San Diego-based indie musician Susanna Waiche, who has played in local bands Sterling Silver and the Album Leaf and lent her vocal talents to the Black Heart Procession. Waiche's voice has been used in commercials produced by SD music house Singing Serpent (including a season-long Padres promo a few years ago).

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"She purrs and sabers light, I thought of you, we breathe from the same mask."

— Pinback, "Victorious D"

"Help me OB1, me and the Rebel Alliance need your help." — Thingy, "O.B.1"

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instrumental song inspired by *Star Wars* called "Kessel Run," which, according to Wookieepedia, is "an 18-parsec route used by smugglers to move glitterstim spice from Kessel to an area south of the Si'Klaata Cluster."

Crow's memorabilia collection reportedly includes a working R2D2 robot, comic books, a Super-8 film reel with scenes from the original movie, and an array of toys that extends to the main tool of his trade: he customized one of his guitar rigs to look like an X-wing fighter.

— Jay Allen Sanford



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Side." — Rob Crow, "Jedi Master"

"Release them now [in 3D]! So, please, Lucas I'm waiting." — Other Men, "Anaglyphic"

In addition, Thingy has an

of the kids who turn 18 rely on "survivor sex.... There is a place in Balboa Park called the 'fruit loop.' They do it just so they can get food or stay in a hotel room."

Jeffrey Sitcov's Photocharity nonprofit has raised over \$1 million for

bill (King, George Thorogood, Paul Rodgers, Taj Mahal, the Blind Boys of Alabama, and more) are playing pro bono.

De Los Reyes will play the show with a band made up of young people he met through Storefront. The Concert of



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DE LOS REYES TO JOIN B.B.

Storefront (SD Youth and Community Services' Emergency Runaway Shelter) by auctioning off autographed rock-star gear, staging benefit concerts, and securing corporate donations. He has organized the "Concert of Hope honoring B.B. King" next month to raise money for a new permanent facility that will help out homeless kids aged 18–24. All of the artists on the

Hope is October 12 at SDSU's Open Air Theatre. Tickets run from \$54 to \$180, but at press time, the organization's website (www.photocharity.org) indicated that the show was sold out.

— Ken Leighton

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Things to Say to a Girl

"I've heard us called everything from 'Coldplay on crack' to a mellow Strokes."

Steve Serrano, drummer for Dynamite Walls, says that the first night of their first national tour was, unbeknownst to the band, spent in a home where one of Seattle's worst shootings had taken place the year before. All night long Serrano heard strange noises, creaks, and groans in the timbers of the old house. "It felt really weird," he says. "Like, was it the house, or was it something else?" The next morning, while using his cell phone on the front porch, Serrano spotted something odd in the front yard. "I saw this box. It had flowers and all kinds of weird stuff on it," he says. "Later, a lady came by and dropped off flowers in front of the house."

It turns out that the box was a shrine to the shooting victims. On Saturday, March 25, 2006, a gunman killed six and wounded two at a rave afterparty before turning a gun on himself. The early-morning rampage became known as the Capitol Hill Massacre. After that, the house at 2112 E. Republican Street sat empty until friends of friends of Dynamite Walls' keyboard player took advantage of the cheap rent.

"It was scary to find that out the next day," says Serrano of the massacre. "I wouldn't have stayed there if I'd known about that. The house had a very eerie feeling about it."

Steve Serrano is 24 and lives in Oceanside.

Of his band, Serrano says, "I've heard us called everything from 'Coldplay on crack' to a mellow Strokes. My mom likes it, my girlfriend's grandmother likes it, my friend's little brothers like it." In San Diego, their hometown, they have played the Belly Up, Soma, the Casbah, and the Beauty Bar in East San Diego. "We played once a week [at the Beauty Bar] for, like, a month. Scary neighborhood."

Serrano uses his iPod as a music library and to watch DVDs while on the road. "I have music from all sides of the spectrum," he says. "I have every Beatles record on there. I have a lot of Led Zeppelin. I have *The Last Waltz*. I'm a really big fan of the Band and their music," he says. Comparisons aside, Serrano also favors Coldplay. "Chris Martin's delivery is always spot on, every song. And when you don't get one of his songs at first, it's probably one of his better ones."

Serrano continues, "I like the Strokes' style. It's really soulful. Everybody talks about how simple they are, when in fact they are probably one of the most technical bands out there. The guitar players are the most technical part of that band. You don't have to do a ripping drop D guitar solo to show that you're a great guitar player." Other bands that Serrano finds Pod-worthy are the Arctic Monkeys, Augus-



Steve Serrano

tana, Delta Spirit, and Cold War Kids.

"You can't leave out Frank," he says. "New York, New York." How could you not like it? If you run out of things to say to a girl, you can put Frank Sinatra on, and he'll tell it to her for you."

Steve Serrano's iPod Top 10:

1. "Across the Universe," the Beatles

2. "Is It Any Wonder?" Keane
3. "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," Ella Fitzgerald
4. "Fake Plastic Trees," Radiohead
5. "Breed," Nirvana
6. "Babe, I'm Gonna Leave You," Led Zeppelin
7. "The Wind Cries Mary," Jimi Hendrix
8. "Free Bird," Lynyrd Skynyrd
9. "Up on Cripple Creek," the Band
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FRIDAY

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.

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SUNDAY

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.

Lagwagon: Soma, Sunday, September 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

MONDAY

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.

"San Diego Music Awards": Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, September 17, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

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.

UPCOMING

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SEPTEMBER

Clay Walker: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Mindy Smith: House of Blues, Thursday, September 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

High on Fire: The Casbah, Thursday, September 20, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

"92.5 Old Skool Jam": Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 21, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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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.

Toots & the Maytals: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, September 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Del tha Funkee Homosapien: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, September 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

Hot Hot Heat: Soma, Wednesday, September 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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.

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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,
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The Steve Miller Band: Palomar
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Tom Russell:
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Steve Tyrell: Humphrey's Concerts by
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Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the
Park, Sunday, October 7, 5005 Willows
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Pat Monahan: House of Blues,
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Martin Sexton: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 18, and

Friday, October, 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jimmy Eat World: House of Blues, Friday, October 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Laurence Juber: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Electric Six: The Casbah, Saturday, October 20, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Lifeshouse: House of Blues, Sunday, October 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony: Cox Arena, Wednesday, October 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Boys Like Girls: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Chevelle: Soma, Wednesday, October 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Harry Manx: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Melvins: The Casbah, Thursday, October 25, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Pogues: 4th & B, Friday, October 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

John Stewart: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Ghostface Killah: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 30, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

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Terri Hendrix: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, November 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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Ellis Paul: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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The Hold Steady: 'Canes, Thursday, November 8, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Maroon 5: Cox Arena, Friday, November 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Junior Reid: 'Canes, Friday, November 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Dave Mason and John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers: House of Blues, Sunday, November 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jake Shimabukuro: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Peter, Paul, and Mary: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Silverchair: House of Blues, Friday, November 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Kelly Clarkson: San Diego Civic Theatre, Friday, November 16, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Suzanne Vega: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Clint Black: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Erin McKeown: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Al McKay: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, November 17, 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.

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.

New Found Glory and Senses Fail: House of Blues, Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Van Halen: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 25, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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Lucy Kaplansky: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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THURSDAY 13

The thinking man’s metal band, **Helmet**, returns to the U.S. this month. They’d been supporting some other type of man’s metal band, Guns ‘n’ Roses, in Australia this summer. Helmet broke gold with their 1992 Interscope release *Meantime*, popular for its post-hardcore tones and stop-start riffage. Listening to Page Hamilton’s staccato guitar work, it’s no wonder he’s a hard time keeping this band together — the songs demand loud and fast precision. Hamilton’s got a new crew touting his latest release under the Helmet moniker, *Monochrome*, which they’ll unleash on the **Casbah** crowd tonight. They’ll be joined by Seattle experimentalists (of the Acid Mothers school) **Kinski**, whose latest, *Down Below It’s Chaos*, is available on SubPop.... Legend has it that in late 1950s, guitar guru Leo Fender chose **Dick Dale** to play the first stratocaster off the line. However, Fender had inadvertently presented the left-handed guitarist a right-handed instrument. Dale took it and played upside down and backwards creating the surf-guitar sound. “King of surf guitar” Dale will work the room at **Belly Up** along with National City’s country crunk trio **Action Andy and His Haunted Honky-Tonkers**.... Jazz supper club **Anthology** presents folk, jazz, and blues singer **Maria Muldaur**. Muldaur came up in 1960s Greenwich Village with Bob Dylan and John Sebastian. She had a crossover pop hit, “Midnight at the Oasis,” in 1974, and a stint singing back-up in the Jerry Garcia Band. Muldaur has released Grammy-nominated collections of blues standards. Check out this year’s *Naughty, Bawdy, and Blue*. The chanteuse turned 64 on Wednesday.

FRIDAY 14

The Canadian invasion continues as Montreal quintet **Wolf Parade** trounces through **Canes** in Mission Beach. The Parade were wooed and signed to SubPop by Isaac Brock of Modest Mouse. Their 2005 debut, *Apologies to the Queen Mary*, was reminiscent of Brock’s experimental pop and quirky vocal style, though with a more piano-driven sound played by Frog Eyes/Sunset Rubdown pianoman Spencer Krug. Their follow-up to *Queen Mary* is expected later this year, as the band premieres the material on tour.... SubPop labelmates the **Brunettes** will play across town at **Casbah**. The New Zealand duo plays breezy, sweet pop as evidenced on their latest, *Structure and Cosmetics*. Indie artists **Ferraby Lionheart** (L.A.) and **Ryan Ferguson** (San Diego) open.... Novelty post-punk trio **Building Better Monsters** go to work at **Scolari’s Office** Friday night. You get hungry, shout out “Mediocre Burrito!”....

Up the street at **Whistlestop**, DJ Robin Roth’s Pussy Galore presents **A Beautiful Noise**. The San Diego electric soul band is no longer an instrumental act. Check their show and welcome vocalist Gary Dickinson from Manchester, England.

SATURDAY 15

Sessions Fest 2007 lays its blankets and spills its beer over **Golden Hill Park** (top of Pershing) Saturday from noon till

ten. Here’s the lineup in reverse: **the Prayers, Fifty on Their Heels, Atoms, MC Flow, Pizza!, Habitat Sound System, Kite Flying Society, Red Pony Clock, Wild Weekend, the Corvinas**. That’s a lot of bold type, kids. Check out Prayers’ debut e.p. *God Save the Prayers* on Art Fag records. These ex–Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower players have resurrected the rave-up. San Diego’s answer to Black Lips.... If

you’re still standing Saturday night, you got L.A.’s Latin blues band **Weather Underground** laying grooves at **Beauty Bar**...spazz rockers **Hostile Combover** and sludge metal **Archons** rattle teeth at **Casbah**...and **Kensington Club** props indie poppers **First Wave Hello** and **This Year Zero**. FWH’s 2006 independent release *The Lord & Its Penguin* is a melodic grower in the Radiohead vein. Available at shows.

SUNDAY 16

Last Friday, Pitchfork gave Dave Longstreth’s **Dirty Projectors**’ *Rise Above* an 8.1 and dropped the release in its “recommended” bin. Swell props for a cover album — *Rise Above* is Longstreth’s loose interpretation of Black Flag classic *Damaged*. The Projectors’ll screen it Sunday night at **Casbah**. They’ll share the bill with San Diego’s frenetic prog rockers **Sleeping People**, whose

Growing Finished is due out in October, and Portland’s **White Rainbow**. White Rainbow is solo recording artist Adam Forkner. Live, Forkner manipulates keyboard and guitar drones with pedal play, looping live bongo beats and vocal samples. His latest disc of “bliss-outs,” *Prism of Eternal Now*, is due October 2 on the ambient-act-heavy Kranky label.... **House of Blues** welcomes Boston alt-rockers **Guster** to their downtown stage.

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Since their start at Tufts University in 1991, Guster's skirted the mainstream success of bedfellow acts Barenaked Ladies, Dave Matthews, moe., and Phish. Though flying under the national radar, Guster remains a hometown fave, scoring a Boston Music Award for best album (*Ganging Up on the Sun*) in 2006. Ann Arbor's patchwork pop act **Tally Hall** opens. Barbershop vocals bounce over keys and guitar squall — unique, if a bit Ben Folds-y.

MONDAY 17

Bevy of music haps to choose from Monday night, starting with the **San Diego Music Awards**, which'll be held at **Viejas Park** in Alpine. The SDMAs are in their 16th year and will feature performances by **Jason Mraz**, **Reeve Oliver**, **Buck-O-Nine**, **Lady Dottie and the Diamonds**, **Truckee Brothers**, and more. A portion of proceeds from the event go to elementary school music programs around San Diego County.... Anton Newcombe's **Brian Jonestown Massacre** hits the **Belly Up** stage, and if you've seen 2004 rockumentary *Dig!*, "hits" may be the operative word. Newcombe's a volatile performer, and though his throwback psych-rock sound has its fanbase, it'll be fans of *Dig!* — crash worshippers? — that are sure to pack the pub in hopes of a Newcombe blowout.... House band of the cocktail nation, **Pink Martini**, will shake and stir **Humphrey's by the Bay** Monday and Tuesday night. The Portland-based orchestral 12-piece wow dancers with their bossa nova-flavored cocktail of sound. 2004 disc *Hang on Little Tomato* remains their high-water mark, but this year's *Hey Eugene!* is a worthy follow-up. Bandleaders Tom Lauderdale on piano and vocalist China Forbes perform cabarets. The Martinis are a hit pick this week.... Louisville old-wavers **VHS or Beta** will support their Astralwerks release, *Bring on the Comets*, at **Casbah's** Anti-Monday League.

TUESDAY 18

Carl Newman's Canadian supergroup the **New Pornographers** will pack 'em in at **House at Blues**. The band's 2000 Matador debut *Mass Romantic* defined their power pop sound, yet remains unmatched on subsequent releases. This year's *Challengers* is a mellow affair by the Pornographers' standards. Unclear if country-pop singer Neko Case or indie icon Dan Bejar'll be on stage. **Lavender Diamond** and **Fancey** open.... **White Stripes** Jack and Meg White tour *Icky Thump* through town, rocking the concrete at **Coors**.... Joel Gion of Brian Jonestown Massacre fame (he was Anton Newcombe's tambourine-playing mutton-chopped foil) has a new band, the **Dilettantes**, and he'll bring the SanFran crew to **Beauty Bar's** back-yard stage. Interesting to note that BJM's tour ends the night before in Solana Beach. Perhaps Newcombe'll be at Beauty Bar checking out his old mate's new act.... Post-punk ravers **Fifty on Their Heels** thrash it at **Tower Bar**. **Vultures**, the **Scare**, and **Skull Kontrol** kick in.... Just so you know, English rock-noir band **New Model Army** have **cancelled their tour**, which *would have* brought

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Air Conditioned: Wednesdays, *RockBoxx*, '70s and '80s rock. Thursdays, *Too Cool for School*, old-skool hip-hop, '80s, and funk. Fridays, rare groove, funk, and disco. Saturdays, *Juicy*, classic booty-shakin' music with Mike Czech. Sundays, guest DJ night. Mondays, *House of Rep*, hip-hop and funk and soul. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Bar Dynamite: Mondays, *Dub Dynamite*, dub-hall, rub-a-roots, reggae

bass. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Beauty Bar: Fridays, *Feel the Noise*, electronic dance rock beats. 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge. 619-516-4746.

Brass Rail: Second Friday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, fashion show and discotheque. Fourth Friday of the month, *Sabbat*, '80s retro night with DJs Harlot, Liquid Grey, and guests. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Candelas: Thursdays, *Dive*, deep soulful house music. 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

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. 619-239-4163.

Gaslamp Tavern: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, DJs Billie Knight and Tech spin hip-hop, '80s, and R&B. 10 p.m. 868 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-3339.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, machine funk, and glitch hop. Sundays, *Dubstep*, downtempo, hip-hop, and jazz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Third Saturday of the month, hip-hop, funk, and soul with DJs Thumbprint and Concise. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

The Kensington Club: Wednesdays, *Re:Do*, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Buddha and SC. 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays (18 and up) and Fridays (21 and up), *La Maraca*, merengue, cumbia, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Brunettes** are a male-female duo from New Zealand, and they're so cute it's almost painful. **Heather Mansfield** and **Jonathan Bree** got together in 1998, just as Belle and Sebastian were making twee safe for dorm rooms everywhere, but they didn't really get going as a band until several years had passed and their romantic relationship had expired.

In the intervening years, twee went out of style, but by the time the Brunettes came to the United States a couple of years ago, indie audiences here were getting ready again to put up with a band that would release albums titled *Holding Hands*, *Feeding*

Ducks, and *When Ice Met Cream*. After prime gigs opening for the Shins, the Postal Service, Rilo Kiley, and Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, Bree and Mansfield signed to Sub Pop Records. Their U.S. debut *Structure and Cosmetics* came out last month, and it has all the charm of the earlier records, most notably in the songs where Bree and Mansfield both sing. But it also shows signs that Bree and Mansfield recognize that charm isn't always enough.

It opens with "Brunettes Against Bubblegum Youth," which comes across as a Stereolab-style experiment in minimalism. Before you think that it is a brush-off to the band's fan base, take a look at the initials of that song title. Still, it's not what anyone expected from a band that poses with fluffy little dogs in its publicity photos. In fact, it might not even be



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what anyone wanted or needed from this band. But it suggests that these Brunettes might just have a future once they get too old to pretend to be naive.

BRUNETTES, Casbah, Friday, September 14, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.

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. Fourth Friday of the month, *Club Pop Noir*, electro, '80s, and indie with DJ Groundfloor and Edgartronic. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Tropicoso: Sundays, *Roots Reggae Latino*, reggae music from Latin America. 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 619-270-5100.

Whiskey Girl: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes music videos. Sundays, *10 Spot Sundays*, DJ Famous Dave mixes video requests. Mondays, *Manic Mondays*, DJ Marc Thrasher mixes '80s and '90s videos. 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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Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *John Cain*, international/jazz/blues/Latin/pop/stand ards.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Illicit Behavior*, classic rock.

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Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Michael Tiernan*, acoustic. Friday, *Palos*, jazz. Saturday, *Uplift*, reggae. Sunday, *Cactus Twang*, roadhouse rock. Monday, *John Bennett and the Benders*, Americana/alternative/roots. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Tres Sapos*, Latin.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is indie/rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Particle* and *Boombox*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Wolf Parade*. Saturday, *Demasiado*, *Molly Jensen*, *Lindsey Cook*, and *Jordan Loder*, alternative/pop/folk/rock. Wednesday, *Blue Sky Blonde*, *the Gentlemen Junkies*, and *Translation Audio*.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live rock/alternative/hip-hop.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Chris Torres*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jason Wilder*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Mike McGills*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bigfellas*, alternative/pop/classic rock. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Garth Michael McDermott*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Thursday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *the Clachan Boys*, Irish folk/fiddle/guitar. Friday, *Aaron Blyth*, folk. Saturday, *the Pat Jordan Band*, rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Frankie-Dee and the Funk-Natra Band*. Friday, *the Salt Lickers*, rock. Saturday, *Kingfish Turner*, blues. Tuesday, *Sticky Situation*, rock. Wednesday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*, blues.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney* and *Jazzilla*, blues/jazz. Saturday, blues/jazz/Latin. Sunday, Brazilian music. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney*, blues.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., *Rick Ross*, piano/jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Thursday, *Gil Barron*, *Mark Fulton*, *James East*, and *PTrak Armenta*, acoustic pop/rock/Latin/soul. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jazz 101 Band* featuring *Nick Fiore*, *John Guilino*, *Dave Scott*, and *Cynthia Hammond*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Stage 4*, R&B/jazz.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the Continental Kings*, Latin jazz/funk.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *the China Clippers*, *Flight to Athena*, and *Kings Only*. Friday, 3 Against 1, *Mad Martigan*, and *Aepnia*, rock/indie. Saturday, *Superunloader*, alternative/rock/blues. Wednesday, *Early Autumn* and *Pleasure Device*.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

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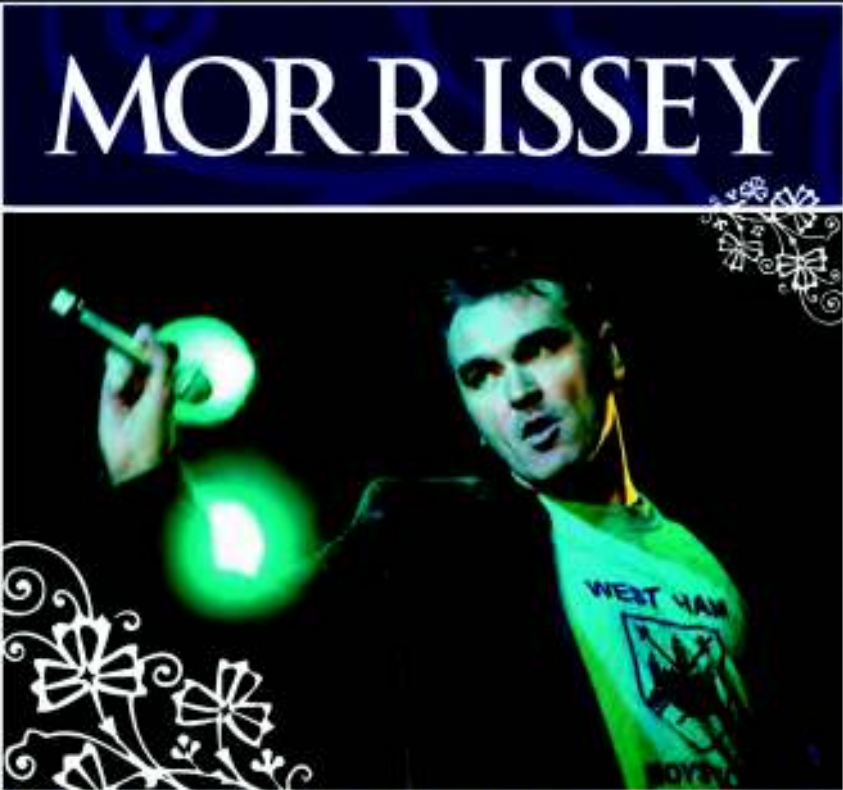
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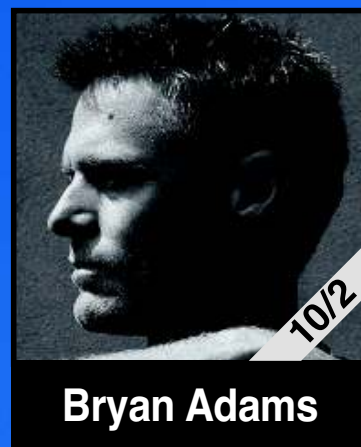
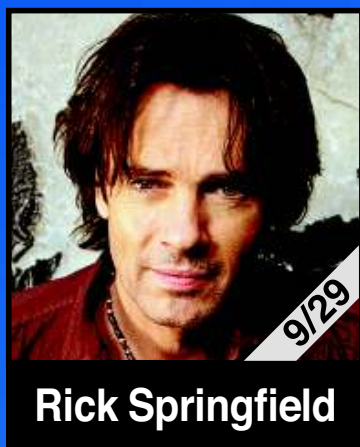
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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, *D.A. and the Hitmen*, rock. Saturday, *Agave*, rock. Wednesday, *the Bartones*, rock.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney* and *Jazzilla*, blues/swing/jazz. Saturday, blues/jazz/Latin. Sunday, Brazilian music. Monday, *Blue 44*, jazz. Tuesday, *Cerro Negro*, Flamenco/jazz. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Middle Earth Ensemble*, Middle Eastern music, and *Southwest Nomadic*, rock/reggae. Friday, *On the One* and *Mojo and the Vibration Army*, rock/reggae. Saturday, *Psydecar* and *DubConscious*, reggae/funk. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Wise Monkey*.

Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the International Farmers*, rock/ska. Wednesday, *Eoto*.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Maria Muldaur*. Friday, *Christian Scott*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Marilyn Scott*, 10 p.m., *Rod Piazza* and *the Mighty Flyers*. Sunday, *Francisco Aguabella*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, live acoustic music.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative/pop unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Helmet*, *Kinski*, and *the Long and Short of It*. Friday, *the Brunettes*, *Ferraby Lionheart*, and *Ryan Ferguson*. Saturday, *Manganista*, *the Heartaches*, *Rookie Card*, *Billy Midnight*, *Crash Encore*, *Gadfly*, and *No One Home*. Sunday, *the Dirty Projectors*, *Sleeping People*, and *White Rainbow*. Monday, *VHS* or *Beta*, *Walter Meego*, *DJ Kid Lightning*, and *DJ Corey Biggs*. Tuesday, *Oakley Hall*, *Whale Bones*, and *a.m. vibe*. Wednesday, *the Ike Reilly Assassination*, *Thee Corsairs*, and *No One Home*.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dave Patrone*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy* and *the Bluesmen* or *Sue Palmer*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, contemporary piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Saturday, live rock. Friday, *Private Domain*, rock. Tuesday, *the Dregs of Sada*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Sunday, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Raggle-Taggle*, Celtic folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock* of 80's. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Good Times*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, 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*, rock/soul/reggae. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Fleetwood Max!*, Fleetwood Mac tribute band.

It's a Grind, 1603 India Street, San Diego. 619-795-6290. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, folk rock/indie.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *the M-80's*, dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Crush*. 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 Bayou Brothers*. Friday, *Soul Diego*. Saturday, *Family Style*. Sunday, *Chet Cannon*. Monday and Tuesday, *Blue Four*. Wednesday, *Ayanna* and *the Exiles*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*, salsa.

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The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the 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*.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the John Jorgensen Quintet*, Gypsy jazz. Saturday, *Bethany* and *Rufus*, groove/jazz/folk.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Tuesday through Saturday, *David Timothy Smith*, piano bar.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willowleaf*, smooth jazz/funk.

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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, *Sean O'Dell* and *Alison Gill*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Skelpin*. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Skelpin* or *Robbie O'Reilly*.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative/metal/punk. Thursday, *Bedford Grove*, *the Upstarts*, *Issues*, *Profile*, and *Iron Mike*. Friday, *FM Revolver*, *Back from Ashes*, *Kavena*, *Falling Shy*, and *Staring at Strange*. Saturday, *Hell on Heels*. Wednesday, *New Model Army*, *Vale*, and *Fono*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Dave Humphries*, rock and roll.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/indie/metal/punk. Friday, *Destroy the Runner*, *Kings to You*, *Thieves and Liars*, and *No One Home*. Saturday, *Justin Lanning* and *Luke Kinney*.

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, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings*, blues/slide guitar. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Plato Soul*, dance, 9:30 p.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Hank Easton*, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Darryl Williams*, smooth jazz. Monday, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Soul Persuaders*, sweet soul music. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Rockola*, classic rock.

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.

J Six Restaurant, 436 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-819-9700. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Elliott Lawrence Quartet*, jazz/blues guitar.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *Windy City*, blues.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is indie/rock/alternative. Friday, *the Verso*, *Jezebel*, and *the Frantic Romantic*. Saturday, *This Year's Zero* and *First Wave Hello*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Tommy Graf*. Friday, *Jane Jui*. Saturday, *Gayle Skidmore and the Eskimos*, *Shane Plasecki*, and *Whitton*. Sunday, *Mas Grande* and *Banda Braza*, Latin. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Lindsey Troy* and *Matt Epp*.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Coffee and tattoos could be the growth industries of this generation. Coffee shops are everywhere, and tats are becoming mainstream. That they each serve their own social network is an observation not lost on **Jake La Botz**. A veteran of many hours under the needle, he says tattoo shops are among the only places he likes to perform. Still, I was dubious about his Tattoo Across America tour until I talked to him. "In a way," he says, "the tattoo tour is a continuation of the way that itinerant musicians have always played, in the way that the blues musicians played back in the day." He digs the tattoo-parlor vibe, says he can better connect with a listener. "I feel like this tour is the best kind of hustle a guy can put together."

If *All Soul and No Money* was about Jake La Botz reviewing his life, then last year's *Graveyard Jones* is about the singer-songwriter-film actor confronting death. La Botz often writes from the gritty point of view of the homeless geezers and boozers that he became intimate with when he dropped out of school, stole a car, hit the road, and cultivated a drug habit. Somewhere during his homeless youth he learned Delta blues from old-timers like Honeyboy Edwards, and he began to write songs.

Graveyard Jones is a bluesy museum of La Botz's phobias, his Charles Bukowski mythology, and his bad dreams, sung with a Tom Waits-cum-Charlie Patton edge and with a touch of the swagger that got La Botz an audition with Velvet Revolver. Get past the grisly subject matter ("Apparently that cat hung itself," he sings in "Grandma's Photographs," "It's swinging from the lightbulb chain") and *Graveyard Jones* stands as a folk



JAKE LA BOTZ

record that tends toward honky-tonk in some places and soaring, open rock chords in others. If he were alive, Screamin' Jay Hawkins would dig the subject matter. He might even encourage La Botz to take it a step further.

"TATTOO ACROSS AMERICA TOUR" Absolute Tattoo, Sunday, September 16, 7 p.m. 8055 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. 858-715-8288.

Martini's Above Fourth, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

Mission Valley Resort Hotel, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-596-9777. The Oasis: Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Swamp Critters*, zydeco blues/boogie-woogie.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *Behind the Wagon* and *Early Autumn*, rock/alternative/pop. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DB3* and *John Hull*, rock/funk/jazz. Sunday, 10 p.m., *Eight Minutes to Twilight*, indie. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Dead on Seven*, *Skull Beach*, and *Red Octopus*,

rock/punk/metal. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Wendy Bailey*, rock/pop.

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.

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 a.m., *Shawline Expression*.

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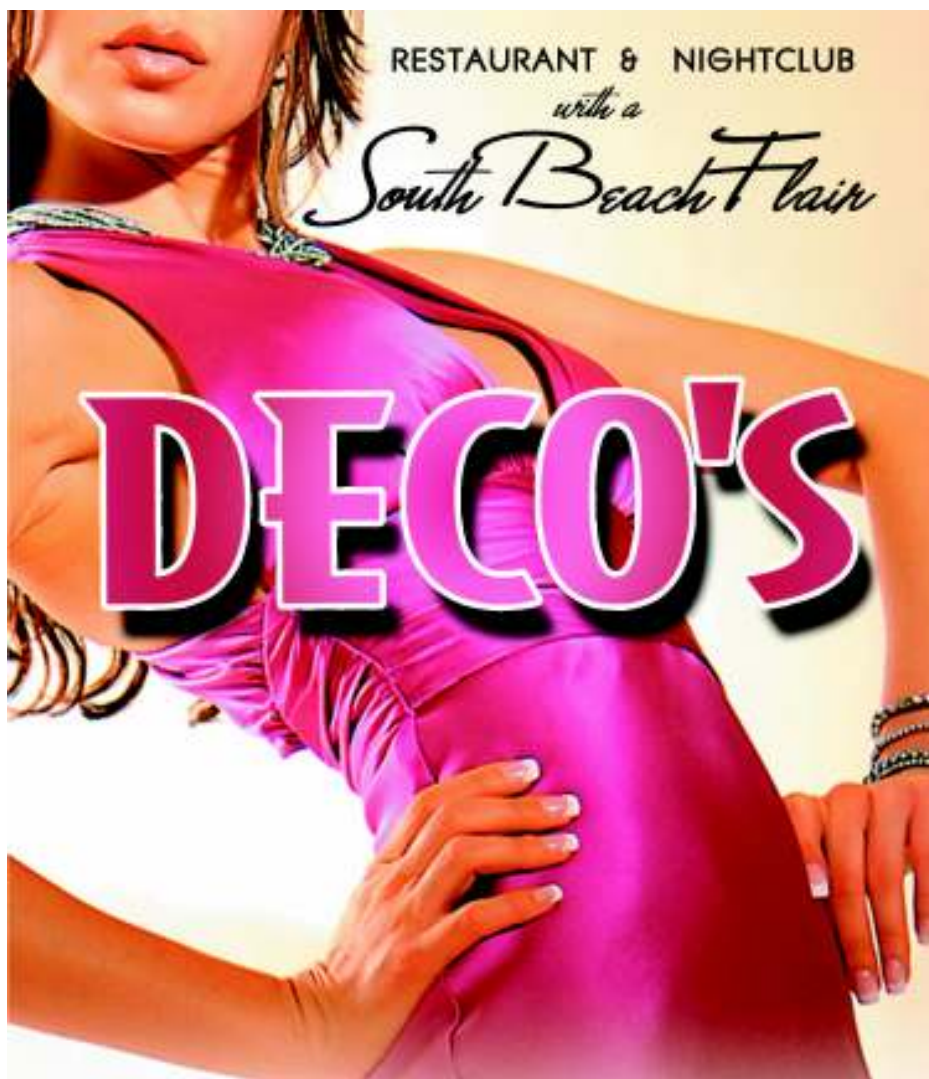
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San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Live music.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Akimbo, the Vultures*, and *Titanarum*, punk.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, 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-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Carnifex, the World We Knew, the 25th Hour, Of Hearts and Shadows, Knifemill Disintegrator*, and *the Dajjal Persona*. Saturday, *Eye for the Era, a Shattered Hope, Desolace, Aphotic Murder, Shattered Eyes*, and *Stand the Gaff*. Sunday, *Lag Wagon, Pulley*, and *the Sleepover Disaster*. Monday, *Alesana, Mayday Parade, Jonezetta*, and *Five More Days*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning* and *the John Kopecky Trio*. Saturday, *Mia Jones* and *the Ko Trifecta*. R&B/Top 40/jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tim Nimink* 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/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. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Saturday, *the Viewmasters, the Vultures*, and *Desert Diamonds*, punk/rock. Sunday, *the Holy Boys* and *Desert Diamonds*, rock.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Dick Dale* with *Action Andy* and *His Haunted Honky-Tonkers*, surf/rock/country. Friday, 9 p.m., *Stranger, the Fabulous Rudies, Gadfly*, and *DJ Emmanuel*, reggae/ska. Sunday, 8 p.m., *the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience*. Monday, 9 p.m., *the Brian Jonestown Massacre* and *Dimmer*, alternative rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *bill, Stripes and Lines*, and *Anya Marina*, acoustic/rock/folk.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, *Donnie Finnell* and *Company East*, standards and light jazz.

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., *the Joseph Angelastro Trio*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Winterhawk*, acoustic.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, live music.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, *Revival*, classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

The Comstock Bar and Grill, 316 West Mission, #115, Escondido. 960-746-6188. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *West of 5*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae/R&B. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Bruce Cameron*, jazz.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bo*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly.

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

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Isam Band**
Song: **"You Stole Their Hearts"** (from the CD *Stay Awhile*)
Heard By: **Toño Daal**, University Heights



Toño

It's not my type of thing. I like it more electronic. I guess it kind of has an '80s feel. It's not an original sound. You know, it's rock...it's got the guitar at the end. It's just too — I don't want to say normal, but...predictable. I kind of liked the lyrics — how he's asking the girl to "please steal my heart," like, "go ahead and hurt me." It's not like a typical love song. I picture a movie where there's a girl who's popular and she might be, like, a supermodel, and there's a regular guy who wants to be with her and he's, like, "you've got your phone ringing because you're so popular and I'm not that popular but date me. I'll give you my heart...you can destroy it if you feel like it."

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

J.J. Lander's Irish Pub, 125 Main Street, Fallbrook. 760-731-0839. Thursday, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., *Raize* and *Troll's Cottage*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Brehon Law*, Irish folk/fiddle/guitar. Monday, 8:30 p.m., *All Points West*, acoustic/alternative. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Bleedin' Irish*, Irish folk.

Jitters, 510 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-967-7886. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, folk rock/indie.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-741-7778. Live rock/alternative/punk/metal/indie most nights. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Three-Fifths Human*.

La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Spa: Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Meld**
Song: **"Bad Ass"** (from the CD *This & That*)
Heard By: **Carlos Morales**, North Park



Carlos

The first thing that popped into my head was Red Hot Chili Peppers. The guitar solo was really good, too, like Santana and Eric Clapton. It sounded really good. It was really rhythmic. The lyrics, too, kind of flowed with it. It was just talking about this girl living off Utah Street. It could have used more drums. I'm more of a percussionist...I don't know; it's just my taste. I didn't hear any weird instruments come up, but there was a good 30 seconds where the guitar player was just on his own. [That would be a good song for] working out...a cardio-walk or run...something energetic.

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Artist: **Skull Beach**
Song: **"Party Tonight!!!"** (from www.myspace.com/skullbeach)
Heard By: **Kevin**, North Park



Kevin

The vocals sounded a little bit like Crime, and that was cool. The guitars were really dirty. There's a nice tempo change in the middle — a Clutch-influenced jam in the middle of the punk-rock song — it's a little bit surprising. I was not paying attention to the words. The bass was really good; I liked the guitar. It was like punk rock played by people who could actually play their instruments. The drumming was a little boring but, you know, that's punk rock. That would be good for driving to something you're late to — driving really fast.

Boogie Nights Dance Party. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Red Pepper Jazz Group*, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing.

Paroli's, 647 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-755-2525. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

R. O'Sullivan's, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*, Irish folk/fiddle/mandolin.

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.

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims* and *Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

Soneros del Caribe Azafran Restaurant, 1001 South Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-435-0005. Live music.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Meliesa* and *the Monkey Bites*. Saturday, *Lord Nelson*.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Joe Wood*, rock/blues. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Clay Colton*, alternative. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *Fear the Fat Guy*, pop rock/covers. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Nate Donniss*, alternative rock.



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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.

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.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Northstar*, classic rock. Friday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Harmony Road*, acoustic. Sunday, *Jim Moore*, folk. Monday, *Gary Rich*, folk. Tuesday, *Jackson and Jesus*, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Allison Barnes*, folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *the Dirkstors*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Hillbilly Noise*, country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Thursday, *the Cory Wilkins Band*, rock. Friday, *the Bastard Saints*, metal. Saturday, *Blood Stained Reality*, *the Neverland Ranch Hands*, *Hangover Tomorrow*, *Exciting Riot*, and *G.F.L.*, punk.



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Album: *California*, 2007

Artist: The Coyote Problem

Label: Long Road Records

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Website: www.thecoyoteproblem.com

Guitarist/vocalist Peter Bolland: "We like music that's timeless and just

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BY OLLIE

plain good without being smartass about it." That's a simple and accurate creed for

the Coyote Problem.

San Diego swells with an Americana and country music revival. Anyone with a harmonica holder and a pedal-steel guitar dreams of converting a beach hut into a neon-lit honky-tonk. Plenty of bands have set a drum-brush beat and mandolin back-ground against a lonesome lead vocal, but few do it with the clear, ringing glow that the Coyote Problem achieves.

Instead of a raucous, smash-beer-bottles-and-swig-whiskey sound that a lot of alt-country and country-rock bands embody, the Coyote Problem slows the rhythm and turns up emotional long-ing. On "She's Alone Again," Bolland sings, "She's all right almost every night/ but tonight the rain won't end/ and she's alone again." The straight-forward lyrics portray the story without getting into the



The Coyote Problem

weepy "she done me wrong and my dog died" trap of the genre.

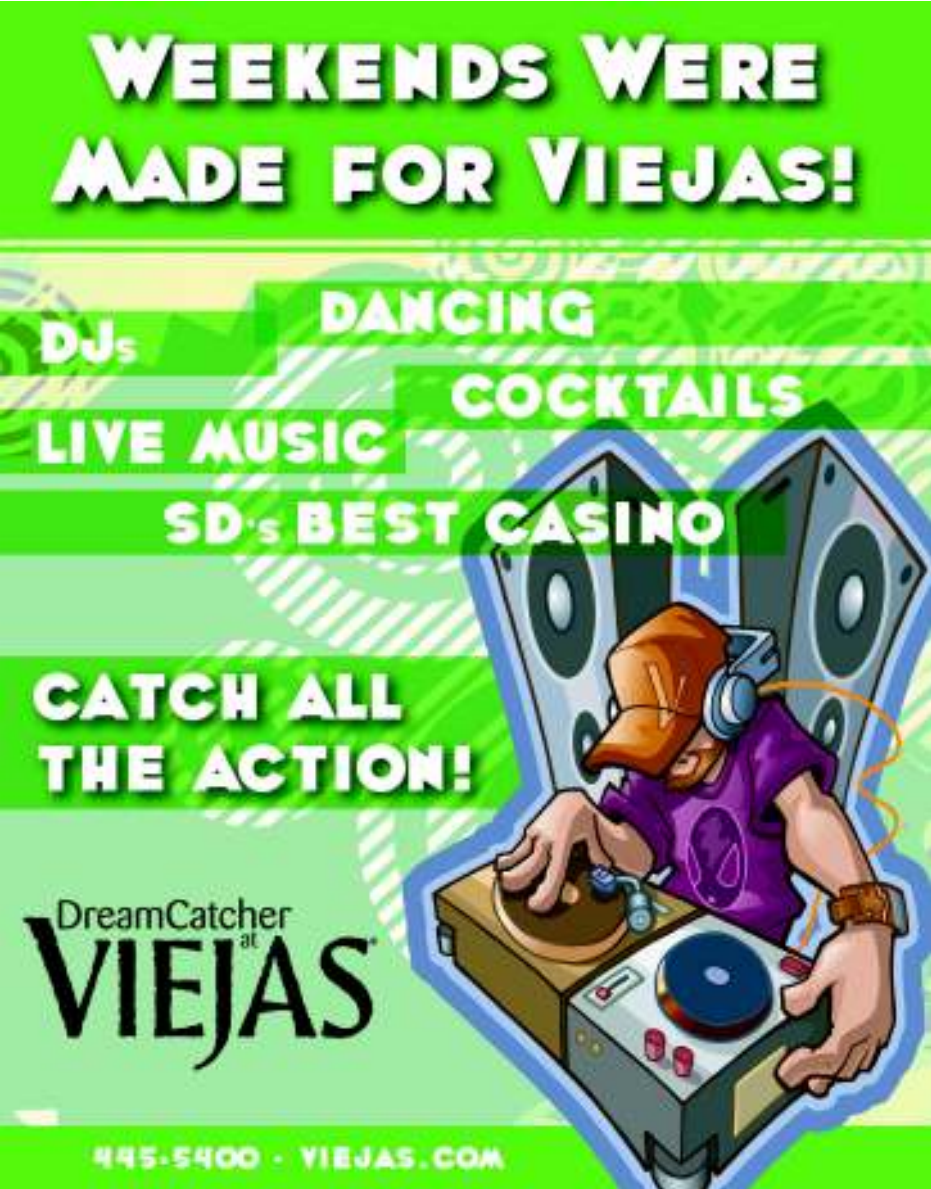
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- The Bartones:** Tiki House
- The Bastard Saints:** Fannie’s Nightclub
- Behind the Wagon:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Blood Stained Reality:** Fannie’s Nightclub
- Boneyard:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Boombox:** ’Canes
- Brax:** The Ould Sod
- The Brunettes:** The Casbah
- Cactus Twang:** The Calypso Cafe
- The China Clippers:** 710 Beach Club
- The Credit Union:** Ocean House
- D.A. and the Hitmen:** Tiki House
- Dick Dale:** Belly Up Tavern
- DB3:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Dead on Seven:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Desert Diamonds:** Tower Bar
- The Dirksters:** Dirk’s Niteclub
- Nate Donniss:** Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub and Restaurant
- The Dregs of Sada:** Dick’s Last Resort
- Electric Soul:** Tio Leo’s (Mira Mesa)
- The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons
- Eye for the Era:** Soma
- Fear the Fat Guy:** Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub and Restaurant
- Ryan Ferguson:** The Casbah
- Ferraby Lionheart:** The Casbah
- Fleetwood Max!:** House of Blues
- Good Times:** Henry’s Pub
- Oakley Hall:** The Casbah
- John Hull:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Dave Humphries:** Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge
- Illicit Behavior:** Bar Leucadian
- The Pat Jordan Band:** Hennessey’s Tavern (PB)
- Luke Kinney:** Epicentre
- Laguna:** McP’s Irish Pub and Grill
- Justin Lanning:** Epicentre
- Live Wire:** Ocean House
- Jordan Loder:** ’Canes

- The Long and Short of It:** The Casbah
- Lord Nelson:** Surf N’Saddle
- The Jerry McCann Band:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Walter Meego:** The Casbah
- Meliesa and the Monkey Bites:** Surf N’Saddle
- Billy Midnight:** The Casbah
- Modern Day Moonshine:** Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Thrusters, House of Blues
- Mojo and the Vibration Army:** Winstons
- Nemesis:** Second Wind (Santee)
- The Neverland Ranch Hands:** Fannie’s Nightclub
- Northstar:** McP’s Irish Pub and Grill
- On the One:** Winstons
- Particle:** ’Canes
- Private Domain:** Dick’s Last Resort
- Raize:** J.J. Lander’s Irish Pub
- Red Octopus:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- The Restless Natives:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Revival:** Cheers
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- Ron’s Garage:** Hotel del Coronado
- The Salt Lickers:** The Kraken
- Serious Guise:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- Skull Beach:** O’Connell’s Pub and Nightclub
- Sticky Situation:** The Kraken
- The Stilettos:** Henry’s Pub, McP’s Irish Pub and Grill, McP’s Irish Pub and Grill
- Stripes and Lines:** Belly Up Tavern
- Thieves and Liars:** Epicentre
- 3 Against 1:** 710 Beach Club
- Three-Fifths Human:** The Jumping Turtle
- Troll’s Cottage:** J.J. Lander’s Irish Pub
- Viva Santana:** Humphrey’s
- West of 5:** Comstock Bar and Grill
- The Cory Wilkins Band:** Fannie’s Nightclub
- Joe Wood:** Tom Giblin’s Irish Pub and Restaurant

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When I was in fourth grade, I was told by my dentist that I had an overbite. That was a nice way of saying that I was buck-toothed. Money was tight back then. Braces were expensive. Our family dentist suggested that I start playing the trumpet. By pushing the mouthpiece against my lips, he reasoned, I might keep my teeth from becoming more “bucked.” What a genius he was. And trumpet lessons were a lot less expensive than braces.

I spent a lot of time listening to my mom and dad’s big-band albums. Adults assured us that rock and roll was just a fad that would eventually die out. They prayed that we kids would come to our senses and reject the “devil’s music” and embrace their music: Mitch Miller, Doris Day, Percy Faith. The truth is, I really dug the music of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman,

Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw, Louis Armstrong, and Harry James. Back in the ’30s, ’40s, and early ’50s, trumpet players were sex symbols. But, girls had cooties. I just dug the trumpet because I liked the sound.

Soon though, girls started noticing my musical skills and I started noticing girls. And then two events occurred in 1964 that would forever change my trumpet-playing career.

The first was the British Invasion. Then my dad got a fat raise in pay and my mother went back to work as nurse. We were suddenly middle class and a two-car family. My overbite from my adolescence hadn’t gone away, so my braces were installed in March of 1964.

I had food constantly stuck to my braces, which made success with the opposite sex challenging. I also had to wear headgear. These were minor inconveniences compared to when I tried to play the trumpet. Painful doesn’t begin to describe the feeling. I had my sad epiphany the first time I blew blood out of the spit valve.

I clung to the hope that the trumpet would soon be embraced by rock ‘n’ roll and perhaps when the braces were removed I would become the

Harry James of the Woodstock generation. James Brown and Otis Redding each had great bands with top-notch trumpet players, but their music was not rock — in 1967, rock was all that mattered to me and most of my white peers.

That all changed at the end of 1968. Two groups hit the airwaves that featured horn sections with great trumpet players. The groups were Blood Sweat and Tears and Chicago Transit Authority. Their names were lame, but these guys could rock, and I suddenly had a new hero — Lee Loughnane, Chicago’s trumpet player.

By 1969 my braces were long gone. Chicago continued to crank out album after album of great music. Sure, I would’ve liked to be getting fame, fortune, and groupies. That wasn’t in my cards. I’m just happy that every day I get to share some of Chicago’s music with my KyXy audience.



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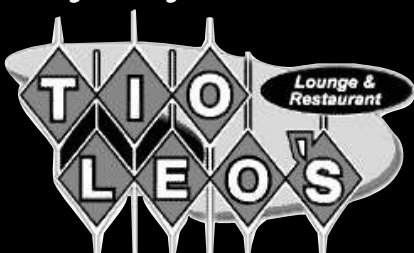
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BARK FEST

by Josh Board

Earlier this year, I attended a couple of business affairs.

At an afternoon party, Muttropolis in La Jolla had a spread of food — corn on the cob, grilled ribs and burgers. Upon closer inspection, however, I saw that they were chew toys.

Muttropolis hosts events for dogs and their owners on the third Thursday of each month. This one was dubbed “mutt mingle.” I watched as two small dogs sniffed each other, and a lady nearby said “She’s in love.” It was as if they had been set up on a doggie blind date. The other owner said, “My dog is here two seconds and is sniffing every butt in sight.”

The dogs barked as other canines came in. They’d start off playing and then it would escalate into a bark fest.

There was an area with a variety of chew toys. (I’ve since read that a Michael Vick chew toy has been taken off the shelves because of licensing issues.)



Top: Mutt minglers; Bottom right: chew toys on the barbie

They had snacks (for humans and dogs) and a couple choices of wine. “They should have cookies shaped like dog biscuits,” I suggested, and a woman looked at me as if I were nuts.

The conversations were interesting. Listening in reminded me of the Chris Guest

their dogs and various breeds.

One lady brought a dog in a vest that read “Pup in training to be a service dog.” I asked her to tell me a little

“If this guy was in Vegas, I’d complain.”

film *Best in Show*. I caught someone baby-talking to their dog: “And do you want some of this cheese I’m eating? Yes, yes you do, my little baby.”

I heard several other couples talking seriously about

about that. “Dogs don’t just help the blind. They help people in wheelchairs, also. They can learn to turn lights on, pick up items you drop, or open doors.”

I asked her if people dis-

tract her dog despite the vest.

“I hate that. Someone once gave a dog-in-training a piece of sausage. People don’t realize that the dog is working. If you see a blind person, you should ask them before you start petting their dog and talking to it. It’s confusing [for the dogs].”

I saw a few tiny dogs — if they were fish, you’d throw them back. One woman, who I think wondered why I was there without an animal, asked if I had a dog. When I told her that

I didn’t, she asked if I had one when I was a kid. “I had fish,” I said. “That was it. Maybe because my stepdad worked at the post office, dogs were off-limits.”

One woman was browsing through the cat toys. She picked up a fake fishing pole with a fish dangling on the end of it. I said, “The cats have cooler toys than the dogs, don’t they?”

It was hot, and the shop’s air conditioning didn’t seem to be on. When the smell of dog overwhelmed me, I headed to another event.

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I picked up my date, thinking this would be a nice, inexpensive evening. It was a fundraiser for the YMCA. Mike, who’s a deputy sheriff, invited me. He mentioned that they’d have blackjack tables and games.

When I arrived at the Gaslamp location, Joltin’ Joe’s, I was told that the cover was \$25 per person. So much for a cheap date. I had \$18 in my



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wallet and asked them if they'd take a credit card. They said that they couldn't. My date leaned in and suggested, "Tell them you shouldn't have to pay because you're writing about the event." I explained to her that it was a good cause and that I didn't want to appear cheap. The woman working the table told us to fill out the forms and just go in.

I asked Mike if he did any other volunteering, and he told me that he refereed volleyball games. I asked if the club gave them a good deal, and he said that they got the upstairs poolhall for free. I told Mike that I thought it was a great set-up. "We used to have this at my house for \$5 a ticket," he informed me. "It got too big, though." I

wanted to tell him that I would've felt better about paying \$5 a ticket, and then I realized that I didn't pay anything.

There was a DJ, who donated his time, playing a variety of tunes. I heard White Stripes, Pink Floyd...and when a Def Leppard song played, a woman walked along to it as if she were in a video. She sang each word and sat on a stole at a table and acted as if she were a stripper. Later in the evening, the DJ played hip-hop and got the crowd to dance.

My date and I went to the blackjack table. The dealer was young and not experienced. He often counted wrong and took chips from winners. To be fair, he also gave chips to losing hands. My date said

to me, "If this guy was in Vegas, I'd complain." The older guy next to us rolled his eyes whenever the kid made a mistake. When my date said the same thing to the older guy, he snapped at her, "This is a charity! It doesn't matter if he messes up!" She was shocked.

We went to check out the food, but there wasn't much there. My date said, "I don't like the stuff they have. Can we go around the corner to Dick's Last Resort?"

We walked over there, and I dropped another \$50.

We went back to the YMCA event and found a different blackjack table. We could tell that the woman dealing was experienced. Turned out she was Mike's wife, a speech therapist in Chula Vista. My

date took speech-therapy classes in college, and they discussed the subject.

I found a table where the card game War was being played. A big-busted blonde was waiting for players. When a group of guys came to her table she said, "I was lonely until you all showed up." They loved it. They spent the rest of the evening there.

I noticed that the young blackjack dealer was getting flustered at his table. When I walked by, I heard him say something about getting a drink. I said, "I'll take over for you." (In college, I dealt blackjack for a local company.) I was enjoying myself, so when the kid came back, I told him I'd continue if he wanted. He looked relieved.

My date reminded me as we were leaving that we didn't have to pay to get in. "But they made out from us being there," she said. "We didn't eat their food and we gave them \$50. I wonder why they didn't say you could write a check for the entrance fee."

"Well, we got in for free, so who cares," I said.

I didn't realize when I filled out those forms with my name and address at the entrance table that I'd be getting invoices every two weeks. ■

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It's too bad critics can't review a show, say, two weeks into its run.

Some writers thrive on deadlines, with the egg-timer ticking or a nine-milly pointed at their brain. Noel Coward penned *Private Lives* in three days, in a bathtub, he says. William Saroyan allegedly locked himself in a hotel room with a case of bourbon and a typewriter and wrote *The Time of Your Life* in a week.

In 1994, Sir Alan Ayckbourn had promised to write a play but hadn't penned a word. Then in three days he wrote a first draft of *Communicating Doors*, an intricate, farcical thriller about time-traveling, murder plots, and unlikely heroes. Four days of buffing and evicting later, he handed the finished script to his actors for a readthrough.

Budding young playwrights will hear this and assume the task's just a breezy, headlong flow. It isn't (read Moss Hart's *Act One*). Or rather, it could be if, like Ayckbourn, you've had 46 of your plays already produced, have streamlined your process down to a spec, and have never offended your muse.

Communicating Doors starts in 2027. Gunfire rages across the river from London's five-star Regal Hotel. We don't know who is fighting whom, only that Reece Wells, a 70-year-old, international robber baron, is behind it. He is also dying and has called for a hooker — not for dalliance, it turns out, but to confess his sins, including world havoc and the murder of two wives.

Enter Poopay Dayseer, blond wig, black leather-clad "specialist sexual consultant." Though her

job deals with fantasies, she's ill-prepared for this one. When Reece's evil henchman, Julian, tries to murder her, Poopay runs through an "intercommunicating" door between suites. But, it turns out, the door also connects space and time. Lime-lit and humming, it whirls Poopay 20 years into the past, where she meets Ruella, Reece's second wife on the eve of her demise.

Though opposite in many ways, Poopay and Ruella have one thing in common: each is a survivor — Poopay, of the mortar-blasted streets of 2027; Ruella, of the penthouses of 2007 — whose life's been threatened. As, they learn, has Reece's first wife, Jessica. The spinning doors "communicate" with her, too, on her honeymoon with a spry and cavorting 30-year-old Reece, in 1987. The three women, each an unlikely hero, not only transcend time, they rise above their limitations and save each other's lives.

San Diego has so much theater now it's near impossible for a critic to see a show twice. Prime-time slots get filled sometimes months in advance. Last week I had a free night and went to Cygnet Theatre's *Communicating Doors*, which I'd seen, and thoroughly enjoyed, on opening night. Along with having a good time, I went for two reasons: to inspect Ayckbourn's craft and to see how the show had grown.

Ayckbourn's long been drawn to what Thomas Pynchon, in *Against the Day*, calls "bilocation": people being in different places at the same time (or



Jessica John, Tim West in *Communicating Doors*

Communicating Doors, by Sir Alan Ayckbourn

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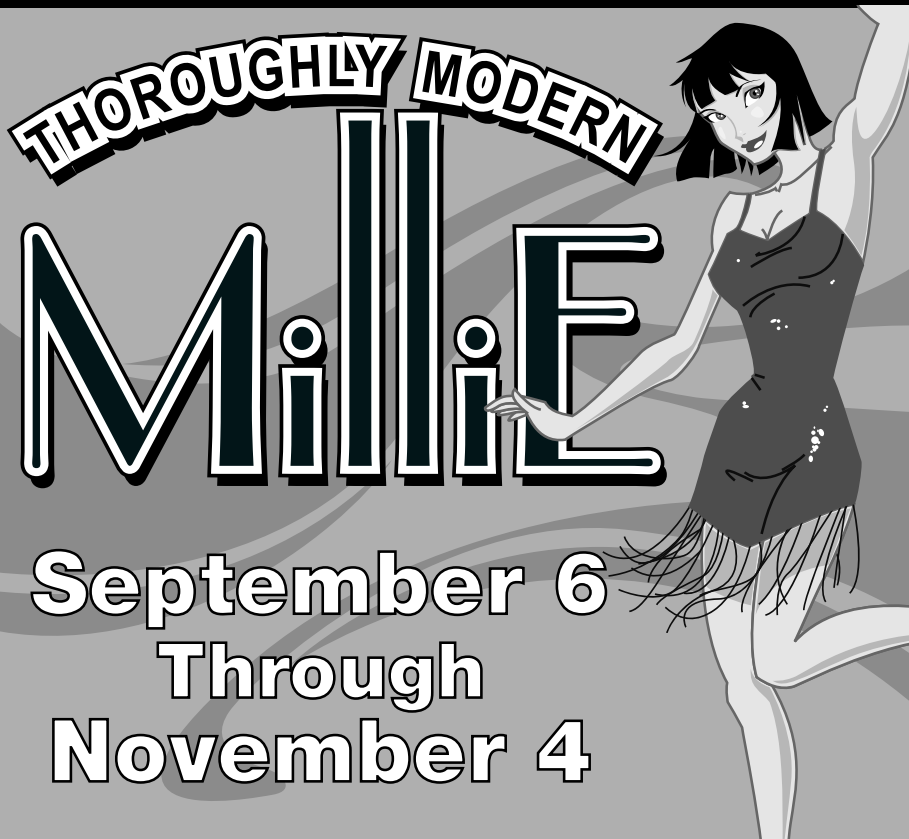
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arates the two (and the laughter's different: instead of "oh those poor saps," in farce, it's "oh those poor dears" in a thriller). The play also has signs of hasty writing, however. Adlai Stevenson said if he had to write an hour-long speech, he could do it in five minutes, but a five-minute speech would take days. *Doors* has "hour-long speech" symptoms. Some sections could use a trim, and it raises questions throughout, especially about the time-travel device: Why 20-year gaps? Why can't the males use it? Why doesn't the hotel suite change over 40 years?

The Cygnet production, sharp and funny three weeks ago, has grown a great deal. The top-notch cast, unlike Ayckbourn, has honed their performances and made new discoveries (to their credit, they never milk the jokes; they are characters first, throughout). As Ruella and Poo-pay, Sandy Campbell and Jessica John both flourish — some of their best work ever. And Tim West, who plays three different Reeces, has turned the play's last scene into a heart-tugger.

Cygnet's *Doors* had grown so much, it recalls the reviewer's bane: it's too bad critics can't review a show, say, two weeks into its run, when it's settled in, moving at its own chosen speed, rather than on opening-night deadline; to see it without the egg-timer clacking away, the pistol uncocked. I know...I know...the box office thing, but still... ■

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The Adding Machine
The La Jolla Playhouse stages Elmer Rice's Expressionistic epic, "a dark comedy for anyone who has just felt like a number." Daniel Aukin directed.
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As You Like It
For its 11th annual free Shakespeare production, the Coronado Playhouse presents the Bard's comedy of amorous entanglements in the Forest of Arden. Keith A. Anderson directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean
The building used for the ranch-house in the movie *Giant* was just a façade, Ed Graczyk announces several times in his 1982 comedy-drama. So, it turns out, are all of his characters. The 20-year reunion of the James Dean Fan Club has a shocking revelation for each woman (one of them literally having a "false front"). Set at a small-town Woolworth during a three-year drought, the play's a heap of gimmicks, predictable comeuppances, and instantaneous recoveries from stark news. For 6th@Penn, director Ruff Yeager paced the show like a Texas tornado. In this production, the cast — not the play — is the thing: Jill Drexler, as put-upon Juanita, who runs the five and dime; Leigh Scarritt, a brassy (and funny) Sissy; Wendy Waddell as the ornate Stella May; Robin Christ as the self-appointed Madonna of McCarthy, Texas; and especially Susan Stratton as Joanne, the unwanted intruder in 1975 and 1955, gun the engines throughout, past the author's sexist objectifyings and pseudoreligious symbolism (in which James Dean becomes Jesus) and, backed by a talented supporting cast, make the material as credible as it could possibly be.

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Communicating Doors
Reviewed this issue.

Critic's pick.
CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

Dear Miss Breed
The San Diego Public Library and Asian Story Theater pay tribute to Clara Breed, local librarian, who corresponded with over two dozen San Diegans of Japanese-American descent during World War II.
LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30; THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Footloose
Arts Off Broadway, Best Foot Forward, and Pacific Coast Performing Arts combine for the musical based on the 1980s Kevin Bacon film. Sean Tamburrino directed.
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The Honky Tonk Angels
North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Ted Swindley's musical about three rural women who follow the Nashville Dream. David Ellenstein directed.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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OnStage Playhouse presents Paula Vogel's controversial memory play about Li'l Bit, her uncle Peck, and, says Vogel, "about the gifts we receive from people who hurt us."
Carla Nell directed.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH OCTOBER 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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Measure for Measure
Looking for an undemanding summer bagatelle? Go see the Old Globe's *Measure for Measure*. It's a real crowd-pleaser. Of course, if you want an earnest exploration of one of Shakespeare's most intricate works — designed, writes John Wilders, "to show the impossibility of writing comedy" — look else-

where. Director Paul Mullins has glossed over subtexts and staged things just for yuks. He's tweaked every comic moment and inverted major and minor characters. The subordinates cavort like headliners (especially Lucas Hall's hyperactive Lucio, flitting about Ralph Funicello's handsome, stained-wood set as if on loan from Cirque du Soleil). The comedy frames, and in the end mocks, the somber leads, who drone on about human frailty and "lawful" mercy and feel like a nuisance the director couldn't sweep under the carpet (so he took away their inner lives). All production elements serve the comedy. The ensemble work has no weak links. The pacing is brisk, the blockings appropriate. The show, in short, is of a piece. It just isn't *Measure for Measure*. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. NOTE: *MEASURE FOR MEASURE* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *HAMLET* AND *THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA*; FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 619-234-5623.

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Susan and God
Lamb's Players' staging of Rachel Crother's 1937 thesis-comedy made me wish I'd seen the original, in which Gertrude Lawrence gave one of her finest performances. Watching Lawrence at the top of her game would forgive the play's faults (dialogue that drags on without developing much; set piece exchanges where characters shout and make one-note "scenes"; an obvious physician-heal-thyself theme). Lawrence charmed her audiences into becoming co-conspirators for her larger-than-life antics. As Susan Trexel, florid British socialite who finds God and *must* change everyone's lives, except her own, Lawrence would have taken us on a wild ride, then slammed the brakes at the end. Sarah Zimmerman, a fine actor and Lamb's mainstay, makes Susan a quirky, meddlesome dilettante. But her honest, detailed performance is just a titch beyond life-sized, just enough to make you wonder why her friends kowtow to Susan's controlling eccentricities, and not enough to mask Crother's murky dramaturgy. Lamb's production values are top notch. Nate Parde's lighting paints Nick Fouch's sleek set with warm

yellow and bold red effects. Jeanne Reith's costumes dazzle. Best of show: Cris O'Bryon's piano interludes exude Lawrentian charm. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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Holy Mole

Sammy Sosa leans over confidentially. “It was a special treat for the king. For the Aztec king. Ordinary people couldn’t eat it.”

I look at the black morass on my plate. I almost expect him to take it back and say, “Sorry, you don’t qualify.”

Instead, he says, “*Buen provecho.*”

“Is this the real thing?” I ask.

“The real thing,” Sammy says.

Great, because that’s what I’ve been searching for. Serious mole. That’s “molay,” the sauce, not the black-eyed burrower working beneath suburban folks’ rose gardens.

I’ve found this ancient Aztec food here at La Espadaña (“the bell wall”), in Tijuana’s Rio district: mole poblano, the most famous of them all, with chicken enchiladas. Hey, near enough to September 16. Mexican Independence Day. Happy birthday, Mexico!

Sammy’s the real thing too. That is, his name really is Sammy Sosa. Okay, he never whacked balls for the Chicago Cubs. But he’s been a waiter here at La Espadaña so long, you know he knows how to whack a mole together.

Searching for the perfect mole is like searching for the perfect chocolate chip cookie. Mole’s an icon in its own right, the way curries are to Indian cooking, or olive oil to the Mediterraneans: it’s one of those definers of culture, and an open telephone line back to the Aztecs. Of course, this mole is a southern-central Mexican thing, a lush, oozing accompaniment to chicken or turkey or pork, lifted from jungle kingdoms dripping with plantains and chocolate trees and mangos and other rich sauces. It’s not like the tart, crackling-hot rattlesnake ‘n’ scorpion dishes of Sonora and Baja. You don’t hear a lot about mole up here in the desert north.

“Mole” comes from the Náhuatl word *milli* or *molli*, which means “sauce” or “concoction.” But people talk about it in almost mystical overtones. ‘Specially mole poblano. It seems to be not just the best known but the Cadillac of moles. To many, even up here in Tijuana, mole poblano over turkey (*mole de guajolote*) is the national dish, eaten, since Spanish times anyway, at Christmas.

“It’s the soul of Mexican sauces,” Alberto Mondragón, the manager of El Agáve restaurant up in Old Town told me the other day. “It’s sweet, spicy, and rich. Drink plenty of water with it. Don’t eat it early or late. It’s richer than other sauces. You



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need time to digest it.”

He takes the tradition seriously. “Mole is for Mexican cuisine what baroque art is for architects,” Mondragón writes on his menu. I’d love to eat at El Agáve, but it’s a little on the “up” side for me.

So here I am, sitting at La Espadaña, down on Sánchez Taboada Avenue in the Rio district. It’s about six in the evening. Plenty of time to digest. Nice place, too. La Espadaña is where local government officials meet, business people, families, the middle class. It’s like a bright ranch house inside, with a low-sloped rafter roof, a *campestre* (a bell tower, with ropes you can pull when you have something to celebrate), orange walls, arched alcoves for intimate eating, lots of interesting Talavera pottery, and against the far, luminous-blue wall, chefs flipping steaks on flaming grills.

So, okay, Sammy, here goes. Big moment. I haul a chunk of enchilada up through the black lagoon of my mole poblano. Send it down the hatch. Wow. Is this what Moctezuma tasted? *Rico*. My first thought is: distant echo of molasses. Mole.

Mol-asses — coincidence?

Of course, this mole is way richer. It’s multi-layered, and the more you taste it, the more interesting it gets. That sweet, slightly tarry flavor mixed with...hell, I don’t know, but I’d guess banana? Chocolate, for sure, and there’s something nutty, chile-hot...

Whatever, it does make the enchiladas delicious. If I was a wine-critic type, I’d say this mole delivers swoony vividness that envelops your taste buds like thunderclouds — hey, that’s good! Of course, you definitely need your iced tea. The rice and frijoles help too.

From the simplified recipes I’ve seen, this mole will have, at the least, a bunch of chiles, and interesting things like almonds, torn-up corn tortillas, raisins, cloves, cinnamon, and a certain amount of bitter chocolate.

“How much chocolate is in this mole?” I ask Sammy.

“The chef’s over there,” Sammy says. “You could ask him.”

So I do. Carlos Ramírez stands at the open grill

REVIEW ED BEDFORD

La Espadaña La Casa Del Mole ★★★ (Very Good)

La Espadaña: Avenida General Rodolfo Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 011-52-664-634-1488.

La Casa Del Mole: Paseo de los Héroes #10501, Zona Rio (between Lázaro Cárdenas and Misión San Diego), Tijuana, 011-52-664-634-6920.

La Casa Del Mole: Aquiles Serdán #543, Colonia Libertad P/B, Tijuana, 011-52-664-682-9074.

HOURS: 8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. daily

PRICES: Moles with chicken or pork about \$7 (all three locations)

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Moles, including poblano, ranchero, verde with chicken, pork; soups with chicken; pork, lamb chops; enchiladas with various moles, salsas. Mexican and American beers, wines.

PICK HITS: Mole poblano with chicken breast; mole almendrado (mole with ground almonds); mixiote de borrego (lamb cooked in cactus skin); mole poblano enchilada with chicken.

NEED TO KNOW: The staff and customers are mainly Spanish-speaking but very friendly. The restaurants tend to be crowded weekends. Best access: by taxi.

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station. He’s a big man. Been chef here 15 years. “I put in 20 different spices,” he says. “I fry them up together. It’s in the combination of chiles, nuts, chocolate. You have chile negro, chile pasilla, chile California (the dried red Anaheim chile), creamed peanuts, plantain, *piloncillo*...” He says *piloncillos* are cones of solid, raw brown sugar with — aha! — a molasses flavor, even though the molasses (the first stage of the process that converts cane to sugar) has mostly been refined out of it.

This is just the beginning. He blends it all with chicken broth, stirs, drains, tastes, seasons. I’m sure he’s not going to tell me his secrets. So I don’t get how much chocolate, or cacao, is in

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there. “My recipe is traditional” is what he says.

”No, no, no,” says my friend Victor a few days later. “La Espadaña’s fine, but the best mole in Tijuana is at Herminia Amador’s.”

So here is your intrepid correspondent, back tramping eastward alongside a dusty railroad track a few hundred yards south and east of the San Ysidro border crossing. It’s around five in the afternoon. Behind me, in the shade of the old, unused Tijuana railroad-station platform, men gather at about this time of day to decide whether to try to make it across the line from here after dark. This is Colonia Libertad. So close to the border, yet couldn’t be more Mexican. Politicians’ banners bleach in the sun and get hazy in the dust. Tiny taco stands pop up in little gardens. Sidewalk comes and goes. Traffic is a bit crazy but kindly to the many walkers, like me.

Avenida Ferrocarril (“Railroad Avenue”) turns into a *calle*, Fourth Street. I realize I’m heading directly back toward the U.S. The road climbs to a black border fence. Beyond, halfway up the bare hills, a second fence plays backup. Then, in the last 100 yards of *México*, little Avenida Aquiles Serdán tees off to the right. I scan the row of

low buildings and muffler shops. Ah. There, next to Radiadores, Mofles Tony, and in the deep shade of a ficus tree, the magic words appear.

“La Casa Del Mole.”

I cross the road. This has to be where Herminia Amador created the original *Casa*. The restaurant has a traditional tile-roof frontage, cream walls, black metal-barred windows. The towering ficus makes it look small. You wonder how anyone ever finds it, hidden behind a black metal security door. And yet the inside tells you they have prospered — and the clientele is obviously from all parts of town, and across the line too.

Tijuana’s love affair with mole is said to have begun right here, 16 years ago. Herminia Amador dreamed of bringing the flavors of her native state of Puebla to Tijuana. That meant one thing: Mole Poblano. The place has done so well, it’s spawned three other Casas Del Mole around town, including a new one out at Playas de Tijuana, near the beach. This original restaurant is used but confident, comfortable, a bright interior dressed to look like an old Mexican courtyard. It has a little jungle of flowers and ferns, a gurgling fountain, yellow stucco walls with brown highlights, a tile “roof” overhanging the open kitchen, arches decorated with false cherries on branches, red-tile floor, shiny brown leatherette booths, and piles of thick china plates stacked and ready for the customers they

know are coming tonight.

Prisciliano Camacho Flores turns up with a menu. “Our founder, Herminia Amador — unfortunately, she passed away last October — she was from the state of Puebla. Mole ‘*poblano*’ means ‘from Puebla.’ That is our full name. ‘La Casa del Mole Poblano.’”

They have plenty of choices, but really there is only one decision you have to make. What’s going under your mole? Thigh or breast of chicken or three enchiladas?

I choose the breast of chicken, which comes after a tasty chicken soup (included in the reasonable price, as is a sweet tamal dessert). Somewhere under this beautiful-smelling brownish-black gloop, a chicken’s hiding. You chomp into your first bite. And — is it that I know better what to look for? This mole tastes less sweet, more complex, nuttier, more pointed, deeper, and perhaps cruder. For sure, it fits the *casera*-style feel of the place. And, actually, I like it better. Oh, and on top, some *ajonjolí* — sesame — seeds provide a neat little counter-punch for your tastebuds. I guess if you think of the French, with their béarnaise, and the Italians, with their marinara, we’re probably looking at Mexico’s major sauce statement.

It turns out that they don’t actually make the mole here. “We make it for all our restaurants at our Zona Rio restaurant,” says Prisciliano. “One woman works full-time making moles.”

I’m hooked now. A few days later, my friend Hank and I swing up Paseo de los Héroes in a *libre* taxi, past the massive statues of Cuauhtémoc, Lincoln, and Zaragoza, the Mexican general who defeated the French on Cinco de Mayo, 145 years ago. And right by Zaragoza we come across an eight-sided building with a small sign outside. It’s La Casa Del Mole’s flagship restaurant, light-years in atmosphere from their original place by the

border. Customers sit in galleries around a massive volcanic rock-pile waterfall surrounded by lush plants and what look like real palm trees — the trunks are real, the fronds are real, but the fronds have been cut from other trees and stuck in. On the walls, an artist has painted eight-foot-tall lilies and sunflowers. Even the tabletops have been painted with flower decorations. But the thing everybody notices is a giant ceramic yellow-brown *olla* — pot, bowl — next to the cashier. The thing’s five feet across. They say it’s a traditional container from Puebla for the making of mole. True mole, they say, should be made in ceramic. Making it in metal containers is bad for the stomach.

Don’t ask me why, but I believe them. This time, I’m determined to try a different mole. After all, Alberto Mondragón had told me they had the six basic moles back at El Agave in Old Town — *poblano* (made with ancho chiles — which are dried poblano chiles); *rojo* (red), with a tomatoey flavor; *rosa de Taxco* (a sweet mole made from beets, walnuts, pine nuts, and chipotle chile); *coloradito*, a cinnamon mix with banana, garlic, and chocolate; *verde*, a green Oaxacan sauce mainly colored and flavored by the tomatillo; and *negro*, a spicier, less sweet Oaxacan mole that sounds a bit like the *poblano*, with things like fried plantains, almonds, tortillas, chipotle, peanuts, and a bit of chocolate all ground into the mix.

Sigh. Not quite the same choice down here. Ricardo, the waiter, explains that, apart from *poblano*, they have two other moles today, *verde* and *ranchero*, both Oaxacan. He brings out half a dozen dollops on a plate so we can sample them. There’s mole *poblano*, mole *almendrado* (it’s a lot like mole *poblano*, topped with ground almonds), mole *ranchero* (brown red chile mole), and a tomatillo-based mole *verde*. The other two are regular salsas.

I order mole *verde* with pork

chunks. Hank orders chicken breast poblano. And while we’re waiting we hop up to the kitchen.

“Sure,” says the manager, Margarita Martínez, when I ask if we can see where the mole is made. She leads us out through the kitchen to a building across a courtyard. Inside, Margarita Sanchez labors behind three three-foot-high cauldrons bubbling away on a stovetop. Her work tables are stacked with piles of nuts, beans, almonds, fruit, and chiles.

“It takes me three days minimum to make a batch of mole *poblano*,” Margarita says. “I put 30 to 100 ingredients in. I make three of these *ollas* each week.”

Holy mole. That’s a lot. And, looking at Margarita, who’s probably in her 40s, solid-set, strong, handling the big pots, sacks, herbs, chiles, liquids... all to get a recipe right that has been perfected over centuries, you feel again that weird link: you imagine priests and soldiers in, say, 1700, fresh off the galleon from Spain, witnessing the same scene. Not to collapse into clichés, but Margarita’s our contact with the past.

And in that past, I think I see, this mole was probably looked on as concentrated goodness, the bringing together of all the best, the most exotic of nature’s offerings into one magical health concoction, love potion, taste sensation. For the rich and powerful only, of course.

“People have always made mole in large amounts,” Margarita says. “It is so much work, you may as well make as much as you can at a time. You have to be exact, but also, down in Puebla and Oaxaca, everybody has their own mama’s recipe.”

So, who invented mole *poblano*? Are we eating a Spanish colonial dish or an Aztec classic?

The jury’s still out.

Dave DeWitt and Nancy Gerlach, in *The Whole Chile Pepper Book*, say it was the Aztecs who most likely invented mole *poblano*, long before the

Spaniards arrived. After that, seeing that chocolate was traditionally reserved for Aztec royalty and members of the military and religious nobility, the Spanish ruling elites wanted in. “Perhaps Aztec serving girls at the convent gave a royal recipe to the nuns so they could honor their royalty, the archbishop,” write the authors.

But more people seem to think mole *poblano* was in no way Aztec, even though some, maybe most, ingredients are. They call it a Spanish adaptation of foods the Spanish found in the New World, and they pin it down to between 1680 and 1688 at a convent in Puebla de los Angeles, where, one day, Sor Andrea, the sister superior of the Santa Rosa Convent, wanted to thank the archbishop for agreeing to build a convent for her order. So she combined ingredients from the New World with the Old.

Or was it Fray Pascual? Di-ana Kennedy, who’s a well-known expert on Mexican cooking, says the good fray (we’d say friar) was also preparing a banquet for a visiting archbishop. Turkeys were cooking in casseroles on the fire. “As Fray Pascual, scolding his assistants for their untidiness, gathered up all the spices they had been using, and put them together on a tray, a sudden gust of wind swept across the kitchen and they spilled over [into] the *cazuelas* (casseroles).”

But Michael and Sophie Coe, who are recognized experts on the pre-conquest Aztecs, say (in their book *The True History of Chocolate*) that the Aztecs had nothing to do with it. That the idea of using chocolate as a flavoring in cooked food “would have been horrifying to the Aztecs — just as Christians could not conceive of using communion wine to make, say, coq au vin... the place of origin of the dish and its sauce [is] the colonial Puebla de los Angeles; this beautiful city, unlike others in central Mexico, has no Aztec foundations.”

The Coes have my vote, but take your pick. The recipe for mole could be 1000 years old, or only 400. Whichever, that’s some cool bit of history you’re eating.

We make it back across the courtyard just in time for our moles. Hank gets the best-lookin’ dish with his chicken breast mole *poblano* and almonds. I filch a bit of his mole. Ah yes. Margaritas. Just like in Colonia Libertad. To simplify for us gringos, maybe, they tell us it’s essentially made of dark chocolate, chile, and ground-peanut sauce. For me, it’s fruity, chocolatey, beautifully hard to pigeonhole, slightly intoxicating. My green mole *verde*, basically mole without chocolate and with tomatillos, is good, tart, but I wouldn’t know it from a salsa *verde*.

We come out realizing we’ve got a long ways to go on this. On the other hand, I’m feeling way ahead of what I knew a week ago. I knew only one mole back then: guaca-mole. ■

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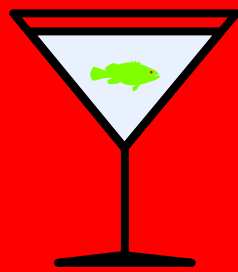
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"I have a Wright Brothers bike that the Smithsonian wants."

Oh, boy. A red and white Western Flyer. My childhood dream. And wow. Right next to it the monster I've always wanted to conquer: a six-foot-high 1898 penny-farthing bone-shaker.

Here I am, in the wilds of, what? Rolando? La Mesa? Got ejected from the 7B, 'cause this is the end of its line. Still gotta meet with Hank in La Mesa, but hey, till the 7 proper comes, time to investigate two low-roofed shops across the road. Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe, and...Ye Olde Bicycle Cafe. Whoever heard of that?

I hike across the road and come into, wowsie! A little...museum stuffed with ancient bikes. Everything from that 1890s penny farthing to a Gormully and Jeffery "Rambler" tandem, also from the 1890s, where the woman rides in front and the man steers from behind, to a bicycle for three that the Three Stooges rode in a movie.

But the thing that really gets me, looking at a rack of bikes from 1910, 1920, is how similar they are to today's bikes. Frame, tires, spokes.

I see this gal glance my way. Oh, yeah...I'd forgotten. They do food, too. She's standing behind the counter at the cafe part of the room. I thread my way through a bunch of comfy settees and carpets where folks read and play chess and use the free computers. The walls are green and salmon and display sexy 1920s French posters. Naked women riding bikes. Ooh-la-la. Plus French music. "A Man and a Woman" is playing. You realize how Euro the biking thing is.

"What's the deal with the museum?" I ask the gal, Vanessa.

"The owner, Dave, has been collecting bikes forever," she says. "He wanted to show some of them off."

The menu's up on a blackboard. They have mainly smoothies and drinks like blackberry green tea or organic coffee. But there are plenty of basic eats, too. I order a small coffee. It's organic but still only \$1. The food's a list of toasted paninis or cold sandwiches. Mostly \$3.50. They're named after bike races. The less famous the race, the simpler the sandwich. Like, the "Rosarito-Ensenada" is cheese and tomato; the "Tour de Cure" is turkey, bacon; "Midnight Madness" is turkey, ham, and cheese. The "Tour de France" is ham and Swiss on a croissant (it's \$3.95), and "Tour d'Italia" (\$4.50) — this looks like a possibility — is, well, loaded. Salami, pepperoni, ham, cheese, and other fixin's, including a pot of marinada. They also do a couple of gooey ones: the "Tandem," a gooey double-decker peanut butter and jelly; and "Critical Mass," peanut butter and banana on a bagel.

So, basically, we're talking toaster-oven/microwave cooking here. But being able to munch sandwiches in a museum ain't bad. I ask Vanessa for the Tour d'Italia. I notice they have a special too, a chicken and wild rice soup for \$1.95. "We also have a Full Meal Deal," says Vanessa. "Any sandwich, chips, and soda for \$4.50." Even with the Tour d'Italia. What's more, she agrees to swap out the chips and soda for the soup.

By the time she brings it over five minutes later, I'm chatting with the man himself, Dave. He collects bikes, repairs them, sells them. "I started this when I bought three brand-new bikes

for my kids," he tells me.

I chomp into the panini. It's good, crispy-toasted oatnut bread packed with ham, salami, lots of onion and tomato, and generous doses of mayo and mustard. The wild rice soup is almost a meal in itself. Plenty of rice and carrots.

"Then, all three of those bikes were stolen," says Dave. "So I found old ones and fixed them up. Pretty soon I was doing it for the whole neighborhood." He ended up turning it into a full-time business. These days he sticks with secondhand and repairs, because "so many new-bike stores are going out of business."

Outsiders don't realize it, but bike pedalers are the original greenies. They collect around Dave's because he gets it. That's why he wanted to start his cafe. "This was my dream," he says. "I've been doing bikes for 27 years, and for 20 years I've wanted a hangout for all the ecominded bike types who come to my store." Three and a half years ago, he opened up. "Because this was the other thing: I wanted to start a bike museum. I collect bikes. I have about 1500 of them right now. I have a Wright Brothers bike that the Smithsonian wants..."

I finish up the panini, listening. It was delicious, just stuffed with great salty salami and the other meats. Even without the added bonuses of Dave, Vanessa, the bikes, the settees, the carpets, it's one helluva deal.

Turns out Dave's from Guam. He was a little kid during World War II, jammed in a jungle POW camp for his first four years. He remembers the Japanese guards beheading one prisoner every day,



Dave

because nobody would tell where they were hiding an American radio operator named Roy Tweed. "Roy Tweed survived," he says. "But at the cost of many of our lives. I still have nightmares."

Whew. By the time I get up, it's 3:00. I've got to get to that trolley station. Dave invites me to come back for a bike ride. "We do one most days, to Point Loma or Oceanside."

"Uh, do you do them to the La Mesa trolley?" I ask. "Be quicker than the bus." ■

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"Perhaps the Merrie Englanders and the Puritans are not so far apart as each imagines."

One of the great pleasures of going on vacation is browsing another city's used bookstores. I recently spent a blissful hour at the Bookery in Ithaca, New York, and there, amid the Wine & Spirits used-bookstore standbys (Hugh Johnson's *Story of Wine*, Alexis Lichine on the wines of France, etc.), I found Volume 5 of *The Compleat Imbiber*. The title alone was enough to charm me; the thought that the previous four volumes had been successful enough to warrant a fifth captivated me utterly.

Volume 5 was published in 1962 and edited by Cyril Ray. Not surprisingly, the book hailed from England. The American wine industry — to say nothing of its press — was still a ways away from arousing such lavish interest. The editor's introduction noted that "Raymond Postgate has gone to Yugoslavia to report on what is perhaps the most interesting and most promising of all the wine-growing countries other than France and Germany." Ouch. Though there was a lovely paean to the Five O'Clock bar in Denver, which concluded that "the American bar is more attractive than the English urban pub for an infinite number of reasons... Above all, there is an invigorating sense of sin."

As the tribute to the Five O'Clock suggests, *The Compleat Imbiber* was wise enough to show respect for its title and cover the whole world of

beverages, and even their accompaniments. Besides wine, the book took in grog, the Irish barman, bar bores, the shocking combination of pork and prunes in a French restaurant, Crêpes Suzette, and even the Viennese *Kaffeehaus*, in forms varying from history to poetry to fiction to service piece to commentary. But wine was given pride of place — beginning and end, and the bulk of material in between.

I will spare you the historical pieces on When England Took to Port and the role of sherry in the

writing of *The Stones of Venice*. I will avoid the investigation of '60s Yugoslavian wines, except to note that they made one they called Tigermilk. We can probably skip the bit on decanting, and the buying guide, and the food-pairing guide. But plenty of fun stuff remains.

I would have liked to hear the drinking songs sung in the music halls (themselves born of miniature in-bar theaters) of the late 1880s, here written about by Colin McInnes. And I was pleased that he noted the musical, if not lyrical, similarities between old music hall numbers ("Clicquot, Clicquot, That's the Wine for Me!") and Salvation Army teetotaling hymns ("Throw Down the Bottle and Never Drink Again") — similarities that led him to conclude: "So perhaps the Merrie Englanders and the Puritans are not so far apart as each imagines: if only because each, if

for different reasons, thinks that life matters, that it could be better, and that such as it is, it should be lived out to the full."

I smiled at "The Syncopated Song of a Sour Sommelier":

Is it dry, man?

Is it dry?

They haven't got a clue what it means.

They seem to think that dryness in a wine is meant to rate as

A kind of handy measure of its gastronomic status.

Still, it's no use arguing with customers;

It only makes embarrassing scenes;

So, smothering my feelings with a veil of British phlegm,

I tell myself, Well, *really*, if you have to deal with *them*.

Then everything's the driest up to Château Yquem.

Yeah, it's dry, man, dry!

It was good to learn that the phylloxera root louse (which nearly destroyed the European wine industry) gave rise to the popularity of Scotch and even helped thwart communism: "...an England that had to live on its reserves or its memories for a decade, and had been forced to consider the possibility of a future without brandy, was certain to cast about for a substitute to meet a desperate case. The substitute was Scotch whisky. It had support in the highest places: Queen Victoria had drunk it in the Highlands, as her diaries attested, long before it became generally known in England. Dickens (who died in 1870) barely mentioned it, and in 1875 Gilbey's sold only 38,000 dozen Scotch to 83,000 dozen bottles of Irish. Phylloxera was therefore the reason the drink became popular south of the Border, where



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the Americans duly learnt about it. They now buy three times as much Scotch as we do in Britain: it has become one of our staple major exports — without Scotch we might have even been forced into the Communist camp. We have that to thank phylloxera for."

And it's always fun to read the wine prophets from the vantage point of their future and to marvel at their vision. Denzil Batchelor, author of the piece on phylloxera, wisely notes that "There are other enemies, deadlier than the aphid: among them *vignerons* with a nose for economics who consider that majestic, slow-maturing vintages represent capital locked up for far too long. Couldn't they be hurried along in the bottle — and down the throat? They could be, and in some



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cases, they have been. Perhaps it is unkind to blame those who gulped down the '47 and '49 burgundies in such a hurry: they had so recently emerged from the shadow of a war that had threatened survivors with a total deprivation of all the luxuries and many of the necessities of life. But in more recent times there have been attempts to hasten the maturity of the '59 burgundies, and possibly the clarets, too; for which the excuse is that it is legitimate to make a quick turnover in a jet-propelled world. It is useless to preach, but consciences are sometimes touched by simple stories of model virtue; so it may be worth reminding the greedy that in 1926 a party of the devout in St. James's tasted the 1811 Lafite and found it perfect. Who will drink a 1959 claret in the year A.D. 2074? The jet-propelled wine world has achieved a great deal of hurrying along over the past four decades.

Auberon Waugh, son of Evelyn, contributes a darkly funny short story, but it is another piece of fiction that has stayed with me: "The Wine of the Tetrarch" by Isak Dinesen. In it, Peter, only days after the Resurrection, meets a stranger who does not know what to do with himself anymore. The stranger had been friends with the thief to whom Jesus said, "This day, you will be with Me in Paradise." Now, the stranger is uneasy. "I have been drink-

ing many wines since Friday, and they have all tasted bad to me — poor stuff. I do not know what has happened to the wine in Jerusalem, it has no longer either body or flavour to it." He worries that the earthquake that shook the city on Good Friday may have affected women as well as wine, "so that by now they will have neither body nor flavor to them. If it can turn all the wines of Jerusalem insipid, it may well also be capable of turning life itself insipid, with everything there is to it. And what then?"

So what does he want? To try the wine served at the Last Supper, which he has heard possessed "some highly special body. Indeed — and I do not know why — I have been thinking of it as if nothing else did really exist in the world." Peter is horrified, but when he recovers himself, he offers, "I was a guest at a wedding feast where some most noble wine was brought forth in a most noble way. I shall set off tomorrow...to find out whether there might be any of that wine left."

But the stranger demurs and decides to go back to the wine and women that have filled his days until then. As he turns to leave, Peter asks his name: "My name was cried all over Jerusalem," answers the stranger. "There was not one of the curs and mongrels of the city who did not yelp it out with all his might. Not one of them who did not, on Friday morning, howl it out. 'Barabbas!' they

barked. 'Barabbas! Give us Barabbas!' My name is Barabbas. That name shall be remembered." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumbeyard 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 SoCal-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 *muy 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.

Red Tractor's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you

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know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tractor'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 Tractor'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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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 drive-way 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.*

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.*

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

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 barroom 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.*

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.*

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THE BEACHES

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 ampitheatre. 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 break-

fast 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.*

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.*

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 water-side 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.*

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 *parril-lada* 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 platter: 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.*

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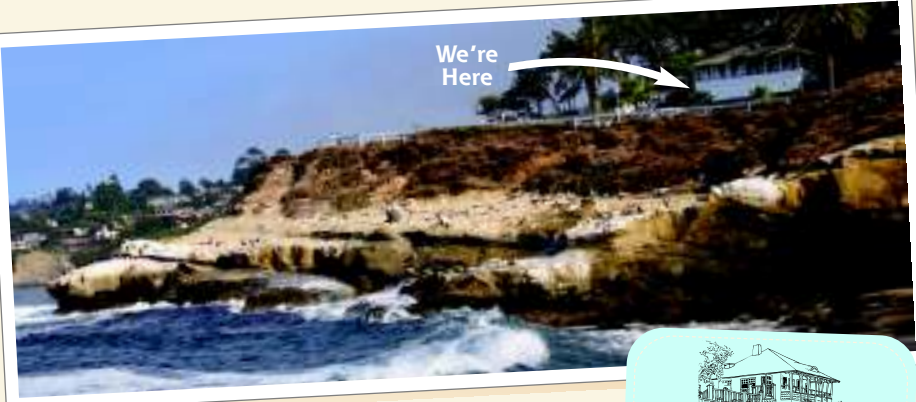
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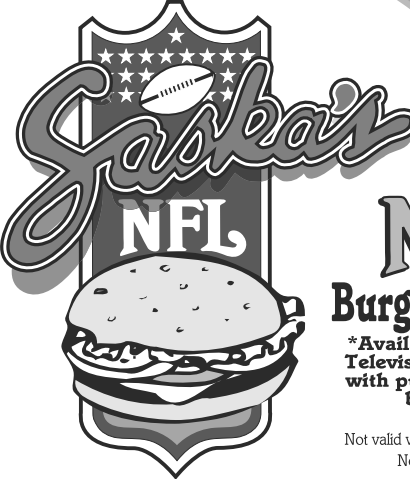
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Uncle Joe's Pizzeria 4591 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge, 619-584-2535. The owner's a retired Navy medic, one of the first women to serve in the Middle East combat zone. She's named sandwiches for career stops, like "The Recruit Training Center, Orlando, 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*, mousaka, *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 studded 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-crustured 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 dinners — 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 pastrami, 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 *panterella*, 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, woody 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 sawed-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 liver-

wurst. 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 citruses and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on *soju* (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Low moderate. — *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 some-things 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 Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. 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.*

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.*

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 charmers, 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 "gaucha 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 Pol-



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El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the ziestiest 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 football 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 *cancha*, 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

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BAJA

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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.*

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, winy

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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 *sfiatino con 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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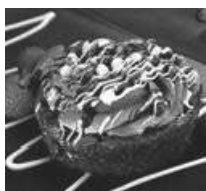
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The Unusual Suspects

This is not so much a film of the individual trees as of the overall forest.

Where were we? Ah, yes. I was driving up to L.A. on Cinco de Mayo to see the new Alain Resnais film, *Private Fears in Public Places*, at the Laemmle Music Hall. I was arriving early to get a good seat in this outmoded movie house subdivided into three

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

cramped ill-shaped compartments. I was observing that everyone coming in was conspicuously older than me (even), and I was guessing that I was in the rare movie audience these days that might actually be able to remember who Alain Resnais is. I was taking a bathroom break beforehand, saving my place with a steeped program from the American Cinematheque picked up in the lobby, and returning to find that a solitary old lady with a barrel of popcorn and bucket of soda had installed herself in the seat right next to mine but had thankfully left my aisle seat vacant. I was then getting sucked into small talk about which cup holder was whose, about how much she was looking forward to seeing *Waitress*, and about how large a crowd this was for a Saturday matinee at the Music Hall. I was informing her that I had come up from San Diego especially

for the occasion, which would account for at least one extra body, and was inquiring how she herself had chosen to see this particular film, and was hearing how she had just been driving down Wilshire and hadn't yet seen her weekly movie and had pulled over to find out what would be starting at around five o'clock and so here she was. And I was instantaneously revising my view of my fellow filmgoers, recasting them as people so much older than myself that they had had a considerably longer habit of going out to a movie theater and had possibly never acquired the knack of a newfangled VCR and had learned from experience that a French film — any French film — would be less likely than a Hollywood one to be an assault on senses and sensibilities. And maybe they didn't know Alain Resnais from Adam.

But you never can tell. Assumptions are often wrong, and appearances (as per their reputation) do deceive. And after all, if I needed that lesson pounded into my head one more time, I was there to see the latest work of the filmmaker who, among all filmmakers, sounded the deepest depths of the unknown and the unknowable;



Private Fears in Public Places

the one who most assiduously measured the distance between the outer surface and the inner infinitude. This latest film, made at the dignified old age of eighty-four, is surely not one of his very best, and still it was the very best film I had seen up to that point in the year, and four months later — despite *The Nanny Diaries*, despite *Rescue Dawn*, despite *Sicko*, despite

the Alexander Payne, the Coen brothers, the Walter Salles, and the Oliver Schmitz segments of *Paris, Je T'Aime*, despite, above all, *Golden Door*, the one summer release about which I would have been most disposed to expatiate — it remains so.

Its issue on DVD in early August perhaps gives me a little leave to try to say (after all this time) why it's so good,

although not before I try to say why I did not really expect it to be. Up to and including *Mélo* in 1986 — the director's eleventh feature film but his first stage adaptation, in fact his first literary adaptation of any type — one of the highest compliments I could have paid him, higher even than his avoidance of literary adaptations, would have been that he never re-

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peated himself. Since then, the stage adaptation, more particularly the stage adaptation that accentuates rather than disguises its theatricality, has become something of a new métier for him, a second career. (This should not give pause to the 99.999 percent of the

American populace who have never seen these.) With his most recent one, *Not on the Lips* three years ago, I was inclined to believe he had gone about as far in that direction as he could wisely go. In addition to which, not only is the new one yet another stage adaptation; it is the second such one, after *Smoking/No Smoking*, to have been taken from the shelf of British playwright Alan Ayckbourn, a repetition within repetition. Unlike that previous one, which preserved the En-

glish setting while incongruously imposing the French language on it, *Private Fears...* has been resettled comfortably in France, in almost the same middle-class milieu as in Resnais's *Same Old Song*, with even the same apartment-hunting motif. (The opening scene in an artlessly partitioned two-bedroom matchbox seemed made-to-order for the artlessly partitioned Music Hall.) The return of the director's core repertory players — Sabine Azéma, Pierre Arditi, André Dussollier, Lambert Wilson, irreproachable though each of them may be, and more than the equal of Bergman's troupe in their devotion to their leader, the first three on board for close to a quarter of a century — did not forecast freshness, either. But so much for forebodings.

The best thing I can say about the film is one of the best things that can be said about any film, namely that the form matches, mirrors, expresses the content. The content, to attempt to separate it out, has to do with a half-dozen unmarried Parisians past their first youth — the aforementioned four actors are supplemented by new recruits Laura Morante and Isabelle Carré, plus the scurrilously heard but never seen Claude Rich, from the long-ago *Je T'Aime, Je T'Aime*, bedridden offscreen — all of whom are to one degree or another interconnected and yet ultimately, irremediably, profoundly isolated. (A true ensemble, a "tight" sextet, the players on view are uniformly superb, though Arditi's spotlighted monologue on his dead mother is the most affectingly emotional moment, and Dussollier gets

the best laughs.) At least one of the interconnections, in a city the size of Paris, is unacceptably contrived: it would be very long odds indeed that the sister of a realtor would just happen, through an Internet dating service, to hook up with one of her brother's current clients. And the prim Christian who turns out to be a secret sexpot affords a rather crude illustration of the Resnaisian theme of deceptive surfaces. And some of the comedy, even if never quite as low as some of that in *Smoking/No Smoking*, lies flat. Quibbles aside, however, this is not so much a film of the individual trees as of the overall forest. The pattern. The tapestry. The big picture.

A viewer would not need to be exceptionally alert to notice the use of dividers, partitions, barriers within the wide-screen frame, tangible walls erected between people. But this visual conceit is not pushed past the point of plausibility — not past the proper domain of interior design — and the stylistic expression of the theme extends far beyond that. The conscious artificiality of the presentation — the convoluted plot, the aloof comic tone, the succulent confectionary colors, the stagy lighting effects, the unrelenting studio snowfall, blanketing the streets, mantling the overcoats, serving as literal "curtains" between scenes, and at one point actually, surrealistically, coming indoors — sits atop the deeper reality, the underlying truth, in much the same way as the human façade sits atop the hidden self. More than just fears, as the title has it, are private; pretty much the essential person is. The mental person, the

sentimental person. (The title of the film in French, *Coeurs*, translates as *Hearts*, and if Claude Sautet had not already taken the title of *A Heart in Winter*, that one in plural would have gone well with the heavy snowfall, an intensification of the scattered flakes in Resnais's *Love unto Death*, there again serving as a transitional as well as a metaphorical device. We might note, too, that the musical composer, a veteran of American television primarily, *The X-Files* specifically, would appear to have been selected solely for his name: Mark Snow.) It is altogether remarkable, altogether magical, how these seemingly cardboard figures — the philosophical bartender, the bitter drunk, the impatient fiancée, the desperate manhunter, the staid old bachelor, the false saint — come to represent all of humanity; how the godlike overhead views of each of them at the end effectively take in the entire planet; how singleness can stand for *tout le monde*. Remarkable, at last, how something so light can have such weight.

Resnais, by inclination and practice, devises detective movies without crimes, and for that matter without detectives. As the *de facto* lead investigator, rounding up the unusual suspects, he never really gets to the bottom of anything, but always burrows below the surface, smack into the heart of the Human Condition. The deceptiveness of appearances is of course a commonplace in the run-of-the-mill detective movie, but Resnais makes it into something more than a mere platitude, more than a mere plot trick; he makes it into the main subject, the focal point, the compositional center, a virtual worldview. (In *Last Year at Marienbad*, in *Je T'Aime, Je T'Aime*, in *Providence*, in *Life Is a Bed of Roses*, in *Smoking/No Smoking*, sporadically in others, he has taken those deceptive appearances to an extreme, subverting the fundamental function of a camera and photographing things that are, within their own fictional framework, patently untrustworthy and untrue.) No filmmaker alive or dead attains a greater distance between the plot summary of a film and the actual sight of it. No filmmaker, to put a finer point on it, is a greater filmmaker. If he has lately settled into a bit of a rut, he continues tenaciously to widen it. ■

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Becoming Jane — The ripening of Miss Jane Austen, fictitiously re-imagined as a type of character in one of her own novels (minus the fairy-tale ending) and proportionately diminished as an artistic genius: a copyist more than a creator. The cast — Anne Hathaway, James McAvoy, Julie Walters, James Cromwell, Maggie Smith, Lucy Cohu, Ian Richardson — appears fully capable of enacting an actual Austen novel. Directed by Julian Jarrold. 2007. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7; POWAY 10)

The Bourne Ultimatum — The *Bourne* absurdum. It isn't just that Part III in the adventures of the amnesiac superspy adds more ridiculousness. It's that, at these lengths, the ridiculousness multiplies exponentially. More ridiculousness, that is, and more and more ridiculous. (The sentimental soft spots found in Parts I and II are

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here concentrated in a couple of female, motherly, protective, nurturing CIA agents who, alone among their heartless colleagues, are interested in keeping the hero alive.) Paul Greengrass’s frantic visual style — a hand-held camera in the grips of delirium tremens — fosters irritation where it intended excitement. With Matt Damon, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles, David Strathairn, Scott Glenn, and Albert Finney. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Brave One — Distaff *Death Wish*, though it would not be strictly accurate to say that Jodie Foster is playing Charles Bronson. The emphasis is on her psychological wounds after her fiancé is beaten to death and she herself beaten to death’s door — setting up a take-back-the-night feminist revenge story — and the whole thing is acted and directed (by Neil Jordan) with a high seriousness not borne out by the potboilerish plotting. The motif of ruptured relationships — the heroine, the cop, two congruent cases of uxoricide — implants some emotional backbone. Terrence Howard, Mary Steenburgen, Naveen Andrews. 2007. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Breakfast Club — Improbably heterogeneous group of high-school students at an improbable all-day (Saturday) detention hall, improbably unsupervised. A detention hall, without all the improbabilities, would not seem to have much chance at drama. But *with* all the improbabilities it does not have much chance at Albee-esque group therapy, either. And in point of fact writer-director John Hughes (*Sixteen Candles*) is well content for the most part to go after the cheap laugh; and on that quest he appoints the most quickly tiresome character — the class hoodlum — to act as chief catalyst and satirist: “Are you a virgin?” and so on. With Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, and Ally Sheedy. 1985. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 9/15 MIDNIGHT)

Death at a Funeral — The title is too harsh. The comedy doesn’t die, it just labors, as a funeral at a country estate turns to fiasco and farce, beginning with the delivery of the wrong cadaver and escalating with a bottle of mislabelled hallucinogens.

Dragon Wars — Creature feature with Jason Behr, Amanda Brooks, and Robert Forster, directed by Hyung Rae Shim. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/14)

Eastern Promises — David Cronenberg’s London underworld drama, with Viggo Mortensen, Naomi Watts, and Vincent Cassel. (MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 9/14)

Freshman Orientation — Collegiate comedy with Sam Huntington, Marla Sokoloff, and John Goodman, written and directed by Ryan Shiraki. (KEN, 9/14 THROUGH 20)

The Graduate — Misunderstood Youth, as it was understood in the Sixties: embodied in Dustin Hoffman’s sadsack slouch and flat-footed shuffle (he is supposed to be a college track star), bounced around between yammering grownups and suffocating lovers, swept up and down the California coast, buoyed by the watery sounds of

Matthew MacFadyen, Keeley Hawes, Alan Tudyk, Daisy Donovan, Rupert Graves, Peter Dinklage, and Jane Asher; directed by Frank Oz. 2007. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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Simon and Garfunkel. All he is seeking, really, is the audience’s adoration. Mike Nichols, making his first movie, should have stood in standup comedy. The verbal side of it contains some pretty funny, smutty stuff, but the visual side is a hodgepodge of Fellini, Antonioni, Lelouch, Jerry Lewis, Tom and Jerry. With Anne Bancroft and Katharine Ross. 1967. ● (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 9/13 THROUGH 15, 8:30 P.M.)

Hairspray — Not a direct remake of the 1988 John Waters film, but a restaging of the 2002 Broadway-musical adaptation of

it. (Waters gives his blessing to the enterprise in the form of a walk-on part as a flasher.) The show tunes, in place of well-selected oldies, don’t really add a lot, though they’re in the right key for the 1962 period. Nor is there much benefit from the stunt casting of John Travolta in a transsexual latex fat suit, in the role originated by the actual transvestite, Divine. And naturally the film is not as “personal,” and deserves no credit for following Waters’s blazed trail to socially conscious fun. It deserves much credit, however, for the discovery of the “short and stout” Nikki Blonsky, a sort of plus-size Brenda Lee in the

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I have always wanted to see *The Last Dragon* on the big screen. It's got the right stuff to make it perfect for a midnight showing. Leroy Green (aka Bruce Leroy), a martial arts student in New York, must take on the Shogun of Harlem to save the woman he loves. The true "masta" will be decided.

Fight Club is a personal favorite since the moment I saw the trailer. A man throws everything away to find out who he really is. Edward Norton and Brad Pitt make this movie one of the best of my generation. But the first rule about fight club is you don't talk about fight club.

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lead role, a teenage rebel fighting discrimination on two fronts, racism and fattism. She, for most of the way, carries the brunt of the load with the best of cheer. Michelle Pfeiffer, Christopher Walken, Queen Latifah, Amanda Bynes, Elijah Kelley, Brittany Snow, James Marsden, Alison Janney; directed by Adam Shankman. 2007.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;
LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

— Pot V, if you're counting. War with the Dark Lord, as you might recall from the end of Pot IV, approaches; and after another two-and-a-quarter hours of stretching and padding, it still approaches. At the rate Daniel Radcliffe is aging, Harry looks on course to be the World's Oldest Grad Student of Witchcraft and Wizardry by the time the war actually arrives. Just as Miranda Richardson enlivened the previous



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Red Dawn would make a perfect midnight movie because of its all-star '80s cast: Patrick Swayze and Charlie Sheen (as brothers!), Jennifer Grey, Lea Thompson, Powers Boothe, and C. Thomas Howell. It has the cheesiness of that great era along with high school students fighting off an army in their quiet mountain town (*South Park* parodied it in an episode). Besides, how many other films include a scene where they urinate into the radiator because they don't have water? Don't answer that; it's a rhetorical question.

Second, I'd recommend *The Wizard*, about a traumatized boy who's a "wizard" at video games. You can't go wrong with Fred Savage and Christian Slater as older brothers. Rilo Kiley's frontwoman, Jenny Lewis, is Savage's love interest. She helps him and his little brother travel to California to compete in the video-game championships. Tobey Maguire — complete with a fashionable mullet — makes a hilarious cameo.

RED DAWN: COLLECTOR'S EDITION (USA) 1984,
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installment in the new role of a nosy reporter, Imelda Staunton enlivens this one as a Draconian educational reformer behind a false front of cold smiles and hot pinks. With Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Gary Oldman, Alan Rickman, Ralph Fiennes, and, a second enlivening newcomer, the fey, fifteen-year-old Evanna Lynch, in her screen debut; directed by David Yates. 2007.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Invasion — Fourth time around on screen for Jack Finney's serviceable *Body Snatcher* novel, refashioned for the CGI era, the CNN era, the post-9/11 era, the "post-modern feminist" era, the text-message and laptop era. It still functions. An alien-invasion scenario is perhaps not the most obvious choice for the English-language debut of the German director of the Third Reich docudrama, *Downfall*, but Oliver Hirsch-



The Pirate Movie

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When next you're stranded in space with only a DVD player and TV, I recommend you sit back and enjoy the following titles. Start off with the *Best of the Muppet Show*. This 2003 release contains one of the best children's shows of all time that entertains all ages. The extras include Muppet reenactments of popular film trailers and archives of Muppet design concepts.

Next, try *Fight Club*. Chuck Palahniuk's story, combined with Edward Norton and Brad Pitt's acting and David Fincher's directing, make for an endlessly watchable hit. The public service announcements should be played in all movie theaters. The commentary track is really entertaining.

Round out your lonely trek through space with *The Pirate Movie*. Kristy McNichol and Christopher Atkins in an '80s camp version of *Pirates of Penzance*. You really can't get any better: pirates, girls, plot twists, and — oh, yeah — the singing is fabulous.

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biegel appears fully committed. And nor is a creepily airbrushed, powdered, creaseless, and wrinkle-free Nicole Kidman (this woman is over forty, people!) the best spokesperson for humanness and humankind. Please study closely the psychiatric session in which we cut back and forth between her patient (Veronica Cartwright, who had a role in the 1978 remake) and herself, her patient and herself, her patient and herself, a human and a whatsit, a human and a whatsit.... With Daniel Craig, Jeremy Northam, Jeffrey Wright, and Jackson Bond. 2007.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Live Free or Die Hard — Oughtn't that to be *Live Free AND*...? Isn't dying hard, in the lexicon of this series, a desirable thing? (It ain't over till the bald guy says, "Yippee-ki-yay, motherfucker.") Bruce Willis, a



The Nanny Diaries

dozen years since he last got into the part of John McClane, is still in good shape, but the plot is more malformed than ever, an apocalyptic attack of Internet terrorism against which the forces of Homeland Security are powerless and our single-handed, two-fisted hero (“a Timex watch in a digital age”) is obliged to do everything himself. Everything, that is, except the hack work, which falls to computer nerds portrayed by Justin Long and Kevin Smith. It’s not boring, but it’s eminently laughable. With Timothy Olyphant, Maggie Q, Cliff Curtis, and Mary Elizabeth Winstead; directed by Len Wiseman. 2007.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Live-in Maid — Norma Aleandro and Norma Argentina as mistress and servant amid the economic crisis in Buenos Aires, written and directed by Jorge Gaggero.

(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/14)

Mr. Bean's Holiday — The very name invites comparison with that other nonverbal clown, Jacques Tati, and in specific with his *Mr. Hulot's Holiday*. Rowan Atkinson is a more grossly demonstrative performer, and his humor more demonstrably gross, and of course he is not also a keen-eyed director. That chair is here occupied by Steven Bendelack, dull-eyed and color-blind. With Max Baldry, Emma de Caunes, and Willem Dafoe. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Mr. Woodcock — Domestic comedy with Billy Bob Thornton, Susan Sarandon, and Seann William Scott, directed by Craig Gillespie.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/14)

The Nanny Diaries — Modest, clever, diverting comedy about a directionless college grad (Scarlett Johansson), with a major in Business and minor in Anthropology, who falls into a temp position as an Upper East Side nanny, continuing her anthropological studies independently in the exotic society of the filthy rich. The self-absorbed parents (Laura Linney, Paul Giamatti) are so convincingly awful that a happy ending

directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini. 2007.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

No Reservations — American remake of *Mostly Martha*, blunted to the point of total pointlessness, eliminating the national differences between the German and the Italian, leaving only the passably cool Catherine Zeta-Jones and the insufficiently warm Aaron Eckhart as the executive chef and sous-chef at a swank Manhattan eatery. Abigail Breslin, of *Little Miss Sunshine*, plays Little Miss Thundercloud, the mournful orphan who negotiates rapprochement. With Patricia Clarkson, Bob Balaban, and Brian F. O’Byrne; directed by Scott Hicks. 2007.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Once — Muted, thin, bittersweet (i.e., mostly sweet, with a bitter aftertaste) musical romance about a Dublin busker (Glen Hansard, founder of a rock band named The Frames) and an immigrant Czech pianist and single mom (Marketa Irglova) with whom he feels himself in tune. Frugally produced, scruffily photographed, the film has its modest charms, though these have been rather obstreperously oversung by the chorus of critics. Among those charms, the heart-on-sleeve folkie music isn’t high. Written and directed by John Carney. 2007.

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the bargain. The plot, meantime, grinds a little long and a little loud. With the voices of Patton Oswalt, Lou Romano, Ian Holm, Peter O'Toole, Janeane Garofalo, and Brad Garrett; written and directed by Brad Bird. 2007. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Rescue Dawn — Werner Herzog's hand-crafted studio film, light on special effects, shot on location in the suffocating jungles of Thailand, immersed in palpable physicality, a true-life POW survival tale that formed the basis of the filmmaker's ten-years-earlier documentary, *Little Dieter Needs to Fly*, about a Navy pilot downed in Laos on the eve of the Vietnam War. The real man, fascinating though he and his story were, was not a good storyteller, and Herzog improves the telling in dramatic re-enactment: conventional for a Herzog film (ending in literal uplift and trite triumphphant freeze-frame) but unconventional for a Hollywood film (littered with the kind of detail you can't make up). With Christian Bale (thin), Steve Zahn (thinner), and Jeremy Davies (thinnest). 2007. ★★ ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Rush Hour 3 — The cross-cultural cop partners, Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker, take their tired comedy act to Paris. Or to be more precise, their act is tired; they're not. But no matter how high his energy level, Tucker maintains his narrowness, while Chan can shift in a blink between low humor and middling melodrama. He's not asked to do it often. With Hiroyuki Sanada, Yuki Kudoh, Yvan Attal, Noémie Lenoir, Roman Polanski, and Max von Sydow; directed by Brett Ratner. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Shoot 'Em Up — Action thriller starring Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti, and Monica Bellucci, directed by Michael Davis. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Sicko — Michael Moore, documentarist, polemicist, provocateur, pest, scold, nag, and wag, takes on the American health-care system and finds it sorely lacking, particularly as compared, in turn, to that of Canada, the U.K., France, and even Cuba. Anecdotal, rambling, repetitive, unbalanced (not to say mentally), the film contains few real surprises, albeit a number of archival treasures: John Ehrlichman, on Oval Office tape, selling Nixon on the capitalist wisdom of HMOs, for example, or Ronald Reagan railing against socialized medicine on commercial vinyl. No matter how many nits may be picked, the central thesis seems morally irrefutable: that health care and profit do not belong in bed together. 2007. ★★ ★ (LA PALOMA)

The Simpsons Movie — After two decades of getting it for free, we now get to pay for it. (Making a joke of the fact, first thing out of the gate, doesn't alter it.) The M.O. of the Fox-TV weekly series carries over into this Unprecedented Cinematic Event: the throwaway amusements in the early going eventually give way to the grind of plot mechanics. On the big screen at four times the length, the grind is of course bigger (Homer pollutes Lake Springfield and imperils the town) and longer. And the conscious primitivism of the animation gains little from the magnification. With the voices of Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith,

Harry Shearer, Hank Azaria, and Albert Brooks; directed by David Silverman. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Stardust — Facetious fairy tale located in a magical kingdom within Merry Old England, populated by an ardent suitor, a grasping inamorata, a humanoid heavenly body, a stray unicorn, a wicked witch, a power-mad prince, a gallery of ghosts, a gay flying pirate (putting the fairy in fairy tale?), among others. The plot thickens, the pot bubbles, and the possibilities seem greater than the eventualities. With Charlie Cox, Claire Danes, Sienna Miller, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robert De Niro, Jason Flemyng, Mark Strong, and Peter O'Toole; directed by Matthew Vaughn. 2007. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

3:10 to Yuma — Honest-to-gosh Western, a rare sight in the 21st Century, thick as fleas fifty years earlier, when the original *3:10* arrived. The remake is done in the decadent style of shades-of-brown realism, luxuriantly whiskered and shaggy-haired, yet preening and grandiose, with amplified passions, topographical sprawl, and an overblown (and significantly altered) climax. Christian Bale, Russell Crowe, Ben

Foster, Peter Fonda, Logan Lerman, and Gretchen Mol; directed by James Mangold. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Transformers — Cocksure blockbuster with a grainy digital image and a jokey juvenile narrative, revolving around good and bad extraterrestrial shape-shifting robots, light as air, loose as smoke, based (if you're too old to know) on a line of Hasbro toys: the merchandising *precedes* the movie. With Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel,Tyrese Gibson, Rachael Taylor, Anthony Anderson, John Turturro, and Jon Voight; directed by Michael Bay. 2007. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Bears (G) Fri. 7:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 5:00 Mon.-Wed. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00; **Dinosaurs Alive!** (NR) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00 Mon.-Wed. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **The Alps: Giants of Nature** (Not Rated) Fri.-Wed. 4:00

San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10 am Mon. 11:30 am Tue.-Wed. 10:10 am

EAST COUNTY

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7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:30, 7:10, 9:30 Mon.-Wed. (11:30, 2:10, 4:30) 7:10, 9:30; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:25, 5:15) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:15, 8:05, 10:35 Mon.-Wed. (11:55, 2:25, 5:15) 8:05, 10:35; **Ratatouille** (G) Fri. (11:40, 2:30, 5:25) Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:25 Mon.-Wed. (11:40, 2:30, 5:25); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:00, 4:25) 6:50, 9:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:00) 4:25, 6:50, 9:10 Mon.-Wed. (11:50, 2:00, 4:25) 6:50, 9:10; **Shoot 'Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri. (11:45, 2:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 2:05) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35 Mon.-Wed. (11:45, 2:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 4:10) 7:05, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:05, 10:05 Mon.-Wed. (1:05, 4:10) 7:05, 10:05; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 6:50, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 6:50, 10:15 Mon.-Wed. (1:00, 4:05) 6:50, 10:15; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri. (11:40, 1:50, 2:30, 4:40, 5:10) 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 1:50, 2:30) 4:40, 5:10, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40 Mon.-Wed. (11:40, 1:50, 2:30, 4:40, 5:10) 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40

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unknown depths of self-indulgence, is the star, director, writer, editor, composer, and vocalist over the closing credits. And she is unlucky or imprudent in her choice of mate, her one-time beau in real life, Adam Goldberg: little chemistry and little individual charisma. 2007.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Year of the Dog — Offbeat comedy (meaning that the audience is not orchestrated into fortissimo laughter, but left, as it were, to play by ear) revolving around a fortyish dog-loving spinster who loses a dog, acquires and loses another one, acquires and loses fifteen more, and finally finds a new self. Part of that new self is vegan (“It’s nice to have a word that can describe you. I’ve never had that before”), and most of it is animal-rightist, and none of it is bound up in identification with, or dependence on, or relation to, another person. Individuality incarnate. The path to get there encroaches uncomfortably at times on the personal space and rights of others, and even edges dangerously close to madness, and yet it’s generally amusing to follow and in the end quite affecting. Defying expectations every step of the way, the film does a number of things well. Grief over a pet, for starters, gets its full due, with only microscopic traces of irony. Canine cuteness, meantime, is kept on a prudently tight leash, and slobbiness given ample room to roam. The secondary characters equally and democratically pull their weight: the adenoidal nose-to-the-grindstone boss (Josh Pais), the monomaniacally marriage-minded black co-worker (Regina King), the knife collector and Not So Great White Hunter right next door (John C.Reilly), the asexual animal-shelter dog trainer (Peter Sarsgaard), the Ken and Barbie brother and sister-in-law (Thomas McCarthy and Laura

Dern) and their stifflingly sheltered offspring. And the lead performance of Molly Shannon, one of the less illustrious SNL alumni, could well form the foundation of a legacy. She shows herself here to be a very good listener, a polite, selfless, sympathetic, empathic, active, demonstrative listener, and the sketch-artistry of her TV work overall has blossomed into thoroughgoing meticulous draftsmanship. One might only wish that the distinct sensibility of writer and first-time director Mike White (author or co-author of *Chuck and Buck*, *The Good Girl*, *School of Rock*, *Nacho Libre*), who

wrote the script specially for Shannon, had stretched a bit further into the visual side of things. The mug-shot frontalism and flat symmetries of her compositions tend toward the clunky, and the diluted color seems to encase the images in frosty plastic, like the family photos in your wallet. 2007.

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Mon.-Wed. (11:55, 2:20, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 6:55, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 6:55, 10:15 Mon.-Wed. (1:15, 4:05) 6:55, 10:15; **Halloween** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40 Mon.-Wed. (11:35, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40; **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G) Fri. (12:20, 3:20) 7:00, 9:50 Sat. (12:20, 3:20) 9:50 Sun.-Wed. (12:20, 3:20) 7:00, 9:50; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:00) 7:50, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:00, 7:50, 10:10 Mon.-Wed. (12:05, 2:40, 5:00) 7:50, 10:10; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:00, 2:55) 7:35, 10:20; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:50, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Mon.-Wed. (12:15, 2:50, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 8:05, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 8:05, 10:25 Mon.-Wed. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 8:05, 10:25; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:10, 3:15) 6:50, 9:55; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20 Mon.-Wed. (1:05, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; **The Kingdom** (R) Sat. 7:00; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:45, 1:30, 3:10) 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30

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Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:10, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:15, 12:30, 2:00, 3:45, 4:50) 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:40; **The Brothers Solomon** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:00); **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:20, 1:15, 2:40, 3:30, 5:00, 5:45) 7:20, 8:00, 9:40, 10:20; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:15, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10, 10:45; **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat. (12:10, 2:25, 4:45) 9:45 Sun.-Wed. (12:10, 2:25, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 10:00 Tue.-Wed. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 10:00; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:20, 1:45, 4:15) 6:50, 9:25; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:00, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 9:25; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Wed. (11:05, 1:05, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:40; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:30; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:40, 2:25, 5:05) 7:50, 10:30; **The Kingdom** (R) Sat. 7:00; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 10:10

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The Brave One (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sun.-Wed. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:45 Sun.-Wed. (11:25, 1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:25 Sun.-Wed. (11:20, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55 Sun.-Wed. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:15

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road
(858-646-9420)
Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Brave One** (R); **Dragon Wars** (PG-13); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G); **The**

Nanny Diaries (PG-13); **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated); **Superbad** (R)

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Becoming Jane (PG); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **Death at a Funeral** (R); **The 11th Hour** (PG); **3:10 to Yuma** (R)

ENCINITAS

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101
(760-436-SHOW)
Paris, Je T’Aime (R); **Sicko** (PG-13)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)
(760-599-8221)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15 Mon.-Tue. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:00 Sun.-Tue. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00 Tue. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun.-Tue. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun.-Tue. (10:15, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Strawberry Shortcake: Let’s Dance** (NR) Sat.-Sun. (10:30); **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun.-Tue. (10:45, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue
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Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Brave One** (R); **Dragon Wars** (PG-13); **Halloween** (R); **Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón** (PG-13); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G); **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R); **War** (R)

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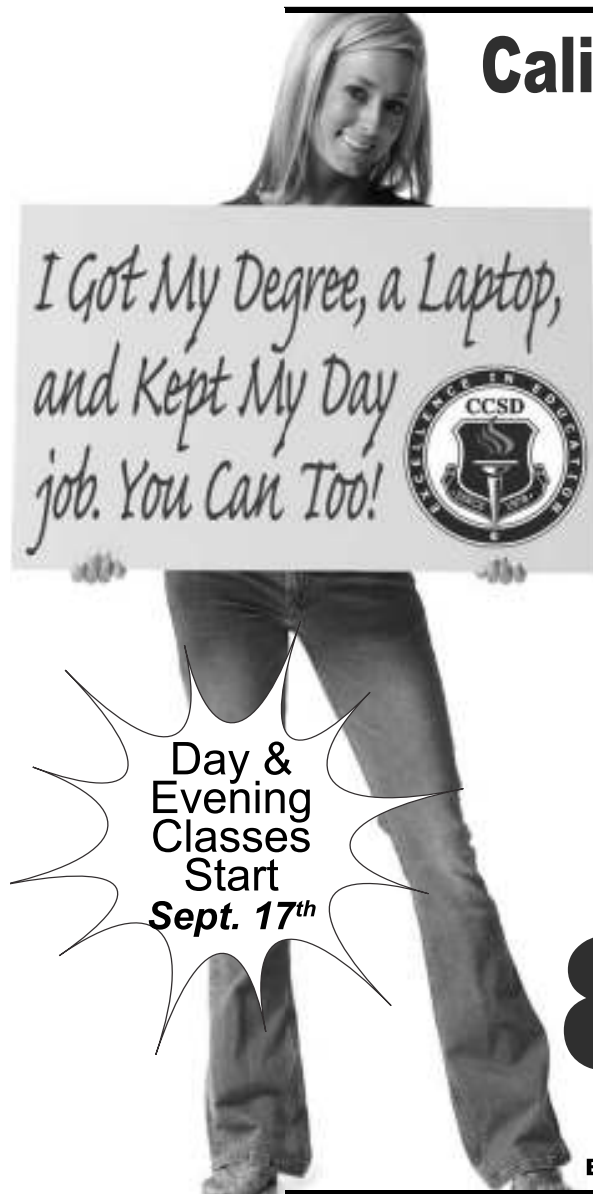
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Zachary Hight
Student

Mira Mesa

I am usually playing sports on the weekends. Since it's basketball season, I have three or four games this weekend. My favorite thing is just hanging out with lots of friends. If we go out somewhere, it's usually just us going to the movies.



Kevin Huffman
Waiter

Fashion Valley

My favorite thing to do on the weekends is play soccer. I was born and raised playing soccer. I know it's not the most popular sport in America, at least at the professional level. I'm in a men's league that plays games at Robb Field. If I had to pick another activity I liked to do on weekends...uh...probably drinking.



Erik Anderson
Clerk

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I sometimes work Friday nights, and usually Saturday morning. But on weekends, when I'm off work, I'm usually practicing with my band. I'm a drummer. If I'm not doing that, I'm usually hanging out at a friend's house.



Neil Kopicki
Clerk

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I like to play guitar and piano on the weekends. I'm not in a band with Erik, or anyone. I just love to play. I have my own place. So, it's usually having friends over and just hanging out there.



Tim Bridgman
Painter

Pacific Beach

I do some drinking. It is PB, after all. Well, now that it's football season, that's a big part of my weekend. I never have to work. I hang out with friends. Sometimes we watch UFC fights.



Felicha Martedi
Student

Vista

I like to surf in Carlsbad and Ocean-side. I like to chill out on the weekends. I sometimes spend the time doing homework, since I'm a full-time student and I work full-time. I spend time with family. Sometimes I like to just chill.

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DAVIEBABE, still in Boston. I'm OK and very successful but still crazy after all these years!

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I DON'T PRACTICE SANTERIA, I ain't got no crystal ball. Porky's was fun even

though I'm not into 80s music. I fell in love again.

JACK AT CROWDED HOUSE, Row 19. Had fun, but night too short. I really wanted to hang out. Meet me Little River Band? The desert.

NENE BOY, It's very hard for me to love, but loving you is so easy. I hope we will last a lifetime. Love always, Stephanie.

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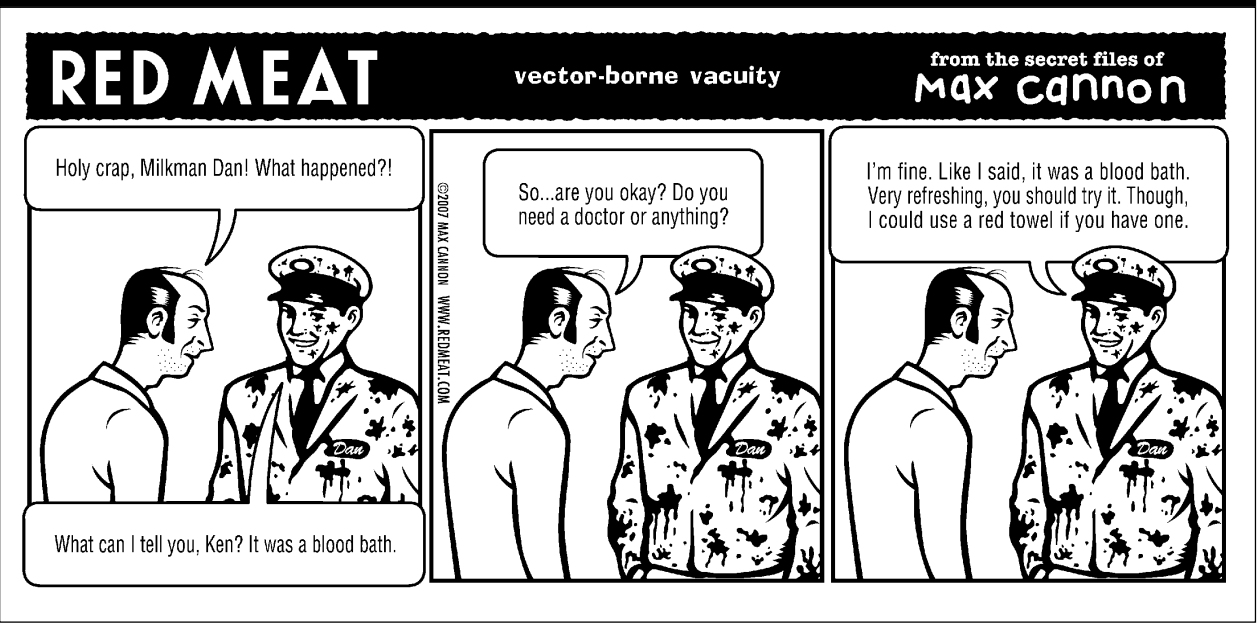
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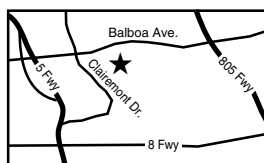


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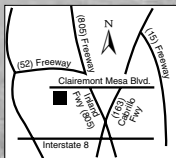
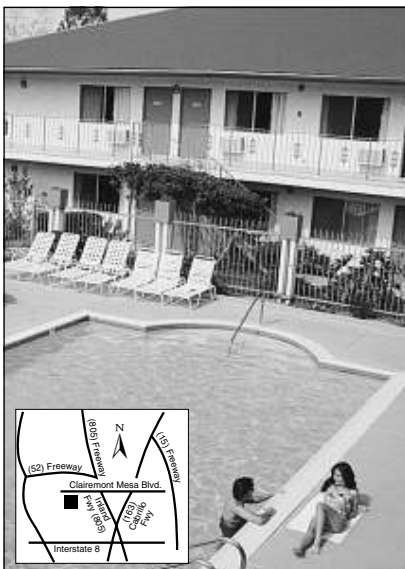


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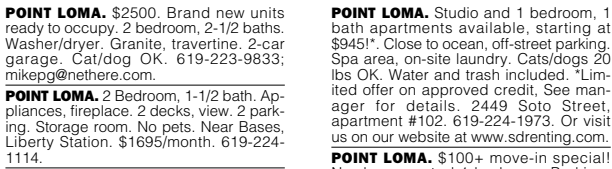
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Fine Points of the Law

— In July, Maryland county judge Katherine Savage dismissed a 2004 child-rape charge against a Liberian immigrant after finding that he speaks a rare tribal language for which no translators were available in time to meet the state’s speedy-trial requirement. Nonetheless, according to a *Washington Post* report, the defendant’s demand for a native speaker might have been a ruse because he speaks English well enough to have attended high school and community college here, and

the immigrant argued his innocence to arresting officers. The court found three translators (with a fourth in waiting), but each claimed unavailability. The *Post* reporter also found other translators who could have worked the case.

Questionable Judgments

— The medical association in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu reprimanded Dr. K. Murugesan in June after his arrest for allowing his 15-year-old son to perform a Caesarean section on one of his patients; dad wanted his boy to qualify for a world record in the *Guinness Book*. The baby was born with a fatal congenital defect said to be unrelated to the surgery, but Tamil Nadu’s health minister termed Murugesan’s office a “butcher’s shop.”

People Different From Us

— In June, addiction experts at an American Medical Association meeting discussed whether to consider “video game addiction” as a distinct mental illness. One month later, in Reno, Nev., a couple in their early 20s were arrested and charged with abusing their two toddlers by ignoring them for long stretches of time while playing *Dungeons & Dragons*. According to prosecutors, Michael and Iana Straw had plenty of food in their house, but both babies were found severely malnour-

ished and ill in a home marked by squalor except for the expensive computer equipment that occupied the couple nearly all their waking moments.

— Prolific Fetishists: Maeyasu Kawamura, 60, indicted in Osaka, Japan, in June (8000 stolen pieces of women’s clothing); Shigeo Kodama, 54, arrested in Hiroshima in February (3977 panties, 355 bras); a 27-year-old man, accused by police in Waukesha, Wis., in May (1500 pairs of teenage girls’ shoes); Chih Hsien Wu, 43, charged in Fort Collins, Colo., in May (1300 undergarments belonging to Colorado State University women); Garth Flaherty, 24, charged in Pullman, Wash., in March (1500 women’s undergarments, weighing 93 pounds); Kevin Parrett, 51, sentenced in Faulkton, S.D., in May (800 women’s undergarments); Dan Trompke, 37, sentenced in Kearney, Neb., in August (more than 500 women’s undergarments).

Recurring Themes

— Some environmental groups continue to slight the environment when establishing exhibits to increase environmental awareness. The town council of Stoke-on-Trent, England, approved plans in July for a 21-foot-tall metal-sculpted tree to highlight the virtues of its public nature park, but first, 20 real trees would have to be

cleared away, and then, to prevent injuries in the darkness, 38 powerful lights would illuminate the structure. ... In August, organizers of an environmental awareness festival on Magic Island near Honolulu proposed to the city to relocate about 15 shade trees to accommodate the brief surge of visitors expected, leaving, according to a civic group, a “hot, shadeless area” uncomfortable for future parkgoers.

If Not for Alcohol, Could “News of the Weird” Exist?

— (1) Alexander Ocampo, 27, was arrested in Hilton Head Island, S.C., in July for DUI and for continuing to drive after his car had spun out of control, oblivious that his passenger had been ejected through his open window. The passenger survived, but with serious injuries. (2) WKMG-TV reported in August the arrest of a man in Orlando “suspected” of drunk driving who was pursued by police until he decided to get out and run for it. When police overtook him, he was clutching a Corona beer from the 12-pack in the front seat of his car.

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We decided to spend Saturday in Tijuana. I picked her up and we went to Mexico. We drank, ate hot dogs with bacon, took pictures, and flirted with cute guys.

From then on, Pauline and I were friends. We double-dated, hung out at the beach, and danced in nightclubs from the Red Onion to Maxi's.

Then in April 1990, my younger brother Robert had flown from the Midwest to spend the summer with me. A month later, my roommate moved, leaving me stranded with bills. So I found a roommate named Chris. He turned out to be a flake and moved out, leaving me and my brother with no money. I called Pauline (who was in the process of looking for a new job and a roommate to help with her bills). Robert and I decided to move in with Pauline.

I'd been wanting to show my brother a good time in California, but Pauline insisted on going everywhere we went. June 1990, I was laid off from my job. It went downhill from there. It was a constant struggle to pay rent and bills and feed my brother and myself. Pauline still hadn't found work and had no money. Robert and I spent days walking downtown, going from high-rise to high-rise, handing out my résumé. I was fresh out of paralegal school and was not getting any calls to interview. Then, my brother flew home in August. I found a job in October as secretary for an executive suite firm. Knowing I had a paycheck coming in two weeks put me on top of the world.

Then, on Monday, October 8, Pauline did not come home. I was worried. Pauline never stayed out all night. Next morning, I left a note for Pauline asking her to call me. About 9:30 a.m. I got a phone call from a police officer asking if I was Pauline's roommate. I was scared something had happened to her. He asked, "When was the last time you saw Pauline?" How long had I lived with Pauline? How long had I known Pauline? I answered his questions and then asked what had happened. He said, "Were you aware Pauline was arrested for grand theft of \$80,000 yesterday?" I was in shock, and then he hung up the phone.

I regained composure, then called the Las Colinas jail to see when I could visit. They did not have "Pauline Patterson" in the computer. I explained about the phone call from the police. After a while on the phone, she said, "I see what has happened. Pauline is in the men's jail downtown." I said, "Why?" She said, "When Pauline was arrested, she was brought here first. We did the normal procedures and found that Pauline had 'men parts.'"

I said there must be some horrible mistake, we must be talking about different Paulines. I said I was Pauline's roommate and friend for

four years. She said, "No, I'm afraid there is no mistake. Paul Jarvis Patterson was arrested yesterday in a bank in Poway for grand larceny." She told me she was sorry to break the news to me. She said Pauline was in the "transvestites/homosexuals" cell downtown in the men's jail.

I ran home that night and packed my stuff. While packing, I found several of Pauline's private documents and photos of her when she was a child. In one photo, Pauline was a little boy on a swing set. Then in another photo, Pauline is smiling and playing in the Florida sand with little girls.

In a notebook on the kitchen table, Pauline had written out exactly what she was going to do with every bit of the stolen \$80,000. She'd written down a Cutlass Supreme (her dream car), pay our rent and bills, and then she wrote my name and in parentheses had written "divide all money left with my best friend." I cried. Then I found some documents from a doctor with whom Pauline had begun processing paperwork for a sex-change operation. Some of the money was going to pay for this. I found her birth papers. Come to find out, she was only 19 when I had met her. Also, she had told everyone we had ever met that she had gone to col-

lege in Italy. Pauline could talk with anyone and carry on a conversation that would convince you she must have a PhD. I can remember at least a dozen times when people we met would say, "Pauline is so worldly and smart. She can talk about any subject and know what she is talking about."

At first I was scared, then shocked, then mad, then hurt. Then I felt these feelings again, several times. The few times that I have told this story, the response is the same. Everyone always says, "You mean you couldn't tell she was a man? Didn't you ever see her naked since you were roommates?"

I do not know what happened to Pauline or where she is. The bank dropped the charges and she's not in jail. Possibly she went back to Florida, where her family was from. I hope Pauline has found her true identity and is able to live as she wants to live, without having to hide it from the ones around her.

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Thirty Years Ago

The tall blonde who sits on a barstool in front of the Princess Rap Parlor on lower Fifth reacts warily to questions about her trade. "That's all I ever do, man; just talk to them. I can make good money at it, so why should I risk getting in trouble?" A dozen blocks away at police headquarters, Captain D.A. La Motte, head of the vice squad, scoffs at the idea. "It's all just a word game," he says. "All the parlors — rap, massage, the nude photography places — all work about the same."

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Jeannette De Wyze, September 15, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Earlier, when we were coming into Punta Prieta, I guess Ed had decided to give Myron a little thrill and he'd gotten off the main road and onto the dirt road. After Punta Prieta we were doing about 70 or 80 and there was this same little parallel dirt road alongside, I think where the old highway used to be. I saw the dust cloud again up ahead only about 200 yards. No sooner had I thought that than I realized he had rolled the truck over."

—"SOMEWHERE BETWEEN DEATH AND THE BORDER,"

Bob Dorn, September 16, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

Ocean Beach is the most dangerous place to swim in the county, according to rescue figures compiled by lifeguard agencies. During August, city lifeguards made 629 rescues there, more than the total for all other local beaches combined.

City lifeguard captain Bill Norton says Ocean Beach has been dangerous for swimmers since the early '50s. That's when tons of sand dredged from Mission Bay were dumped on the ocean floor just south of the Mission Bay Channel, which marks Ocean Beach's northern perimeter. "All that sand changed the configuration of the beach," he says.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"SWIMMING IN STATISTICS,"**

Thomas K. Arnold, September 17, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Coronadans, forever in a fret over the glut of traffic, now have a new worry. Island scuttlebutt has it that should Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton prevail in November, M. Larry Lawrence's mock-Tudor mansion (dubbed "Crown Manor") on Ocean Boulevard will become the Western White House.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"BILL, HILLARY, LARRY, AND SHELIA,"**

Judith Moore, September 17, 1992

Ten Years Ago

AoxomoxoA, 18, Mission Valley

Why do you steal?

We never stole anything out of malice or frivolous things we had no use for — well, okay, maybe we didn't need the cigarettes or some of the books — but we ate the food we stole or sold whatever else we stole to buy food and pay for utilities.

Caesar, 16, Encanto

What do you steal?

Whatever I can't get for free. If I could get it for free, there wouldn't be any point in taking it. I'm not one of those kleptomaniacs who does it, like, compulsively.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"WHY DO YOU STEAL?"**

Tamara Bradford-Kiskaddon, September 18, 1997

Five Years Ago

What has a better-than-even chance of occurring on a Friday afternoon? A toothache. Why should this be more likely to happen on a Friday afternoon? Because you cannot easily get to a dentist until Monday. That's what happened to me two Fridays and \$1100 ago.

At first the intermittent pain was distracting, but it became a sharp glissando up the right side of my skull. I was annoyed when



San Diego Reader, September 16, 1982

my girlfriend asked why I was crying. I told her I was not crying and asked her to drop that line of questioning. She claims I screamed, "Shut up!" Women always have their own version of things.

—T.G.I.F.: **"IT TOOK A SECOND BEFORE THE PAIN**

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When I finished college, I moved to New York for grad school, right before September 11. Something in me around that time was changing, and the change was profound. The hurt didn't stop, and the urges to act out because of that hurt didn't go away, but I found an inner resource of self-respect. I started working out. I was writing. I was working, teaching, and feeling competent, useful, intelligent. I was away from my boyfriend, my family, everyone I knew, and I was getting a fresh start in this beautiful city that I'd chosen. It was difficult — expensive and scary — especially after September 11, but I was making it work.

Because I didn't know anyone, I didn't have access to drugs. I was broke, anyway. My life revolved around school, work, and exploring the city.

I realized after a few months of being clean that when I was using, I'd simplified myself. I'd become nothing but a cokehead, and it made me angry and disappointed in myself. I'd spent some of the best years of my life being a cokehead. And that was all. I wasn't a lover, a friend, a writer; I wasn't any of the things I'd wanted to be. And I'd spent quite a bit of time and energy, in spite of being a train wreck, constructing myself from raw materials of my own choosing. Going to study art in Italy was part of my design. Spending a month on Outward Bound was part of it. Choosing my friends, my

academic track, my habits of mind and life to make myself into an artist, a woman poet. I'm not being clear. Let's see, how can I explain...

I was born to people who were pretty standard, working-class folks, good in heart and good in their relationship. They were both strangely awful toward me in their own ways, but they were good people — small-town people. From the time I was 13 and my family moved away from the town where I grew up, I'd felt different — different from the other kids, different from my family, different from everyone and everything. I'd felt like an outsider, and I'd started accumulating characteristics and habits and attributes that I thought I could make my own. I didn't feel like I belonged in the culture I'd grown up in. I didn't feel like I belonged with the culture I'd moved into. I didn't feel like I belonged anywhere, so I clung to the one thing I felt sure of: my intellect. I started shaping a life that I could embrace and feel right in. Somehow, though, the substance abuse blotted out the rest of the stuff I'd done, and

I was simply a depressed cocaine addict. I was a cokehead.

And so I stopped. Since I've moved to New York, I've only used cocaine twice: once with a friend from grad school and once on the night before I got married — the first time (ha). I will never do coke again. I'm sure.

That's what worked for me, rejecting that shrinking



label and identity. I couldn't have it. There was too much inside of me that I wanted to give to the world.

When I found my husband's needles, I felt that so much of that work had crumbled. All the work I'd done, all the following of my heart, all the personal growth — it was nothing compared to what I was facing. I loved him, and I wanted him to be better, and

I couldn't will him to be better. I couldn't think him better. I couldn't love him better or cry him better or cajole him better. And the first few weeks, I drove myself crazy trying to make him change.

And it occurred to me one day that what frustrated me most was that he'd made me into a junky's wife. I went around for a few days

telling everyone, "I'm nothing but a god-damned junky's wife. A fucking junky's wife." My whole world was subsumed in his addiction, his habits, his problems, and fixing him.

It's better now.

It's not perfect, but it's better. Meetings help. Talking to my

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MY DENTIST LOOKED AT ME AS THOUGH HE KNEW A SECRET, as if he knew something about my underpants and extra-virgin olive oil. He twisted his face and covered his mouth and whispered to the mousy assistant, “dry socket.” She winked and nodded knowingly to him, put on a brave face for me, and shouted, “Everything’s going to be okay!” A single tear crept from her lazy eye over her sea-foam green face mask.

According to the hushed rushing about and urgent glances of the hygienists and nurses, I gathered that a dry socket is the dental equivalent of Hitler climbing from his tomb, chugging a gallon of gasoline, and marching a zombie army to the Champs Elysées.

I grabbed my dentist by his sequined vest, twisted my fist into it, and asked him what the hell was going on. “We’re going to get you a little handful of pills that will make it all better. It will make it all go away.”

My dentist’s office doubles as a gay dance club and tapas bar after normal business hours. I figured he was rushed to get me out of the chair so he could crack open the mojito lounge, since I was the last patient of the day. But there was something else, something more sinister.

So I asked, big and loud, “What’s a dry socket, doc?”

“Shhh, please,” he shushed me and put a latex-gloved hand over my eyes and cheek. “Please. We don’t want to alert the other patients. Stay calm. Stay calm. We’ll have you fixed up right away. Are you a religious man?”

“No.”

I heard him lean away from me and whisper to an assistant, “Cancel the priest. No last rites needed.”

The latex of his gloves closed my eyelids, rubbed my lips, and opened my mouth. He crammed a metal instrument with a wad of stinking cotton halfway down my throat. I gagged and squirmed away. His strong, plasticized hands kept after me, muffling my protests.

“There!” he said and removed his fingers from my maw. “We’ve got that implanted. Here, take these.” His outstretched palm proffered a cocktail of red, white, and yellow pills. Never one to turn down pharmaceuticals, I licked them from his hand and swallowed them dry.

The next thing I know, I wake up in my jeans and T-shirt in front of my TV watching *Judge Judy*. It’s three days after my dentist appointment, and my jaw hurts like fire. Whatever a dry socket is, folks, steer clear.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
CBS 9:30 A.M.
I like to blindfold myself, crawl around my floor, and pop any nugget of a thing I find into my mouth. I’ve got my apartment laid out in my mind. I steer clear of the dog’s bowls as much as is possible, but these things sometimes can’t be helped. Every once in a while I get a bit of donut. Every once in a while I get something kind of like this show.

UGLY BETTY
ABC 8:00 P.M.
As a single mom, I don’t like this show. Nobody is ugly. Especially not my daughter, Caitlin. She may have been mangled horribly in that mousetrap accident of ’05, but that’s why God gave us *two* eyes. Since I work as an exotic dancer at nights to put Caitlin through special-

ed daycare, I’m out of the house Thursday evenings, and she’s left alone with one big wet eye to watch whatever comes on. I need to write a letter and have this show removed. Our children’s self-esteem is at stake here!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
NEWPORT HARBOR: THE REAL ORANGE COUNTY
MTV 9:00 P.M.
Finally, a show about the *real* Orange County. I have had it up to my sideburns with impostor shows about the faux Orange County. How I’ve been waiting for you, real show about that magical county. I’ve tied my hair in pigtails every day, the way you like it. I’m wearing that special perfume you love so much. (And I left my undies on the shelf. Wink. Eyebrow waggle. Wink.) Oh, how I’ve waited. Let’s get drunk on Blue Nun wine and give ourselves permission to do what we’ve always wanted but never

dared. Oh, real Orange County show. Oh.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
BET’S MORNING INSPIRATION
BET 8:00 A.M.
If by “inspiration” you mean “coffee and a big dump,” then, yeah, me and BET have a lot in common on a Saturday morning. I used to call it “getting the mail truck running and that package delivered,” but I think I’ll use “inspiration” from now on. It sounds enlightened and religious. And isn’t that really where we went wrong as a nation? I mean, prayer in schools and everything.

HOUSE
USA 6:00 P.M.–MIDNIGHT
If it came down to it, and there were a way to offer it to you, would you take a wicked case of mouth herpes or a long marathon of this show? I’m on the fence. A blooming rosebud on your upper lip or irreversible psychological hijacking? Neither is pretty, and both are permanent. Well, here’s your chance. USA offers the *House* marathon from 6 p.m. to midnight, and I know a one-legged Tijuana call girl with a cold sore the size of a throw pillow. The choice is yours.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
MLS SOCCER
FSW1 12:00 P.M.
There’s a barbershop down the street from my place that sells hot dogs. The quick market on the corner doesn’t have a working refrigerator. Barbershop hot dogs and warm malt liquor. What could make a Sunday better? Soccer. That’s right. A fuzzy wiener, hot Schlitz, and European football. Just like mom used to make.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
PBS 8:00 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow is a parade down Main Street of What-Used-To-Be, USA. Here come the veterans of foreign wars, followed by the Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Shriners in their dinky hot rods. They wave at the whizzing-past faces of modern America, their rear ends seat-belted to an era long gone. And they hope it’s worth more than five dollars. Please, let it be worth more than five dollars. It’s all we have.



Newport Harbor: The Real Orange County

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
THE PRICE IS RIGHT
CBS 10:00 A.M.
Bob Barker should come back on and launch into a tirade: “I couldn’t trust you morons to run a sixth-grade talent show. *The Price Is Right* is nothing without me! Nothing! I was handing out RVs in the Showcase Showdown while you were still wiping snot on your mommy’s sleeve. And I did it all with eight strains of VD and a hunk of Japanese shrapnel in my hip! Sissies!”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
LOSING IT: TALES FROM FAT CAMP
TLC 7:00 P.M.
Ah, yes. Have a weight problem? Want to get in better shape? It’s going to be a sweaty, ugly mess. You’re going to question yourself and your self-worth. You’re going to push your body, red-faced and crying. What can we do to make this a little more humiliating? Oh, great idea! We’ll record everything you do and put it on national television. You don’t mind; do you, fatty? Do you?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
ROAD TRIP WITH HUELL HOWSER
PBS 8:00 P.M.
There’s a girl in North Park, Robin, who drives the Vagina-Mobile. The Vagina-Mobile is a ’99 Subaru plastered with centerfold layouts of triple-x porn. She’s been pulled over, but the police have no recourse; the naughty parts are diligently blacked out with Magic Marker. Robin claims to be “taking back the vagina” from...whom? I don’t know. All I know is that it works. When I’m in the car, I can’t even crack a joke, and I rely on mundane conversation to ease the disquietude. “So. What kind of mileage does she get?” is all I can think to say.

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