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Jesus of Carmel Mountain Ranch

...and More Stories from San Diego's Neighborhoods

A note is taped to our front door. It says something about a community-standards violation and cites section 2B from the HOA policies handbook: *All residents are responsible for the upkeep and general maintenance of their front yards.* The signature is live — fresh ink and all — because in our parts, an untamed lawn is grounds for a full-scale suburbia stand-off.

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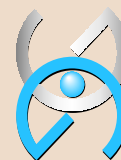
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BREAKING NEWS

Cashing in *Union-Tribune* editorial pages have opened fire on City Attorney **Mike Aguirre**



Gloria Penner

for asking for previously unrevealed details about the finances of KPBS, the public broadcasting operation owned and operated by San Diego State University. The *U-T* itself has long been a funding mainstay of KPBS, enjoying favorable publicity and plenty of air time for its roster of status-quo-leaning pundits. In years past, the stations have also given short shrift to critics of the paper's biggest causes; any on-air criticism of the *U-T* is obviously a definite no-no. Publisher **David Copley** and his late mother **Helen** have been so generous over the years that the building housing the station bears the family name. Aguirre's interest was piqued by this summer's controversy over the cancellation of *Full Focus*, a public affairs show that station manager **Doug Myrland**, a state employee who reports to SDSU president **Steve Weber**, said was too expensive for the small number of viewers it drew. Grant money and pledge-night contributions to the station have flattened or dropped in recent years, making the station ever more dependent on big, agenda-bearing donors like Copley. Aguirre's public records act request asked for the station's top 20 donors, information it has previously denied others. His efforts bore some partial fruit late last week when KPBS turned over a ream of e-mails and memos relating to the *Full Focus* controversy. The crisis produced some new fundraising ideas from station staff, judging by an August 7 e-mail to Myrland from a staffer whose name was redacted by KPBS from the document before its release. (In a telephone interview earlier this week Myrland identified the staffer as **Gloria Penner**, the station's director of public affairs and host of its *Editor's Roundtable*.) Penner forwarded Myrland a note said to be from **Peter Q. Davis**, the retired banker and ex-GOP mayoral candidate. It noted that municipal elections were approaching and said, "I believe democracy is also well served when there are experienced reporters, and you are the BEST—questioning the candidates." Davis went on to say "I'm not sure how decisions on programming are made—it sounds like viewer polls or feed back is the deciding factor, perhaps it should be what 'sponsors' want." He added, "I do know at a recent Bank Board meeting—**Jason Hughes** of Irving and Hughes told the board that the best return on their advertising dollar was from sponsorship of KPBS programs." Penner suggested to Myrland that, "since Peter Q. is connected to the banking industry in San Diego, maybe I can get him to lead us to some money for a weekly public affairs program that could be the platform for elections."



Mike Aguirre



Peter Q. Davis

— **Matt Potter**

Wacky wiki WikiScanner is a hot new website that allows users to follow the history of editorial changes on Wikipedia, the user-edited online encyclopedia of almost everything. Created by a computer science grad student, WikiScanner allows the curious to find out the Internet address of those making alterations to Wikipedia content. WikiScanner also provides the identity of the owner of the address, which in many cases turns out to be a corporation or government office with a possible interest in making itself look good. One local case in point is the biography of **Mary**

Lindenstein Walshok, the associate vice chancellor of public programs and dean of extended studies at UCSD. In April 2005, according to WikiScanner, Walshok's one-paragraph biography on Wikipedia was edited by someone using a UCSD Internet address to add: "Mary is decorated with the rank of Knighthood, First Class, of the Royal Order of the Polar Star by **King Carl XVI Gustaf** of Sweden, in recognition of her significant contribution to the development of entrepreneurship in Sweden, May 2002."



Mary Walshok

Paper-trained Back in March of last year, the *Idaho Statesman* ran a big story about the connections between fallen GOP Congressman **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** and Senator **Larry Craig**, then one of the most powerful politicians in Idaho. "Duke and I have been friends over the years," the paper quoted Craig as saying. "I will be the first to tell you I was phenomenally disappointed in what I found out he was doing, and could never understand quite why all of that happened." But as the paper noted, the pair were more than just friends; they also happened to be neighbors at the Capital Yacht Club, where Craig lived on his yacht and Cunningham maintained his now-infamous party boat, the *Duke-Stir*. They also shared a major donor: Poway defense contractor **Brent Wilkes**, now under indictment for his alleged payoffs to Cunningham in exchange for government contracts.

According to the *Statesman* story, Craig spokesman **Dan Whiting** said that "Duke flat-out lied to" Craig about "what was going on," but the paper described a 2002 Craig fund-raiser at a Coeur d'Alene resort to which Cunningham flew on a jet co-owned by Wilkes. Just three weeks before, Craig had introduced an amendment pushed by two lobbyists for Wilkes. Subsequently, in the fall of 2002, Wilkes and the political action committee of his company, ADCS, and other business associates contributed a total of \$16,000 to Craig's Alliance for the West political action committee. In June 2004, Wilkes and one of his lobbyists gave a total of \$10,000 to Craig's PAC.



Randy Cunningham

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RoseCRAM?

By Don Bauder

People of that once-perfect peninsula, Point Loma, fear that a perfect storm is gathering. Governments at the federal, state, county, and local levels are taking actions that threaten to increase the noise, traffic, pollution, population, and housing density, while worsening neighborhood character, infrastructure, services, aesthetics, and property values. In some respects, Point Loma could be the victim of social engineering made antisocial by quick-buck artists and their bureaucrat servants.

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority plans to expand Lindbergh Field, adding boarding gates and parking facilities, and perhaps a new runway and terminal. Air and ground traffic will escalate sharply—generating more noise and road rage. The City of San Diego's Liberty Station giveaway has already added 350 homes, High Tech High, shops, offices, and restaurants that jam up Rosecrans

Street and surrounding areas. The Rock Church at Liberty Station, which opened August 26, has 8000 worshippers attending five Sunday services and another six for young people. Plans for the 650-room Nickelodeon resort hotel at Liberty



Traffic on Rosecrans Street, Point Loma

Station, replete with water park (which a resident calls "butt-ugly"), will tangle traffic even more.

And beginning next year, the Navy will transfer 1100 personnel and 1500 family members to Naval Base Point Loma at the end of Rosecrans. There are already 18,000 uniformed and civilian personnel at the facility.

This year, the real estate industry threw money at the Peninsula Community Planning Board election, defeating four activist incumbents and

snatching a pro-development majority. The City's Development Services Department is distorting state affordable-housing laws to help developers' densification efforts, and now it has the planning board majority cheering such moves.

"In 20 years, Point Loma could look like Miami or downtown San Diego, with empty condos blocking the views," says Cynthia Conger, one of the activists defeated in the last election. More frequent airplane takeoffs, greater noise, and traffic that is already "horrible" will drive out residents,

she believes. The City, unless it is thwarted, will twist laws to achieve more densification and might be able to break the 30-foot height limit. Where topography permits, high-rise condos could go up and be sold to speculators and out-of-towners who spend little time or money locally.

"Developers want to clean out those one stories along Rosecrans near Nimitz. They're on the hit list," says John McNab, an activist who lives in Golden Hill but spent more time than

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Aged Out, Jumped In

By Joe Deegan

Sherrie Ross, a real estate agent, was looking for ways to persuade kids to stay away from San Diego gangs. So she

was happy two years ago to meet Travis Stocking at a community-organizing event. Stocking is the owner of Gladiators School of Martial Arts and Boxing, a nonprofit organization he founded in Southcrest to help young men and women develop independent and productive lives. Together, Ross and Stocking have staged seven antigang rallies in southeastern San Diego. They held one at Greenwood Cemetery, where kids filed past a coffin that symbolized burying old habits. Inside the coffin was a mirror in which they could see their images as they passed by.

"Several former known gang members," Ross tells me, "got up at the rally and said, 'Look, we were wrong.' One of them announced that gang-banging was over and done. Afterward, young men started coming to Stocking's gym and asking to get out of gangs."

Of course, Ross realized that the rallies could reach only so many and that gang-banging is still rampant

end up in gangs. Ross wants the young man to remain anonymous to avoid causing trouble for him with his biological family and adoptive parents. She met him a year and a half ago, when she took a \$7.50 per hour job at an organization that owns foster-care group homes she'd also like to remain nameless. The boy lived at one of them. "Group homes are different than the foster-care homes some people bring kids into to raise almost as their own," says Ross. "The group homes are run by paid staff, like I became. Different staff like to play different roles at the homes. The thing I like is cooking."

When the teen aged out, Ross worried what would become of him. She calls him "a good boy," though later she confides that his placement in the foster-care system was due to a number of factors, including his troublesome behavior at home. Five years ago, his adoptive parents, who had raised him from the age

lent about the discipline. "They had real drill instructors there," he tells me. "And it was hands-on, meaning corporal punishment was used. There are boot camps in California, but they're not permitted to lay hands on you here. So I don't see the point of them, to be honest. But the Mississippi

was abusive.

So at 15, he ended up in the first of four local group homes. Ross says that people who care for foster children in their homes often don't want teenagers. Teenagers, therefore, usually end up in the group homes.

When there is conflict at

children to school, and some of them encourage the kids to look for jobs. While staying at his most recent group home, however, the teen says his main focus was on therapy he was receiving. He started to get A's and B's at a good local high school, though he never earned enough credits

application, which the teen missed due to a mix-up over whether he might move into his biological father's home. "I met my daddy in January," he tells me. He has never known his mother.

Sherrie Ross has kept the young man off the streets since he left foster care, primarily by paying for his stay at Trinity House, a transitional living facility for the homeless. Both Ross and Trinity House's director are now encouraging him to enroll in Job Corps, where he can live free and receive training in a trade.

So far, the teen has been lucky. Luckier than most kids who age out of foster care, say Travis Stocking and two of his collaborators in the struggle at the Gladiators gym to steer kids clear of gangs. Sixty boys and 20 girls show up regularly to work out and socialize.

In their youth, the three fortysomethings, who act as trainers and counselors, all got into trouble with the law through involvement with

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Gladiators School of Martial Arts and Boxing



Darryl Charles



Sherrie Ross



Travis Stocking

throughout the city. That may be why she decided two months ago to spend her own money helping a young man who was being "kicked to the curb" on his 18th birthday, the age when California no longer pays for the care of most teens in foster care. Kids who "age out" of foster care and have nowhere to go often

of two, decided they couldn't cope with having him around the house any longer. So they sent him to a Mississippi "boot camp" for unruly teens.

In recent years, several boot camps in Mississippi have been prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice for their use of corporal punishment. The young man is ambiva-

boot camps are the most extreme you can go. They're worse than juvenile hall."

The youth stayed a year in Mississippi. When he came back to San Diego, he lived a while with friends and then tried going back to his adoptive parents. But he couldn't get along with them, especially his mother, who he says

the group homes, the young man wants me to know, "people always think it's the kid. And it can be. But a lot of times, the problem starts with jerk staff. Kids don't just go off — cussing out a staff or whatever — without a reason. The kids want to get along, because they've got trouble enough."

Group homes must send

to graduate. "Drugs were rampant at the school," he says. "There was a narc on campus, but he was too afraid to do anything. And I'm not going to lie; I have taken drugs."

A provision in state law does allow kids to stay one more year in foster care after reaching their 18th birthdays. But it requires an advance

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anybody fighting the McMillin Companies' depredations at Liberty Station. "The City will do everything possible to make things as dense as they can be."

Judy White knows a developer who wanted to put four units on a property. "The City wanted her to densify and build eight units. She had to jump through hoops to build four and keep the integrity of the neighborhood," says White.

"Traffic is out of hand, but the City is focused on densification," says Geoff Page, vice chairman of the community planning board. "The Development Services Department is violating just about everything in the muni code to allow people to squeeze in more folks." He cites illegal garage remodels, construction of guest quarters, and other attempts to create housing that are "eliminating parking, taxing the infrastructure."

For several years, developers who promised to make a certain percentage of the units in their projects affordable were able to cut corners on some regulations, using the concept of so-called affordable housing density bonuses. But in 2005 and 2006, the state passed laws broadening the ability of developers to get around rules on such things as setbacks and parking requirements. San Diego is misinterpreting those state mandates, says Kathryn Rhodes, an engineer and Point Loma resident.

The bureaucracy of the Development Services Department, through its "streamlining" and "re-engineering" initiatives, is granting ministerial reviews of projects and claiming falsely that such bureau-

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cratic reviews are mandated by state law because of the affordable housing bonus incentives. A ministerial review bypasses city council and the voters. "A clerk in Development Services makes neighborhood-changing decisions," and if a developer's economic well-being is at stake, it gets the nod, says Rhodes. "They are using a program to help the poor as an opportunity to delete development regulations and take away power from the city council and the citizens." In this process, developers can dodge mandates of the California Environmental Quality Act, including those regarding natural resources, air quality, police and fire services, sewer capacity, human health, density, schools, parks, transportation, and water conservation.

"It's a power grab of city council prerogatives by the mayor," says Rhodes. And San Diego has reinterpreted the law to give developers as much incentive to build affordable homes for moderate-income families as for the truly poor.

Citizens, with the help of City Attorney Mike Aguirre, have been fighting this all year. For now, the 30-foot height limit appears safe, but groups such as the mayor's handpicked establishment majority on the Charter Review Committee, the construction industry, and the *Union-Tribune* are trying desperately to get Aguirre out of office so developers can continue to run city hall. Within weeks, the council will vote for a new ordinance on the affordable housing density bonus. "If we just follow state law, that would be a tremendous victory," says Rhodes.

"Sanders is going for ministerial decisions," says Councilmember Donna Frye. "Streamlining is a code word

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for keeping people away." She adds, "Where this mess began was the state legislature—the state telling municipalities, cities, counties how to handle land-use decisions. Then we overreached" on what the state actually said.

Some things, such as flight frequency, noise, and traffic, are hopeless, because the City intends to "max out Lindbergh Field," says Lance Murphy, an aerospace engineer. A suggested transit system to operate out of the old General Dynamics property on Pacific Highway won't provide much help because airport authorities haven't coordinated it with other county transit systems, he says.

The safety issue is key—and, ironically, could help Point Loma stave off the densification efforts. "Lindbergh is the second-busiest single runway in the world," says Murphy. The busiest, Gatwick Airport in Great Britain, doesn't have the fog, wind, and environmental problems of Lindbergh. "Pilots are stressed, have to be on their toes; it's tough to land" at Lindbergh, says Murphy. "The statistics and probability say there will be a failure; at some point we will have a crisis."

The safety picture is so grim that Point Lomans could cogently argue that a safety zone should project from Lindbergh to the Pacific Ocean. (Murphy won't say that himself.) Someone could reasonably argue that there should be no development, densification, or high-rises in that entire area.

Airport authorities will come up with a land-use plan. Point Loma residents "should become involved. There will be public outreach to help them get involved," says Murphy. Danger could be Point Loma's high card. ■

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gangs. Now Rodney Smith owns Rightway Landscaping and runs a nonprofit effort to help kids. Darryl Charles owns the Chicken Shack on Imperial Avenue. He was recently appointed to an advisory committee established by Governor Schwarzenegger to counteract gang activities.

I am speaking with the men outside Stocking's gym. Each of them has seen kids coming out of foster care go straight into the arms of gangs. "The kid has no money, nowhere to stay; he's just out on the street every day," says Charles. "So gangs are going to make the kid feel like they're family and somebody to get connected to. Once the kids are put out, they've got to go somewhere, and the home-

boys might have a room they can stay in at their parents' house. So that becomes a safe haven. And then they're hungry. Hungry makes you do things you don't want to do."

Charles is critical of the group homes. He thinks they don't do enough to help kids get jobs when they leave. "To them," he says, "the kid is a check. Once he reaches 18, they want to replace him with someone else who can bring

in another check.

"And if the kid's not work-ready, what's he going to do? As businessmen, we're trying to be role models and show the kids they don't have to sell dope to have a nice truck. You don't have to pimp; you just need to go out and work hard every day," says Charles, who says that the drug trade is what got him into trouble once upon a time. "I saw the money other guys were making and

the things they were able to have. I wanted to have a car with the candy on it. I wanted to have rims and stereos, and the drug trade was the only way I could get it."

Rodney Smith says he did prison time for things he did with gangs. "I want to go on record," he says, "that joining a gang was the biggest mistake I've made in my life." It wasn't as though he sought gangs out, though. When he was

young, his father bought a house in Skyline Hills, and that set him and his more affluent friends up for resentment. "After we graduated from high school, we started going to house parties. Because of the economics, we dressed different. When we pulled up to a party sometimes, guys would know we weren't from their part of town. They were stealing cars, and we were driving our parents' cars. And because we dressed better, the young ladies were attracted to us. Suddenly we found ourselves being escorted out the back door before being jumped for something we didn't know about," says Smith. So he built up solidarity with the kids in his own neighborhood, fighting together with them whenever one was attacked.

Smith says he found it painful to turn his life around because his old friends rejected him for "squaring up." Now, individually and in group meetings at the Gladiators gym, he exhorts dissatisfied gang members to change their environments and former foster-care kids to stand on their own. He calls his nonprofit Reach One, Teach One.

Stocking began gang life in his own neighborhood, hardly knowing it was happening. "Throwing rocks became breaking windows, became breaking into cars, became stealing stereos," he says. He thinks that former foster-care kids have already experienced an aspect of gang life. "They are used to having somebody in their face, ordering them what to do," says Stocking. "And the gang structure is a lot like the military. You've got to go through steps to get ranking. It's all about what you do for the gang. The gangs want to see what you're willing to do, not just what you say. But if you do it, they'll give you a lot of acceptance."

Stocking, Smith, and Charles want to give kids a different acceptance. They recall a former foster-care kid who came to Gladiators and beat up one of the workers there. The newcomer had to be thrown out. But he came back later to participate within the gym's guidelines. "We require every kid that comes in to go around and greet every other kid that's in the gym at that time," says Stocking. "It's to teach respect. And we don't just train the kids. We tell them we love them." ■

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Not Sold Out!

A September 13 "Blurt" item ("Street Cred") noted that Photocharity's website indicated the Concert of Hope honoring B.B. King was sold out. Tickets for the concert (scheduled for October 12 at SDSU's Open Air Theatre) are still available.

Vibekill

Re "La Jolla Liberal Learns Tolerance" (Cover Story, September 13).

This is a perfect example of how San Diego is getting worse. Primarily by the East Coasters that move here (not all), with their mouthy ignorant attitudes that ruin and water down the positive California vibe. Why are you even calling her a La Jolla liberal? She is some dumb lady that moved here from the East. She is not a Californian, so why are you even backing her up as one? I would expect a little more class from your paper. Just goes to show even the *Reader* is turning into a cheesy crap no-style media company. Thanks for throwing real Californians under the bus; the coastal community used to be based on *tolerance*. You could be in a three-piece suit or have full body tattoos and no one cares. Now we have all these people moving from the East with their ignorance, screwing things up. As the editor, you basically suck and have no class. I would love for you to call me. You should have stressed the fact more that she only lived in La Jolla a few years.

Craig Ross
via e-mail

Down The Wrong Road

The article on Clairemont was misleading ("La Jolla Liberal Learns Tolerance," Cover Story, September 13). I live one mile from the

Krispy Kreme, and my street is nothing like the author's. The author shouldn't have generalized her experience on her street to the entire Clairemont community. In addition, what the heck does the title mean? La Jolla liberal? If she was liberal, she wouldn't have been prejudging her neighborhood. A snob is not a liberal.

Cindy
via e-mail

Keep Clairemont Beautiful

I thoroughly enjoyed Alex Finlayson's award-winning story about living in Clairemont ("La Jolla Liberal Learns Tolerance," Cover Story, September 13) but as president of the Clairemont Town Council feel compelled to say a few words.

I, too, live in North Clairemont, in a tucked-away neighborhood where homeowners take obvious pride in their homes. Clairemont has a very diverse population; it is easy to find well-maintained homes across the street from neighbors who appear to have an aversion to paint and lawnmowers, and, yes, own an overabundance of vehicles.

The Clairemont Town Council works hard to make Clairemont a community we can be proud of. Through our Clairemont Beautification Awards we honor homeowners who put forth the effort to make their home an example for the neighborhood. Through our grant program we offer funding to individuals or groups with a project of benefit to our community. The town council's annual Clairemont Garden Tour, which attracts people from all over San Diego County, features unique, often award-winning gardens, usually designed and maintained by the residents themselves. The tour involves the efforts of many volunteers and turns into a real celebration of Clairemont.

The Clairemont Town Council holds monthly meetings with speakers of topical interest. At each meeting, representatives of elected officials are present to hear and act on residents' concerns.

I'm glad Alex found the camaraderie of her neighbors enough to overcome

her prejudice of having to live in Clairemont. Perhaps she would now be interested in joining us on the Clairemont Town Council and being a part of making Clairemont an even better place to live.

Patricia Hinkley
President
Clairemont Town Council

My Ten-Mile Life

Re "Bay Park's Family Circle" ("La Jolla Liberal Learns Tolerance," Cover Story, September 13). First, a little about me. I'm 45, born and raised (and still living) within a ten-mile radius of two of the neighborhoods you mentioned. I was raised in Bay Park (more of the Tecolote area by SeaWorld). At that time, all our backyards were huge, and for us (and all my friends and relatives) that all settled on a short street named Knoxville, it was even *bigger!* There was a canyon there, and just like you said, we all rode our motorcycles/BMX bikes. We even could build and lay out tracks to race on and build jumps to try and clear. We built some mighty fine forts too (like you said)!

And you got it just right too about the weekly get-togethers. We were related to lots of the people, so friends and relatives that lived there got together for barbecues (but this is about ten years before you were referring to). And all us "steak eaters" didn't have an "unknown source of income." We were hunters, and at these get-togethers, the steak that was cooked was what the husbands, or in my case, Grandpa (never had a dad), had hunted that weekend (most of them belonged to the same hunting club up by Julian).

I went to Bay Park Elementary, on to Marston Junior High (notice, junior high, *not* middle school), and then to Clairemont High. In your article, you mention Toler Elementary. Kind of funny, back then Toler really didn't exist. It was where they sent the kids who got kicked out of Bay Park, like my best friend did. Even funnier, I now work at Toler Elementary, and when I went there for my first day, it was *nothing* like I had remembered it. This is an *actual*

school now (not the "holding tank" for the kids one step away from juvie).

Time goes by. Grandpa dies, so Mom and my bro and my Grandma and I pack it up and move up to Clairemont (right on Balboa and Clairemont Drive). We find a lot with two houses on it, one for Bro, Mom, and me and the other for Grandma, and just like you said, all the houses along Clairemont Drive were crappy old duplexes. (I was off of it in a cul-de-sac). Our two houses took up a *mighty* chunk of land, and we even had a pool! No biggie now, but back then it was.

More time goes by. I graduate from Clairemont High, Grandma dies, and I move into her house. And South Clairemont starts to change. First the duplexes start to get bought up and changed into actual houses, *but then* the Clairemont Bowl gets turned into the Sunset Bowl. Don't know why, and *then* it's torn down for condos! I guess a sign of the times.

A year goes by. University City opens U.C. High and starts to say it's part of La Jolla now, when it's only a couple miles from me, and I'm closer to the beach too.

So now it's 2007. I still live in the same Clairemont house. I like to refer to it being two things: (1) "I live at the *highest* point in town." I know some people say the Cross is, but I just think back to the '70s and a radio station's intro they used: "Broadcasting to you from the *highest* point in town, the PRC Building at Balboa and Genesee. This is KPRI 106.5" (and Balboa and Clairemont Drive are basically the same height, and we have a two-story house and look right at the Cross). (2) I live at the most central part of San Diego there is. I turn right on Balboa; in one minute I'm on I-5. Or a left on Balboa, and in a couple minutes I'm on 805 (and a couple more minutes, it's 163, then merge to any other freeway). *No* city driving at all to get to the freeways.

So thanks *so much* for letting me tell you about a little ten-mile zone I have lived in my *whole life* and never will leave either. So *here's to America's Finest*

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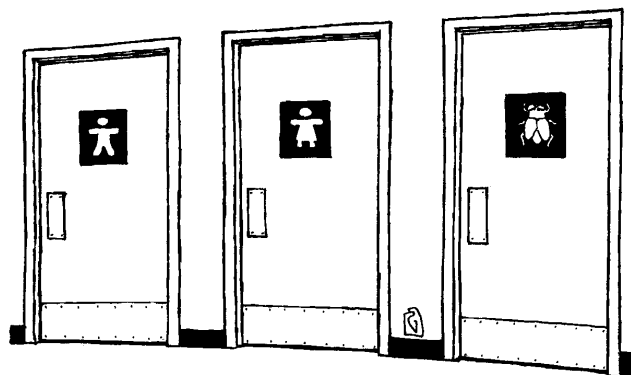
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Heymatt:

Do flies go to the bathroom, deposit feces?

— Devon Davis, 782 CBSSS/PK

Hi, Matt:

The flies in my home seem slower than usual, and I am serious. They hop around on the floor as they seem to be slowing down nearing death or something. They are easy to kill since they are so slow. I find multiple dead flies on my windowsills. We do not use pesticides. We have a newer home that I keep clean. Is there a natural occurrence for flies when they are trapped in a home to get slow then die, or are the flies trying to tell me something about our home?

— Brandi Lohr, East Bay Area

Devon's address is secret code for Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, according to our cryptology elves. How did the flies get past Homeland Security? Man, this country's like a leaky sieve. Anyway, flies gotta eat, flies gotta poop, and the whole business is pretty disgusting. Houseflies follow their "noses" to a likely food source (almost anything). If it's liquid, they soak it up like a sponge. If it's a solid, they throw up something we'll call SFS (special fly spit) that liquefies the food, and then they suck it up. Flies' mouths are soft and spongy; they can't chew. In pretty short order, the food is metabolized, and they poop out the rest in what we usually call "fly specks." Fly poop is tiny black or brown dots. You might also find amber-colored spots, but that's excess SFS left over from the meal. Now go back to work, Devon, and stop goofing off on the taxpayer dollar.

Brandi's lethargic bugs are another thing altogether. I'm hoping we hear from others who seem to be running a fly hospice to see if Brandi has company. Cold weather slows flies to a crawl, of course. But that would have to be continuously under 50 degrees or so. Our Dr. Bug says it's unlikely something like radon in your home is killing them. Flies only live 15 to 20 days or so. Not enough time for long-acting agents to kill them. Given their feeding habits, they have good gut microbes to protect them. And flies reproduce so quickly, they often develop resistance to common chemicals.

Flies enter a house when they "smell" food, not just randomly because they like your drapes or something. When they're not eating or looking for manure to reproduce in, they tend to hang out as close to the ceiling as they can get. Unless you have a rug made of pork chops, they'll stay off the floor. If this is an ongoing problem, Dr. Bug is baffled. If it's a one-time thing, it seems you were attacked by an odd swarm of geriatric flies who moved in but couldn't figure how to move out. (A few met their fate bashing themselves against your window glass.) Anyone else have a big slow-fly problem?

Hi, Matt:

When my boyfriend drinks beer out of a glass, he puts a paper coaster or the like on top of the glass to cover the opening. He says it keeps his beer colder longer. I never thought of glass or paper as an insulator, but a lot of things don't always make sense to me, especially after a couple of beers.

What do ya think?

— Tipsy in San Diego

Hi, Tipsy. Your boyfriend Dipsy has things a little confused. Paper (in layers) does make pretty good insulation, but he'd have to wrap his beer in an entire issue of the *Reader* to have it work very well. Once it's poured, his beer is constantly gaining heat on all surfaces, the glass and the beer, until the funky bar air and the beer are the same temperature. The cold isn't escaping from the top. My guess is, Dipsy got this trick from his dad. But I'll bet Dad did it because he thought it kept the beer from going flat. This old, old bar trick might keep your beer a little fizzier if you abandon it to shoot some pool (beer gas escapes until the beer and the air above it are equally saturated), but after the first three or four, who can tell the difference anyway? Bars are pretty much like the real world, just with more drunks and fewer physicists.

Hey, Matt:

My husband swears the Tostitos of his childhood (late '70s, early '80s) were round and nacho cheese flavored. He even remembers a commercial starring a guy named Fernando that thought the chips should be renamed Fernando's. I don't remember this at all.

— Megan McComb, Michigan

Yikes! Another PepsiCo question. After our go-round with them over the sour cream and onion Doritos, we're fools for taking this one on. But judging from the follow-up Doritos comments, you all care deeply for lost snacks, so here's our take on Tostitos. Round they are. Nacho flavored they were. And Fernando? How could you forget him. He was the on-camera spokesperson for Tostitos from 1979 to 1988. Fernando Escandon is a Mexican-born, U.S.-raised actor, voiceover specialist, sports commentator, and local L.A. TV personality. After PepsiCo's embarrassing 1968 "Frito Bandito" commercials, shot dead by political correctness in 1970, Don Fernando was a much more dignified choice.

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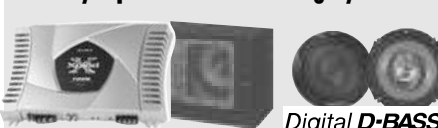
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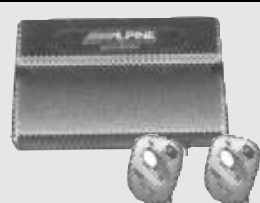


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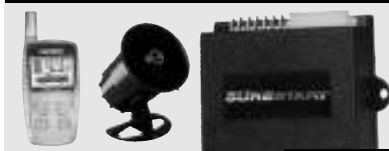
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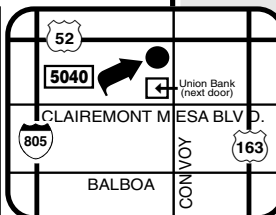


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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Somewhere Marty Is Laughing

Happily, I got the “Norv Is a Hack” column out of the way before the NFL season started, so I can say “Norv Is a Hack” now without being accused of jumping on the bandwagon. Norv is a hack.

Perhaps something more. How did Norv Turner manage to take a 14-2 team, with 20 returning starters, and within the space of one off-season, turn that splendid crew into the *thing* we saw groping around Gillette Stadium on Sunday night?

Mayhap, Sunday’s highlights will provide guidance. Gross stats: Patriots 38, Chargers 14. Pats gained 407 yards, Chargers 201. LaDainian Tomlinson racked 43 yards on 18 carries. On the bright side, 43 yards is in the neighborhood of twice as much as the 25 yards he gained in Week 1. Chargers 2007 scoreboard: Two games. Two weeks. Two first halves. 0 points.

You don’t see how bad San Diego’s play-calling was until you break the game down. Patriots received first. Brady throws seven passes in a row — touchdown, 7 to 0. New England kicks off, touchback. San Diego takes over on their 20. Rivers throws an interception. New England goes for a field goal in the next series — misses. Chargers receive, begin play on their 31. False start, 1st and 15 from the 26-yard line. Tomlinson runs off the right guard for two yards. Incomplete pass. Pass to Antonio Gates for 11 yards. Fourth and 2 on the 39-yard line. Norv calls for a punt.

New England goes on a 5:58 minute, ten-play drive. Touchdown, 14-0. Pats kick-off, San Diego returns to their 31-yard line. Offensive guru Norv Turner at the bat. Tomlinson off the left guard for 3 yards. Tomlinson off left guard for 8 yards. Tomlinson off the right guard for 2 yards. Delay-of-game penalty. Tomlinson up the middle for 4 yards. Tomlinson runs right and is pushed out of bounds, gains 1 yard. Pass to Jackson for 14 yards. Rivers fumbles.

Second quarter. New England makes a 5:35 minute, ten-play drive, settles for a field goal, 17-0.

Kick off. San Diego starts from their 30-yard line. Tomlinson runs left for 3 yards. Tomlinson catches a pass on the right side for 6 yards. Tomlinson goes over the left guard for no gain. It’s fourth and 1, Norv calls for a punt.

Three series, eight plays to LT, one pass to Jackson, one pass to Gates. Toss in the odd fumble, sack, incomplete pass, interception, two

penalties, two punts, and what do you have?

MARTYBALL! Let the good times roll!

Indeed, this is Martyball at its most pristine. Although, in fairness to Marty, I don’t think, with LT on the payroll, behind 17-0, fourth and 1 on the 39, he would call for punt. For the second time in the game.

By the way, the next time San Diego has the ball, Rivers is intercepted by Adalious

Thomas, a *270-pound* linebacker, who runs 65 yards for a touchdown. Those 270-pound linebackers are quicker than they look.

And so on...24-zip at the half. Should have been more. Bill Belichick is a cheat and a weasel and a better coach than we’ve seen in San Diego since Don Coryell.

Speaking of Belichick, it’s inspiring to see how he withstood the shame and damnation heaped upon his person by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and the rest of mankind. The commissioner not only fined Belichick \$500,000 for illegally videotaping an opponent’s defensive signals, he fined the owner \$250,000 and a number-one draft choice on condition New England makes the playoffs (they will).

Goodell’s swift and decisive punishment shook Patriots owner Robert Kraft to his chakra. Kraft, no doubt reflecting on his shame, told ESPN, “What made it particularly disheartening, in our group of companies we hold people to very high standards, and this isn’t what we’re about. I’ve discussed that with coach Belichick.”

It must have been an ass-chewing the likes of which Big Bill had never experienced. Belichick did seem a bit shaken when receiving the game ball from Kraft on Sunday night. Or maybe he was thinking about his new five-year contract, which will keep him in Boston until at least 2012.

In other news, Brett Favre played like he was 25 on Sunday, thumping the New York Giants 35 to 13 by way of 286 yards passing and three touchdowns. Favre hasn’t looked this good in a couple years. San Diego plays Green Bay on Sunday. The Packers are undefeated. If San Diego drops this one, we can start the countdown clock on Norv. If called upon, I am prepared to recommend Dennis Green.

Housekeeping notes: We have restored the Vegas Line in response to Name Withheld’s request. I invite readers to jaunt over to “Bad Sports” blog, now setting up shop on *SanDiegoReader.com*, where you will find O. J. news and betting lines. For the duration.

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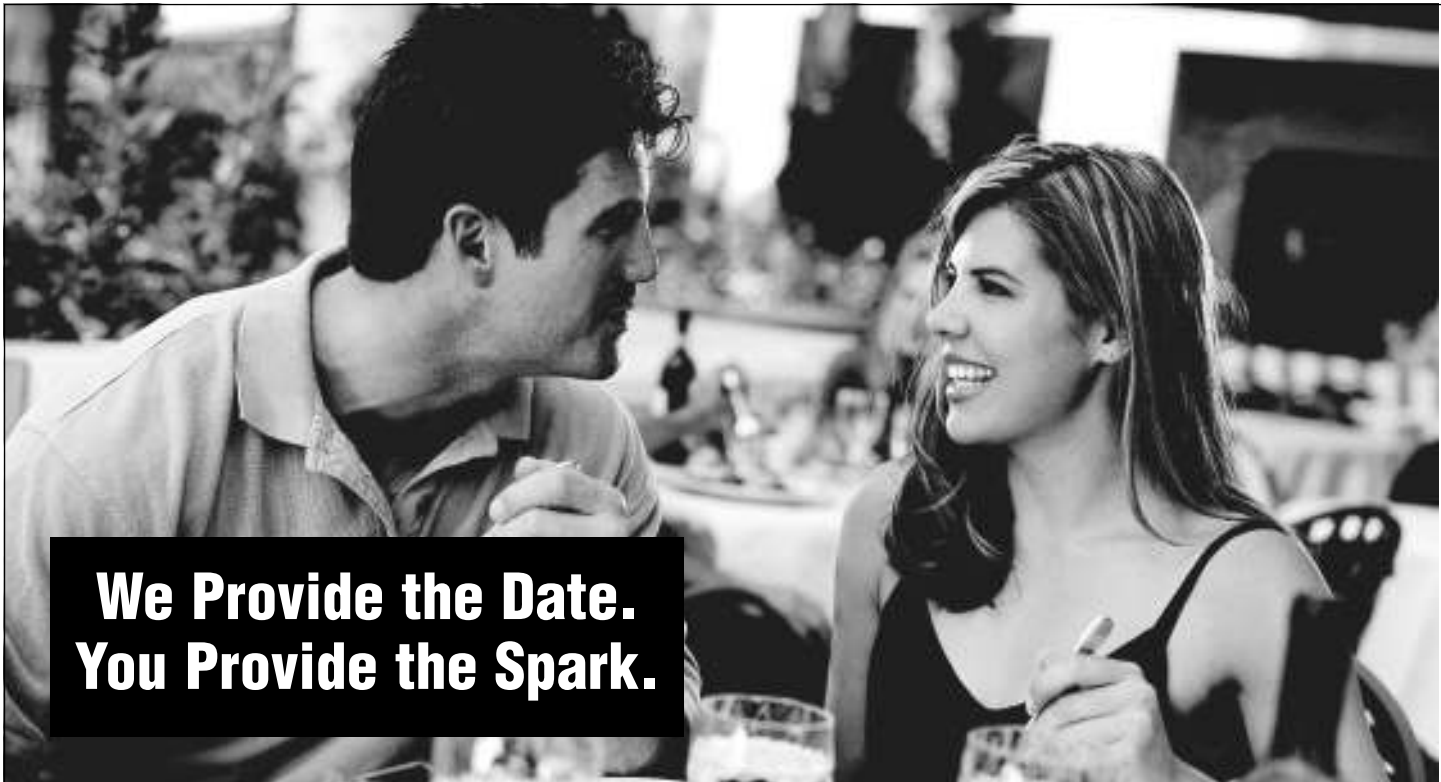
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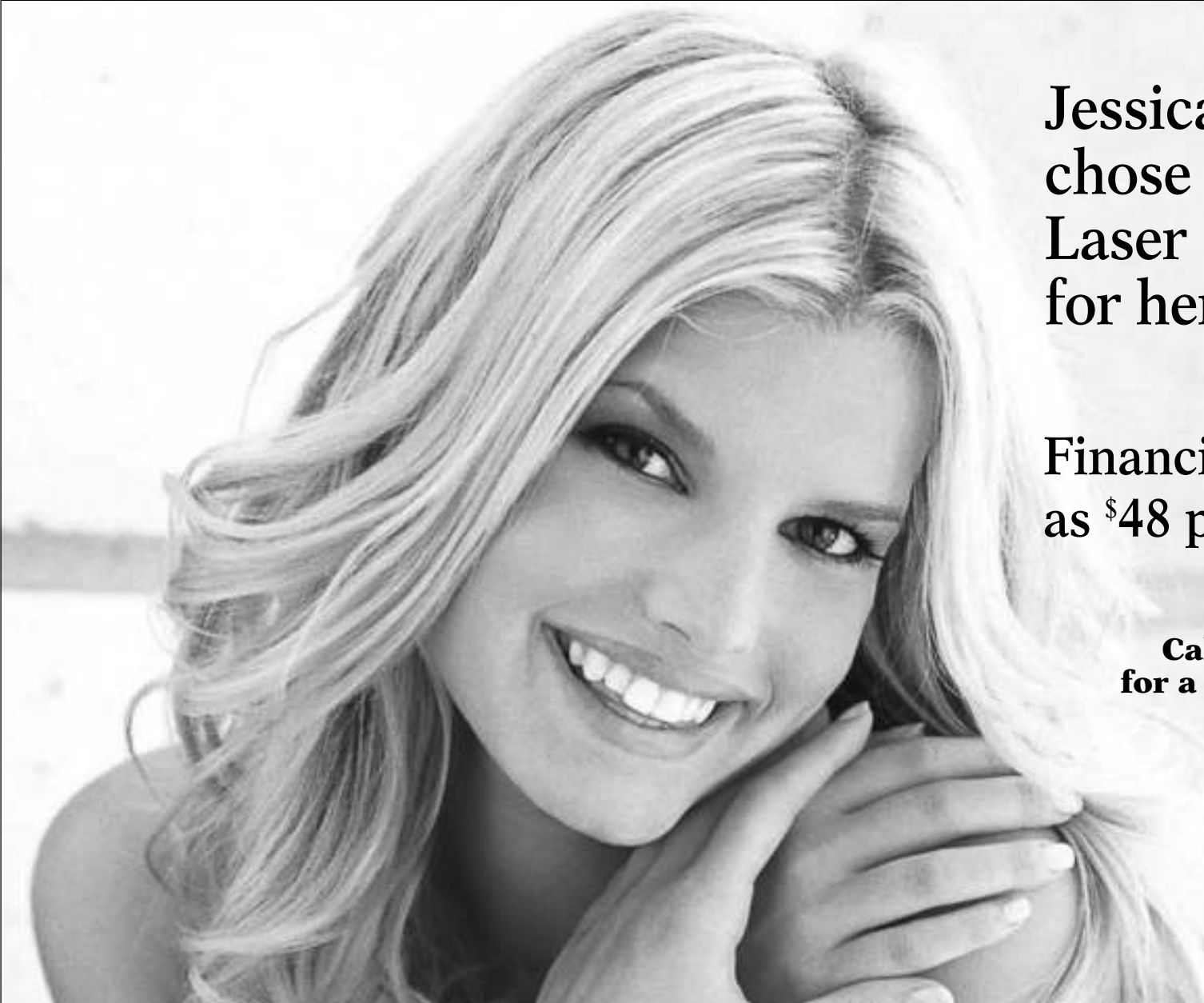
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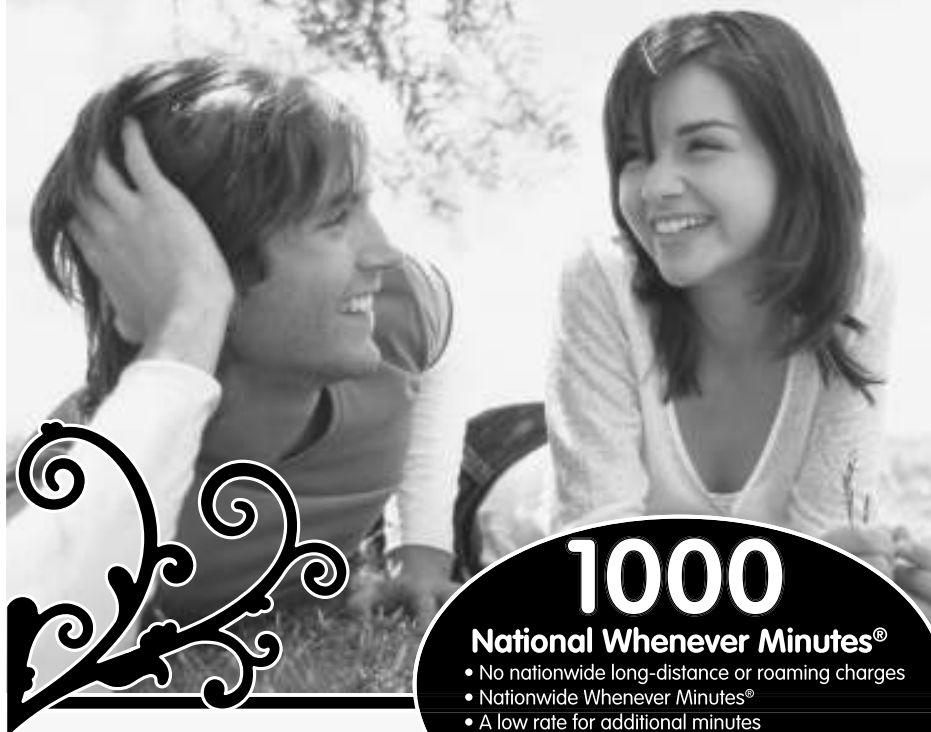
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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

On September 16, the Self-Realization Fellowship in Encinitas opened its doors to the public for an Open House and free concert. Just inside the entrance to the Fellowship grounds, a china setting was laid out in honor of the SRF Cafe, opened in 1943 "to introduce people to healthful principles of diet through a menu of delicious vegetarian dishes from both the East and West." The café, alas, was no more, just like the original Golden Lotus Temple, which had once stood at the edge of the cliff overlooking the Pacific. The exquisite gardens and walkways that surrounded the temple, however, remained, offering both shaded enclaves and broad coastal vistas.

"We are part of the ancient Swami order of India," explained my guide Lauren Landress when I asked her about the picture on a bedroom wall in the retreat center. The picture depicted Krishna, Jesus Christ, and four gurus from the Giri branch of the Hindu monastic orders. (The Self-Realization Fellowship is home to monks and nuns living under the vows of celibacy, obedience, and simplicity.) The last guru was Paramahansa Yogananda, who founded the Fellowship in 1920. "This line believed very much in the unity between East and West—specifically, original Christianity and original yoga.... Yoga means 'union with' or 'to bind with' the divine. That's what yoga teaches in a nutshell, and it's what Jesus was teaching in a nutshell.... It's really the belief that the Kingdom of Divinity—or God, or Spirit, or Absolute, whatever term you want to use—is within you, and not outside somewhere."

A ceramic plaque depicting Saint Francis hung against the trunk of a carefully pruned California pepper; the tree was surrounded by a circle of benches. "You'll often see statues of the different saints," said Landress. "When Yogananda started opening temples, he called them 'Temples of All Religions,' to honor the similarities, the unities within each church. What the Catholic mystics practice is yoga—it's essentially the same." She referenced "Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, and Saint Francis" as people "who were communing with God, either through the form of Jesus Christ or whatever—directly having that deep relationship. To unite with God—it's what every religion is seeking to do. It's unfortunate that we allow the cultural aspects of religion to divide us."

The retreat center is open to anyone with a background in meditation. Retreats can last from two days to two weeks and be either private or communal. For the latter, "there's group practice of what we call the energization exercises. It's applying the idea of bringing energy through the body...to direct the life energy that sustains all human beings. To begin to be aware of it, so that you can control it. There are talks at night, meditation technique review classes."

In the plain white box of a chapel, a 30-minute film gave Yogananda's disciples a chance to testify. Sister Satyavati, an SRF nun since the '40s, recalled Yogananda telling her, "'Even God is seeking something. He owns everything in this universe...yet even He is craving something...the love of His children.' When I heard that, I was just overwhelmed. I said, 'Let me make up for everybody, for all of those who forget God.' Why should we seek Him? Because there is so much joy in being immersed in that consciousness...so much unconditional love." A woman struggled to express "the sublime experience" of

seeing Yogananda for the first time. Another said, "There was a glow in his face. You could hear a pin drop when he talked." Others used the same expression and echoed the woman's feeling of having come home at last.

The praise continued: "He saw the good in everybody." "He was jolly.... You knew you were dealing with a friend." "He embraced people.... Most didn't know how to react. One man said to another, 'Who is this man? I never met anybody like him.' They responded to that embrace.... Now, they can put themselves into his embrace whenever they want to."

Yogananda's residence—an expertly preserved, midcentury Spanish-style home perched on the cliff above the Pacific—serves as a kind of shrine. The steps leading up to the living space were very steep; the feeling was not unlike ascending to a temple. In the vestibule, a table displayed some of his writings: *The Divine Romance*, *The Wine of the Mystic: A Spiritual Interpretation of the Rubiyat*. His receiving room, office, and bedroom were all on display, and in the doorway of the last, a woman removed her shoes, knelt, and prayed with eyes closed and arms raised. (A cell phone rang somewhere in the line of tourists passing through. "Sorry!" came a voice. "Yogananda would have laughed," came another.)

"We believe that he was a God-realized individual," said Landress. "Souls are eternal.... His soul is now in complete union with God. When people are praying like that, they're communing with Yogananda."

Two-thirty marked the start of the "Concert for a United World, featuring the United World Festival Orchestra, United World Festival Chorus, and special guest artists." A woman opened the concert by noting that "Yogananda dedicated this ashram center with

the ideal of world brotherhood under the fatherhood of God in 1937.... Our relationship with God is that eternal aspect that draws us together in a spirit of unity." Conductor Robby Martinez struck a lighter note, chatting up the crowd between performances of such varied fare as Debussy's "Clair de Lune," "Somewhere over the Rainbow," "All You Need Is Love," "Amazing Grace," and the finale of Beethoven's Ninth. Also, a Beach Boys medley: "He'd go down and talk with the surfers, and they thought he was one cool guy. They nicknamed the point Swami's.... The Beach Boys caught on," and referenced the spot in their song "Surfin' USA." The orchestra played over the electric guitar and bass, and some of the nuns sitting near me smiled and nodded with the beat.

What happens when we die?
As when one layeth
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— from "The Song Celestial" (*Bhagavad Gita*),
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Blackwater License Being Pulled

By Don Bauder on September 17, 2007

The Iraqi government is revoking the license of Blackwater USA, the mercenary firm that wants to put a training camp in East County's tiny Potrero. Iraqi officials said eight civilians were killed and 13 wounded when Blackwater contractors opened fire in a Sunni neighborhood. Blackwater insists that it will only put a police training facility at Potrero. However, the company has admitted... [Read more and add a comment.](#)

Parking Lot Problems

By Josh Board on September 17, 2007

So moving out of the grocery store and into the parking lot is a whole other mess. First, let me quickly say...Horton Plaza has spaces for pregnant women. How insane is this? If a woman is in good enough condition to go shopping and walking around the mall, she can certainly park 100 feet away. Don't get me wrong, I.... [Read more and add a comment.](#)

Don't Say This in Front of a Judge

By Patrick Daugherty on September 16, 2007

Four things sports pundits say about Belichick's cheating that you wouldn't want to say to a judge if you're ever on trial for drug possession, robbery, murder, or, for that matter, smoking in a restaurant.

1. Everybody does it.
2. You're honor, I'm moving on. I won't discuss the . . .
3. Apparently, my interpretation of the law was incorrect.
4. I want to thank my fans... [Read more and add a comment.](#)

Creepy Old Guy Goes to a Rave

By Jay Allen Sanford on September 16, 2007

Okay, I know chances are good that my sideburns are older than a lotta people reading this blog. I'm old. How old AM I? I'm old enough to have... a)...bought Beatles records while they were still together... b)...witnessed Yaz in action, back when the name made you think of Fenway Park, not PMS pills, in a time when guys thought menstrual cycles were Italian bikes... c)...carried an H.R. Puffstuf lunchbox to school, with actual lunches inside rather than half-ounces of leafy, green puffin' stuff... [Read more and add a comment.](#)

BestBuys

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"That's it," said my friend Bernice, exhausted and grumpy after what was supposed to be a relaxing afternoon of shopping. "Customer service is officially a thing of the past. I'm shopping online from here on out. At least that way I won't have to talk to anyone."

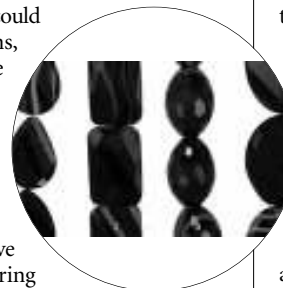
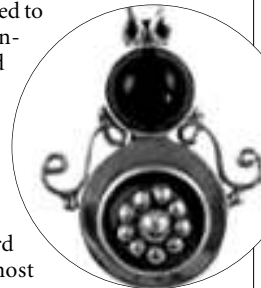
I knew that getting out of the house to shop was practically therapy for Bernice, so I hated to hear her so despondent. Happily, I had an answer for her. "A little bird just told me about a place where the prices are low and the customer is king — and the bird was wearing the most darling pendant."

The next day, we headed up to South Sun (858-309-5045; www.southsun-products.com), a bead-and-jewelry superstore in Serra Mesa. There, I met with owner Shlomo Gruer and his wife Pnina. "You have to cater to the public," he said. "If you don't like that, you shouldn't be in retail. I like to give my customers lottery tickets, sweets, and water. I try anything I can to make sure the customer leaves here smiling. If a customer leaves not smiling, then we did a lousy job."

After a tour of the mammoth 45,000-square-foot facility (of which the showroom is expanding to occupy 18,000 square feet), Bernice started shopping and I sat down with the couple in their office. "I'm from Zimbabwe," said Gruer. "There, I had 25 stores — mainly clothing. When I came to San Diego, I went into jewelry, bringing in product from the Far East — mainly Thailand and Indonesia. Then I started a new system of wholesaling. Everyone was selling by the piece; I started selling by weight, and it changed the whole market."

Things went beautifully until Gruer's competitors started imitating his model. He decided to move one step closer to the customer. "I opened a showroom on Fifth Avenue in New York and started going after department stores and outlets like QVC, Home Shopping Network. That's my main business now. In the beginning, I was just buying jewelry and reselling it, but later, I started manufacturing." This gave Gruer two advantages: "First, I could have my own designs, things nobody else had. Second, I could control delivery times to my customers. If you don't deliver on time, your order will be cancelled. So now, I have my own manufacturing facility."

Gruer's retail jewelry business grew out of his manufacturing and wholesale efforts. "I normally manufacture 10 percent extra on an order from a department store or QVC, just in case there's a quality problem with some of the pieces. After a while, that 10 percent on every order becomes a mountain of jewelry. I thought, 'I could offload this extra jewelry to the public.'" And the same thing had already happened with beads. "In the beginning, I would supply the jewelry stores with just the pendant. Later, I started supplying the whole necklace. When I ordered the stones from



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China, I would order the same 10 percent extra, and after a few years — a mountain of extra stones. What happened was, this thing we opened to get rid of our excess stuff became a fantastic business." That's at least partly because the excess stuff comes at a deep discount: South Sun sells department store jewelry at 75 percent below retail price — a \$160 pendant would go for \$40. (Right now, they're running a special on pendants: buy two, get one free; buy five, get three free; buy ten and get ten free.) And it's partly because of the sheer quantity on display. "No jewelry store in America has got as much variety as we have here. Every day, I put out 100 new items, and the majority of them are my designs."

All the stones come from China because that's where they're processed. "It's all hand labor," explained Gruer. "They take the stones, one at a time, cut them, shape them, drill them, polish them, and then string them on a standard 16-inch strand. If it needs to be faceted, the finished bead goes to another factory, one that specializes in faceting." But while they all end up in China, they hail from all over the world. Said Pnina, "They come from Brazil, Africa, and so on. The majority of what we have is natural stone — things like agate, moonstone, jasper, and turquoise. But we'll also

bring in ceramic, metal, silver, glass, wood, and base-metal beads." Prices per strand range from \$1 to \$125 (the top price applies to things like pearls, emeralds, and rubies).

The department stores and shopping channels tend to get the best of the best, but Gruer says that everything at South Sun runs from at least medium to high quality. "We make sure that there are no cracks in the stones and that the polishing is good." (A pearl might be slightly out of round, but it will be far less expensive as a result.) "And because I work with the department stores," noted Gruer, "I get information from salespeople. So I know what sorts of things will be 'in' in the next three months."

The business continues to grow: with so many supplies, and so many examples to draw from, a beading school seemed a natural development. "We offer about 23 different classes [\$18–\$25]. They run about two hours long, with about eight people per class. I draw teachers from my customers here. We supply all the tools and the classroom; you get a list of materials before the class, and you can buy them all in the store. People think you have to be an artist to create something. People come to me and ask, 'What should I do?' I tell them, 'You're the artist. What you like — that's the right thing.'"

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American Hero

When you're born, you get a ticket to the freak show.
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I stood at the kitchen counter, enjoying a hard-boiled egg. Onto each bite, I spooned a bit of kalamata olive spread, a tasty substitute for salt. My zen-like moment was interrupted by the flattened, tinny sound of a man speaking over the white noise of a cheering crowd. "What are you listening to over there?" I asked.

The sound stopped abruptly, and then David emerged from his corner of the condo. "You have to see this," he said, walking toward me, clutching his newest toy.

"Is it a picture of a meerkat wearing a tuxedo?" I said, getting my hopes up.

"No, not exactly," David answered, shaking his head. "When are you going to start making those yourself?" He pointed to the egg in my hand.

"When are you going to stop asking me that?" I snapped back.

"When you learn to appreciate the joys of cooking," he said with a smile, knowing full well that my kitchen prowess extends no farther than the buttons on the microwave.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again." I paused to pop the last bite of kalamata-covered egg into my mouth. "I'm not going to boil my own eggs if I can buy them hard-boiled. I look at that egg I got for 50 cents and I see 20 minutes I don't have to spend over a stove and a dirty pot I don't have to clean. Now, did you want to show me something or did you want to keep beating the crap out of

Humpty Dumpty?"

David stepped beside me and held up his iPhone, which for him is more of a portable YouTube watcher than a telecommunication device. He would never think to play a video clip on his 23-inch monitor, but on his swank and svelte 3.5-inch "TV," he'll watch anything from Weird Al Yankovic's *White and Nerdy* music video to two sea otters holding hands in an aquarium. He tapped the screen with his finger to resume play. The noise returned, and I saw two young men standing side-by-side, shoving things into their mouths. The video to capture my love's attention was footage of the most recent Nathan's hot-dog-eating contest. Five of the nine or so minutes of the video had already played, but when David went to back it up for me, I stilled his hand. "That's okay, beh beh," I said. "I get the idea. Just let it play."

The camera focused on two of the competitors, an American guy named Joey Chestnut and a Japanese guy named Takeru Kobayashi, who I soon learned was the hot-dog-eating champion, unbeaten since 2001. The announcer narrated excitedly as the two beef bingers busted through Kobayashi's record of 50-something hot dogs and buns. "Oh, man, that's disgusting," I said, after the camera

zoomed in for a close-up of Chestnut guzzling a sip of something and then shoving a bun into his already stuffed face. The announcer's voice took on a feverish pitch, his words increasing in speed and volume: "Look at the jowl movement on Joey Chestnut! What a valiant effort!"

I looked at David. "Valiant? Did he just say that?" The announcer was shouting now: "This will be the greatest moment in the history of American sports if Chestnut can bring the belt home to Coney Island!" *The greatest moment in American sports?* I was baffled. Twenty seconds later, when Chestnut took the title, having eaten 66 hot dog and buns in 12 minutes, the announcer said something so absurd, so ludicrous on so many levels, that it actually hurt my head when I heard it: "He may indeed have righted the course of our nation. Chestnut is a *true American hero*. This is an emotional win, a great day for America."

"Are you shitting me?" I said. "Did he just... Oh, man, I think we need to have a sit-down and acquaint ourselves with the definition of the word 'hero.' You don't just go throwing that around for every guy who crams a record amount of wieners down his gullet." I happened to

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glance back down at the small screen just in time to witness the slow-motion replay of Kobayashi spewing liquid and soggy bits of hot dog bun. "Yup," I said, defeated. "That's gonna stay with me."

For weeks now, the video and what it means have haunted me. Hoping to quell my obsessive demons, I sought to learn more about the whole competitive-eating phenomenon. I found a website for the International Federation of Competitive Eating. In the "About" section, it reads, "Competitive eating is among the most diverse, dynamic, and demanding sports in history...and stands alongside original athletic pursuits such as running, jumping, and throwing." All I could think was *Really?* My understanding of a "contest" was that it was an event in which people competed to prove superi-

ority at something that required physical or mental skills. There are contests of the brain — like *Scrabble* and crosswords — that show how smart you are; and contests of the body — like triathlons — that show how strong and agile you are. The eating contest, reminiscent of a couple of drunk guys attempting to flaunt their ability to do the most shots of Jäger or eat the most handfuls of wasabi, seems to prove only the extent of one's

foolhardiness.

I wondered what other kinds of contests could produce real American heroes, competitions that proved one's extreme aptitude in an everyday task. A contest for women in which contestants apply makeup while driving their car through an obstacle course? A TV-watching competition for men in

which the thumbs of the "athletes" blaze as they race to be the first to run through all 300 cable channels? No matter how hard I thought, nothing I came up with was as asinine as "who can eat the most hot dogs."

"I love to watch those," said my friend Jen over dim sum, after I'd made a comment about the slippery shrimp shu-

mai being a prime food item for the next eating contest. "It's so hilarious to me. Here you have these freaking foul humans shoving stuff in their faces — it's like slowing down for an accident; it's something you shouldn't enjoy watching

so much. To me, these eating contests are what replaced the freak shows. It's so foul, it's rad." I mentioned that the latest record breaker was dubbed an "American hero." Jen laughed and said, "They must have meant the sandwich." ■

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s on his breath.

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People in the 'burbs like things pretty. Truth is, we do too. We like our property lines delineated with boxwood, our five-foot fences crawling with jasmine, the four corners of our plot staked with gigantic tropicals. We prefer that our grass doesn't bend too far in the breeze, that our lives are edged at ninety and pruned in January.

So we hire Jesús.

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Through the peephole: a short man in jeans and a western shirt snapped chin high. I can't see his face. A boy's BMX bike leans against the pillar, a jug of water lashed to the handlebars with a bungee cord. He looks up. I recognize him as our neighbor's gardener.

"¿Trabajo?" he asks before the door is fully open.

"Sí. Mucho." I smile big, an apology for a lack of suave with languages beyond my backyard.

Three years ago and pre-baby, my husband and I bought our house for the big yard. Today, we resent it for the same reason.

On our way to the garage, we exchange names. His is Jesús. I give him the formal version of mine, "Victoria," and roll the *R*, because that's my lame tic around people with accents: I imitate.

"How many?" Jesús asks, pointing to my son wobbling toward the door.

"Uno." I hold up one finger. "One year."

Three fingers fanned, Jesús says, "*Tres niños*." Happy to have worked them into his day, he exhales. "*Mi familia*" — he adjusts his belt buckle, as wide as the culture gap between us, and his voice falls south — "*en México*."

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Jesús scans the garage packed tight with a motley collection of various gas-powered things that, in fleeting weekends of home-repair enthusiasm, my husband insisted were necessary.

Amid the glut, I'm struck by the urge to give him something that says *I'm sorry for asking you to feed and groom my world.*

Instead of the \$8 he quoted, I pay him \$10

an hour. An extra \$2 for watching him collect rose-bush trimmings barehanded and wondering how he irons his shirts without an ironing board, with a wife in Mexico.

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Our house backs up to open space. Nothing but nettle, wild poppies, a pine tree the HOA planted for good measure, and a path they don't know about. Or

maybe they do, but they haven't figured out how to handle illegals living in the periphery.

"Those people are living behind us, you know," Mr. Jeffers, our cantankerous neighbor, points out one day when his ten-speed goes missing.

"*Those people* don't steal; they don't have time," I say. "They leave at seven and come home at eight." A grocery bag on each wrist sagging with value packs of beef, tortilla chips, water jugs, and if it's Friday, Pabst

Blue Ribbon.

Mr. Jeffers says a green-and-white Border Patrol truck was roving around the hills behind us yesterday. "About time," he says.

I decide I hate Mr. Jeffers, those translucent legs, the schnapps on his breath. Anyway, Jesús is walking toward my house, so I excuse myself.

"*Hola.*" I open the garage with baby in arms. "*Mucho gordo,*" Jesús says, puffing out his cheeks to animate "fat," his face luminous.

"*Mis niños son gordos.*" We laugh in the same language. He rolls out the mower and gets to work. From inside, I watch him make diamonds in our lawn underneath the shadows of sycamores.

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Saturday at 10:30, Jesús returns to restore pretty. I open the door and notice he's wearing an old watch of my husband's. I recognize the Chargers cap too; the sweat rings have tripled since its time

atop my husband's head. Jesús yanks the cap off, excited to show me something. "Virgin Mary," he says and with his forefinger traces a series of sweat rings mildly resembling a face.

Once a week behind our fence I leave a bag marked "free." Two weeks ago: a Chargers hat, two watches, women's gloves, and earrings. Last week: a six-quart pasta pot, a pound of pasta, and a jar of sauce. Sometimes I peek through the wood slats and watch them crest

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the hill and vanish into the scrub. Always tired men traveling in pairs. Father, son. Brother, brother. Father, father.

"I think miracle," he repeats, raising the hat to the sky and retracing the image.

"Yes, a miracle." We walk to the garage.

"Mi hermano's birthday today. Six," he says pulling from his wallet a photo of a little boy tackling a chicken. "I send." He points to the hat. "He wear to escuela."

On one of the hottest days of the year, Jesús snaps the brown off geraniums and laces a jacaranda tree, purple blooms raining on his head.

When the sun splits the center of the sky, I take him water, wondering all the way to the yard if he needs the water or if I need the giving of water.

* * *

Jesús stopped coming last month, the day our agapanthus bloomed.

The toilet paper and bath towels inside last month's "free" bag are waterlogged with May-gray's dew. Our house is overgrown too, the four corners of our plot blunted with weeds reaching for our neighbors' property lines. The path is thick with milkweed and cat-tail; you'd never know it was a thoroughfare into the hills.

Rumor has it the INS got wind of the encampment and flushed them out of the dogwoods like moles. Smoke and guns and yelling in a language they had only begun to learn. I like to think Jesús was glad for it. That he was simply bidding his time. That maybe he calls the mandate to head home a "miracle." I like to think he's sleeping with his family in a sturdy house of brick, framed by a fence and bordered in hyacinth.

— Tori Malcangio

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I scurried through dancing shadows to reach my carpool pick-up spot at the swimming pool—mailboxes annex within the condo com-

plex. I glanced at my watch. It was 6:07 a.m. All was quiet except for nearby baby whimpers. My stomach growled at a cooked-bacon smell as bright headlights appeared at the corner. The car stopped halfway

down the block for a few minutes and then began a slow approach in my direction. It wasn't my friend Judy but a squad car. Fear gripped my African-American heart along with all sorts of crazy thoughts.

"You know how these cops are when faced with weirdness?"

"You are in a heap of trouble, girl!"

"Quick, look for witnesses or, better yet, someone with a video camera!"

I perused the area, looking for somebody, anybody, but saw nobody. I ordered myself, "Girl, don't you move a muscle!" But my feet backed me up ever so slowly. El Cajon's finest, though barely



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Scripps Ranch

Little white box condo in Scripps Ranch, the starter home among all the other starter homes.

this incident, I trembled each time I caught sight of a squad car.

Shade of Yellow

In April 2006, I was scheduled to drive to Tucson, Arizona, for a

family rendezvous. The day before, I'd left work early with a migraine. The migraine woke me the next morning, and I decided to cancel my trip. As I couldn't find my phone, I headed out

to find a working pay phone. A police officer had ahold of my car door, and he was in a "business stance." He asked me who I was and where I lived. I told him my name and pointed

moving, stopped abruptly. So I stopped. The car lurched forward and moved again in my direction. I continued backing up until I heard my full name called very clearly.

"You're scaring me!"

"Yes, I know this, ma'am."

He told me how Judy had sent him to inform me about her car troubles a few blocks away. He was trying to approach this woman of color so that I would not be afraid. I asked how we had moved away from a citizen's feeling of comfort at the sight of a policeman to such a public-relations nightmare. He didn't know but reported that El Cajon was putting measures in place to correct such a mistrusting state of affairs. He offered me a ride to the trolley station, for which I thanked him but declined.

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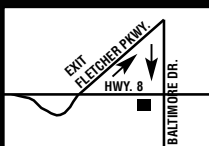
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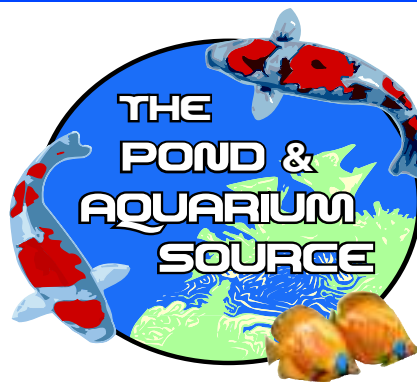
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to my second-floor apartment. He repeated his question, holding eye contact. He wanted me to recite my full name and full address! (At that moment, a squad car pulled up behind my car but kept the motor running.)

"Whatever has happened, Officer, I didn't do it!"

"That's what they all say, ma'am! You're supposed to be in Arizona and you left your phone at work."

"Is that now a crime?"

He smiled widely this time and explained that my cousin had called to request that they check on me since I was a "no-show" and had been ill. My coworkers called my sister in Oceanside to report my lost-cell-phone/migraine status. My sister called the

cousins to give the cell phone update and was told that I had not yet arrived. The cousins called the police, who snapped into action to check up on me. Apparently, they'd knocked on my door with no answer and were minutes away from entering my home with the manager's key. I gave my heartfelt thanks for their prompt attention and cheerfully headed to collect my phone and call my troubled relatives.

I repeated this heartwarming story to my friends' surprise and relief many times in the next few months.

Shade of Blue

In 2006, I returned home to find my screen door locked from the inside. For the first time, I was afraid to enter my home. Who could I call at 10:30 p.m. at night? I

called 9-1-1. A female dispatcher answered.

"Ma'am," I said, "this is probably *not* an emergency."

"Let me be the judge of that. What is the issue?"

"My screen door is locked from the inside, and I'm afraid to go into my house. I feel so-o-o stupid to call but don't know what else to do. My house is unkempt. This is embarrassing."

"That's the least of our worries. An officer is on the way. Describe yourself."

"I am a fluffy, slightly hysterical woman of color."

"I'll stay on the phone with you until the officer arrives. Try to calm yourself."

"The officer is here!"

"Good luck."

I cut through the screen door with a fin-

gernail file, opened the door with my key, and the baby-faced officer courageously entered the dark residence alone. (I stayed outside, where a small group of onlookers had gathered.) He methodically went through the place, returned, dismissed spectators, and told me that my place was safe to enter. (Those doors can lock if shut forcefully.) I apologized again and again for the imposition, but he simply answered, "This is just one of the reasons that we exist, ma'am."

I slept like a baby that night.

Shade of Green

Recently, I saw two squad cars parked in my complex, near the pool-mailbox annex. (I needed to check my mailbox.)

"Good evening, Officers. Should I

approach or not?"

"There's no need to worry, ma'am. If there's ever any trouble, we will warn you. We are simply here to help one of your neighbors."

"Have a good evening."

"You do the same, ma'am."

I don't know when it happened, but now, whenever I see El Cajon's finest, I no longer feel fear. (I feel something more akin to comfort.)

Forty years ago, my mother told me: "If one desires trust, one must be trustworthy; if courage would be fostered, one must be courageous; and, if someone exemplifies respect for all, that someone will most often receive respect in kind!"

— Ms. Linda Ridge Johnson

Scripps Ranch Daddy Dreams of Kensington

Didn't want to be here. Liked the old place better, in the city. A housekeeper's flat in the back of a Craftsman-riche palazzo in Kensington. We grew baby raccoons in winter, big shimmery spiderwebs in summer. Out back, a pot-bellied stove to burn persimmon leaves. Crazy Mike and his girlfriend Sheila, across the alley. Friday-night fights by the garbage cans, followed by the Saturday-morning truck. In the back alley, of course.

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As my wife and I cleaned out our old cabinets, she laughed and told me: "You realize this will be the last time we can move all our shit by ourselves."

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condo in Scripps Ranch, the starter home among all the other starter homes. We bought at the height of the boom. Everybody's on ARMs, and a black cloud of negative amortization follows us around. Men emotionally stiff-arm each other by waving across the parking spots that smell of fresh white paint, like cancer. Head down, straight to the mailbox, fascinating stuff, then straight to the door. Cold yellow lights. I don't see any old lesbian couples, walking arm-in-arm with their dogs.

Gays make a neighborhood, even though as unrepentant sinners they're probably consigned to hell. Probably.

Here, couples. Newly wed. Or nearly dead. Some of the divorcees, I see. God is not here, but back where the love is still good and the mortar is all jumbled-up and old. Out



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

Coronado

Once part of the fold, I was now a pariah. Gone were the girlfriends, the invitations. Gone were the eligible young men.

here, the lines are straight and loyal, the lawn lanterns are bright blue.

Need the trees. Tall, impossibly sunburned big brothers surround our boxes, like playful

children and blocks.

I get out the door, hit the 15 back into the city. Occasionally, I stop at the city park, where I used to sit with my wife when we couldn't afford to buy drinks inside the

Ken Club.

Then one day: "Hey, hey. I know you."

Meet an old guy who knows a guy who needs some help. Turns out old guy's my old neighbor who knows my

new neighbor, another old guy. He lost his license and needs a ride. I call and talk. He hasn't been sleeping well.

Those nights when you're the-only-one-left-alive-in-the-world kind

of thing. I give rides. I have a purpose. There's that curious intimacy between men who know they'll only be associated with each other for a short time, so it's okay to say things you'd never tell long-term friends.

Three more months, baby Kate comes down the chute. Kate Olivia. Three more months, the reason we moved to this goddamn place is here.

Adam, I miss you, old friend.

What am I going to say to her? I moved up, sold out, lost my favorite place — for my wife's commute to Vista? No, for you, darling. No self-respecting kid is ever going to ask me how my day was.

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— Glenn Morgan

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my Coronado was mainly blocks and blocks of houses with just a few shops and cafes. Now it has grown, but my world has been reduced to four sides of a village block and the soft-filtered memories of yesterday.

Long ago, bare-footed, I would run down Coronado's Orange Avenue to meet friends at the Village Theater or Oscar's Drive-In or Center Beach. And when it rained, I drove about in my topless red Crosley, gripping a yellow-and-black polka-dot umbrella.

It was the mid-'50s. I was 18 and the village of Coronado was my neighborhood.

Life was safe on this quiet island, made beautiful by sprawling shade trees, green lawns, and manicured flower beds. It also had seasons — a rarity on the coast —



PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN DECKER

would growl. He owned Clayton's All Night Diner. "Now, you girls head for the back booths. I don't want any drunks bothering you."

"Remember," Fran Brown would warn. She owned M.J. Brown's Fashions on Orange Avenue. "This is a lovely party dress, but keep your legs crossed, your skirt pulled down. Nice boys marry virgins, not fast girls."

"I haven't seen your brother at Mass lately," Monsignor would sigh after Friday-night confession at Sacred Heart Church. "He hasn't abandoned Christ or our Blessed Mother, has he?"

And to trifle with the law — be it parking tickets or spousal abuse — meant instant outing by Coronado's weekly *Journal*. This included details of the crime and the offender's name and address.

In splendid isolation, we lived for weekend house parties and dances and picnics on the beach. Holidays were always celebrated with special events: parades, carnivals, costume balls, and fireworks. Best of all, we were free to drink, free to be drunk, and freed up from driving a car.

But one day, my neighborhood, my beautiful Coronado, turned on me. Once part of the fold, I was now a pariah. Gone were the girlfriends. Gone were the invitations. Gone were the eligible young men.

"I'm afraid you're pregnant," Dr. Flynn said, holding my hand and looking sad. "Would you like me to speak to the father?"

I remember shaking my head, looking at my bare feet as they struggled to reach the floor.

I didn't know what

In those days, it was not an uncommon sight to see shotgun-toting thugs run past our house.

marked by winter fogs, summer roses, and the smell of autumn leaves burning behind the great houses on Adella and Ocean boulevards.

Best of all, my

neighborhood seemed a kingdom unto itself, protected by water, a narrow road leading south, and small car ferries that chugged back and forth across the bay.

Most people knew one another in Coronado. It was a communal community where nothing went unnoticed.

"Do you realize how late it is?" Mr. Clayton

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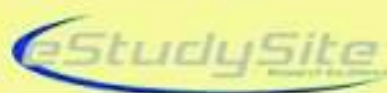


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to say. In those days, the term “date rape” was unknown.

My memory darkens after that. My roommates asked me to leave. My employer suggested I “find work elsewhere.” And my trust fund could only afford a converted garage studio off B and Second Street.

Eventually I went north. I had my baby. I returned. I wanted to raise my child in Coronado.

I knew I would never again enjoy the old friendships, the engraved invitations, or the intimacy of being on the “inside.” But I also knew I had made a wise choice. My Coronado, my neighborhood, was still safe and green and beautiful. The perfect playground for my child.

It's now 7:00. I'm tired. It's time to exercise, to push my red walker-wheeler around those four sides of a village block.

I prefer early evenings in Coronado. When the color of the sky changes. When the westerly winds blow soft off the ocean, and my memories — good and bad — fade into the indigo of night.

— C.M. McLaren

Payback's a Bitch in Shelltown

My earliest memories of Shelltown are those of a chaotic and scary place. I was an impressionable and tender ten years of age when my family moved into the impoverished Southeast San Diego neighborhood, which lies awkwardly sandwiched between Logan Heights and National City.

Vividly, I recall my mother innocently driving by the “wrong” park on Ocean View and our beat-up station wagon getting surrounded by a sea of red shirts; Bloods gang members cursing at our intrusion. In those days, it was not an

uncommon sight to witness shotgun-toting thugs running past our house on Logan Avenue or to observe their late-night scuffles on our front lawn.

Some might argue

that staying out of gangs is an easy choice, but in retrospect, I counter that membership became inevitable for me and my friends. Well before any of us became affiliated, we'd all been vic-

timized by random gang violence. Two of my homeboys were unlucky enough to be matriculated in Memorial Junior High, where they were jumped nearly every day by hoodlums,

for the crucial infraction of not residing in Barrio Logan. I was similarly harassed on the school bus to Point Loma, which dropped off at both Correia Junior High as well as Point

Loma High, until I wised up and conned my way onto another bus. Even so, I witnessed two Shelltown boys jump from a moving bus to confront rivals, one brandishing a Bowie

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knife with a six-inch blade, and another time, our late bus was attacked by a gang of Crips in front of King Elementary. One Crip held the driver at bay with a gun, while several others stalked the aisle and struck anyone wearing gang attire, black or Hispanic.

One of my closest friends made the mistake of riding his new bike to the liquor store in order to buy his mom a pack of cigarettes. He was assaulted by a car-load of National City boys. While the first two

loaded the bike into the trunk of their car, the third chased him down the street and stabbed him a few times on the back and shoulder.

Naturally, this degree of animosity breeds hate, and by the time we were in our midteens, we'd all had enough. Gang graffiti from other neighborhoods incensed us, and whenever we caught somebody from another gang, well, as the saying goes, payback's a bitch.

For some time, our ragtag group of wannabes aspired to be

recognized by one of the established gangs in Shelltown, specifically 38th Street. Even without their support, we still rolled 6 to 12 heads deep. The "wrong" park became "our" park, and we also laid siege to the area around Baker Elementary, and to the couple of blocks where most of us lived on Logan Avenue. We were proud of Our Alley and Our Dead End.

Most nights found us camping out at one of our haunts, guzzling down forties to show off our machismo, or other-

wise passing around joints and shooting the breeze. Sometimes, however, things were a bit more tense, as when unwelcome trespassers deliberately riled us up, and we were all up in arms, or when we'd set fire to a stripped-down car. In a strictly tribal sense, we outlined and marked our territory, repelled invaders, and boasted of our exploits in order to attract the opposite sex.

Thus, our neighborhood defined us, and in turn, we defined our neighborhood. Shell-

town became our kingdom, our pact, our badge of honor, a place we felt compelled to defend and risk our lives to honor. This is what most people will never understand: gang members hold their neighborhoods to be Sacred Ground, and all other rules and laws come secondary. Brutality and criminality are acceptable means to an end. Similar to many other aspects of our lives, i.e., affluence, politics, the underlying principle of gangs is Might Makes Right.

For a number of

years, our small group was committed and tight-knit, but hard drugs, recklessness, and the constant threats we faced eroded our unity, and eventually we drifted apart. Some of my homies succumbed to drugs or violence, some moved away to live more anonymous lives, some stayed in the neighborhood and went on to join 38th Street. For me, the inability to murder in cold blood and the increasing risks to my family convinced me to walk away.

— Ramon M. Torres

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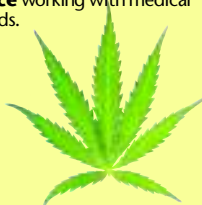
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If you are 18 years of age or older, and are interested in this research program, please call:

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"It's over, I'm done with all of this and I can't handle another second of it..." The sobs echoed through the narrow hallway of the tiny Sixth Avenue complex. "There's no more us...there's just Russ." The upstairs door slammed and sounded like a cannon blast and caused me to stop fooling myself into thinking I could actually continue sleeping through the commotion.

"I guess the barbell beauties are through again, hopefully for good this time."

"Ah, poor Russ, do you think that I should go see if he is all right?"

"Only if you remind him that's it's three o'clock in the morning and some people would rather sleep than listen to him throw heavy objects at his gay lover

all night."

"Oh, come on, it's sad. I hope he's all right."

Heavy sobs forced their way through our window, and the silhouette of our large body-builder neighbor made it appear as if the Incredible Hulk was having an emotional breakdown outside our bedroom window.

"We're trying to sleep, please, we need sleep!" I yelped and was quickly hushed.

"Shhh, come on, they just broke up, give



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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:

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

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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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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:

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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.

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





UCSD Research Study on **ANXIETY**

Do you suffer from these symptoms ?

- Worried, nervous, on edge
- Difficulty sleeping
- Tense, keyed up, restless
- Unable to concentrate, agitated

The UCSD Psychopharmacology Research Initiatives Center of Excellence is conducting a research study of the effects of an investigational drug, not approved by the FDA, versus a placebo (sugar pill) on Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

Participants will be compensated for time and travel.

To find out if you may qualify and how to participate call
1-866-UC-PRICE (1-866-827-7423) today for more information.



him a break."

"Oh, Christ, all they ever do up there is break up."

"Shhh," she said. "We don't have anything to do except play croquet at the park tomorrow. Just try and be a little understanding, huh?"

I rolled over and suffocated myself with my pillow to block out the whimpers.

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I spent the block-and-a-half walk to the park comparing the flawless and empty blue sky with the congested shirtless-

bodied green lawn. The Balboa Park-goers ran, biked, walked alongside their four-legged loved ones, cuddled on the grass, and laid out and absorbed the unblocked waves of sunlight. The homeless residents of the park sat in circles. Some picked at the neatly manicured grass and threw the plucked blades up for the easy breeze to catch.

Everyone in our group had arrived at the park early and had erected their chairs and spread their blankets and set up the double-

diamond rectangular court comprised of metal hoops and wooden stakes. An eight-gay-man, hairy-chested volleyball tournament set up their boundaries dangerously close to the course but seemingly out of harm's way.

The First Annual A-Hole Lotta Croquet Tournament was close to getting under way. I jerked the mallet from my bag and fished in the cooler for a cold beer. I felt unstoppable and couldn't wait for the tournament to begin.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Are you a woman between 18 and 47?

Do you suffer from a decreased sexual desire?

This is called hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD).

Are you interested in participating in a study of an experimental drug for HSDD?

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Seeking Patients for a Research Study For Type 2 Diabetics

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

Participants will:

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

Inclusion Criteria:

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

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

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

858-552-8585 Jackie Raceles: ext. 4384 or Catherine DeLue: ext. 6740



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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**



Do you control your Type 2 Diabetes with insulin?

If the answer is yes, we invite you to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication.

You may qualify for this study if you:

- Have Type 2 Diabetes
- Are between the ages of 18 and 70
- Are managing your diabetes with insulin
- Are either post-menopausal or surgically sterile (if female)
- Are a non-smoker for at least 6 months

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Is your Type II Diabetes NOT adequately controlled by taking Metformin (Glucophage)?

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- Is your Type II Diabetes not controlled?
- Are you willing to participate in a 17-21-week research study?

If you or someone you know can say yes to the above questions... You or they may qualify to participate in a clinical research study investigating a new diabetes treatment.

Currently we are looking for study volunteers who have Type II Diabetes and can answer yes to the above questions.

If you are interested in finding out more information regarding this study, please call the number below.

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We were picked to be one of the two teams to play first in the single-elimination tournament, and by the looks of the opposing team I thought we could advance easily to the next round. But from the initial stroke of the mallet, the other team dominated the court. Our all-black-wearing, tattooed opponents must have been born with wooden mallets in their tiny baby hands.

I did have one opportunity to deliver a crushing croquet, and just as I was about to hit

my ball into the direction of the black team's ball, a high-pitched roar came from the makeshift volleyball court a dozen feet away. I looked up as my ball darted off with misguided trajectory and saw our neighbor Russ trade a flamboyant high five with another shirtless male. I watched Russ clash his barreled, shaved chest against the chests of his teammates. They looked as if they experienced more joy in that moment than they had their whole lives.

I, on the other hand,

threw my mallet to the ground in disgust and headed directly for the cooler. I could barely watch the rest of the tournament, though I did receive some consolation when the punk-rock prodigies that beat us took the coveted Rubber Mallet trophy and victoriously lifted it into the air.

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After the tournament, we sat and drank the rest of the beers and tuned in to the unique programming that the park and its guests

RESEARCH STUDIES

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:

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Do you suffer from Osteoarthritis of the hip?

Are you currently taking medications for pain relief? If you are 40 years old or older and are generally in good health, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical trial evaluating an investigational oral medication.

For further information, please call: 619-229-3909



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Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling men and women into inpatient and outpatient studies.

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Participation is confidential and trials are safely conducted under the supervision of experienced physicians and research specialists.

To learn more, please call the Sharp Mesa Vista Clinical Research Center at

(858) 694-8350.

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offered. Once curiosity allowed the eye to stray past the volleyball matches with men in tight cut-off jeans, one could see Mexican fiestas with tables overflowing with food and colored sodas. The children ran around frantically as adults slumbered in the shade, motionless on the cool grass.

Young yuppie couples, wearing overly bent

canvas hats and sweaters tied around their waists, pushed sports-utility strollers through the park, stopping frequently to tend to their precious babies, who probably never had to cry more than a few seconds to get whatever they wanted. Dog-lovers paraded their canines as if they were top entries in the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

They held on to their little plastic Baggies full of feces as if they were trophies. The park was full of people enjoying their lives and showing off the things that meant most to them. Everyone shared a common respect for the beauty of the day and the charm of the neighborhood.

* * *

"Hey, does anyone want

RESEARCH STUDIES

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We may currently or in the future have inpatient and outpatient research studies involving investigational medications for the conditions listed above.

Qualified candidates will be reimbursed for time and transportation (\$50 for each inpatient hospital day and up to \$100 for each outpatient visit).

For more information, call: **858-566-8222**

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Research Study

If you are 18-65 years old and you are currently addicted to heroin or prescription opioid pain relievers, you may be interested in learning more about a new clinical research study.

North County Clinical Research (NCCR) is conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational new treatment. If you qualify, you will receive study-related care at no cost and you will be compensated.

If you are interested in participating in this study and would like more information, please call the number below:

760-639-4378

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

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



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

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to head over to NuNu's for a few drinks? I need to get this defeat out of my system. You can park your bikes and your shit at our place." Surprisingly, only a few people opted out. We were

packing up when another loud shriek came from the all-male volleyball court.

"Hey, isn't that your neighbor over there?" someone asked.

"Yeah, that's Russ all

right, and what would the neighborhood do without him?"

— Dorian Hargrove

Miraculous Rancho San Diego

I meet DB at the Coffee

Grounds, where we catch up on gossip. He asks why I moved from downtown to Rancho San Diego, his gaze fixated on the very competent, very cute, barista. I decide to level with him.

"I moved here because miracles happen in Rancho San Diego."

Now I've got his attention.

"For example, the coyote."

"Coyote? As in

canine?"

I nod, and continue.

She runs along the path behind a fenced yard that pens manicured dogs. Legs scissoring, she crosses Fury, the deserted football field, corners the registrar's office, sprints the grand sweep of gopher-pocked grass, then pauses beside the tech center to scratch, hind leg jerking. She walks downhill and wades through cattails. Frogs plop underwater, suppressing bellicose croaks as the coyote drinks from the ribbon winding toward Sweetwater River.

Stomach gurgling, she moves on toward the olive trees, vestiges of old Rancho Jamacha, where oats and alfalfa thrived and sheep grazed. A car squeals, motor racing. Startled, she dashes through buckwheat and hears voices. Dark eyes peer at her, assessing, "*Es un coyote.*" She backs away and runs.

DB's eyebrows are raised.

"There's a Spanish teacher in the buckwheat?"

"No. Just migrants, passing through."

As the coyote approaches the derelict board-and-batten chicken ranch, the few remaining hens shift nervously. Alongside their coop, a billboard with a wolf icon advertises acre estates. She crouches beneath the sign, watching the cottontail browse and hop closer.

"So, which is the miracle? Your coyote scoring a rabbit, or developers selling acre estates in this market?"

"Neither, DB. I'm not finished yet. There's KC and the cop, too."

* * *

KC parks the pea-green Fairlane, skull dangling from rearview mirror. Her friends, orange-fingered from Cheetos snagged at Target, spill

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out. Together, they enter Damon Lane Park and slip behind tall, carmine-berried toyon, hiding from a man who was jogging the trail. They sit quietly until the whorls of dust resettle.

"Snake!" KC tosses a twig; the guys scatter as it drops. She inhales, exhales smoke toward two hawks looping lazily overhead. It is hot. She digs through itchy black lace, scratching the welt on her elbow.

"C'mon! Let's get wet!"

They leave the park, scramble through weeds, and bobble past homes with sun-streaked windows glaring like disapproving dowagers. Trudging uphill, they pass the chicken ranch, then stop suddenly, mouths open. Their pond is bulldozed pancake-flat.

"That so sucks," KC groans. Sweat stinging

her eyes, she kicks at clods until noticing the dark stone. She bends to pick it up and slides her thumb along the finely chiseled point and over the surface, which feels roughly smooth. Carefully, she pockets the arrowhead.

DB sips his latte and smiles at her.

"Art in East County; now, that's a miracle. And Goth girl finds it. Cool."

I laugh. DB doesn't know the half of it. He hasn't experienced our awe-inspiring vistas, seen our Bierstadt-luminous hills and mountains, or explored the rotund Heritage of the Americas, repository of anthropology, archaeology, natural history, and art. And, yes, many people visit our neighborhood — even Goth girls. I raise my cappuccino, savoring its piquant sweetness. Then, I rein-

roduce the jogger.

He slows and exits the park, moving behind the parked Fairlane. Continuing up the street, he crosses the lawn, walks to the front door and into his house that is like the others in this neighborhood, three-car garage and rough stucco walls bracing a tiled red roof. Seated at the computer, he taps code, hits enter. Screen for Law Enforcement Purposes Only appears. He types and waits. The Fairlane is registered in Granite Hills, just three miles away — likely not a problem. He heads for the kitchen to indulge in dessert from Janet's Cafe: A luscious isosceles-shaped hunk of peach pie.

"This guy's a tad too Dick Tracy with the license scan, wouldn't you say?"

"No. The way I see

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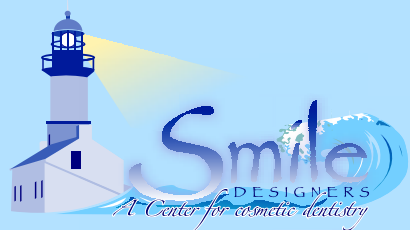
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it, he's simply protecting what he loves."

Outside again, the jogger inhales fragrant jasmine, ethereal in this earthy suburb. Funeral-placarded cars line the curb across the street, where an opened garage reveals Iraqi patriarchy communing, black suits pressed into metal chairs.

He climbs into the patrol car, backs onto Calle Albara, and eases forward.

Darkness has silenced the mockingbird's taunts; a barn owl screeches. The coyote pulls from her kit, brushes through the sumac, and sprints toward Wieghorst, passing the Water Conservation Garden, the empty carwash, the Eroma Day Spa. Beside the stream of lights she hesitates, then steps onto the warm asphalt.

The call comes before he reaches the

substation. Making a U-turn, he heads back to Rancho San Diego and sees the car jacked on a hydrant at Jamacha and 94. A girl, dressed in black, strikes a match repeatedly.

"Evening, Miss. Are you all right?"

KC nods, staring at the street.

"Is that your car?"

"Yeah." She inhales, tobacco flaring.

"What happened?"

"I tried to miss that dog." She sniffs. "There."

He turns, eyes following her gesture to the tawny body.

"That coyote, you mean?"

"Yeah." She frowns.

"Coyote." She scratches her sleeve and mutters, "What's a damn coyote doing out here?"

He turns to radio a tow truck. KC tags behind, cell phone lifted. He hears: "Yes, I'm okay, pick me up outside Friday's, by the theaters."

Across the street, a kid in Quiksilver's ollies at Da Boyz as a sharp-dressed man leaves Shisha Hookah Lounge.

Completing the call, he signals. "Okay, the driver says 20 minutes. I'll stay till he gets here."

"Thanks. Is someone coming to get the coyote?"

They look toward the street, then at each other, astonished. The coyote is gone!

"So, DB, while it's true this isn't downtown, it is an amazing place to live. Miracles do happen in Rancho San Diego."

DB watches the barista walk past. She winks at him.

Finally, he nods. "You know, LD, I think you may be right."

— Laura Dvorak

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in the same state, and in the same house for my whole life. Fifteen years to be exact. It's hard growing up in Fletcher Hills, because although it seems like the area is crawling with kids and teens, it really isn't. The only people that live on my street are all above 50 years old.

Since I'm the only person under 30 on the block, I've never felt the urge to communicate with the neighbors. In fact, the neighbors feel the same way. The only interaction I have with them is when they come over and complain to my parents about something I did wrong.

That was until Ms. Smith moved out this summer. Ms. Smith's three daughters had moved her into a retirement home. The house went on sale the next



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"I'm not that bad of a neighbor, am I?"

"No. I think you're a great neighbor."

week. Two weeks later it sold. Today was the day that the person who bought her house was supposed to be moving in. Rumors had been swirling around the neighborhood about

who was moving in. Some said it was a couple, others said it was a family. But I didn't buy any of that. It was definitely going to be another old person, as always.

A giant moving truck pulled up. I could tell this wasn't any ordinary neighbor when they started unloading the truck. All the furniture was very modern, and I could see a lot of

posters for bands. Bands that I listened to. It was surprising in a good way. There was no sign of the person moving in.

I woke up the next morning to loud booms. The next thing I knew, my Mom was rushing into my room in her pajamas.

"Did you hear that?" she said. The question was kind of stupid, since the noise was still going on.

"Yes, Mom," I said.

"It sounds like gunshots," whispered Mom.

"Mom, I don't think it's gunshots."

"Well, then what do you think it is?" Mom said sarcastically.

Listening, I decided it didn't sound like gunshots at all.

"Drums!"

"At this hour in the morning?" She was practically yelling. "Well,

that's it." Marching out of my room, she said, "I'm going to go find out where it's coming from." I went with her.

The noise was coming from our new neighbor. My mom went right up to the front door and started banging as loudly as she possibly could. The noise stopped, and about a minute later the door opened. There stood a tall young man. He was probably in his early 20s; he had medium-length dark black hair. He was in dark jeans and a T-shirt. He had big brown eyes and looked a bit surprised to see an older woman in her pajamas with a teenager standing at his front door.

My mom and him talked for quite a while, and it turned out he was from Chicago and had just finished art school.

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One Sunday, when I got home from a sleepover at my friend's house, the whole street was filled with cars. The ground was practically shaking from the loud music that was pulsating from Frank's house. This wasn't good. I walked into my house and saw my mom and dad sitting in the living room, deep in discussion with all the neighbors that lived on our street. I could tell this was about Frank. All week, things had been happening that were upsetting the neighbors. They were mad about his drums, friends, and his friendliness towards them. They talked about the petition they were starting to get him kicked out of his house — the HOA where we lived had that kind of power.

* * *

I never knew that my neighbors could be this cruel. Even though Frank was loud, he hadn't done anything deliberately mean. In fact, he had been very nice to us all. Frank had even helped a bunch of the neighbors do their yard work and roll in their trash cans, without being asked. And this was what he got in return? When I pointed this out to the neighbors, they looked at me like I was crazy.

* * *

The next day was the annual summer block party. Everyone was out having a good old time except for Frank. I saw him sitting on the curb in the front of his house, looking downright awful with a piece of

paper in his hands. I walked over to see what was wrong.

"Hey, Frank, what's up?"

"Oh, hey, Abby...nothing. Just, you know, looking

through my mail." He waved the piece of paper. It was a notice from the HOA.

I didn't know what to say.

"I'm not that bad of a neighbor, am I?" he

asked.

"No. I think you're a great neighbor," I said truthfully.

I could tell he wanted to leave, but he didn't. So we both just sat there in silence.

* * *

The next week, Frank moved out. He realized that no matter what he did, he wasn't going to be accepted. My mother said it was because all

the people in the neighborhood were part of the baby-boom generation. Another term Mom used was "ageism." A term my mom felt I should learn, so that I didn't make the same

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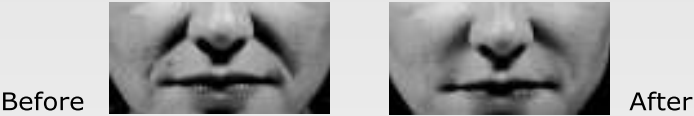
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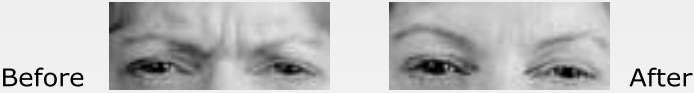
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mistake Frank and my
parents had made when
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to live in. After I looked
up "ageism," I realized it
was just like racism; no
different.

— Abby Reutzel

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"You have got to be kid-
ding me!"

My outburst was
not at all surprising,
after I saw the over-half-
million-dollar price
neatly printed on a col-
orful placard in front of
the model house. My
family and I were stand-
ing in front of Model
No. 2, a house with a
French name, on a street
that sounded strangely
similar to a Rancho
Santa Fe thoroughfare.
But we were in Chula
Vista, not Rancho Santa
Fe. And in my mind, a
three-bedroom house
under 2000 square feet,

squeezed onto a lot
which barely allowed a
resemblance of a front
lawn and backyard, was
hardly worth a third of
the price of a North
County mansion.

"Do you still want
to see the inside?" my
wife asked.

"Sure, why not, as
long as we're here." My
reply did not sit well
with my two young
daughters. The wry look
on their faces reminded
me that they had pre-
ferred to be at the Chula
Vista Lemon Festival,
instead of house-hunt-
ing.

The house's lovely
trappings provided a
momentary distraction
and some amusement at
how these nice things
can be neatly arranged
in a modest amount of
interior space. Of
course, it dawned on us
that the price of the
house did not include
any piece of decor or

furniture.

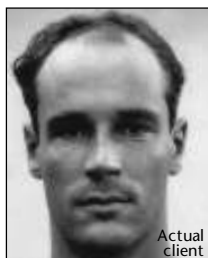
It was well past
noon. We did not bother
going into the more
expensive Model No. 3,
which did not look any
different from Model
No. 2. After a quick
lunch at a nearby burger
place, we headed for the
Lemon Festival.

I drove my minivan
westward along East H
Street, and the air tem-
perature seemed to fall a
degree or two with every
mile. The monochrome
view of neatly rowed
stucco houses eventually
gave way to a blaze of
colors that spanned the
length of Third Avenue
from G Street to E
Street. We arrived at the
Lemon Festival, and our
daughters' boredom
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could not see, but her other senses took in the same stimuli that surrounded me, and to a heightened degree. In her mind's eye, myriad visions were formed. Her joy was simple, and one which I, with all my senses intact, mostly took for granted.

The festival gradually ended, as the day wore on, but the blind woman's radiant smile lingered in my mind, even as I drove the two miles back to my home: a rented duplex at the northwestern edge of Chula Vista. As soon as we arrived, my daughters quickly got out of the minivan, eager to try on the different trinkets they had bought.

"I'm going for a walk," I told my wife.

"Off to your secret spot again?" she asked with a slight smile on her face. I could only smile back. I gave her a kiss on her cheek before I took my walk.

My secret spot was hardly a secret at all: it was the very western end of D Street. It had a couple of park benches and an old graying chain-link fence that bordered the street from the ravine and the trolley tracks below. Beyond the fence, the track, and the eight lanes of Interstate 5, there was a surprisingly lovely view of San Diego Bay. On Fourth of July evenings, this nondescript corner

of Chula Vista would be full of people eager to grab a last-minute vantage view of the J Marina fireworks. On other days, young people would park their lowriders and play the amplifiers at full-bass blast.

But on that late Sunday afternoon, I was alone. The place seemed more desolate with a view of the sprawling lot to the right, which held the vestiges of a trailer park. Its residents had been told to move away, so that a condominium complex could be built where humble structures once stood.

The sun was setting, and as the wind drew the warmth from my face, I gazed out into the bay and into the horizon. The solitude was overwhelming. The day's images and thoughts raced through my mind — the house that I could hardly afford (but perhaps someday); the myriad stories of the lives that share this neighborhood with me, their dreams and struggles; the Monday that was just a few hours away, and the working week that I had to live through all over again.

As I walked home, with the dying light of dusk and the cool breeze to accompany me, I came to one serene conclusion — that most any day in Chula Vista was neither too surprising

nor blandly predictable but still gave me the simple contentment of living here rather than someplace else.

— Joseph M. Aquino

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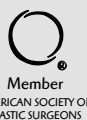
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mer gatherings, but for the most part allowed them their privacy.

My private moments were spent dangling my legs off the old bridge that crossed Chocolate Creek. I watched the sycamore branches sway and dreamed poetry of this new world that I had discovered:

Implicit simplicity
Is being off the map
Knowing where you
are
But no one knowing
where you're at
But, then your

endeavors
and your pleasures
make you boast of
this or that
And soon you find
you've fallen
in suburbia's tender
trap

And so time passed. My boys grew up, went off to college, married, all stronger for the values learned in this small replica of a working ranch. The two children, now grown, who did not benefit from growing up in Peutz Valley, were now bringing their children to the ranch, taking

from it that specialized knowledge — how to trim the hooves of goats, to recognize that this is not just brush that covers our hills, but sage, and deer weed, ceanothus, and a thousand other distinct plants that have their own smell, herbal use, and beauty.

Generations now enjoy a rural community in the middle of this populated county, and they are joined by bicyclists and hikers who abide by the signs that indicate where to park their cars and put their trash. And we, the eld-

erly and younger residents, savor every moment in our secret valley, perhaps made more visible when we talk about our home but especially treasured since the fire that swept through our hills on October 26, 2003.

Yes, we lost homes and animals, ancient oaks and yucca, and saddest of all, we lost a neighbor. The fire did not kill our spirit, but renewed our sense of community. We recognized again the experience of hard times and saw it draw us closer as

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— Wendy Padilla

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as they pour in one after another. Our feet shuffle through the sand and out to the other side, where the cement begins again. It's still dark outside. As a group, we head single-file into the galley for breakfast.

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the neighborhood back toward the beach. We shuffle through the sand toward another common meeting ground. The grinder is a square surrounded by flat, boring buildings that lack architectural imagination. We spread out, still in single-file lines, one next to the other. "JUMPING JACKS, BEGIN!" As one, we begin our workout. Simultaneously, we push ourselves through, never getting off beat.

The workout has ended, and we're forming back up in our group, after having refueled our bodies with lunch. More people have woken up and headed outside. They're staring at us as we proudly jog through the neighborhood with our heads held high. We come to an area just off

Once we settled in, so did reality. The mostly older mobile homes were decaying, and so were the people who lived in them.

completing the exact same number of laps, we jump out. Head quickly over to our gear and get

dressed. The swim was a little exhausting, but we're through with it now.

Back in the uniform, and all looking alike. Not being able to tell one from another,

dressed like twins, we all form up again. The day's still young. We decide to run through

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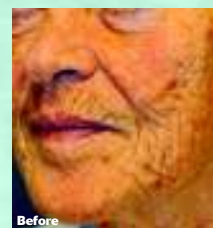
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the beach, on the edge of the neighborhood. It's called the obstacle course or the "O" course for short. It's a ten-year-old's dream, a big playground with monkey bars, ladders, logs, and ropes to swing on. However, it's a place of business for us. A place to work out and form our agility and quickness. We break off into pairs. "BUST 'EM!" We make our way through the sand, up the ropes, and down the other sides of the wall. All meeting at the same place once we've made it through.

Physically drained, we've come to the best part of the day, our afternoon jog. Stretched out, we form up. One foot in front of the other, the jog has begun. As I fall into a rhythm and my breathing begins to steady, I relax as I jog along the shoreline, with

the cool ocean breeze swarming over my body and the sound of the waves breaking in the ocean.

A thought passes through my head and I smile. I'm running in my backyard. I have a home on the beach with an ocean view as far as the eye can see. But that's not the best part about my neighborhood. You see, I live amongst a group of men. Some of the bravest men the world has to offer. The kind of men that will watch your back and do anything for you, even if it means sticking themselves into harm's way to protect you. My neighborhood is located on Coronado. I live on the naval amphibious base, home and training ground of the U.S. Navy SEALs.

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Saturday night. Once, he threatened to kill a social worker who was going to take away custody of his grandkids. I could hear him beat them with a belt at 2:00 in the morning. Another time, he threatened me when my puppy barked on my back porch, waking Bob from a nap. I was really blown away when he came over complaining that my weeds were growing in his yard. I politely dismissed him, saying I had to get back to more important things, like painting my toenails.

His adult children came in and out of his house as if it had a revolving door, depending on whether they were in jail or had just gotten out. The last time I saw Bob's son Matthew, I was looking out my kitchen window and saw the 30-year-old man lying in the street. He had overdosed on some kind of drug and had to be hauled away by ambulance.

The neighbors directly behind me were drug addicts too. The couple was up at all hours, singing and rocking the night away to tunes like Madonna's "Material Girl." Apparently, they didn't realize how thin the walls of these mobile homes are. I lay in bed at 3:00 a.m., hoping Bob would get fed up and give them the "what for," but by then

he was going deaf and snoozed through the whole spectacle.

I knew the couple used drugs, because my neighbor Bill told me. He lived across the street from them. He had several boarders who went to the crazy couple's home every day. Finally, Bill asked them why, and one woman grinned and held up a Baggie full of white powder. "Cocaine! You get that out of my house!" Bill yelled. Then he wrongfully evicted them by tossing their clothes in the driveway.

These people didn't represent all of Bill's problems. He was on mental disability after having served in Vietnam. He owned a slew of video cameras, which he kept on the roof of his home. He believed the FBI had slit his tires and was determined to catch them in the act.

"Are you sure it wasn't your crazy girlfriend?" I asked.

He didn't answer but appeared to be mulling the possibility over.

Ten years later, Bill moved away, and we never saw him again. A pleasant transformation was taking place. Run-down shacks were replaced with manufactured homes that went for \$350,000. A gentler class of people moved in, hanging overflowing baskets of bright-col-

ored impatiens above their porches and heaping wisteria on archways along the paths to their front doors.

My 17-year-old daughter was stunned to discover that teachers really do have a life outside the classroom when she spotted her journalism teacher riding bikes with his daughter.

In '99, I married a man who was 6'2" and 290 pounds. Suddenly, Bob was a new man. He told us he loved having us as neighbors and offered to buy our now well-trained adult dog for \$500. He said his behavior changed for the better after he started taking his wife's antidepressants. I believe he is just afraid of getting his ass kicked.

The children I've known are now grown up and have gone away. One is on her way to medical school. There's a new crop of bouncing, happy children playing in the street. I love the guy who jogs by my home with a three-wheeled baby stroller. I've heard those things are expensive, and it gives the place some class.

I've learned that no matter how bleak a place can be, there's always room for change. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else now. I hope Bob feels the same way. ■

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Between 1892 and 1907, America was awash with mind cures, faith healers, and nostrum sales. Professor Thomas Adkin’s Vitaopathy tablets extracted the “life-giving principle” from fruits and vegetables. Adkin once stopped a funeral, he said, put two tablets in the deceased’s mouth, and snatched her from the grave.

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Isham had competition. But according to Samuel Hopkins Adams, who wrote “The Great American Fraud” series about medical quackery in *Collier’s Mag-*

azine (1906), Isham was the greatest of all.

He turned a gurgling little spring near the base of San Miguel Mountain into “Isham’s Waters of Life.” In 1892, at least \$100,000 in debt and hounded by lawsuits, he began marketing his product nationally. The waters could cure baldness, he claimed, and rheumatism (in seven days), gastric catarrh, addictions from alcohol to opium, cancer, and diabetes (in 30 days max). A benevolent new ether would soon encircle the globe, Isham announced. He had “consulted with the Deity on the subject” and received “a plan to abolish Suffering and Poverty.”

In an interview, Isham told Adams the waters were identical to those that gushed from the “scriptural rock when Moses smote it.”

When Adams asked how he knew, Isham said thousands of canals flow inside the earth, and the Lord had rerouted the “biblical pool of healing water” to south San Diego County.

“But how do you know that’s what happened?” asked Adams.

“How do you know it has *not*?”

His waters were a harbinger, Isham vowed. A dollar for a two-quart bottle — even during a national depression that in 1903 forced five of San Diego’s eight banks to close — seemed a pittance for such a shimmering future.

Isham’s bottling plant, near the northwest corner of today’s Jamacha and Sweetwater Springs boulevards, was a cobblestone-and-mortar spring house. Enclosed, one-room structures, spring houses were built over running water and, before refrigeration, used to keep food cool. Isham’s workers placed 12 bottles, ordered from the Illinois Glass Works, onto a wooden frame and dipped it into the water. Someone corked the full bottles immediately — to preserve their essence, it was said.

National marketing strategies, which came of age around this time, demanded one thing above all: have a recognizable product. The thick, filmy glass bottles, embossed with “Isham’s Waters of Life,” became known countrywide. When the plant ran out, which it often did, workers labeled any container they could find.

Someone — possibly Mrs. Almoneh Chittenden, who allegedly had Paul Bunyan propensities — loaded cases of 24 half-gallon bottles, or five-gallon tins (two for \$12) onto a mule-driven wagon, which transported them to the La Presa railroad head. Shipments went by train to San Diego, then to distribution centers in Chicago and New York, and on to England, Europe, South America, China, Japan, the Philippines, and Siberia, “with a rapidity,” writes Francis Waddy, who worked for Isham, “probably unparalleled in the history of mineral waters.”

Money flowed. Isham splurged, eating fine foods, drinking costly spirits, and frequenting “fleshpots,” said an anonymous admirer, who added, “He had a ball.”



Isham's California Waters of Life

As Isham embraced extravagance, Waddy says he “airily assumed sales of the water would continue unaided automatically and forever.”

At the Boston Food Show of 1900, Isham gave out free samples and advice. An elegantly dressed woman named Julia approached his booth. She was losing hair, she complained. Specialists in New York, London, and Paris had been no help. She’d become so desperate, she’d “marry any man who could stop her hair from falling out.”

“Permit me,” said Isham, “to have a

QUOTATIONS

1. James Harvey Young: “Nostrum manufacturers turned to ingenious advertising before other manufacturers because they had to.”
2. Stephen R. Van Wormer: “Although Isham’s dishonesty was related to his character and person-

ality, the business climate of the late nineteenth century allowed fraudulent and unethical businessmen to operate unrestricted.”

3. Mark Twain: “We all have our shams. I suppose there is a sham somewhere about every individual!”

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Around this time, while Isham ran the international operation in New York, a pariah named Haskins came to the bottling plant looking like death warmed over. Workers let him stay in a shack, gave him food, and said "Drink the water."

Haskins's eyes and skin began to clear. After two

months he could exercise for an hour, then several.

As soon as he was up and around, Haskins drilled a 90-foot well on a nearby ranch and formed the Nuvida Water Company. He stole a list of Isham's customers from Claudius Potts, Isham's Philadelphia distributor, and wrote letters to each, assuring them that his "new life" water came from the same source, but he'd charge half the price.

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DuPont money and aggressive marketing campaigns, it folded. The well water had no magic, Isham gloated in a blitz of ads.

Haskins wasn't the first to assault Isham's domain. In the early 1890s, George Sanford twice tried to usurp the business. Claiming he represented a San Francisco land company that owned rights to the water, Sanford almost succeeded. According to several reports, Sanford got his revenge. He tipped off Samuel Hopkins

Adams about the "Waters of Life."

When Norman Hapgood became editor of *Collier's Weekly* in 1903, he vowed to hire the nation's top writers. After the 1906 earthquake, he commissioned Jack London for an account. And when Hapgood wanted to run a series of articles about rampant fakery in American medicine, he hired Adams.

A combative, freelance journalist adept at "exposure literature" (aka, muck-

raking), Adams had a persistent theme: big business was ruining America, "thwarting freedom of speech, and subverting all branches of government." In "The Great American Fraud," Adams didn't just analyze the contents of nostrums and sure-cures, he waged war.

"Popular credulity moves in waves," Adams wrote. In 1906, the country was suffering a wave of hypochondria, encouraged by bogus medical ads. They listed so many egregious symptoms, a reader would identify with at least one or two. Quacks, charlatans, and "various, fresh coined

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In 11 articles, Adams attacked 264 claims. As a measure of his scientific knowledge — he'd studied pre-med at Hamilton College — only three tried to sue: Isham (for \$100,000 and he lost the suit); J.W. Blosser of Atlanta (whose pills offered a "positive cure for rheumatism and digestion"); and Dr. William's Pink Pills for Pale People, whose lawyers alleged, but couldn't prove, that the American Medical Association subsidized the *Collier's* series.

In the second article, entitled "The Miracle Workers," Adams lambasted Isham, whose medicine makes, at best, "good ice-water."

Adams recalled interviewing the "young wizard." Asked how the water could grow hair "on the most sterile cranium" and cure the world's ills, Isham slid piles of testimonials across the table, enough to take "weeks, perhaps months" to track down.

Adams wanted an

expert.

"Why, Professor Fogg," Isham suggested with pride.

"What's he professor of?"

"Don't exactly know," said Isham. "He calls himself 'Professor.'"

"Suppose I look him up at the Broadway address given in the advertisement."

"You wouldn't be likely to find him," Isham said. "He only gets his mail there. He lives somewhere on Long Island."

Every testifier Adams contacted denied involvement. A bank president said the whole affair was absurd. "Apparently," wrote Adams, "the initial absurdity of lending his name to a preposterous quack like Isham had not occurred to him."

The "Waters of Life," Adams concluded, "are probably a fairly good mineral water. They will no more cure cancer, Bright's disease, diabetes, or paralysis than will Croton," New York's often brackish drinking water. "To Isham himself, I give the benefit of the doubt. I believe him to be mentally unsound. On any

other premise, he is the most arrogant and blasphemous faker now before the public."

To protect consumers against medical fraud, and inspired in part by the *Collier's* campaign, in 1906 Congress passed the nation's first Federal Food and Drug Act.

For Isham, things fell apart. Lawsuits, legislation, and growing public skepticism halted the flow of his "God-blessed" waters. Isham upped the ante. He expanded his territories to include India and British South Africa. He also tried to inject new investors into the business, renamed, to dodge negative publicity, the "Isham Water Company." But the Panic of 1907, when the stock market fell almost 50 percent, curbed

speculation.

Waddy: "A deluge of ridicule and censure from all parts of the country" engulfed Isham. He became so deeply in debt, his company couldn't afford the bottles and cases needed to fill longstanding orders. "Isham fell into a condition of panic and suffered now the deadly effects of his former improvidence."

Always the most animated person at a gathering, Isham's vaunted, glad-handing energy began to dissipate. But when relatives offered to help run the declining business, the 60-year-old refused to step down.

In the winter of 1907–1908, Isham thought he could regain his crown as "water tycoon." His Philadelphia agent, Claudius Potts,

had a large order and threatened a lawsuit if Isham didn't deliver. But Isham had no bottles. He had the Illinois Glass Works loan \$5000 worth on credit. In winter, Isham always sent orders by train on the southern route, via New Orleans. This time, either in a hurry or mentally shell-shocked, he sent them on the quicker, northern route through Montana. When the train reached the high altitudes, the water froze. At Philadelphia's Broad Street station, yard workers unloaded three freightcars of cracked bottles.

Potts sued, as did the glassworks. Isham, who argued in court that the glass must have been defective, was ruined.

In 1908, his San Diego office, at 935 Fifth Street,

closed. After that, his always robust health declined.

Isham was born in 1847, the year the American Medical Association was founded. He died penniless in New York, of cerebral paralysis, in October, 1910.

The salesman was gone. But the sales pitch — or was it the water? — lingered on. In 1912, worried he'd no longer receive regular shipments from Isham's "fountain of youth" (and fearing he couldn't live without them), N.C. Foster bought the property. "Foster's ownership," writes H.A. Suttle, Isham's Chicago distributor, "practically eliminated further distribution and sale through general agencies. Foster being wealthy did not seem interested in profit, but he

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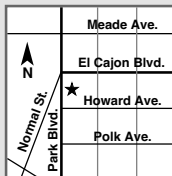
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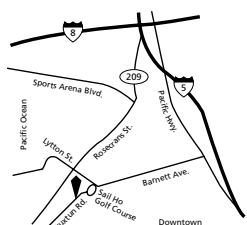
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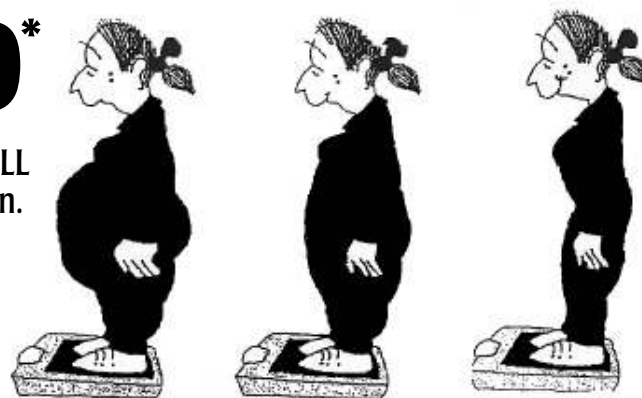
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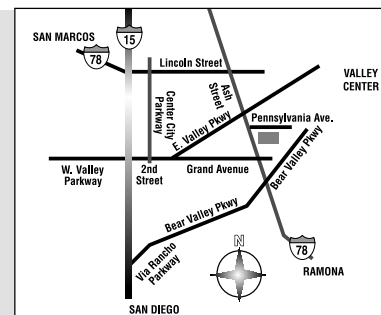
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Ward Elliott
via e-mail

Line Erased

Now that it's football season, I notice that you've deleted the "Vegas Line" ("Sporting Box") from the Reader, and you're directing the reader to go to a website on the Internet to

find the "Vegas Line." A lot of us don't have computers and look forward to "Vegas Line" during football season. I'd like you to reconsider and include it back in your weekly issues during football season. Thank you very much.

Name Withheld

Patrick Daugherty responds:
Yo, N.W. Consider it reconsidered. The "Vegas Line" returns.

Dancing Shoes Required

In reference to "As I Hear It" (September 13). Please, please, please have someone listen to the Isam Band's songs besides a twenty-something male! Wrong demographic! These songs are wonderful testimonials to the power of love and more. For a ballad feel, listen to "Fell in and Fallen." For a more rock sound, listen to "I Wouldn't Mind Knowing." Get out your dancing

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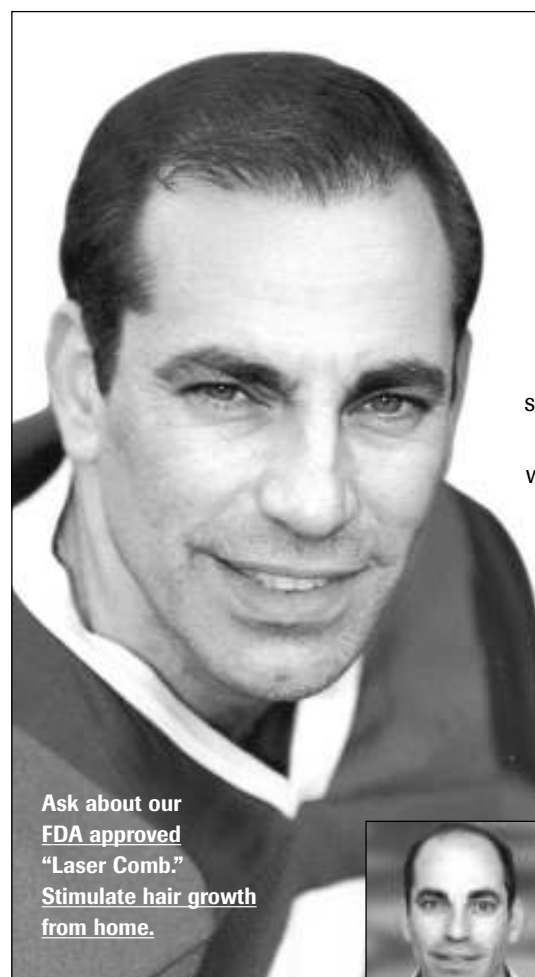
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shoes for "Gypsy Girl," and give a nod to 900 numbers for "Psychic Hotline." For a jazzy sound (indeed, Etta James sang this tune when it was a finalist in the American Song Festival), listen to "Stay Awhile" (also the album title).

Gail Anderson
via e-mail

Hyphen Nation

I would like to comment on Don Bauder's column "Pyramid, Phony Bios" ("City Lights," September 13). Don, I love all your stuff. I read all your articles religiously, but I wish you would quit making a bone-headed punctuation mistake. It's driving me crazy. At the top of the second column, you have "well-known San Diegans," and you have "well-known" hyphenated. No, damn it, Don, if you have an adverb modifying an adjective, you don't put a hyphen between them. "Well" is an adverb; "well known" — two words, no hyphen. And I'll tell you who else does that. There's some conser-

vative Catholic newspaper I subscribe to out of St. Paul, Minnesota, *the Wanderer*, and some of their columnists, whom I love and agree with, do it all the time, make the same bone-headed mistake. Somebody would have something like "a heavily-traveled road" and would have a hyphen between the "heavily" and the "traveled." No, no, no, damn it. When you have an adverb modifying an adjective, you don't put a hyphen between the two. Other than that, Don, I love your stuff, and keep up the good work.

Name Withheld
University City

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, identifies "well-known" as an adjective and spells it with a hyphen. The Chicago Manual of Style, 15th edition, advises that compounds formed with an adverb not ending in "ly" and a participle or adjective be hyphenated. However, compounds formed with an adverb ending in "ly" and a participle

or adjective are unhyphenated. — Editor

Total Wackiosity

"Murder San Diego," huh? You've got to be kidding me. This addition to *sdreader.com* is hands down the most disappointing development to surface in my long and passionate career as a *Reader* reader. If you'd told me last week that I'd soon be considering abandoning my near-daily visits to the *Reader* website, as well as my Thursday-morning trip to 7-Eleven to pick up a hard copy, I would have spurned you quicker than Jerry Sanders spurns a homeless guy asking for change on Broadway. But after seeing "Murder San Diego" in the table of contents and clicking through to its *COPSesque* drivel, I'm feeling disgusted, betrayed, lost. Come on, "Murder San Diego"? Totally wack.

Shane Finneran
via e-mail

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Off-Road Poker in Mexico

We have a 10,000-acre ranch an hour and 20 minutes away from Ensenada," says Ernie Preciado of the San Antonio Ranch in Ojos Negros, Baja California. "It's a valley, and it's hot. If you've seen *Dances with Wolves*, it's basically the same type of deal. There's no development whatsoever, just a small two-room house." Preciado helps organize the San Antonio Poker Run, an event that combines off-roading and gambling. The run will take place at the ranch on the evening of Saturday, September 22.

LOCAL EVENTS

The track is two miles long. Participating drivers are given one playing card in a sealed envelope each time they reach a checkpoint. Preciado shuffled and individually sealed 208 cards. "After you do five laps, then you turn [your sealed envelopes] in to the judges, and whoever has the biggest hand wins."

There are hundreds of "poker run" events every year in the States, a handful of which take place in San Diego. San Diego Harley sponsors the Tour de San Diego Poker Run every year, raising money for the Children's Hospital cancer center. Boaters can race and play cards in the annual Bay-fair Thunderboat Poker Run that begins and ends in Mission Bay. Scooter enthusiasts can try their hand in the San Diego Mini Motorsports Poker Run.

On the San Antonio Ranch, cars can take as long as they want to complete the run. "It doesn't matter if you do five laps in five minutes — you win if you have the

lucky hand. If you try to race, you're going to ruin your car, and you put more people at risk," says Preciado. He explains that in a race, cars would be required to have roll cages and drivers would have to wear a helmet. Any vehicle that "can survive a good trip at night" can enter the poker run, except for motorcycles. "Motorcycles are allowed on the track, but not at the time of the event. Motorcycles and cars do not combine — we don't want to have any accidents."

Anyone who pays the \$2 admission fee can explore the track and the campgrounds



as early as Friday night. At 6 p.m. on Saturday, only those cars that have been entered in the run for \$35 (which also buys the driver a T-shirt, a burger, and a beverage) can be on the track. The checkpoints close at midnight, and at 1 a.m. there is a ceremony to announce the winners. The person



Rhino

with the best hand receives \$500; second place, \$300; and third, \$200.

Preciado says a minimum of 18 inches of ground clearance is required to clear the roughest parts of the track. "It could be a VW bug or a brand new Hummer," he says. Some will drive Rhinos, an all-terrain vehicle. "A Rhino is a side-by-side, made by Yamaha, like a quad, only a lot bigger. Two people fit in it."

The ranch's landscape includes hot springs, rugged desert, a riverbed, and "pieces like jungle" with oak trees. Preciado explains, "We have a piece where it's a fast area, a couple of rivers, and dry rock, an area [on which] you have to drive slow and be able to maneuver wisely through small rocks. You put your four-by-four knowledge to the test.... If you have a two-inch lift or big 33-inch off-road tires, that will make things easier. It's not intended for a Grand Cherokee that is completely stock and not a four-by-four."

Four police officers will patrol the area during the event. Wristbands are given to attendees. "We want to have an inventory of people there. That way nobody will get lost, because it's still Mexico." Last year 78 cars participated in the run, with 300 additional cars at the ranch for the weekend. Preciado estimates nearly 1000 people attended the event.

"While cars are going round and

round, people can see other stuff." A giant screen in an outside theater will play videos of off-road racing. Local rock band One in the Chamber will perform onstage. Following Mexican law, anyone 18 or older can purchase beer, which will be sold for \$1. As with any camping trip, Preciado recommends bringing food. "There could be some guy that brings in a lunch truck, or other vendors, but I'm not sure."

According to Preciado, his ranch in Ojos Negros is the closest, "truly off-road" track for all-terrain vehicle enthusiasts in San Diego. On the ranch, there are few obstacles and no jumps, but Preciado says that's not what off-roading is about. "It's going out in the country and having a 360-degree view of beautiful scenery."

— Barbarella

Rancho San Antonio Poker Run
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BAJA

"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)

Pulitzer Prize Winner Jean Marc Bouju plans lecture on photography, Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m., at Multiforo ICBC (Avenida Centenario #10151, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-684-8609. (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)

Painting Exhibition with work by many Mexican artists opens with reception on Friday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

The Children's Play *Caracol y Colibri* performed Friday, September 21. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

San Antonio Night Poker Run, 100km rally for Jeeps, trucks, Volkswagens, and other vehicles, Saturday, September 22, at Rancho San Antonio (Ensenada-San Felipe Highway km 40). Participants make five laps on 16-mile course to get five cards and play poker at end of event; three best poker hands win cash prizes, trophies. Course boasts rivers, sand, technical roads, broad fast roads.

Registration: 12-5 p.m., event starts at 6 p.m., finish line closes at midnight. Registration: \$35 to compete; \$2 general admission. 619-962-1091. (ENSENADA)

Festival Taurino hosted by Club Rotario Ensenada Centenaria on Saturday, September 22, 12:30 p.m. Celebration includes bullfighting, Spanish paella, and live entertainment at Plaza de Toros of L.A.

OUT & ABOUT

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Tembembe plays *son jarocho* music at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río) on Saturday, September 22, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$12, \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Train to Tecate, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum hosts adventure beginning at Campo Depot (Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road), Sunday, September 23, departing Campo Depot at 10:30 a.m. Fare: \$43 general, \$23

children (3-12), free for toddlers on laps. 619-465-7776 x5. (TECATE)

"Ratha Yatra Festival" with music, traditional dance, arts and crafts, yoga exhibition, and more from India, Sunday, September 23, 1-7 p.m., at Agua Caliente Tower (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-686-6219. (TIJUANA)

"Dar y Recibir en la Familia," Cecilia Pliego examines family during lectures on Monday, September 24, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Expediente del Atentado" — Alvaro Uribe discusses his new book about Porfirio Díaz on Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Chamber Music may be heard when guitarist Roberto Limón and pianist Oxana Bulgakova perform Wednesday, September 26, 7 p.m., at Multiforo ICBC (Avenida Cen-

tenario #10151, in Zona Río). \$5. 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

"Mexico en la Economía Mundial" is topic for lecture by 1999 Nobel Prize winner Robert Mundell, Thursday, September 27, 10 a.m., at Teatro UABC Tijuana (Mesa de Otay). 011-52-664-682-1075. (TIJUANA)

"El Turismo Cultural en la Zona Fronteriza" is topic for lecture by Lynn Tronn Dinner at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río) on Thursday, September 27, 11 a.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Todos Somos Poesia," poems and lecture by Juan Carlos Reyna, Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

"Black and White Tour 2007," Ricky Martin hits stage at Estadio CREA in Zona Río on Thursday, September 27, 9 p.m. 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Equal Days and Nights everywhere on Earth, 12 hours each, are only one noticeable consequence during the time of equinox, either autumnal or vernal (spring). Another consequence is that the sun at equinox always rises from a point on the horizon due east and later sets due west. You could calibrate a compass this way if you had access to a true (unobstructed) horizon. Another, subtle consequence is that at midlatitudes like ours, morning and evening twi-

light periods are shortest during equinox. From San Diego, the duration of twilight this week is about 80 minutes; last June it was about 100 minutes.

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Trail Repair Work at Paso Pícaro in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park continues on Saturday, September 22, 8 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Free. Registration: 858-278-3280. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Visit Kumeyaay Grinding Rocks and historic Old Mission Dam during guided walk, Saturday, September 22, 8:30 a.m., at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Audubon Society Bird Walk in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

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Help Remove Invasive Plants and refuse, care for native plants, and continue construction of a barrier fence along San Diego River with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m.–noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

Got the Blues? Seek blue-bellied lizards, blue scrub jays, and dragonflies when guides lead walks, Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, September 22, 23, and 26, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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guided stroll through desert garden, Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m., starting at Balboa Park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover Escondido during walking tour led by Escondido History Center, Saturday, September 22, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

Observe Seasonal Changes in Vegetation of Tecolote Canyon Natural Park (west) with Canyoners on Saturday, September 22, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CLAIREMONT)

Fall Begins at 2:51 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Sunday, September 23. At equinox, the sun shines directly down somewhere on Earth's equator. At 2:51 a.m. San Diego time this year, that equatorial spot lies in central Africa. The autumn season will continue for another three months until the sun "moves" to its farthest

southerly point, winter solstice, December 21.

Watch the Birdie, naturalist Tom Lyon leads easy three-hour bird walk in search of early "winter" migrants on Tuesday, September 25, in Daley Ranch. Bring binoculars. Free outing starts at 8 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

September's Full Moon on Wednesday, the 26th, occurs just three days after the autumnal equinox. The sun, the Earth, and the moon will thus be closely aligned along the east-west direc-

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changes only a little for several consecutive days centered around the moment of full moon. During harvest-moon periods of the past, farmers were able to work several late evenings in a row by the unfailing light of the full or nearly full moon.

Fall Migrant Warblers are possible sightings when Audubon Society birders head to Lindo Lake Park (9841 Vine Street) on Wednesday, September 26, 8 a.m. Bring water. Easy hiking. Free. Directions: 619-692-3246. (LAKESIDE)

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)

Bellydance Showcase with Aimee, Stacey, Tarciana, Theresa performing to live music by John Bilezikjian, Thursday, September 20, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

The Circulators Square Dance Club has beginners' class on Friday, September 21, 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. Final night of open enrollment. 619-464-0135. (BALBOA PARK)

Persian Garden Tango, Part III taught for beginner-friendly dance on Friday, September 21, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dancing 8:30-9:45 p.m. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

"Noche Havana," celebrate ten years of world dance program at Palomar College with Cuban/Brazilian concert and dance parties featuring live salsa and samba music on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. Concerts directed by Patricia Mead begin at 8 p.m. Find campus at 1140 West Mission Road.

\$15 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Day o' Dance! Culture Shock Dance Center celebrates fourth anniversary with free classes on Saturday, September 22. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue every hour until 4:30 p.m. at Culture Shock Dance Center (2110 Hancock Street, Suite 200). Vendor selling wares. Free. 619-299-2110. (OLD TOWN)

51st Annual International Dance Oktoberfest sponsored by San Diego International Dance Association folk dance clubs is September 22 and 23 in Balboa Park Club. Saturday's dance workshops run 1-4 p.m., promising basics in polka, waltz, schottische.

Events on Sunday: 12:30-4:30 p.m., with grand march (1 p.m.), dance performances, au-

dience participation dances, vendors, food. Free. 619-422-1584. (BALBOA PARK)

Flight Path makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradance, Saturday, September 22, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Optional potluck dinner: 6:30 p.m. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Unity 2 Extravaganzas" presented by Unity Dance Ensemble, Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, 7 p.m., Truax Theatre (400 Rancho Del Oro Road). Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door. 760-941-5903. (OCEANSIDE)

USA Dance Ballroom Party with wide variety of music, Saturday, September 22, at Synergy

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All Things Swing Dance Party with music by Hal's Hayriders, performances, games, more, Saturday, September 22, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate jitterbug moves workshop (7:15 p.m.); beginner class 8:30 p.m.; open dancing 8:30-midnight. Dance only: \$13; additional fee for lessons. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

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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)

Cinema under the Stars series features *The Notebook*, Thursday–Saturday, September 20–22, at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Dinosaurs Alive*, *The Alps: Giants of Nature*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. “Fridays at the Fleet” showcases *The Human Body* (6 p.m.) and *Africa: The Serengeti* (7 p.m.) on September 21. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

The Bolivian Film *American Visa* screens for “Countdown to 15” showcase of new cinema hosted by Media Arts Center’s Latino Film Festival, September 21–27, at UltraStar’s Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Also on the bill: *Asi del Precipicio*, from Mexico. Both films screen in Spanish with English subtitles. Tickets: \$9.50 general, \$7.50 for students, seniors. Showtimes, details: 619-230-1938 x101. (MISSION VALLEY)

Matteo Garrone’s 2004 Film *Primo Amore* may be seen on Friday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles.

“Total Recall 2070: Machine Dreams” is slated for Mars Society’s “Mars Movie Night,” Friday, September 21, 7 p.m., in studio 106 of Art Union Building (2323 Broadway). Free with reservation. 619-723-3456. (GOLDEN HILL)

Anne Makepeace’s Film *Rain in a Dry Land* is described as “an eye-opening chronicle of two Somali Bantu families” transported to “new lives” in U.S. Catch film on Saturday, September 22, noon, at Beckwourth Library (721 San Pasqual Street). Free. 619-527-3404. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

How Far Would You Go to Stop a War? Anthony Giacchino’s documentary *The Camden 28* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, September 24, 6:30 p.m. Film follows trial of group of anti-Vietnam protestors in New Jersey in 1971, with interviews 35 years later. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

War Films showcased during ongoing film series hosted by Carlsbad Library, with Clint Eastwood’s *Letters from Iwo Jima* (2006) featured on Wednesday, September 26, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“Please Vote for Me,” a 2007 documentary by Weijun Chen, screens Wednesday, September 26,

6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film follows “cautious experimentation with democracy in a third-grade classroom in Wahun province.” Free. 619-236-5800. In Mandarin with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrating the “Truly Edgy and Experimental” — *’Toon Town Troublemakers ’07* screens Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect

Street). Featured animators include Stacey Steers, Martha Colburn, Will Kim, Brent Green, Kohl Glass, others. Many of the films have adult content, have not been rated. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

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, September 20, 7 p.m., at Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (10905 Road to the Cure). Presentation followed by question-and-answer session. Free.

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“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)

“Back 2 School,” Elizabeth Ruch focuses on “assisting your teen with college spending budgets,” Thursday, September 20, 6 p.m., at Waddell and Reed (591 Camino de la Reina, suite 210). Effective long-term planning, more. Free. Required RSVP: 619-295-9930. (MISSION VALLEY)

Japanese Garden Design Seminar planned by Ken Siers on principles and techniques of Japanese garden design, September 22 and 23, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. For professional garden designers and those wishing to enhance understanding of Japanese art, culture.

Saturday’s class examines history, principles of Japanese garden design; Sunday’s class covers application of these design principles into landscape. Anyone may enroll in Saturday class only; those taking Sunday class must also attend Saturday class. Fee: Saturday only \$50, both days \$90 (fees include lunch). Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Backyard Compost Workshop planned Saturday, September 22,

10 a.m., at compost demonstration site at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-7986 x216. (ENCINITAS)

“Fall Bounty,” Bob Harrington and Laura Jong of Specialty Produce discuss how to select, store, and cook with “fall’s best produce selections,” Saturday, September 22, noon, at Macy’s School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$10. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Robert Treat: Recent Encaustic Works” continues through Sunday, October 14, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Encaustic techniques use molten beeswax mixed with pigments and other substances. Artist’s talk: Saturday, September 22, 1 p.m. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“The Truth About Cockatoos” is revealed during seminar hosted by Parrot Education and Adoption Center on Saturday, September 22, 1 p.m. “Everything Your Parrot Wants You to Know” divulged at 2:45 p.m. “Behavior Problems” explained on Sunday, September 23, at 1 p.m., followed by look at “Avian Diseases” at 2:45 p.m.

Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). \$15 per day. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tibetan Instruments for meditation and self-healing — Diane Mandle presents session, Saturday, September 22, 2 p.m., at Inner Strength Yoga Studio (2124 El Camino Real, suite 200). Explore historical, spiritual foundations of “sacred sound instruments and their

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Personal and Cultural Beliefs as embodied in Filipino folk stories, traditions, songs, visual art explored during panel discussion planned Saturday, September 22, 2 p.m., in House of the Philippines (at Presidents Way and Pan American Plaza). Panel features San Diego psychologist Dr. Lily Cosico-Berges). Free. 619-804-8424. (BALBOA PARK)

Create Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls during workshop on Saturday, September 22, 3 p.m., at Back from Tomboctou (3564 Adams Avenue). Students will make and decorate traditional sugar skulls to take home. \$20.

Already a sugar skull master? Shop hosts concurrent Day of the Dead *papel picado* workshop. Participants make traditional cut paper banners. \$15.

All materials provided for both classes. Reservations: 619-282-8708. Both classes repeat on Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Adobe Brick-Making workshop, Saturday, September 22, 1 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. Learn history, earth science, art of the adobe brick from Pat Friend of Adobe Dreams. Participants complete an adobe brick, receive an adobe brick-making kit. \$25. Space availability, required reservations: 619-232-6203 x150. (BALBOA PARK)

“Introduction to Knotting,” fiber artist Carol Lang presents class in “age-old technique of knotting” on Sunday, September 23, noon–5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Class explores sculptural form using simple knots. For all levels of experience. \$90 fee includes materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

“Authentic Movement” workshop led by Eliana Uretsky and Jessica Radulovich, Sunday, September 23, at Dance Place San Diego in NTC Promenade (2650 Truxton Road). Authentic Movement is described as “physical practice of self-inquiry and expression...after

moving, movers and witnesses gather together to reflect upon and integrate experiences through verbal language.”

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Exotic and Intensely Colored Plumerias discussed when Southern California Plumeria Society gathers, Sunday, September 23, 1 p.m., at War Memorial Building. Free. 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

Floral Design Class led by David Root, Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). During hands-on workshop, Root will demonstrate design process using unusual plant materials and containers; participants will create a floral arrangement to take home. Bring floral knife, wire cutters, clippers, scissors; all other materials provided. \$60 general. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

“The Rise of the Desert Cult: The Sacred Precinct at Ramat Saharonim” presented by Ben-Gurion University professor Steve Rosen, Sunday, September 23, 3 p.m., in conjunction with “Journey to the Copper Age” at San Diego Museum of Man. Tour of exhibit led by Rosen follows lecture. \$25 general. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

“Proving Evolution Again, and Again, and Again” is topic when SDSU biology professor Annalisa Berta speaks for Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, September 23, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230

Vermont Street). Free. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

“Attorneys as Authors,” series hosted by San Diego County Public Law Library begins when Marjorie Cohn presents “Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law” on Monday, September 24. Retired judge Norbert Ehrenfreund focuses on “The Nuremberg Legacy: How the Nazi War Crimes Trials Changed the Course of History” on Tuesday, September 25 (12:15 p.m.).

Retired judge William J. Howatt Jr. plans to present “History of the Bench and Bar” on Wednesday, September 26. Finally, Jan Stiglitz focuses on “The California Innocence Project,” Thursday, September 27.

Except where noted, lectures begin at noon. \$5 general. Find San Diego County Public Law Library at 1105 Front Street. Reservations: 619-531-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

“Disaster 101: Have a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Informed” in event of wildfire, earthquake, or terrorist attack after seminar presented Monday, September 24, 6 p.m., at El Cajon Library (201 East Douglas Avenue). Free. 858-565-5592. (EL CAJON)

Following Their Discovery, thousands of fragile fragments of Dead Sea Scrolls in complete disarray were given to scholars; some were badly damaged. The scrolls were published under leadership of Emanuel Tov, professor of Bible, Hebrew University. Tov discusses “Publishing the Dead Sea Scrolls” on Monday, September 24, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)



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LOCAL EVENTS

Defend Your Neighborhood!

Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meets Monday, September 24, 6:45 p.m., at MAAC Charter School (1385 Third Avenue), to hear Councilman Rudy Ramirez discuss his first eight months in office, convention on revitalizing cities he attended. Assistant City Manager Scott Tolloch and Nancy Lytle will explain process in planning future of southwest Chula Vista. Free. 619-425-5771. (CHULA VISTA)

"Little-Used Records at National Archives

and Records Administration (NARA)" discussed by Laguna Niguel NARA branch archives specialist Nancy Wing when North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets, Tuesday, September 25, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

"How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Dog"

presented Tuesday, September 25, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Housetraining, socialization, calmness, nutrition, communication, more. \$35. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

Tribute to Vietnam War Veteran,

local activist Philip Paulson planned by Keith Taylor when Atheist Coalition of San Diego meets, Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

"Natural Connections" Artists

Joanne Hayakawa and Gail Roberts plan art talk on Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Exhibit

ROAM- -RAMA

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

Coyotes howl, water splashes down a willow-lined creek, and hummingbirds flit about in search of nectar. All of this takes place barely a mile from the grid of suburban streets on the fringe of Los Angeles. We're talking about Haines Canyon in the foothill community of Tujunga, but it's a lot like dozens of other small canyon streams that give up their water to the concrete storm channels of the city below. At the mouth of almost every one of these steep canyons yawns a debris basin, often 50 to 100 feet wide, designed to catch the slurry of silt, sand, rocks, and boulders that roars down the mountain slopes during infrequent cloudbursts.



High above Haines Canyon

A fire road ascends Haines Canyon and continues all the way to 5074-foot Mt. Lukens, on the crest of the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. The modest goal on this hike, though, is merely to reach a secluded middle section of Haines Canyon, almost totally removed from the sight and the sounds of the city.

To get to Haines Canyon, first find Foothill Boulevard, which strings together the communities of Glendale, Tujunga, and Sunland. Turn north on Haines Canyon Avenue in Tujunga and drive to its dead end. Find a place to park and then walk past two vehicle gates, passing a typical, stark-looking debris basin and dam. Continue on the dirt road that runs up along the Haines Canyon creek. You'll pass 12 check dams (also called crib dams) down along the creek, all constructed of the same kind of precast concrete pieces that look like gray Lincoln logs. The regrowth of native trees such as willows, live oaks, and sycamores in the canyon bottom has done a lot to soften the impact of these erosion-resistant structures.

After 1.2 miles, the road curves abruptly right and climbs out of the canyon toward Mt. Lukens, which lies several miles by foot or bike away, and is some 2000 feet higher in elevation. That strenuous effort can be done on a cool, clear day, but our route goes up an obscure, old roadbed to the left — a sketchy trail now — going up the main branch of Haines Canyon. Remnants of the old road end beneath a large live oak 1.7 miles from the start. A seasonal stream trickles by. You can picnic at this secluded spot, or press on to explore one source of the water, a spring a couple hundred yards upstream (watch out for poison oak through here, though).

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilder-

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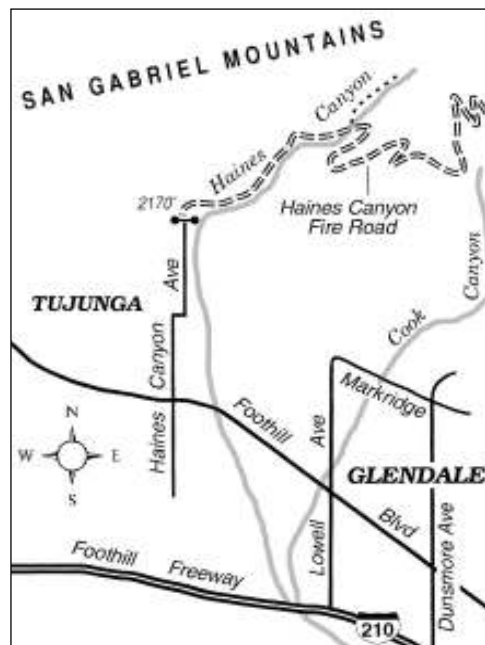
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The Archaeology and Peoples

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chaeologists Dennis Gallegos and Richard Carrico for San Diego County Archaeological Society. Join group on Tuesday, Septem-

ber 25, 8 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe (12122 Canyonside Park Drive). Free. 858-538-8066. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Can Design Stop a War?"

Catalog essayist Carol A. Wells presents lecture in conjunction with "The Graphic Imperative: International Posters for Peace, Social Justice, and the Environment, 1965 to 2005" on Wednesday, September 26, 6 p.m., in Art 412 at San Diego State University (free). Reception follows until 9 p.m. in University Art Gallery (\$25). Required reservations: 619-299-0431. (SDSU)

"Going into Business for Yourself?

Five Things You'd Better Do, and Ten Things You'd Better Not Do" presented by John White, co-founder of 1-for-All Marketing, Wednesday, September 26, 6 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Registration: 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

"Hellenistic Influences in the Middle East"

explored by classics scholar and museum librarian James Grebl for Asian Arts Council at San Diego Museum of Art, Thursday, September 27, 1 p.m. \$10 general. 619-543-9810. (BALBOA PARK)

Protecting the Future of Buena Vista Lagoon —

update on lagoon restoration plan, focusing on how Oceanside's recent development proposals will affect health of lagoon and its residents promised when Buena Vista Audubon Society gathers on Thursday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

"Gardening under Mediter-

anean 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 archi-

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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

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)

12-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)

Comedy and Magic Show with comedy ventriloquist Kevin Johnson and magician Anthony Hernandez (a.k.a. “Anthony the Magic”), every Wednesday, 7 p.m., at Lawrence Welk Resort Theatre (8860 Lawrence Welk Drive). All-age show includes audience participation. Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. 888-802-7469. No shows October 11, November 14. (ESCONDIDO)

Love, Swordplay, and disguises — Shakespeare’s pastoral comedy *As You Like It* is presented for 11th annual Shakespeare production by Coronado Playhouse (1835 Strand Way) through September 23. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 2 p.m. on Sunday. First

come, first seated. Free. 619-435-4856. (CORONADO)

“Socially Responsible Self-Made Millionaire” Elon Bomani plans booksigning and discussion on Friday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Her books: *Wealth Chants* and *Dynamic Diva Dollars*. Free. 619-819-7838. (SAN DIEGO)

“Sarasvati’s Dream,” Diane Mandle “weaves transcendent harmonics of precision-tuned Tibetan bowls, moon and wind gongs, and other sacred instruments” in concert, Friday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Inner Strength Yoga Studio (2124 El Camino Real, suite 200). \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 760-822-1348. Bring a mat to lie on. (OCEANSIDE)

Stand-Up Comedian, filmmaker, writer, and former professional chef Mike Faverman returns to Ocean Beach Comedy on Friday, September 21. In addition to his comedy gigs, Faverman is working on project combining “his love of cooking, camping, filmmaking, and comedy called *Ultimate Camp Cooking*.” Laughs start at 7 p.m. at Winstons Beach Club (1921 Bacon Street). \$5. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

Jazz at the Point, guitarist Frank Potenza is joined by guest

musicians in concert, Friday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene College (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$15. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

Rock and Roll Dance Party, John Mueller’s “authentic musical tribute” to Buddy Holly suitable for all ages hits stage at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), Friday, September 21, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$22–\$37. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

International Day of Peace and Fall Equinox Concert by world music performer Shimshai on Friday, September 21, 9 p.m., at Portugalia (4839 Newport Avenue). \$12. 619-222-PORT. (OCEAN BEACH)

“Diamond Is Forever,” David J. Sherry and His Diamond Is Forever Band in concert offering “tribute to the sound, style, and feel” of Neil Diamond, Saturday, September 22, 6:30 p.m., at Moonlight Amphitheater (1200 Vale Terrace Drive). Expect to hear Diamond’s greatest hits from early days to recent Rick Rubin–produced *12 Songs*. Tickets: \$24–\$39. 760-751-4026, 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

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“Cartooning While Arab” is topic when Berkeley-based cartoonist Khalil Bendib speaks for annual dinner hosted by Middle East Cultural and Information Center, Saturday, September 22, 7 p.m., at Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley Boulevard). Michel Shehadeh, one of the “L.A. 8,” will also speak, and Darvak Ensemble plays Iranian music. Suggested donation: \$15. 619-243-0827. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Nature Runs Amok in *A Working Man’s Apocrypha: Short Stories*, which author William Luvaas reads from and signs, Saturday, September 22, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Book (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Saturday Backyard Concert Series continues with Jordan Reimer and Hot Rod Harris, Saturday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Free. 760-746-1322. (ESCONDIDO)

“Superstars Tribute Show” with song and dance homages to Jimmy Buffet, Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart, Tina Turner, Blues Brothers, John Travolta, Saturday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$34 general, \$15 for those 12 and younger. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

“Us:A Performance” by Los Angeles-based performance artist Tim Miller focuses on “injustices queer folk face.” Miller performs 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)

Higher Vision Choir performs popular, spiritual, classical songs on Sunday, September 23, 10 a.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 619-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

Meet One of the “Lost Boys of Sudan” and see short film based on the story, Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m., at Vista Library (700 Eucalyptus Avenue). Story is told in *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky*; authors will be on hand to discuss. Free. 760-643-5100. (VISTA)

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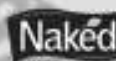
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What book are you currently reading?

"My library discussion group is supposed to be reading *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, but I haven't started it yet. It bothers me to read stuff regarding war. I'd rather read something homey, to get my mind off of it. What I'm interested in are the Debbie Macomber books. The one I'm reading now is *Back on Blossom Street* (The Knitting Books #3)."

Tell me a little about the book.

"It's about a young girl named Lydia who buys a place and sets up a yarn market. She lives above the shop. It's actually a group of stories, but there are three or four customers who come to her because she has started up knitting classes on prayer shawls. There are chapters for each character. But it also tells about Lydia's interactions with them." What do you make of the plot?

"Right now, it looks like Lydia will be working with her older sister, who has a negative side. She has a chip on her shoulder. She complains, 'Oh, you're going to use Mom's money for this?'"

Is the language easy to understand? Do you have any favorite passages?

"I just like it because it's homespun." Compare it with other books you've read.

"I used to read Danielle Steele when I was younger. Now, since I've been to a writing class, my tastes have changed. (I wrote a book; it's called *The Trollop and the Preacher Man*, and it's about the San Diego area.) I can tell that Steele tells more than she uses dialogue. I like books that have more

dialogue. One of my favorite authors is Jackie Collins. Her books are really simple to get through. I try to get all of them read, but she keeps coming out with more. She has a group of books about a character named Lucky Santangelo, who buys a movie studio. It has adventure, and I guess I like the mob stuff that goes along with it."

What book has been most life-changing for you?

"Probably *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell, which I read in high school. I keep referring back to it in my mind: the end, when Scarlett wonders, 'What will I do without you?' and Rhett answers, 'Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.' I think of Scarlett. I could relate to her, and in a way, I was like her.

That book taught me to be less spoiled, because I just don't want anybody giving up on me the way Rhett gave up on her."

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"I was reading *Guideposts* for a while. *Angels*, the magazine. When I was a kid, I would read *Cosmopolitan*. For newspapers, I read the *Union-Tribune*. Any article in the Home section I read to the end."

Tell us about your conversations about reading.

"There are 10 to 15 people in my book club; most of them are older than me. We're a polite bunch. We don't override each other. I learn more about the book through our discussion."

KIFM's Jazz at the Beach concert is Sunday, September 23, 2:30–6:45 p.m., at Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre. For those 21 and older. 619-291-9797. (OCEANSIDE)

World-Beat Music with chanting and dancing by Wynne Paris, Sunday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.,

Soul of Yoga (681 Encinitas Boulevard #305). Donation. 760-943-7685. (ENCINITAS)

Romance Fiction Writer Linda Sundstrom discusses how she got published, plus "specifics and current trends of the genre," Monday, September 24, 6:30 p.m., at Vista

Library (700 Eucalyptus Avenue). Free. 760-643-5100. (VISTA)

Gypsy, Romani Wedding Music Concert by Yuri Yunakov Ensemble, Monday, September 24, 7 p.m., Balboa Park Club Building. Donations accepted. 858-278-4619. (BALBOA 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)

Thriller Author Stephen Hunter visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to discuss, sign *The 47th Samurai*,

Monday, September 24, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Open-Mike Poetry Reading, Monday, September 24, 8 p.m., at Twigg's, 4590 Park Boulevard. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Exploding with Scintillating Brevity! San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, September 24, 8:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). \$5 for competitors, donation for spectators. 619-239-3872. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fernando's Musical Serenade," composer, singer, guitarist Fernando Quinones plans Hispanic Heritage Month concert, Tuesday, Septem-

ber 25, 6:30 p.m., at Crest Library (105 Juanita Lane). Free. 619-442-7083. (EL CAJON)

Fantasy Author R.A. Salvatore signs, discusses *The Orc King*, Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Pulitzer Prize–Winning Journalist David Halberstam was killed earlier this year in an automobile accident, prior to publication of his new book, *The Coldest Winter*. Bill Walton reads a passage from the book, shares memories of his friendship with Halberstam on Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Honolulu Writer Kirby Wright signs his Pulitzer Prize–nominated novel *Moloka'i Nui Ahina*, Wednesday, September 26, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). 760-479-0242. Free.

Busy on Wednesday? Wright also plans signing on Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music at 1072 Camino del Rio North. Free. 619-295-2201. (LA COSTA, MISSION VALLEY)

Mariachi Garibaldi from Southwestern College plays rancheras, boleros, and *joropos* for Concert Hour series, Thursday, September 27, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Southwestern Mystery author Richard Benke discusses life and death on the border in *City of Stone*, which he'll sign on Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Band perform their blend of jazz, blues, boogie-woogie on Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704

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"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)

Solid Blues, soul singer Mavis Staples appears with harmonica player Charlie Musselwhite, North Mississippi Allstars, and blues pianist Joe Krown in concert on Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$25-\$40. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

San Diego Padres host Pittsburgh Pirates in Petco Park, Thursday, September 20, 12:35 p.m. Colorado Rockies in town for games September 21-23, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

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To the Lighthouse, take an “interesting ride” to Point Loma Lighthouse with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, September 22. The 32-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in parking lot at De Anza Cove. 858-453-4587. (POINT LOMA)

“Midday Madness” professional wrestling hosted by Legends of the Future on Saturday September 22, 2 p.m., at Knights of the Pythias Hall (200 East Plaza Boulevard). Card includes Tommy Wilson, Shawn Riddick, the Dynamics, others. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$13 at door. 619-249-1463. (NATIONAL CITY)

Ride Around Mission Bay, up to Cabrillo, around the islands, back to Belmont Park with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, September 22. The 30-miler starts at 9 a.m. in parking lot at Mission Boulevard and Mission Bay Drive. Ride follows charity pancake breakfast at Wave House, 7–9 a.m. (\$8). 619-275-4511. (MISSION BEACH)

Roxy Jam Cardiff and Linda Benson Women’s World Longboard Professional competition runs Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at Cardiff Reef. Event includes beach art and music festival, an amateur longboard compe-

tition open to all ages, legends surfing session. Free for spectators. 714-889-4298. (CARDIFF)

Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8–11 a.m. on Sundays year-round. Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach. All skill levels welcome. Nonmember fee: \$15 per run (about 15 minutes). 858-863-4755. (MISSION BAY)

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)

Circumnavigate Carlsbad Lagoon and visit Lagoon Discovery Center en route with Sierra Club bicyclists on Sunday, September 23. Expect 32 miles of rolling hills, starting at 9 a.m. in parking lot of Harvest Ranch shopping center (on Rancho Santa Fe Road at Encinitas Boulevard). Bring money for lunch at Linda’s Cafe in Carlsbad. 858-456-7849. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Chargers are in Green Bay for football against the Packers on Sunday, September 23, 10 a.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ-FM, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games: \$54–\$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

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ROXY JAM CARDIFF

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(SEE SPORTS)



Spreckels Cup Competition hosted by San Diego Polo Club continues, Sunday, September 23. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Del Mar International Horse Show boasting competition by “best show jumpers on the West Coast” runs September 26–30 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Events begin at 8 a.m. each day; night events start at 7 p.m.

WCAR Prix de Nations is Friday, September 28, 7 p.m.; Saturday, September 29, see the 1.40m Jumper Classic at 8 a.m., \$1500 dog agility competition at 7 p.m., followed by \$50,000 Antares World Cup Grand Prix of Del Mar. 949-496-4064. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

“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, 5 p.m. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Bay Tours promising up-close look at San Diego Bay, port operations, and working waterfront offered by Port of San Diego on Friday, September 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m., and Thursday, September 27, 3:30–5:30 p.m. Free. 619-400-4744. Tours also offered on October 19 and 25. (DOWNTOWN)

Red Bull Air Race, part of Fleet Week 2007, is September 21 and 22 at Embarcadero Marina Park; gates open at 11 a.m. Fourteen race pilots compete against clock through an aerial race track a little over a mile long; pilots fly just 20–25 feet off ground, several hundred feet from crowd. Race pilots fly through huge inflatable pylons or “air gates” while performing maneuvers requiring precision and skill. Aviation displays open at noon both days. Qualifying day is Friday, with pre-race show (12:45 p.m.), qualifying rounds

one and two (2:30).

Race day is Saturday, with pre-race show (12:45 p.m.), eliminations (1:20), quarterfinals (3:05), semifinals (4:00), finals at 4:40 p.m. General admission tickets: \$10 on Friday, \$25 Saturday; \$30 for two-day package. 877-840-0457. (DOWNTOWN)

Packard Night is Friday, September 21, for Cruisin’ Grand. 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, 5–9 p.m. Free viewing. 760-745-8877. Through September 28. (ESCONDIDO)

Global Mala Project— San Diego presented by Trikaya and Acro Yoga Duo Maral and Manel, Friday September 21, 6 p.m.–midnight, at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Organizers hope to raise “consciousness and funds for global warming, earthquake survivors in Peru, animal rights, and cancer.” Expect “collective kirtan, dance, meditation, music, paradigm-shifting workshops and performances.” \$35 general. 858-205-4142. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Festival of Beer benefiting cancer research programs is Friday, September 21, 6–11 p.m., at Columbia and B Streets. Over 60 microbreweries serve 120 different beers; music by Len Rainey and the Midnight Players and Night Shift. \$25 tickets include ten four-ounce tastings. Over 21. 858-672-3972. (DOWNTOWN)

Hands On San Diego hosted by Volunteer San Diego, Saturday, September 22, through Sunday, September 30, at various county locations. “Thousands of volunteers are needed to help strengthen and improve our communities”; volunteers of all ages and abilities welcome. Free. Details: 858-636-4130. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Palomar Observatory Astronomy evening tours sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center continue on Saturday, September 22. Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through 60-inch telescope (weather permitting). Tour hours: 3 p.m. to midnight. \$75 fee includes round-trip bus transportation. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

ArtSplash Festival 2007 celebrating arts is centered around centuries-old European tradition of chalk art street painting, transforming Armada Drive (above Flower Fields) on September 22 and 23. Fine arts, arts activities for all ages, stage and street entertainment, music, food. Free. 760-436-2828. Festival opens at 10 a.m. both days, ends at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Taste of Carlsbad with food 19 restaurants is Saturday, 2–5 p.m. \$20. 760-929-1555. (CARLSBAD)

Old Town Art Festival with art in many media, Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., in Old Town (on San Diego Avenue from Conde Street to Twiggs Street, into the Old Town State Historic Park). Musical entertainment, hands-on art activities for all ages, wine tasting, “Flavors of Old Town.” Free admission. 888-278-3378. (OLD TOWN)

Urban Dare San Diego is race “where smarts can beat speed... teams of two solve clues to find checkpoints where they must take

photos or perform skill challenges.” Race runs noon–5 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, starting near Sixth Avenue and Upas Street. \$90 per team. Details: 703-931-1769. (BALBOA PARK)

George Washington’s “Farewell Address” is given the once-over when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, September 22, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Picnic on the Arroyo Terrace, “Celebrate the Craft” event on Sunday, September 23, showcases area growers, vintners, suppliers offering sample products, 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., at Lodge at Torrey Pines (11480 North Torrey Pines Road). \$65. Reservations: 858-777-6635. (LA JOLLA)

A Taste for the Arts, Tweeter Marie Romero weaves handmade baskets on Sunday, September 23, 1 p.m., at California Center for the Arts Museum (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Food, drink provided by Delight of France. \$5 fee includes museum admission. 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

House of Austria hosts lawn program at International Cottages with dance, music, and cultural costumes, Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Exercise Your Humor and Creativity with “variety of active and interactive exercises...to give your funnybone a workout” led by Jacquie Lowell, Monday, September 24, 7:35 p.m., at Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). \$20. 858-581-0050. (MISSION HILLS)

“Art (?) and Fun in Equine Imaging” — Dr. Norm Rantanen, D.V.M., M.S., has devoted his equine veterinary career to specialties of radiology and diagnostic ultrasound. He’ll present images to “trick your eye” during evening with wine, cheese, Wednesday, September 26, 5 p.m., at Art Center at Fallbrook (103 South Main). \$10. Call for space availability and RSVP: 760-728-1414. (FALLBROOK)

La Jolla Gallery and Wine Walk is Thursday, September 27, 5–9 p.m. \$30 fee includes viewing at more than 20 galleries, wine tasting at each gallery, food from 12 local restaurants. Locations: 619-233-5008. (LA JOLLA)

“Jesus Christ — Who Was He and What Did He Really Preach?” Bring your opinion to P&R discussion group on Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House. Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

Viking Revelry Promised during Viking Festival 2007, September 29 and 30, at Norway Hall (2006 East Vista Way). Viking log toss competition, axe throwing, fiske fling, battle cry competition, Viking battles and encampment, live music, arts and crafts, foods. Fest opens at 11 a.m. each day, closes at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$7 general, free for those 12 and younger; \$11 for two-day pass. 760-724-6592. (VISTA)

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ber 20, 10 a.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Enjoy "Mother Goose" when Big Joe Productions hits stage in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, September 23. Puppet Express and Weaver's Tales present *Peter Rabbit*, September 26–30. 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)

"What's Cookin' in the Garden?" This "parent participation preschool program" for kids three to five years old is Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Harvest fresh edibles, create stir-fry snack. \$15 per adult/child couple, \$8 per additional child. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Bear Necessities, *Disney's the Jungle Book* is current production for La Jolla San Diego Junior Theatre, running through September 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)

Hike for Young Naturalists led by naturalist D.J. Summers in Daley Ranch on Sunday, September 23, 1–4 p.m. Easy hike along Jack Creek Meadow loop trail, followed by leaf craft at picnic area after hike. Fun starts with shuttle ride from La Honda parking area. Free. Reservations: 760-839-4680. (ESCONDIDO)

Tots and Tales, interactive story time for preschoolers at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA involves crafts and animals, Thursday, September 27, 10:30 a.m., at Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$2. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

"Disney's High School Musical — The Ice Tour" hits San Diego Sports Arena, October 12–14. Cast of "world-class ice skaters" in roles of all characters in *High School Musical* including Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, Ryan, Chad, Taylor; music is from Disney Channel's original *High School Musical* movie and *High School Musical 2*. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11:30 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$16.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a

OUT & ABOUT

BEAR NECESSITIES!
Disney's Jungle Book, San Diego Junior Theatre, La Jolla, through Sunday, September 23.

(SEE FOR KIDS)



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school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

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

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

Museum of San Diego History, "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is

located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Olaf Wieghorst Museum, 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)

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Listen Here! Making Sense of Sound," allows visitors to experience the nature of sound, how human beings perceive sound, and the act of listening through exhibits, activities, demonstrations.

Exhibit from the Exploratorium in San Francisco continues through Sunday, June 1, 2008.

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

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

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

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

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

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“Put on Your Dancing Shoes,” former civic organist Jared Jacobson plans organ concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Ten Most Popular Classical Pieces Ever” 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)

San Diego Chamber Society plays Mozart’s “Horn Quintet in E-Flat Major,” Beethoven’s “String Quartet No. 2 in G Major,” and “Quintet for Horn and String Quartet” by Bernard Heiden for fall concert series on Sunday, September 23. Concert starts at 2:30 p.m. at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

“A Historical Abendmusik, honoring the 300th anniversary of the death of Dietrich Buxtehude,” is planned by San Diego Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Sunday, September 23, 4 p.m., All Souls’ Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard). Music for organ solo, chorus, chamber orchestra. Reception follows. Free. 619-223-6394 x13. (POINT LOMA)

The Tang Family Harpists play classical, sacred, and show tune music during concert, Sunday, September 23, 7 p.m., St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Recent Juilliard School Graduate Connie Sheu performs classical guitar selections for mini-concert at noon on Monday, September 24, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

“Dangerously Close,” new paintings by Bay Area artist Sheldon Greenberg may be seen through Sunday, October 14, at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). “Greenberg’s work, based on illusion and narrative, draws the viewer into the drama of his recollected and reinterpreted moments and memories.” Reception for artist: Thursday, September 20, 6 p.m. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

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)

Three in One! Photographer Philip Scholz Ritterman exhibits new work at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Also on view, new work by Bay Area graphic artist and illustrator Rigel Stuhmiller and selection of artist’s books by John Baldessari. Opening reception for all artists is Friday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-5872. Exhibitions close on Saturday, November 3. (LA JOLLA)

“Through the Eyes of Children: Lives in Poverty” is collection of artwork created by children of low-income and welfare families living in San Diego, on view through December in Kellogg Library at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Meet young artists aged 4–17 during opening reception on Saturday, September 22, 2 p.m. 760-750-4378. (SAN MARCOS)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “In Character: Actors Acting: Written, Directed, and Photographed by Howard Schatz” is collection of portraits featuring luminaries from stage and screen mugging for photographer Schatz. “Resulting photographs depict a wide spectrum of emotions.” Images are accompanied by directions Schatz provided during shoot.

“Weaving Connections: Cultural Exchanges During the Southern California Basket Trade, 1880-1940” offers historical look at work of Native American weavers, with bold, inventive basketry designs. Weavers challenged stereotypes by integrating traditional forms with contemporary shapes, imagery.

Juried show “Cultural Fusion: Exploring the Multicultural Influences on the Arts of this Region” includes paintings, mixed-media sculpture, and video art by local artists.

“Silent Ties: New Work by Shauna Peck” boasts pieces in which Peck “utilizes subjects that symbolize freedom and the complexities and subtleties of strength.”

These exhibitions continue through September. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum — 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, currently on display: “American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition.” 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 *suiseki*.

The “Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio” 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, 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 Madson, Keith Coventry, Russell Forester, Terry Winters, Claes Oldenburg, Stephen Antonakos, Doug Wheeler, Matt Mullican.

“Soundwaves: The Art of Sampling,” opening on Sunday, September 23, examines “a specifically late 20th-Century manifestation of the conjunction of art and sound,” showcases works by artists including Tim Bavington, Helen Cohen, Sean Duffy, T. Kelly Mason, Alyce Santoro, others. Through Sunday, December 30.

“Cerca Series: Iana Quesnell,” also opening September 23 and closing on December 30, “investigates nomadism and temporary living situations.” See several new large-scale drawings and an animation responding to artist’s binational life between San Diego and Tijuana.

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, “Picturing Eden,” 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” is said to explore “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 cellphone 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)

Oceanside Museum of Art, fifth juried exhibition of regional artists, “OMA Regional 5,” opens with reception on Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m. (\$8). Jurors Jean Lowe, Leah Ollman, and Tyler Stallings selected art from over 440 works submitted. The 33 works selected for show include drawings, mixed media, paintings, prints, sculpture. Exhibition continues through Sunday, November 11. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, “Impressionist Giverny: A Colony of Artists, 1885-1915” showcases more than 100 Impressionist paintings, with examples by Claude Monet, Theodore Robinson, John Leslie Breck, Frederick Carl Frieske, 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 *Man-drágona*; 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 *lohans* (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.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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The Harder They Fall A common complaint about Ticketmaster is that the company charges too much for “convenience” — the fees

Ticketmaster”; 15 percent of Ticketmaster’s \$1 billion in revenues last year came from sales of Live Nation events. Live Nation will either expand its own ticket company or hook up with a different company.

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— Ken Leighton

The Boss of What?

Pollstar magazine reports that \$55 to \$95 Bruce Springsteen tickets are selling for \$1200 on StubHub. Don’t look to buy one of those for a local show, because Springsteen and the E

Newsweek during the same week in 1975; his music was considered the future of rock. “The Boss” may not be the hippest modern rock artist 32 years later, but FM-94/9 is backing him: the alternative rock station is the only one in the country playing Springsteen’s “Radio Nowhere” single.

“It’s our number-one most-played song,” says 94/9 programming boss Garret Michaels. He is asking his listeners to sign a petition for

but there isn’t another date on their itinerary until November 2.

“Who under 40 cares about Springsteen?” asks a local radio professional. “He represents old establishment classic rock. There is nothing cutting edge or cool about Bruce Springsteen.”

Michaels defends his decision to play Springsteen.

“You can’t tell me that Arcade Fire and other alternative artists like Foo Fighters and Pearl Jam and even U2 aren’t heavily influenced by Springsteen. Yes, he has made mediocre records in recent years, but to me he is an icon like Bob Dylan who retains the ability to still do a great rock record. Springsteen is a great writer; great writing never goes out of style. Saying Bruce Springsteen isn’t hip enough for alternative radio is the problem with corporate radio, where a few taste-makers decide what’s not hip.”

Attempts to get a response from Bruce Springsteen’s manager about the potential for a San Diego show were unsuccessful.

— Ken Leighton

All in the Name of Roc

When Martin Sauerma opened his Over the Border

bar in Chula Vista about ten years ago, he figured he could make a lot of money if he brought in accordion-playing norteño bands.



SAUERMAN AWAITS A GOOD CROWD

“They drink a lot,” he says of the fans who like regional Mexican dance music. “Those people spend more than anybody.”

Nine years ago, Sauerma began hosting *roc en español* bands at his 375-person capacity bar.

“I knew I wouldn’t become a millionaire [with that style of live music, but] back then the only other place that had Spanish rock was Café Sevilla, downtown. The Latin rock crowd is a good crowd; you get more fighting with hip-hop and norteño.”

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that hover around 40 percent of the base price of a ticket. A growing number of local venues and the largest concert company in the U.S. seem to have noticed the same thing.

The Belly Up Tavern, Casbah, and Soma don’t rely on Ticketmaster. After next year, megapromoter Live Nation won’t use the company to sell tickets. The *New York Times* reported last month that Live Nation’s decision to sell tickets some other way could result in a “serious financial blow to

Arena, 4th & B, or SDSU’s Open Air Theatre, Ticketmaster won’t be the agent.

Last week, Anthology, the 250-seat music showcase in Little Italy, announced it too would dump Ticketmaster.

“When we started, we thought that going with Ticketmaster would be a good marketing idea,” says Anthology marketing director Patti Judd. “But as we got into it, we found it made the process a little too complicated....



YES, SPRINGSTEEN HAS MADE MEDIOCRE RECORDS

Street won’t be performing in San Diego. Though he’s played here solo, Springsteen and the E Street Band have not done a concert in San Diego since 1981.

Springsteen appeared on the cover of *Time* and

Springsteen’s management to consider adding a San Diego show.

“They have five days off where they can add a San Diego date,” says Michaels. Springsteen and the E Street Band play L.A. October 28,

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Among the performers who've appeared at Over the Border, Sauerman says, "Julietta Venegas played here three times before she won a Grammy and played Coachella. We also had El Tri and Juanes. Next month we have Auténticos Decadentes from Argentina."

Since Sauerman started booking *roc* bands, the Baja Club, Hacienda del Patron, and La Quinta Inn in Chula Vista and Caribe and Dolce in Bonita have followed suit. Sauerman says competition among the over-21 clubs for Latin rock fans has increased in the past three years.

"I have no problem with them," says Sauerman. "I think [competition] grows the market." He says he will let other clubs distribute flyers at Over the Border "if they ask first. I think if Olé Madrid has to put flyers out at my club in Chula Vista, that's an honor."

Sauerman says a sold-out Spreckels Theatre show by pop band Reik two weeks ago proves the popularity of Spanish pop is on the rise.

"RVD is playing the Sports Arena next month. There is a huge demand for a local all-age venue that would host up-and-coming Spanish pop bands like Reik, Lu, and Hotel. The only small venue that is doing it is House of Blues. They tried it at the Jumping Turtle [in San Marcos], but I don't think the Latin bands [from Tijuana] were happy there. It was too far for them. They tried it at Soma, but it bombed."

Why does he think *roc en*

español bombed at Soma?

"They didn't advertise it right."

Soma owner Len Paul says hosting Latin shows "...is not something I necessarily want to get into." He says the teen Latin crowd shows up for his death metal and heavy metal shows. "The crowds there are 40 percent Hispanic."

Over the Border hosts live Latin rock on Friday and Saturday.

— Ken Leighton

Ink Empire Artist Mike Clift has drawn gory, zombie-heavy record covers for bands such as GutRot, Nocturnus, DiamondHead, and Skinlab. He's probably best known for his sleeve artwork for long-gone locals Psychotic Waltz, whose drummer, Norm



FOUND IN ACTION (CLIFT)

Leggio, now runs Blue Meannie Records.

"I used to put my phone number on my flyers, and I got a call about doing [Psychotic Waltz] artwork. They also contacted the infamous artist Pushead, but luckily my design beat his out." Clift's artwork for the cover of PW's 1990 album *A Social Grace* paid \$250. "They made a bunch of T-shirts,

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stickers, even a billboard.... I charged \$500 for the cover of [1992's] *Into the Everflow*, and that became my standard price for several years."

Clift toured Europe with Psychotic Waltz in 1993; he received equal billing and equal pay (\$100 weekly plus per diem). "I was introduced as a sixth member and doing a lightshow backdrop of cued film clips that I synched up to the songs with a 16mm projector, two slide projectors with four carousels, and a 26-inch ten-speed wheel with colored gels and blockers...."

He says his declining profile since Psychotic Waltz broke up in the late '90s resulted in some rumors.

"Please tell people I didn't die trapped beneath a German castle, nor have I OD'd on heroin. The shit you hear after being gone awhile...."

The 40-year-old Clift now tattoos at local Retinal Noise Studio.

"These days, I charge \$100 an hour for tattoos. I've tattooed some Psychotic Waltz imagery on my cousin, but most band tats I do are usually Cannibal Corpse, Deicide, AFI, [and] bands with distinctive artwork and logos."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Poster Chide After Macy Gray's 4th & B show on August 19, some friends and I went to a bar downtown. When we were leaving at around 1 a.m., Gray's tour bus was stopped at a hotel around the corner, and we saw Gray and over a dozen other people hanging around out front.

After I dropped off my friend at his car, I drove around to find Gray so she could sign the concert poster I had in my car. When I pulled up next to her and her entourage on A Street, Gray was leaning on one of her bandmate's shoulders. She said yes when I asked her to sign my poster and came up to my car.

One of the guys in her entourage started angrily asking, "Where did you get that poster? We didn't authorize these!" I told him where, and Gray said, "Hey, man, I look really good in this. I like this poster." The guy then said, "Oh." After a few seconds of silence, he said, "Can you give us a few of those?" I told him I'd try and handed him my card.

Gray dropped my pen in the gutter, picked it up, and signed the poster. She stumbled back to her friends and then said, "Hey, man, can



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you give us a ride?" I looked at how many they were and said, "Sure, if you can fit in here." A few of the people with her were telling her no, and she kept saying, "I don't wanna walk. This guy will give us a ride." They ended up walking. She thanked me anyway.

I called Scrojo, the local artist who created the poster. I asked him about seeking authorization to produce posters.

"The vast majority of concert posters being produced today are being done for the venue and/or promoter, unless it specifically states in the contract between the band and venue — and some bands do — about how a show is promoted. Then there is an 'implied consent'

that the venue has the authority to produce a poster, flyer, or advertisement using the band's name....

"In this case...this poster was 'authorized' by Vicki M., promotions director of HoB/Live Nation. As the poster artist, it's not that I'm trying to cut the band out; it's just that it's completely impractical to try and get a touring band's approval for an individual gig poster in the short amount of time between the show being confirmed and the 'ideal' promotion time (three to four weeks before the date).

"Horror stories almost always involve managers.... I had one manager call me at home the night of the show and yelled at me about how any imagery representing the band needs to be preapproved. I politely told him that I'd just skip doing posters for the band in the future. Sure enough, the band plays again and the manager calls me, at home, the night of the show, and yells at me for not doing a poster."

— Josh Board

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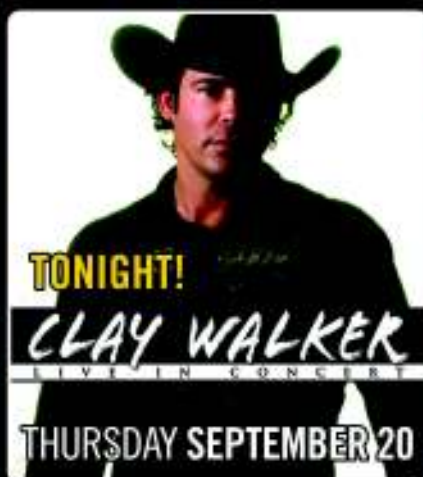
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A Scribe Amidst the Lions used to be called Split Infinity — the band changed the name after discovering it was claimed by several other groups, not to mention a series of novels. “We’re the original bad-luck band,” says singer-guitarist Kristofer Towne. “If there’s a way to step in crap, we usually find it.”

Towne, guitarist/keyboardist Adam Jacobs, and bassist/singer Bob Garrity moved from Minnesota to San Diego in 2001, hooking up with local drummer Nate Ball. The band just finished recording their second album, *Sunken Cities*, at Sushifish Studios in Mission Gorge, planned for a winter release. They appear September 22 at O’Connell’s Pub and September 28 at the Kensington Club. The quartet answered most of our queries collectively.

WHAT’S IN YOUR MUSIC PLAYER?

1. Miles Davis, *Dark Magus* (“Filled with heavy, psychedelic jams. It’s intense, live, and ahead of its time.”)
2. Jeremy Enigk, *Return of the Frog Queen* (“We’re inspired by his solo stuff, as well as his music with Sunny Day Real Estate and the Fire Theft.”)
3. Pink Floyd, *Meddle* (“Amazing album from one of the best bands ever.”)
4. Neutral Milk Hotel, *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* (“Twisted lyrics and haunting melodies.”)

DESERT-ISLAND DVDs?

1. *28 Days Later* (“Who’s not interested in life af-

ter doomsday? Zombies plus rage-infected monkeys.”)

2. *The Usual Suspects* (“Keyser Söze stole our hearts.”)

3. *Pink Floyd at Pompeii* (“Whoaaa.”)

4. *Amélie* (“Great cinematography and storyline.”)

5. *Wonder Showzen* (“Odd, disturbing, and hilarious spoof of TV kid shows.”)

LISTS

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FAVORITE TV SHOWS?

1. *Hell’s Kitchen* (“Dramatizes the entire human food chain.”)

2. *30-Minute Meals with Rachael Ray* (“She provides innovative insight into turning your leftovers into gourmet masterpieces.”)

3. *Family Guy* (“Random, mindless hilarity is always good.”)

4. *Whose Line Is It, Anyway?* (“There’s nothing as funny as unscripted humor.”)

BEST LOCAL EATERIES?

1. “The Hash House in Hillcrest, because their hash is the best! Plus, getting a Bud in a bag for breakfast is always a good time.”

2. “The Westgate Café downtown, because the staff is so friendly and cheery, and the food is amazing.”

3. “Bronx Pizza in Hillcrest makes the best pizza in town, and they have a very clean bathroom.”

BIGGEST POLITICAL CONCERN?



PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF WYANT

A Scribe Amidst the Lions

Towne: “Apathy. People — especially television-bred Americans — are not as concerned about political issues as they should be.”

BRUSH WITH CELEBRITY?

Towne: “I think I saw Tom Hanks on the sidewalk in Ocean Beach.”

ANY SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTERS?

Garrity: “As a child, I recall being abducted by aliens. Then I vaguely remember being delivered

back to my room, as the lyrics ‘Oooh, child, things are gonna get easier’ were sounding. I was alone and crying with the lights on.”

Jacobs: “Sure, I encounter Bob Garrity at least three times a week.”

FINISH THIS SENTENCE: “IF I WERE A RICH MAN...”

Garrity: “...I’d open a restaurant in Amsterdam.”

Towne: “...I’d buy my own presidential election.”

Jacobs: “...I’d change my pants more often.” ■

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Clay Walker: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

The Rentals and **Golden Boy:** 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.

FRIDAY

"92.5 Old Skool Jam": Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 21, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

SATURDAY

"Street Scene" featuring the **Killers, Muse, Social Distortion, Panic! at the Disco**, and many more: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

Toots & the Maytals: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, September 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

TUESDAY

Del tha Funkee Homosapien: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, September 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

WEDNESDAY

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.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

Trisha Yearwood: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 27, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 27, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Richard Thompson: House of Blues, Thursday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Dave Matthews Band: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

Kenny G: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

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Rick Springfield: Palomar Starlight Theater, Saturday, September 29, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

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Yung Berg: 'Canes, Sunday, September 30, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Tom Jones: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 30, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

OCTOBER

Bryan Adams: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, October 2, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Hootie & the Blowfish: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, October 3, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Daughtry: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, October 3, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

They Might Be Giants: House of Blues, Thursday, October 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Air Supply and **Christopher Cross:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 5, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

The Steve Miller Band: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, October 5, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580.

Tom Russell: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 5, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Alice Cooper: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, October 5, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Steve Tyrell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 7, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 7, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Pat Monahan: House of Blues, Sunday, October 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Nellie McKay: The Casbah, Monday, October 8, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Annie Lennox: San Diego Civic Theatre, Monday, October 8, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

The Black Crowes: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 9, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Perry Farrell's Satellite Party: 'Canes, Thursday, October 11, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Darol Anger's Republic of Strings: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 12, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters and **Collective Soul:** 4th & B, Friday, October 12, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

"Concert of Hope" with **B.B. King, George Thorogood, Paul Rodgers**, and more: Open Air Theatre, Friday, October 12, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-6947.

The Tragically Hip: 4th & B, Saturday, October 13, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: House of Blues, Sunday, October 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Alan Jackson and **Brooks & Dunn:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600.

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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.

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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.

Peter Frampton: House of Blues, Friday, October 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Bobby Caldwell: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 27, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Fiona Apple: 4th & B, Sunday, October 28, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Tegan and Sara: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, October 30, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Tuesday, October 30, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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.

Sugarland: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Hanson: House of Blues, Saturday, November 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ellis Paul: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Circa Survive: Soma, Sunday, November 4, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Ween: House of Blues, Monday, November 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, November 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

She Wants Revenge: House of Blues, Thursday, November 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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.

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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.

Down: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 20, 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.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: House of Blues, Sunday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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Lucy Kaplansky: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Fall Out Boy: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, December 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Decemberists: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, December 1, and Sunday, December 2, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Marc Cohn: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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Calendar CLUBS

CLUB CRAWLER

THURSDAY 20

Local treble kickers **The Vision of a Dying World** will preach panic through pop music tonight at Belly Up. The brothers Milgaten realized their vision on this year's *Grammar Lamb* disc, the quartet's fourth for Single Screen Records. Imagine all the pretty bits from Danielson Famile. Acoustic songsmiths **Joshua James** and **Beth Preston** set the stage.... Oakland's death metal trio **High on Fire** brings the brimstone to Casbah. The Relapse band's

propping Tuesday's release of *Death Is the Communion*, a frantically paced doom disc that crams Melvins riffage into Battalion of Saints hardcore. Treats: High on Fire's touring with Japanese post-rock noiseniks **Mono** and Brooklyn's favorite hardcore sons **Panther**.... Looking for something PG? House of Blues has **Rentals**. Three Boys, three girls, all playing nice together. The L.A. band's got a spanking new e.p. on Boomp! label called *Last Little Life*. My mom says it's "really good." One of wack jazz bassist Charlie Haden's (Ornette Coleman) triplet daughters, Rachel, plays bass, keys, and sings for 'em.

FRIDAY 21

SD's got more than enough indie rock bands, but few that pop as automatic as **Scarlet Symphony** or the **Prayers**. They'll line the bar and hold down Casbah's stage Friday night. Prayers sound like Buddy Holly playing Clash covers and vice versa, and the boys got socks hopping at their headline set last weekend at Sessions Fest. Check this year's debut, *God Save the Prayers*.... Wizard rock anyone? House of Blues has got you covered in covers by **Led Zepagain** and **Roundabout** (a Yes tribute).... Fats Waller's tribute to 1920's Harlem, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, is jumping down at Lyceum in Horton Plaza. The four-time Tony-winning musical will be 30 years old this year, but it's still got boogie and woogie.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It seemed that every time I turned the radio on last year, "Smile Like You Mean It" by the **Killers** was playing. At the time I didn't know who they were, but the melody got stuck in my head and cycled itself into endless replay. Why? Because it reaches back to an era that left an imprint for the better on American pop culture.

The Killers formed in Las Vegas in 2002. A few years and a couple of albums later, their sales were in the millions. The Killers were MTV Europe's Best New Artist in 2005, and the press has called the Killers the best British rock band from America. It

would not be a stretch for me to imagine Paul McCartney handling their vocals. Killers' front man **Brandon Flowers** resembles a younger version of the ex-Beatle in his own way. And while they may not have intended to be a Sgt. Pepper tribute band, they taped a segment for the TV show *Live from Abbey Road*.

The Killers have the good sense to play loud. They have a power drummer from the old school, and they still use those giant ear-bleed speaker cabinets. Everything about their look and their instrumentation recalls groups from the stone ages of rock. Pop hooks abound — there's a subtle glazing of '80s Duran-synth pop — but the Killers have an ear for the unexpected, and their lyrics tell us exactly what we want to hear: "They say



KILLERS

the devil's water, it ain't so sweet/ You don't have to drink right now/ But you can dip you feet/ Every once in a little while."

STREET SCENE: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23. 619-671-3600. \$65.

SATURDAY 22

Apparently there's a big rock festival called Street Scene happening this weekend. Used to flood downtown, which was neat-o, but now it's in a parking lot in Chula Vista. Rather than list the 70 plus acts performing, I'll name check the ones worth catching if someone gives you a free ticket and helicopters you down to Coors. Saturday: **B-Side, Bad Brains, Ozomatli, Village People** — all early, all side stage. Sunday: **Spoon, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, Supersuckers**. Other than that,

see you in the beer garden....

Creepy Creeps'll don their latest guises and whirl scary surf rock at Tower Bar. The Creeps have jumped from local skate 'corders Green Door to UK's surf-punk label Inka. Get to *inkainc.com* for their self-titled debut — green vinyl, kids!.... Lou Reed impresarios **New York Station** do the cold, hard Velvet proud at Brick by Brick Saturday night. Not sure what's up their sleeve this week, but the band nails *Rock and Roll Animal* song for song. This one's a can't miss for Reed, Velvets fans. The Station's wicked recommended.... A lot of tribute bands this week. Weird science, man. Check this out: an Oingo Boingo tribute band. They're

called **Dead Man's Party**, which was O.B.'s breakout hit/album made famous by some pretty high cinema (John Hughes, Rodney Dangerfield) in mid-'80s. Dead Man's Party'll get their Elfman on at Belly Up.... Dust off your dancers, **Tony Suarez, Tony the Tiger**, and **Dirty Jukebox** will spin funk-n-soul at Pink Elephant...while over at Beauty Bar, swooning folk rockers **Blackout Party** pull my morning jacket on. They'll set you up for yet another band called **Danger Danger**.

SUNDAY 23

Day two of Street Scene. You still

down there? **Pleeseasaur** at Casbah. The one-man band (!?) is a novelty act that croons to canned beats. Let me put it this way: he's on the Comedy Central record label. Local duo **Bunky** are novelty-ish, but more musically inclined. Way more. Their '05 Asthmatic Kitty disc *Born to Be a Motorcycle* shines. They open. Would somebody ask Rafter or Emily about a new record.

MONDAY 24

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ska-n-reggae all over Belly Up. These guys began their career at the home of Jamaican reggae, Studio One, and've been at it for over 40 years. Their 2004 all-star affair (Bonnie Raitt, Eric Clapton, Willie Nelson, Keef Richards), *True Love*, won the Maytals a Grammy. Toots and co. tour in support of this year's Fantasy disc *Light Your Light*.... Casbah will be showing **8mm**, an L.A. trio prone to down tempo trip-hip, or what they're calling "nu jazz." It's lounge-y. Girl's got pipes. If you're thinking Elastica, you're pretty close. Check their Curb Appeal record *Songs to Live and Die By* — your girlfriend'll like it. They're sharing the Anti-Monday League bill with **Sir Splendid** and **the Mojave**. I thought it was Mojave 3 — cool, right? It's not them. These Mojaves are a hometown group with a spare goth vibe — the MySpace track's *Faith*-era Cure. Listenable.

TUESDAY 25

Jazz trumpeter/composer **Terence Blanchard** checks into Anthology supper club for two nights. The horn player's got bop, funk, and African vibes in his repertoire and over 50 film scores to his credit. Last month the New Orleans native released a requiem set for victims of Hurricane Katrina he called *A Tale of God's Will* (Blue Note). Blanchard's the artistic director of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz at USC. Two nights, no excuses. Go get some jazz-culture edification.... Toronto septet the **Birthdays Massacre** will spoil the party at House of Blues Tuesday night. I guess not

every collective north of the border's inclined to indie or art rock, as B.M.'s hawking crunchy new wave with chick vox. Broken Social Scene they are not.... **Del the Funkyhomosapien** and stage mates **Devin the Dude**, **Bukue One**, **Serendipity Project**, **DJ Gar Gar**, and **Knowbody** will be rocking the mic at Belly Up with anti-gangsta sloganeering and spinning dance house. Good, clean rap. Hm.

WEDNESDAY 26

Soma's got a big booking this week, as British Columbia pop rockers **Hot Hot Heat** burn through a set on the midtown stage. The four-piece is shilling their fifth L.P., *Happiness Ltd.*, out on Reprise. **Bedouin Soundclash** and **Denovodahl** will warm the all-agers.... British electronic pop band **Ladytron** and L.A.'s boy-girl rock-rollers the **Great Northern** will get all co-ed at 4th and B Wednesday. Should be fine, fun sets. Neither of 'em suck.... Pick of the night, however, is Denton, Texas art-rockers **Midlake** at Belly Up. Last year's *The Trials of Van Occupanther* propped '70s psychedelia on Radiohead frequencies with musicianship not readily sifted from indie-rock currents. I don't know if anybody has said or writ this, but the quintet sounds like the band to man the batton of Jason Lytle's defunct Granddaddy. Si or no? Former Azure Ray singer **Maria Taylor** opens.

— Barnaby Monk

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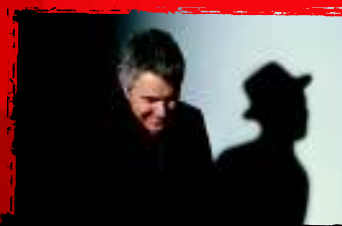
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CLUBS

up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Saturdays, *Ascension*, underground dance music with DJs Robin Roth and Tom King. Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions*, hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJs Mada and Ricky Wrecks. No cover. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

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.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

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.

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: Second Friday of the month, *Pussy Galore Stripped*, live bands with DJ Robin Roth spinning electro, indie, and '80s. First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday, *One Nation*, electro, '80s, 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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BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

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. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, variety.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Sticky Situation*, rock. Friday, *Jeff Moore*, *Dean Smith*, and *Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, *Uplift*, reggae. Sunday, *Captain Kirk and Beam Me Up Scotty*. Monday, *Cactus Twang*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *John Bennett*, acoustic.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is indie/rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Motus*, *VokeeCQ*, and *Livid*. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Lineage*, *Lil' HittCQ*, *K.C. James*, *YungCQ* *PhazeCQ*, and *Local Culture*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Foil*, *Six Reasons*, and *Fuzz Huzzi*.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Music is alternative/punk/rock. Thursday, 7 p.m.,

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Pop music is all in the details. Take "In My Life." From the lyrics to the melody, this Beatles song is just about as close to perfection as pop gets, but what makes it a classic are its unexpected touches: the three-legged rhythm, the harpsichord solo, John Lennon's aching high notes in the final refrain.

Shon Sullivan is a guy who knows about details. As a keyboardist, guitarist, and vocalist, he's worked with some of the finest names in the business, including the late Elliott Smith, Neil Finn, Johnny Marr, and the Eels. It was Smith who labeled Sullivan "Goldenboy," a moniker Sullivan took for his own project. Goldenboy's most recent album,

Underneath the Radio, sometimes plays like a tribute to Smith and sometimes like a tribute to the Smiths. But Sullivan, drummer **Bryan Bos**, and an impressive cast of collaborators (including Finn, violinist Lisa Germano, and the Rentals' Matt Sharp) almost always add just the right details to put Goldenboy's stamp on the sound and take the songs farther than you might have thought they could go.

Take the opener, "Ice Breaker Blues." It starts off with a sighing "ah-ah" that sounds suspiciously like that Death in Vegas song from the *Lost in Translation* soundtrack. Then it turns into a chugging, midtempo number somewhat in the vein of Granddaddy. Before long that gives way to a quiet, minor-key bridge, which builds into a big, harmony-rich singalong. Finally, unexpectedly, it's back to the chug-



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ging and the sighing. Most bands would have picked one of these elements and called it a day, but Goldenboy wants to make music for the ages.

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Daddio's Superior Bar and Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *Garth Michael McDermott* and *Jeff Koch*, acoustic pop.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Tigersharks* and *Johnny Orlando and the Gentlemen*, alternative rock. Friday, *Prosthetic Arms*, *the Ruse*, *S.A.T.O.R.I.*, *Crippling Achilles*, and *Love Mask*. Saturday, *Six Reasons*, *Caustic Felon*, *Filth Juggernaut*, and *Sight Unscene*, rock. Wednesday, *SentinalCQ* and *Blackout*.

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, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Matt Curreri*. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Teflon*, 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Janet Rucci*. Wednesday, live music.

Gallagher's Pub and Grill, 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-5300. Friday and Saturday, live music.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, live music. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*, Irish folk/fiddle/guitar.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Frankie-Dee and the Funk-Natra Band*. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat*, classic rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues/rock. Tuesday, *Semisi* and

Fulabula, reggae. Wednesday, *Jeff Moore* and *the Witch Doctors*, 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 *PTrakCQ 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 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-633-0084. 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 WyldeCQ Bunch*, *Rare Form*, and *the Upstarts*, hip-hop. Friday, *Justin James*, *Dirty Maddam*, *Shannon Moore*, and *the Stalker Dan Band*, acoustic/rock. Saturday, *Burnt*, reggae, and *the Vocab KompanyCQ*, hip-hop. Wednesday, *Tim* and *the 23's*.

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Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *the Escencia Jazz Quartet*. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney*, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jazzilla*, blues/swing/jazz. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney*, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Turquoise Latin Jazz Quartet*. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Blue 44*, jazz. Tuesday, *Cerro Negro*, Flamenco/jazz. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *the Swedish Models* and *the Blackout Party*, rock. Friday, *Aqua Dulce*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Brain Buckit*, rock. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Soul Ablaze*, *Ded Pigeons*, *Ecosave*, and *New DayzeCQ*, reggae/funk/alternative. Wednesday, *the Jerry Joseph Band*.

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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.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday. *B Natural*, pop/Top 40. Saturday, blues band.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish/folk. Thursday, *Harold and Gabe*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Skelpin*. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Robbie O'Reilly* or *Skelpin*.

Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Steven Ybarra*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Roger Kraft*, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative/metal/punk. Thursday, *J-Zone*, *Blame One*, *Kahlee*, *Foreign Imminence*, *Formula Abstract*, and *Heateerville*. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *New York Station*, *Roses on Her Grave*, and *Operator X*. Wednesday, *Ihezhi*, *Natural Incense*, and *Aaron Blythe and the Men of Leisure*.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Live acoustic/folk/jazz.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Friday, *Diabolical Slaughter*, *Haustorium*, *Crimson Knight*, *Narsil*, and *Animal Corpse*, rock/punk/metal.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*, blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Federal Funk*, R&B. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Patty Zlakett*, original music, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith and Stelita*, soul jam, 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Sugar Hill Gang*, hip-hop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Les Dudek*, rock guitar. Sunday, two performances, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time*, smooth jazz. Monday, *Chet Cannon*, blues jam. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Gary Pfaff*, original rock. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, smooth jazz.

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, live classic rock/blues.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live indie/rock/alternative.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dynamite Walls*, *Marina V.*, and *the Evening News*, rock/folk/pop. Friday, *Anna Troy*, *Joey Harris* and *the Mentals*, and *Renata Youngblood*, acoustic/rock. Saturday, *Carlos Olmeda*, acoustic/folk. Sunday, *Arthur Yoria*. Wednesday, *the Citizen Band*, rock.

Martini's Above Fourth, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Under Class Men*, *the Wastrels*, and *the Milli Vanillis*, rock/pop/punk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *a Scribe Amidst the Lions*, *Jodi Hates the World*, and *Cactus Bob*, rock/alternative. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Phil Harmonic*, acoustic. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Fishnet Stalkers* and *Just Like Jenna*, rock/punk. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Old Devil* and *Alibi*, classic rock/country/rockabilly.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

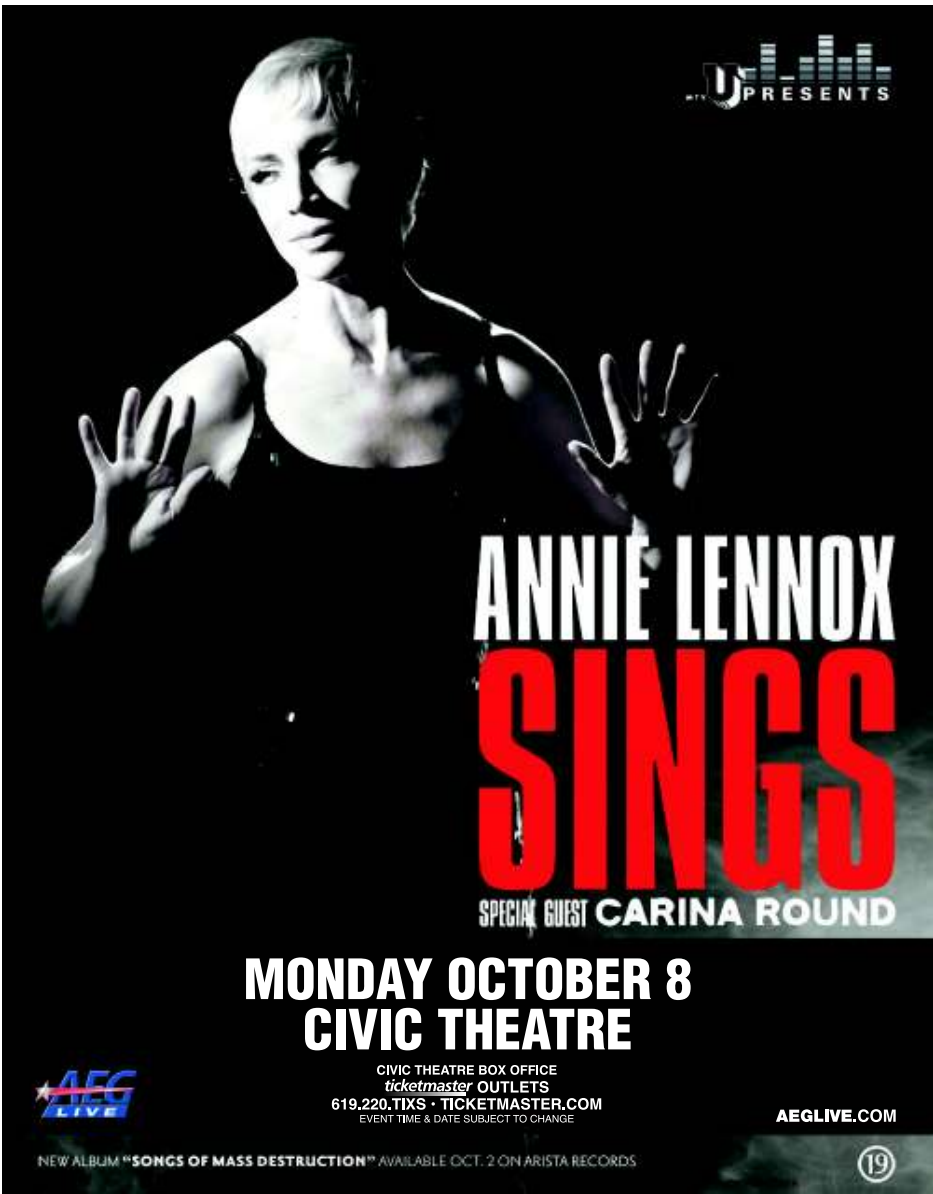
Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band*, big-band swing.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Moon Dance*, classic rock/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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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, *Misdelpia*, the *Haven*, and *Invictus*. Saturday, *Pallida Mors*, *Imperil*, *Wages of War*, *Down from the Gallows*, and *Tragedy and Triumph*. Wednesday, *Hot Hot Heat*, *Bedouin Soundclash*, and *Denovadahl*.

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 Ninnink* and *Doug Walker*, modern jazz.

St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery, 16625 Dove Canyon Road, Rancho Bernardo. 858-673-6824. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Keith Jacobsen*, smooth jazz saxophone.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Thursday, *Stars on the Water*, rock. Saturday, *Kandu*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Friday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Rockit* and *Candy Silva*, blues. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Saturday, *the Creepy Creeps*, the *Heartaches*, *Pure Country Gold*, and the *Widows*, punk rock.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD.

Friday, 9 p.m., *Bumbklaat*, the *Secret Fun Club*, and *Titanarum*, punk.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Vision of a Dying World*, *Joshua James*, and *Beth Preston*, acoustic/pop/alternative. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel* and the *Revelations*, *Tribal Seeds*, and the *Black Heart Warriors*, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Dead Man's Party* and *Metro*, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, salsa. Monday, 9 p.m., *Toots and the Maytals* and *Carlos Culture*, reggae. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Del tha Funky Homosapien*, *Devin the Dude*, *Bukue One*, the *Serendipity Project*, *DJ Gar Gar*, and *Knowbody*, hip-hop/rap.

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., *Kevin and Mina*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Melissa Vaughan*, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Brenda Panneton*, folk.

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Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Backwater Blues Band*, blues.

Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *the Blues Pharaohs*, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Scott Carter Duo*, pop.

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-Bop*, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad.

recent CD-release party for *Autumn of the Seraphs* "...had a false start early on," says Tony from Lou's Records in Encinitas. "A breaker blew, and they were shut down for a bit, but they got back up and played a long, good set." Tony estimates that 400 people showed up on September 11 to see the only two permanent members of the band: Rob Crow and Zach Smith.

Autumn of the Seraphs deviates little from the Pinback template, offering the back-and-forth, trade-and-share, sing-song-y vocals of Zach and Rob. Also in evidence are the light, poppy bass and guitar rhythms backed by quirky keyboard arrangements. The sound is quite a bit different from some of Crow's side projects, which include the band Gob-



Pinback

lin Cock and their heavy metal send-up, "The Revenge of Snufalufagus."

Touch and Go looks to be pushing track 1, "From Nothing to Nowhere," as the single of this album, but the moodier "Walters," track 5, was my favorite.

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La Costa Resort and Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Spa: Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

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Millie Fleurs, 6009 Paseo Delicias,
Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-3085. Tuesday
through Sunday, *Mark Lessman*, jazz.
Wednesday, piano.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street,
Ramona. 760-789-9050. Saturday, 9 p.m.
to 1 a.m., *Leina and Buckley's Ghost*,
alternative rock.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200
West El Norte Parkway, Escondido.
760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to
10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic
rock/folk.

Ocean House, 300 Carlsbad Village
Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131.
Thursday, 9 p.m., DJ. Friday, 9 p.m., *Vic*
Moraga. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Material*
Witness, rock. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday,
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Credit Union*, swing.

Patrick's Irish Pub, 13314 Poway
Road, Poway. 858-486-0764. Saturday,
8 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*, Irish
folk/fiddle/guitar.

R. O'Sullivan's, 118 East Grand
Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954.
Thursday, 9 p.m., *Joe Wood*, rock/blues.
Saturday, *Crack Haus*, Irish. Sunday,
5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*, Irish
folk/fiddle/mandolin. Tuesday, 8 p.m.,
Nate Donnis, rock/original music.
Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Clay Colton*, rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550
Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo.
858-675-8500. El Bizocho 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, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne*
Nims and Spirit Wind, global jazz.

Surf N' Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street
(Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101),
Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday,
Wire Monkey, alternative rock. Saturday,
Lifelike, rock.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and
Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue,
Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday,
9 p.m., *Fear the Fat Guy*, acoustic. Friday,
9 p.m., *Brehon Law*, acoustic/Irish folk.
Saturday, 9 p.m., *Clay Colton*, acoustic
rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*,
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reggae/funk/alternative. Wednesday, *the*
Jerry Joseph Band.

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DOWNTOWN

Borders Books and Music
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Tom Griesgraber, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard,
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Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth
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Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,
contemporary piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth
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Private Domain, rock. Tuesday, *the Dregs*
of Sada.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, *the*

Citizen Band, rock. Saturday, *Sligo Rags*,
Irish.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown.
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Ladytron and *Great Northern*, new-wave
rock.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth
Avenue (between E and F Streets),
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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue,
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Flock of 80's. Friday, *Good Times*.
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Wednesday, *Lady Dottie* and *the*
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House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
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alternative rock. Friday, *Led Zepagain*
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the Birthday Massacre and *the Start*.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue
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Rocks, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to
11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the*
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Martini Ranch, 528 F Street,
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Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*,
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Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown.
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Iglesias. Sunday, *the Rhythm Jacks*.
Monday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Tuesday,
Blue Largo. Wednesday, *Kyle Culkin*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp.
619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live
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Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown.
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Salsa Caliente. Tuesday, *Ritmo Caliente*.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth
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The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second
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Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety.
Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Stage 4* or
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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*
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jazz/blues. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Burnett*
Anderson, *Robert Sebastian*, and *Scott*
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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,
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Sun Deck: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock.

Island Sports and Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *the Stiletto's*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Jesus Jackson*, acoustic.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Justin Brothers*. Friday, *Taylor Harvey*. Saturday, *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Sunday and Monday, *David Houser*, acoustic. Tuesday, *2 Guys Will Move U*. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Brenda Xu*, folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Tall Dudes*, rock/country.

Downtown Cafe, 182 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-5687. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Joey and the Stingrays*, classic rock/oldies/country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *the Rock Invaders*. Saturday, *Blue Spring*, classic rock. Sunday, *Dog Flesh*, *the Lugers*, *Noise God*, and *Dreaded Solution*, punk.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, *Sundance*, country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Johnny*, country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Radiostar*, hard rock.

Tommy's Italian Restaurant, 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Franco Z*, standards/swing/jazz.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rico Timbao*, salsa/merengue/mambo.

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ALTERNATIVE

All Points West: J.J. Lander's Irish Pub

Animal Corpse: Epicentre

Audkik: The Jumping Turtle

Bedouin Soundclash: Soma

The Birthday Massacre: House of Blues

Blackout: Dreamstreet

Blame One: Brick By Brick

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Bumbklaat: The Zombie Lounge

Bunky: The Casbah

Caustic Felon: Dreamstreet

Carrie Clark: The Jumping Turtle

Coliseum: The Casbah

Colossus of Roads: Ché Café

Clay Colton: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, J.J. Lander's Irish Pub

The Creepy Creeps: Tower Bar

The Crime Desire: Ché Café

Crimson Knight: Epicentre

Crippling Achilles: Dreamstreet

Death Sentence: Ché Café

The Deathriders: The Jumping Turtle

Ded Pigeons: Winstons

Denovadahl: Soma

Diabolical Slaughter: Epicentre

Dirty Maddam: 710 Beach Club

Dog Flesh: Fannie's Nightclub

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Down from the Gallows: Soma

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BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **The Hi-Lites**

Song: **"Best of Your Abilities,"** (from the CD *Hi-Altitude*)

Heard By: **Lisa Gavin**, South Park



Lisa

I like it a lot. It's really refreshing, upbeat, and happy. Looking at their lyrics, it's just refreshing that they have an uplifting attitude on life because I feel like music hasn't been that way for awhile. Although it's not explicit[ly stated], it's a song about loving yourself and through loving yourself you can love others and you can see the best in yourself. I love all the instruments — like, the brass instruments. I could see myself dancing around my house to it. I guess the closest [genre] it would be is ska music but with a brighter sound. To me, it sounded a little bit more retro. It sounds like they're a fairly large band. I feel like they play really well together.

Artist: **Timz**

Song: **"Super Chargers 2007"** (from *www.myspace.com/timz*)

Heard By: **Amanda Jordan**, Golden Hill



Amanda

I kind of like the beat. I really like hip-hop music, but I would like to hear something from him that wasn't about the Chargers. The hook was "Super Chargers!" — it's kind of a fun thing that you could yell with other people and get riled up for the game. Some of the phrases they used were "we're highly motivated" and he talked about their defense, running — a lot of action words. It could be like anyone else out there right now who's pretty popular — the lyrics don't go deep at all; they're just on the surface. I'm not a really big sports fan, so I don't know what the fans would think, but I could definitely see people getting really into it.

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Artist: **Cathouse Thumpers**

Song: **"Our Neck of the Woods"** (from their self-titled CD)

Heard By: **Matthew**, La Mesa



Matthew

It reminded me of the Stray Cats. It reminded me of when I was in elementary school and one of the things we would do every year — which was fun — was have a sock-hop. There's nothing wrong with [the song], so I guess I'd give it a 7 or 8 out of 10 (9s and 10s are only for songs that blow you away). The guy was quiet — he needed to be louder on the microphone. It was kind of hard to hear [him] over the guitar, but it was good, all in all. I have no idea what he was singing about — I was listening more to the music. It makes you want to bounce around.

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Ladytron: 4th & B

Last to Know: The Jumping Turtle

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Light of Doom: The Jumping Turtle

Livid: 'Canes

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The Lucky Dragons: Ché Café

The Lugers: Fannie's Nightclub

Medius: The Jumping Turtle

Midlake: Belly Up Tavern

The Mighty Six Ninety: The Casbah

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James East: Pasquale on Prospect

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The Escencia Jazz Quartet: Turquoise Cafe

Fattburger: Humphrey's

Donnie Finnell and Company East: Bistro 221

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

John Guilino: Pasquale on Prospect

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

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Keith Jacobsen: St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery (RB), St. Tropez Bistro and Bakery (Encinitas)

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David Houser: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Jesus Jackson: Island Sports and Spirits

Joshua James: Belly Up Tavern

Justin James: 710 Beach Club

The Justin Brothers: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Jeff Koch: Daddio's Superior Bar and Grill

Roger Kraft: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Brehon Law: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

Garth Michael McDermott: Daddio's Superior Bar and Grill

Shannon Moore: 710 Beach Club

Robbie O'Reilly: Blarney Stone Pub

Carlos Olmeda: Lestat's Coffee House

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Peter and Craig: Ché Café

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Crasher

MY BAG

by Josh Board

I met a guy at a party six months ago who told me that he had crashed his high school reunion. My 20-year reunion was coming up, and I decided to do the same.

I realized that if I didn't get in, my former classmates would think, "That cheapskate tried to crash the reunion. He didn't want to pay the \$100 like the rest of us." I wouldn't have the chance to tell them that it's part of my job description.

On the subject of job description, I knew this was one of the most commonly brought up questions at a high school reunion. People brag about their houses, their kids, where they've traveled. I certainly couldn't brag about the home I'm renting. I'm not married, so there'd be no trophy wife on my arm. And that's when it hit me: Greg Laswell, a friend and local musician, is dating actress/singer Mandy Moore. I'd ask him if I could bring her to my reunion. Imagine that, as everyone stood around bragging, we'd walk by,



and her name tag would read, "HELLO, my name is MANDY MOORE."

Two problems arose: first, I called a handful of close friends from my graduating class and only one knew who she was (he worked in the town she's from in Florida). Second, I'd have to



Top: Heather on the left, who ran for Miss Mira Mesa 20 years ago; Bottom left: Joe on the left, Jim on the right, and Dawn in the middle; Bottom right: Joan and her husband BJ, who didn't go to our high school

I got word my friends booked a room at the Marriott in La Jolla, the location of our reunion and our senior prom.

all the '80s songs we had grown up with. They told me that they had a DJ booked.

The first person I saw as I entered the lobby was my friend Jim, an L.A. lawyer. I found out that he's living in San Diego again and just made partner in his firm. When we got to the suite our friends booked, we realized nobody had a bottle opener for the beers. Jim said he could open them with a quarter, but none of us had change. One guy had dimes. Jim

opened the beers with keys. Someone said, "Ya gotta love the stuff they teach them at law school."

As I helped my buddy Joe get his cuff links on, he said, "People are going to be asking the same lame questions about what you've been up to." Jim said, "Hey, let's do this: we'll pick some off-the-wall question to ask everyone that isn't cliché. Something like, 'Do your dogs ever get out of the back yard?' It'll be great."

As others arrived at the suite, I enjoyed listening to their conversations. One person said, "I have a confession to make... Jim talked me into toilet papering your house back in high school."

Someone brought up an athlete from our school. "Last I heard he was living out of his car in Poway. He was a big pot head." Someone else chimed in, "Oh, that guy. What a stud athlete he was. He died."

Steve said, "Oh, well, thanks for bringing this party down."

Joe got his cuff links on,

"I got scratched up pretty good when I did the swan dive into the bushes."

convince Laswell to pimp out his famous girlfriend. He's expressed how weird it is to have the paparazzi following him....

I decided to go stag.

I was angry with the reunion committee. I had sent them an e-mail months earlier about people in our class who were musicians. I thought it would be cool to have them play

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fixed his tie, and talked about the time a few of them jumped off a light pole near Carl's Jr. "I got scratched up pretty good when I did the swan dive into the bushes." When asked why he did it, he said, "I had to. Jim called me a pussy."

After a few hours of hanging out and catching up in the hotel room, we headed to the reunion. I saw a Vietnamese guy who I knew in the lobby, and I said, "Hey Linh." I couldn't believe that without a nametag I got his name. He hadn't been in my class since fifth grade.

I was shocked to see a guy named Tad — who was short and now about 6'1". He told me that he was an iron worker in Omaha. I said, "Oh, I hear it's lovely there this time of year." He

said, "No, it's not." I responded, "Yeah, I know. I just had nothing to follow up with on you being an iron worker there." He told me later he felt self-conscious about his job, that everyone else was so successful. I said, "Dude, we had close to 1000 people in our graduating class and only 200 are here. Those are the successful ones. The ones that didn't show up had nothing to brag about." Someone else heard me saying this and said, "I only showed up because I didn't want them talking shit behind my back." I said, "I think if you don't show up, nobody remembers or thinks to talk about you. If you do show up, that's when they talk behind your back...when you go to get a drink. They'd say, 'Look how fat he is.'" The guy didn't

get my point. He said, "You think I'm fat?"

Dawn, a cute blonde back in high school, was still a cute blonde. I remember hearing that her dad wrote the song that goes "...chestnuts roasting on an open fire..." It was my chance to ask her about it. She said, "Oh, no. My dad was the first person to ever sing that on TV. His voice coach wrote the song, and they sang it in the church choir. He was seven when he got to sing that on TV in the mid-'50s."

As we sat down to eat, one of our cheerleaders and class administrators gave a speech, and we did a prayer for the few of our classmates who had died. I thought it was odd that they never did the kinds of things I've seen at other reunions, where they see

who has the most kids, has been married the longest, etc. When I asked her about it later, she said, "Every time I went up there to talk, it seemed like people would rather just keep mingling than listening to what we were saying."

I ran into Brad. He used to be in all the high school plays. I said, "I remember hearing you were working in Hollywood. You were the sound engineer for an Albert Brooks movie."

He told me about his career, and I said, "Give me two good stories from those Hollywood days."

"There really weren't many," he said. "I would be in a studio, not on the set with the actors. One time, Steven Seagal and Kelly LeBrock came in while I was working. When he stood up, a gun fell out of

his pocket. She got mad and seemed shocked. She yelled that it was the first time the gun had ever fallen out of his pocket.... Oh, there's a funny story about working with Ice Cube. His posse came in. I think there was a guy named DJ Poo. He put his gun on the console. He kept talking about how he was waving it on the freeway and scaring 'whitey.' They were all laughing, and I was the only white guy there. One of them said, 'My bad.' I had never heard that expression before. It might've been the early '90s. So, later, when I made a mistake, I said, 'My bag.' I thought that's what he had said. Ice Cube made everyone stop what they were doing and asked me what I said. I repeated it, 'My bag,' and they laughed for the longest time."

Next week, I'll finish reminiscing with the class of '87 from Mira Mesa High.■

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Ragged Ragtime

"As if history were no more than a tune on a player piano."

If E.L. Doctorow had written *Ragtime* as a musical in 1975, instead of a novel, I wonder if Broadway would have staged it. Set in the Progressive Era (roughly 1900 to 1914), the book extols and lacerates the American Dream. The year 1975 marked the end of another era: Vietnam, civil rights struggles, Watergate, Charles Manson, Altamont (the day the music died). *Ragtime* feels like a summation of both eras and how their energy, each charged by a new music, rose and waned. Most likely mid-'70s Broadway, wanting less inflammatory fare, would have rejected *Ragtime's* clarion call to combat racism, injustice, and a corrupt power structure.

The musical was produced in 1998, a safe enough distance from the Progressive Era and the '60s to make it almost a nostalgia piece. The novel's a tapestry and obviously had to be cut for the stage. Some omissions irk. Everyone chases the Dream. But most of the famous people living it — Harry Houdini, financier J.P. Morgan, original tabloid star Evelyn Nesbit — are miserable. A disturbed Houdini wonders "why he devoted his life to mindless entertainment." Morgan gives a dinner for the 12 most powerful men in America. Rockefeller complains about constipation; Harriman utters "inanities." And, "without exception the dozen...looked like horse's asses."

The musical also misses Doctorow's succinct

narrator, especially the asides, as when Sigmund Freud comes to New York an unknown. A decade later he "would have his revenge and see his ideas begin to destroy sex in America forever."

Given the many strands, it's a wonder how much the musical does cover. It's a tale of three families: New Rochelle Caucasians (who dress in Gatsby white and don't have first names); African-Americans Coalhouse Walker Jr., ragtime musician, his reluctant bride Sarah, and their son; and Jewish immigrants Tateh and his young daughter, who come to America on a "rag ship." The times divide the families. Heartache, idiotic cruelty, and a demand for justice reconfigure them.

The backdrop's a cavalcade of scenelets (like the baseball game where Ivy League-educated Father complains that all the players lack class and have immigrants' names) and cameos of Booker T. Washington (who decries protesting) and Emma Goldman, the anarchist who, when she came to San Diego in 1912, got kicked out, but not before thugs tarred and feathered her companion Ben Reitman.

Doctorow writes spare, declarative sentences, with little subordination. The effect resembles the syncopation of ragtime. The novel concludes with the statement "as if history were no more than a tune on a player piano." Composer Stephen Flaherty honors that notion by making ragtime trace the arc of the era: sunlit, chipper tunes in

Act One — even the protest songs glisten — give way to dissonant variations on the same theme. Similar to the ways Randy Newman warps a Scott Joplin line, ragtime's shadow emerges in Act Two. The score becomes heavy, disillusioned. It can't, as Mother bemoans, go "Back to Before." The piano's player-roll ran out.

The regular bugaboo at Starlight Bowl's the jets roaring into Lindbergh Field. On a busy night — I think my colleague Welton Jones once counted 73 — they screech overhead like non-stop dentists' drills. Jets weren't a problem for *Ragtime's* opening night. But the sound system was. The miking was a mess. Some were too loud. This worked fine for Eugene Barry Hill belting Coalhouse's great anthem "Make Them Hear You" but stole the subtlety from his and Marja Harmon's "Wheels of a Dream" and "Sarah Brown Eyes," among others. Some mikes would switch off, in Sue Boland's case as if by conspiracy: she made Emma Goldman a fiery presence, but then she'd go mute — just stand there waving her arms as if, after 105 years, San Diego is still afraid of Goldman's message.

Luckily for her, and the production, Deborah Gilmour Smyth's mike worked perfectly. As the Mother, Smyth's beautiful voice and command of the stage



Deborah Gilmour Smyth in Ragtime

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anchored the story. John Grzesiak, as Mother's politicized Younger Brother, did quality work as well.

Carlos Mendoza's recreated Graciela Daniele's original choreography with exuberance. The opening numbers fold into and out of each other. When lazy follow-spots found their targets, Eric Lotze's expert lighting enhanced this kaleidoscopic effect.

Starlight's *Ragtime* looks and moves well. But the amateurish sound design sabotages everything. Terrence McNally's book has many characters tell the story. On opening night, most were muffled. Starlight should heed Coalhouse's advice and *make them hear you!* ■

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The Adding Machine

The La Jolla Playhouse stages Elmer Rice's Expressionistic epic,

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The Adding Machine

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 objectifications 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.

Worth a try.

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Communicating Doors

Asked about his time-traveling-mystery-comedy-thriller, Sir Alan

Ayckbourn said, "Not much point in talking about it. It's impossible to explain." Which is part of the play's fun. It takes place at London's five-star Regal Hotel in 2027, 2007, and 1987. A connecting door between suites is a time machine, through which tumbles Poopay (a dominatrix who learns to be assertive). She uncovers dual murder schemes 20 years apart and — and Ayckbourn was right! Rather than describe it, I urge you to see Cygnet Theatre's production. Director Esther Emery and a splendid cast infuse it with heart and humor (instead of puppets, as the play usually gets staged, the actors play real people to whom the bizarre has sidled up for an extended stay). Jessica John's a comic delight as Poopay, the Specialist Sexual Consultant, and Sandy Campbell's

terrific as the take-charge Ruella (another part of the fun: these unlikely heroes, along with Craig Huisenga's excellent Harold and Brenda Dodge's ditzzy Jessica, solve not only the intricacies of time-travel but defeat the schemes of oppressive corporate brutes, played by Tim West and Manny Fernandes). Cygnet's crack design team — Nick Fouch (set), Shulamit Nelson-Spilkin (costumes), and Eric Lotze (lighting) — created a fitting locale for the farce, and time, to unravel.

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.

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Death Trap

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fire, and divine right of kings. He makes no visual attempt to tweak *Hamlet* with forced relevance (and for this relief from contemporary narcissism, much thanks). Robert Morgan's excellent costumes bespeak the period: ruff collars and regal flecks of gold. The spare, generally well-spoken production has questionable choices, and the performances are uneven (younger actors tending to emote the ends of their scenes at the beginning). Charles Janasz's Polonius is near perfect, however, a state department official slipping toward senility. And Celeste Ciulla gives Queen Gertrude, usually played as a docile bystander, depth and vitality. The night I attended, Lucas Hall did a metamorphosis. At first he was just acting Hamlet, and watching himself do it: word-gesture-word, as if in rehearsal. About two-thirds through, it was as if he grasped the impossibility of Hamlet's plight — revenge a death, kill the king, but stay pure and "taint not" his mind. Instead of just saying the lines, Hall suddenly *meant* them. From that point on, Prince Hamlet walked the stage.

Worth a try.

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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.

How I Learned to Drive

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 elsewhere. 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.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvitational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if gone competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improve. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy,"

"Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. **Worth a try.** MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET. MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Bagtime

Reviewed this issue. STARLIGHT BOWL, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-STAR.

San Diego Theatresports: The Funhouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*, The Funhouse combines improv with competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show," on Fridays, is a kick. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (improve is tough: I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group has more hits than misses, and their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've read about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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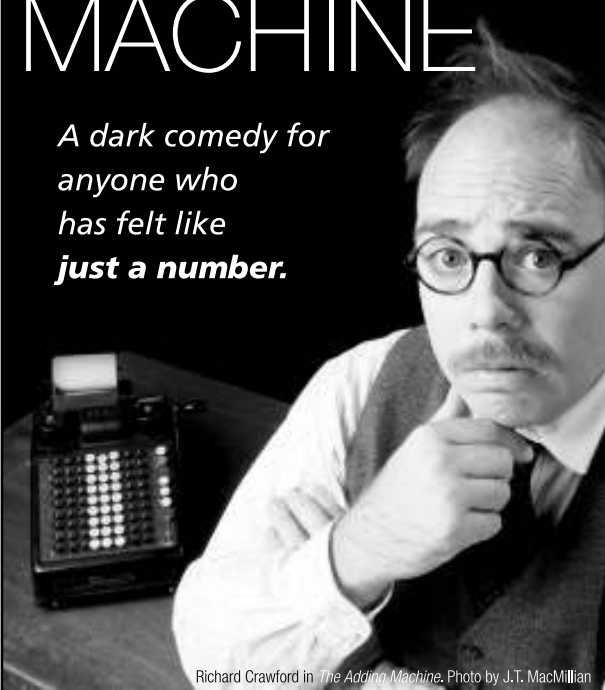
Lamb's Players' staging of Rachel Crother's 1937 thesis-comedy made me wish I'd seen the original, in which Gertrude Lawrence gave one of her finest performances. Watching Lawrence at the top of her game would forgive the play's faults (dialogue that drags on without developing much; set piece exchanges 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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The Two Gentlemen of Verona
For a director, staging one of Shakespeare's earliest plays is a good news/bad news deal: you get to do the Bard, but it's *Two Gents*, which has gaps you could drive a truck through. Matt August's work on the Old Globe's outdoor stage looks as if he's burned for the assignment. Young Veronans, Valentine, Proteus, and Julia, are *really* innocent. And when the country boys reach Milan, they go through the looking glass into decadent Restoration England. In this lust-steamed environment the young men's rude behavior makes a bit more sense (since the adults are scruple-free), if you don't look too closely. You will wonder how Stephanie Fieger's appropriately adamant Sylvia could have remained so unlike her surroundings, and how Tom Hammond's Mick Jagger-agile Duke shrinks in



Susan and God

the final scene, giving way to young Valentine's (likable Ryan Quinn) dimly motivated emergence as the play's moral voice. And surely Joy-Farmer Clary's sparkling Julia would regard Proteus, in the end, with a more discerning eye, especially since Corey Sorenson makes

Proteus's flip, from ardent innocent to sexual terrorist, so convincing. In such a fickle world, only the clowns — Celeste Ciulla, Sam Breslin-Wright, and Jonathan McMurtry, accompanied by a scene-stealing dog named Monty — are constant.

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Satori on a Stick

"Want skin as smooth as a baby's bottom?" say a couple of handmade signs at Yakitori Yakyudori. "Try our Kawasu!" They're not touting some new Japanese moisturizer, but actual chicken skin, boiled and shredded and served in a tangy, spicy salad dressed with a touch of soy, a hint of sweetness, a soupçon of hot pepper, and loads of finely minced scallions.

I happily chopsticked my way through a little bowl of it with new friends Barb and David, old Japan-hands who are regulars at this restaurant. "You'd never guess this was once part of a chicken," David said. "Yeah, it reminds me more of a Hong Kong jellyfish salad," I said. "Neutral taste, great soft texture, lively dressing. I admit I'm such a freak for Chinese food that when Japanese food tastes Cantonese, I love it even better."

I've only been to one yakitori before this, up in San Francisco, and it left me longing for more, so I was thrilled to be led to a local version. If you love sushi and sashimi, and you eat land-based creatures, you'll probably enjoy yakitori. The concept is similar — many little bites, each one tasting different. A Japanese take on satay, yakitori is a parade of grilled or deep-fried nibbles on bamboo skewers — meats, poultry, veggies, and the occasional fish — adding up to an endlessly engaging meal. Each is a miniature of culinary art, its central ingredient marinated, glazed, sauced, and/or garnished to enhance its own specific nature. (Ideally, these delicacies may even produce satori, a smack-on-the-head blissful revelation of the cosmic harmony of the everyday.) But these tidbits haven't developed



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the faint cloak of formality that surrounds the sushi — they're sidewalk eats that evolved into bar snacks but never lost their street cred.

Most yakitori arrive as two small bamboo skewers that have done a short stretch on an iron grill imported from Japan, traditionally stoked with very hot (500 degrees Fahrenheit) Japanese charcoal. Although *tori* means "bird" (*yaki* is

"grill"), the term now embraces the length of the food chain from veggies to quadrupeds. (Yakitori differ from *teppan yaki* in that *teppan* means "grilled at the table," Benihana-style.)

Every region has its own style of yakitori. The yakitori restaurant that knocked me out in downtown Frisco (called Hana Zen) was a glitzy, shiny branch of a Tokyo chain that had been bought

REVIEW NAOMI WISE

Yakitori Yakyudori ★★★ (Very Good)

3739 Sixth Avenue (between Pennsylvania and Robinson avenues), Hillcrest, 619-692-4189.

HOURS: Wednesday–Sunday 5:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m.
PRICES: Appetizers, yakitori (satay skewers) \$2–\$10; entrée plates and combos about \$12.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Japanese skewered-and-grilled or deep-fried meats, poultry, fish, and vegetables. Extensive choices of sakes and sojus, plus beers and some supermarket wines.
PICK HITS: Kawasu (chicken-skin salad); fried tofu; skewered pork rolls with shiso; hotsu (chicken heart); any beef skewer; "Chicken Meatball"; takayaki (octopus fritter).

NEED TO KNOW: Street parking tight but several low-priced lots nearby, along with higher-priced Rexall lot on Robinson, if desperate. Arrive as early or as late as possible, preferably on a weeknight. (Note late closing time.) No reservations taken, small restaurant fills up fast (and gets noisy). Wheelchair and baby-stroller access difficult due to close spacing of tables. Happy hour weeknights 5:00–7:00 p.m., with discounts on drinks and appetizers. About six vegan dishes (if you brush off the bonito flakes), plus salads, tofu, rice.

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out by its local staff, featuring an haute cuisine version of the genre. Yakyudori is the first overseas branch of another restaurant in the smaller city of Nagoya, where the style is simpler and less elegant than in Tokyo but still full of delights.

Yakitori Yakyudori is small, about 26 seats and a small bar in front of the smoky open kitchen, for singles or those awaiting takeout orders. The room is brightly lit, with banquette seating along one wall and reasonably roomy unclothed tables. On the wall behind the banquettes are posted two lists of favorites — the American and the Japanese

“top ten dishes.” It pays to eyeball both while you’re working up your order — there are treats you might overlook on the long, rather complicated menu. Number One under Japanese faves is Kawasu. Top of the American list is beef. Both made my “pick hits” list.

The night we ate there, about 70 percent of the diners were Japanese or Nisei, ranging from teenagers in love to “girls’ night outs” to a multi-generational Japanese family — plus a few mixed-ethnicity groups and a scattering of neighborhood *gaijin* (white “foreigners”). As the night went on, the room filled up and the noise level increased.

Our bouncy Nisei server was charming but too busy with a full house of customers to answer many questions (and the room was too noisy for detailed communication anyway). With

our first courses, she brought a divided tray with two all-purpose dips: a dark-brown barbecue sauce that tasted similar to Chinese Hoisin sauce, and a scarlet colloid, visually resembling ketchup, that turned out to be pure hot chili paste. I’d never thought of Japanese cuisine as peppery, assuming those “spicy” rolls were an American adaptation. Seems I was wrong. After tasting the paste, David explained, “It’s not meant to be eaten on its own but to be mixed with other sauces.”

The reason that beef is tops on the American favorites (aside from our national love of cooked cattle) is because it’s a great subject for yakitori treatment. Thin-sliced, tender, savory, it sported a delicious teriyaki-like marinade. We chose a version with “radish” (meaning topped with a frizz of

raw shredded daikon). As Barb and I tried to slick it off the skewers with chopsticks, the daikon frizz fell off, of course. No big loss. The beef was fine on its own.

Thin, tender pork slices rolled around chopped *shiso* (a Japanese herb, called perilla in English — if that helps) benefited greatly from the minty flavor at the center. Ground-chicken “meatballs” molded into sausage shapes around their skewers were also rewarding, thanks to a moist, well-seasoned glaze with a touch of sweetness.

Organ meats are prized in yakitori — one of the joys of the genre is the chance to taste them transformed beyond recognition. Chicken hearts (*hotsu*) are a case in point. You’d never guess their offal origins by looks or flavor, and they were among the best tastes

of the evening, rich and meaty. Beef tongue, on the other hand, was plain and bland.

Barb, David, and I bonded when we discovered we were all in love with fried tofu, the grown-up version of campfire-melted marshmallows. Yakyudori’s version was flawless — greaseless golden cubes, crisp outside and melting inside, scattered with bonito flakes.

The menu includes several seafoods. Octopus fritters were fun — deep-fried globes of octopus meat dipped in a thick, light batter and a faintly sweet, slightly hot red sauce. They’re tender but with a pleasantly chewy piece at each center. (When your teeth encounter it, there’s your Zen moment of the evening.) They’re served with more of the spicy dipping sauce and a pool of Japanese “Kewpie” mayo (familiar from spicy hand-rolls at sushi bars) to cool the fire. But another fish, *shishamo* (skewered capelin), appeared as two whole, small, heads-on skewered fish. It tasted like nothing at all — well, maybe like a solid version of the mineral-laden tap water of Golden Hill. Here my “I’ll try anything” ethos slapped me in the face.

There were several other disappointments. B&D (what rakish initials they have together!) had once enjoyed a nightly special of shiitake mushroom skewers. The regular version was unadorned and in no way special, tasting like

rehydrated, unmarinated, dried mushrooms, the caps punctuated on the skewer by fibrous, rubbery stems. And when we ordered skewered quail eggs, we hoped they’d be semi-cooked with liquid centers, but they proved hard-boiled all through, served with loose salt. Deep-fried battered chicken *katsu* (cutlets) skewers came with a fine, thick red miso sauce but otherwise were nothing special — and the batter abandoned the chicken as we pushed the pieces off the skewers. (Call it “deconstructed *katsu*.”)

If you want dessert, there are ice creams (including green-tea flavored), and next door is a new frozen yogurt joint. Full, we passed.

Yakitori is, for most of us, a new food adventure. Here, it won’t cost much unless you’re a restaurant critic flavor-loading. Expect to spend about \$20 apiece before drinks, tip, and tax, and even that sum might include a split of fizzy Nigori (unfiltered) “crazy milk” sake, a drier brand than the Takara (from Berkeley) that’s commonly served at local sushi bars. Little wonder that Yakyudori is jammed almost every night from shortly after opening until the wee hours. (Isn’t it cool that they stay open late? I can’t think of a more deserving neighborhood.) So, with or without “crazy milk,” go ahead, go crazy and indulge your secret craving for baby-smooth skin. ■

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I hold off on the next mouthful of waffle fries.

“Uh, skogging?” I ask.

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The guy’s name is Chris. Chris Yandall. “You know who Chris is,” says his buddy John. “He was 1975 World Slalem Skateboard Champion is all. He’s still into it. Cross-country skateboarding. Sometimes does 50 miles a day.”

Wow. The guy’s 53 and he looks 35. Samoan San Diegan.

Me, I don’t need my guilt button pushed. Not right now. I ain’t skogging, I’m scoffing. Maybe the most sinful, fatness-to-fitness ratio meal I’ve had in ages. A burger stuffed with onion rings, bacon, cheese, and BBQ sauce, the whole artery-clogging ball of wax. Plus a pile of awesome, garlicky waffle fries on the side. Red onion, pickle, tomatoes, lettuce too, of course, but they won’t save me.

This all started half an hour ago, around 9:30 p.m. Was gonna head for the #10 bus and home. But the south side of University was so poppin’ I jes kept on walking up, past seductive sidewalk eateries like Taste of Italy, and coffee places, bars, lounges. Seemed like the whole town was, like, on the town. Sigh.

I knew I shouldn’t. Carla was waiting. But by the time I got to Ichiban (Japanese, I went there once, a really good value), my resistance was flatlining. Passed alongside the railings of this

burger-beer joint. Guy at the table out front had a giant burrito. He was doing the snake-extended-lower-jaw thing to fit it in.

“Good?” I asked.

He rolled his eyes so far back in his head I started to worry. “Better hurry,” he said. “They’re closing soon. Burger’s awesome too.”

That’s all I needed. I whipped through the patio, inside to this corrugated-iron and concrete interior. A couple of stragglers sat at tables, cook was cleaning up at the back.

“Still time?” I asked the guy. Humberto.

“Oh, no problem,” said Humberto. I checked the menu board. So OK, straight up. This is going to be a greasebucket meal. But greasebucket deluxe, from the pix. Lucky Buck’s is the name, and like the sign says, “Eat, Drink, and Get Lucky.” Another says, “Home of San Diego’s Best Buckin’ Burger.” Elton John’s wailing “Rocket Man!”

Had to think fast. I ditched the burritos (the veggie’s \$5.95, the chicken’s \$6.50) and nixed the salads, even though I liked how “Chicken Buck’n Caesar” (\$7.95) rolled off the tongue. For sure, if Hank had been here he’d’ve clung to something like the Club Salad, a collection of lettuce, diced ham, and turkey (\$6.95).

But I had me a craving for the worst, wickedest damned burger the man could concoct. Like, maybe the “Buck’n Bleu Ribbon Burger,” with “bleu cheese, two strips of hickory-smoked bacon and onion strings” and chipotle sauce. Set you back \$8.50. “Buck’s on Fire” (\$8.95) had pepper jack, bacon, and jalapeño peppers. “Buck’s Lucky Mushroom” (\$8.50) came with “tons of mushrooms, piled high with fried onion strings.”

In the end I took Humberto’s advice. Went for the simple “Texas Longhorn Buck” (\$7.95), because, basically, apart from cheddar cheese and

that hickory bacon, it had BBQ sauce and came “piled high with fried onion rings.”

Onion rings *in* a burger? That’s new. I got a Coke (\$1.25) and headed outside. I sat down where, hey now: some guys had left, like, steins of beer still half-full. For a moment...but no. I ain’t sunk that low. I cracked open my Coke, settled back, and crooked my arm on the railing to watch uptown’s night world go by.

That’s when two things happened. Humberto brought my burger. And I heard these guys at the corner table yacking about “skogging.” But first things first. Lord, but the combo was good. The waffle fries were ripple-cut and vivid with flavor. The burger’s mouth was stuffed with onion rings, and the gland-roiling BBQ sauce kept me coming back, chomp after chomp. I reveled in the beautiful mess.

But, uh oh. The guys were getting up to go. I had to ask about this skogging.

I do one of those awkward openers, asking as they passed, “What did you have?” Chris had the “Plain Ol’ Buck” burger (\$5.95), and John and his girlfriend Megan had Buck’s Bacon Cheeseburger (\$7.25).

“This is our favorite dive after Hodad’s in O.B.,” John says. Turns out he runs an outfit called “Galac Landsurfing.” Makes longboard skateboards.

And now I’m back to where I started this tale.

“Skogging’s Chris’s invention,” John says. “Half striding, half rolling. One foot, then the other. You can make 10, 12 mph doing it. We’re clean, we’re eco-friendly, and we’re a San Diego sport, man.”

Wow. We yack so much, I let my burger go cold. And by the time the guys take off, Hum-



Humberto

berto’s closing down around me. That’s okay. I’ll take the rest back to split with Carla.

How good is it? An hour later, Carla and I are fighting like hyenas over a carcass for the last of the waffle fries. Then making up, with one fat, greasy smooch.

“We’re gonna have a date,” Carla whispers.

“You and me. Night of sin.”

“We just had one,” I say. ■

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"In the early evening, at least, most sales were half-bottles of Beaujolais to solitary ladies."

Elizabeth David made her name writing about food, not wine. Nevertheless, hers is the first entry in 1962's *Compleat Imbiber*, Volume Five, the discovery of which in a used bookstore set me to glancing over my extant library. Well now, looky here — Gerald Asher's *On Wine*, published exactly 20 years later. Still an Englishman at the helm (the *Imbiber* was edited by Cyril Ray), but what do you know, my man has puddle-jumped himself all the way to San Francisco — the center has shifted. And who should be writing the introduction but one Elizabeth David. An auspicious connection; an excuse to go traipsing through the pages, seeing what the passage of two decades hath wrought. (On a more sober note: *Vineyard Tales*, Asher's 1996 follow-up, was dedicated to Ms. David's memory. And *that* book notes that *The Compleat Imbiber* is "hard to find and dear to collectors everywhere." The circle is complete.)

Growing up, *Gourmet* was the epitome of Establishment food mags, but Establishment is, I suppose, a relative term. It was still American, and America will always have something of the saucy upstart about it when compared to Asher's native land. Small wonder then, to find that Asher, who served as *Gourmet's* wine editor for more than 40 years, initially made his reputation as an English rebel against the reigning Burgundy-Bor-

deaux hegemony. Writes David, "I do have to explain that when I first knew Gerald Asher in London, in the 1950s, it was chiefly for his flair in finding and importing those 'other wines' that he had made his firm's name known." Southern

France, Alsace, Beaujolais — he brought them all in, ignoring the conventional wisdom that such wines "didn't travel."

David also notes that "Nobody has to worry about the author's formidable knowledge and expertise; it is too discretely concealed to be more than

sensed." Herein lay a fair measure of Asher's genius — he was perfectly willing to be intelligent and detailed in his discussions but never came off sounding anything less than conversational. A case in point: the wonderful evenhandedness with which he addresses the question of natural vs. inoculated fermentation in an essay on American Pinot Noir. "The University of California at Davis has taken a stand against spontaneous fermentation in favor of introducing known, selected yeast strains because California wine regions are too young to rely on local yeast populations. This policy of meticulous control has been a principle of California winemaking. The consistency and reliability of most California wines spring from this basic, orthodox attention to detail. But, at risk of being labeled a mystic (or worse), I must ask whether there isn't a point beyond which to

know more is to understand less. Aristotle advised us to look for precision in all things only so far as the nature of the subject permits. Are not the subtle shades of flavor in Burgundian Pinot Noir attractive to us because they are fleeting, indefinable, and immeasurable? And if so, how can meticulous control reproduce such mysterious qualities?"

Asher made a virtue out of the immeasurable and the mysterious, contra the world of score-minded critics. Commenting on the French saying "There are no good wines, only good bottles," he writes, "Such inconsistency adds to the pleasure of wine but should impose a measure of caution when we start to praise or condemn a *wine* on the evidence of a *bottle*. In fact, I am awed by the temerity of those who, not content with sharing their impressions of wines, print lists of them graded to fine decimal points of a percentage, all on chance reactions to haphazard bottles." For wines above a certain level of quality, "Only the passage of time allows impressions and exchanged opinions of a wine to condense so they reflect, eventually, its real worth."

What awes Asher here is the kind of humility he demonstrates by admitting to being somewhat stymied in his attempt to pair wine with Chinese food. "The Beaune made the better match," he concludes at the end of one attempt. "It blended more easily into the established harmony. And that, I concluded, was the secret. We look for a wine to accompany a food, or we think of a food that will show off a wine to advantage. But any Chinese dish is so carefully balanced that the wine must either bring its own harmony, or must complete an overall equilibrium. I suppose it's another aspect of Yin and Yang."

And lest you get to thinking that such sentiments are the stuff of lofty-minded idealists, it might help to recall that Asher got his start in the



Gerald Asher in 1982

wine business by selling it to whores. He worked in a shop in London's Shepherd Market, a place "better known, before the Street Offences Act, for its shepherdesses. Meat was then still rationed to eight ounces a week, or something equally measly, and red wine, I was assured, provided a necessary alternative source of strength. In the early evening, at least, most sales were half-bottles of Beaujolais to solitary ladies."

(Elsewhere, he says of that grape, "No wonder, then, that the wine of Beaujolais, too, should be as enlivening to the spirit as it is restoring to the senses. It is not a wine to sip, to contemplate, or analyze; it is for quaffing, for brightening the eye and loosening the tongue." And to digress even further, if only out of admiration for his

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range and generosity, it's worth noting that he once treated the readers of *Gourmet* to a comparative tasting of American jug wines — Gallo, Paul Masson, Almaden, etc. — even as he granted that “the carefree occasions on which we enjoy jug wines are not usually conducive to reflective, let alone comparative tasting.” His favorite sipping white: a Colombard Blanc from Souverain. And to multiply digressions beyond anything Asher himself would have allowed — the same piece notes that “surprising to many” is the fact that “nature cooperates to make mechanical harvesters more selective than traditional hand-gathering of bunches,” because only the ripe berries fall “when a vine is shaken by a harvester’s rods.”)

He did his first comparative tasting at the behest of his boss, who needed him to assure customers that the '49 Beaujolais was every bit as good as the (sold-out) '47. “I suppose there are more bizarre ways of finding a life’s vocation, that’s when and how I discovered mine.” Thirty-odd years later, we got *On Wine*.

If one of the great pleasures of reading *The Compleat Imbiber* was in affirming the prophecies it made about the wine industry, one of the remarkable things about the Asher book is how current it remains. Alsace, despite making excellent wines and offering simpler labels, can’t get a foothold in the American market. Varietal correctness vs. marketability was a hot issue: “Technique has now acquired importance beyond soil and grape variety. We find red Graves, made by carbonic maceration, that taste like tannic Beaujolais...It is all the inevitable result of marketing wine instead of selling it, I suppose. Once we looked for ways to teach the world how to enjoy wine’s variety. Now we teach winemakers the ways of the world.” And even 25 years ago, the flavor of French oak was having its way with Chardonnay: “...the converted in all matters are notorious for their excess, and in 20 years it has become common for California Chardonnays to be judged simply by the degree of oak in the wine. The taste of oak itself, often oppressively exaggerated, has become so confused with what should be the varietal taste of Chardonnay that many assume the taste of oak to be the taste of Chardonnay.”

And now and then, his reading of the times reaches the status of perennial wisdom, expressed in a style that has rarely been surpassed: “Because all country wines and foods have developed naturally as ordinary people have sought constantly to improve what was basically available to them, there is an easy relationship between them all, and they are easy to enjoy. Complicated dishes created by skilled chefs to enliven jaded palates and wines carefully ori-

ented towards sophisticated city markets can be exquisite...But when I sit down to a plain daube of lamb and a bottle of Côte du Rhone, I know that God’s in his heaven, and all’s right with the world.”

And later, “In the south [of France] the enjoyment of wine is direct. There is no long view or distant expectation, no time lost analyzing or discussing a wine that has failed in its immediate essential — to satisfy. Despite highways, tractors, and power presses, the Rhone delta is an antique world where a bottle of wine is, after all, a bottle of wine.” Its “sound, everyday wines...must contribute more to the total sum of human pleasure than does all the sublime but minute quality of, say, Richebourg.”

Nota bene: La Jolla wine educator Barbara Baxter was unfortunately misidentified in September 6’s column as Barbara Braxton. Many apologies. Ms. Baxter answers questions about wine at her website, www.planetwine.net. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at

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NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: “The Billy” is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). “The Cindy” is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is “The Pablo.” It’s standard but generous fare, a formula that’s kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We’re talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (“Cubano #2”), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don’t leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy

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seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some “Continental” warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs “Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a light-house-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 11 p.m. in summer. “Early bird” cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Charlie’s by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it’s light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen’s good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it’s not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Kim’s Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn’t necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn’t the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you’re in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish paté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup



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served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — *N.W.*

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — *N.W.*

Sbicca 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001; also Lumberyard, 897 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine at both of her restaurants, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce on a menu that changes with the seasons. The irresistible lobster-crab-meat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. Some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them: Salmon served with peas and mushrooms to one side, a creamy sauce on the other, creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the

palate. Both settings are family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with handsome, airy dining rooms and charming patios. Wide-ranging wine list emphasizing California, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. On different weekday evenings, Del Mar and Encinitas each feature \$5 martinis, no corkage fee, and 50% off all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list. Call for specific days. Del Mar branch crowded during racing season. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. High moderate to expensive. — *B.D.*

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict or black bean burrito, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-fel. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Santaluz, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it's, as Guide Michelin would say, "worth a detour." Provence-born chef-owner Phillippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon; and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Monday night moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it's difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Es-

condido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — *E.B.*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with wine tasting. Regular lunch and dinner Thursday and Friday. Reservations recommended for Wednesday wine tasting. Call for directions. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty,

and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — *B.D.*

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the End of the World? You sit, munch, and watch men becoming birdmen, jumping off the cliff beside you. The view of the Pacific Ocean is spectacular. But, hey, grub's good too. Try the Launch (a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, onions, bell peppers, and salsa). Also great and grilled right there: generous half-pound hamburgers. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla,

858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *piccata*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch also available Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — *S.M.*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — *N.W.*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic

crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas come with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstanding and authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goring* (shrimp in chili sauce), among others. Short but smart wine list, beer, sake. Easy evening parking. Heated, roofed patio. Large portions. Reserve for weeknights, no reservations accepted for weekends. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Korea House 4620 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this

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Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly except Monday. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in — this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chillies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speak-

ers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner, till 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Fridays). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M.*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café

is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue scone wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically



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flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san's* away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen at-

tached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajji*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajji*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Stet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Vagabond Kitchen 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Alhied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother

Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for breakfast and lunch, with early dinner Wednesday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.*

Chef Axel European Bistro 7097 University Avenue (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-460-7942. Chef Axel is a real chef with classic European training, bringing his expertise and high standards to this neighborhood German restaurant. Currently, he's offering only a set-price Sunday brunch plus occasional special dinners, along with catering on- or off-site. The food is made-from-scratch homestyle cooking, including hearty soups, Bavarian veal sausage, rich noodle gratin, perfect schnitzel, and a Hungarian goulash that really "gets it" about Hungary's spirited flavors. The brunch buffet includes a wide sampling of these dishes, along with free-flowing champagne or mimosas. Rare German beers are also available for an additional charge, along with an affordable wine list emphasizing German whites. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W.*

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian

beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W.*

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — try the Rieslings. Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

Asian Bistro 414 University Avenue (just east of Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese "dive." Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef "Miss Songsri" (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss "Atomic Hog's Wings" (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named "Jumping Jarvis." The

beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — *N.W.*

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matise in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like

Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

India Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprinciply sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). Tuesday's vegetarian dishes only. — *E.B.*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — *N.W.*

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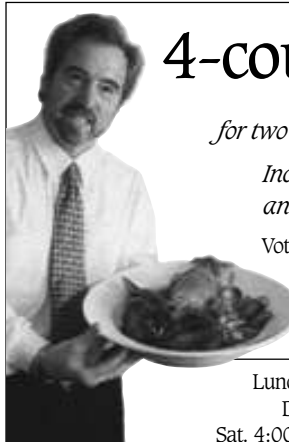
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The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. The folks who brought you the popular big-breakfast and lunch joint Hash House A Go Go (across the street) focus here on hefty portions of “plain American food” in a dinner house specializing in meat, game, and classic cocktails. The Brawny paper towel man would love it. The atmosphere combines a speakeasy (velvet curtains mask the doorway) and a hunting lodge. Menu highlights include identical steaks of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Nothing to write home to Mom about — it is Mom, if she's a Midwesterner, and Dad's a guy who says, “I shot it, you cook it.” Well-chosen wine list with lots of appropriate Rhones and Syrahs, few by the glass. Huge list of cocktails. Wheelchair lift (painted to blend in) to left of front staircase. Heated, roofed smoking patio above street level. Valet parking; reservations urged. Closed Tuesdays, dinner six nights until midnight or later, weekend brunch. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include the Emerald Mushrooms salad, and especially the *farofa* salad — it's like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 858-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.*

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. “Tastings” of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.*

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: “hand battered treasures,” like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during summer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bondi Bar & Kitchen 333 Fifth Avenue (between J and K Streets), Gaslamp, 619-342-0212. What's loud, strange, and smart enough to catch the eye of every passerby? It's a huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub offering numerous Aussie brews — with urban Australian cuisine for ballast — plus a full bar (several of them) of well-chosen wines plus hard liquor. Prime seating is on the front patio and in large straw fish-traps suspended from the ceiling in the front dining room. (Din-

ing rooms in back are dim; bring a mini-flashlight to read the menu.) The food resembles California Fusion cuisine but is often spicier, made with home-country ingredients including grass-fed beef, South Pacific fish species, and herbs you've never heard of. There's great grazing on appetizers, including outstanding Pacific oysters on the half-shell, beef pies, tempura prawns, seafood pot stickers, and the fun of exploring cheeses from Oz. Mains are generally less exciting, with a tendency to overcook fish and meats. But it's a party. Dress code: Wear clothes. Three meals, seven days until 11 p.m., midnight on weekends. Mainly moderate, some entrées expensive. — *N.W.*

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy “Short Board” pupu

platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy “paella” (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W.*

Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unclouded. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch week-

days, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. “City” has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yacking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the “Ranch Chicken” pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever *consider* serving such moonbeamish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other “specialty pies” every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris Walsh, whose “small plates” many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a

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Croce’s Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. “Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée” at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D.

Dussini Mediterranean Bistro 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It’s still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reliably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (between F and G Streets), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. This is still one of the better Gaslamp Italian restaurants but its glory days may have passed and its prices have escalated. At this writing, it no longer has its own chef but shares an executive chef with two other nearby restaurants under the same ownership (Greystone and Ose-tra). Starters still shine, including mozzarella *campagnola* and fritto misto. No more great pizza — the oven is gone to make room for more tables. Pastas can be excellent: The ravioli stuffed with

lamb is delicious. Most main courses, though, are a letdown, although fork-tender braised osso bucco served with marrow (and a spoon to scoop it up!) is as sexy as can be. For dessert, try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Good wine list, with plenty of pleasing Italian bottles at affordable prices. Nice service by staffers from Italy, not Hoboken like its sister-restaurants. Valet parking. May be loud. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. Expensive to exorbitant. — N.W.

Patty’s Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guajalato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — E.B.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it’s in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — N.W.

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham

or link sandwich. Lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Bino’s European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it’s a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino’s wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You’re in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego’s Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem’s going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as “chocolate meat.” Want healthy? There’s *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are outsourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambience early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive. — N.W.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb’s Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn’t abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that’s why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a “split plate” fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that’s where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W.

Vahida’s Healthy Choice North Park Weekly Farmers Market, University and 32nd Street (CVS Pharmacy parking lot), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it’s Bosnian, like her. Not that there’s a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn’t cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevapchichi* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida’s eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Zorba’s Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven’t got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba’s on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They’re here for the buffet, spooning up the *spinakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet’s method, but there’s no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant’s seven-digit number.

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf-n-turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull’s head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu’s “surf” side. It’s all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabreria* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

La Petite Café Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim’s), Tijuana, 688-2171. You’re in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It’s standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp

fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana’s *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer’s Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, “The Small Struggle Lunch Place.” Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel’s all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W.

Saverio’s Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually “got interested in what Baja California has to offer.” The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada’s valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga’s restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga’s own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds,

peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you’re drinking Sr. Lechuga’s own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B.

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Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald’s acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it’s quality all the way, and way better than most local “Berto’s” (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnititas* outstanding. And it’s “have it your way” with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot’s open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — N.W.

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can’t help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown’s ivy-covered brickly drink and eatery, the food’s honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl’s beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his “Hump Day” meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B.

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try “The Works” omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Point Loma, La Jolla, National City, and Otay Mesa. — E.B.

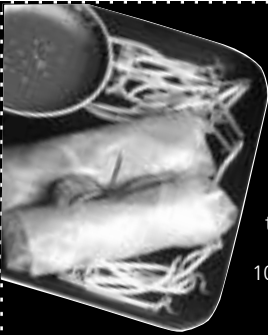
Star Of India 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also at 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It’s the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

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The Queue Forms Here

What's available and what isn't is a constant source of puzzlement.

Four months off duty, whether called a sabbatical or hooky, could hardly help but be a learning experience. Learning to use time unwisely. Learning to forget what day it is. Learning to look at the world with the Current Movies so far into peripheral vision as to sometimes lose track of them altogether. (*Surf's Up*, *Shrek the Third*, *Hostel II*, *Evan Almighty*, and *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry* were among those that slipped past me, at a crawl.) And as long as I was learning to survey the movie landscape from the vantage point of the average viewer, who does not organize his entire week around Friday's openings, and is apt to be no less attuned to Tuesday's DVD releases, I made capital of my leisure by joining the hoi polloi in joining Netflix. As a self-confessed tenderfoot, I have no illusion that I can tell anyone anything about Netflix, having instead the impression that Netflix memberships are as rampant as cellphones. (No, I did not break down and buy one of those.) Naive though it must be, I can only tell

of my own experience.

To begin with, I had to overcome my guilt at the thought that I would be taking rental fees out of the coffers of Kensington Video. To do so — to forsake my first loyalty with a clear conscience — I vowed to proceed on the principle of renting online only those DVDs that our local store did not carry. (Just as my conscience-clearing principle of video rental in general has always been to choose things that could not be seen in theaters.) The first order of business, then, was to visit the Netflix website — the steady bombardment of “Free Trial” offers in my home mailbox made it no trouble to find — and to “Browse Selection,” as they say, so as to come up with what I would call a wish list, or what they fawningly call a “Queue.” At Netflix, you don't queue up for movies; movies queue up for you. (In harmony with the prevalent center-of-the-universe personal philosophy.) The cornerstone of my list, a title I already knew was available on DVD although not at Kensington,



Story of a Love Affair

would be Michelangelo Antonioni's unseen first film, *Cronaca di un Amore*, or *Story of a Love Affair*. The search engine on the site soon established the availability of this title — as soon, anyway, as I stopped looking for *Chronicle of a Love Affair* and looked instead for Antonioni — and I had my start. Little did I know that two months later, on the very day I was to cancel my

membership, Antonioni would die. But I get ahead of myself. I had a start, as I said, but I didn't have a list.

Browsing on a website of course bears little resemblance to browsing in a store. On the Netflix site, as far as I was able to figure it out, you cannot browse for something you are not thinking of, something you have temporarily forgotten, something whose

title you can't bring to mind, let alone something you never knew existed. You are limited by your knowledge. Or more accurately, you are limited by the fraction of your knowledge you can access on the spur of the moment. Yes, you can search for a particular film, or you can search for all the films of a particular performer or director, but you cannot very well stumble on

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something unforeseen. You are, in effect, wearing blinders.

If you have a hankering, let us say, for something sanguinary, you can perhaps grope in the desired direction by searching for the key word *Deadly* (ninety-seven title matches) or *Lethal* (thirty matches) or *Fatal* (thirty-six), although that last one includes the likes of *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* (“Fat Al...,” see?) and *Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America*. Or you could, while in that same mood, click on “Thrillers” under the heading of “Genres,” but all you will get from that is a sample display of fifteen DVD box covers of the most unobscure titles, *The Da Vinci Code*, *Syriana*, *The Bourne Supremacy*, *A History of Violence*, et al. A cul-de-sac.

Your eye, in the very nature of things, is not free to roam, and to be caught, diverted, rerouted, as it is on the shelves of Kensington Video or, once upon a time, in the racks at Tower Records, whose demise late last year I lament as I would a lost limb. (Similar to the amputee, I still sometimes forget it’s gone, catching myself thinking that on the way home from a morning screening at Landmark’s Hillcrest I might just swing by Tower

and browse — in the old way — the DVDs, or catching myself at another time looking forward to an evening screening at the AMC La Jolla with a view to stopping in at Tower beforehand. Fortunately, I do catch myself.) It’s true that if a new thought strikes you while on the Netflix website, if a tangent suddenly presents itself, you can pursue it lickety-split. But that’s not at all the same thing. If it’s fast, it’s not browsing; it’s rummaging, rifling, ransacking. And it’s not a pleasure.

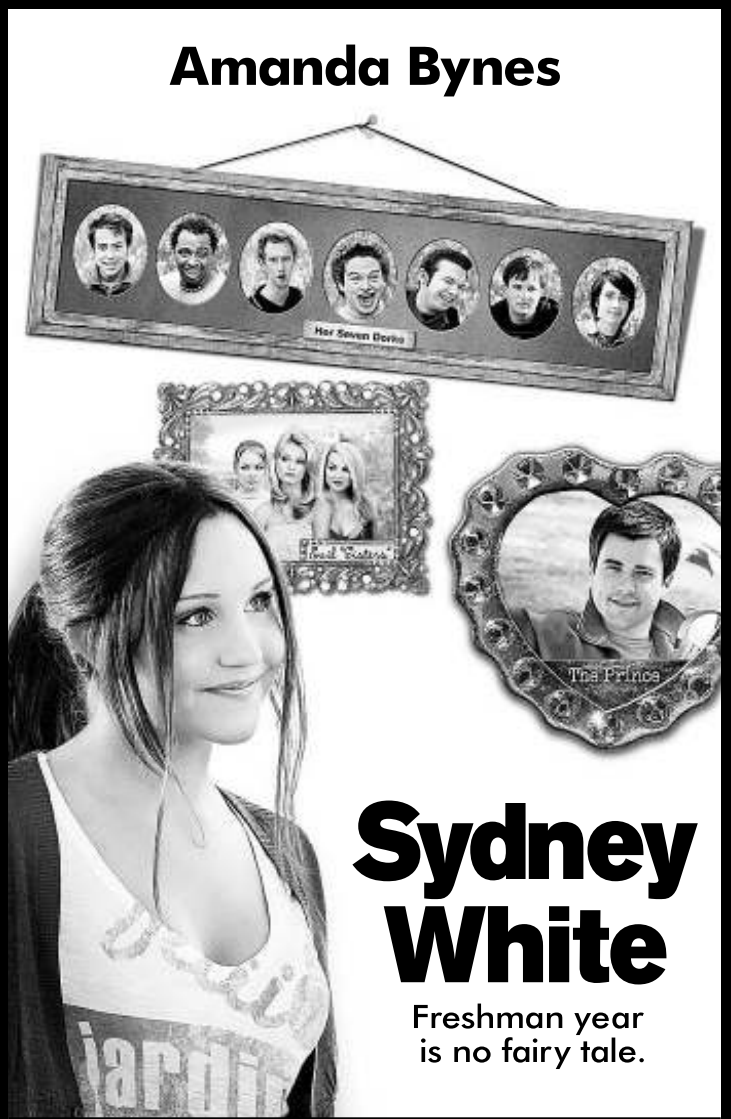
Then, too, my search was limited by the limitations of what’s available on DVD. Netflix may, as they claim, have “virtually every DVD published” (80,000-plus, they claim). Then again, they may not: I would often find that I was unable to “add” a listed title to my queue, but could only “save” it, which in Netflix parlance meant I could have it if and when Netflix got around to acquiring it, or if and when somebody got around to “publishing” it. It’s a certainty, in any case, that if a film isn’t on DVD, then Netflix is not going to have it. My long-standing wish list, the titles for which I make a point to hunt periodically on Google, produced no matches from Netflix whatsoever, though it did produce some

mirth. I could go fishing, at the tippy-top of my list, for Henry Hathaway’s *From Hell to Texas*, but the closest Netflix could come to matching it was *Masters of Poker: Phil Hellmuth’s Million Dollar Texas Hold’em Tournament Strategies* (“Hell... Texas,” see?). Or I could again cross my fingers and put in for Hugo Fregonese’s *Black Tuesday*, whereupon Netflix would try to entice me with the films of Karen Black and Tuesday Weld.

What’s available and what isn’t is a constant source of puzzlement. If movie A is available, you reason, why not B? Or more often: if A, why not B, C, D, E, and F? If Luis Buñuel’s *Viridiana*, as an example, why not his *Exterminating Angel*? If *Belle de Jour*, why not *Tristana*? Or if Max Ophüls’s *Letter from an Unknown Woman*, why not his *Caught*, *The Reckless Moment*, and — another title on my long-standing wish list — *The Exile*. If *Lola*

Montes, why not *La Ronde*, *Le Plaisir*, and *The Earrings of Madame de...?* And if Joseph Losey’s *The Servant*, *Eva*, and *Modesty Blaise*, why not his *Accident*, *The Concrete Jungle*, *These Are the Damned*, *Secret Ceremony*, *Boom!*, and *The Go-Between*? If Satyajit Ray’s *Charulata* and *Mahanagar*, why not his *Devi*, *The Music Room*, *Two Daughters*, *Days and Nights in the Forest*, not to mention the Apu trilogy? There’s no end to it, so I might as well

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veer off here to remind you that Kensington Video, alone in the city limits, still has untold numbers of titles available on VHS that have yet to make their way onto DVD. A veritable treasure trove, and a perishable one.

Eventually, despite the travails, I had a list. Not yet a list to turn over to Netflix as a queue, but a list to take to Kensington and check against the stock on the shelves. After that — and after coming home with Claude Chabrol's *The Color of Lies* and Julien Duvivier's *La Bandera*, both worthwhile — I still had a list. So, ignoring the home-page fanfare for new releases such as *Apocalypse* and *Dreamgirls*, quelling my dislike of self-renewing memberships (always aware that I could go under a bus on any day), and bypassing the “most popular” plan (out of innate leerness of popularity) of three DVDs at a time for \$17.99 per month, I signed up at \$14.99 for two at a time, a cost knocked down by a dollar at the end of the first month, either as a matter of course or as a worried response to the shortness of my queue.

If I was thinking about cancelling after one month, it would not have been out of dissatisfaction with the service. The speed of the turnaround — from the return of one DVD, in its distinctive postage-paid red envelope, to the arrival of the next DVD in the queue — was so head-spinning that I suspected the U.S. Post Office had been bribed to give priority to Netflix DVDs over Red Cross disaster relief and transplantable organs. In honesty, it had me feeling a bit like Charlie Chaplin on the assembly line in *Modern Times*. Granted, I could hang on to any DVD for as long as I liked (“No Late Fees”), but such is my personal pathology that I have never really been happy borrowing a DVD from a friend until I've returned it, and my conscience begins to writhe after about a week. (An over-reaction, possibly, to the girl in high school who absconded with my *Portable Dorothy Parker*.) Paying rental fees to faceless strangers does not vastly enlarge my sense of entitlement. There might be someone out there in Duluth or Tulsa, itching to get his hands on Satyajit Ray's *Mahapurush* or Seijun Suzuki's *Zigeunerweisen*.

I myself was never kept waiting for the next title in my queue. And even though the playing side of every DVD without exception was crisscrossed in

chicken scratches, as if the disc had doubled as the puck in a game of air hockey, only two or three times did I encounter a glitch in the playback, a skip, a stall, a stutter. One disc, Carlos Saura's *Antonieta*, was unwatchable for other reasons, looking as soft and fuzzy as a third-generation VHS recording straight from a television broadcast; and I had a powerful hunch that if I could only have seen the box (the name of the manufacturer, the cover art, etc.), rather than just reading the online description, I would have been tipped off to its lower standard. Several Satyajit Ray rarities, *Nayak*, *Joi Baba Felunath*, *Kapurush*, and the above-mentioned *Mahapurush*, with their ill-timed subtitles and dimly illuminated images, were substandard, also, though not unwatchable. And it was nice, right after seeing Werner Herzog's *Rescue Dawn* in a theater, to get hold of his documentary on the same subject, *Little Dieter Needs to Fly*. Nice, too, to catch up on another Hayao Miyazaki anime, *Kiki's Delivery Service*. Nice (but not all *that* nice) to finally see something by the minimalist Hungarian terror, Bela Tarr.

And yet, in my Charlie Chaplin assembly-line mode, I continually had to scramble to replenish my queue. Netflix promises to disclose “two movies you'll love,” if you will simply grade your latest rental, but I gave that up the first week when my high marks for Carlos Saura's undistributed dance film, *Salome* (I had been hoping to find his *Iberia*, but no luck there), fetched the recommendations of *The Sea Inside* and *Butterfly*, two movies

I've seen, one of which I kind of liked, whose only connection to *Salome* is in their shared Spanish language. And my guilt over Kensington Video never did subside. In that Chaplinesque scramble, I became remiss in first checking the stock at Kensington. (Tsai Ming-liang's *Goodbye, Dragon Inn*, for one, was a wasted pick.) And, even if the store could have fulfilled a sudden whim, why would I ever rent a DVD from there when I was already paying Netflix? — and with the convenience of home delivery? It was a slippery slope. Or a pit of quicksand. I cancelled at the end of two months. And Antonioni died. So did Bergman, same day. Kensington should be able to meet any needs for a private tribute to them in my living room.

Netflix, upon my exit, e-mailed me a routine questionnaire asking, among other things, “What is your primary reason for cancelling your account with Netflix?” and proposing choices ranging from the subtly insulting (“My household needed to cut costs”) to the craftily self-congratulatory (“Movies took too long to get to me/back to Netflix” and “The movies I wanted often were not immediately available”). Not among the choices was anything in the vicinity of “My sabbatical is ending.” I was thanked for my patronage, and invited to return as a customer in the future. I can just about envision the day. The day I've seen everything I could ever want to see at Kensington or the darker day when Kensington goes the way of Tower. Collapses. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

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.

★ (RIVER VILLAGE 6, FROM 9/21)

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 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.

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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.

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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. Matthew MacFadyen, Keeley Hawes, Alan Tudyk, Daisy Donovan, Rupert Graves, Peter Dinklage, and Jane Asher; directed by Frank Oz. 2007.

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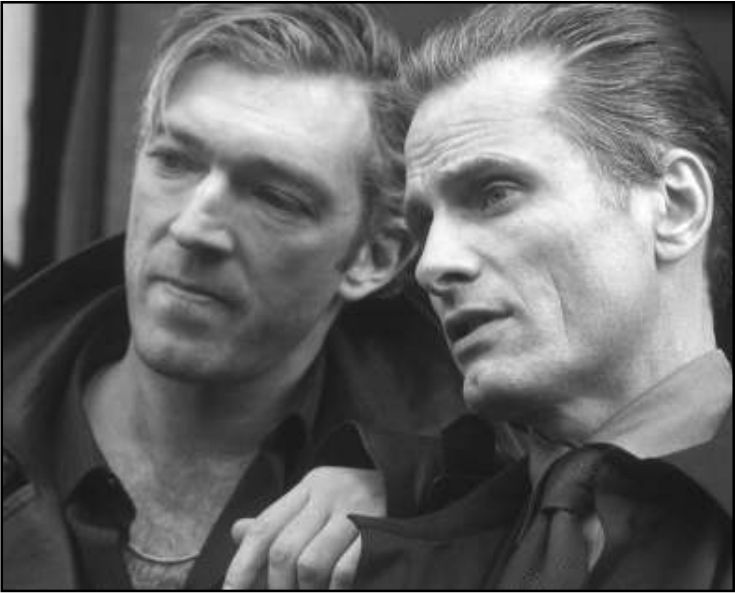
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Eastern Promises

Eastern Promises — A Christmas baby, orphaned in the delivery room and provisionally named Christine (“Sounds like Christmas”), leads a London midwife (Naomi Watts) on a quest for the infant’s nearest relative, and straight into the dark heart of the Russian mafia: a deceptively avuncular restaurateur (Armin Mueller-Stahl), his loose-cannon son (Vincent Cassel), and their stoical chauffeur and body-guard (Viggo Mortensen). For extra “motivation,” when things get dicey, the heroine is made to be half-Russian herself, with a stillborn baby in her background. Cult director David Cronenberg, following along the trail of *A History of Violence*, opens himself up for broader consumption, a tepid thriller with a maudlin streak and a pallid image, lacking his trademark slime element, notwithstanding a slit throat here and there, a pruned finger, a punctured eyeball. The *pièce de résistance* is a fight-to-the-death in a Turkish bath between two armed and fully clothed thugs and a vulnerably *au naturel* Viggo, covering up, despite all the rough-and-tumble, a bit more demurely than in the early days of *The Indian Runner*. 2007.

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The 11th Hour — Doomsday documentary on the imminent destruction of Planet Earth if earthlings don’t change their ways. As laid out by a big panel of deep thinkers, the what’s-gone-wrong part of the film (roughly two-thirds of it) is pretty depressing; the what-can-be-done part (the remaining third) is not commensurately encouraging. Narrated in hammer-and-anvil rhythm by Leonardo Di Caprio, who also produced; co-directed by sisters Nadia Conners and Leila Conners Petersen. 2007. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 9/20)

Good Luck Chuck — Romantic comedy with Jessica Alba and Dane Cook, directed by Mark Helfrich.

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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

living newcomer, the fey, fifteen-year-old Evanna Lynch, in her screen debut; directed by David Yates. 2007. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Hunting Party — Balkan comedy-thriller with Richard Gere, Terrence Howard, Jesse Eisenberg, and Diane Kruger, written and directed by Richard Shepard.

(FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; FROM 9/21)

In the Shadow of the Moon — Documentary by David Singleton on the Apollo space missions.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/21)

In the Valley of Elah — Paul Haggis’s homefront mystery about a missing veteran of the war in Iraq, with Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron, Susan Sarandon.

(FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 9/21)

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 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

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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 — Cozy character piece, against a backdrop of Buenos Aires in economic meltdown, about the relationship of a gentlewoman of reduced means and her loyal unpaid maid. A big performance from Norma Aleandro, to go with her big hair, and a self-contained performance from Norma Argentina. Written and directed by Jorge Gaggero. 2005.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Milarepa: Magician, Murderer, Saint — Neten Chokling’s biopic on the 11th-century Tibetan holy man.
(KEN, 9/21 THROUGH 27)

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 di-

rector. That chair is here occupied by Steven Bendelack, dull-eyed and color-blind. With Max Baldry, Emma de Caunes, and Willem Dafoe. 2007.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Mr. Woodcock — Domestic comedy with Billy Bob Thornton, Susan Sarandon, and Seann William Scott, directed by Craig Gillespie.
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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 seems unimaginable or unswallowable. The child (Nicholas Art), although endorsed by the sensible nanny as wonderful and terrific and special, hardly registers as anything once he stops being a monster. It’s the nanny herself who registers as wonderful and terrific and special, while stopping well short of Mary Poppins magic. With Chris Evans and Alicia Keys; co-written and co-directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini. 2007.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18;

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As You Like It

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The same week that the Coronado Playhouse’s free production of *As You Like It* opened, HBO released Kenneth Branagh’s long-awaited film version of Shakespeare’s pastoral comedy. Originally scheduled for theatrical release in 2006, the film went straight to cable with the DVD release this month. Branagh presents a puzzling mixture of East meets West in 19th-century Japan with sumo wrestling, kabuki, and samurai warriors. The Forest of Arden (actually a West Sussex park with lovely Japanese gardens) is peopled by characters in kimonos as well as Dickensian garb. Regardless of personal reaction to the cultural mix (you’ll love or hate the concept), see the DVD for some outstanding acting. Bryce Dallas Howard (Rosalind) and Romola Garai (Celia) enchant as they attract the DeBoys brothers played by David Oyelowo and Adrian Lester. Alfred Molina (Touchstone) cavorts, Kevin Kline (Jaques) shines, while Brian Blessed does double duty as both dukes.

AS YOU LIKE IT (England) 2006,
HBO Home Video
List price: \$26.98



VANESSA DINNING
Artistic director, San Diego
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My desert island Shakespeare movies: Baz Luhrmann’s *Romeo + Juliet* — I love this movie! Using Shakespeare’s original text, it transforms what’s often mistakenly portrayed in a staid, slow way into something fast-paced, vital, immediate, relevant, and just darned sexy. The soundtrack is phenomenal, the imagery startling, the performances pitched perfectly, and what’s more, it’s short.

Much Ado About Nothing: Shakespeare Retold is a modern retelling set around a regional TV news show. Bea and Ben are the anchors, Hero the weather girl, Claudio the sportscaster, and Leonato the producer. Painfully funny, completely true to the play, and the setting is remarkably apt. It’s emotionally engaging and clever. Packaged with a brilliant *Taming of the Shrew* set in Parliament with Kate as the leader of the Conservative Party!
I’d include Kenneth Branagh’s *A Midwinter’s Tale* — about an actor desperate to direct and star in *Hamlet* — but it’s not yet on DVD.

ROMEO + JULIET (USA) 1996,
Twentieth Century Fox
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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:
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BETH ACCOMANDO
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When asked to curate a Shakespeare film series, the dilemma was what to choose. I could only screen four titles, so that left plenty of films I loved but couldn’t show. Chief among these is Al Pacino’s *Looking for Richard*, a passionate exploration of Shakespeare by examining a single production of *Richard III*. It should be shown to every high school student to inspire a love of the Bard.

Here’s a wickedly funny take on the Bard: *Theater of Blood*. Vincent Price plays a bad Shakespearean actor who seeks revenge on the critics who slammed his performances. Each murder is a scene from Shakespeare and Diana Rigg plays his devoted daughter. Absolutely inspired B horror!

Finally, a bold and bawdy *Taming of the Shrew* done in the commedia dell’arte style. A buff Marc Singer squares off against Fredi Olster to deliver one of the liveliest battles of the sexes.

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(CHINESE COFFEE/LOOKING FOR RICHARD/THE LOCAL STIGMATIC) (USA) 1996,
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No End in Sight — How the Iraqi war (and peace) was bungled, as told by a carousel of on-the-ground and ivory-tower experts, well-organized, one-sided, clear, and convincing. Some eye-widening

footage inside “postwar” Iraq, but it’s mostly a talking-heads movie, which is to say mostly not a movie. Narrated by Campbell Scott; directed by Charles Ferguson. 2007.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 rap-prochement. With Patricia Clarkson, Bob Balaban, and Brian F. O’Byrne; directed by Scott Hicks. 2007.
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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. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Ratatouille — Disney computer-animated celebration of "differentness," in specific a Gallic rodent who cultivates fine taste, reads books, likes to cook, walks funny, and runs afoul of his garbage-wallowing kin. (Do ask, do tell!) Among the humans, there's some deft caricature of French facial types, a bit rodenty themselves — especially the standard stereotype of a sniffy critic — and very expressive into 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 tri-

umphant 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, THROUGH 9/20)

Resident Evil: Extinction — Futuristic sequel starring Milla Jovovich, directed by Russell Mulcahy. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20;

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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)

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, THROUGH 9/20)

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



Mr. Bean’s Holiday

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. ★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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)

Sydney White — Modern retelling of the Snow White tale, with Amanda Bynes, directed by Joe Nussbaum. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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; FROM 9/21)

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. ● (MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

2 Days in Paris — Fatuous chatter between mid-thirties lovers, two years together, an uptight American designer and a carefree French photographer, visiting her parents in Paris. Julie Delpy, surrounding herself with her actual family, and showing 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)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 2:35) 4:15, 5:25, 7:00,

8:20, 9:40; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 5:05, 8:15; **The Hunting Party** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **In the Valley of Elah** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:40, 10:25; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 2:50) 4:20, 5:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30; **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Sydney White** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:35; **War** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 5:10, 7:55, 10:20

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Dragon Wars (PG-13); **Eastern Promises** (R); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **Halloween** (R); **Live Free or Die Hard** (PG-13); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Mr. Bean’s Holiday** (G); **No Reservations** (PG); **Ratatouille** (G); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Self-Medicated** (R); **Stardust** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R)

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13); **The Brave One** (R); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **Hairspray** (PG); **The Hunting Party** (R); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13); **No Reservations** (PG); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R); **Superbad** (R); **Sydney White** (PG-13); **3:10 to Yuma** (R)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Death at a Funeral (R) Fri. 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:35, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40; **Eastern Promises** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:45; **Flight of the Navigator** (PG) Sat. 11:55p.m.;

In the Valley of Elah (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; **Live-In Maid** () Fri. 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Good Luck Chuck (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:00, 5:30) 8:10, 10:40; **Transformers** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15

MISSION HILLS

Cinema Under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
The Notebook (PG-13)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
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Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **The Brave One** (R); **Dragon Wars** (PG-13); **Eastern Promises** (R); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **Halloween** (R); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Ratatouille** (G); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Shoot ‘Em Up** (Not Rated); **Stardust** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R); **Sydney White** (PG-13); **3:10 to Yuma** (R)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Milarepa: Magician, Murderer, Saint (PG) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
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Death at a Funeral (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Deep Water** (PG) Fri. 4:30, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 4:30, 9:30; **In the Shadow of the Moon** (PG) Fri. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; **No End in Sight** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 7:00; **Once** (R) Fri. 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; **2 Days in Paris** (R) Fri. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

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San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10a.m.

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405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Halloween** (R) Fri. (11:45, 2:15) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; **Shoot 'Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 7:00, 9:15; **Strawberry Shortcake: The Sweet Dreams Movie** (NR) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15) 4:15

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
Balls of Fury (PG-13); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **The Brave One** (R); **Dragon Wars** (PG-13); **Eastern Promises** (R); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **Halloween** (R); **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13); **Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón** (PG-13); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Mr. Bean's Holiday** (G); **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Sea of Dreams** (PG); **Shoot 'Em Up** (Not Rated); **The Simpsons Movie** (PG-13); **Stardust** (PG-13); **Superbad** (R); **Sydney White** (PG-13); **3:10 to Yuma** (R); **Transformers** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Good Luck Chuck (R) Fri. (4:30) 7:45, 10:15; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:30

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11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:25) 5:10, 9:55 Sun. (12:25) 5:10; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40) 4:35, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (12:40) 4:35, 7:15; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 7:30; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50 Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25; **The Hunting Party** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:25) 4:35, 7:20, 9:35 Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:35, 7:20; **Mr. Bean's Holiday** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 4:45, 7:00, 9:40 Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 4:45, 7:00; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45) 4:30, 7:05, 9:45 Sun. (12:45) 4:30, 7:05; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:30,

3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50) 5:20, 7:55; **Sydney White** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:45; **Underdog** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 6:50; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:55) 7:05, 9:55; **The Brave One** (R) Fri. (12:40, 4:10) 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:10, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:35; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20) 6:45, 9:30; **Eastern Promises** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 10:10; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; **Hairspray** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 6:55; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:35) 7:55, 10:40; **The Hunting Party** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 7:45, 10:30; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:05) 8:00, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:05, 8:00, 10:25; **Mr. Bean's Holiday** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:20); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri. (12:20, 1:30, 2:50, 4:00, 5:20) 7:30, 8:10, 10:05, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 1:30, 2:50) 4:00, 5:20, 7:30, 8:10, 10:05, 10:45; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri. (4:05) 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 4:05, 10:15; **Superbad** (R) Fri. (12:35, 4:20) 7:25, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:35) 4:20, 7:25, 10:25; **Sydney**

White (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:10, 9:50; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 3:10) 7:15, 10:05

FALLBROOK

River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Becoming Jane (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Blossom Festival** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:15) 6:00, 8:15; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30 Sat. (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 3:30); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Sydney White** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri. (10:15, 1:00) 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 Sat. (10:15, 10:30, 1:00) 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:15, 10:30, 1:00) 4:15, 7:00

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San Marcos 18
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Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45 Sat. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 10:00 Sun. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:25, 9:45; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:25, 2:00, 3:45, 4:50) 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:35; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:20, 4:35) 6:50, 9:10; **Eastern Promises** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:00, 4:40, 5:30) 7:20, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Halloween** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:10, 10:45; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35) 7:45, 10:05; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 12:30,

2:15, 2:50, 4:45, 5:20) 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:25; **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:40) 7:05; **Shoot 'Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 5:00) 9:25; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:20, 5:15); **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:15; **Sydney White** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:35; **The Game Plan** (PG) Sat. 7:25p.m.; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50, 4:30) 7:15, 10:10

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

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The Brave One (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (11:10, 1:45, 4:20) 7:00; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:20, 4:30) 6:50, 8:55 Sun. (12:10, 2:20, 4:30) 6:50; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55 Sun. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30) 5:15, 10:00 Sun. (12:30) 5:15; **Eastern Promises** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:15, 7:45; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00; **The Nanny Diaries** (PG-13) Fri. (10:00, 2:45) 7:30 Sat. (10:00, 2:45) Sun. (10:00, 2:45) 7:30; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; **Sydney White** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Hunting Party (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **In the Valley of Elah** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
La Vie en Rose (PG-13)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 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; **Dragon Wars** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 10:00 Sun. (2:00p.m.); **In the Valley of Elah** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Strawberry Shortcake: Let's Dance** (NR) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00

OCEANSIDE

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The Brave One (R); **Dragon Wars** (PG-13); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **Halloween** (R); **Ladrón Que Roba a Ladrón** (PG-13); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Mr. Bean's Holiday** (G); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R); **Rush Hour 3** (PG-13); **Shoot 'Em Up** (Not Rated); **Superbad** (R); **Sydney White** (PG-13); **3:10 to Yuma** (R)

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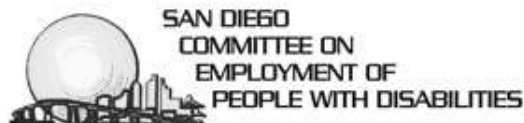
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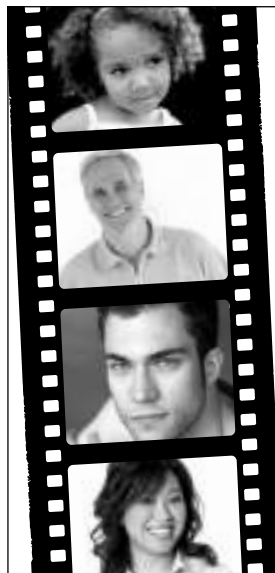
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- Due (to)
- Kid around
- Score after deuce
- Kitchen gadget
- Cabinet dept.
- Figure with horns and a forked tongue?
- Middle of a sonnet?
- Marveled aloud
- Tests for jrs.
- Collette of "Evening"
- "Mighty" tree
- Substance that kills microorganisms living on a citrus fruit?
- One way to eat tuna
- Monocle part
- Air Force _____
- Gifts for the poor
- Cinnamon unit
- Single mujer: Abbr.
- _____ Schwarz
- Director Gus Van _____
- Added to the staff
- Biloxi or Brighton Beach, theatrically-speaking?
- Opposite of neg.
- What tags may produce
- "_____ With Love" (1967 hit)
- Ad
- Immodesty
- What you've done by answering 17-, 25- or 43-Across correctly
- Vegetable commonly processed to make the food additive MSG
- Animal seen along "The Snout Route" at the Dallas Zoo
- Sites for studs
- Time long past
- Fools
- "Potty Time With _____" (children's book)

Down

- Stone revered in China
- 2007 #1 NBA draft pick Greg _____
- McGraw and McCarver
- Prefix with winter products
- Welles and Bean
- In the know
- Slurpee alternative
- Dweeb
- Tests for some srs.
- Zoomer on a lake
- One-named Irish singer
- Back-to-school mo.
- Very, in Versailles

- Nary a person
- Moonstones
- Santa's sackful
- Sow's squeal
- Lazes around
- China's Zhou _____
- 1983 Michael Keaton comedy
- On the A-list
- VCR button
- He always left his mark
- Register for
- "Set?"
- Freshness
- Destructive stuff
- Creates a lap
- Stable noise
- Try to pick up
- Sleep inducer
- College cohabitant
- Buzz
- Chain that offers Moo Malts
- Twistable treat
- Crystal gazer
- High-tech appt. books
- Uses a knocker
- And others, for short
- Disinfectant target
- Approximately
- Getting-in approx.
- "Get it?"

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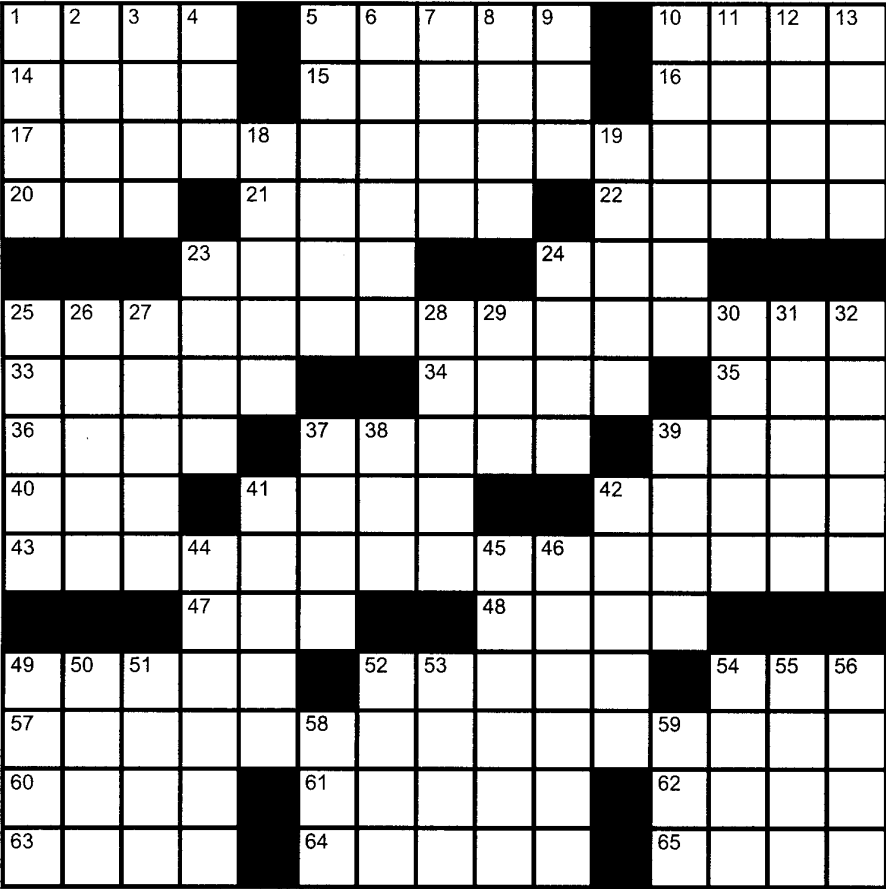
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Q: Waiting to welcome Mario — and Herbie Hancock

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Rene learned to surf on his own and took lessons from experienced friends. He says it was natural and easy for him to start slowly, to just be comfortable in the water and then progress to be "a pretty good surfer."

Escalante has seen a good amount of sea life from atop his board. "A lot of dolphins, seals,



stingrays, and jellyfish," he says, and he's come across lost lobster pots floating in the water.

Escalante has witnessed some terrible wipe-

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Melanie Warming-Grey
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It was on this trip down to San Diego on Greyhound. There was an obese 13-year-old girl that kept rubbing her butt on me as she moved. She was wheezing, too. Her mom and her kept eating chocolate cookies. Oh, there was a time recently a guy got on with painted fingernails. He noticed mine were done and started talking about them. He asked where I worked, since I was wearing my waitressing outfit. I subtly covered my badge. I didn't want a stalker. When an old woman came in, I got up and let her have my seat. It was a great out.



Dianne Day
Life Insurance Underwriter
Rancho Bernardo

My last time on a bus was probably back in school, on the school buses. I was always worried because they didn't have seat belts. And I remember the bus driver was this huge fat guy. I'd watch him as he tried to turn the steering wheel. He barely could. He wasn't a good driver, so it wasn't the best experience.



Edita Davtyan
Waitress
Oceanside

I don't remember riding buses where I grew up in Moscow. So, no bad experiences on them. When I didn't have a car in the United States, I had to take the bus places. It was usually on Greyhound. The only bad thing I remember was sometimes a bus would have a really bad smell. Luckily, I didn't have to ride the bus that often.



G.T. Myrick
Bouncer
Carlsbad

I don't think I've been on a bus since high school. I guess some people took the bus when they didn't have a vehicle to drive. It's been so long since I've been on one, I can't even guess when it was. I remember always thinking that buses smelled like Tijuana, though.



Ed Benson
Bartender
Point Loma

I was really drunk on a bus one time. I was a teenager. I started to feel sick, so I opened up the emergency door and threw up. That was so long ago, back in the days when I didn't have a motorcycle or a car. And when I couldn't hold my liquor.



Nicole Blundell
Pharmacy
Clairemont

It was when I was a kid, on a school bus a long time ago. We were at a stoplight, and when we looked over, there was a guy in his car. He was, uh...well, let's just say the police were called and arrested the guy. It was so bizarre. As an adult now, and having kids when they were that age, you sometimes think about things like that.

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The article may have had to do with the stereo console; technology had advanced to such a degree that the term “hi-fi” became passé and “stereo” — this one with knobs to turn up the bass and/or treble — had become the thing.

— by Robert Mizrachi

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LEAD STORY

— Brian Blair, now a county commissioner in Tampa, Fla., asserted in a 2002 lawsuit that he had been forced into retirement from his previous career as a professional wrestler after he tripped over a tray of dishes and hurt himself at a Carrabba’s restaurant. Blair announced in August 2007 that a settlement had been reached with Carrabba’s, and thus he would not explain (according to a deposition cited by Carrabba’s attorneys) how the “career-ending” injury allowed him to keep lucrative wrestling dates in Japan months after he fell, or how he registered a .089 blood-alcohol reading that evening even though he admitted to only one sip of wine, or how a sober professional wrestler accustomed to being thrown across a ring could be hurt so badly by a simple fall, or how a politician who generally abides a pro-business, anti-lawsuit philosophy could have initiated such litigation.

Unclear on the Concept

— Serena Yen, a member of the 24 Hour Fitness gym in Houston, complained to KTRK-TV in July that she had been shut inside recently at about midnight while using an upstairs exer-

cise machine when employees locked up for the night. A spokesman at the company’s headquarters said that “24 Hour” does not refer to the hours of operation.

— The government of China, which claims control of Tibet despite the region’s vigorous culture of independence, announced in August that it would henceforth require Tibet’s “living Buddhas” (special clergy believed to be continuously reincarnated) to get permission from China’s religious affairs officials before submitting their souls to be embodied in the future. The government acted, it said, because the reincarnation process needed to be managed better.

Can’t Possibly Be True

— Army officer Bryan Hilferty, a volunteer Little League umpire in Alexandria, Va., complained to the *Washington Post* in July that when he requested a copy of the league rulebook (to help him be a better umpire), he was turned down. Hilferty, who has access to classified information in his job at the Pentagon, was told that the Little League restricts its rulebooks, on a “need to know” basis, so as not to invite litigation, and that Hilferty did not qualify.

Brand-New Fetishes

— Verle Dills, 60, was arrested in Sioux Falls, S.D., in July after police found numerous homemade videos of Dills having sex in public with “traffic signs.” ... Jeff Doland of Uniontown, Ohio, was arrested in July, caught in an Internet sting after he flew to Miami thinking he had arranged to pay a “mother” to let him photograph her two adolescent daughters while she periodically pushed them underwater (because he “liked watching the bubbles”).

Least Competent Criminals

— Jazmine Roberts, 19, was apprehended by a Neiman Marcus security guard in White Plains, N.Y., in August and held for police after she allegedly walked out of the store with a \$250 pair of jeans and raged against the guard. According to a police report, Roberts was under the impression that once she walked out the door, she was immune from arrest, telling the guard, “It’s too late. I already left the store.”

Recurring Themes

— In July in Green Bay, Wis., Steve Warrichaiet, 50, was arrested on several charges in the injur-

ing of one pedestrian (found on the street) and the death of another (lodged in the windshield as Warrichaiet drove home). In August, Tony Martinez, 54, was arrested in Perris, Calif., on several charges in connection with the death of a motorcyclist, whose body was lodged in Martinez’s rear window as he drove home.

The Classic Middle Name (All New!)

— Arrested recently for murder and awaiting trial: Earl Wayne Reynolds (Spotsylvania County, Va., August); Donald Wayne Booth (Austin, Texas, August); Dustin Wayne Nall (Arlington, Texas, August); Christopher Wayne Hudson (Melbourne, Australia, June); Earl Wayne Flowers (Taylorsville, N.C., April); Randall Wayne Mays (Payne Springs, Texas, May). Suspected by police of murder but still on the loose at press time: David Wayne French (Portland, Ore., May). Convicted of murder: Randy Wayne Seal (Florahome, Fla., May). Sentenced for murder: Patrick Wayne Schroeder (Pawnee City, Neb., August).

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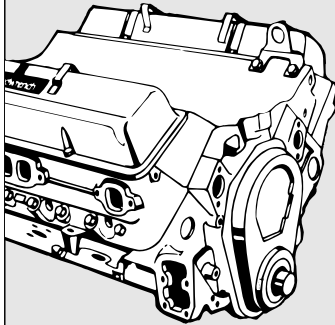
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Scheming Vixen

In 1977 I was living with my fiancé Rick, a Marine helicopter pilot who worked night maneuvers and slept days. I was assistant manager at a delicatessen. Rick was sweet, gentle, and a great lover. He was attentive and often brought flowers, cards, and gifts to show his affection.

My high school girlfriend Carolee became a constant visitor at our place. Soon she was having Rick work on her car and often borrowed his. She asked questions about what kind of lover he was and about his likes and dislikes. She began to dress to mimic styles he admired on me. I wore his favorite perfume and she started wearing the same fragrance.

One day I came home from work, trying to be quiet so I wouldn't wake Rick, knowing he had to work later that evening. When I came in, Rick was holding a teary-eyed Carolee and explained Carolee was no longer able to live with her parents due to her mother's alcohol problem, and she'd come to him to ask if she could stay in the spare bedroom!

At this time I was two months late on my period but had not told Rick I was sure I was pregnant.

I kept trying to keep Carolee away from Rick in whatever way I could, but between work and morning sickness, she managed to get her hooks in him.

One day I miscarried the baby, and Carolee was the only one home to help me. She was trying to assure me Rick was too young for the added responsibility and that this was a blessing in disguise.

Sometime the next week, Rick and I were supposed to go to dinner since it was his night off. I came home and got ready to go out; he

and Carolee came in hours later. They were laughing and obviously drunk. Carolee was carrying a kite.

Rick tried to apologize for forgetting our dinner date, mumbling that they'd been at the lake flying a kite and they'd gone out for dinner. (It was snowing!)

At this point I told them I wanted her out of my apartment (it was in Rick's and my name). I said that when I got home from work the next day I didn't want so much as a trace of her hair on my brush.

When I came home from work, I got the shock of my life. All my stuff was packed. Boz Scaggs was on the stereo singing, *Why can't you get it through your head — it's over now. Yes, you heard me clearly now, I said, it's over, it's over now.*

Rick put his arms around me and said he was sorry, but he and Carolee fell in love. Carolee, smirking in the background, said they were getting married.

I barely remember opening the window, taking off my engagement ring, and throwing it out onto the snow-covered lawn.

After an ugly scene, I threw my clothes in my car and cleaned out my bank account and headed for Florida (where I didn't know a soul).

I stayed there four months and then ended up driving back to Chicago due to an illness in my family.

The first week back I ran into an old girlfriend of mine and Carolee's and Rick's. I said I was staying with my parents for a couple weeks. That same night, this girl, "J.J.," came to my parents' home and practically begged me to go out for drinks at a bar we used to go to a lot. I reluctantly agreed to go, though once I'd arrived, I saw many old friends and danced and had fun.

The waitress brought me a drink and said it was from a gentleman in the corner who wanted to talk to me. When I turned to wave a "Thank you," I saw it was Rick. My friend J.J. said the reason she brought me to the club was that she knew Rick would be there that night.

As Rick walked toward me, I began to panic and tried to escape to the ladies' room. He caught up to me and began talking so fast, "God, I'm sooo sorry, I was so wrong, please, please talk to me."

I went to the ladies' room and tried to compose myself, and when I came out, he was right there waiting for me. He grabbed my hand and led me to the dance floor, where we

held each other and looked into each other's eyes until we both had tears running down our cheeks.

We ended up going outside since it was too noisy there to talk. He asked if he could drive me home and I said yes — though he drove to his home, his and his wife Carolee's home.

He made tender, gentle love to me and asked me to come back to him, telling me that losing me was the biggest mistake of his life.

When he dropped me off at my parents' home early next morning, he asked me to consider everything seriously.

Later that morning I called Carolee and described how I made love to her husband on her jungle print sheets and gave her vivid details of our evening and our conversations. Rick and Carolee deserved each other. Then I made arrangements to move to California and put those two far from my life.

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Thirty Years Ago

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—LETTERS: **"ROGER OVER AND OUT,"**

Roger Hedgecock, Supervisor, Third District,
September 22, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I know Jamie. I have talked to her for hours. I have read about her and women like her for countless hours more. Now I'm writing. Trying to find out what it's like to "do it." To walk around town — four or five times a week, or maybe every day — knocking back five to ten pounds of food, knowing that in an hour you'll go into a bathroom and vomit it all out.

—**"CAPTIVES OF A STRANGE SECRET OBSESSION,"**

Judith Moore, September 23, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

A year later, my husband's internship came to an end, and he left for Vietnam. I bravely lived out the next nine months until his return, two

days before our second son was born.

I comforted myself that in five months we'd all be together, our Navy life would end, and we would work toward establishing a private practice. I wrote passionate letters, I worked at keeping him alive in the minds of my babies. Then one day, I got a postcard that had a photograph of a koala on it. My husband explained that he had been granted R&R, and he had chosen to spend it in Australia.

Later on, when he was discharged and arrived home with a suitcase of dirty clothes, I found a letter from a woman in his coat pocket. Judging from the contents, she was under the impression that he was single.

—**"SECOND BIRTH,"** Suzanne Kimball,

September 24, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Who'd be so obsessive to collect 93 "Little Miss No Name" big-eyed Keane dolls and knit little dresses for each? A hairy, fortyish fellow named Long Gone John.

The Gone One's Manson Family jacket, the one with "Death Valley Devil's Witches" embroidered on the back, wasn't bought at ransom prices. It was given to him by Squeaky Fromme after a squeaky night of acid-driven

sex. But a few weeks later, Charlie Manson wrote Mr. Long John and told him to lay off his women or else he'd deliver his neatly severed head to the Queen of England.

—HELLA., *Adam Parfrey, September 24, 1992*

Ten Years Ago

San Diego's first openly gay city councilwoman, Democrat Christine Kehoe, is pondering whether to run for Congress next year against GOP incumbent Brian Bilbray, and she's hired the polling firm of Evans-McDonough to test the waters. At least one Coronado resident reports getting a call this week from the Berkeley-based pollster, which is asking voters' opinions on everything from Kehoe's gayness to her support for the Chargers' stadium deal and its 60,000-seat ticket guarantee.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"CHRISTINE & BRIAN & LYNN & PAUL,"**

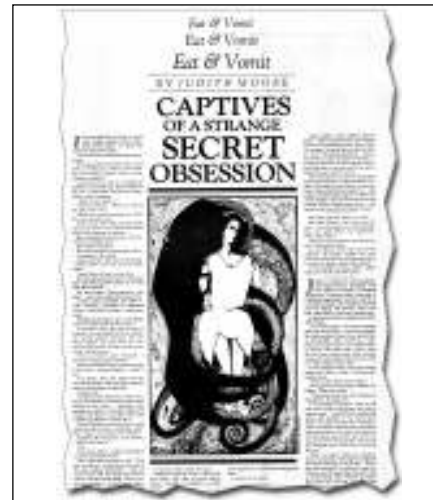
Matt Potter, September 25, 1997

Five Years Ago

What's up with Ted Williams?

He's still dead. His children are still fighting. The issue in question is whether to keep Ted's carcass frozen or put Ted's carcass in an oven and roast it until said carcass turns to powder.

But, here's the happy news: the frozen



San Diego Reader, September 23, 1982

carcass of Ted Williams has been a real pick-me-up for the Alcor Life Extension Foundation of Scottsdale, Arizona. Before Ted's frozen carcass became part of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation family, the Alcor Life Extension Foundation's website had 5000 hits per day. Press reports indicate that, thanks to Ted, the Alcor Life Extension Foundation's website now enjoys 600,000 hits per day.

—SPORTING BOX: **"FUN, RELAXATION & ENTERTAINMENT,"** Patrick Daugherty,
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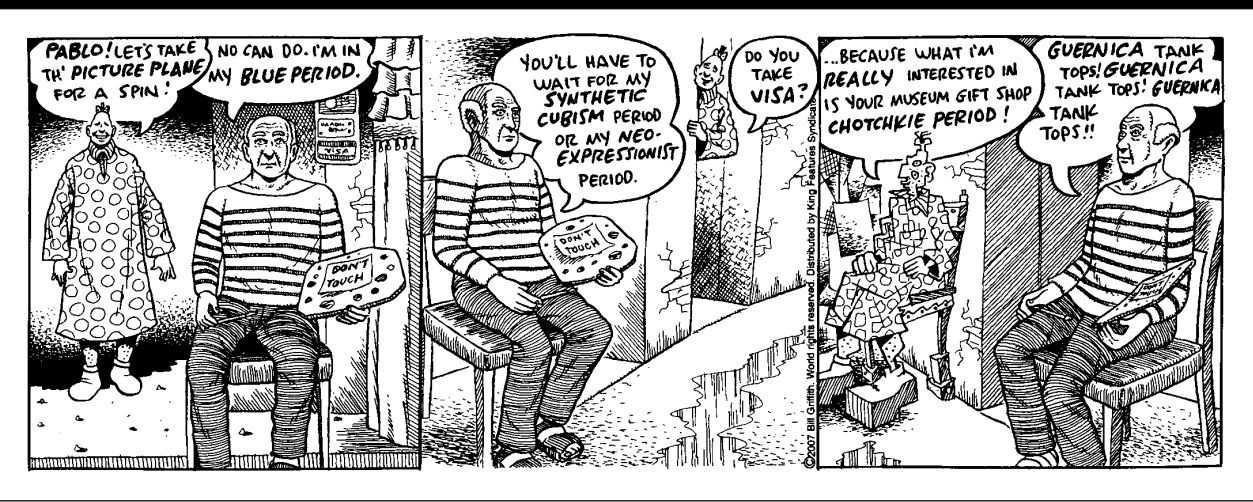
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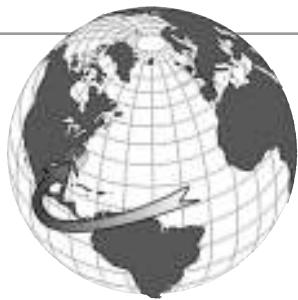
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— from *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

Rereading it, I knew I'd highlighted this section because it made me think of my husband during our affair days. I've always been so ardent about him, and even at the beginning, I recognized this power that he had to consume me, even when our relationship was a dalliance.

But I'm not sure that we ever were *just* dallying. From the first moment we touched, it was clear that what we were doing was different.

That night was strange. My then-boyfriend and G. had found a wallet at the bar where they worked, and they had gone on a shopping spree with the found credit card. My boyfriend was going out of town to visit his father, but there was a party at their house that night (my boyfriend and G. were roommates). I planned to go, though my boyfriend was out of town. I wore new boots that my boyfriend had bought me with the credit card, and I was high on ecstasy.

The X was intense, so I spent most of the night in my boyfriend's room. G. stayed there with me, rubbing my feet with his hands, then softly with a knife. The X was throbbing. It felt good to be touched, talked to. It was warm and

interesting and safe.

Later, when everyone was gone, we sat on the couch together, and he kissed me. It was like some wild beast had been unleashed — I made him leave with me and go back to my house.

I am alarmed to remember that he didn't do drugs back then, that I was the crazy one. I admired his sobriety. It made him different from the other guys I knew, and from myself. I was a mess, and he seemed so together, so poised.

Once it started, he was all I thought about. Our connection was intense, instantaneous. We'd talk to each other while we were making love in this way I can never quite explain, like we could talk while our mouths were full of each other.

I fell deeply in love. It was physical, and it was more. I respected him. He was religious, and he would talk about it openly in front of his friends — hipster pseudo-intellectuals who mocked the idea of religion and party boys who thought

it was weird for anyone to care about anything. He could draw and paint, and he was interested in my writing. He was sensitive and admired my intellect. His eyes were intensely blue behind the darkest, longest eyelashes. I believe he's the handsomest man I've ever seen. If I were designing a man, I'd design him.

Nothing compares to



the way his skin feels against mine, the way my lips feel against his eyelids, the way our bodies fit together. And there is nothing like the smell of him, like the smell of his armpit or his neck or his arms; his smell is raw and clear and sharp. My favorite aroma. If the way he smelled was a flower, I'd

pick them into extinction.

This is why I don't leave. I love this man madly. In all the years since that first night, I have been devoted. When we weren't together, I'd mourn for the feeling that only he could give me, a feeling of being consumed, of connection, of recognition and profound love. It has shaped the person that I am, and

I've been kneeling at the altar of this love for the better part of a decade. I'm as hooked on him as he's ever been on heroin.

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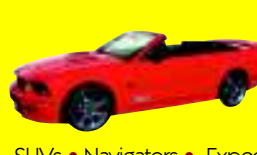
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Once you've got the nicotine patch's chemicals flowing into your capillaries, you're going to want to get something to chew on. I must've gnawed on a thousand different little objects in the past three days, and some not so small. Oh, there were unsatisfying Bic pens. I clinked my teeth on a bit of metal sleeve about the size of a pinky finger. A Sharpie, while girthy and much more fulfilling than the Bic, popped and dribbled red ink on my snappy yellow shirt.

It wasn't until I made a list of properties my chew toy needed that inspiration finally nabbed me by the neck and I found my proper oral fixation toy: (1) The thing had to be thick enough to prop open the jaw. (2) It had to be durable, but not hard like steel; plastic would be best, rubber in a pinch. (3) It was best not to leak an undesirable substance into my mouth and then guts because that was precisely why I wanted to quit tobacco.

I was grumbling at the washing machine and stuffing my clothes in its white metal maw when my muse whispered. On the filthy, lint-riddled floor, under used dryer sheets and wet toddler short pants, was a discarded clothes hanger — its plastic diameter matched that of a cigarette.

Perfection.

I snapped the hanger in two, then three, then four, and broke it further down until I got a good hunk of the bottom rung and placed it between my teeth and smiled, shoulders slumped and head back, in ecstasy. Ah, sweet polyurethane relief.

If you can do it, take three days off of work. Stack your apartment with M&Ms (just accept the extra blubber as your next challenge), and flip through the cable menu until you see a marathon of something...anything. Get your chew toy, your patch, your candy, and settle in for a rugged stretch.

Trust me, I'm an expert. This is my third time.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
10 NEWS AT 11 A.M.
ABC 11:00 A.M.
I'm creating my own state and ceding from the rest of the country. My state, called the Great State of GetDrunkScrewLandia, runs from the Pacific Ocean just under Carlsbad, loops Las Vegas, and comes back to Ocean Beach. In my state there is only one law, "I'm president. Everyone gets a motorcycle and a weekly rocket pop." Vote Ollie.

SAN DIEGO INSIDER
CA4SD 6:00 P.M.
Since I'll be president of my own state, hell, let's make it a country. Since I'm president of my own country, I'm going to want some items. First, I need a reliable booze distillery pumping out high-grade bourbon barrel after sweet oak barrel. This isn't just for me, it's for every-

one. I'm the people's president. Cook with it. Bathe in it. Rub it on your feet and teeth to cure corns and gingivitis.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
CALIFORNIA'S GOLD
PBS 5:30 P.M.
Next, all citizens are entitled to a lightweight motorcycle, zippy and good at spinning donuts, fueled either by corn or hydrogen. I prefer my subjects ride the hydrogen ones because when they crash, watch that fireball twist and rush through the sky! The corn ones are okay, but when they crash they leak vegetable oil and that's boring unless someone is there with a wok and some chicken. So, I require the people who ride corn motorcycles to carry stir-fry ingredients and Thai spices with them everywhere, all the time.

SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 22
AMERICA AND THE COURTS
CSPAN 4:00 P.M.
Carrying on, let's delve this rocket-pop issue that everyone's going nuts about. All right. All right. You get one rocket pop per week. I don't want to hear any whining either. You break your rocket pop, tough luck. You melt your rocket pop, you're out, buster. Trade your rocket pop for a motorcycle ride or booze — that's your prerogative — but you don't get another rocket pop. If you hoard your rocket pops in the freezer and neighbor kids eat them, you are assed out, my friend. You should've eaten your rocket pops when you got them. One rocket pop in the hand is worth two in the icebox, I think that old saying goes.

THE GREAT DICTATOR
TCM 5:00 P.M.
Of course, important issues exist outside of frozen treats and alternative-fueled, two-wheeled conveyance and the explosive cooking of Thai stir fry. There remains the sizzling issue of immigration. My policy is that GetDrunkScrewLandia works like an at-capacity bar. We're full up to the amount allowed by fire code. If you want in, someone has to leave. And if we catch you sneaking in, we either get to look at nudie pictures of your sister or we get to shoot you in the butt with a BB gun. Your choice.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
SPORTSCENTER
ESPN 8:00 P.M.
Tax breaks will be given to those who can rock a pair of green-and-white Larry Bird short shorts and a Lone Ranger mask. This is the only tax code.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
THE GAME
CW 9:30 P.M.
Cheating is encouraged to pass the physical fitness test required to remain a resident of GetDrunkScrewLandia. Once a year you have to bicycle to Las Vegas. It can take you two months, or it can take you two hours, I don't care how you get there as long as you get there. How can someone bicycle to Las Vegas in two hours? Exactly.



The Game

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
JEOPARDY
NBC 7:30 P.M.
Also, there will be an intelligence test. If you fail the intelligence test, you'll be thrown out and an immigrant will be let in without being shot in the behind with a BB. To test your knowledge, you'll be required to jump a motorcycle off a ramp with fireworks and flames and things. Everyone. If you are unable to perform this intelligence test you'll have to perform the second intelligence test, the eating of 20 hot dogs in four minutes. Study up, Poindexter.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
RULES COMMITTEE
TWCNSD 7:00 P.M.
My first order of business: trumpets and flutes shall announce my arrival into any room. Including gas-station bathrooms, sleeping baby nurseries, and lion pits. They'll play my song, which is entitled, "Take It Easy, Ladies. There's Plenty of Ollie to Go Around." And I'll roll my hand through the air in front of my face and grunt, "As you were. As you were," as the official presidential greeting.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
THE REAL WORLD
MTV 8:00 P.M.
A water fight will determine my successor. Any challengers to the office will be handcuffed and armed with a drinking straw and goldfish bowl. The incumbent will be equally matched by being armed with a fire hose and a team of bikini contestants as his hose team. The call to civic duty squeals to me like a group of wet girls in high heels and two-piece swimsuits.

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