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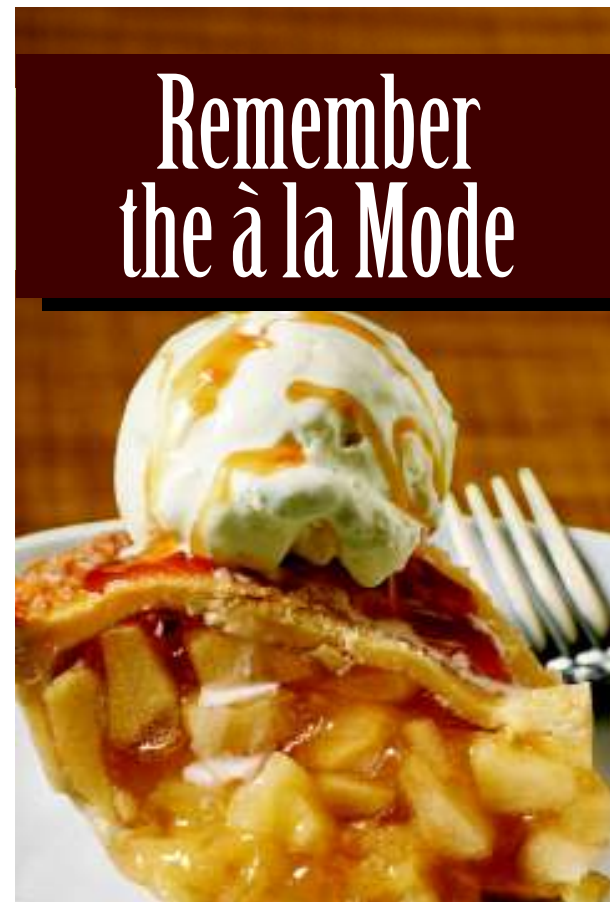


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BREAKING NEWS

Big bay small fry San Diego city councilman **Ben Hueso** is doing some reverse bundling in connection with his scheduled Tuesday swim across San Diego Bay this week. According to a recent news release by his office, Hueso is raising money for a program he is promoting called Brighter Futures Through Fitness to encourage exercise and better diet



Ben Hueso

among his younger constituents. Potential donors are told to make their checks payable to Athletes for Education, a small nonprofit foundation that supports various youth fitness activities around the country. But according to the release, all checks are to be sent to Hueso's city council office. In Sacramento, a similar practice, in which donors earmark contributions to a charity in the name of elected officials, is known as "behesting" and requires disclosure with the state's Fair Political Practices Commission. An effort by legislators to water down the behesting disclosure requirement this session was withdrawn by its author, Democratic state senator **Ron Calderon**, after it became apparent the measure would likely be vetoed by Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**.

Supporters of the disclosure requirement, such as **Robert Stern**, president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles, argue that contributions to charity solicited by elected officials are made as a gesture of political support. "When a legislator calls somebody up and they give money, that should be disclosed," Stern told a reporter. "We should know if money is being given at the request of a public official." San Diego city law requires that charitable contributions



Robert Stern

greater than \$5000 given by a single donor at the behest of an elected official within a 12-month period be reported by letter to the office of the city clerk, according to Stacey Fulhorst, executive director of the city's Ethics Commission. Those who want to donate to the Hueso bay swim are offered three levels of giving: Bass, \$1000; Bluegill, \$3000; and Trout, \$5000.

Not far from the tree **Franklin Gatlin IV** has been in a little trouble lately. Last year, the 26-year-old allegedly smashed a beer bottle in the face of a fellow partygoer at his mother's Rancho Santa Fe house and ten days later stabbed a man at a Del Mar sushi restaurant. After getting sober, he was sentenced last week to a year in jail and five months of probation. Drug counts and battery charges were dropped under a deal with prosecutors.

If Gatlin's name sounds vaguely familiar, it's because his father, **Franklin Gatlin III**,

was in the news back in September 1996, when he and his real estate development outfit, Gatlin Development, agreed to pay a \$192,000 fine to the state's Fair Political Practices Commission for scheming to launder more than \$28,000 in 108 individual campaign donations to members of the San Diego City Council and County Board of Supervisors during an 18-month period between 1992 and 1994. To that date, it was the fourth-largest fine ever levied by the commission.

"The violations were clearly part of an organized scheme to build influence with decision makers," said **Ravi Mehta**, then-chairman of the commission. "When taken into account, the enormous number of laundered campaign contributions together with the repeated nature of the violations over a year and a half shows a deliberate pattern of laundering activity."

Gatlin's law firm, Gresham, Varner, of San Bernardino, participated in the conspiracy by having its employees and their relatives make the contributions, which were later reimbursed; the firm paid \$228,000 for its violations. In a written statement issued at the time, Gatlin claimed that "at no time did I act intentionally to deceive or violate the law. Nevertheless, on behalf of Gatlin Development Company, I accept full responsibility for my actions and want to extend my deepest apologies."

All of the politicians who received the tainted money, including county supervisor **Ron Roberts**, who voted in favor of Gatlin's projects, denied any knowledge of the laundering scheme.

Lowery's still in We erred here last week when we said that the San Diego State University Research Foundation was replacing



Brent Wilkes

ing ex-GOP congressman **Bill Lowery** as its lobbyist. Lowery is still in the running to keep that job, despite the stated reservations of acting foundation head **Tom Scott** regarding Lowery's close relationship with **Jerry Lewis**, the San Bernardino Republican congressman whose campaign accepted \$60,000 from **Brent Wilkes**, now facing trial in the **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** bribery case. Lowery and two other candidates for the job will meet with foundation officials October 15. Though the foundation's board has been invited to sit in, the session will be closed to the public.

— Matt Potter

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Ron Roberts

Beyond Our Means

By Don Bauder

It was succor for Wall Street and "Sucker!" to the overall economy, including San Diego and other cities with housing-related

economic woes. On September 18, the Federal Reserve prescribed a double dose of sharply lower interest rates that will provide little help to the anemic housing industry, accelerate the plunge of the dollar, bring rising inflation, discourage desperately needed savings, and in other ways harm the long-term interests of the U.S. economy. But the lower rates will buoy Wall Street's financial-engineering sharks and hence the stock market — and that's what's important to the central bank.

When Alan Greenspan headed the Fed, Wall Street knew he would put its interests first. Greenspan would pump liquidity into the system when he sensed the lending markets had become "seized up." What worried him was that the corporate-

takeover crowd couldn't borrow money to make acquisitions, and he intended to reverse that. This buyout activ-



Petco Park

ity, which lines the pockets of the biggest banks and brokerages, actually works against the economy: money is spent to finance acquisitions instead of being put into research and

development, productivity-enhancing equipment, wage incentives, and the like. However, financial engineering tends to lift the stock market because investors are reluctant to sell a stock when they believe a takeover piranha might purchase it for a fat premium.

Some thought Greenspan's successor, Ben Bernanke, would resist Wall Street's entreaties and do what is right for the

long-term good of the economy. But he caved.

What happened September 18 was predictable. The stock market (which was

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No Snowbird Heaven

By Don Bauder

It's an ill wind that blows no one any good, so will the weak dollar help San Diego? For example, the Canadian dollar, which as recently

as early 2002 was worth 62 cents, is now at parity with our dollar. Will Canadian snowbirds rush in bigger numbers to the desert this winter? Will San Diego get more Canadian tourists? Surprisingly, the effect may be small.

Yuma, Arizona, attracts 70,000 snowbirds a year. "The RV parks expect no more than normal," says Ken Rosevear, head of the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce. The

number of visitors kept rising while the Canadian dollar (called the "loonie" because of the loon on the coin) was weak. He doubts traffic will pick up with the loonie strong.

El Centro, which gets about 10,000 snowbirds a year, doesn't have room for more, although they may go out to Bureau of Land Management space in the desert

and also go to Brawley, Niland, and Holtville, says Cathy Kennerson, head of the El Centro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau. She hopes that those staying nearby will do more shopping in El Centro. Erica Savage, executive

director of the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce, says, "I hope that with the Canadian dollar where it is, we will find a lot more of our northwestern tourists venturing down for longer stays" and spending more. The town has a full-time population of 3000 that swells to 7000 in the winter.

However, Jack Giacomini, who runs three large hotel facilities in Mission Valley, doubts there will be much effect on San Diego

tourism. "There are more conditions than just the balance of the dollar and the loonie," he says. "Typically, the weather has a lot to do with it — if it's bad weather there and good here. The

exchange rate doesn't hinder anybody unless it's way out of control, so I don't expect a significant change because of that." He does believe, though, that Canadians who come here will spend more money. ■



Loonie

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Disneyland for Grown Men

By Jennifer Cooke

We Mexican kids growing up in the '80s in the South Bay of San Diego heard stories of Tijuana's red-light district, known

as the *cahuila* (pronounced ca-HWE-la). We had never been there to see it, so it loomed in our imaginations as a place crowded with "houses of ill repute," "ladies of the night," and other exotic goings-on we didn't fully understand. Its mystery made it useful in a

from between the bars. (I later learned that the correct word is "Coahuila," a street in Tijuana's Zona Norte named after the state in Mexico.)

Just as I never believed my girlfriends would become hookers in a Tijuana brothel, I never expected male friends to become customers. I viewed prostitution as a service used out of necessity by men who were unattractive, socially awkward, or married and looking for extramarital sex. Perhaps a single man found himself at an age where he wasn't comfortable carousing in the Gaslamp among girls who were much younger.

But David Hernández (not his real name) is none of the above. With his dark hair and long eyelashes, he could pass for a more muscular, rugged version of Oscar De La Hoya. At 26, he is charming, funny, outgoing, educated, and employed. He says he has a wide social circle and enjoys clubbing and exercising — a claim borne out by his tanned, toned bicep that peeks from the sleeve of his shirt.

Hernández calls his favorite



Tijuana brothel "the happiest place on Earth — it's like Disneyland for grown men!" He discovered it in 2002 on a jaunt south of the border with friends. "It wasn't as popular back then," he says, "but everybody knows about that spot now."

And by "everybody" he means guys like himself, the kind you might find downtown any night at the Martini Ranch or Stingaree.

I come right out and say it: he could probably get any number of females in the Gaslamp to go home with him. Why pay for it? "It's just the beauty of no attachments and no commitments, no BS," he says. "You see a hot chick,

you do your thing, and you never have to talk again."

Tourism in Tijuana has taken a devastating blow in the wake of 9/11, but you would never know it from Hernández's description of a Friday night in one of the oldest brothels in the Coahuila. Apparently, business is booming and the place filled to capacity with raucous guys partying like it's 1999 — or any year before 2001.

Hernández and his friends park at the Shops at Las Americas in San Ysidro and walk across the border to catch a cab. He tells the driver the name of the bar, "and the driver gives kind of a snicker and takes you straight over there." When the guys make preliminary stops on Revolución, they take precautions: "We always make sure and put our [prostitution] money in our socks so we don't spend it!"

He and four other men I talk to are adamant that the girls are "gorgeous" and "stunning." Hernández says, "There are some old, ugly ones but not many, and they don't get much attention from anybody."

While there is a dance floor, Hernández says he's seen a girl dance only once in all the times he's been there. There is no pretense about the purpose of the establishment. "You're either drinking or [having sex] or both, or the staff kicks you out." Hernández and his friends make the rounds of the room, looking for the best girls. The degree of small talk varies from sitting down



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together for a couple of drinks to walking straight up to the preferred girl and asking, "¿Cuánto?" ("How much?"). Hernández says he prefers the latter approach.

The going rate is \$60. That gets you 20 to 30 minutes upstairs at the adjacent hotel, which can be entered from inside the bar. "When I first went, there was never any line for the hotel," he explains. "You

they will [mess] with you if you act up."

As he describes the room, he cracks, "There's no telling when the bedspread and sheets were washed. You don't think about that at the time, though." His concern about cleanliness never goes further than the linens, however. What about sexually transmitted diseases? What about HIV? Hernández is one of the first generations



cautionary way, such as "You better stop acting like such a slut or you'll end up working in the *cahuila*!" It could be employed as an insult: "I saw your mom in the *cahuila*!" Since the Spanish word for cage, *jaula* (pronounced HOW-la), sounds similar to *cahuila*, I imagined the place as a giant birdcage full of half-naked women, their limbs dangling

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just went straight up the stairs to the hole-in-the-wall front desk and paid \$11 for the room. The last time I went, though, the line of people wrapped all the way around the inside of the bar along the wall. It's crazy how popular that place has gotten."

Once inside the 10-by-12 room, Hernández says there is no time to waste. A guy had better stick to the allotted time limit or someone will come knocking at the door "whether you are done or not. You don't mess around over there because

to grow up with demonstrations in school of how to put a condom on a banana instead of grainy Army training films about the dangers of getting a dose of the clap. He's never known a world without AIDS. So how can he blithely put himself at risk? Another American Coahuila regular tells me,

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Beyond our means

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already up for the year) soared. The dollar's plunge accelerated. It is now down 20 percent from five years ago. The prices of oil, gold, other metals, and agricultural commodities rose sharply, partly a result of the weaker dollar. Inflation is almost certain to rise. Real estate experts say the interest rate cuts will not make mortgages more available or help borrowers with adjustable rate mortgages facing costlier monthly payments. This housing crisis was caused by ridiculously high prices (for example, San Diego's median home price is almost \$500,000), and the Fed's move won't help stem a probable long-term home price decline or San Diego's descent into near-

recession or recession.

But as soon as the Fed made its announcement, the Wall Street sharks were able to borrow money (often junk debt) to make their forays. Wall Street celebrated, knowing that Bernanke was now in its pocket. Why? Here's one reason: the top 20 hedge-fund and private-equity-fund bosses annually rake in 22,255 times the pay of the average U.S. worker — making more in ten minutes than the average Joe makes all year. Those Wall Street nabobs are feeding money to politicians of both parties, and Federal Reserve members are highly sensitive to politics.

The problem: America is living beyond its means. U.S. consumers, who account for 72 percent of the total economy, have negative savings — spending more than they take

in and piling up frightening debt. Consumers were formerly borrowing against the rising values of their homes, but that game is over. The nation attracts funds from foreign countries, so our consumers and governments can continue their spending binges. These foreign countries hold half our debt. As the dollar crumbles, we're more vulnerable.

The Fed wants to keep the acquisition/junk-bond game going, but what has it done for the economy? What has it done for San Diego? In 2000, Petco Animal Supplies underwent a leveraged buyout. Two financing firms took over Petco, saddling the company with heavy debt. The buyers took the company private, then took it public again two years later and made 600 percent profits bailing out of their

stock. Partly because of that debt load, Petco began losing out to its Phoenix-based competitor PetSmart. Last year, PetSmart offered \$33 a share for Petco, but PetSmart didn't want Petco's two top executives. So Petco sold itself a second time for only \$29 a share to the same group that had pulled the stunt in 2000. Those two executives were promised fat remuneration. Some Petco shareholders are justifiably suing. "Financial engineering by the Wall Street folks generates fees, but investors get harmed," says Darren Robbins, the lead attorney.

Accredited Home Lenders peddles subprime mortgages. Last year, its stock went above \$60. Now it will be sold for \$11.75 a share to a private equity group that reduced its original offer of \$15.10 after the subprime mess worsened. The company is losing money by the bushel and has fired 1600 workers. Wouldn't it have been better to let Accredited die?

In the mid-1990s and in 2000, the *Union-Tribune* took on debt to buy a bunch of newspapers in Illinois and Ohio, even though for several years young people had not been reading newspapers. But management was cocksure of its course. This year, with the help of a large Wall Street investment group, Copley was able to unload the money-losing papers for \$382 million. Fortress Investment Group had forwarded money to the buyer, a newspaper chain that was too deeply in debt to finance the deal itself.

Copley had paid \$175 million for two of the papers. Another one had been purchased in the 1920s, so it's hard to know if Copley got out even. Instead of making those acquisitions, Copley should have spent the money upgrading operations.

In 1985, investors purchased Jack in the Box from Ralston Purina in a leveraged buyout. The company was saddled with junk debt for years, which was a burden in hard times, such as the 1993 episode in which 2 died and 400 fell ill after eating in Jack restaurants. Ten years ago, the junk debt was 80 percent of capitalization. Now it's down to 24.5 percent, and Jack is one of San Diego's best-managed companies. But it would have performed much better through the years if it hadn't had to carry all that low-quality debt, even if it had still been a part of Ralston Purina. ■

guarantee from a random girl you meet over here," one man tells me.

So what is it about guys like Hernández? Is the traditional dating scene that tiresome? "If you think about it," he says, "it's cheaper altogether" to go to his favorite Coahuila bar. "Dinner, movies, concerts, gas money driving everywhere — it's so much work, and this could take weeks with a girl you meet in San Diego. In TJ, you pay your money straight up, and you're done in 30 minutes. Like me and my friends always say, all men pay for it one way or another."

The growing social acceptability in the United States of these "regular Joes" becoming "regular johns" may not be occurring in Tijuana. I meet Luis in a quiet bar in Chula Vista, where he often comes after work before crossing the border to go home. He shoots pool with a coworker named Brenda, and we chat after Luis offers to buy me a drink. They seem excited to see a new face in their regular hangout, and even the bartender gets in on the conversation. After a few drinks, they say they are going dancing that night in Tijuana, and I ask, "Going anywhere near the Coahuila?"

The smile leaves Luis's face, and all chitchat comes to a halt. He puts his pool cue back in its case as he tells me no, he's not going anywhere near the Coahuila. "You know why?" he asks me in Spanish. "Because my parents brought me up right. I don't go to places like that." ■

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Grown men

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"The girls all use condoms. And the girls are clean! They take a shower right in front of you!"

For his part, Hernández says that every weekend can be risky, "whether in TJ or in Pacific Beach on the prowl," and leaves it at that. One recurring theme I hear is that since prostitution is legal in Mexico, Tijuana's health department regularly tests the girls for sexually transmitted diseases. "You can't get that kind of

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I, Jefferson Jay

I was reading today in this week's issue of the Reader that the Destructo Bunny is the host of the Tuesday-night open mike at Portugalia ("Hometown CDs," October 4). I found this to be shocking, because as far as I know, I, Jefferson Jay, have been hosting the Tuesday-night open mike at Portugalia for the better part of the last year, plus. So I was calling to clarify that detail of your album review and correct it for the record. The open mike starts at 9:00 at Portugalia every Tuesday night. We have a great time, and it's free of charge, and everybody's welcome.

Jefferson Jay

Writer To Writer

You have some of the finest writers that I've ever read. Your writer Barbarella is fantastic. She'll write things that I'll think I'll be very bored with, and the way she handles it is just fantastic. This last article that she wrote, "Being Fat Sucks" (Cover Story, September 27), I think is just fantastic work. And at the ending, where she tries on clothing and she's told to go downstairs and it's a medium that fits her, I read that to my wife, and it was just heart-touching. You have great writers.

I've written three na-

tional best sellers, *Rain of Gold*, *Thirteen Senses*, and *Burro Genius*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. I really appreciate your newspaper and your point of view.

Victor Villaseñor
 Oceanside

Grossly Vilifies

Barb, I've been reading you for years and had no idea you had a weight struggle ("Being Fat Sucks," Cover Story, September 27).

Really impressed with your sane approach to the problem.

I have to tell you though, in my experience you way understated how abusive society is toward the overweight.

Your life, *pre-skinny*, even beats the crap out of my (now formerly) skinny life!

Having a closet full of size 4 and 6 clothing, it's only recently that I gained a lot of weight myself for the first time, due to an athletic injury.

The fact is, as ridiculous as people act when you are "hot," they are equally ridiculous in the negative when you are not.

Apparently human nature swings *wildly* in either direction.

The politics of "fatness" never goes away and pervades every element of the victim's life. Family, career, romance, friends, neighbors. Hell, just getting the mail is a big emotional deal when you are fat.

Since gaining weight, I have been treated like I am invisible. I've been treated like a circus freak. I've been completely ignored by sales people. I've been treated like a criminal. I've been treated like a "retard."

I've been treated like I am deaf, dumb, and blind, in various combinations, and I have been called some

of the most vicious names you can imagine, by people who have never even met me!!

I've been treated to a rousing round of "stalk and harass the neighbor" as a result of my new "target" status. Fat people are grossly vilified!!! People practically line up around the block just to get a shot at me.

I've been grossly violated and victimized in the workplace and suffered open harassment and discrimination. Don't tell me this is the year 2007. Discrimination in the workplace is *alive* and *well*.

Essentially, being (temporarily) fat has halted my formerly successful corporate business career, which I am now discovering was more about my looks than I would have guessed.

Now, I'm not talking obese here. I'm not even 200 pounds. Sometimes I even think I might look a little bit cute and round and cuddly. But *no-o-o-o*. You'd think I was a f***** sideshow freak!

People stop what they are doing, put down their work, to openly stare and gawk. "Hotties" and others in the discount stores openly point and snicker and stare. I don't get it! And forget about my Nordstrom days — not stepping foot in that place until I'm back to a size 4.

Put together with the added bonus of hitting my 40s the same time as gaining the weight, I can tell you I went from being treated in my life as very valuable to being treated like absolute garbage.

I have developed a crippling case of agoraphobia. I have a new variety of Tourette's syndrome in which I flip "the bird" and scream "a*****!" at random staring and openly gawking people.

And they are *everywhere*.

Having been athletic and thin most of my adult life, now suddenly exercising in public has become a nightmare.

I drive for 30 minutes each way just to hike in a rural area to get away from prying, critical, smirking, harassing eyes.

What happens there? The damned trail workers actually put down their tools, put their hands on their hips, and literally "set a spell," staring right at me the entire time I'm dragging my fat ass around those trails.

There are two particularly nasty ones that I call Heckel and Jeckel.

Do they think I drag that big fat ass out of bed at 5:30 a.m. and drive all that way just to take a bunch of s*** from *them*???

Who invented this new rule that treating *anyone* like this is acceptable? Forget about ethnics and the disabled! What fat people go through is unbelievable! I had *no idea*!!!

Fat people are the "untouchables" in our society today. The absolute lowest caste.

So listen up, all you gays. And African Americans. And Hispanics. And Isaiah Washington. And T.R. Knight, etc.

Honey, you don't know discrimination until you are a fat, middle-aged white chick with no money and no husband and no job.

So shut up.

Barb, you're right about one thing — *being fat sucks!!!*

Anonymous
 via e-mail

Re-Formed

I wasn't sure if I cared for Barbarella all that much. I pretty much enjoyed her writing, but I didn't know she was a "fat chick" like me ("Being Fat Sucks," Cover Story, September 27).

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Thanks, Barb, for your story. You always had that beautiful face. Then when you changed your picture on your column, I knew something was up. Congratulations on your reformation. You are truly an inspiration to me.

Krista Bruce
La Mesa

Fat Chicks

What an extraordinary piece on being a fat chick ("Being Fat Sucks," Cover Story, September 27). If just one reader who has never "been there" comes away with a true inkling of what it's really like to go through life like that, I would call that an authentic "cross-cultural" experience. She is articulate, courageous, profoundly open. She thoroughly covered the complexities, candidly addressing every aspect of what it's like to be, or to have once been, obese. (Believe me, you never get all the way past it; it leaves a permanent scar.) She exposes how interdependent people are for the preservation of our self-images; they can be so fragile. I choked back a sob along with her as I read — without surprise — that the *medium* fit. Thank you, Barbarella, for your fine writing and the gift from yourself.

Name Withheld
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Thank You, Honestly

I just wanted to tell Barbarella, good job, I'm proud of you, kudos ("Being Fat Sucks," Cover Story, September 27). I hope that she continues on the road to success. I know how hard it is to be overweight. I myself am overweight, and I try very hard every day to control that situation in my life. And I just thank her for being so honest and upfront about it.

Cynthia

Success Story

I just read Barbarella's piece about being overweight ("Being Fat Sucks," Cover Story, September 27). I just chuckled my way through it because I also used to weigh 270! I didn't fall down and hurt myself, but I broke a few chairs in my life.

I was so tired of being the fattest person everywhere I went. I experienced many of the things she wrote about, the rude salesperson in the store telling me they didn't have anything in my size (I was shopping for my tiny daughter-in-law that day, and I went and found the manager and told her what happened and also told her I had plenty of money to spend but would never be back), having to ask for an extension seat belt in a plane (I actually *did*), not fitting into a restaurant booth, theater seat, etc., etc., etc.

After a trip to Cornwall, when I had to go on a bus trip with old ladies because I couldn't have climbed the hill to St. Michael's Mount for a personal tour by the owner of the castle, and another time when I had to pass up a chance to go on a "tall ship" in San Pedro Harbor because I would have had to climb a rope ladder to board the beautiful ship (I left early and drove home to San Diego, crying all the way), I decided to look into gastric bypass surgery. I had been on Weight Watchers, Medifast, etc., and always gained it back.

I knew of several people who had had the surgery, and I invited them to lunch, one at a time, to pick their brains. I was encouraged because some of them hadn't lost much, and from what they were eating across the table, I could see why. I resolved to do better. It just made me more determined.

I didn't tell anybody I was planning to do this except for my husband, whose medical insurance I would be using. It took 13 months to get through the bureaucracy until my surgery date, which I found out about five days beforehand! Lots of mistakes made on paperwork by doctors, a change of health insurance midway and had to start over (*agh!*), and such. But I was *not* going to give up!

Anyway, I could write a thesis about my experiences with the gastric bypass, but it was *very* easy and simple (I had the same Dr. Charles Callery as in your article; wonderful office!), and I was home in two days, sore but not in pain. I sat around for two days and milked it for all it was worth, then went back to my life but ate what I was supposed to.

Eight months later I was 160 pounds and a size 10. I also felt like I was trespassing in the normal-size section at Macy's. I went back to the fat-lady department to say good-bye to the saleslady I knew for so many years. She didn't recognize me! She gave me a hug and commented how she could reach around me now!

Four years later I have only gained five pounds back. I have a little sign on my fridge that says, "Nothing Tastes as Good as Being Thin Feels." Everything is a matter of "*choices*." I eat out a lot. I am a realtor, and there is always food around me. My mantra is *choices* when something is tempting me. I am determined to never be fat again.

Congratulations to Barbarella on her weight loss. I admire her for doing it on her own, with David's help and encouragement. She *does* have a pretty face, and now the rest of her is too.

Isn't it fun to be normal?

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Hey, Matt:
Here's another argument for you to settle. I say we're born with full-size eyeballs. They don't grow as we get older. The person who's wrong says that can't be possible because babies are so tiny and everything else grows, so why not eyeballs.

— W.B., San Diego

Hmmmm. Growing eyeballs? Where do you people get these fool ideas? I figured this one for a slam dunk. But, no! Amazingly enough, the person who's wrong is right! Our eyeballs are only 80 percent of their full sparkly potential when we're born. Average, 18 to 20mm, measured along its up-down axis at birth. Grown-up peepers: 25mm, more or less. Babies' eyes look huge in comparison to adults', partly because our skulls (and brains) blow up to three times birth size by the time we're fully grown.

MatthewAlice:
With all this landslide and broken water main stuff in La Jolla and PB, I've been listening to news reporters talk about ING-ra-ham Street. It's ING-ram, you idiots. But the thing that bothers me most is why everybody calls GAR-net Street Gar-NET Street. You don't call the gemstone a gar-NET, so why is the street pronounced that way? It's obvious to any fool who cares to pay attention that Garnet is one of several streets in PB named after gemstones, and so it should be pronounced like the gemstone? And if I try to pronounce it GAR-net, people always, always say, "Ya mean Gar-NET?" No, I mean GAR-net! Can you please explain why the name is universally pronounced incorrectly?

— Standing my ground on GAR-net Street

Whew. Grandma hosed this one with that sink-spray thingie she uses to cool down the elves. Hey, Standing, nobody knows exactly, but the heart of PB is a generally laid-back, take-it-as-it-comes, don't-get-your-board-shorts-in-a-bunch kinda place, so nobody really cares, exactly. But I'll admit we've discussed this a few times with Mr. PB History, John Fry, who has a reasonable take on what might have happened.

Before WWII, PB was just another small San Diego nabe, full of locals, mostly who might very well have pronounced the street like the gemstone. (Garnet Street had been Garnet Street since 1900.) John doesn't have documentation to that effect, but it's a reasonable assumption. PB boomed in the war years, what with all the nonlocals and out-of-staters who came through in the Navy and moved in to work in the defense industry. One of the main drags in the area, serving this military-industrial complex, was Barnett Street. Definitely pronounced Bar-NET Street. Could this have influenced the pronunciation of that other main drag, Gar-NET Street? John Fry speculates it might have happened. Drove of folks with no link to PB history might have gradually changed it. That's the sanest — actually, it's the only explanation we could find. I expect we'll hear others, so stay tuned.

Oh, and your friend Ingraham Street was originally Broadway, until downtown San Diego changed D Street to Broadway; and since the city couldn't have two Broadways, PB changed its Broadway to Izard (rhymes with lizard), then to Ingraham, and then renamed the northern end of Broadway-Izard-Ingraham "Foothill Boulevard."

In the meantime, Standing, why don't you head out to East County and hike up Cowles Mountain. It's pronounced like "coals," not "cows." There's another one to get you all riled up. If you tell everybody you just hiked "Coals" Mountain, you'll be right, but I guarantee you they won't know what you're talking about.

Matt:
We have all learned Roman numerals in school, but one number has caused me some anguish. A number 1 is I in Roman, 2 is II, 3 is III, but 4 is IIII on watches, not the usual IV. Why?

— Goodguyray, the net

Dear Matthew Alice:
Have you ever noticed the Roman numeral 4 on watches and clocks? It's WRONG! Instead of the usual IV, like we all learned in grade school, it says IIII! What's the story? Is there a story?

— Ellen, La Mesa

Of course there's a story. There's always a story. Not one worth all the hand-wringing and exclamation points, but a story nonetheless. I include both letters just so you won't feel alone, Ray and Ellen. There's at least one other person in this joint sweating the IIII. (I feel like that oily eHarmony guy. Maybe this is one of the 29 dimensions of compatibility.) Anyway, once, things were cool and nobody cared what time it was. Then somebody invented the sales meeting, so somebody else was forced to invent the sundial. At this time — in the West, at least — the Roman way of writing 4 was IIII. It appeared like this on Roman sundials. And on every sundial made after that. And then every clock. And then every watch. Long after the Romans shortened IIII to IV. It's tradition, say timepiece historians.

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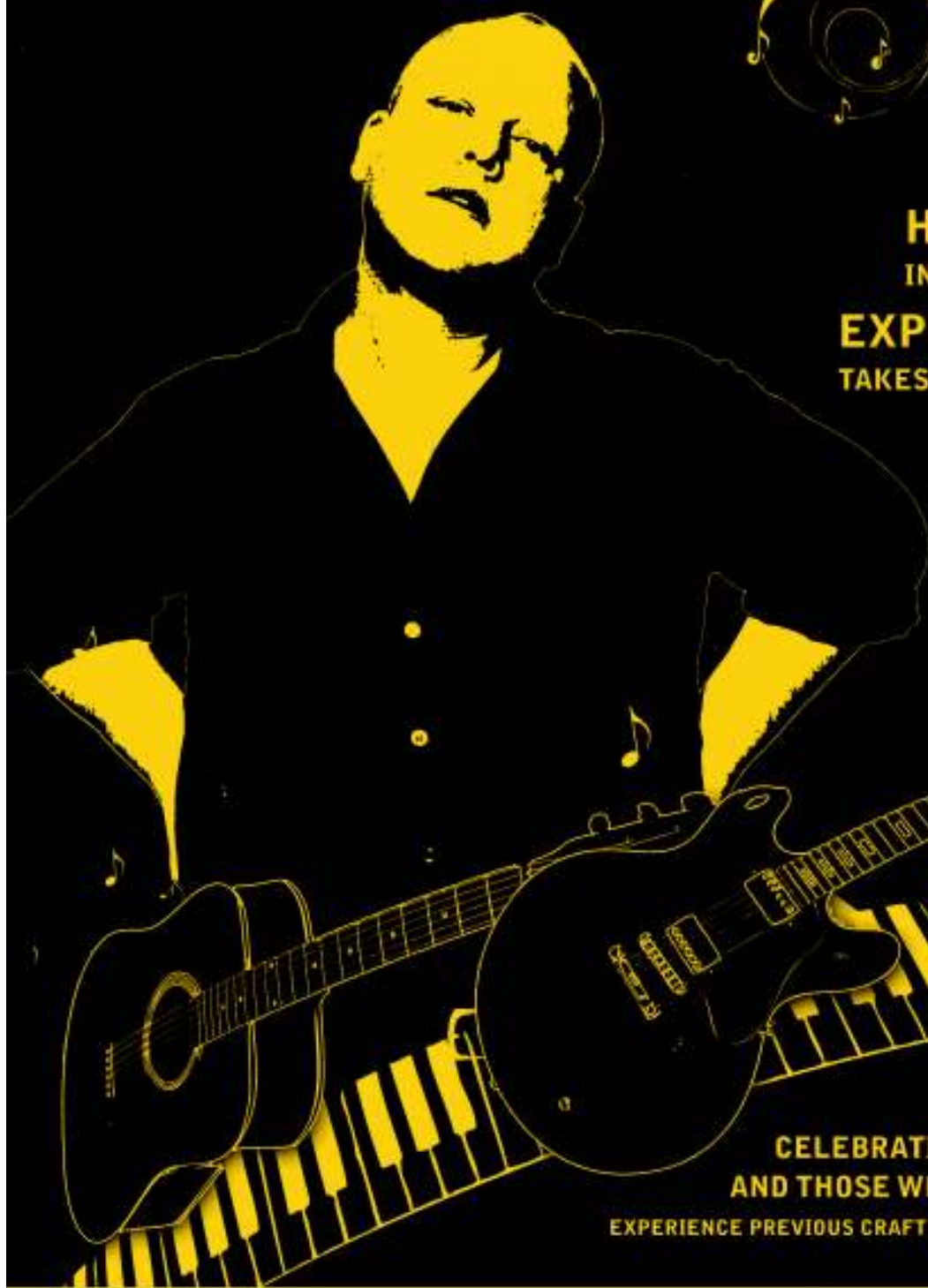
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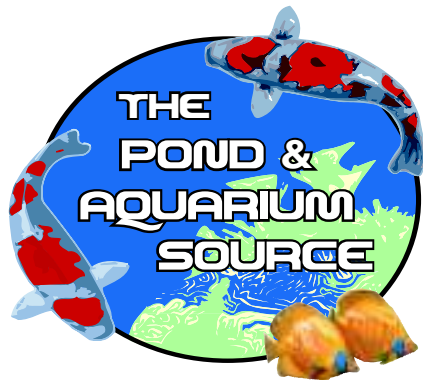


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By Patrick Daugherty

USD Football Coach Makes Good

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It appears Stanford is not intimidated by the number 1 or number 2 (depending on the poll) team in the nation. The Cardinal are tackling crisply and blocking with power. USC has been on my watch list since they played Washington and squeezed out an ugly 27-24 win. So, going in, I didn't think they'd cover. I thought they were good for a 17-, 14-point win.

Incredibly, Stanford is in this game. They've playing well and every break has gone their way. The last 13 seconds in the first half is the game's major tell. The Trojans are up, 9-zip, have 4th down on the Stanford one-yard line. USC tries a run-off right tackle and Stanford holds!

I'm interested in Stanford this year because of their head coach, Jim Harbaugh, who, until ten months ago, was the head coach at the University of San Diego. Harbaugh got a battlefield promotion from a non-scholarship Division II football program to the Division I, Pac-10 beauty section.

That happens about as frequently as your cable company lowers its rates. So, the question of the moment is, "What the deal with Harbaugh?"

He played college ball at Michigan, started all four years, finished third in the 1986 Heisman vote. He was drafted in the first round, 26th pick, by Chicago in '87. Played for the Bears, Indianapolis, Baltimore, two years with the Chargers, and Carolina. His career lasted 15 years, which is rare by NFL standards — *extremely* rare for NFL quarterbacks.

I didn't like Harbaugh as a quarterback. I pegged him as a little north of mediocre, just good enough for a team to keep him and hope, rather than go to the draft or free agency and try for a quarterback who could make a difference.

Harbaugh was voted to the Pro Bowl once, awarded Comeback Player of the Year and AFC Player of the Year. But it was his life after NFL World that intrigued me.

Retired NFL players usually drift into some form of sales: beer distributorships, front man for a real estate developer, automobile dealership, financial services, and so on. Harbaugh went to work for his father, who was head football coach at Western Kentucky. He was an unpaid assistant coach. In fact, he was an unpaid assistant coach during his last *eight* NFL seasons. Among other duties, he scouted and recruited high school players. Picture him courting high-school prima

donnas with phone calls, e-mails, letters, camping out in the family living room, charming mom, dad, and *wunderkind*, all the time selling the glory that is Western Kentucky University. *Eight years of it.* (By the way, WKU won the Division I-AA national championship in 2002, the year Harbaugh took a job with the Oakland Raiders.)

There are other parts to him I like: Harbaugh Hill Foundation, the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, the Jim Harbaugh Foundation, and the Uhlich's Children's Home. And, just to even out all that goodness, he's part owner of Panther Racing, an Indy Racing League team and two-time IRL champion.

I mentioned he went back to the NFL as Raiders offensive assistant coach in 2002. He took the University of San Diego coaching job before the 2004 football season began, which is where I picked up his story.

USD seemed like a strange choice. The Toreros play football (but no other sport) in the Pioneer League, which is an odd-duck conference. It's a Division I-AA football league, consisting of eight teams scattered in California, Iowa, Indiana, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Florida. Not one of its schools award football scholarships.

Under Harbaugh, San Diego won the Pioneer Football League Championship twice, and was NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major National Football Champion. In other words, USD is number one when measured against other non-football scholarship schools.

Not bad, but not the best of it either. USD has been ranked as high as 15th in the Division I-AA CSN Coaches Poll. That's a big deal. Harbaugh went up against every scholarship-bloated I-AA college in the land. Big schools. Big stadiums.

Here are the latest CSN Coaches Poll rankings: Number 1 is University of North Dakota (Great West Conference, undergraduate enrollment is 12,026, in-state tuition \$4360). Number 2 is University of Montana (Big Sky Conference, undergraduate enrollment 11,280, in-state tuition \$4712). Number 21 is Georgia Southern University (Southern Conference, undergraduate enrollment 12,648, in-state tuition \$1842). All these schools award scholarships even WKU, his dad's college, had 63 football scholarships at its disposal.

University of San Diego's undergraduate enrollment is 4,793, zero football scholarships, in-state tuition of \$30,704.

You know he can recruit, you know he can coach, and now Stanford knows it. I wonder if SDSU knows it.

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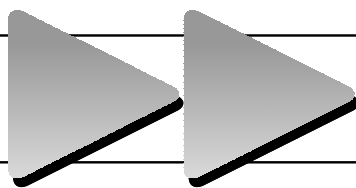
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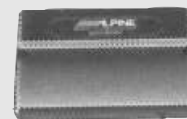
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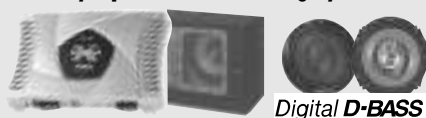
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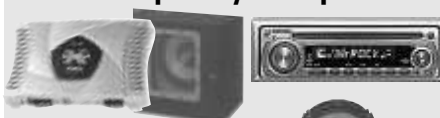
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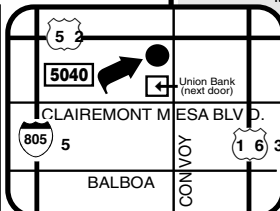


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Weekly giving: about \$500/week
Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 30 minutes
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From *The Best of Jonathan Edwards*, found on the book table at the back of The Resolved Church's shadow-dark worship space: "The extreme dangers of lust: The more irregularly a man walks, the more his mind will proba-

bly be blinded because sin prevails so much more. The same lust that leads them into that evil way blinds them to it."

Stern stuff; the crowd, however, seemed anything but — some relaxed to the point of bed-headed scruffiness, others artfully casual. Nobody particularly formal and certainly nobody buttoned-upright. Kenny, a painter, explained one of the canvases hanging on the side wall, swirls of lime green against a black background: "These images were actually captured from a video that I shot of various chemicals and paints and stuff. It's very close-up — like, microscopic. I grabbed stills and did photorealistic paintings of them. It looks like a completely abstract image, but it's actually photorealism. So, it's basically about having people change their perspective on things.... If you can see things from a different perspective, there are layers of understanding that can be found."

The poetry of the psalm at the call to worship picked up the artistic vibe: "Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge..." The band — a guy, a girl, and a guitar — strummed out a hipster-folk rendition of "Just As I Am without One Plea": "Just as I am without one plea/ But that thy blood was shed for me/ Just as I am and wanting not/ To rid myself of one dark blot... Lamb of God I come, I come to thee."

"We're trying to start a church here," said pastor Duane Smets during his opening remarks. "We need churches in San Diego.... What we've been doing here is laying a foundation by studying the Book of Romans. It's the most precise, most clear, most exhaustive presentation of the Gospel in the entire Bible. Some of my pastor friends think I'm crazy for taking on Romans as a first book for us to study through."

Sunday's sermon was "Adopted Forever,"

the fourth in the "Jesus Family" series. The first three focused on the battle with sin, but the fourth was more cheerful in tone: an examination of Romans 8:14-15: "Those who are led by the spirit of God are sons of God, for you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, as sons, by whom we cry 'Abba, Father.'"

Smets defended Paul against charges of sexism, noting that all might receive the "full rights and privileges" status of sons in God's family. He attacked the notion that we are all God's children simply by virtue of being created, noting that Jesus named some of his critics as children of the devil. He lauded Paul's rhetorical technique, his invocation of slavery and adoption — two worldly practices well understood by his Roman audience — in his description of God's salvific action. He sought to distinguish between being motivated by a fear of punishment and being motivated by "a fearful respect and acknowledgement of God.... Our main relationship with God becomes no longer one of enmity and strife, but one of love, where God is our Father. God is not after external compliance. He's after real, deep, loving adoring from the heart. He could force us to do what is right, but He doesn't; He uses irresistible, compelling grace to draw us in to see His wondrous love. To see that He is Father, and He is worthy of our lives.... Is God your Father? If not, who or what are you living for?"

Toward the end, Smets paused and addressed the congregation with a sweetly earnest plea: "You're fading on me; just stay with me a little bit longer. I've got a lot to say today. We're always waiting to just get out, but you need this. We spend so much time watching TV and going

out and having fun, which isn't bad — I love that stuff — but let's just listen to the word of God a little bit longer. It's what feeds our souls. I'm just afraid sometimes that we get too fat on unspiritual things, so that we have no room left for divine things.... Either that, or I just really suck at preaching."

"Know that adoption is real," he concluded. "It's what your heart longs for...and it's sure and it's permanent.... You're made for more than just the silly pleasures this world offers."

What happens when we die?

"I believe in a heaven and a hell," said Smets. "I think of heaven as an unending place of God ever showing us new pleasures and glories of Himself. And I think of hell as not just the separation from God, but the continual outpouring of his judgment. The full presence of His justice that Christ appeased on the cross."

— Matthew Lickona

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Posted by Don Bauder on October 4, 2007

Katheryn Rhodes, Point Loma engineer, points out that in late August and early September there were 47 earthquakes in San Diego. All were near Mission Beach in the vicinity of the current landslide at Soledad Mountain Road and Desert View Drive. Most were low on the Richter scale (1.3-2.4, etc.)...

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San Diego County Congressman Darrell Issa has managed to expose his cerebral deficiencies in public again. Rep. Henry Waxman's House Committee is investigating the violent activities of Blackwater USA in Iraq. Said Issa, "If Henry Waxman today wants to go to Iraq and do an investigation, Blackwater will be his..."

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My daughter is obsessed with horses. Her room is decorated with equine photos, her bookshelf stocked with classic horse books, and her dream is to raise horses. For her birthday this year, we gave her riding lessons. She could hardly sleep with the excitement, and mom got on the hunt for riding boots.

Robin Vogel, apparel buyer for Mary's Tack & Feed in Del Mar (858-755-2015) was a bounty of knowledge. "We specialize with English riding, hunter jumper, or dressage. Dressage almost looks like figure skating. It has a set pattern and the horse stays on the ground, as opposed to jumping over a course of jumps. Both styles of riding require a tall boot to compete in. For basic riding, taking lessons, schooling, or riding for fun, a paddock boot is suitable. A paddock boot is a short ankle-height boot that you pair up with a half chap, a leather legging. You get the protection on your leg [from the chaps], and the boot zips on and off."

Vogel says fit is the first concern. "Tall boots are expensive, so you want to make sure that you are measured properly," said Vogel. "It is not just your foot size, it's also the widest part of the calf and your height. The boot should be very tight and snug against your leg. What's popular now is most of the tall boots come with a zipper. They used to not, but now almost all of them do. It makes for an easy on and off; though, once you zip them up, they are still pretty tight. You want the tall boots to be a little too tall when you buy them. The front of the boot should come up a bit over the kneecap, not all the way over, but covering the bottom part of the knee cap. The leather will soften up and as it breaks in, the leather around the ankle will start to wrinkle, and the boot will drop down about an inch. So you have to start them out too tall and let them drop."

Should you break the boots in before riding with them?

"When you first start wearing the tall boots, it is basically agony. You are walking around like a Nazi because you can't bend your knees until the boots break in. We recommend that when you get the boots, wear them around the house for a little while." The break-in period for the boot depends on the quality of the leather. And "the quality of the leather is softer as you go up in price."

Vogel says that they do sell an entry-level synthetic boot for someone trying out showing for the first time, unsure if they will stick with it. "A synthetic boot is probably going to be harder to break in because it's a little bit more stiff. And when you look at the boot, you can see the quality difference between a synthetic-leather boot and the real-leather boot."

What about the heel height?

"The heel is actually very low," she

"You should treat boots the way you treat your skin because leather is skin."

explained. "You do want a heel on any boot or footwear that you would wear riding a horse because otherwise your foot could potentially slide all the way through the stirrup. If something happened where you fell off the horse, you want to be able to get off the horse, get away from it. If your foot is caught inside the stirrup, you'll be dragged. So that's why the boots always have a heel but a low heel, anywhere from a half-inch to an inch."

What about care for the boots?

"A big mistake people make is they think they can clean their boots with saddle cleaner. Leather that's used for a saddle is from a different part of the hide. It's a much heavier-duty leather for the saddle and because of that, the cleaner that's used can be harsher. Sometimes it's too harsh for the very delicate leather that is used for boots. The leather

on boots they want to be soft and supple so that the rider can have a good connection

to the horse through your leg. You want to be able to feel the horse, and if the leather is too thick and too stiff, you're not going to get that feel. So you want to make sure that you use a conditioner that is made for boots. Vogel Leather Conditioner

[\$12.99 for 8 ounces] is a

very popular conditioner at our store. Another good conditioner we sell a lot of is called Oakwood Conditioner [\$8.99 for a 4.5-ounce tube]."

Vogel says you should clean your boots almost every time you use them. "When you are at the barn, you're walking around in manure, sand, and mud, and when the horse sweats, your boot will get salt and sweat encrusted onto it. So what you want to do is use a sponge, dipped in water, wrung out extremely well, and rub off all the dirt and gunk. Then use a conditioner to go back in and replace the oils that were lost from wiping it down with the water. You should treat boots the way you treat your skin because leather is skin."

Vogel offered some boot suggestions: "Ariat is a popular brand, and they have put a lot of work into the technology of the internal parts of the boot. The shank that runs through the bottom of the foot is wider so your foot has more support and you don't get that fatigue, that achy feeling in your foot. Their entry-level tall boot called Heritage sells for \$239. Their entry-level paddock boot, also called Heritage, for someone who will only be riding about once a week, costs \$109." For those looking for a higher-end boot, Ariat sells the Crown tall boot with a zipper for \$549. And their paddock boot, called the Cobalt XR, costs \$179.

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by Barbarella

French Food

To the sober person, adventurous conduct seems insanity.
— Aristotle

I awoke to the same rhythmic rocking that had lulled me to sleep seven hours earlier. I could hear David stirring on the bunk above, an indication that it was safe for me to open the blinds and let the morning light fill our cabin. We dressed and brushed our teeth, folded the top bunk to reveal a decorative reproduction of a Victorian-era sketch of Paris, and converted the bottom bunk into a couch. We were relaxing, watching the landscape flash by, when there was a knock at the door. It was the steward of our first-class car delivering breakfast. He seemed to be avoiding eye contact. I presumed it was because I had inadvertently made him blush the night before, when I had asked him about a white container kept in one of the

cupboards. There was a hole at the bottom of the cupboard that drained to the ground below. The vessel turned out to be a chamber pot, or, as the man had explained while turning rouge, a receptacle “for in the night.”

Breakfast consisted of espresso and a pastry sealed in a plastic bag. I downed

my espresso, but refused the rest. I had been served stale pastry for breakfast three mornings in a row at the Venetian bed and breakfast we had left hours before. I’d slept better on the train than I had in three nights, and I was feeling optimistic about the day ahead. We’d soon be pulling into the station in Nice — I could wait for real food.

By the time we’d collected our rental car, found our way out of a crowded and hectic Nice (with the help of several moped-riding locals and the map given to us by the rental-car agency), and reached Chateauneuf Villevieille (a small village in the mountains), it was lunchtime. We decided to stop for food, as check-in at La Parare, the B&B that was to be our home for the next two

nights, wouldn’t be for another few hours. In the village, we chanced upon two restaurants — one on the main road and one behind a crumbling stone church. We chose the latter, having found a parking spot near its entrance. A few children, their mothers looking on, laughed as they played among olive trees. Red flowers dangled from pots on the ledges above.

We followed the signs to the restaurant one floor up. A woman greeted us at the top of the outdoor staircase. She had the weathered face and scraggly hair of one who is accustomed to a life of hard work. She smiled, revealing a few missing teeth, and gestured for us to choose our seats. I glanced into the dining area, where two older men were drinking and smoking at a bar while a television blared, and then, shrugging off the steadily increasing chill in the afternoon air, I chose one of the pre-set tables on the outside terrace.

I turned a blind eye to the layers of dirt on the white plastic chair and took my seat. I had decided when I woke up that morning on the train that this would be a *good* day, which meant I could hardly allow myself to get worked up over a little filth before taking my first bite of French food. I turned over my plate, which looked as though it had been face down on the canvas tablecloth for weeks. I could sense David watching me carefully, the way someone might eye a priceless vase teetering on the edge of a shelf.

“This is great, isn’t it?” I said, wonder-

ing if the high pitch of my voice gave away my encroaching sense of panic.

“I particularly like the ceramic animal statues,” David said, showing his dimples.

“I mean, we’re at a restaurant in *France*, where even the simplest food tastes great... Right?” I was looking for reassurance.

Before David could give me any, the woman appeared at our table. Between David’s high school French, the woman’s rudimentary English, and my mediocre miming abilities, we managed to order a charcuterie plate, cheese board, and two glasses of white wine.

When I realized we’d be drinking from the dust-covered glasses on the table, I told myself that everything was going to be okay — after all, I was in another country, and people in other countries lived differently, so I had to be flexible. David had forewarned me that in France, not everything comes sterilized and shrink-wrapped. I tried not to tremble when I noticed a spider climbing the tablecloth to my left and forced a stoic expression as I used my napkin to wipe the *terroir* from my glass. Because the air was humid, my efforts resulted in more of a smear than a wipe. I tried to convince myself that the French dirt would add complexity to the flavor of the house wine we’d ordered, an inexpensive Montrachet.

“How are you doing?” David asked after wine had been poured into my dirt-streaked glass and the food was set before us.

“Are you kidding me? We’re in *France*, beh beh. I’m great! We have fresh, French

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“Hey there,” David said, addressing the two mangy dogs that had rushed him. The smaller dog, its long shaggy hair matted with burrs, resembled a homeless Benji. While David showed the mongrels some love, I seized on his distraction to douse my silverware with the hand sanitizer I keep in my purse. I tried not to think about the grease and organisms living beneath all that fur that David was *touching*. I wanted to insist that he disinfect his hands before sharing the food with me, but I was trying so hard to prove to him that I could adapt, that I could be flexible and cool, that I didn’t always have to freak out over something “so silly” as a few germs. I kept my mouth shut but

my eyes wide open, memorizing every place his fingers touched and taking care not to eat anything within the vicinity.

A man who appeared to be the chef showed up with our check. I strived not to count how many times he wiped his running nose with his bare hand. I kept a smile plastered to my face all the way to the car, and let it fall away only when I was sure David was focused on the road.

Our room at La Parare was perfect — tucked into a hill, nature’s splendor on display outside, but not inside (meaning I would not have to contend with creepy-crawlies), and linens that were plush, white, and clean.

“I knew today would be splendid,” I said, kicking off my shoes and

falling onto the bed with a book.

“Hey, there’s a little scrapbook here,” said David. “It’s a guide compiled by our hosts.”

“Yeah? What’s it say?”

After reading tips on places to visit in the surrounding area, David came upon a section about local restaurants. “It says the place on the main road has good food, but, ha! — that the poor decor should be overlooked. And then... *huh.*”

“What?”

“Nothing,” David muttered.

“No, really. What is it?”

“It says here that they strongly *un*-recommend the place behind the church.”

“What? Why?” My heart was pounding with apprehension, but a grin

remained pasted on my face. “Really, it’s cool, I don’t care what it says. I mean, the food was good and we had a great time, right? Go ahead. Tell me.”

David studied my face for a moment, decided to believe me, and said, “It says not to go there

because they don’t meet basic hygienic standards.”

“Oh, that’s it?” I said, wondering if my grand shrug had been a bit too melodramatic. “That’s nothing.” To keep from gagging, I thought happy thoughts about glitter, unicorns, and Prada, while

conjuring images of the sparkling clean dining establishments I’d dined at in Tokyo. Then, changing the subject so as not to give in to an overwhelming urge to vomit, I said, “What do you say we go have an espresso and pretend we’re French?” ■

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Angel in the Rubble

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eah, I do too,” I say, “and there are hot and cold pockets in the air outside, which means the east wind is on its way.” Kent grew up on the East Coast and is not as familiar with the natural omens of our area. Our 1920s two-story cabin is nestled in an oak-studded box canyon, located about a mile due north of San Vicente Lake. There’s only one way out of this valley that cradles five houses belonging to the four generations of our family that have lived here: three dwellings at the end of the canyon (Mom’s house, my sister’s vacant dome, and my old trailer with an add-on), my grandmother’s cabin (a quarter-mile out the road), and our own paradise across the creek.

There’s only one way out of the valley.

At 3:00 a.m. a ridge-sitting neighbor calls.

“Chi? Do you know about the fire? It’s going to get us.... You may be all right, but we’re up on top. We’re going to get it. This is it.”

I hear her words and feel the need to go to where there’s a decent vantage point on this fire. Though I turn on an old flashlight, I can barely see the ground in front of me. After fumbling with the car’s resistant door handle, I drive out our dirt road and up a neighboring ridge. I park on an overlook and get out of the car. By now the warm wind has begun to carry the daunting smell of a forest fire. I lean against the car and watch the fire-brightened sky in the distance. The first flames burn over the far ridge, and the hairs on the back of my neck rise. A bright orange snake slithers along the mountainscape as it heads toward San Vicente Lake. I’d better go hook up the rig and load our livestock before my car gets blocked in on top of this mountain.

I find Kent still in bed and convince him to get up and moving. I’m amazed at the calm in my voice.

Our rock chimney towers high above the smoking ash debris of the absent house.



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"Could you hurry and hook up the patio hose to the roof sprinkler? I'll turn on the yard sprinklers and — oh crap..." The flashlights are dead, so I put new batteries in them. I call my sister. "We're starting to evacuate. Did you know there's a fire?" She doesn't know. I call her again about moving her old horse from up the canyon.

Kent holds a flashlight and guides me as I back the truck to the horse trailer. We crank the trailer tongue down over the ball. I fumble with the emergency brake wire, weaving it through a clip dangling from under the truck, then cram the electrical plug into the receiver. We run up to the barn, yank open the door. I stand there dumbfounded for a few seconds, trying to figure out what tack to take. A wave of déjà vu crashes over me. I wonder if this will



The author

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be a dry run, the way all our other evacuations have been. I shove a saddle and a couple of bridles into Kent's arms and scoop up another two saddles to load into

the back of my old Toyota wagon. We carry more armloads out and throw them into the car, until there's no more room except for two laundry baskets full of

photo albums I snagged on my way out of the house. We'll hold off loading horses until daylight, if possible, to avoid trailering problems.

I check on the roof

sprinkler, only to find that it needs manual assistance to get it to oscillate. After removing the screen from an upstairs window, I climb out onto the roof. I stand on tiptoes, slipping on the loose, mossy cedar shingles, and reach up to turn the head a few times. I get soaked in the process. Finally, the dang thing decides to work on its own. I climb back in through the window.

Kent, our ten-year-old son Chance, and I hurry out to catch the horses as it begins to get light. My sister drives past to get her old horse. My teenage daughter Kali goes off to help her. We lead our nervously snorting horses down to the rig and stroke their necks, saying, "It's okay now." I load the two horses first, because I know the donkey will be trickier. We tug, heave, even try lifting her feet into the trailer — all

standard donkey-loading procedures — to no avail. By this time the smoke is billowing over the mountains, and I cry, "Bailey, you either need to get in now or you're gonna have to stay here!" Fortunately, she decides to be a smartass, and within a minute she's in the trailer and we close the door.

"Can we hurry up and go? It looks like the fire is coming!" Chance's quivering voice conveys more than his words.

We pull out of there, leaving Kent to load the goats and dogs. We are taking the horses ten miles across town to my sister's house.

About a half mile down the road, a woman is waving her arms for me to stop.

"Do you have room for my horse?" she asks.

"No, I'm sorry. I'm full."

"What do I do?"

"You wait until you absolutely have to leave,

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then turn him loose.”

An hour later, Kali and I are on our way back to the cottage. Flames leap down the canyon walls. The smoke is thick and black. The truck barrels in the dirt road. As I turn the rig around, Kali jumps out and disappears through the smoke to rescue my uncle’s cat from the garage behind Grandmother’s house.

I yell, “Just open the door and come right back!”

“No, I’m going to get her!”

Out of the truck now myself, I run up toward the field. I see unfamiliar faces, one in a gas mask, helping Kent load goats into the camper. The strangers yell, “We gotta get out of here. Now!” I scramble to open the chicken pen and the goat gate, because the two younger



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This ceramic woman’s bust, of beautiful proportion, has always been one of my favorite works of art. This is my angel in the rubble.

non-milk goats are too scared to let us catch them, and they have to be able to get free.

Meanwhile, Kali is crawling along the floor

in the smoke-filled garage, trying to find the cat. I’m worried, but I have to drive the empty rig out, since it’s blocking the road. I tell Kent,

“Don’t leave without her!” A neighbor jumps into my truck. In the cloud of dust behind us, I see Kali. She’s trembling, clutching the cat

in her arms.

I drop off my passenger in a neighbor’s yard. I am relieved to see the camper following behind. Kent had already brought out Kali’s truck, and his van, crammed with four of our dogs. There should’ve been five, but in the commotion no one has noticed. Kali lifts the cat into her truck and drives to my sister’s house.

We now begin our relay race out with only two drivers for three vehicles. We manage — Kent’s a runner. We both gag and cough from the smoke burning our throats. As we leave our canyon, flames, shooting a hundred feet high, blaze down the mountainside toward the Fernbrook houses.

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When I was a kid, this old two-story cabin,

down the dirt road from where we then lived, enraptured me. An artist had built the cottage during the 1920s, nestling it into the hillside, and the place oozed charm. No two rooms were constructed on the same level. Rockwork in the patio led the way to a cistern on top of a boulder behind the house. If I was having a particularly tough day, I would venture down here with my dog and guitar and enjoy the peaceful setting. At that time, no one lived full-time in the cabin. It belonged to several families who retreated there a few times a year. Huge live oaks shaded the house and front yard.

In 1992, Kent and I bought our paradise and moved out of my old trailer/house that I’d built on Mom’s property. It’s funny how things

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come around. I'd always felt the cottage was my house, and now it was. It became a kind of heaven when my better half fell in love with it too.

Unfortunately, the place had changed hands over a couple of decades. Subsequent

renters trashed it. To say there was a lot of work to do on this fixer-upper would be a gross understatement; a "Condemned Notice" was posted on the kitchen door. The toilet had been ripped out of the bathroom, leaving a

gaping hole in the floor. The concrete bathtub was unsightly and cooled water and buns much too quickly. I scoured the tub with muriatic acid and painted it navy blue with epoxy paint. Daylight could be seen through the cracks in the walls, so we added plywood, then painted the room antique white with blue trim.

The house sat precariously on a thin rock-and-mortar stem wall —

classic Craftsman style. The back patio sloped into the living room through the rotting French doors. The Douglas fir floor was decayed and sagging. We beefed up the living-room floor with foundation supports. We dug ditches and laid pipe. We painted until our arms ached and we made innumerable trips to the dump. Anyone else would have torn the place down. But even if we'd had more money, we still would have worked with what was here. Simplicity and making do with less has always fit us.

Former owners had painted over old cowboy paintings on the dining room walls, which I knew about from childhood escapades. A friend

rubbed the edges of the pictures, working our way inward. Through several layers of paint, we uncovered cowboys flying off bucking bron-

Melted aluminum has oozed out from the old cars that have been parked in the canyon for decades into trails of metallic blood on the ground.

and I applied a special solvent and removed one layer of paint at a time. We tipped the can of solution onto wadded-up rags and

cos onto cactus plants. These paintings were not extraordinary, but they were rugged, free-form illustrations that had become part of the house.



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We make our way into the canyon. Trees and bushes are still burning all around us, but at a slower rate, as

"Looks like this area saw the worst of the whole Cedar Fire. It took between 2000 and 3000 degrees Fahrenheit to melt that cast iron."

to paint this house.

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An arm from the Paradise fire has started to reach around us from the north. For days we've been on alert to the possibility of evacuating from my sister's place. There are four fires burning now, eating up vegetation and dwellings. Authorities fear that the fires might connect and overwhelm the entire county. We sleep hesitantly, looking out the camper window at the glowing horizon.

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the bulk of the fuel is gone. The first house we pass, an old rock dwelling called the Fernbrook House, stands within its smoking surroundings. Up the hill and off to the left is a new house that seems to have escaped the fire, but several neighbors have lost their homes.

Nobody is here. It feels as if we're moving through a war zone. The

tractor guy's abode has escaped obvious damage, but his outbuildings are smoldering. The Lady Farmers' house is flattened, and there's no trace of the barn. Melted aluminum has oozed out from the old cars parked for decades in the canyon, like trails of metallic blood on the ground.

Once we reach our property, Kent heads to

the field, while I make my way to the house. I can't see it yet, because I haven't passed the boulevard by the driveway that shields the view. My breathing is shaky and labored. I take another few steps, stop, and gasp. Our rock chimney towers above the smoking debris of the absent house. Rock steps lead up to the site of our cherished home, now in

ruins. My heart sinks. Everything we have worked so hard at creating and protecting is gone, burned beyond recognition. The refrigerator, washing machine, piano, beds...all gone. Water dribbles out of the melted stand pipes. The stench nauseates me. I have loved this house since I was a girl, and now it feels as if a part of my soul is gone. My eyes

well with tears, but I turn them off. It's the only way to endure the huge task that lies ahead. I pick up a blackened pair of cutters to shut off the water meter. Without speaking, Kent approaches. The enormity of it all seems to affect him as it has me. We stand together and stare. My eyes fill again.

I trudge off to the field, where every barn

and outbuilding is gone, except one, the out-house. What a surprise — it even sits under a crisped tree. I go in and relieve myself, feeling fortunate that the structure remains, remembering how Dad built it for us.

I walk back to join Kent. A few oaks in our front yard look okay, but the rest of the canyon is devastated, a wasteland, a lunar landscape.

A few days later, the ashes are still hot, but the kids have managed to pull a few burned items from the debris. I pick up a piece of something that must have been part of the piano. It dissolves in my hand.

Kali and Jessie, my oldest daughter, who stayed in San Diego during the fire, rummage in the remains that have fallen from their upstairs bedroom to join the artifacts in the dining room. The birdcage, a twisted mass of metal, leans against a warped antique bed frame.

Later, Chance points into the ashes and says, "Is that what I think it is?"

I reply carefully, "I think so, Chance.... You sure have eagle eyes."

Down in the ash are the bones and burned tufts of hair of Patch, our old, blind dog. The one that Kent forgot to save. Kent is up on the hill at that very moment, calling for Patch. Chance and I exchange an uncomfortable glance. Neither of us will mention our findings to Kent that day, since he blames himself so harshly.

In the morning I tell Kent that Chance had found Patch and that he seemed spooked.

Kent says, "Last night, when I was helping Chance with his bath, he asked if you had told me anything. I wondered what he meant."

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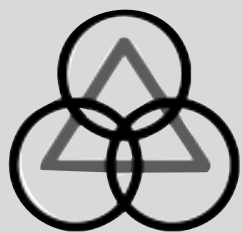
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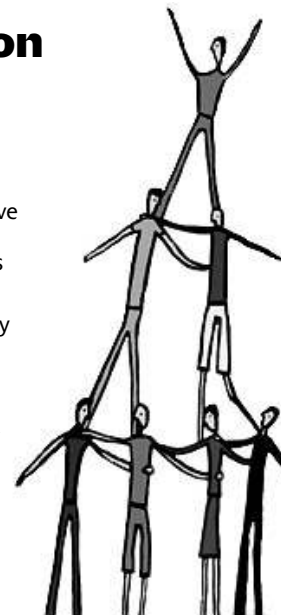
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with us. We respect their wishes. Kent and I bury Patch's remains in the orchard. Kent says, "It's okay that the kids aren't here. Doing this together feels right, somehow." I say, "I think so too." We walk back down the hill holding hands.

Two weeks later, trees are still burning, and a fire marshal drives up to check the area. He takes in the devastation at this end of the canyon. Eyeballing what's left of Mom's wood-burning stove, he says, "Looks like this area saw the worst of the Cedar Fire. It took between 2000 and 3000 degrees Fahrenheit to melt that cast iron."

Our extended family has lost five houses in



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"Yeah, look at this knot here," I point out. "It'll be right over our dining room table. No telling what our friends will see in it when they sit here drinking wine with us."

my mother's ashes. We'd lost Mom to a brain tumor seven months earlier. Kali looks subdued, raking her fingers around her feet.

"How could you forget Gramaset, Mom?"

"I don't know. We barely got ourselves and the animals out."

My sister says, "She was already ashes. She belonged here."

"But now she'll just

go to the dump," Kali complains.

"Pick up those different-colored ashes and put them in this vase," I say, pulling up an oriental pot that had been on my dresser.

Kali takes the vase and begins her task. I dig again through the area that had been our dining room, where the china cabinet from my grandma in Mississippi

this canyon. Family history and treasures have gone up in smoke. Still, we paw through the ashes.

Chance finds a few burned coins from the

area where his room used to be. We're all in different spots, picking up items that seem to call to our fingertips. The flattened house feels much smaller now,

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Kali finds some pinkish-colored ashes amidst pieces of the clay cookie jar that contained

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once stood. I feel something hard and smooth through my gloved fingers. I grasp the familiar form, pulling it toward me through the ash. I look at it disbelievingly before holding it up to show everyone.

"Can you believe it?"

I shriek through the mask. "It's in perfect shape!"

My family stares with widened eyes — they too recognize the clay torso of a woman, a sculpture Mom made for Dad when we were kids. She'd made it with red mud from the clay pit on the mountain. This was the piece she used to cast her bronze replicas at the foundry at Palomar College.

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Are you being treated for your sleep apnea and depression but still have sleepiness during the day?

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dirty and never-ending task. We haul wheelbarrow loads of twisted metal and the charcoaled remains of our former lives into 40-yard Dumpsters that the county provides. Two women cook lavish dinners that each feed us for almost a week. Others give us money hidden in sympathy cards or at the bottom of boxes filled with donated clothes.

In another week the Disaster Emergency Center is up and running. They take over the old post office building on the far side of town. Kent and I wait in line on that first morning and get our FEMA number. Each department needs its own questionnaires and forms filled out. It's frustrating to fathom the amount of paperwork and phone calls it takes to start your whole life over again.

About a month after



Construction crew, July 2004

the fire, we're finally able to get a small portion of our piddly insurance money, enough to buy two small, used trailers to live in. It's time to move out of my sister's

yard. We still have no electrical power, so we purchase a generator from Home Depot and learn to use it. The noise it makes is deafening. We try to run it only a cou-

ple of hours in the morning and evening, just enough to charge the battery.

Kent and I consider our options for building, weighing cost, the desire

to blend into the environment, as well as questioning what we can live with. I know that at this point I need a house I will love, or someday I may not want to come

home. After losing Mom and my house in the same year, I feel fragile.

I've always loved log cabins, and after a bit of research and soul-searching, we find a company that builds with big, dead-standing lodge-pole pine. It's important to us that it be handcrafted, not machine-milled. This outfit agrees to come spend the summer camping out in our yard and eating my trailer cooking in order to erect our structure properly. This alternative style of building is not common knowledge among contractors in Southern California.

In April, I submit our plans to the county building department. I call them after the estimated "ten days max for fire victims to get their plans approved."

"No, they're not ready yet," the phone

RESEARCH STUDIES

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
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ARE YOU A NIGHT OWL?



Do You Go To Bed At A Late Hour?

If so, you should know about a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of **Delayed Sleep Phase Syndrome (DSPS).**

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST BE:

- Be 18 and older
- Go to bed later than you would like

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

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attendant states.

Three weeks later, I plead, “I need to get these plans through right away. The contractor willing to do my foundation is running out of time to budget for me. We need a house! I lost my mom seven months before the fire, and then we lost everything. I have a teenage daughter I’m really worried about, as she was very close to her grandmother. Our family is living in two tiny trailers, and it’s pulling us apart. I really need your help!” The building department duly expresses condolences, then continues with 12 pages of corrections. I wonder if they know how volatile a 16-year-old girl can be when she’s so recently lost her favorite person in the world (Gramaset) and then every tangible item she could call her own. Her displaced anger toward me is slashing

away at my self-esteem.

Six weeks later, I present the engineer with the plan-change artillery loaded in my backpack: Wite-Out, pens, tape, glue stick, pencil, and eraser. I am a woman on a mission, and I won’t take “no” for an answer. This time it works.

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July 2004, nine months after the fire, brings both excruciating heat and our log delivery. The foundation and subfloor are ready. The 35-ton



ARE YOU SAD DUE TO BIPOLAR DISORDER?

Then there might be hope.

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

TO QUALIFY:


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

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AT NO COST:

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Are you:

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- Between 18 and 70 years of age?
- A non-smoker for at least 3 months?

If you answered yes to all these questions and are available for study-related visits for a year, you may be eligible for our investigational drug research study. If eligible, you will receive medical evaluations, including blood tests and electrocardiograms, nutritional counseling, investigational medication treatment, and visits to the clinic at no charge.

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

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Is your Schizophrenia medication making you heavy?

If you have been diagnosed with schizophrenia and would like to participate in a study that monitors weight, you might consider participating in a medical research study that is studying an investigational drug for schizophrenia.

You may qualify if you are:

- Diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Between 18 and 65 years old
- Have taken Zyprexa (Olanzapine) or Risperdal (Risperidone) for the past 3 months
- Have not been hospitalized for schizophrenia in the past 3 months

Those who qualify will receive study-related procedures, such as physical exams, laboratory tests, and study medication.

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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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Construction finished, May 2007

crane sets up in our front yard and begins its spiderlike dance. The boom is shortened, and the massive metal mandibles lower down to the tractor trailer, loaded with 2000-pound Tootsie Rolls. Our log crew's work rhythm synchronizes. Amos guides the hook to the log and clamps it in the center, where it can be lifted a few inches to determine whether it's balanced. Merl lends his hands to

the teeter-totter, and the process is repeated until the load is centered and tied on. Amos gives the crane operator a thumbs-up, and the dangling stick rises slowly over the oak trees, 50, 60, 80 feet up, where it looks like a toothpick in the sky. It trapezes toward the south mountain before descending to our future cabin. Adam and Justin stand on top of two perpendicular walls, clad in shorts

and sandals, arms reaching upward to each end of the incoming log to steer it into its resting place. Bruce is on the ground, giving the crane operator hand signals, not unlike sign language for the deaf. It might as well be, for nothing can be heard over the generator and crane.

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By October, I'm spending most every day and evening staining the

inside trim. All the nail holes need to be filled with wood putty, sanded, and then two clear coats have to be hand-brushed over it.

One evening, Kent finds me still at it when he gets home from work.

"How much longer are you going to be here?" he asks.

"Oh, I don't know," I respond tiredly. "At least a couple more hours." I point out what I want to accomplish tonight.

I continue painting. Later on, sometime after 9:00 p.m., I hear the

door open and smell a wonderful hunger-enticing aroma. Kent appears with plates of baked salmon and salad, along with a bottle of wine. He says that Chance has already gone to bed. We sit on upside-down buckets with the plates in our laps and enjoy one of the most delicious meals I've ever had.

"You know, all this wood is sure interesting to look at," says Kent. "I don't think we'll ever get tired of it."

"Yeah, see this knot

here," I point out. "It'll be right over the dining-room table. No telling what our friends will see in it when they sit here drinking wine with us."

Indeed, our comrades have seen a variety of images in this gnarly indentation of the log: an old woman with a long nose, a ship traversing a tumultuous sea, and a prairie dog coming out of its hole. The knots are too numerous to count. They will entertain us for the rest of our lives. ■

— Chi Varnado

RESEARCH STUDIES



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Attn: Heavy Drinkers

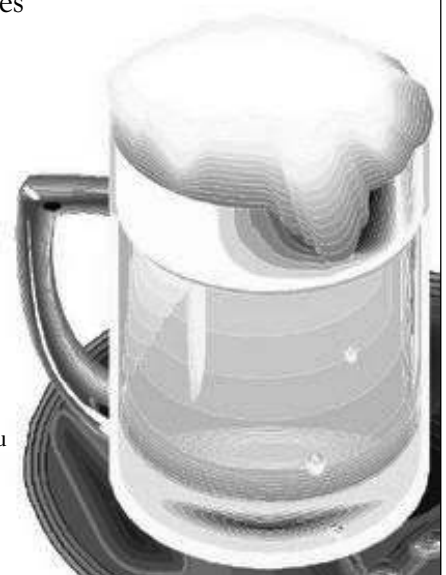
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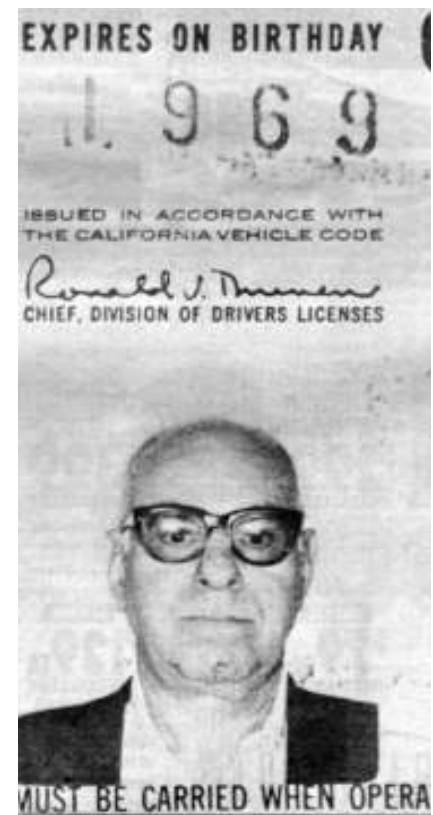
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La Jolla 1962

On the hot, breathless, soft, fragrant afternoon of my graduation from Princeton, it seemed that everything good was not merely latent but unavoidable, folded and in the bag. I'd worked like a Turk those past years, and my labors had been rewarded and then some with fancy Latin on my fancy diploma, *summa* it said and summit I believed. Not one but two ex-girlfriends had come to the ceremony in front of lovely tree-shaded Nassau Hall, and so resolutely happy was I that it didn't even stain my pride to sweat through my shirt and gray worsted suit, to be capped like a monkey in tasseled mortarboard.

Each of my exes had brought me the same gift, a suitcase. It occurred to me that unarticulated longings were expressed by these mementos, and coming to them for visits wouldn't have answered their prayers. Sending me off solo on a long voyage would have been in the ballpark, God-speed would have done their fantasies justice, adiós was more like it.

And that too was as I wished it! All was jake, A-okay, on the come and coming! Admitted, I had no money, but a job was waiting come September, far, far away, teaching in Turkey, which was even farther from my father in California than I was now in the Garden State, and the farther the better. The last time I had intersected with him, two years ago, he had swept through Princeton in a car sought for repossession, charging clothes and books and jazz records to my accounts. My step-mother, having just left him again and for good, gave me unwelcome word of him a year later; he was in Redondo Beach, in trouble.

For me, that June, what was trouble? A college friend with a different kind of daddy, the kind who owned a 50-foot paid-for ketch, had invited me to spend

the summer with him on that boat in Cape Cod Bay, Buzzards Bay, Nantucket Sound, Vineyard Sound, Narragansett Bay. It was our onus to sail the *Sea Witch* from snug harbor to snug harbor, cleaning and polishing and varnishing, making the boat ready for his parents' pleasure if they wanted to come aboard, which they wouldn't because they had better places to play that summer, as though there could be a better place to play than where we were to be fed and paid to play. I was warned that sunburn was a lively danger, likewise hangovers from the free consumables at coming-out parties in Nonquit and Nantucket, Newport and Edgartown. Dark and lonely work, but somebody had to do it.

Now, a few days after graduation, doing it, we were embarked. My suitcases and diploma were stored ashore with my passport and vaccination certificates and Greek tragedies in translation; we tugged at anchor off Cuttyhunk, drinking a rum drink to celebrate our third day at sea. There were four of us, two happy couples laughing and watching sun fall, when my father got through on the radio-telephone. Writing about that conversation 34 years

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later, I feel foggy dread, as though I've sailed on a cloudless day through deep clear water bang onto a reef. It's the nature of a radio-telephone conversation that everyone aboard can hear it, not to mention anyone else aboard any vessel within miles who wants to listen in.

This conversation mortified me. My dad stuttered flamboyantly. He did everything abundantly, elaborately, extravagantly, but his stuttering was grandiose. Moreover, he couldn't get the hang of the turn-and-turn-about of a radio conversation, in which one either speaks or listens. Listening was not my dad's thing, so I heard myself shouting at him, and worse, I heard myself stammering back, so that it must have seemed I was mocking the poor fellow, when in fact I was falling, as abruptly as a boat may fetch upon a shoal, into the speech defect I had inherited from him — nature or nurture, who cares?

While my friends, helplessly obliged to eavesdrop, pretended to have a conversation in the cockpit, I was

below, where it was dark and close, as if the clean, salty air had been sucked from the cabin. I stretched the mike on its snaky cord as far from my friends as possible, but the loudspeaker stayed put, broadcasting his invitation.

My father wanted me to come to him for the summer, in La Jolla.

I said I wouldn't.

My father said he missed me.

I said nothing.

My father tried to tell me he had a j-j-j-job.

I said, really, how nice. (I thought, how novel, what a piquant notion, my dad working for a living.)

My father said congratulations on the degree.

I wondered how he'd guessed I had one.

He said congratulations on the job in Turkey, did I remember he'd lived there once upon a time?

I said I remembered.

He asked did I have a "popsie" aboard with me?

I reddened; it was quiet in the cockpit; I said I had to get off now, this was too expensive, far too

complicated.

He said my brother was coming to La Jolla to visit from Washington State. Learned boy that I was, I didn't believe my father. I hadn't seen Toby for seven years.

My father said it again, Toby was right now on the road from Concrete, Washington, arriving in a couple of days.

I listened to static while gentle waves slapped the *Sea Witch*.

He said he'd send air fare.

I said sure. I thought fat chance.

I borrowed ticket money from the yachtsman dad and hopped a hound (more accurately a Trailways — cheaper) in New York. This would be the place to detail the squalor of a cross-country summer bus journey from the noxious flats of Jersey to the uncompromising wasteland of Death Valley — you know the drill, you've ridden a bus, you've read about the Joads. Assume I was sad, hungry, and as funky as everyone else aboard our land yacht,

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our prairie schooner. The one constant in addition to the diesely whine while successive drivers went up through the gearbox — do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti-do — and down — do-ti-la-so... — was the question I kept asking myself: How had this happened to me? Why was I here?

You might think — noticing the books I was conspicuously reading and annotating, and I'm afraid you were meant to notice them and me — that the question "Why was I here?" was a Big Question and that I was questing for a vision from Sophocles, Erich Auerbach, Sartre, George Steiner. Boy oh boy, you think you know your aliens! I felt so apart from my fellow passengers that I believed I needed a visa to visit Earth. But at some point west of Gila Bend and east of El Centro, with the air-conditioning on the blink again, I commenced to reflect on the situation of La Jolla, seaside,

wasn't it? Even a martyr had to take time off for a swim. Hedonism, taking care of fun before taking care of business, was a legacy from my father. For this he had been thrown out of one boarding school after another to the theatrical dismay of his mother and father, a Hartford, Connecticut surgeon. For this he had also been thrown out of two colleges, neither of which, despite his testimony to the contrary, was a fancy and ancient university. For buying what he could not afford — sports cars and sport coats, Patek-Philippe wristwatches, dinners at Mike Romanoff's and 21, Leicas and Bolexes, Holland & Holland shotguns, whatever nice thing was around — he'd been fired from jobs. These jobs, as an airplane designer (I know, I know, he was audacious), he had conned his way into with faked-up résumés. Getting fired would put him in a bad mood, so he'd buy more stuff; buying



The author (third from right) at Princeton

stuff intoxicated him, and so did booze. Drunk, he'd turn on his first wife, my mother and Toby's. After 14 years of this, she told Dad to get lost, and I moved in with him. When I was 17, his second wife — her fortune and good mood seriously depressed by my old man — took a hike on him, and soon after that he took one on me. In the Wolff nuclear family, fission was all the rage.

Dad met me at the same bus station where he'd met

Toby more than a week earlier. Visiting San Diego recently, I was hard-pressed to find any place downtown as melodramatically seedy as my memory of that place, a garishly lit set dressed with tattoo parlors, bucket-of-blood bars, pawnshops and, under the hard light of noon, my dad looking bewildered and lost. I had for many childhood years loved him recklessly, investing him with achievements and wisdom and powers beyond the reach of any mortal, and only a

pinch less magnificent than the history and potential he had bestowed upon himself. Spare any father such impulsive love as I showered on that man. Later, when I became disillusioned, when I imagined that I understood Duke Wolff for what he really was — a deadbeat bullshit artist with a veneer of charm rubbed right through from negligent overexercise — I hated him, and like the love before it, that hate too was indulgent, exorbitant.

This June afternoon outside the bus depot, examining my father blinking behind the thick lenses of owlsh Goldwater specs, I was too wary to indulge contempt. The eyeglasses, out of register with Duke's formerly stylish presentations, were the least of it. Even at his lowest he'd enjoyed flamboyant temperamental resources: flash and spritz and nonchalance. Now he seemed timid, dulled, hung-over. No, that wasn't it either; I was all too inured to his

hangovers, which used to provoke in my dad manic snap, as though he'd decided that if this was as bad as it got, bring it on, let's start another IV Mount Gay rum drip. What I was seeing lumbering toward me was a crummy linen-ish jacket. This wasn't what I'd have expected: seersucker, maybe, or the soiled white linen suit that Sydney Greenstreet might sport — tits-up in the tropics and all that — but not this, some thing on whose behalf a thousand polyesters had lost their lives, some rag that needed a cleaning the day it was sold, tarted up with cheapjack brass-crested buttons. From Duke's good old bad old days of smart tailoring, what a fall was here! Halting toward me was a zombie. Dad Wolff looked as though he'd been shot smack in the heart with about 500cc of Thorazine. Talk about taking the edge off! He looked like they'd sawed through his brain.

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was with him, hanging back gingerly, vigilant. I felt like someone to whom something bad would soon happen; Toby looked like someone to whom it had already happened. This was the more alarming because he looked so wakeful and sharp. He had a strong, bony face, with steady eyes and a jutting chin. He was tall and lean, handsome, like our mother. He didn't appear vulnerable; he gave an impression of competence, but after all, he was a kid.

I hadn't seen Toby during the past seven years, but we'd recently been in touch by telephone and letter, and I knew that he'd had a rocky

time of it with his stepfather. Coming across the country to see my only sibling, I'd phoned from a roadside diner to tell Duke which bus to meet and I'd reached Toby. He didn't know where our father had disappeared to. No sooner had Toby arrived than Dad had taken off with a woman friend in a fancy Italian car. He had left his teenaged son with a hotel phone number and a vague assurance that he'd return to La Jolla in a few days. Years later, here's how Toby recollected the situation in his heartbreaking memoir, *This Boy's Life* (1989):

That night the man leaned

against the apartment door and sobbed while I stood in the darkness on the other side, silently hugging the rifle, sweating and shaking as in a fever.

Toby collapsed the remaining ten weeks of our family summer into three paragraphs. In *The Duke of Deception* (1979), my book of memories of my father, I gave it more, ten pages, but I guess I'm not through with that reunion yet, and I guess I'm not soon going to be. Almost 20 years ago, for research on behalf of *The Duke of Deception*, written to give my sons as much of their family history as I could articulate, I gumshoed details about my father's final years

in California, in and out of prisons and state mental hospitals, on the dole or on the lam. I did this digging in the beach towns south of Los Angeles, where Duke Wolff came to his dismal end, dying in a tiny apartment in Manhattan Beach two weeks before the milkman found him in August of 1970. I could bear seeing that place, endure an interview with the police who knew him too well, with his parole officer, with merchants he'd stiffed and neighbors he'd bullshitted. But till now I'd kept my distance from pretty La Jolla and from San Diego and from up close and personal memories of my terminal pileup with my dad.

Finally, I figured, what the hell, then was a long time ago. As a writer, and especially as a husband, and most especially as a father, I'm all for generosity, bygones being bygones, healing. So I was unprepared for the vividness of my recall of that summer, of the effect on me of finding our apartment near Windansea Beach, of finding the hangar (or one just like it) where I worked for Convair Astronautics on Pacific Highway, of searching for the San Diego city jail (since torn down) where I last saw my father, of bringing all this back so that maybe (fat chance!) I could get it buried for good.

Behind the wheel of the hubby-mummy rented Pontiac, driving to La Jolla, Duke was stiff and tentative. This was unlike him. I remembered him as a bold driver, fast and cocksure, every little journey to the grocery store a high-octane adventure in squealing tires and red-lined rpms. Now Dad held to the slow lane, glancing anxiously in the rear-view. His face had once been imposing, Mussolini-monumental; now his nose was bulbous, stippled with burst blood vessels. The few times he spoke, I saw that his false teeth, what he used to call China clippers, were loose against his gums. I

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mental relationship: I was the hectoring (and mind-dullingly dull) parent; Duke was the irresponsible (and charmingly fun-loving) kid. The exchange didn't leave much for Toby to do except sit in the back seat and study his fingers, as though he might be looking hard at his hole cards.

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ing to get a report card from Toby on Duke's attendance and comportment.

When we rolled up in front of a tiny bungalow east of Girard Avenue, my befuddlement increased. The woman who greeted us, as warily as Toby and I greeted her, was nothing like my father's type. He was drawn to palefaces, to blue eyes, to understated clothes. This woman was sunburnt brown, her leathery skin set off with much jangly jewelry. She wore many, many rings of the turquoise family, accessorizing showy peasant duds from south of the border, busy with appliqué and bold stitching. She wore, for God's sake, cowgirl boots ornamented with horsehair.

We stood beside the car shaking her ringed hands and listening to her bracelets ring like chimes; we admired her cactus garden; she got to listen to my father — and not, I suspected, for the first time — inflate my achievements at college and Toby's in high school; she didn't invite Toby or me inside. She didn't invite Dad inside either,

but it was clear that inside was where he was going, and without his only children. He gave us rudimentary instructions to "my flat near the beach." Toby, manifestly eager to get away from where we were, assured me he knew the way. Duke said he'd be along soon, he'd bring home a nice supper. I asked how he'd get home from there, and he waved vaguely, mumbled "taxi." His lady friend seemed as unhappy as a person can be without flooding the earth with tears. Duke, by contrast, had abruptly come awake to joy; he was peppy, full of beans.

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"Go f-f-fish," I s-s-s-said.

Driving south through the attractive neighborhoods to our little second-floor studio apartment on Playa del Sur, 50 yards from the beach, I was mostly preoccupied with Toby, glad for the chance to be alone with him. He too relaxed, lit a Lucky Strike

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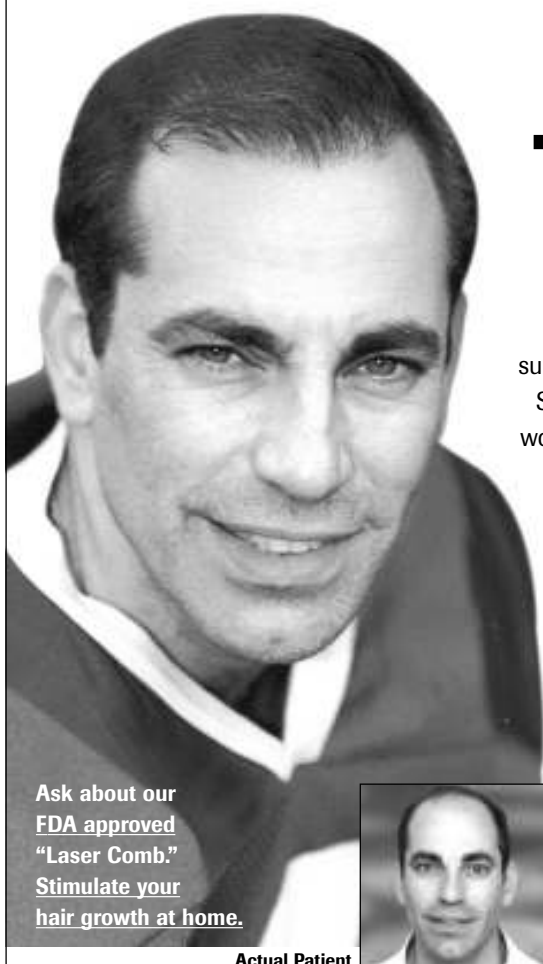
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expertly with his lighter, inhaled intemperately, remarked that it had been an oddball visit so far. I asked him to steer while I lit a Camel expertly with my lighter, inhaled intemperately, and warned him that smoking was bad for his wind, especially if he planned to make a name for himself playing football at the Hill School back in Pennsylvania, where he was beginning on full scholarship in September.

My avuncular manner surprised me. I prided myself on being a laissez-faire kind of guy, I'll look out for me, you look out for you. Maybe I was practicing to become a teacher. Maybe I was out of my depth.

I unpacked my worldly goods — mostly books, a few jazz LPs (Bessie Smith, Bud Powell, the Miles Davis

Quintet, with Coltrane) I carried with me everywhere — and Toby wanted to show me the beach. This generosity was all Wolff — sharing the good news, keeping alert to fun. By then it was late afternoon, and I worried that Dad might come home to an empty apartment, but Toby argued soberly that he didn't imagine Duke would be rushing home from his friend's house. I saw the wisdom in this hunch.

And so, dressed in long trousers and boat shoes and a white Lacoste tennis shirt, I accompanied Toby across Vista del Mar and Neptune Place to the Pump House and down concrete steps to the beach. The first things I noticed were not the bitchin' sets of waves breaking way off shore, nor the surfers

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paddling way out there waiting to ride, nor the surfers with lots of white hair waxing their boards near the water's edge. I noticed, of course, the babes, and so did Toby.

“Hubba hubba,” he said with reassuring irony, a family vice.

So we sat for a long time on a couple of hand towels, talking about the future, with our eyes cocked on the very here and now, avoiding the subject of our father. In no time at all I felt the love for my brother that till now I'd only assumed, too reflexively, as a given. He was witty, resourceful, a hit parade of corny songs, which he was willing to sing out loud: “On the Wings of a Dove” and “Calendar Girl.” He could do Chuck Berry’s “Sweet Little Sixteen” and Hank

Williams — “Hey, hey good lookin’, whatcha got cookin’, howsabout cookin’ something up with me?” He could do a Jimmy Rogers yodel in caricature of a locomotive whistle, and he knew the gospel classics, “The Old Rugged Cross.” He did tenor lead, I did baritone. Even then, he remembered the words I'd forgot. The dynamite chicks stared frankly at us and our noise, with what I imagined that afternoon — but never imagined again — was interest.

It didn't get dark till nine or so. We waited. The landlord came asking for rent. He was kind, patient, pretended to believe that we didn't know where our old man could be found. He said it had gone on too long now, that Duke was months behind, that he had no choice...

“Do what you have to

do,” I said, thinking about a sailboat waiting for me back East.

“Such a shame,” he sighed, “a man of his attainments, with his education!”

HE STOLE A TRINKET THAT SUMMER, MY FATHER STOLE A CAR. STEALING. JESUS, PRINCETON HAD AN HONOR CODE, IT SEEMED LIKE A REALLY BIG DEAL, WHERE COULD STEALING LEAD?

“Uh-huh,” I said. When the landlord left, Toby said, “Tell me something. Did Dad really go to Yale?”

“What do you think?” “So that would pretty

much rule out his graduate degree from the Sorbonne?”

We laughed together, bless us.

Sometime after midnight we quit talking, stopped

listening to my jazz records and Dad's Django Reinhardt and Joe Venuti. We'd eaten a couple of cans of Dinty Moore stew, knocked back some Canadian Club we'd found on a high shelf of the

mostly bare cupboard. We'd each asked aloud where the other thought Duke might be. We'd wondered aloud whether we should look for him, but I was sure he was drunk, and he had always been a mean drunk, and I didn't want to find him. I didn't trust myself to keep my hands to myself while he sat on the edge of his bed in his boxers, snarling about how ungrateful I was, how grievously I had kicked him in the ass when he was down: You're a real piece of work, aren't you? I'd heard it; I didn't think I could hear it again, especially if it came to be Toby's turn.

A couple of hours before dawn, his lady friend phoned. She was hysterical, said she didn't know what to do, he wouldn't leave, wouldn't move, wouldn't speak. He'd rock back and forth weeping.

“You've got to get him

out of here. I can't take this. What if my husband comes snooping around?”

So I phoned the police. What happened next that night I've told in *The Duke of Deception*. By the time Toby and I got there, the police had called for an ambulance. Dad was breathing, but save for the technicality of being alive, he was gone from this world. His lady friend said, as so many ex-bosses, ex-friends, ex-wives, creditors, teachers, doctors, parole officers before and after had said, “A man with his educational attainments, what a pity!”

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"Well," the doctor said, "he has said a few words. He keeps asking for a woman who lives in town. Could you help out with this, maybe let her know he wants to see her?"

"No," I said.

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I borrowed it from a classmate, the roommate of the son of the yachtsman dad from whom I'd borrowed my bus fare. Tangled, wot? It took a boy of my educational attainments to keep all those debts straight, all the lines of credit, but a boy of my educational attainments also knew how to cash in on sympathy. My classmate friend cabled the money from New York that afternoon, and that night Toby and I moved our father's entirely unpaid-for worldly goods to our new residence.

Drunk on resourcefulness, I bought a car and found a job the very next day. The car caught my eye on the lot of Balboa Auto Sales. I'm confident of the name of the dealer because I still have a copy of my stiff reply from Istanbul to a bill collector in San Diego (Hi there, Mr. Ben D. Warren!) begging for

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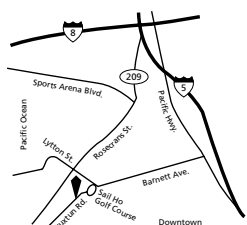
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the final \$150 of the \$300 purchase price on a '52 Ford convertible, cream, with torn red vinyl upholstery and bald whitewall tires and an appetite for oil that gave my jaunty wreck a range of about three miles between lube stops, which made the drive to Tijuana, a popular excursion in the coming weeks, a hardship that only the señoritas of the rowdier cantinas could ameliorate. Ask Toby; he was in charge of oil changing, while I was in charge of drinking and whoring.

The job was easier to cop than the automobile. I simply went to Dad's employer, on the theory that they needed to replace him, and offered my services. A few weeks ago in Princeton, getting my diploma, I'd suspected life was going to go smoothly for me, but this...this was silky! To build rockets during the age of the putative missile gap, the government had contracted with General Dynamics to supply Atlas ICBMs at cost-plus. Now cost-plus, I don't have to tell San Diegans, is one sweet deal. The greater the

cost, the greater the plus, so personnel basically threw money at me when I walked through its door with a bachelor's degree in English literature. Every time I opened my mouth to mention courses I'd taken — history, American civilization, Spanish — they tossed in another jackpot, so that by day's end I was an engineering writer for more than \$800 a month

could at the push of a red button bring hellfire down on our enemy, confound Nikita in his bathroom if he tried anything funny. I learned this from a series of training films — darkness at noon, indeed — that whipsawed from the upbeat (We're Numero Uno!) to the dire (Nuke 'em!); the latter were visual records of missiles failing to get off the ground,

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with an advance from the credit union and a complete understanding of how my father had found a job with these cheerful jokers.

Don't you miss the Cold War?

During the following week I was obliged to attend a training program that required seeing face to face the potent stainless Thermos, about a mile high, that

out of the silo. These were rockets cobbled together by competing companies. One of these contraptions (Missile by Martin? I don't want to slander an innocent munitions capitalist) came roaring slowly from below the earth, dragging behind it an entire underground habitation, what looked like a scorched kitchen and living room, connected by pipes

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My job at Astro was simple. I summarized it in *The Duke of Deception*: Dad was embalmed in an academy of laughter down in Chula Vista, not much of a detour from my weekend line of march to Tijuana. Toby and I were permitted to visit only on Saturdays, which suited my schedule fine, and when we visited he behaved like his old self, which, on the best day of his life, did not display a mastery of your everyday parenting skills. He seemed oblivious to any inconvenience he might have caused his sons, made no mention of the carnage of Toby's first week in La Jolla. Quotidian challenges were beneath his notice: whether he'd lost his job (he had), how much longer his insurance would support his treatment (not long enough), by what transport we'd conveyed ourselves to our audience with him (he did fret about a car "I had to desert

in the desert," a play on words that amused him so exceedingly that he neglected the situation's starker implication, soon enough to weigh heavily on him).

We met a few of his new friends, men and women jollier than I would have expected, but their serenity might have been an outcome of the electric shock therapy Duke resolutely and justly resisted. He was busy with workshop therapy, making a leather portfolio into which he burned my initials. This was a difficult gift to receive, and to hold now, not least because it fell into a category of assets — personalized keepsakes — that opened a painful fissure between Toby and me.

One thing, and it was a thing, was uppermost on my father's mind when my brother and I visited his asylum in Chula Vista. This was a silver cigarette lighter inscribed to him in London after the Blitz by friends in the RAF when he was in England on behalf of North American to deliver P-51 Mustangs. He wanted that

lighter; jeepers, did he desire that silver lighter; did we grasp that the lighter MATTERED to him? He decided that we had lost it during our move from one apartment to another. Oh, was he disappointed! His new friends would like to see that inscribed silver lighter, and he'd like to show it to them.

Why didn't we just run back to La Jolla and find it, "chop-chop"?

It's amazing what kids — even kids as old as I was then, old enough to buy a car on the installment plan and to sign a lease — will accept as the way of the world. I don't mean merely that kids are subject to arbitrary tyrannies, though they are; I mean that until I had sons I never really understood how emotionally derelict my father was. I judged the cost of his selfishness on an empirical scale, by the measurable havoc he inflicted on me. It wasn't till I had sons that I began to understand that such lunatic solipsism as Duke's shook the rudiments of his sons' worlds, misaligned the paths connect-

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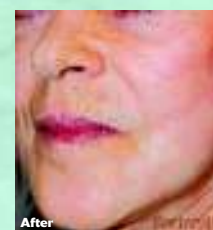
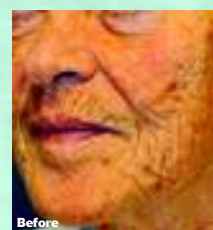
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How else to explain us searching together the 50-foot walkway connecting those two apartments, as well as the shrubs below that walkway, as well as our new apartment? What warped sense of duty provoked us to knock on the door of the new tenants' apartment during the dinner hour to persuade them that we needed to search every inch of their abode for a lost cigarette lighter? And failing to find it, to phone the car rental company, the very company that was seeking payment from our father, to ask if a silver cigarette lighter had been found in one of their Pontiacs?

I think now, considering my own dear sons, beginning at last to fathom how difficult it is to be anyone's son, that our father drove us insane that summer. I'll speak for myself. He pushed me to the edge and over it.

My life with Toby seemed, on the surface, subtracting weekend visits to the loony bin in Chula Vista

and the brothels of Tijuana, workaday. After staring at my pencils and at my colleagues staring at their pencils for six of the eight hours I "worked" in a hangar, the Ford would stumble up the coast to La Jolla, trailing cloud banks of exhaust, a whole weather system. I drove with the torn top up to shelter myself from the black fog that swirled around me when I was stopped in traffic.

But there I go, looking at the dark side, getting Gothic on you. At day's end there was home, simple but clean. And the beach. Ah, Windansea! Remember my first visit there, my eyes as big as plates, those surfer chicks, what Dad called popsies? Well, I hadn't completed my second walk from the Pump House south toward Big Rock Reef when a teen approached me.

"Hey!" she said. Her toenails were painted vivid red. Her hair was...guess what color. She was... (Did you guess pretty?)

I cradled my paperback. "Hey, yourself," I came back. "You from around

here?" she asked.

I chuckled. "No. No, not at all, just visiting on my way to Istanbul."

"Is that on the beach?" (No, of course she didn't ask that. There's no call to get snotty here, just because I was about to have my heart broken.)

"Huh?" (That's what she said.)

"Are you from around here?" was my trenchant rejoinder.

She was, she said, she was. And her business with me was to invite me to a keg party that night down in Pacific Beach. She was glad I could make it. We'd have a lot of fun. Was I sure I had the address written down? She checked what I'd written on the title page of Camus's *The Stranger*.

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"Thing is, me and my friends need some cash to front the keg."

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and get it, which I did. She was waiting by a VW van, pretty much holding her pretty hand out.

I don't have to tell you how the party went. What party, eh? What Surf Boulevard in Pacific Beach?

Seven years later, reading Tom Wolfe's title essay in *The Pump House Gang*, I felt a full flush of shame rise from my toes. The keg scam was a chestnut among the surfers and surfer-babes at Windansea. But that was the least of my mortification there. Frank laughter was the worst of it. Back home at the Jersey shore or on the beach at Watch Hill, blinking contemplatively behind my groundbreaking round, silver-framed glasses (so far ahead of the curve that the nickname "granny glasses" hadn't yet been invented), in my navy polo shirt to hide my chubby tits, in my Brooks

Brothers madras bathing costume, by George I was a stud muffin! Here, carrying a Great Book past those hep longboarders in their nut-hugger nylon suits with competition stripes, I was a freak-ing joke!

A few months ago I re-read *The Pump House Gang*. Try it yourself, it's a consolation, the revenge of the weenies. The first paragraph introduces us to someone who could have been the younger sister of the honey who burned me for keg money:

"Pam Stacy, 16 years old, a cute girl here in La Jolla, California, with a pair of orange bell-bottom hip-huggers on..." Oh my, bring those hip-huggers to my beach and I'll show you a fun time!

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After I re-read Wolfe's essay,

I walked that beach again. Same comely youngsters. Now, at 58, worse even than then, I'm invisible. I could be wearing a swallow-tail coat and periwig; I could be bare-assed naked; I could go swimming in a jester's cap and bells. Same outcome: mere air, imperceptible, unseen, not there, not here, a real nowhere man.

So where, during these humiliating hours after work, was Toby? Safe inside, at his books, writing essays I assigned him. It took him a while to forgive me for practicing my apprentice teaching skills on him. To prepare him for the exactions of a classical education at the Hill School, I obliged him to do a day's work while I did a day's work, to read a book a day and write an essay every week: "Blindness and Insight in *King Lear* and the *Oedipus Tyrannus*"; "The Bound-

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aries of Sea and River: Liberty and Bondage in *Moby Dick* and *Huckleberry Finn*." I guess what I knew best came in pairs. It was crazy the hoops I made my beleaguered, injured, perplexed little brother jump through. He wrote them; he was a better reader and writer for them; I was a tin-pot despot, as arbitrary in my edicts as Duke sending us on a treasure hunt for his firestick. No wonder Toby stole from his father and lied to me.

You've probably guessed he'd had the sacred lighter all along. Used it to spark up that Lucky during our ride in the Pontiac from the leathery, jangly lady's bungalow to Dad's sea-near studio apartment.

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He slept on a pull-out sofa-bed in our one-roomer, and mid-August, when the alarm clock woke me for work, I saw the stupid, pretty thing on the floor beneath his blue jeans. In the sullen light of dawn, I made out an inscription engraved on it. My father's initials in elegant sans serif. No RAF boys, of course, but another name for sure, a new engraving, commissioned up on Girard Avenue, TOBY. I remembered the hours we'd spent together hunting for that costly goddamned thing, Toby's helpful suggestions where next to search: the beach, Dad's suit pockets, maybe it had fallen out of Dad's trouser pocket into one of the shoes in his closet?

That morning was awful, and I want to pull a curtain across it. Duke was coming "home" from Chula Vista that afternoon; I was meant to pick him up after work. I didn't know what we'd all do, where we'd live, how we'd sit together in a room, how we'd look at one another, what in the world we were supposed to do now. What I knew for sure: Toby hated us both, his father and his brother. I knew why he hated the one, but not the other. Now I think I know all I'll ever know about that aspect of that summer, and all I want to say to Toby is, Forgive me. Even though he has pardoned me, and himself, just this last time, Forgive me.

I fetched Duke; he raged at Toby. We sent my brother home to my mother on a bus. As bad as it was between my father and me, after Toby

left it got worse. My father wasn't allowed to drink — all that medication — but of course he drank. How many days did the nightmare last? Few, I think. He tried to talk me into staying with him instead of going

to Turkey. I managed not to laugh in his face. My work at Astro was a mercy, got me out of the apartment. My infamy on the beach was a joy, got me away from him. And I'd invited a couple of visitors, Princeton friends.

One was coming up from Mexico in a Cadillac hearse, the other, from whom I'd borrowed the money to rent our apartment, was in the navy, coming to San Diego to join his aircraft carrier. I'd paid him back; breaking

a Wolff family tradition, I'd repaid all my debts to friends that summer.

While my erstwhile classmate with the hearse was visiting, Duke was arrested in San Diego. For a wonder, he wasn't drunk

and he wasn't up to mischief. He was buying breakfast food at a late-hours store and he'd made a U-turn in my Ford. He'd stuttered when the policeman stopped him. They took him downtown. It went hard on him. By the

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time my friend and I arrived in the hearse, they were ready to let him go. This was the old police station, gone now, surrendered to gentrification down near Seaport Village. Back then it had a holding tank, and my father was in it, stone terrified. Before they let him go, they checked with Sacramento. They got back a complicated story. I've told it in *The Duke of Deception*, but let me say it went very hard on him, grand theft auto for the Abarth-Allemagne roadster in the desert, burned and sandblasted by a desert storm. My father wanted me to go bail for him, but he wouldn't promise to show up in court or even to stay in California.

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I didn't go bail; I went to Istanbul.

Then was then. I try to explain to my wife, to my sons. They try to understand, and they've done a good job of it. The only way I know how to explain is on the page. It's a bitch getting the tone right. Now, writing this, I

feel jumpy again after many years of feeling a warm embrace of resignation. That's okay. These shifts aren't spurious, I believe. Family stories are always fluid, and to be emotionally exact is to be inconsistent. Toby and I have talked a lot about this. We've talked a lot about a lot. We talk all the time, and as good as a friendship between brothers can get, that's how good I think ours is. When I told him I'd found the apartment where we spent the summer of '62, he seemed interested enough, but not too interested. When I told him I'd taken snapshots of the apartment, he didn't ask for copies.

He stole a trinket that summer, my father stole a car. Stealing Jesus, Princeton had an honor code, it seemed like a really big deal, where could stealing lead? Where did it send my dad? That pal who loaned me money? The one I'd invited to visit just about the time my dad disappeared into the system and I fled to Asia Minor? He stole my dad's best shoes. He told me this in an expen-

sive automobile driving to a fancy dinner party at a gentlemen's club on Beacon Hill in Boston. We were purring along in his Mercedes, snug in our navy-blue topcoats and leather gloves and cashmere scarves. It was snowing. I had mentioned a few hours earlier to my old chum that I'd been back in La Jolla after all these years, back to the apartment at Playa del Sur. He'd seemed uncomfortable to hear this, and I understood his discomfort to stem from the disgrace visited on my family name that summer.

"I've been in that apartment," my friend said.

"I don't think so," I said. "You were supposed to visit me there, but then Dad went to jail and I went to..."

"...to Istanbul," my amigo finished. "No, I've been there."

"I don't believe..."

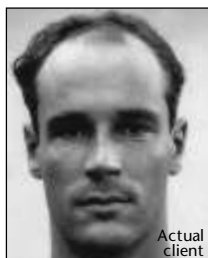
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"How about that," my old friend said.

"What the hell," I said, "that was a long time ago."

You see, in Boston, so far from Windansea that winter night, at last, I was finished with all this, who stole what from whom, who borrowed and who paid, who was owed what. I'm finally at the end of all that. This time I mean it. This time, again, I really mean it. ■

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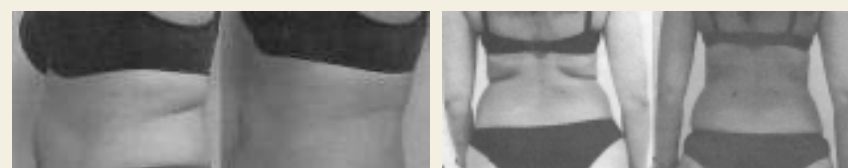
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My favorite thing to do is to show my "before" picture to people who didn't know me before. Their mouths always drop open, and they are totally shocked. I love it!

By the way, I also had high blood pressure, cholesterol, and triglycerides, sleep apnea (I slept with a CPAP machine, lovely!), and was borderline diabetic. Now everything is as normal as can be!

My 60th birthday was in June, and I climbed Cowles Mountain! What a hoot!

Jan Davis
Lemon Grove

Media-Made Fears

May I at least once in my life find the heart to live up to the example of Joe Slevacove's wife Beth ("Love Thy East Village Neighbor," Inside Feature, September 27). In summoning the

courage to walk into the proverbial lion's den with an open and loving heart, she transformed not only her own world but that of her supposed enemies and ours as well. The monsters' ink and repellent manners she had moments before taken as her neighbors' essence were revealed to be no more than the fragile coat of armor frightened beings use to protect themselves against past injustices and imagined future ones.

Perhaps if we, like Beth, could but once set aside our personal and media-manufactured fears, we might see beyond the thin "armor" of religion, politics, and class. We might dare meet each other with trembling but open hearts and transform our world into one without the need for hand grenades, hydrogen bombs, or Halliburton.

Ken Carter
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Hello Ollie, Bye-Bye Matt

I have been a big Ask Alice ("Straight From the Hip") fan for years but wanted you to know Ollie ("Remote Control King") has taken over as my top favorite. That guy is hilarious, and I don't watch much TV nor even understand half of his references. The wheelchair story, while not PC, was most excellent, and it even had a happy ending, sort of. Can you just send me those two columns each week? I don't need any plastic surgery.

C. Carlyle
via e-mail

Drop The Gun

Re "Can't Put Worms Back in Can" (Letters, September 27). Blast away, Bob. You can do that so well. Thanks for your invitation to not be an idiot. I agree with you, Bob, let's drop the whole gun issue. I wonder if you can do that. A

step in that direction would be to drop that tired old bullet-head mantra, "only outlaws will have guns." How about "only outlaws have guns, unless you're a museum"? Cool off, Bob. We all sin.

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Posted by Leo Jacques on 10/5/07, 2:10 p.m.

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girl band called Birtha played there (on a different date) and they tore the place apart!! Ah the good ol' days! Flash at the Starlight Bowl!...etc...etc. I need to rest now!

Posted by Chucker on 10/6/07, 10:57 a.m.

A buddy in San Diego sent me your article, wondering if I had attended any? I graduated from USD in the 1960s and was a staff photographer for the Union-Tribune so I DID cover the Beatles' press conference and the concert. The young audience in Balboa Stadium was SO loud — and emotional — that even standing on the field with my cameras, close to the stage, I could barely make out the lyrics! Good memories. Thanks for the revisit. Chuck Boyd

Posted by Wild Child on 10/6/07, 3:05 p.m.

I was at the Doors concert at the Sports Arena in late August of 1970. Little did we know that this was history — the second to the last Doors concert ever as JM would not be around

much longer. Open seating — first come first serve — included the open floor area in front of the stage. We were there — just a few feet away from the Lizard King himself. He was on his best behavior the whole night — he had a court date later that week and could not do anything outrageous. Many times, he just stared at us in those front rows. I never expected that almost 40 years later, that bit of trivia ALWAYS impresses, captivates and wows young people the same age and younger now — than I was then!

Sheep and Goats

Published October 3

Posted by DeNeice Kenehan on 10/6/07, 9:05 a.m.

I have had the pleasure of singing as a guest musician at the Bonita Church of Religious Science for more than 5 years. I always enjoy — No! love — being in the presence of these precious, joyful, spiritually-aware people. Rev. Jane's lessons are predictably enlightening and, gratefully,

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City Lights, by Joe Deegan

Published October 3

Posted by free_san_diego on 10/3/07, 2:46 p.m.

An aspect of the nexus between City/community groups/developers that is overlooked in this article are the often hidden alliances and between some community groups and City Land Use department staffers: when groups supposedly representing the community are in fact working on behalf of Land Use, they end up abetting implementation of what Mr. Aguirre aptly describes as “The City's vision [...] their business-plan vision...,” not always to the benefit of residents, property owners, or neighborhoods.

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Arts without Agenda

North Park Hosts U.N. Peace Envoy

The Salvation Army insisted on seeing a purely cultural event with political eyes and then complained that the event was political," says Manal Swairjo, co-organizer of the concert featuring Lebanese oud (Arabic lute) composer Marcel Khalifé. The concert was scheduled to take place at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre at the Salvation Army Corps Community Center. After six months of organizing and four days before the contract was to be signed, the Salvation Army rejected Swairjo's application to use the center as a venue.

LOCAL EVENTS

"We have no problem with objections or precautions," says Swairjo. "We're always open to dialoguing. What was most disheartening was the preemptive judgment. There was an initial prejudice existing against our advocacy."

The Salvation Army objected not to the performer, who is a United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Artist for Peace, but to the organization presenting him. Swairjo, a professor of biochemistry at Western University in Pomona, is active in the Arab-American community — she advises San Diego's chief of police in this regard and is the cultural coordinator for Al-Awda, the "Palestine Right to Return Coalition."

According to Swairjo, planning for the concert began in January 2007. In February the center's theater manager accepted a \$500 cash deposit and instructed Swairjo she need only pay the rest of the rental fee and submit proof of insurance for the con-

cert to proceed. On July 31, when Swairjo's partner contacted the theater manager to request a seating chart, he was sent a rental application form and informed that it must be filled out to "formalize" the rental contract.

"[The theater manager] e-mailed my partner, saying that they were declining our application without any explanation and referred him to the Salvation Army captain John Van Cleef. He called Mr. Van Cleef and asked for an explanation. Mr. Van Cleef argued that the event was unbalanced and divisive. When he was asked to explain more explicitly, he said it was unbalanced because it didn't include an Israeli performer and that it will upset certain people. When asked what people, [Van Cleef] said the Jewish community in San Diego. Many of us are Jews in our organization."

Van Cleef communicated the center's stance to me via e-mail. "The single-focus agenda of Al-Awda placed the Army in a position that could be misunderstood as taking a political stand on a sensitive issue." He says Swairjo's claim that the center insisted that a Jewish performer be included onstage is false.

"Instead of giving us credit for hosting these artists and having someone like Marcel, who is an advocate for peace, he made a whole concert discredited or not qualified to be in his venue because of our advocacy," argues Swairjo. "It's not professional or respectful — it's discriminatory. They are no doubt having constant cultural functions, and never did they require any one community to be inclusive of the rest."

When asked to explain what it is about Al-Awda that might cause divisiveness, Van



Marcel Khalifé

Cleef points to the section of Al-Awda's mission statement that reads, "Al-Awda unequivocally supports the fundamental, inalienable, individual, and collective rights of all Palestinian refugees to return to their original towns, villages, and lands anywhere in Palestine from which they were expelled." The implications of such an agenda, he states, "speak to a broad, historic, sensitive, and political issue. The Salvation Army — an apolitical organization — does not want to be misunderstood as having taken one side or the other."

"Al-Awda is basically a human rights organization," Swairjo explains. "It advocates for Palestinian refugees of war and calls for universal human rights. Several significant members of the Jewish community are involved with Al-Awda because they understand that the right of Palestinian return is essential for any peace. Just like Amnesty International works on politically controversial issues, like the rights of political prisoners, doesn't mean Amnesty Inter-

national is a political organization."

According to Van Cleef, the Salvation Army directed the concert organizers to other "suitable" venues. Four weeks after being rejected by the center, the concert was rescheduled to take place at the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre. "We were more explicit this time and asked early enough for an application," says Swairjo. "But we had to start from scratch — print tickets again, do advertising, flyers, and posters. It was a lot of work and cost."

— Barbarella

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Nov. 20

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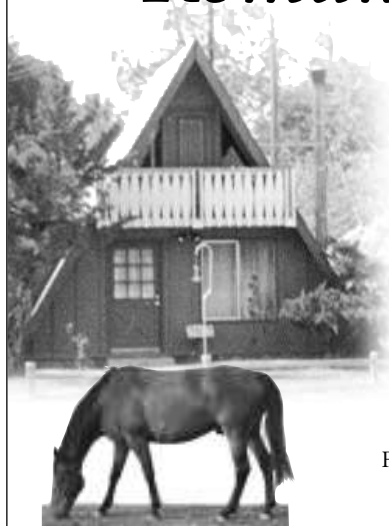
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BAJA

The Play *Carlota* is presented by Jacqueline Andere on Monday, October 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). 011-52-664-687-9650. (TIJUANA)

29th Annual Ensenada Seafood Fair is Thursday and Friday, October 11 and 12, 1–8 p.m., in gardens of Riviera Cultural Center (on Boulevard Costero at Calle Riviera). Enjoy seafood, wine tasting, live entertainment, cultural activities, a culinary competition among restaurants, more. General admission: \$10 per day or \$15 for both. 011-52-646-174-0448. (ENSENADA)

"Ten Years After the Javier Villaurrutia Prize" is subject for lecture by Jorge Ruiz Dueñas, Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Piano Concert by Marcela Hersch, Thursday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (Avenida Guadalupe, between Calles 2 and 4). \$10 general. 011-52-646-176-3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. (TIJUANA)

"Novus Aer XV" presented by mime Alberto Stanley, Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Scenography," lecture by Jorge Ballina, Friday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

María Carrasco Ballet Company performs flamenco dance, Saturday, October 13, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$35, \$45. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Zoe and Sussie 4 plan rock concert at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución) on Saturday, October 13, 11 p.m. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Cars, Trucks, ATVs, Motorcycles from both sides of border compete in challenging closed-circuit race starting 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 14, at Rancho Motocross (Carretera Ensenada-San Felipe km 8). \$5 general. 011-52-646-176-1637. (ENSENADA)

OUT & ABOUT

SEA MONSTERS: A PREHISTORIC ADVENTURE IMAX at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

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Real del Castillo Festival, celebrate anniversary of historic gold-mining town, capital of Baja California during the 1880s, from 10 a.m.–8 p.m. on Sunday, October 14. Historic exhibitions, entertainment. Dress in vintage attire, bring potable water. Find Real del Castillo approximately 30 miles southeast of Ensenada; take Ensenada-San Felipe Highway 3 into central Ojos Negros, follow signs. Free admission. 011-52-646-178-6038. (ENSENADA)

"Star Wars" music performed by Sinfónica Juvenil de Tijuana, conducted by Pavel Getman, Sunday, October 14, at 6 and 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1991 was awarded to Richard Ernst, "for his contributions to the

development of the methodology of high-resolution nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy." Ernst speaks Monday, October 15, in commemoration of 50th anniversary of Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC). Talk starts at 11 a.m. at Centro Comunitario, Calzada Tecnológico on Mesa de Otay. 011-52-664-682-1075. (TIJUANA)

"Coopelas o Cuello," political topics explored in comedy by Las Reinas del Cabaret Político en México. Performances slated for Monday, October 15, at Teatro UABC (Mexicali); Tuesday, October 16, at Teatro UABC (Ensenada); and Wednesday, October 17, at Centro Cultural. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$15, \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (MEXICALI, ENSENADA, TIJUANA)

Guitar Recital by Jason Vieaux, Tuesday, October 16, 7 p.m., at

Multiforo ICBC (Avenida Centenario #10151, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

Alberto Cortez in Concert, Tuesday, October 16, 9 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$50 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"A Witness" is topic for lecture by Associated Press photographer Jean-Marc Bouju, who won World Press Photo of the Year in 2003 for his image of hooded Iraqi war prisoner holding his son at detention camp in Najaf. Bouju speaks on Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., at ICBC (#10151 Calzada Centenario). Free. 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

"Behind the Wheel," sculptural assemblages, paintings, installation by John Dilleuth may be seen through Sunday, December 16, at Galería H&H (Avenida Estéban Cantú 2651, Colonia Dávila). Ex-

hibition opens with reception on Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m. 011-52-664-900-6133. (TIJUANA)

"Tango de Nuestro Tiempo" — music by Cuatro para Tango and César Olguín on Thursday, October 18, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tribute to Elvis by Scott Bruce and John Mueller (as Buddy Holly) at Camino Real in Zona Río on Thursday, October 18, 8 p.m. 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

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

The Smoggiest Days of the Year are most likely to occur during the next several weeks. Persistent temperature inversions (warmer air overlying cool marine air) are frequent this time of year. These inversions conspire with the mountainous topography of East County to trap locally generated air pollution under a low-lying lid. During the worst episodes, San Diego County's coastal area is the hapless recipient of additional smog sneaking down from the Los Angeles Basin. This often occurs when a Santa Ana wind condition



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The Tawny Hues of the Black Oak Tree are just beginning to highlight the slopes of San Diego County's higher mountains. Named for the dark coloring of its bark, especially when wet, the black oak is the only deciduous oak native to the county. Associating with pines, firs, cedars, various evergreen oaks, and occasionally chaparral, the black oak lends a true autumn coloring to popular areas such as the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar Mountains.

Look for "Eastern Vagrants" and migrating birds when visiting Point Loma with Audubon Society birders, Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. Birders visit Cabrillo National Monument, possibly Point Loma Nazarene University, nearby neighborhood. Meet at far west

end of Dupont Street at steel cable barricade. 619-692-3246. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (POINT LOMA)

Tracking Walks for beginners and intermediates hosted by San Diego Tracking Team, Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe Ranch House (take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house). Learn to track animals, discover their environments. Wear shoes that are good in mud. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Enjoy Autumn Foliage and lakeshore birds during walk with trail guide, Saturday, October 13. Outing starts at 8:30 a.m. at Kumeyaay Lake campground entry station in Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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Saturday, October 13, 8:30 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. Free. 760-839-6216. (ESCONDIDO)

Beach Cleanup at Torrey Pines State Beach hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper on Saturday, October 13. Meet at lifeguard tower at 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-758-7743. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week and work to enhance D Street nesting site with San Diego Audubon Society volunteers on Saturday, October 13, 9 a.m.-noon. Remove small, medium-sized invasive trees and shrubs that predators use to perch on when preying upon endangered California least tern chicks; remove

iceplant. Bring hand saw and/or large loppers, gloves, wear long pants, long-sleeve shirt, eye protection, sturdy shoes. Water, snacks provided. Directions, reservations: 619-682-7200. (CHULA VISTA)

Expert Birders from San Diego Field Ornithologists to lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, October 13, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk exploring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, October 13, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF)


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Tally Ho in San Elijo! Join Walk-about explorers for walk on paths in and around San Elijo Lagoon County Park and Ecological Reserve on Saturday, October 13. Moderate-plus 2.5-hour saunter starts at 9:15 a.m. in front of clock tower at Solana Beach Amtrak station (on North Cedros Avenue). Free. 619-231-7463. (SOLANA BEACH)

Learn About History of Our Natural Environment during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, October 13, 14, and 17, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Friends of Rose Creek invite volunteers for variety of work in native plant garden, Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.–noon, behind Rose Creek Cottage (2525 Garnet Avenue). Park on Fogg Street, just south of Garnet. Weed, water, plant native species. Bring work or gardening gloves, water. 858-405-7503. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including October 13. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404

ROAM-ORAMA

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

In 1991 Orange County opened the 1500-acre Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park, which sprawls across the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains just east of the communities of Lake Forest and El Toro. One surprise can be found in the upper reaches of a narrow ravine through the park called Borrego Canyon. There you'll come upon strangely weathered outcrops of red-tinted sandstone, rising a sheer 100 feet or more. Some people optimistically refer to this natural amphitheater as Orange County's "Little Grand Canyon."



Inside Borrego Canyon

From that trailhead, follow the well-traveled Borrego Trail going up Borrego Canyon. You immediately plunge into the densely shaded canyon bottom, right alongside a stream that happily trickles during winter and spring. For a while, suburbia rims the canyon on both sides, but soon enough it disappears without a trace. The trek up the canyon feels Tolkienesque as you pass under a crooked-limb canopy of live oaks and sycamores and sniff the damp odor of the streamside willows. Often in the late fall and winter, frigid air sinks into these shady recesses overnight, and by early morning frost mantles everything below eye level.

After no more than about 40 minutes of walking and 1.3 miles, you come to Mustard Road, a fire road that ascends both east and west to ridgetops offering long views of the ocean on clear days. Turn right on Mustard Road, pass a picnic site, and take the second trail to the left (the Red Rock Trail — for hikers only), into an upper tributary of Borrego Canyon.

Out in the sunshine now, you meander up the bottom of a sunny ravine that becomes increasingly narrow and steep. Presently, you reach the base of the eroded "Red Rock" sandstone cliffs, formed of sediment deposited on a shallow sea bottom about 20 million years ago. This type of rock, which contains the fossilized remains of shellfish and marine mammals, underlies much of Orange County. Rarely is it as well exposed as here.

Like most trails in the Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park, the Borrego Trail is open to mountain biking and horse riding, as well as hiking. Mountain bikers, however, are not allowed to ride all the way to the Red Rock cliffs. If they get as far as Mustard Road, they must return to the trailhead by a roundabout route looping east, because Borrego Trail is posted as one-way uphill for bicycles.

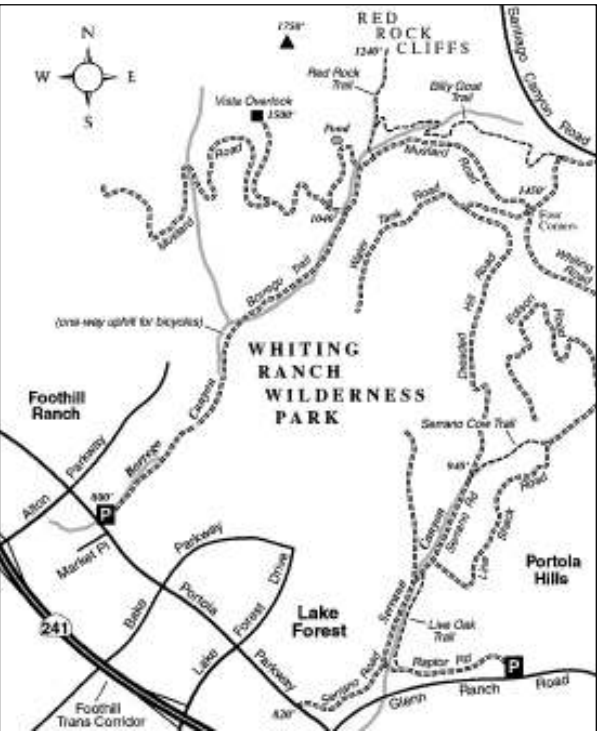
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RED ROCK CLIFFS

Hike to Orange County's micro Grand Canyon in the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 82 miles
Hiking length: 4.0 miles round trip
Difficulty: Moderate



Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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See Meta Volcanic, Plutonic, and Volcanic Rock during easy hike in Mission Trails Regional Park led by Canyoneers on Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (SAN CARLOS)

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Hikes along and through Anza-Borrego hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute. Series begins with trek led by Reena Deutsch from Desert View picnic area to Penny Pines monument on Sunday, October 14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Expect six miles, relatively flat, with views of desert and mountains. Hiking level: moderate. Dress for all weather conditions, and wear hiking boots and layered clothing. Bring snacks, lunch, water, sun protection, essentials. \$45. 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Visit San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires, during guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Tijuana Estuary Protects a variety of plant communities and wildlife. Nature walks offered at Tijuana Estuary on second Sunday of each month, including October 14, beginning at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) at 11 a.m. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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Belly Dance Workshop by Leilania on Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m., at Ginseng Yoga (2985 Beech Street). "Focus is on feeling the root and expression of movement." \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-338-9642. (SOUTH PARK)

Jeremy and the Zydeco Hot Boys plan CD-release party and play for dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club and Gator by the Bay Festival, Saturday, October 13, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Dance lessons at 6:20; dancing from 7–10:30 p.m. \$14. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Hustle Club Party, Saturday, October 13, 8 p.m.–midnight, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Melanie Dawson leads intermediate/advanced hustle workshop, 7–8 p.m. (\$15), followed by dance (\$7). 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Old Twine String Band makes music, Steve Barlow calls for contra dance on Saturday, October 13, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-594-6828. Free predance music jam, 6–7:30 p.m. (NORTH PARK)

"One Shot" has West Coast premiere when Ronald K. Brown/Evidence takes stage on Saturday, October 13, 8 p.m., for UCSD's ArtPower series at Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Fusion-Style Bellydancing by Sarasvati Modern Tribal, Saturday, October 13, 9 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). All ages. Free admission. 619-265-7287. (COLLEGE AREA)

Sunday Zapateado, Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán performs dances from different states of Mexico on second Sunday of each month at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Dances of Michoacán performed October 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). All callers lend a hand on October 14. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

FILM

San Diego Asian Film Festival celebrates eighth year with more than 130 short and feature films from over 12 countries screening Thursday–Thursday, October 11–18, at UltraStar Mission Valley (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Program boasts *Finishing the Game*, *American Pastime*, *Dark Matter*, *The Victim*, *After This Our Exile*, many others. Prices range from \$7–\$15. Details: 858-565-1264. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Business of Being Born" — film exploring, questioning "the way American women have babies," through interviews, stories, and personal birth dramas, screens Thursday and Friday, October 11 and 12, 7 and 9 p.m., at Ama Mama Holistic Healthcare (2146 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 105-106). Discussions follow each screening led by licensed midwife Barbara E. Herrera. \$18 at door. Showtimes: 760-944-3987. (ENCINITAS)

Up for a "Disturbing Horror Classic"? See Tod Browning's 1932 flick *Freaks* when it's shown for fall film series, Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

What a Cast! *The Usual Suspects* — with Kevin Spacey, Guillermo del Toro, Gabriel Byrne, Stephen Baldwin, and Kevin Pollack — screens for Cinema under the Stars series, Thursday–Saturday, October 11–13, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (HILLCREST)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure*, *Dinosaurs Alive*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. "Fridays at the Fleet" showcases *The Living Sea* (6 p.m.) and *Mysteries of Egypt* (7 p.m.) on October 12. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

The French Film *Caché* (2005) is featured during International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, October 12. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue) and later at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In French with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

"Who Killed the Electric Car?" This 2006 documentary "explores the birth, limited commercialization, and subsequent death of the battery electric vehicle in the United States," screening Friday, October 12, at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., at San Diego EcoCenter for Alternative Fuel Education (4001 El Cajon Boulevard). San Diego Electric Vehicle Association president Bob Hammon and Mike Lewis (manager of Pearson Fuels) answer questions after films. \$10.95. 619-243-0410. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"People Say I'm Crazy," a documentary about a young artist and his family confronting challenge of schizophrenia, screens for Mental Illness Awareness Week, Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m., at University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive). Discussion follows. Free. 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Glatter/Hubbard: Film and Music" is presented for Sunday

Matinee on October 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Glatter/Hubbard is collective ensemble of composers/percussionists/electronic musicians, presenting new music to six of Hubbard's films. In addition, there will be a set of music to films by Cocteau, Stan Brakhage, others. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"El Mago (The Magician)" Jaime Aparicio's 2004 film, screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Telluride's Mountainfilm Festival promises short and long pieces about "adventure sports, cultures, and remarkable people," screening Tuesday, October 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

A Buster Keaton Celebration is planned for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, with *The Navigator* (1924) shown on Wednesday, October 17, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Live piano accompaniment by Bryan Verhoye. Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with "behind-the-scenes features." Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"The Chances of the World Changing," documenting two years in the life of a man who has dedicated his time and resources to rescuing endangered turtles, may be seen when it's shown for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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What’s That You’re Reading?

NAME: APRIL R. WHITE | **AGE:** 19 | **OCCUPATION:** STUDENT
NEIGHBORHOOD: LA MESA | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE



What are you currently reading?

“I’m a spontaneous reader — read something, then start something else. Right now, I’m rereading *Black Skin, White Masks* by Frantz Fanon, and also *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.”

Tell me about the books.

“*Black Skin, White Masks* is about Africans who assimilate into French culture. Fanon thinks that minorities, especially Africans, want to be white or Caucasian. He says black women want to marry white men and consider them to

be kind of like demigods. He also says black men want white women. He says that by doing this, it enhances their whiteness.”

What do you make of the argument?

“He’s making these assumptions based on a very small sample of people in Martinique. Then he stretches his conclusions way past that sample. I also find the marriage assumption disturbing because he based that on the narrative of a slave who talks about her master kind of endearingly.”

Tell me about the style.

“This is my second-and-a-half time trying to read it. The language is a little bit difficult — Fanon uses a lot of elevated language. The book was written a long time ago, so that contributes to it.”

What about *Beloved*?

“That’s fiction about a woman, Sethe, who escapes slavery on a plantation called Sweet Home, and is trying to live out her freedom. She goes through a lot; some of her children die. The book goes on to talk about the house she lives in, how it’s cursed because her youngest daughter died there. Later, we find out that Sethe killed the daughter because she thought they were going to be taken back into slavery.”

Do you have a favorite character?

“Beloved — the daughter that

Sethe killed. She comes back in a spiritual way and in a physical way. She grows up in the spiritual realm and haunts the house, and then manifests in the body and comes to live in the house. The family thinks she is just a runaway slave. I liked her as a ghost because her presence was punishing her mom, but at the same time, in her physical form, Beloved is protecting Sethe from outside danger.”

What book has been most life-changing for you?

“*The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

The book is about a girl who is a victim of incest — she was raped by her father. The girl is trying to find her own beauty within — throughout the book, she wants blue eyes because she thinks that is beautiful. I was molested as a child, so I relate to the main character. In the

end, the girl has a conversation with herself and decides that she has blue eyes. Her eyes never actually turn blue, but that is kind of her finding her own beauty. I did the same thing.”

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

“I don’t read magazines, and I only read the *Union-Tribune* Classified section.”

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

“A lot of my friends are into the popular, juicy, romantic novels. They have stories where somebody stole somebody else’s man and now they’re having a baby. I don’t get into that. It seems just like watching TV. I like more complex books, ones that I have to read over and over again. I tell them about the books and suggest they pick them up, but they just kind of blow it off.”

LECTURES

“Boom Time,” mixed-media exhibition exploring “experience of facing the complexities and contradictions of today’s world from the perspective of five boomer-generation artists” continues in Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Artists plan talk on Thursday, October 11, 11 a.m. Free. 760-757-5368. (OCEANSIDE)

Pulitzer Prize–Winning Novelist Jane Smiley (*A Thousand Acres, Ten Days in the Hills*) and local debut novelist Marjorie Hart (*Summer at Tiffany*) will discuss their recent

books and answer questions during author’s luncheon hosted by Words Alive, Thursday, October 11, noon, at Manchester Grand Hyatt (One Market Place). \$75. Space availability, reservations: 858-274-9673. (DOWNTOWN)

Savor the Past with food historian Arlyn Hackett from *San Diego Union-Tribune*, Thursday, October 11, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of San Diego History. Food samplings from Mexican/Ranchero period; participants explore “ordinary and unique examples of cultural heritage that defines the diverse and rich history of the San Diego region.” \$20. Required reservations: 619-232-6203 x150. (BALBOA PARK)

“Hand in Hand Schools: A Pathway to Peace in the Holy Land” presented by organization founder Lee Gordon, Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., in Francis Parker School Field House (6501 Linda Vista Road). Hand in Hand Schools seek “to build peace between Jews and Arabs in Israel through development of bilingual and multicultural schools.” Miko Peled and Nader Elbanna will also speak. Suggested donation: \$10. 760-445-2596. (LINDA VISTA)

“Hollywood in the Fifties: The Golden Age of Movie Musicals” is topic when the “Facing the Music: Music in Film” lecture series continues on Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and

Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Preservation and Revitalization of Sherman Heights” — Louise Torio focuses on historical, architectural significance of Sherman Heights Historic District for University Heights Historical Society on Thursday, October 11. Talk starts at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (3993 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

“Emotion and Artistic Expression” — this “narrated slide show” by mind/body psychologist and certified sex therapist Mary Lou MacIlvaine is Friday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center (4355 Bonita Road).

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“Raiders of the Lost Archives,” learn to conduct basic historic research to determine if your home is a potential historic landmark or a contributor to a potential historic district during workshop sponsored by University Heights Historical Society on Saturday, October 13, 9 p.m.–noon, at Swedenborgian Church (4144 Campus Avenue). \$15 general. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

“Cooking with Wine” illuminated on Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Recipes, tastings of-

fered in class. \$33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Curious About Rugs? K. Blatchford’s San Diego Rug Cleaning Company plans two classes on Saturday, October 13, at 7848 Silverton Avenue, suite G. Learn what to look for when purchasing area rugs, differences between hand-made and machine-made rugs, at 10 a.m. “American Indian Rugs” provide topic at 1 p.m., with look at history and symbols. \$25 per class. Reservations: 858-566-3833. (MIRA MESA)

Local Artist Tom Tiedeman, recently returned from Tuscany, Italy, plans watercolor technique demonstration, Saturday, October 13, 11:30 a.m., at Art Connection (142 West Grand Avenue). Free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

Create Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls during workshop on Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m., at Back from Tombocou (3564 Adams Avenue). Students will make and decorate traditional sugar skulls to take home. \$20.

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“Dawn of the Space Race: The Day the World Changed” presented by Matthew Brzezinski, author of *Red Moon Rising: Sputnik and the Hidden Rivalries That Ignited the Space Age*, Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m., at San Diego Air and Space Museum. Learn “about this turbulent, shocking, and dynamic era.” Booksigning follows. Included in regular museum admission (\$15 general). 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Literature and French Painters, Ekphrastic Literature: A Piece of Art" presented in English by author Susan Vreeland for Alliance Française, Saturday, October 13, 2 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). "Ekphrastic literature" makes reference to or describes a piece of art. Donation: \$10 general. 619-824-6694. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry-Writing Workshop offered by poet Jackleen Holton for Magee Park Poets, Sunday, October 14, 10 a.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive).

Free. Required reservations: 760-602-2012. (CARLSBAD)

"Iran: A Dangerous Foe," Richard D. Barton, a national commissioner of Anti-Defamation League, addresses Humanistic Jewish Congregation of San Diego, Sunday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Woman's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Donation: \$5. Potluck luncheon follows discussion. 858-549-3088. (CARLSBAD)

The Vilna Ghetto, Its Fate During the Holocaust, and his parents' stories of the place provided fodder for ten years of research by Michael Bart, who will discuss his upcoming book about Abba Kovner's Partisans of Vilna for San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society. Talk starts at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Talk will share "mixing of personal stories in the face of important historical facts and how he dealt with estab-

lishing a perspective to create a cohesive book." \$3. 619-583-0826. (LA JOLLA)

Seascape Painting created with pastels by artist Mary Lake for Pastel Society of San Diego on Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-713-1128. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Who Are All Those Figures in Benin Art?" Find out when Barbara Blackmun speaks for African Arts Council on Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m., in Copley Auditorium at San Diego Museum of Art. Benin's Renaissance bronzes and ivories featuring many figures wearing complex regalia; some depict heroes and heroines in Benin's history, others represent anonymous courtiers with ceremonial roles at the courts of Benin's kings, queens, hereditary nobles. \$15 general. 858-538-6788. (BALBOA PARK)

World Trade Center Collapses discussed by Bay Area architect

Richard Gage for San Diegans for 9/11 Truth on Sunday, October 14, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). 619-222-2120. (HILLCREST)

"Science in the Service of Art" is focus when UCSD research physicist John Asmus describes projects involving scientific technologies in conservation, restoration of artworks. Lecture for North County chapter of San Diego Museum of Art on Monday, October 15, 9:30 a.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Free for first-time guests, \$5 otherwise. 858-755-6462. (DEL MAR)

"Israel at the Time of the Dead Sea Scrolls" illuminated by New York University professor Lawrence Schiffman on Monday, October 15, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Do Gods Exist?" The Arguments Pro and Con — First Cause, Fine-Tuning, the Problem of Evil,

and More" discussed by North County Agnostics, Monday, October 15, 7 p.m., in Oceanside Mission Library community room (3861-B Mission Avenue). Free. 760-445-8112. (OCEANSIDE)

Four Corners Workshop hosted by San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, October 15, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (on east side of Vermont Avenue, north of University Avenue). Participants choose two of four 30-minute workshops covering fiction, non-fiction, memoir, and poetry led by Yvonne Nelson Perry, Larry Edwards, Claire Accomando, Katie Davis-Steward. \$5. 760-471-5323. (HILLCREST)

"Fighting Cancer with Your Fork" is subject for Vicki Newman, R.D., Tuesday, October 16, 10 a.m., at Moores UCSD Cancer Center (3855 Health Sciences Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-822-2236. (LA JOLLA)

Women PeaceMakers Programs planned at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). "Liberating Minds Imprisoned by War Trauma and Media Bias: A Conversation with Irina Yanovskaya from South Ossetia (Georgian-Ossetian Conflict Zone)" planned Tuesday, October 16.

Latifah Anum Siregar from Indonesia presents "Reviving Traditional Law to Transform Contemporary Tribal and Migrant Disputes" on Thursday, October 18. Lectures begin at 12:30 p.m. Free. Reservations: 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

"Shore and Lake Bird Photography" taught during classes beginning at San Diego Natural History Museum on Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. (continuing October 20, 23). Equipment, field techniques, locations, artistic principles for "capturing great bird photographs." \$75. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

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LOCAL EVENTS

"Restoration of Coastal Sage Scrub in San Juan Capistrano" is focus for Marty McPhee when California Native Plant Society convenes on Tuesday, October 16, 7 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. "McPhee will describe process of re-establishing coastal sage scrub community on 75 acres of ridgeline on Reed Ranch that had been overgrazed by cattle for over 50 years." Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Plan Mexico vs. Plan Colombia How U.S. Engagement Can Help Human Rights" presented by José Miguel Vivanco, executive director of Americas Division of Human Rights Watch on Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m., at Weaver Conference Center, Institute of the Americas (10111 North Torrey Pines Road). Vivanco will compare/contrast policies in Mexico and in Colombia and how concern for human rights can shape them. Free. Requested registration: 858-453-5560 x119. (LA JOLLA)

"A Flair for the Dramatic: Gustave Doré's *Murder of Riccio*" is topic for "Collection Spotlight" series on Thursday, October 18, 11 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Learn about one of Doré's few paintings, its dramatic setting. \$15 general, \$23 lunch. Reservations: 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Soundwaves" Art Talk by Julio Cesar Morales, Thursday, October 18, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Integrative Veterinary Medicine: East Meets West" is topic for lecture by veterinarian and holistic medicine maven Keith Weingardt, Thursday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

"Name That Tune: Familiar Songs as Soundtrack" is subject for "Facing the Music: Music in Film" lecture series on Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

"Temptation Defied, or Infamy Behind the Curtain" — with this title, you know it's time for Julian Triangle Club's annual old-time melodrama and olio, presented weekends through October at Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Story is loosely based on history of Julian and boasts a vil-

lain to boo, hero to cheer.

Performances begin at 7:15 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. \$10 for adults (\$8 for Sunday matinees), \$2 for children 2–12. 760-765-0832. (JULIAN)

"Electronicist" Curtis Glatter joins percussionist Nathan Hubbard for improvisations set to six original short films for Concert Hour on Thursday, October 11, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

"Guacamole Dip" read from by author Daniel Reveles, Thursday, October 11, 4–7 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-258-4911. (BALBOA PARK)

Renowned Poet Thomas Lux reads from his new book, *The Cradle Place*, Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Shaggy Muses: The Dogs Who Inspired Virginia Woolf, Emily Dickinson, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Edith Wharton, and Emily Brontë" signed and discussed by author Maureen Adams, Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Author Ursula Hegi, creator of *Stones from the River* and its memorable heroine Trudi, visits Warwick's Bookstore on Thursday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., to sign and discuss *The Worst Thing I've Done*. Find shop at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Intermodulation," Paul Musso of University of Colorado, Denver, is joined by music faculty member Eric Foster to play Latin and jazz selections, Thursday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Comedian Paul Rodriguez takes stage on Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$40. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

Comedy Grill convenes for stand-up comedy by Claude Shires, plus Dr. Howard Richmond and Reed Schley, Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m., in Postcards Lounge at Handlery Hotel (950 Hotel Circle North). 21 and up. Cover: \$5, plus two-item minimum. 858-550-8088. (MISSION VALLEY)

Late-Night Laughmeister Jay Leno performs Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Tickets: \$40, \$50. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

OUT & ABOUT

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"Revenge of the Donut Boys: True Stories of Lust, Fame, Survival, and Multiple Personality," read from and signed by *Esquire* and *GQ* writer-at-large Mike Sager, Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m., at Whistle Stop Bar (2236 Fern Street). Greg Gerding will also be on hand to read from his latest book, *Venue Voyeurisms*. Free. 619-284-6784.

Busy on Thursday? Sager will also discuss and sign books on Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (SOUTH PARK, LA JOLLA)

Rocktober! Finding Stella plays Friday, October 12, 6 p.m., at Hard Rock Cafe (909 Prospect Street); concert benefits Breast Cancer Research Foundation and Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. Donation: \$5. For those 21 and older. 858-456-7625. (LA JOLLA)

Stand-Up Comedian Sean Rouse headlines for Ocean Beach Comedy on Friday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Winstons (1921 Bacon Street). \$5. 619-222-6822. (OCEAN BEACH)

Thriller Author James Swain signs, discusses *Midnight Rambler*, Friday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

"Circus Gone Wrong," it's Technomania Circus time, featuring Willy Bologna of the Vulgarian State Circus, Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13, 7:30 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Bill includes Dr. Techno, Mango and Dango, Madame Mandible, Papa Freak and La Contessa, Kerosene Keith, Lady Mouthinoff, the Human Gyroscope, Jim Call. \$20. 619-231-1950. Warm clothing recommended. 619-231-1950. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Darol Anger's Republic of Strings in concert hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., at Normal

Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$18, \$22. 619-303-8176. (NORTH PARK)

"Daniel Pearl World Music Celebration" includes concert by Hutchins Consort, joined by Baghdad-born singer and oud virtuoso Saadoun al Bayati, on Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program includes Charlton's "Atesh in Baghdad," selections by Brant and Janáček, traditional Iraqi songs. \$25 general; \$40 for families (two adults, two children). 760-632-0554. (LA JOLLA)

Faculty Recital by USD instructor Eric Foster and guests, Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Listen for jazz standards from bossa nova to swing. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Mojalet Dance Collective Joins Rhythm Talk in performance Friday, October 12, for collaboration between disciplines of dance and percussion. Contemporary dance is performed to structured improv, "layered with textures of sight and sound." Curtain rises at 8 p.m. at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Tickets: \$12–\$20. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Paramount's "Pink Floyd LaserSpectacular" hits Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue) on Friday, October 12, 8 p.m. "Colorful lasers and lighting effects parallel the sonic journey." Tickets: \$30, \$35; no children under five. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Fantasy Author Stephen R. Donaldson signs *Fatal Revenant*, Saturday, October 13, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Traditional Fantasy Author Dennis McKiernan discusses, signs

his new novel, *Once Upon a Dreadful Time* at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Saturday, October 13, 3:30 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month commemorated with benefit concert on Saturday, October 13, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1220 Cleveland Avenue). Seven artists from new Women on the Move CD *Beautiful* will perform, joined by local singer-songwriters Bridget Brigitte and Lisa Sanders. Suggested donation: \$12. 619-533-6041, 661-618-0964. (HILLCREST)

"A Night for Rural Africa," spoken-word performance by Collective Purpose, African drummers, dance, music promised Saturday, October 13, 7 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Benefits Rhode Foundation, "working to end preventable disease in Africa through equitable education and local health care." Donation: \$25. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Flamenco-Nova jazz-rock band performs with flamenco dancer Sol on Saturday, October 13, 7 p.m., at Le Papagayo (1002 North Highway 101). No cover. 760-944-8252. (LEUCADIA)

Baja Blues Boys take stage for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Opening performance by Allen Singer and Dane Terry. \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Let My Voice Ring Out," MiraCosta College's North Coast Concert Chorale, Chamber Chorale, and Camerata Singers plan concerts on October 13 and 14. Selections by contemporary composers and traditional choral masters, including John Rutter, Morley, many others. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday,

2 p.m. on Sunday, in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

The Kuno Project takes stage for Saturday Backyard Concert on Saturday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., at Community Reformed Church (777 West Felicita Avenue). Free. 760-727-1443. (ESCONDIDO)

Mariachi Festival, Sunday, October 14, noon–5 p.m., at Sunset Ballroom (2906 University Avenue). Performances by Miguel de Hoyos, Sol de Mexico Ballet Folklorico, Mariachi Real de San Diego; emcee is Gil Sperry, author of *Mariachi for Gringos*. Admission: \$25 (one child, 14 and under, admitted free with each paying adult). 619-887-9288, 619-688-9745. (NORTH PARK)

Wee Rock Music Festival debuts on Sunday, October 14, noon–5 p.m., at Adams Recreation Center open field (at 35th Street and Adams Avenue), benefiting music, arts programs in local public schools. Bands include Kush and Bloodfiyah Angels, Hell Yeah, Atoms, the Farmers, Supernova; food and retail vendors. Bring a blanket or beach chair. Admission is free. 760-207-6850. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

International Suspense Author Eric Stone signs his second novel, *Grave Imports*, Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Monsoon performs for Jazz Association of Greater San Diego concert Sunday, October 14, 2:30 p.m., at Musician's Union Hall (1717 Morena Boulevard). General admission: \$12. 619-216-6233. (BAY PARK)

Russian Children's Choir shares songs, dances of their homeland in recital, Sunday, October 14, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donations accepted for performers. Optional Russian dinner follows (\$6.50 general). 760-439-4099. Proceeds benefit mission project in Vladivostok, Russia. (OCEANSIDE)

Night Blooming Jazzmen perform Dixieland standards and hymns on Sunday, October 14, 6 p.m., at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Local Singer-Songwriter Korrie Paliotto releases her debut CD, *Illumine*, Sunday, October 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Free. 619-285-1639. (BALBOA PARK)

Lebanese Oud Master Marcel Khalifé plans concert on Sunday, October 14, 7 p.m., at Stephen and

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Dancin' and Signin' — head to UCSD Bookstore’s Perks coffee shop for dance performance by Ballet Tapatio Folklorico, book-signing of *Mariachi for Gringos* by Gil Sperry, Monday, October 15. Booksigning and interactive forum (with recorded examples of music/lyrics), 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; folk-lorico performance, 4–4:45 p.m.; booksigning and forum repeats 4:45–6 p.m. Free. 858-822-7760. (LA JOLLA)

Music of Finland and Appalachia may be heard during world music concerts on Monday, October 15, starting at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Sixth Annual Celebrity Sonnet Presentations hosted by San Diego Shakespeare Society on Monday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., in Old Globe Theatre. Celebrities from education, media, arts will present two Shakespeare sonnets of their choice, tell why they have chosen them, present sonnets in their unique styles through recitation, song, dance, or musical accompaniment. Vox Nobili Madrigal Ensemble entertains as well. \$15 general. 619-602-8806. (BALBOA PARK)

SDSU’s Jazz Orchestra plans concert, Tuesday, October 16, 5 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. \$10 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Cape Verdean Singer Sara Tavares in concert, Wednesday, October 17, 8 p.m., at Anthology (1337 India Street). Her new CD is *Balancê*. Tickets: \$8–\$23. 619-595-0300. (LITTLE ITALY)

Raggle Taggle plays Celtic tunes, and there will be face painting, crafts, refreshments during open house on Wednesday, October 17, 6 p.m., at Clairemont Library (2920 Burgener Boulevard). 858-581-9935. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

“A Working Man’s Apocrypha: Short Stories” read from by author William Luvaas for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Luvaas teaches creative writing at SDSU. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

Experience the Magic of Live Theater when “Free Night of Theater” begins Thursday, October 18, and continues through Friday, November 2. Theaters around San Diego County participating. Haven’t been to a play in years? Remedy that! Details: 619-238-0700. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Bob Weller Trio plays music from Weller’s recent CD, *...And Lovely* for Concert Hour series, Thursday, October 18, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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)

Booker Prize–Winning Author Yann Martel and illustrator Tomislav Torjanac discuss and sign their book *The Life of Pi: Deluxe Illustrated Edition*, Monday, October 22, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

“Songs Without Words” discussed and signed by Ann Packer (*The Dive from Clausen’s Pier*) on Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Can One Person Make a Difference? Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder discusses and signs *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, his book about Dr. Paul Farmer, Thursday, October 25, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

What’s a Mohan Veena? Find out when talented multi-instrumentalist Harry Manx performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego concert on Thursday, October 25, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$44 (dinner package); \$18, \$22. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

SPORTS

U.S. Open Water Ski Racing National Championships, October 12–14, at Mission Bay. Racing begins at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday;

awards around 4 p.m. on Sunday. 714-994-4572. (MISSION BAY)

Ever Seen a Madison? It’s one of the most exciting bicycle track races; 2007 Southern Cal two-day Madison is hosted by San Diego velodrome on October 12 and 13. Racing starts with regular program for “b” and “c” category racers on Friday at 6:45 p.m.; “Invitational Madison” gets underway around 7:30 p.m.

Competition resumes at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with motor-paced Madison, flying lap time trials, miss-and-outs; juniors and sprinters racing also planned. Find San Diego Velodrome at (2221 Morley Field Drive); 619-573-4953. Spectators welcome. (BALBOA PARK)

Bruce Gorder UCSD 5K Walk for Melanoma is Saturday, October 13, on UCSD campus. Registration begins at Moores UCSD Cancer Center at 8 a.m. Registration: \$25. 858-822-0175. (LA JOLLA)

Running Center Southern California Cross Country Invitational is Saturday, October 14, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., at Guajome County Park (3000 Guajome Lake Road). 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

Rides to Suit Every Rider! San Diego Bicycle Club’s “world famous” Saturday rides start at 8:30 a.m. at 8715 Via La Jolla Drive (in parking lot at La Jolla Village Square). Fast rides, core training, and development rides offered. Helmets mandatory. Free. 619-522-0058. (LA JOLLA)

MADD Strides for Change 5K, Saturday, October 13, 9 a.m.–noon, at Del Mar racetrack. Non-competitive walk is free. 760-746-6233. (DEL MAR)

Tennis for the Cure, tournament benefiting Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Saturday, October 13, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., at University City Racquet Club (3585 Governor Drive). Open to all levels of players. Fee: \$25–\$100. 858-452-5683. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Jump into Fall, cuisine demonstration and tastings, Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m., at Bloomingdale’s San Diego (7057 Friars Road). Free. 619-610-6400. (MISSION VALLEY)

Amateur Boxing Show, Saturday, October 13, 4 p.m., at Knock-out Fitness Club (1231 Camino Del Rio South). Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for those 6–12, free for those five and younger. 619-291-2131. (MISSION VALLEY)

All-Woman, Full-Contact Football! So Cal Scorpions host Las Vegas Showgirlz on Saturday, October 13, 5 p.m., in Edward’s Stadium (next to La Jolla High School, 750 Nautilus Street). Ticket prices: 877-717-8464.

“Total Combat 24 War at the Armory” — mixed martial arts extreme cage fighting with fighters using variety of combat styles against opponents, Saturday, October 13, 7 p.m., at Armory (7401 Mesa College Avenue). Tickets: \$30–\$100. 619-392-4660. (KEARNY MESA)

“Walk to Cure Diabetes” around UCSD campus hosted by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Sunday, October 14. Check-in: 7:30 a.m., walk steps off at 9 a.m., on UCSD School of Medicine lawn (9500 Gilman Drive). Free. 858-597-0240. (LA JOLLA)

Ramona, the Shortest Way, bicycle to Ramona for lunch from Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road)

with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Sunday, October 14. The 68-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. Bring money for lunch in Ramona. 619-473-8513. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

San Diego Chargers host Oakland Raiders in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, October 14, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ-FM, Rock 105.3. Tickets: \$54–\$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Del Mar Festival I Horse Show runs Wednesday–Sunday, October 17–21, at Del Mar Fairgrounds, beginning at 8 a.m. each day. Evening events begin at 7 p.m. Thursday–Saturday. Ticket information: 949-496-4064. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

It’s Already Time to Scream? Del Mar “Scaregrounds” host annual Scream Zone through Wednesday, October 31. This year: haunted hayride, house of horror, the chamber. Ticket prices, hours: 858-755-1161.

The Haunted Hotel at 424 Market Street serves up screams through Wednesday, October 31. \$13.99. Hours: 619-696-7227.

The Haunted Trail, an “all-outdoor haunted attraction,” is found at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). \$13.99. Not for those under 10. Hours: 619-696-7227. (DEL MAR, GASLAMP QUARTER, BALBOA PARK)

The World War II Victory Ship Lane Victory visits Maritime Museum of San Diego (1492 North Harbor Drive) for public tours through Sunday, October 14. In-

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“Globalization — Has It Been Successful and for Whom?” P&R Discussion Group meets to discuss topic on Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

Daredevil Acrobatics! Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, themed “Thunderbirds Over Miramar — The Sound of Freedom,” is October 12–14. Flying performances by *many* military and civilian performers (including U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds), static displays, food, more.

Show hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Friday–Sunday; twilight show 5:30–9 p.m. on Saturday. General admission is free; preferred and grandstand seats available through 877-772-5425. (MIRAMAR)

Crab and Rib Fest hosted by Rotary Club of Oceanside, benefiting Camp Pendleton's Wounded Warrior Center, Friday, October 12, 6:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Crab is flown in from Oregon on 12th. Entertainment by Oceanside Society Orchestra. \$40 at door, \$10 for those 6–12. To sponsor a Marine or order tickets: 760-631-6980. (OCEANSIDE)

Nuts for the Arts, Bates Nut Farm hosts fine art festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Artwork on display and for sale by 40 artists, food, en-

tertainment. Free admission. Find the farm at 15954 Woods Valley Road; 760-749-3333. (VALLEY CENTER)

Family Fall Festival, enjoy BMX and skateboard shows (11 a.m., 1, 3 p.m.), free food, booths, giant inflatables at San Elijo Hills Family Fall Festival at San Elijo Middle School (1600 Schoolhouse Way), 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday, October 13. Festival held in conjunction with Century Challenge of MS Bike Tour. Free. 888-726-3545. (SAN MARCOS)

Folding Festival, origami lessons by “knowledgeable paper folders” promised Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at Mingei International Museum — North County (155 West Grand Avenue). Included in regular admission. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

O.B. Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., in pier parking lot on Newport Avenue and nearby grassy area. Sausage toss, live music, dancing, food, vendor booths. Free admission. 619-224-4906. (OCEAN BEACH)

Sacred Craft Consumer Surfboard Expo is October 13 and 14 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expo “brings together all who love surfboards and all things surfboard.” Show opens 10 a.m. both days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Display booths from “virtually every major American surfboard company,” panel discussions by experts in surfboard manufacturing, design including “legendary shapers” Al Merrick, Rusty Preisendorfer, Gary Linden, Mike Eaton and Mickey Munoz, newcomers Matt Biolos and Timmy Patterson. \$5, free for those 16 and younger. 760-445-9770. (DEL MAR)

OUT & ABOUT

HUGO WOLF QUARTETT
Mandeville Auditorium,
Friday, October 12.

(SEE CLASSICAL MUSIC)



Southwestern Artists' Association's Festival and sale, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, in Gallery 23 at Spanish Village (1770 Village Place). Free admission. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

Fall Plant Sale hosted by California Native Plant Society, Saturday, October 13, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., in Casa del Prado courtyard. Native plants and bulbs, seeds, books, experts on hand to answer questions. Free admission. 858-926-8664. (BALBOA PARK)

Festival Escondido — a “downtown feast for all your senses” — is Saturday, October 13, 11 a.m.–10 p.m., centered at 120 West Grand Avenue. Festival promises samples from over 20 restaurants, two stages with live music, gallery receptions, more. Tickets, \$20, \$30. 760-765-8877. (ESCONDIDO)

Polish Festival with folk dancing, food, Polish music, is October 13 and 14 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Polish Mission (1735 Grand Avenue). Hours: noon–9 p.m. Saturday, 12:30–7 p.m. on Sunday.

858-272-7655, 858 344-1990. Free admission. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Annual Rose Show hosted by East County Rose Society is Saturday, October 13, 1–4 p.m., at Foothills Adult Education Center (1550 Melody Lane). Hundreds of roses and rose arrangements on display; rose advice from “accredited consulting rosarians,” more. Free. 619-582-3794, 619-463-6977. (EL CAJON)

Celebrate National Herb Day on Saturday, October 13, 2–6 p.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street). Lectures, demonstrations by local herbalists, herbal tea tasting, herbal tarot card readings, more. Admission is free. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Knitting Circles for those who already know the basics to hook up and “meet other knitters and exchange ideas,” Saturdays, 2–5 p.m., at Knitting by the Beach (616 Stevens Avenue, suite B). You're asked to use yarns purchased in the store during session. Free. 858-509-9276. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Great Train Robbery and *Death Rides the Stage* featuring Backcountry Players, Saturday, October 13, at Pacific Southwest Railway Museum (Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road). Train departs at 4 p.m.; dinner follows train journey. \$50 (adults only). Reservations: 619-478-5403. (CAMPO)

Bird Mart and Educational Fair sponsored by North County Aviculturists, Sunday, October 14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte). Vendors offering bird-related wares, education booth, hourly educational presentations (11 a.m.–3 p.m.). Free admission. 760-740-2472. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

World-Champion Pizza Tosser Tony Gemignani will be performing for 13th annual Little Italy Precious Festa, slated for Sunday, October 14, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., on India Street between Ash and Grape Streets. Live entertainment on two stages (Antonia Bennett), Italian cuisine, stickball tournament, bocce ball tournament, over 150 arts and crafts vendors. Free admission.

Gesso Italiano, an Italian street-painting festival, features artists using chalk as medium to create colorful and detailed works of art on asphalt streets. This year, artists will create an Italian-themed rendition. View chalk art from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. Free. 619-233-3898. (LITTLE ITALY)

Echoes from the Past IV takes place, Sunday, October 14, 1 p.m., at Oak Hill Memorial Park (2640 Glenridge Road). Living history event promises docents in costume portraying former residents of Escondido in a portion of cemetery, describing their lives. Each year different people, different portion of cemetery are highlighted. Last tour begins at 3:30 p.m. \$10. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

The House of Spain hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Auction 2007 benefiting Californiae Foundation for International Global Arts, Sunday, October 14, 4:30–7 p.m., at 320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500. Items on block include original paintings, sculpture, drawings, gouaches, photography, more. Paddle fee for benefit: \$20. Required reservations by October 12: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Celebrate 50 Years of Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged* and discuss “The Essence of Peace and Prosperity” with Objectivist Discussion

Group, Sunday, October 14, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge (2906 University Avenue). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. (NORTH PARK)

“Demons, Golems, and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination” is theme for “Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature” reading, discussion series at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Focus on *The Dybbuk and Other Writings* by S. Ansky on Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration: 619-236-5817. (LA JOLLA)

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

“Street and Prescription Drugs — Are We a Drugged Nation?” Discuss with P&R Discussion group, Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

Super Natural Art and Music Festival planned Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m., at Sanctuary 143 (143 South Cedros Avenue). “Celebrate life and death” during Day of the Dead-inspired evening of art, music, refreshments. DeeJay Hogie mixes “haunting, vintage soundtracks, and dance music”; artwork includes Aki Kaneko's *Evil Box* interactive installation piece with “visual projections and fearsome artifacts”; paintings by Jeff Faeth, photographs by Tony Greene. Free. 760-487-1137. (SOLANA BEACH)

FOR KIDS

“The Rabbit on the Moon, the Little Red Hen” continues in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, October 14, presented in Spanish and English by Gaston Morineau. Next up: *Witch's Brew* by Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales, October 17–21.

Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday–Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find theater at 2130 Pan American Place. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

“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)

Musical Story Time led by educator Anne Fennell, Saturday, Oc-

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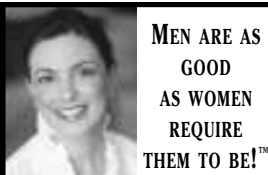
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tober 13, 9:30 a.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Interactive storytelling sessions inspire reading, expose participants to elements of music, musical instruments, music making. Suggested donation: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

“Cinderella and More: Paper Theater” is theme when paper theater aficionado Scott Paulson leads events on Saturday, October 13, 10:30 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Families “invited to participate in this 200-year-old art form of storytelling” in which visitors may help with performance, produce sound effects for show. Children have free museum admission with one paid adult admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30–2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Build and Fly a Foam and Balsa Glider during family science day at San Diego Air and Space Museum on Saturday, October 13, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Caricaturist Harry Hamernik visits Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road) for “Teen Read Week,” Wednesday, October 17, 6 p.m. Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Teen Council Meeting — providing opportunity for those 12–18 to earn community service hours,

gain leadership experience, “have a say in programming and material selection for teens” — convenes Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

“Disney’s High School Musical” “a modern retelling of *Romeo and Juliet*”? — is next production for J*Company Youth Theatre, October 18–28, at David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Saturdays, 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$12.50 children, \$16.50 adults. Show times, reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

“What My Girlfriend Doesn’t Know” signed, discussed by author Sonya Sones, joined by Melissa de la Cruz (*The Au Pairs: Crazy Hot*) on teen night, Thursday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Pizza and soda for teens. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

hind climate change; “Art of Deception” explores undersea camouflage. “Wonders of Water” waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobbling sharks.

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the “Sweetwater Soup,” and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the “Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay” exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a

research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723.

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

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

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)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical

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

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

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

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

“P-51 *Mustang*” celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum’s *Mustang* is

painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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

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CLASSICAL

Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*" may be heard when Jahja Ling, San Diego Symphony, and Jonathan Biss (piano) present concert on Thursday, October 11, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program includes Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto No. 2" and "Symphonic Dances" by Rachmaninoff. Tickets: \$29–\$49. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Ain't Misbehavin'," Westwind Brass plays music from Europe and America with tributes to Fats Waller and his iconic tune in traditional and contemporary settings on Friday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Program includes works by Luca Marenzio, Carlo Gesualdo, J.S. Bach, Edvard Grieg, Charles Ives, Christopher Kaufmann, Louis Armstrong, others.

Busy on 12th? Ensemble repeats concert on Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets for either concert: \$25 general. 619-501-3562. (MID-DLETOWN, LA JOLLA)

Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*" are on pro-

gram during "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts October 12–14 in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Symphony, joined by pianist Jonathan Biss, will also tackle Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto No. 2" and "Symphonic Dances" by Rachmaninoff. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20–\$90. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Daniel Pearl World Music Celebration" includes concert by Hutchins Consort, joined by Baghdad-born singer and oud virtuoso Saadoun al Bayati, on Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program includes Charlton's "Atesh in Baghdad," selections by Brant and Janáček, traditional Iraqi songs. \$25 general; \$40 for families (two adults, two children). 760-632-0554. (LA JOLLA)

The Hugo Wolf Quartett, hailing from Austria, plans concert of works by Austrian composers for ArtPower concert on Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Program boasts selections by Schubert, Strauss. Tickets: \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Thirty-One Young Aspiring Opera Stars compete for chance to end up on stage of New York's Metropolitan Opera during auditions on Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-479-8184. Sponsored by San Diego District of Metropolitan Opera National Council. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra in concert, Saturday, October 13, 5 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. \$12. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Acclaimed Hungarian Pianist Endre Hegedüs returns to Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive) for a concert on Saturday, October 13, 7 p.m. His program highlights "the tender side of Chopin and the bravura fireworks of Liszt." \$10 general, free for those under 12. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Let My Voice Ring Out," MiraCosta College's North Coast Concert Chorale, Chamber

Chorale, and Camerata Singers plan concerts on October 13 and 14. Selections by contemporary composers and traditional choral masters, including John Rutter, Morley, many others. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Millenia Too! Concert organist Alison Leudecke and oboist Susan Barrett perform works by traditional composers J.S. Bach, Maurice Duruflé, and Josef Rheinberger, as well as contemporary composers Calvin Hampton, Craig Phillips, Jean Langlais, Jon Naples, on Saturday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: \$15. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

SDSU Wind Symphony plans concert in Rhapsody Hall at SDSU on Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

"Music at the Madeleine" series opens with piano concert by Marilyn Lozano on Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Enjoy selections by Chopin, Mozart, Debussy. Free. 619-276-1041. (BAY PARK)

The Vocal Quartet of Faith Presbyterian Church plans concert with sacred, secular, classical, and contemporary selections, joined by Robert Plimpton (organ, piano) on Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m. Find church at 5075 Campanile Drive. Offering. 619-582-8480. (COLLEGE AREA)

Classical Music for Flute and Piano, with works by Haydn and Poulenc, played by Adrienne Nims and Sheldon Rosenbaum, Sunday, October 14, 4 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour Drive). Requested donation: \$10. 760-753-1026. (ENCINITAS)

USD Music Ensembles, faculty, and alumni plan concert on Sunday, October 14, 4 p.m., at San Rafael Church (17252 Bernardo

Center Drive). Free. 858-487-4314. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Four Young Artists from Juilliard play selections by Mulet, Handel, Puccini, Vienne, Arutiunian, Chopin, Hahn, and Hogan on Sunday, October 14, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Performers include Omar Butler (trumpet), David Berry (piano), Ernestine Guzman (soprano), Chelsea Chen (organ). Offering. 858-729-5531. (LA JOLLA)

Pianist Michael Sellers performs for mini-concert on Monday, October 15, noon, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Baroque Organ Concert by Craig Cramer, professor of organ at University of Notre Dame, on Monday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard). Cramer performs early and Baroque literature featuring music of Buxtehude and J.S. Bach. Reception follows. Donation: \$5. 619-223-6394 x13. (POINT LOMA)

Point Loma Nazarene University's Concert Band plans concert of sacred music to "celebrate the end of their fall tour," Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

The Oceanside Music Festival returns with "High School Showcase" on Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., in Truax Theater at El Camino High School (400 Rancho del Oro Drive). Show choirs and musical theater ensembles from Oceanside, El Camino, Rancho Buena Vista, and other schools will participate. Tickets at door.

"A Celebration of Sacred Music" promises music by Schola Pacifica, Through the Storm, and North Coast Youth Singers on Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m., at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way). Offering. 760-433-3632. (OCEANSIDE)

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GALLERIES

Actress and Artist Jane Seymour will be on hand for receptions October 12–14 at Simic Galleries (1205 Prospect Street). Receptions 6–9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. on Sunday. Exhibit includes original paintings, watercolors, limited editions. Reservations: 858-456-5255. (LA JOLLA)

18th Annual "Wildlife in Art" exhibit, an all-media show juried by wildlife and landscape painter Gary Johnson for Foothills Fine Art Association, continues through Thursday, November 1. Reception and awards, Saturday, October 13, 4:30 p.m., in Porter Hall (4910 Memorial Drive). 619-644-1508. (LA MESA)

"Boom Time," mixed-media exhibition exploring "experience of facing the complexities and contradictions of today's world from the perspective of five boomer-generation artists" continues through Sunday, November 11, in Kruglak Gallery at MiraCosta College (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Reception for artists is Saturday, October 13, 5 p.m. 760-757-5368. (OCEANSIDE)

"Ginger Wallace: Mother, Patron, Philanthropist, Author, but Artist? Her Art, Wit, and Relationships" opens with reception on Saturday, October 13, 5 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Also on view: "Outstanding Visual Artists" of the region. Through Sunday, November 25. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art Is," featuring new work by Gigi Woodward and resident artist Marjorie Taylor, opens with Ray at Night reception, Saturday, October 13, 6 p.m., at Taylor Studio (3825 Ray Street). 619-298-0063. (NORTH PARK)

"Funerary," multimedia group exhibit opens with reception for nine artists, Saturday, October 13, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Featured work "investigates the complex relationships between the living and the dead."

Closes Thursday, November 8. 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

"If Opened Alarm Will Sound" — exhibition with work by Ekundayo, Shay, and Paul Torres opens with reception on Saturday, October 13, 6 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue, 760-781-5779). Closes Friday, November 30. (ESCONDIDO)

"Out of Line: A Group Exhibition of Drawings" presents seven works by artists exploring "expressive possibilities of line and the negative space it renders," opening with reception for artists, Saturday, October 13, 6 p.m., at 4 Walls Gallery (3813 Ray Street). Concurrently, see "Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Time-Based Work" by Les Leveque and Wendy Richmond, all through Wednesday, November 7. 619-501-0879. (NORTH PARK)

"imago mundi: Reflections on the Whole" — sculptures and installation by Stephanie Bedwell go on display in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104) with reception on Thursday, October 18, 4:30–7 p.m. Artist's lecture follows at 7 p.m. in LRC-435. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

"Chasing the Light," exhibition with paintings by Robin Hall and photography by Robert Hansen opens with reception on Thursday, October 18, 5:30 p.m., at Art Expressions Gallery (2645 Financial Court, suite C). Closes Saturday, December 1. 858-270-7577. (PACIFIC BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

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 *sui-seki*. 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 cul-

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tures 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, "Soundwaves: The Art of Sampling" 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 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 is "OMA Regional 5," in which 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, "Contemporary Links 5 — Alex Arrechea: Scalpel and Cotton" includes large-scale photomural based on Diego Rivera's *Hands of Dr. Moore*; a large sculpture installation involving surveillance cameras and projected image of Rivera's *Mandrágora*; several large-scale works on paper based on art objects in museum's Latin American collection. Closes Sunday, October 14.

"Animated Painting," opening on Saturday, October 13, and continuing through Sunday, Jan-

uary 13, boasts "25 cinematic works by 14 international contemporary artists who adapt traditional painting and drawing methods to the concepts and technologies of animation." Participating artists include the Barnstormers, Sadie Benning, Jeremy Blake, Sebastián Díaz Morales, Kota Ezawa, Ruth Gómez, William Kentridge, Ann Lislegaard, Takeshi Murata, Serge Onnen, Julian Opie, Wit Pimkanchanapong, Qiu Anxiong, and Robin Rhode.

"Tastes in Asian Art," continuing through Sunday, November 25, features over 80 new works, many of which have never been displayed before. Highlights include new subsection of sculptures of *lohas* (enlightened monks), newly restored Chinese ancestor portraits, a screen of samurai warriors, an elaborate deck devoted to Tibetan art featuring bronze sculptures, furniture, 18th-Century shrine doors.

"Lyric Visions from Nezami's *Quintet*," continuing through Sun-

day, December 16, includes more than 20 paintings created for or inspired by Nezami's texts, "among the most celebrated and influential poetic works in all of Persian literature." Paintings range in date from 15th to 20th Centuries.

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Timken Museum of Art, "Drawn to Rome: French Neoclassical Sketchbooks and Prints," opening Friday, October 12, explores sketches and prints by young French painters and architects who studied in Rome. Work by these artists "helped spark a revival in classical aesthetics that transformed 18th-Century French art." Closes Sunday, January 13.

Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 619-239-5548.

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Look Inside

Depending on your penchant for gossip, you may wonder if what you're hearing's too personal.

Harvey Fierstein's musical remake of *A Catered Affair* begins like a pebble tossed in a pond. Janey and Ralph are getting married. They don't want a big wedding, just a ten-dollar/ten-minute affair at City Hall, then off to California: no strain on her parents' finances, no excluded invitees. No hassle. Their decision would help her father, in fact. He doesn't say so, but he could use that money to buy a taxicab with his partner. But Janey's mother wants her oft-neglected daughter to have the big church, the white gown, plus a sit-down dinner for 150. The practical "I do" ripples into strained friendships and bottom-line revelations — and then deeper ones.

The Old Globe's opening-night performance mirrored this effect. *Affair* is "Broadway Bound" this spring, but for about the first 20 minutes it was hard to tell where the show was headed. Backed by three-story Bronx tenements and sliding parts of brownstone walls, the cast performed no boffo dance number (they open, in fact, just singing "la...la...la..." as if warming up). The first quartet of songs, sung while people folded clothes or changed the sheets, were unremarkable backstory material. Fierstein, a theater icon, took stage and played front, as if he had grafted a star vehicle for himself onto a lightweight family-squabble piece.

Somewhere in those 20 minutes, however, a transformation occurs: not onstage, but in expectations. Throughout, the cast performs

under-the-top, at a human speed with nary a bell nor whistle. Compared to most musicals, *Affair* feels humble (maybe too humble for Broadway). A lower-middle-class Bronx family in 1953, Tom, wife Aggie, young Janey, and the others are actual people with life-sized crises. And you're building a show around *that*? After about 20 minutes, however, their expanding dilemmas, and what's at stake, arouse interest. After the next 20, they become inescapable. The scaled-down intro, it turns out, teaches its audience how to watch *Affair*, which Fierstein defines not as a musical but "a play with music."

And the play's the thing. If you're expecting a musical built on externals, or to be pummeled by jazzy sights and ear-splitting sounds — known locally as being *Carmen*-ized — *Affair* will disappoint. It's built from the inside and grounded on emotional truth.

Toned-down externals magnify feelings. When the family argues, or when Fierstein's Winston says they're excluding him from the wedding because he's gay, it's not as if we're watching actors on a stage; it's like overhearing your next-door neighbors go at it or some stranger venting on a cell phone. Depending on your penchant for gossip (the women in nearby tenements, who function like a Greek chorus, eat it up), the emotions are so accurate, you may wonder if what you're hearing's too personal.

And the arguments aren't one-sided. For much

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Harvey Fierstein, Faith Prince, Tom Wopat in *A Catered Affair*

A Catered Affair, book by Harvey Fierstein, music and lyrics by John Buchino
Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

Directed by John Doyle; cast: Faith Prince, Harvey Fierstein, Matt Cavanaugh, Tom Wopat, Leslie Kritzer, Heather MacRae, Philip Hoffman, Lori Wilner, Kristine Zbornik; scenic design, David Gallo; costumes, Ann Hould-Ward; lighting, Brian MacDevitt; sound, Dan Moses Schreier; music director, Constantine Kitsopoulos
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of the play the father, Tom (Tom Wopat), has "absent" etched across his forehead like a scarlet A. His wife's complaints pile up until Wopat explodes into "I Stayed," a lion's roar of fidelity and commitment. The song isn't one to hum on the drive home but, like most of John Buchino's

score, it's appropriate for that character at that moment. The pop-based, serviceable music comes under the story. The exception is Fierstein singing "Coney Island," and the finale, "Coney Island Chorale," which offer some of the sanest advice around.

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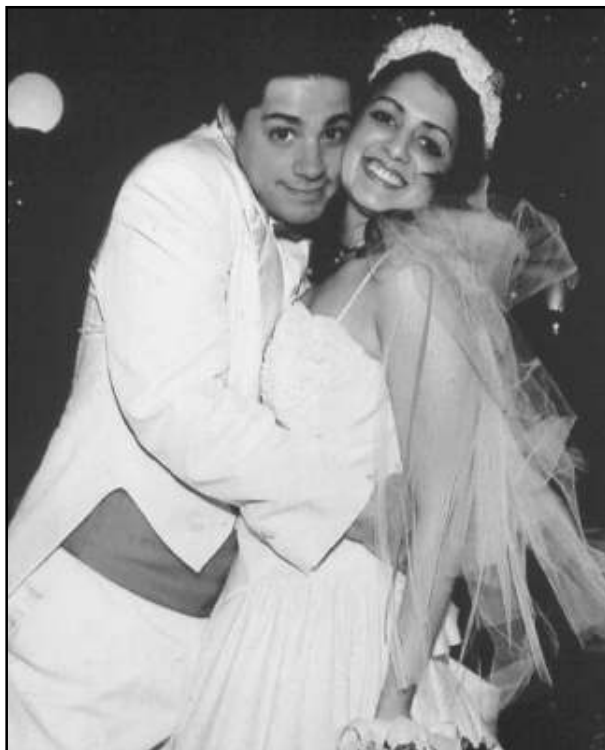
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Director John Doyle stresses the play's interiors with radical choices. Instead of cramming every frame with business, he often leaves the whole stage silent. At one point the show must jump from an entertaining sequence to the death of the son. How to make the transition? Bring in an American flag, folded like a three-cornered hat. Then do nothing. Give the audience a chance to breathe, and change keys in *its* mind. At another point, the astonishing Faith Prince, who makes Aggie, the mother, a fracturing fortress, sits in a pool of light. Doesn't move. At first you think someone missed a cue. Then you realize that Aggie needs this time alone and that neither words nor music would be adequate. Eventually she crosses the stage, walks up a steel fire escape, gazes down and pauses again. Like Tadashi Suzuki and the plays of Maria Irene Fornes, the director lets stillness tell the story.

With one exception, the production's fiercely period: square, bulky '50s suits and dresses, imitation-Hollywood makeup, stiffed-back rectitude. The production is also ensemble-based, with one exception. For about the first third, Fierstein plays not Winston but himself, today: he's fun and flamboyante and America's Oscar Wilde. But everything around him is 1953. Senator Joseph McCarthy is tailgunning enemies within (Army-McCarthy Hearings begin in April 1954); intolerance rules. For Winston to be that "out" at that point in time makes him appear suicidal (the choice also creates aesthetic crossed-purposes: will *Catered* be just a star vehicle?). As the play proceeds, Fierstein pulls back into the ensemble, becomes Winston, and the initial confusions vanish. And in the end, it's hard to imagine anyone else singing "Coney Island," a wisdom-song about how to take a leap of faith. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Ain't Misbehavin'

The San Diego Rep opened its 32nd season with what may be this country's most durable musical revue: Richard Maltby Jr. and Murray Horowitz's tribute to the great Fats Waller, which conjures the soul of the 285-pound genius who wrote Tin Pan Alley tunes for the "Downtown" crowd, and stride-piano sparklers for the "Uptown" of the Harlem Renaissance. The Rep literally conjures Waller by playing a recording of his music, then bringing in JMichael's live, four-piece band underneath. One could quibble about some scenelets that didn't quite cohere on opening night, but overall it's a joyous, sassy winner, especially when the talented cast heads Uptown in Act Two. Decked out in Reggie Ray's white silks and furs, and performing in the smooth, elegant style of the era, they swing into light numbers, buoyant as clouds, belt the audience-participation-pleaser "Fat and Greasy," and dive deep, as a unit, with an unforgettable "(What Did I Do to Be So) Black and Blue." Other highlights include Valerie Payton's hypersensual "Squeeze Me" and Robert Barry Fleming's drug-addled "Viper's Drag (The Reefer Song)," in which he is both languid as a sloth and elastic as a serpent.

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How did Mozart die? Or, who killed him? Or, by the end of Robert Salerno's deadly second-act lecture on quantum physics, synchronicity, and mystical oingo-boingos, who cares? The world-premiere play's best scenes come early. Mozart (Rhys Greene, hyper, haunted, and terrific throughout) gleans rhythms from rolling balls on a billiard table. Other sounds, a canary's in one instance, inspire operas. And in the background, some of the best music ever written. Then the great composer weakens. Is it rheumatic fever, TB, just overwork (four commissions at once), or is he being poisoned — by Salieri, or Mozart's Masonic brotherhood? That's the set-up for the abstract and goofy second act (Einstein shows up, and Beethoven, and Ben Franklin and Franz Mesmer, and, from the end of time — even though time supposedly doesn't exist — Lilith). The writing's so stiff it also commits murder: it kills the energy built up in Act One. Except for Greene, and Paula Berkenstadt's Costanza, the acting's one-note amateurish. The production boasts an appealing effect: "bliss light" casts a hundred emerald dots across the stage, but overall, opening night was a mish-mash of missed cues and a floating stick (the "magic flute"?). We do learn that Mozart actually wrote Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Chile," though one had suspected that all along.

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A Catered Affair

Reviewed this issue.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-

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The Compleat Female Stage Beauty

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Humble Boy

New Village Arts presents Charlotte Jones's award-winning (and deservedly so) comedy-drama about Felix Humble, aspiring physicist, who must "square off with his difficult and demanding

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An Ideal Husband

The Lamb's Players present Oscar Wilde's comedy-drama. Robert Chiltern's an ideal husband. Or is he? Kerry Meads directed.

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Most Wanted

As part of its Page to Stage Workshop series, the La Jolla Playhouse presents Jessica Hagedorn and Mark Bennett's work-in-progress musical about a young killer, based on the life and crimes of Andrew Cunanan. Michael Greif directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM, LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, UCSD, THROUGH OCTOBER 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

National Comedy Theatre

Improvational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if 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.

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Oscar and the Pink Lady

An instance of the Eva Le Gallienne Imperative. Decades ago, the great actor did some of her best work in a blithe piffle that critics panned. The production closed, and audiences missed her performance. The play, those who saw



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her perform wrote, isn’t always the thing. Ergo: the Imperative. The wonderful Rosemary Harris is currently in a talky, pseudo-wise, two-act vehicle about a boy dying of cancer and his “Pink Lady” hospital volunteer, who helps him through his final days. The script, by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt, was originally in French. Maybe it’s the translation, maybe the play, but the rhythms are quirky and the situation (Oscar writes letters to God and ages 120 years in 12 days, living Shakespeare’s “Seven Ages of Man,” plus five, and becoming smarter than his doctors, maybe even than the Almighty) strains the most sympathetic of credulities. Some sections are predictable, others just dull. But Harris, who plays both Oscar and the Lady, is a marvel. Such a spry, physical actor! The Pink Lady was (or was not) a professional wrestler. Harris assumes stances and applies holds as if she’s done them for decades. And what a resonator! Harris can combine emotions, like geological strata, and mingle the layers in between. A picky but irksome point: chemo has made young Oscar bald, so Harris must wear a black, Greek sailor’s cap. The brim often casts badgerlike shadows across two of the most expressive eyes in theater.

Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

Pirates of Point Loma

Compadre Theatre presents a new musical based on the San Diego folktale (or fact?) about Tom Bolter, the “boy pirate,” who preyed on ships off the Coronados. Welton Jones directed. COMPADRE THEATRE, ADOBE CHAPEL, 3950 CONDE STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M. 619-297-7511.

St. Nicholas

Cygnnet Theatre stages Conor McPherson’s story of an aging, jaded theater critic whose obsession with a young actress throws him into London’s underworld of vampires. Ron Choularton plays the critic in this one-person show. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

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.”



Oscar and the Pink Lady

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA. FRIDAY AT 7:45 P.M. SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-465-7469.

Seven Crimes: A Celebration of Murder, Mayhem, and Mutilation

Longtime fans of Sledgehammer Theatre, and I number myself among them, may have a hard time watching its current offering, three Grand Guignol pieces that promise, but don’t deliver, the three M’s listed above. In the first two, *The Awful Pleasure* and *Seven Crimes*, the acting is vague and, surprising for Sledge, uncommitted. Sometimes melodramatic, sometimes parodic, but rarely funny or sexy or convincingly ghoulish, it never finds a consistent style. The writing (translation by David Rosenthal) and Scott Feldsher’s direction are loose. And even sound-wizard Scott Paulson’s inventive noises can’t fill the dead air in the one-acts, which take 90 minutes to unfold. A Mistress of Ceremonies links all three pieces and needs a.) better miking and b.) better material. In the *The Terrible Experiment*, a scientist tries to resuscitate his dead daughter with an electrical dynamo-gismo. The theory works. But the results are as impractical as they are predictable. The staging offers strong visuals (Elvira Perez’s lighting, yellow shafts invading the fanned-open walls of Nicole Black’s set, especially) and more engaged performances, but is hardly worth the wait.

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The Trial of the Catonsville Nine

The Sullivan Players present a reading of Daniel Berrigan’s drama about nine Catholics who burned

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternut’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. The story line’s straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio’s so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama

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No Kids Who Like Punk? Local four-man band Pierce the Veil finished their third U.S. tour last week opening for Chiodos, the

draws.) But PTV singer/guitarist/songwriter Vic Fuentes says he never seriously thought about getting a gig at the Casbah or any other local over-21 venue.

"I know their demographic [is different]," says Fuentes. "A lot of our people couldn't get in

"I think a lot of bands in our genre are content knowing they aren't necessarily radio bands. Kids find out about you on the Internet or MySpace. Bands don't even have their own website, they use MySpace.... We don't get approached a lot by over-21 clubs."

Soma owner/operator Len Paul acknowledges rock's latest generation gap.

"Punk is now for people over 40. There are virtually no kids who like punk. Punk is completely dead.... The new generation of kids 13 to 18 are trying to claim their own scene.... This music now is not like screamo used to be. I call it hard-edged indie metal with an emotional edge."

Yet, Paul says his post-screamo kids have the same ethics as the punks of the '80s.

"Many are politically conscious, vegan, antiwar, straight-edge — the same way with early punk. But punk today has nothing to do with that; punk now is all about sex and drugs. It seems like 100 percent of the punk crowd now wants to be the Sid Vicious/isn't-it-cool-to-live-on-the-street-and-never-wash crowd."

— Ken Leighton

Major Duel Ahead?

Insiders say L.A.-based AEG — the country's second-largest concert firm that opened an office here this summer — will soon announce plans to build a

12,000-capacity outdoor venue. Now, AEG's venue options are extremely limited.

To survive here, AEG must try to take business from Live Nation, the country's largest concert company that controls Coors Amphitheatre, 4th&B, House of Blues, and SDSU's Open Air Theatre and Cox Arena.

San Diego's outdoor venues include Coors Amphitheatre (20,000) and the Open Air Theatre (4600). Promoters are less likely to use the Embarcadero/Bayside facility (5000-8000) due to noise issues. High labor-union costs associated with the use of Balboa Park's Starlight Bowl (3500) influence the viability of that amphitheatre.

A call to local AEG chief Steve Redfearn was not returned.

San Diego's last major duel between promoters was in the mid-'90s. Bill Silva Presents and L.A.-based Universal Concerts (which later morphed into House of Blues Concerts, then Live Nation) were vying to build outdoor amphitheaters. Universal hoped to build in Chula Vista; Silva had his eye on Poway. Both sides knew that whoever garnered approval first would win the market battle because the county could not support two amphitheaters.

Resistance from Poway residents killed Silva's plans. Chula Vista welcomed the construction of what was

named Coors Amphitheatre. When it became clear that Universal would become the premier local concert company because it controlled the largest venue in town, Silva folded up his local operations and moved to L.A. to manage artists and book the Hollywood Bowl.

— Ken Leighton

My Kingdom for a Drummer! "Our last drummer disappeared and [went to] jail for art theft," says Tim Malley, guitarist and singer for Tim and the 23s. "After our second practice with him, we couldn't get

paintings that you see people copying from the museums around the world: Van Gogh, Monet, Munch, the classics. He was stealing them from the back and then selling them on his own."

Malley says auditions earlier this year indicate a shortage of capable local drummers.

"We tried whatever we could — going to bars, recruiting at parties, and placing ads on craigslist. At one audition, we got a [Hurricane] Katrina victim who spent all his FEMA money on a drum set. I felt kind of bad for the guy

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the inside track

Michigan band that last month had the number-one record on *Billboard's* Top Rock Album and Top Alternative Album charts. This week, Pierce the Veil is on a two-week tour of Europe set up for them by the Agency Group Ltd., the L.A. booking company that handles the White Stripes, Nickelback, and 500 other nationally recognized artists.

PTV sold out their last two main-room shows at Soma. (Switchfoot and As I Lay Dying are the only locals that have bigger Soma

[because they're under 21]. The two scenes are very separated."



PIERCE THE VEIL CLAIMS THEIR OWN SCENE

PTV's success is an example of how wide the chasm is between what appeals to the local teen crowd and the music tastes of SD's over-21 crowd.



TIM (CENTER) AND THE NONFELONIOUS LINEUP OF 23S

ahold of him. It seemed really strange because we thought he liked the music. After a few weeks, we just figured he flaked and split without returning our calls."

The missing drummer did get around to contacting the band.

"[John] said he had to lay low for a little while but wasn't too specific. It eventually came out that he was being tried for art theft. He worked at a gallery that sold hand-painted replica artwork. They were the

because he couldn't play that well. There were a couple of good players, but they wouldn't do anything unless we guaranteed them big pay at every gig."

Tim's former drummer is reportedly still jailed and awaiting trial. Tim and the 23s appear with their new drummer on Friday, October 19, at 710 Beach Club.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Calendar MUSIC SCENE

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monthly dance event called Trans-Europe Express (named after the Kraftwerk album).

"When I started it, I had people screaming at me because I wasn't playing trance [dance] music. They thought it was *Trance Europe Express*."

The native of Lyon, France, starts his nights with Kraftwerk's "Trans-Europe Express" and follows it with other Eurocentric synthesized dance music: tracks by Soft Cell, New Order, Happy Mondays, the Shamen, and contemporary electronica artists such as Daft Punk and Swayzak. European images (Parisian bistros, industrial landscapes, trains traveling the countryside) are projected on the wall while he spins vinyl.

"I am not a professional DJ," says Dalle, who gives private French lessons for a living. "When we [Dalle and his wife] arrived here four years ago, we couldn't find anything we liked in the nightlife. I don't want to say San Diego nightlife is crap, but it wasn't like anything we wanted to take part of. It seemed like all the clubs were focused on the dating scene and hip-hop and R&B."

Dalle started playing music at French restaurants and then was invited to Kava Lounge last year.

"We sometimes had hard times when we first came here," says Dalle. "There was this big anti-French thing at the time. In '03 and '04, every TV sitcom had a French guy who was a villain or a bastard. In wrestling, the guy with a French flag would come out and get beaten up.... It's funny at first, but it starts to weigh on you. It was almost like being racially discriminated against."



DALLE MAKES HIS OWN NIGHTLIFE

People were not openly rude to Dalle, but business wasn't good.

"It's back to regular now, but for a while there was this anti-French thing and there wasn't much work. It was like the only ones who were studying French were doing it as a left-wing, anti-Bush statement."

Dalle says Trans Europe Express nights don't feature European cocktails.

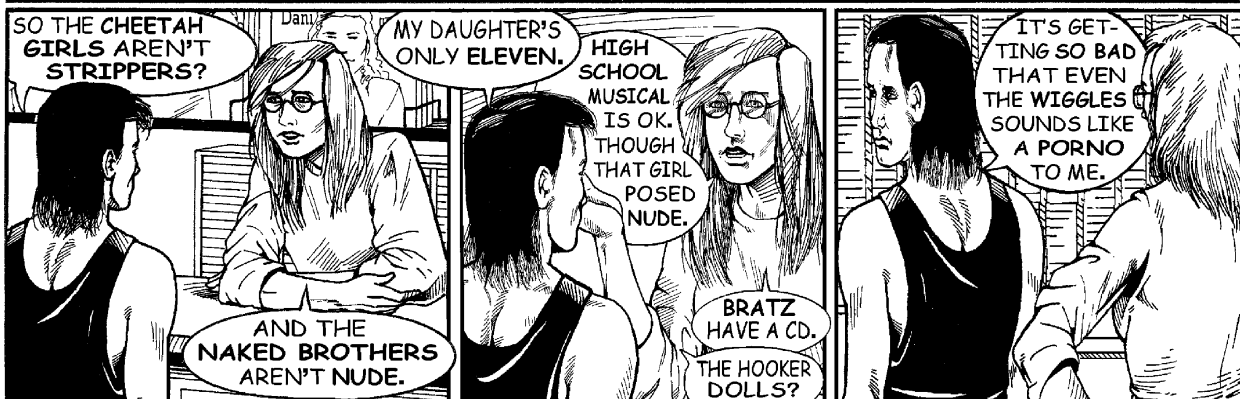
"And some Americans come with this idea that they will find Europeans all dressed up and acting sophisticated. Kava is not very fancy. It's in an industrial area. I made this to be a loud European party."

Trans Europe Express returns to Kava Lounge on October 27.

— Ken Leighton

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Undercover Cover

Band Blues When I joined the Fading Captains as their bassist, a strange year in my life began. We played Guided By Voices songs exclusively. The band is pretty well known in the underground indie-rock circuit but relatively unknown to those whose musical tastes are formed by commercial rock radio, MTV, and Super Bowl halftime shows.

We performed at parties, clubs, and anywhere people would have us. We had the quaint little turnout of friends who would nod along, clap at the end of songs, and yell out requests, but for the most part, those who attended our performances had no idea we were a cover band.

People would come up to us after shows and say, "I really like your songs." We'd tell them, "Well, they're not our songs. They're songs by a band we really like called Guided By Voices. Didn't you hear us announce that during the set?" And then they'd say something like, "Divided By Choices?"

We could do all sorts of funny things that mainstream cover bands can't do. Occasionally we'd tell the audience something like,

"Danny [a member of the Fading Captains] wrote this one..." We'd get a little snicker out of this, as the majority of the crowd would be clueless. I wanted to take it as far as giving fake explanations for song titles. For example, we covered a GBV song called "Wished I Was a Giant," and I wanted to explain it as being a song about a Smurf who wished he was Gargamel.

One time we were playing a set, and an irate guy in a Grateful Dead T-shirt came up to us and told us to turn it down because we sucked. This was the angriest Deadhead I've ever seen in my life. He was asking us who our sound engineer was (this wasn't exactly Madison Square Garden), and then he tried to walk up to the PA and turn down the sound himself, which of course didn't happen.

We played a late-night set at Chasers for the guitarist of a band that played before us. When he left, we played for the bartender, who couldn't

see us but clapped after every song. We still jumped around on the stage. It was pretty much a practice with two free beers.

When Robert Pollard (the songwriter behind GBV) started the band in Dayton, Ohio, in the mid '80s, he stopped playing out live after a handful of shows. In later years he claimed that the people in Dayton "didn't get it."



GUIDED BY VOICES FADING INTO OBSCURITY?

Though Pollard wrote and recorded songs in his basement that came to be considered underground classics, our experience with the Fading Captains proved that Guided By Voices is something that most people will never get. We retired from playing live after a short run.

— Dryw Keltz

If This Bar Was a

Guitar... Some excerpts from online venue reviews written by patrons:

The Aero Club: "The owner, Bill, is meticulous about his beer lines. He uses a mix of nitrogen and CO2. He uses a special dishwashing detergent made specifically for beer glasses. He uses something else that I won't divulge here, to get every last speck of grease off the cups.... Bill told me that beer will stick to the insides of a super-clean pint glass when you tip the glass, and it's true."

Liar's Club: "If this bar was a guitar, it would be a Gibson Les Paul Sunburst 1960. This bar is like the hotrod of San Diego bars, and its location [on Mission Boulevard] complements it perfectly. Betty Page should work here, and Josh Homme should play here."

The Whistle Stop: "Last Friday, I saw a Japanese surf rock band playing with '70s porno on a big screen in the background. Need I say more?"

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Thursday 11

Japanese nu-wavers **Polysics** strike a Devo pose — check their matching jumpsuits and spacey specs — and recall the Akron five's quirk-pop breakbeats and synth. Their first disc for Tofu Records, *Polysics or Die!!!*, is a hits collection of spaz pop that's garnered crit praise and burgeoning U.S. fanbase. San Fran no-wave experimentalists **Numbers** open the Casbah sets featuring their fourth Kill Rock Stars disc of pulsing drone, *Now You Are This*. (L.A. punk duo No Age have cancelled, so don't go looking for them. Howev., do go looking for their SubPop debut *Weirdo Rippers*.)... Hard acts to follow, but if you miss the door, **Moools** and **Mt. Erie** will be at the Che. Moools is a Japanese downtempo indie-rock trio, Japanese sung. Mt. Erie is Phil Evrum's alter-ego from his Microphones joint — same lo-fi pluck and hum, different shade of grey matter.... Missed another door, haul it down to Bar Pink Elephant for **Woggles**. For 20 years, these four Atlantans have been touting best of 1970s garage rock — think Byrds hopped up on R&B. This year's *Rock and Roll Backlash* proves the Wogs held their rave up.... **Perry Farrell's** psych-tinged **Satellite Party** crashes into Cane's. Tight band, but none of Jane's rock-roll juice.... Cerebral stuff at Whistlestop, where Sam and crew get lit'ry and host book-release readings by locals **Greg Gerding** and **Mike Sager**. Journalist Sager's published a collection of his on-the-job writings called *Revenge of the Donut Boys: True Stories of Lust, Fame, Survival, and Multiple Personality*. Folk-rock quintet the **Stereotypes** lean in with an acoustic set.

Friday 12

All-agers and guilty pleasers will gather stagefront at Soma for alterna-pop band **Rilo Kiley**. Fronted

by former child actors Jenny Lewis (*Troop Beverly Hills*) and Blake Sennet (*Boy Meets World*), the Kileys get indie props through side projects (The Elected, Postal Service, Jenny Lewis and the Watson Twins) and pop cred through TV (*The O.C.*, *Conan*, *SNL*). After three independent releases (Barsuk and Saddle Creek), the L.A.-based group signed to Warner for this year's *Under the Blacklight*, a disc of sunshine pop — a departure from their usual sardonic. They're on with L.A. duo **The Bird and the Bee** and hot-shit local trio **Grand Ole Party**, whose *Humanimals* is one of the most anticipated releases of the year. Can't find a drop date for it, but it's available for download.... Belly Up supports the Keep a Breast foundation and promotes breast cancer awareness Friday by staging world-funk Long Beach band **Delta Nove** and local Latin-flave dub act **Mr. Tube and the Flying Objects** (feat. Pall Jenkins of Blackheart). **Qu'est-ce Que C'est** and **DJ Gold Cobra** (Eastern house?) join the proceedings.... 'Nother benefit going down at SDSU's Open Air, the Concert of Hope to end youth homelessness. Check the big boppers and blues rockers: **B.B. King**, **George Thorogood**, **Paul Rogers**, **Taj Mahal**, **Blind Boys of Alabama**, **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**, and on.... She-punk Penelope Houston and her San Fran band the **Avengers** join twee-punks **Pansy Division**, also from the Bay Area, for Casbah sets.

Saturday 13

Pop-rock parodist **Weird Al Yankovic** rolls into House of Blues Saturday night. Dude made a comeback last year with kid-hit "White and Nerdy" from his disc *Straight Outta Lynwood*. The band rocks the un-originals — a hit at Del Mar Fair this summer.... 2007 SDMA nominees **Roses on Her Grave** (Best Rock Album — *From Red to Gray*) bring stacks of '80s guitar rock to Ken Club. The power chords bleed when guitarist Lindsay Matheson shakes out Slash-flavored leads and frontman C.J. Gladstone affects Axl's swagger and groan. Alt-rock quartet **Transfer** warms the stage.... Tucson's **Hacienda Brothers** ride into Casbah for a night of juke-joint country. It's a CD release for new live disc, *Music for Ranch and Town*. The Haciendas will be joined by San Diego roots-rockers **Bartender's Bible**, whose *Rimrock*

This Week In Music

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WEIRD AL YANKOVIC AT HOUSE OF BLUES

with dunking Silver Jews in yer Merle Haggard.... The remainders: U.K. Hammond-rock **Brian Auger** (Zeppelin, Hendrix, Rod Stewart) rolls his rig in to Anthology... Canadian dad-rock act **Tragically Hip** hit 4th & B. The 25-year vets were inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame last year... And party band **Subdudes** pour N'awlins brew of blues and cajun rock on the Belly Up crowd.

Sunday 14

Rock carnival Live Nation books **Dashboard Confessional** onto Soma's stage. The radio-ready Boca, FL band is shilling new *Vagrant* disc — seventh in as many years — *The Shade of Poison Trees*. **Augustana** and **John Ralston** also play.... Love is a battlefield, **Pat Benatar**. The four-time Grammy-winner and guitarist/producer Neil Giraldo (who gets equal billing these days) will fall in at House of Blues Sunday night. **Maia Sharp** also performs.... **Martin Sexton** and **Martyn Joseph**, a couple solo singer/songwriters, bring acoustics to Belly Up. Sexton is a one-man band of sorts, using foot-stomps, guitar palm beats, and horn-bleat scats to emulate Delta folk and blues. While Welshman Joseph wields harp, soulful voice, and strum-alongs. Joseph is the elder troubador, bringing 25 years of recording and touring to the gig. His latest, *Vegas*, is available via Pipe Records.... Old-school picker **Ricky Skaggs** delivers **Kentucky Thunder** to California Center for the Arts in Escondido. The collective were recipients of a 2007 Grammy for best bluegrass disc, *Instrumentals*.

Monday 15

New Jersey son **Duncan Sheik** touts his latest collection of soft rock, *The Nightingale*, at Belly Up. Sheik is described by rock writers as the heir to Nick Drake for unique tuning and emotional words and voice. He's touring with a new band that includes a guy named Matt Johnson. Anyone know if this is Matt Johnson of The The fame?... Ex-Jesus Lizard axe man Duane Dennison unveils scuzz rockers **U.S.S.A.** at Casbah's Anti-Monday League thang. Drop a thumb on any of the experi-



BLACK FRANCIS AT BELLY UP

mental guitarist's previous discs and you'll catch the vibe, or get to your local indie mart for *The Spoils* and keep your thumb in your pocket. They share the bill with **Weedeater**, a fuzzed out "southern metal" band from North Carolina.... Like your noise rock homegrown? Get to a rare Monday-nighter at Ken Club for **Long and Short of It**, **Hostile Combover**, and **Dragged by Horses**. Web-shop Merch Lackey's got standout Combover's debut *Escape from Mount Island*.

Tuesday 16

How do you pronounce **Me'shell Ndegeocello**? Like this: Michelle Johnson. The lady is a funk bassist, primarily, which is where she gets her hard-rap rap, but plays a variety of instruments, which is how she hones her "soul music." The 40-year-old songstress has been nominated for nine Grammys and will perform at Belly Up Tuesday night behind her latest, *The World Has Made Me the Man of My Dreams*.... House of Blues pulls out the sofa bed for Italian rock star **Zucchero**. Dude's hefty but passionate. Like Meatloaf in Italian. Bring your Quiktionary Italian Voice Translator and bang your "testa."... Saxophonist **Red Holloway** (Muddy Waters, Billie Holiday, Chuck Berry) blows at Anthology. The tenor lends soul to trad jazz fare, making him one of the busiest touring/recording hornplayers of the century — last century — you know what I mean. Cat's 80!



ZUCCHERO AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Wednesday 17

Wednesday night, visit an old friend you haven't seen in a while — **Black Francis** — or meet someone new and interesting — **Blitzen Trapper**... Ex-Pixie Black Francis will play a Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame-sponsored set at Belly Up featuring his new one, *Bluefinger*, which comes closest to his Pixies heyday than most of his recent rootsy output.... Blitzen Trapper's 2007 disc, the self-released *Wild Mountain Nation*, describes a noisier, up-tempo Pavement vibe. For the Portland band's lo-fi, DIY effort, Pitchfork hung an 8.5 and dropped it in their recommended bin. The Trappers will catch you at Casbah.... The **Cult** will resurrect their '80s psych rock hits. They deal at Pala casino. — Barnaby Monk

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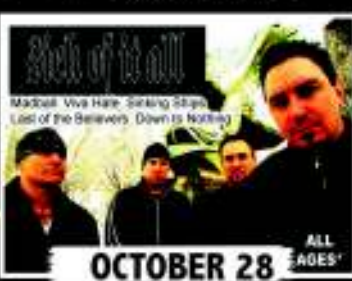
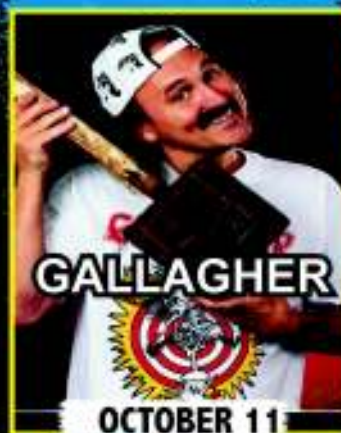
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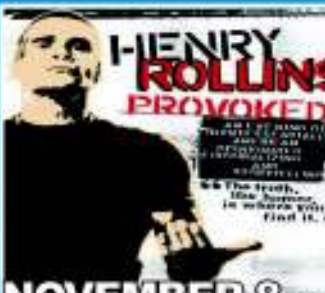


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"I never believed in love at first sight until I started buying guitars."

I play for a myriad of artists in a variety of venues," says Brandon "the Sideman" Walters. Walters can be seen all over San Diego — and up and down the West Coast — performing with the likes of Greg Laswell, Erin McCarley, Molly Jenson, Ryan Calhoun, Champion Vinyl, Black-out Party, and the Irvington Band.

He came to San Diego to attend college, and when he went to start a band he discovered that he's best suited to being in the repertory. On his MySpace page Brandon declares, "We sidemen and women rarely garner the attention we imagine we sometimes deserve." No whining, Brandon, please.

BEST GIG?

"My favorite gig was playing the Fillmore in San Francisco. That place boasts an impressive roster. I grew up in the Bay Area, and as a kid I romanticized the idea of playing there. Every band I've ever admired has played the Fillmore: The Grateful Dead, Led Zeppelin, Cream, and more recently the Smashing Pumpkins. I was touring with San Diego's Greg Laswell, and we were opening up for Sia. After soundcheck, I skipped dinner and paced the halls of that historic citadel with a sort of reverence, as if I were treading on holy ground. It was so surreal. That night I felt like I was playing alongside Jerry Garcia. I know it sounds like pompous bullshit, but play-

ing there was a highlight of my life."

FAVORITE QUOTE?

"In and of itself, nothing really matters. What matters is that nothing is ever in and of itself." — Chuck Klosterman

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FAVORITE BAND?

"My favorite band of all time is the Beatles. It's all there. You can find the saddest sad song, the happiest happy song, and everything in between in the Beatles' catalog. To this day, *Revolver* is still in heavy rotation on my iPod."

IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH ANYONE...

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IF YOU COULD BE ANY CELEBRITY...

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?

"I never believed in love at first sight until I started buying guitars. I become borderline obsessive. I court guitars — I take them out to dinner, I buy

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Brandon "the Sideman" Walters

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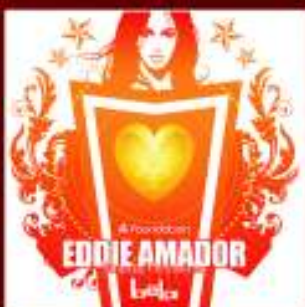
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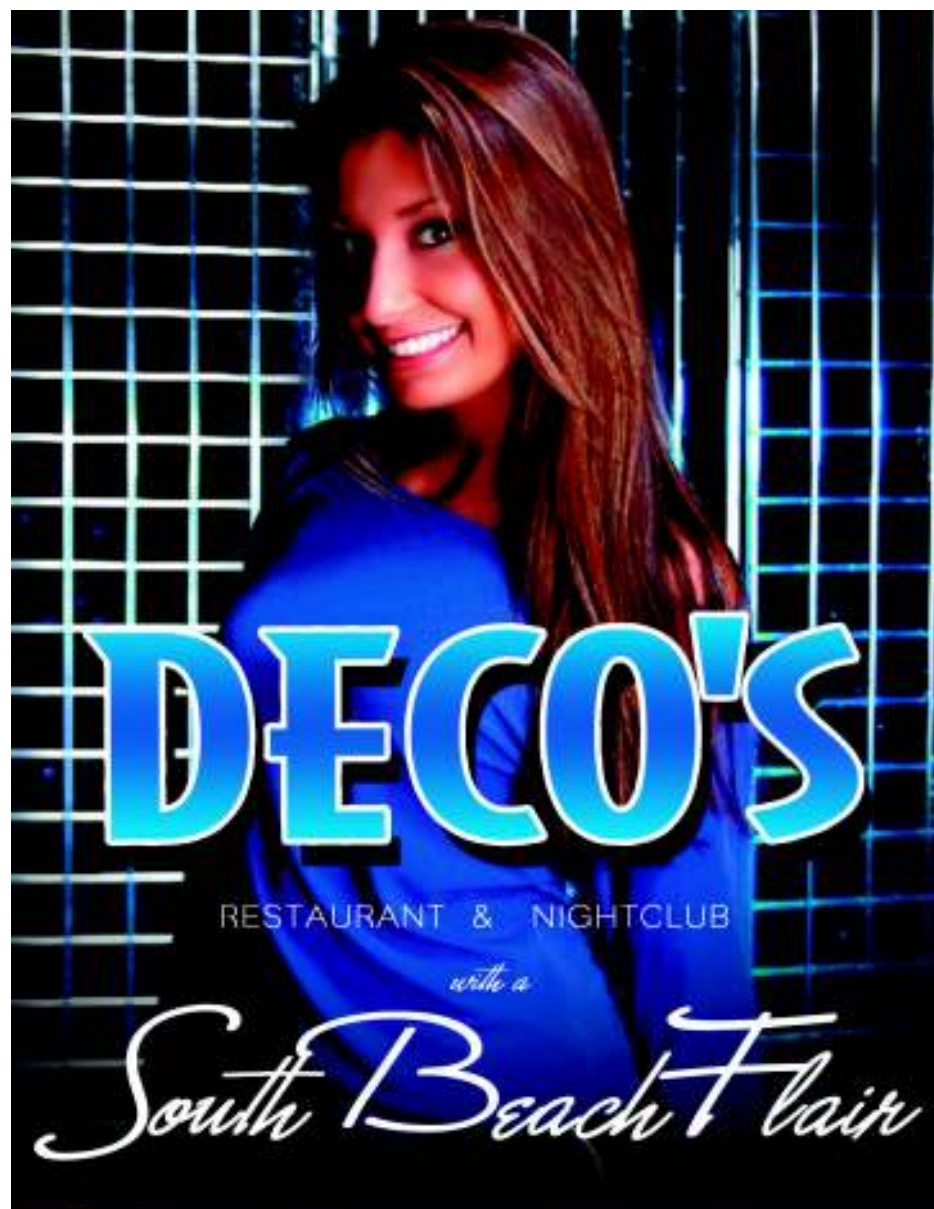
 

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Shooterz: Wednesdays, *Funk It Up*, elektro, indie, and nu-rave with DJ Flyxfx and guest. Thursdays, *Club '80s*, new wave, punk, and synth-pop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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 elektro, 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.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section.

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind*, global jazz. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *John Cain*, international/jazz/blues/Latin/pop/stand ards.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, guitar and vocals.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Michael Tiernan*, acoustic. Friday, *Jeff Moore, Dean Smith*, and *Billy Thompson*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *Middle Earth*. Monday, *John Scott and Friends*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Semisi and Fulabula*, reggae.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Friday, live bands. Saturday, *the Cured* and *Radiostar*, rock. Wednesday, *Luke Boor*, *Kyle Phelan*, *Daily Dose*, and *Blizzard*, acoustic/rock.

Ché Café, UCSD Campus, 9500 Gilman Drive, Student Center B-0323C, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Thursday, *Mount Eerie's* and *the Moools*, *Red Pony Clock*, and *the Endless Bummer*, rock/soul/pop/folk rock. Friday, *the Sleeping People*, *Kill Me Tomorrow*, and *Max Field's Puppet Show*, rock/alternative.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Acoustic Booze*, and *Blowski*, acoustic. Friday, *Empire State*, *Magnolia Black*, *Calbria*, and *Fusse*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Dudley Perkins*, *Trigga Nam*,

Deep Rooted, *Jah Sun Kine*, *DJ Artistic*, and *DJ Katzgroove*, hip-hop. Wednesday, *the Shake Ups* and *the Orange Velvets*.

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, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Matt Read*; 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jenn Grinels*. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Pavia Nova*. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jesus Jams*. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Doug Strock*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach.

858-483-8847. Friday, *Aaron Blyth*, acoustic. Saturday, DJ.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *the CBS Trio*. Friday, *the Salt Lickers*, rock. Saturday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country, 8 p.m., *Plato Soul*, rock/soul. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*, blues jam. Tuesday, reggae. Wednesday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors*, 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.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Thursday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Danyavaad and the Shimmy Sisters*, Indian/Middle Eastern fusion.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Friday, *Pink Floyd*, rock. Saturday, *Staring at Strange and Yesterday's Papers*, rock. Monday, *Aaron Blyth* and *Allegra*, acoustic/rock.

Wednesday, *Fiffin Market*, *Magnolia Black*, and *the Bandits*, rock.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/reggae/soul/blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Tigersharks*. Friday, *D.A. and the Hitmen*,

blues/rock. Saturday, *the Pheromones*, rock. Wednesday, *Firethorn*, alternative.

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 1 a.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.

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae. Friday, *Sean Rouse and Psydecar*, reggae/funk. Saturday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds, Supa Bad, the Troy Dante Inferno*, and *Elijah Emanuel*, blues/soul/rock/reggae. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Hippie Grenade*. Wednesday, *Vokab Kompany*, rap/hip-hop.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Thursday, *the Anthology House Band*. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Metta Quintet*, 10 p.m., *the Karl Denson Trio*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Brian Auger*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Ira B. Liss Big Band Jazz Machine*. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *the Sacha Butros Sextet*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Kristin Korb Trio*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday and Saturday, *Steve Brewer*, classic rock.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Josh Ottman*, folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative rock/punk. Thursday, *Polysics and the Numbers*. Friday, *the Avengers, Pansy Division*, and *the Atoms*. Saturday, *the Hacienda Brothers and Bartender's Bible*. Sunday, *Mobius and Lights On, No One Home*. Monday, *USSA, Lard, Weed eater*, and *Love's Holiday*. Wednesday, *Two Gallants, Blitzen Trapper*, and *Songs for Mom*.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dave Patrone*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *Fuzzy and the Bluesmen* or *Sue Palmer*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, contemporary piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Blue Rockit*. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Straight Six*, rock. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Chris and Mark Duo*, acoustic. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Dregs of Sada*, rock. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Private Domain*, unplugged, rock.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Natural Incense*, reggae. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Sligo*, Irish.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, *Big Head Todd and the Monsters*, rock. Friday, *Collective Soul and Emerson Hart*. Saturday, *the Tragically Hip*, rock.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock of 80's*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Good Times*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Modern Day Moonshine*, classic/modern rock. Sunday, *Pat Benatar, Neil Giraldo*, and *Maia Sharp*. Monday, *Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter*. Tuesday, *Zucchero*.

Java Jones, 631 Ninth Street, downtown. 619-696-9664. Friday, 7 p.m.,

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Los Angeles band **Rilo Kiley** can pull off the kind of guitar-based pop that is often included on the soundtracks of TV dramas. They can pull off alt-country. On their new album, they pull off sexed-up, new wave disco. They can even pull off something like old-fashioned soul. But everyone seems to agree that the band's greatest asset is singer-guitarist **Jenny Lewis**. Even **Blake Sennett**, who cofounded the band and once shared roughly equal singing and songwriting duties with Lewis, seems to feel that way. These days, he takes the lead on Rilo Kiley albums about as often as Keith Richards does on Stones records.

Foreign Loren, *Candle*, and *Inigo Figuracion*, acoustic/folk/rock.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, 9:45 p.m., live dance/disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Insight*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Live music Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae/funk.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Danny*

Sanchez and the Pleasure Kings. Friday, *Johnny "V" Vernazza*. Saturday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Sunday, *the Texas Twisters*. Monday, *Ronnie Lane*. Tuesday, *Ayanna and the Exiles*. Wednesday, *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band*.

Pierre's Place, 1404 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-727-4700. Live music.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Bomba Chante*. Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbante*.

The Shout House, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The



RILO KILEY

After Lewis's high-profile gig singing backup with the Postal Service, and after the huge success of her solo album *Rabbit Fur Coat* last year (it outsold everything in Rilo Kiley's catalog by a wide margin), her old band just seems like a star vehicle for her, a stepping stone on her unstoppable way to superstardom.

Or maybe not. Lewis can sing in different styles, but her default mode is a sort of dry, nasal, California-accented sound that neatly matches her blunt lyrics. It's a plain voice, and that makes it all the more effective when she gets a little catch in her throat at an emotional moment or when she suddenly hits a sweeter, more musical tone. It seems like the voice of someone you might know — a cool friend who has an exciting, well-connected life but is also a little self-destructive, lonely, and

cynical about love. That's appealing, but it's also why Lewis may not go permanently solo and may never have a fragrance line to compete with Gwen Stefani's: she's just too human.

RILO KILEY, Soma, Friday, October 12. 619-226-7662.

SAN DIEGO

AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Friday, *Darol Anger's Republic of Strings*, bluegrass/jazz.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Tuesday through Saturday, *David Timothy Smith*, piano bar.

American Legion Post 310, 465 47th Street, San Diego. 619-264-1919. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Willovealot*, smooth jazz/funk.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Music is Irish/folk. Thursday, *Harold and Gabe*. Friday, call club for information.

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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., *Teflon*, indie rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative rock. Thursday, *Mad Martigan*, *Aaron Anderson*, and *the Opportune Time*. Friday, *Acumen Nation*, *Cyanotic*, *Squirrelly Arts*, and *DJ Bryan Pollard*. Saturday, *Floater*, *Aaron Cuandra*, *Vocoder*, and *Muzzle*. Monday, *the Web of the Spider*. Wednesday, *Virginia City Revival*, *Idasas*, *the Antidivision*, and *Prosthetic Arms*.

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, *Love Campaign*, *Great Glass Elevators*, *White Apple Tree*, *Bedford Grove*, and *Shenanigans*, rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Positive Groove*, jazz/dance/funk.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sue Palmer* and *Her Motel Swing Band*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Motown/dance; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Skelpin*, Irish folk. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Y3K*, classic rock; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Crush*, dance/Top 40. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Patrick Yandall*, jazz; 8 p.m. to midnight, *Tom Braxton*, smooth jazz. Monday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Chet Cannon*, blues jam. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Mother Truckers*, blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Chuck Cannon*, country/rock.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

J Six Restaurant, 436 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-819-9700. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Elliott Lawrence Quartet*, jazz/blues guitar.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live rock.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live rock/alternative rock.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Cotton Fever*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Joey Harris* and *the Mentals*, *Matt the Electrician*, and *Whitton*. Saturday, *John Katchur*, *the Playground Slap*, and *Tim Mudd*. Sunday, *Kelly McGrath* and *Pavia Nova*. Wednesday, *Jordan Reimer*, *Sam Hart*, and *WAZ*.

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., *Blackbirdz*, *OB3*, *Climate Crisis*, and *Flesh Lump Eaters*, rock/alternative/funk/jam band. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Hugh Gaskins* and *the G-String Daddies*, blues/rockabilly. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Operation Human Shield*, *One in the Chamber*, and *the Common Loon*, rock/gothic/hardcore. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Throat Closer*, *Black Ambulance*, *Severed Roots*, and *Blindheim*, metal/hardcore/rock. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomorrow's Bad Seeds*, *Surshot Mag*, and *Surfrider*, reggae/punk/rock.

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., *the Blues Invaders*, blues/swing.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday

and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Shawline Expression*.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live rock/alternative/metal/punk.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Cradle of Filth*, *CKY*, and *the Vains of Jenna*. Friday, *Rilo Kiley*, *the Bird and the Bee*, and *Grand Ole Party*. Saturday, *Between the Buried and Me*, *Horse the Band*, *Animosity*, *the End*, and *Hoedown*. Sunday, *Dashboard Confessional*, *Augustana*, and *John Ralston*. Monday, *Escape the Fate*, *Bless the Fall*, *Love Hate Hero*, and *This Is the Hospital*.

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 Nimmink* and *Doug Walker*, modern jazz.

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, solo/blues.

Tio Leo's, 10787 Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa. 858-695-1461. Live music, call club for information.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Zydeco. Friday, *Paradise*, rock. Saturday, *Sue Palmer* and *Her Motel Swing Band*, swing/jazz. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Triple Crown Pub, 3221 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-281-0263. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Three Fifths Human*, rock.

Vinbladh's, 4651 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-269-4620. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Jordan Reimer*, *Ryan Tennis*, and *Jeff Fishel*, acoustic pop.

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., *the Dark Star Orchestra*, rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Delta Nove*, *Mr. Tube* and *the Flying Objects*, and *Qu'est-ce Que C'est*, rock/funk/soul/reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Subdudes* and *Liz Barnez*, groove/roots/folk. Sunday, 8 p.m.,

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Martin Sexton and Martyn Joseph, acoustic/folk. Monday, 8 p.m., *Duncan Sheik and Holly Brook*. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Me'shell NdegéOcello*. Wednesday, *Black Francis*, acoustic.

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., *George Svoboda*, classical guitar.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Joey Perason*, folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Kicks*, pop rock. Saturday, live music.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, 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 Restless Natives*, rock/reggae/blues. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Peter Hall*, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Steamers*, jazz, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Theo and the Zydeco Blues Patrol*, blues. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, blues/rock.

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian and American jazz.

Epazote, 1555 Camino Del Mar (in the Del Mar Plaza), Del Mar. 858-259-9966. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz/swing/standards/blues.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop*, jazz.



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Label: Revenge Club and Roughneck Records

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Band: Amy Lawson (vocals, guitar), Doug Whalen (guitar, vocals), Sean Lawson (bass, vocals), Mike Eckhart (drums)

If this CD were a fight, the judges would stop it because Revenge Club brought a chainsaw to a

boxing match. The band plays loose and dirty punk, the way punk was intended.

Punk, as a genre, sounds

like some kid fumbling through a guitar lesson, getting ever more frustrated with his inadequacy to create structured sound, until he finally stands up, yells, "To hell with this!" and drops his pick through the three heaviest power chords he knows. Frustration relieved with an instantaneous release of anger...the middle finger to everyone.

Revenge Club takes it even further and aims the finger at even conventional guy-heavy punk by fronting their band with petite blonde Amy Lawson. Her voice rings and whines through the ear-annoying range between a circular concrete saw and a drill bit stuck in a hunk of sheet metal.

The band follows the punk



Revenge Club

template faithfully, grinding out quick, brief, and loud, big damn noise from city kids. Revenge Club is awful, and perfect.

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The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

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Fleetwood Max! McCabe's Beach Club

Flesh Lump Eaters: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Floater: Brick By Brick

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

Neil Giraldo: House of Blues

Good Times: Henry's Pub

Grand Ole Party: Soma

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Joey Harris and the Mentals: Lestat's Coffee House

Hippie Grenade: Winstons

Inhale: Surf N'Saddle

Joey and the Stingrays: Downtown Cafe

Lights On, No One Home: The Casbah

Lizard Fish: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Love Campaign: Epicentre

Mad Martigan: Brick By Brick

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Jenn Grinels**

Song: **"No Better"** (from the CD *Little Words*)

Heard By: **Matt Valdivia**, University Heights



Matt

To be honest, I wasn't really too into it. The vocal style turned me off. It seemed flat and boring. It's like something I've heard in the coffee shop a hundred times already. The guitar stuff was okay, though. I can't think of any artists [that she sounds like] offhand, but there's probably about 50 other "girls with the acoustic guitar" that sound just like that. There was an overall sense of dissatisfaction, anger, and a need to break loose [in her lyrics]. I picture people in a coffee shop with dim lights drinking coffee and watching some lady...light applause, maybe, but nothing too engaging.

Artist: **Hesh One**

Songs: **"Bleed, Spit & Shit," "Rock My Khakis," "Red or Blue"** (from the CD *40 oz. Dreams on a Champagne Budget*)

Heard By: **Bryan Peterson**, Ocean Beach



Bryan

I thought it was pretty cool. It had a stronger electronic side to it than I was expecting. It was pretty upbeat, up-tempo. I couldn't think of any specific artists, but it reminded me of a lot of U.K. drum-and-bass stuff that I've heard, though. It definitely had more of an East Coast hip-hop root. The tracks I listened to didn't really have many strong verses, but really strong hooks. The track "Red or Blue" that I listened to seemed [to say] "whatever gang you're with doesn't really matter." It was pretty forthright in what it means, I think. I would imagine cutting the hell out of [those tracks] with other records at a club or something.

Artist: **Critical Me**

Song: **"Halfway Home"** (from the CD *Promised Land*)

Heard By: **Candyce Fischer**, Clairemont



Candyce

It was similar to the kind of music I listen to. I liked it. It kind of had that restless, nighttime, driving-down-the-highway-with-your-windows-down feeling. Honestly, lyrics mean a lot to me, and I couldn't understand most of what he was saying, but the lyrics seemed really "emo." The lyrics were, like, "we're almost halfway home." I'm not a huge music connoisseur, but they kind of sounded like Arm the Angels. The feeling behind it kind of reminded me of Amberlin and Yellowcard, in a weird way. There wasn't anything that unique about the actual music. I'm not a very good judge of it, granted, but it wasn't anything unusual.

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The Clachan Boys: R. O'Sullivan's

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Emerson Hart: 4th & B

Fear the Fat Guy: R. O'Sullivan's

Jeff Fishel: Vinbladh's

Foreign Loren: Java Jones

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The first time I saw Jane's Addiction was at their practice space in Los Angeles. I was a DJ for KCR [SDSU's station], and the buzz on the band was already incredible. They had just released their

first record and only were playing bar shows. I went up to interview the band, and they invited me to their practice spot because I wasn't old enough to get into their shows. I sat and watched in awe as they ripped through "Jane Says," "Pigs in Zen," and "Mountain Song."

At that time [1987], the band was absolutely drug-free. In fact, Perry had a rule about drug usage in the band; it wasn't allowed ever. Obviously, things changed pretty drastically throughout the band's career.

I honestly think that Jane's Addiction shows were some of the best shows I've ever seen in my life. Perry always pushed the boundaries. He challenged his frat-boy audience by making out with Dave Navarro on stage. He challenged the security crew at any show by jumping into the audience and pulling fans onto the stage. He challenged club owners by jumping onto the bar and kicking everybody's drinks off. He took you out of

your comfort zone and made you take notice.

One of the most memorable shows I've seen was in New York City [in 1989]. The band played a show in a former church. The band played upstairs with the Butthole Surfers while a drag club ensued downstairs. Some of the drag queens came upstairs to complain about the noise, so Farrell invited them to get up and dance onstage. He then pulled a woman out of the audience and proceeded to engage in a rather steamy affair on stage with her. People in the crowd started climbing the lighting scaffolding and knocking amps off the stage! It was totally out of control...an insane circus! Just the way he wanted it.



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COP BREAKS SPEEDO LIMIT

by Josh Board

I got an invite to a party in Santee. I was told there'd be a band called Mudwolf playing in the back yard. I figured, hey, I love Steppenwolf...and Wolf-mother. Odds are I'll like this wolf band, too.

It was near Santana High School, and I wondered if that meant the neighbors would be used to noise and not call the cops when the band started. When I got there, Paul, the bass player, told me, "There are three cops here. It's doubtful that the cops will come and break this party up."

The house was in a cul-de-sac and the back yard overlooked a canyon.

I asked the band about their name. One of them said, "It's a combination of Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf." A teenager nearby said they hadn't heard of either of those musicians. I told them that it was Muddy Waters's song "Rollin' Stone" that the Rolling Stones got their name from. Another teen said, "I thought it was from the Bob Dylan song." Another said, "I thought it was because of the



Top left: Genni (left) with her sister (right); Bottom left: Mudwolf bassist Paul; Bottom right: The cop who had various hats

magazine," to which his friend replied, "The magazine isn't as old as the band, you idiot." A guy in his mid 40s overheard all this and said, "I thought the band got their name from that old poem about a 'rolling stone gathers no moss.'" I said "No mas" and went to get a drink.

"The magazine isn't as old as the band, you idiot."

There were two cocktail tables and two tables of food. Inside, there was more food and a crowd of people watching ultimate fights on TV.

Outside were heat lamps, a

fire pit, a kegerator, which I've noticed have become popular at parties, and what someone told me were citronella tiki torches,

designed to keep bugs away. I noticed how well they worked when I went to the other end of the back yard to jot notes and moths were flying all around the light.

There was a guy wearing a hat that had breasts on it. I heard him say to someone, "My eyes are down here." And later: "Is this a boob party, or is it just because it's Santee?"

I went to the kitchen for a soda and was talking with a lady when a glass broke on the floor. As the hat guy helped collect the shards, he looked up at the woman I was talking with and said, "You just wanted me to bend down so you could see my tits. But they're fake, you know."

Someone leaned in to me and said, "He's a cop, if you can believe that."

Half an hour later, I saw him wearing a hat with a male body part dangling from it. "Does he have a collection of those caps?" I asked someone nearby. I was told that his teenager daughter was there and that she gets embarrassed when he does this.

When Mudwolf started, my date said, "Hey, when that guitarist was tuning up, I heard him play *The Simpsons* theme." I said, "I was stoked to hear Neil Young's 'Down By the River.'"

A woman staggered around swigging from a bottle of Captain Morgan and offering some to anyone she'd pass. A guy came by wearing a shirt that read "Camel Toe Hot Sauce," and I overheard a guy say, "This is a Santee party."

I had to drop my date off and head to another party. As we were leaving, we saw two teenaged girls by a tree. One of them said, "You ask him. Come on, go ask him." They had a camera, and my date said, "They probably want a photo of you." I asked them what was up. "Do you




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mind taking a picture of us?" As I tried to figure out their camera, I noticed a shocked look on their faces. I turned around to see the cop with the hats in a Speedo and nothing else. As he walked into the house, I wondered how his daughter would feel about that.

* * *

The next party was for George, who has pancreatic cancer. I got there at 11:00

p.m., and the party was wrapping up. There were some left-over tacos and they rented a margarita machine for \$75. I tried to draw one out, but there was just slush.

I was told that I missed hula dancers, which they paid \$300 for. "Are you trying to rub all this in because I showed up so late?" I asked Genni.

Genni's sister told me that she worked for the United Nations in Ethiopia and lived in Saudi Arabia in the '70s. "Moving back to this country was a real transition.

I went from a camel to a Toyota truck," she said.

I saw a Dr. Pepper machine near the pool and started to put coins in it. Genni ran over and said, "You don't need your money. There's a bucket of quarters on the table near it." That was convenient.

One woman there asked me about various theme parties. She said, "We were going to have a white-trash party, but I don't think my family would get it." She told me about one party she had with a "Farewell Fidel" theme,

which sounded interesting.

George had gone to bed, so I didn't get a chance to talk with him. Genni talked to me about George. I noticed a buggy he had in the garage, and Genni told me about his hobbies. I noticed a lot of flashlights. Genni said, "He'll always buy them. The expensive ones, too. He's currently on flashlight restriction."

One woman there was dating a guy in a bluegrass band. She told me her boyfriend collected banjos. "He's selling one on eBay right now for \$10,000. He

bought another recently that was gold plated. He's got a Deering, a Stelling. He's also in the bluegrass society. He just loves those instruments."

Genni told me I was pronouncing her name wrong. I asked about her parents naming her, and she said, "My parents are very old-school. My dad is from old Southern money."

She told me her great, great, great grandfather founded the Georgia Medical School and was a surgeon during the Civil War. "I think

there might be another 'great' in there," she added.

I asked about the flamingo collection in the living room. She told me that she has 36 plastic ones and a few made of other materials. As I was leaving, she asked me if I wanted one.

"No. But I'll take one of George's flashlights." ■

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Good and Plenty

Bay Area-based chef Bradley Ogden is still the official guiding spirit at Arterra, but ever since executive chef Carl Schroeder left to open his own Market about 18 months ago, the top toque working actively in the kitchen has been Brian Pekarcik, who inherited the job after several years under Schroeder here, and even earlier at Bertrand at Mr. A's. He's less a graduate of the Bradley Ogden "school" of cuisine than one of the "sons of Gary Danko," whom many consider San Francisco's best chef. (I ate a final feast at Gary Danko's restaurant the night before I moved to San Diego. It was exquisite.)

Schroeder's food at Arterra was excellent, cleaving to the Ogden mode of great ingredients in tasty, unchallenging, all-American combinations — but it was somewhat less exciting than what it's become, now that he's free from having to please corporate diners whose minds are more on their deals than on their dinners. In contrast, Pekarcik's cooking at Arterra absorbs all the attention you can spare. Every dish, starting with the "amuse," is complex and creative, an adventure for the mouth. It's artful, perfectionistic food to savor, not gobble as you talk business. But there is a downside to this rampant fruitfulness: It can be a tad exhausting.

We began with an "amuse," a soup spoon filled with Chino heirloom tomato soup, one shrimp, gently pungent opal basil microgreens, and additional tiny unnamed garnishes. You're supposed to swallow it all at a gulp, chewing the shrimp en route. I'd have preferred to attack it bite by bite with chopsticks, savoring each flavor in turn before upending the spoon. It was so delicious, it nearly brought tears to my eyes.

The bread basket at Arterra, like those at any Ogden restaurant, is worth attention. The stars are tiny corn muffins, abetted by delicate miniature biscuits. In the past (starting way back when Ogden was cooking at Campton Place in SF), you couldn't get refills on the divine corn muffins at Ogden's restaurants, just the regular breads. After I moaned to Schroeder about this, the policy at Arterra changed. Now, ask and ye shall receive.

Of the exceptional dishes that followed, my favorite, not accidentally, was seemingly the simplest — a thick soup of curried white lentils and celeriac. The puréed lentils served as a thickener,



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while the haunting flavor of celery root stole the stage, abetted by a lacing of hot pepper oil and a secret, subtle waft of curry spices. On the side was a mini-salad of crabmeat, cucumber, and mint in lime vinaigrette, cool relief from spice and earthiness — although scarcely necessary. After my friends had sipped their fill of the soup, I scraped the bowl in a state of greedy ecstasy. A five-star dish, winning on both artfulness and sheer flavor.

Maine Lobster, "hot and cold," was not as finely focused, offering a ramekin of warm lobster, orzo, and baby fava beans next to a salad of thin-sliced poached lobster "carpaccio," disks of beets, and greenery. Interesting, fun, but not totally orgasmic. I regret missing the Satsuma tangerine version of the double dish in the summer of '06. Fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly, and chefs gotta change their recipes or die (of boredom), but I have a feeling I'd have liked last year's version better.

A tiger prawn "BLT" offered two garnishes for large, tender shrimps set at opposite sides of the

plate. In one corner, a couple of prawns sported red robes of fresh tomato confit. In the other, the prawns mingled with sweet corn relish and applewood-smoked bacon. Refereeing the bout from the center: a mound of newborn arugula and a little patch of "avocado terrine" (chopped avocado and veggie friends, disciplined into a minuscule parade-ground square). Charming — especially the avocado terrine. (It reminded me of a dish I badly miss, a lobster and avocado terrine at San Francisco's sublime La Folie.)

A Chino Farms fig salad was, in comparison, a relaxed composition. The salad, spotted with fresh black figs, consisted mainly of arugula in a fine truffle vinaigrette, with a few slices of silky Parma prosciutto draped across the greenery like Venus lounging on her daybed. Along the edge of the plate were several lumpialike crisp rolls of thin pastry filled with caramelized onions and enough Brie to bind them. I'm not sure the rolls and the salad really had much to say to each other, but both were precious — in both senses of the

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Arterra ★★★★★ (Excellent)

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word, gemlike, but also a bit "arty" as a combination.

By now, I was starting to notice that the chef here is so smart and so inventive, he has a tendency toward overkill — too much wonderful stuff on every plate, wearying the palate. (I had

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a similar experience with Tony De Salvio at Jack's, where I enjoyed the doggie bags over several nights better than eating at the restaurant.) I wanted to put my hands on Pekarcik's cheeks like a fond old aunt and say, "Don't work so hard, dahling. You've made your point, now relax a little — so we can relax too."

The entrée I liked best was Hawaiian hamachi (yellowtail), arriving pearly and opalescent, some of it straight up, some in the lightest tempura crust. It came with a garnish of thin, delicate soba noodles in a spicy sauce, mingling with spinach and baby favas, tomato bits, pistachios, and purple string beans, plus a daub of spicy coral-colored sambal aioli. Textures ranged from meltingly soft to vegetatively crunchy. I'm not sure that the combination works in absolute harmony, but it offers a bustling, anarchic pleasure, like Kowloon's Temple Street Night Market or a street scene in a Charles Dickens novel.

I wasn't thrilled with grilled day-boat scallops. The huge scallops were a little coarse textured and not quite vibrant, perhaps the result of sitting on the tarmac too long on the flight from Boston. Many top local chefs have switched to Mano de León scallops, farmed in Ensenada, which arrive here much fresher. They have less snob appeal, more mouth appeal. (Pekarcik sometimes uses them, too.) In any event, we were tickled to find each scallop crowned with a frizz of horseradish foam. Alongside came haute-Mex garnishes: a puffed roulade of poblano peppers, prawns, and cream cheese, and a pepper-and-avocado salad. The "puff" of peppers and cheese proved spicy, salty, and thoroughly amusing, a culinary joke on the theme of chile rellenos gone upscale.

Pekarcik worked in San Francisco when chef George Morrone was pioneering a ma-

jor trend (now carried on by his more famous protégé Michael Mina) of offering several versions of an ingredient on the same plate, an exploration of the varied tastes offered through different cuts and different treatments. The first San Diego restaurant to follow this fashion was Blanca in Solana Beach (whose chef worked with Mina). I think it's a great idea, lending intellectual rigor to the sensuality of eating. Arterra is now offering the same explorations with pork, jidori chicken, and beef entrées.

A duo of Four Story Hill Farms pork (the pedigree must indicate it's free-range) pairs a house-made sausage with a slice of spice-rubbed loin (served medium-rare by default, as it should be). The sausage is fine, slightly spicy from black pepper, and not that far from one of the artisanal house-made links at North Park's Linkery. The loin is tender and pleasant. The combination comes with a riotous sweet hash of diced beets, sweet potato, cabbage, onion, and bacon, plus a potatoey-tasting biscuit.

Beef gets a similar treatment — sliced grilled rib eye (unfortunately, I was outvoted by a posse that preferred medium-rare, rather than very rare) is paired with braised short ribs, quite nice if not quite to die for, with various elaborate garnishes involving corn, cheese, and roasted veggies. Normally I love to eat "family-style," sharing every dish (a smart strategy since nobody gets stuck with the "bad dish" and everyone gets to taste everything), but here, any single entrée offers more than enough flavors for one diner to handle at a meal. It's all wonderful, but again, perhaps a bit too much at one time. Even with gently reheated doggie bags, one per night, a certain palate fatigue recurred.

Arterra, as a restaurant, has

several annoying features: a noisy dining room and lighting so dim at certain tables that you need a flashlight to read the menu, plus exorbitant wine and cocktail prices. After a wearying workday grappling with the previous review, I needed seriously frivolous alcohol that night. A round of cocktails for four came to \$64. Wines are just as high, with glasses running \$12 and up and hardly any bottles under \$50 (most are at least \$70). By sticking to California Rhones (Beaucastel Blanc white and Qupé red), we managed to keep the wine to a third of our total bill; it could easily have outpaced the food costs. Full of "cult" boutique bottlings, it's a great California list, but most suitable for, say, a military contractor trying to seduce a corrupt congressman into an earmark. Other hotel restaurant sommeliers (e.g., at Molly's and at Azzura Point) have devised more merciful but equally excellent lists. In these parlous times, when the Dow shivers with every flutter of Ben Bernanke's eyelashes, few people have unlimited expense accounts.

Desserts were near fabulous. My favorite was the relative simplicity of an almond cake with poached pear, honey cream, and Moscato d'Asti essence — that is, something small, light, and craftsmanly. Plum clafouti is not the homey custard but a more elaborate deconstructed version, the plums standing alone on the plate. Valrhona chocolate caramel crème is so sweet and gooey that even Jim, the Chocoholic Samurai, found it a bit much. There's also a sampler of artisanal American-made cheeses, with options for port or Madeira accompaniments. If I ate at Arterra on my own bill, I'd probably just feast on appetizers and then fast forward to the cheeses — or perhaps I'd nibble "small plates" and the cheese sampler

on the lovely new outdoor patio. I'd miss some deliciousness, but I'd feel calmer.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Brian Pekarcik (pronounced Peh-KAR-chick) was born in Korea and adopted by a Slovak family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "I grew up with my grandmother's strong Eastern European flavors and aromas, like chicken paprikash. My mom, as a job when I was growing up, would cook for the priests at the rectory, and I'd be dragged along, and she'd also help out at her friend's bakery making wedding cakes, and I went with her there, too. So I always had an interest in having fun in the kitchen and making my own meals, so to speak. I was the youngest of four children, and I was extremely involved in sports during high school. By the time I got home from practice, what was food for the family had become reheats and leftovers for me. So I liked to put things together in my own way — making French-fried cheese melts with tomato, which I later called my first experience of making 'French-American fusion cuisine.'"

An injury on the baseball field during his freshman year at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, ended his involvement in sports and left him with free time. His parents urged him to get a job and help pull his financial weight, so while studying he worked as a prep chef in a local Italian restaurant. "Cooking filled the void for me that baseball left," he says. "I found the intensity, passion, and teamwork of working in a kitchen was very similar to baseball. I loved how the chef orchestrated the line and was thoroughly involved in striving for a common goal — perfection!"

He graduated in 1997 with a major in psychology and a minor in business. "After I graduated, I said, 'Know what?

Cooking is what I love to do,' and I moved out to California and pursued that full time." In love with the idea of California, he found work in a Sacramento restaurant.

He quickly discovered that Sacramento isn't anybody's California Dreaming. Visiting a college friend living in San Diego, he decided to relocate and targeted Mille Fleurs as the restaurant where he wanted to work. He called and "pestered" chef Martin Woesle until he was hired. Then he and Carl Schroeder worked together as sous-chefs at its then-new spin-off, Bertrand at Mr. A's. "Carl and I worked together so well there, we always knew we'd work together again." Then came Brian's great leap upward. "A friend of mine who worked at Gary Danko in San Francisco told me a position was opening up. This was right after they'd won the Mobil Five Stars and the James Beard Best New Restaurant award — so the opening crew was still intact. This was still within their first year of opening. I called Gary and eventually got through to him, and he offered to let me stage [to work in an unpaid learning position] at the restaurant for a few days. After I staged for the three days, I was offered the position."

"It was an incredible experience. It was inspiring working with Gary, and for Gary. He reiterated my management philosophy, that there's nothing he wouldn't do for the restaurant. I'd go into the restaurant and find him on his hands and knees, cleaning bathrooms. There wasn't anything he would ask you to do that he hadn't done himself. Even more than that was the level of the chefs that were in the kitchen, and how we inspired and motivated each other every day. It was awesome, like nothing anywhere else. I was the *chef de partie* of the meat and game station —

in a restaurant kitchen hierarchy, a *chef de partie* is in charge of a single station in a restaurant, including doing your own purchasing and invoicing and supervising the prep of the dishes from your station. I really feel fortunate in my mentors — Martin at Mille Fleurs, Gary, even the guy who ran the restaurant where I worked in college. I've been very lucky, because I didn't go to culinary school. I learned through the school of hard knocks. And I'll still learn from anybody I can, including guys in my kitchen. I'm really lucky to have such a great crew."

Several times, while Carl Schroeder was executive chef at Arterra, he asked Brian to come back and work for him. Brian was very happy at Gary Danko and in love with San Francisco, but when he and his fiancée (a social worker) looked at their finances, they realized they couldn't afford to settle down in a city with such a high cost of living. Then Carl mentioned that he would eventually be leaving Arterra to open his own place, and he thought Brian would be a good replacement for him. Brian took the bait and returned to San Diego.

"To be a chef, it's become so overglamorized a profession," he says. "But people don't realize, it's really such hard work. It's almost a sickness, to have that passion for it. My wife, when we're in the car, has stopped asking me when I'm quiet, 'What are you thinking?' I should tell her something romantic, but I'm actually thinking about food. Since I live close to the restaurant and have a short commute, it ends up that I get my best ideas in the shower."

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Cozying up to an elephant seems to be the thing around here.

She's holding on to his little tusks with both hands. She nuzzles her face right into his trunk, between his eyes. You can tell they're in love. The picture of the shaved-head girl monk and the young Thai elephant stands out in this land of ice creams and art shops. It's a blown-up picture outside one of the open-sided kiosks here at Coronado's Ferry Landing. The sign says "Little cafe, lotta Thai."

Well, you know me and Thai. It's a right-brain thing. That place was my life for a couple of years. 'Course, when I get through the terrace umbrellas to the counter, expecting some cute Thai gal, the joke's on me. There's this tall, blond-headed guy waiting.

"Sample?" he says. He points to a dozen woks steaming over their hot bath. Wow. Whole array of red, yellow, green, brown stews and curries, and golden deep fries.

"How's about some panang, and, uh, spicy basil chicken."

I'm being clever here. I figure panang, because that's your cliché Thai curry dish. But done right, it's rich, not too coconut-sweet, and with enough curry and color, you can bet the rest of the menu's gonna be okay too. I go for the spicy basil chicken because it has the two-pepper warning. I need to know how hot is "hot." Hate when hot's not.

The guy brings me the samples. Mmm. Panang's fine. Rich, pink. Sweetness doesn't kill the curry taste. Spicy chicken's OK, but really, not whack-in-the-back-of-your-gills fiery. Ah, well. Guess they have to consider their more delicate customers.

So the deal is simple. À la carte dishes are \$7.95, a two-entrée combo plate is \$8.95, and a three-entrée plate is \$9.50. Apart from panang,

they have red curry chicken, green curry pork, pineapple curry with chicken, then dishes like chicken and veggies in oyster sauce or grilled chicken satay. They also have a vegetarian section with pad Thai noodles, basil eggplant with crispy tofu, and a yellow tofu curry with potatoes and carrots in a coconut-curry cream sauce.

The good thing is, you can see what your choice is. Not just pretty pictures. And it's the visuals that get me. A tilapia "topped with sweet veggies and Thai chili sauce" sits there in its wok, squares

of the sautéed flesh floating in a sea of chopped-up scarlet and green and yellow peppers and veggies. I order that. And while I'm on the seafood kick, I go for a second entrée of cashew shrimp.

Damn. Second thoughts. Cashew shrimp's kind of Chinese-ish. Now I'll miss out on all the curries I love.

The guy, Derek, asks if I want white rice or brown. Ooh. That's good. Brown means whole-grain. Nuttier, healthier than white.

"Brown," I say.

I hand over my \$8.95 for the two-entrée plate, plus \$1.50 for a Thai iced tea. It's \$11.26 with tax. Derek asks which I want more of. I see the molded plastic plate is divided unevenly. I make the tilapia the main one. Then I take it all outside. Find a table under the shade of a fig tree. I dilly for a moment, watching rich folk rolling by aboard their Segues, kids having their portraits sketched, a mighty cruiser heading home under the bridge. And for a moment I just listen. Wow. No traffic. Only chat, leaves rustling, waves slapping, music somewhere, ferry tooting. It's a trip. I start in on the cashew shrimp. I'd still rather have a nice rich curry, but it's fine.

Oh, yes. Now we're talkin'. I've chomped into

the tilapia. This has everything. Dee-licious. Sweet, but also sour. Sour, but also spicy-hot (though, 'course, it could be hotter). And the brown rice underneath is a perfect fit.

So I'm attacking that tilapia like it was the last one out of the Salton Sea, when Derek and a beautiful Thai gal wander out. She's Chalinee, the chef. "We call this *pla sam lot*," says Chalinee. "'Fish three-flavors.' That means it's sweet, salty, and spicy at the same time."

"Chalinee knows cooking," says Derek. "She learned it from her dad."

It turns out that Derek, who looks like the surfing dude he once was, is an airline pilot who took a trip with a buddy to Thailand a while back.

"We went to Pukhet, in the south," he says. "That's where I met Chalinee."

Chalinee was studying marketing in college there. She invited Derek to visit her family way up north in Chiang Rai, near Burma and Laos. There, he tasted her dad's cooking. "It was wonderful," he says. "Food was nonstop."

"I learned everything about cooking from my father," Chalinee says. "He told me, 'Everything must come from the heart.'"

So later, when Chalinee stopped in San Diego on her way back from visiting relatives in New York, the idea of starting a restaurant here in Coronado came up. Derek got a lot of help with this from his dad Michael, who's part owner of the 1887 Boathouse restaurant in Glorietta Bay. "He made it happen," Derek says.

I see they have a license for draft beer and wine. Chalinee says they're getting in Chang brand beer from Thailand.



Chalinee

"Chang means 'elephant,'" Chalinee says. I look at the photo of the girl monk and the elephant.

"Cozying up to an elephant seems to be the thing around here," I say.

"Don't worry," says Derek. "Our Elephants will be nice and chilled." ■

The Place: Thai Cafe, 1201 First Street, Kiosk 5, Coronado, 619-522-0217

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Remarkably, what's on the floor is less than 10 percent of the shop's total inventory; the rest is kept in temperature-controlled storage — the sort of place where allocated wine goes to await its glorious return to public life. "We go back to '59 on Burgundy," says shop owner Robert Clanton, "'61 on Bordeaux, '74 on California. We've always wanted the client to be able to get a nicely aged bottle of wine, something that's ready to drink now. People drink wines too young. A common story I'll hear from winemakers is when the consumer will purchase a wine upon release, go home, drink it, and call up saying, 'God, that was

so good.' The winemaker gets on the phone, saying, 'Thanks so much; I'm so happy you enjoyed the wine.' But they hang up and think, 'God, he didn't even drink what I made. What I made was meant to be drunk five or ten years from now.'

I'll tell consumers, 'I know you like such-and-such a wine, but try this one over here. It's aged six or seven years, and it's really creamy. The tannins have dropped off; it's supple, it's mouthfilling. It's got multiple folds of flavor in the back of the palate, little spirals of *provençal* herbs at the sides.' " For

many people, he says, it's just a matter of getting them to try it.

The great fear with older wine, of course, is that you'll pay for all that aging and end up with something faded and sad, whether through improper storage or more natural causes. Clanton's response is twofold. First, as to questions of storage, "I know the history of every bottle in the shop — nothing from the Internet or private collectors. I only buy library releases from the wineries themselves." The rest has been in the store's inventory since its release — one of the advantages of inheriting a business that started way back in 1970. Second, Clanton stands behind his product. "If the customer takes it home and it's not good, they can bring it back and I'll make it right." (Of course, you have to make certain allowances for age: your vintage Chardonnay will

most likely show a little bit of caramel extract, and you would do well to expect some raisin in your older Zinfandel.)

That kind of assurance means that Clanton has to keep track of his inventory as best he can — retasting, revisiting, and when necessary, culling the herd a bit. Happily, he's developed a knack for it. "I started at such a young age; I didn't realize at the time that I was developing my palate memory. Now, I'm really good at tasting wines and discerning how long they're going to age. It's all the things you read about — measuring tannin, acidity, structure — really taken together as mouthfeel. You taste winery A upon release and say, 'Wow, that reminds me of winery C 20 years ago.' And you reflect back upon what winery C turned into over time." He grants that the current trend toward making drink-it-now wines means that "a lot of them will fall apart" over time, but overall, he isn't worried. "You've seen so many cycles in the wine industry over the years — it'll turn around. I'm not worried about this phase in the marketplace."

Clanton has certainly seen his share of cycles — he isn't kidding about the starting "at such a young age." His father (the original Bob) opened the shop in 1970, before little Bobby was even a teenager. "I was a kid in the shop, and I'd overhear things. I still remember how, in the '70s, winery owners still had to sell their wines. Miljenko Grgich and Al Brounstein" — of Stag's Leap and Diamond Creek fame — "used to come down to the shop. Joe Heitz would come down; he'd get upset if you didn't buy his Chardonnay, which was horrible. He'd be all gruff, but my dad was a gruff guy, too. You always knew where you stood with people of that generation — PR was not a fine art at all." Except maybe for Robert




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Mondavi. "He had come down, and my dad was tasting his wines, and it must have been a weaker vintage. Dad said, 'You know, Bob, it tastes a little light to me.' And Mondavi looks at my dad and says, 'Well, Bob, I like to think of it as *elegante!*' I'm sure my dad bought it anyway."

Mondavi & Co. were making the stop in San Clemente because Bob's Liquors had made a commitment to serious wine, largely thanks to one Dave Pricewood. "He was a retired guy from back East — he had owned some wine shops and was very savvy. He was bored and wanted something to do, so he said, 'Bob, why don't you hire me, and we can get some wines in here?' Dad hired him, called my mom, and said, 'Hey, I think an angel just walked in here.' Working with him, my father became very wine savvy. My dad was always bringing wines home to taste and evaluate, and I would get to taste and evaluate, too."

Pricewood's arrival was just one in a series of minor miracles that made Bob's Liquor possible, says Clanton. Mom and Dad were scientists — she a biochemist, he a physicist — who went into



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retail only because they needed money to pay for their children's medical expenses. Bob Sr. entered the ABC lottery for liquor licenses and got lucky — fair trade was still in effect, and a liquor store could mean good money. Then he found a location next to an Alpha Beta grocery store — which, being Mormon owned, didn't sell liquor. The Clantons convinced the landlord to give them a shot for the sake of the family, and the rest was (labor-intensive) history.

Dad bought a lot of French and German stuff, but young Bob saw California as the future. "I just thought they were going in the right direction. I guess my palate was more for the bigger, more dramatic, richer wines. I loved the creamy, decadent wines, and the French were generally lighter in body." It's part of the reason why he was so happy to discover the critic Robert Parker. "I was starting to amass this inventory of early-'80s California wine, and Parker's first *Wine Buyer's Guide* came out. So much of the stuff he rated highly was stuff I already had in the shop. I remember going to my dad and saying, 'Hey, I re-

ally like this guy.' I thought, 'Gee, I must be doing something right.' There was huge consumer interest, and I was just very pro-California." Today, you can still find plenty of '82 Bordeaux, but Clanton estimates that about 75 percent of his inventory hails from the Golden State.

That early-'80s buying spree started in February of '87, soon after Clanton officially took over the shop from his father (he'd worked there for a year and a half after high school, and on weekends throughout his college career). He began making regular visits to Napa, making friends with all those people who used to visit the store and with newer stars as well. "Justin Meyer at Silver Oak welcomed me with open arms. I was there with a college buddy and my girlfriend, and he took us in and treated us like royalty. We went into his kitchen, and he pulled out a magnum of '79 Bonnie's Vineyard, and we hung out for something like three hours, having a ball. That was what secured my contact with Silver Oak."

Today, there are plans to remodel, plans to expand the selection of inexpensive bottles, plans to reduce the liquor-store standbys (good-bye, cookiewiches?). What remains constant and distinctive is the devotion to properly

aged wines from esteemed producers. "The wineries always take care of people who helped them out in the beginning. People getting into the business today can get the current releases" — maybe — "but they can't get the older stuff, the library wines. That's my niche." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, Gorgonzola are among the

choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closes later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile rellenos*, a crab enchilada, *carne asada* with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M.

Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. Most of their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic, and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B.

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The

menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a partner restaurant to Hillcrest's Arrivederci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-white- and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are Mexican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and rice, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Osteria del Pescatore 1201 Camino Del Mar (at 12th Street), Del Mar, 858-509-9293. The restaurant's name means "Fisherman's Hostelry," and you'll find expert, courteous service and well-crafted seasonal Italian fare here with a strong emphasis on zesty fresh seafood. Go straight to the single-spaced page-long list of daily specials for the most exciting dishes, including spaghetti *a cartoccio* (baked in parchment paper) and lobster risotto. But save room for dessert, especially if the day's offerings include *torta alla nanna*, a rose-scented nut confection. Parking behind restaurant (turn east

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on 12th Street); heated dining patio available. Interesting international wine list. Reservations advised. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Pacific Coast Grill 437 South Coast Highway 101 (Beachwalk Plaza), Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. The grill features a free-form menu of Pacific Rim cuisine featuring fine ingredients and integrating Mexican, Hawaiian, and Asian flavors into So-Cal comfort cooking. Try the green salad with vibrant cranberry vinaigrette, the "Bag of Bones" (house-smoked pork ribs), and whatever fruit creation is on the dessert menu. Busy and noisy; reservations urged for weekend dinners and all summer. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the

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mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster (available at lunch on Fridays). The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *S.M.*

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889; 6785 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-552-8845; 16441 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-674-4665. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 124, near Pacific Theatres, Carmel Mountain Plaza, 858-675-2225. At this offshoot of Mary Pappas's downtown Athens Market, sister Vickie's food is just as good. If you want a big start, order the *saganaki*, a cheese appetizer that comes flaming to your table. And you can't lose with *mezedakia*, a big oval sampler of *dolmades* (stuffed grape leaves), *lokaniko* (a delicious Greek sausage), *spanakopita* (spinach in filo pastry), tomatoes, cucumbers, *tzatziki* dip, hummus, feta cheese, and olives. But come for the lamb. It's wonderfully flavorful, skewered in the souvlaki entrée (which comes with beans and rice) or as lamb chops. Moussaka (baked eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef) goes down well too. Or what's wrong with a simple plate of feta cheese, kalamata olives, and a glass of Greek red? Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or

mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida ver-

sion of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for restrooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W.*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk

on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather de-tuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Open daily, three meals. Moderate. — *N.W.*

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*,

cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

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Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème fraîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M.

Daily's Restaurant 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The idea is brilliant: Just serve food that's really, really good for your customers. Low fat, low calorie, low sodium. Brainchild of cardiac surgeon Pat O. Daily. So what's the problem? It's the "B" word. Bland. Not that they don't fight heroically to make all the dishes interesting, but lots of items have that lentil-y, bean-y feel. Or naked salad-y. Or steam-up-your nose veggie. Among the more interesting choices is the Cajun chicken with black beans and brown rice with cayenne-paprika in the spices. The most popular lunch order, the buffalo burger, has a little gamy aftertaste — but that just proves it is the legendarily lean prairie beast. Nice outside seating in Restaurant Row, except you've gotta resist the smells from the more wicked eateries that aren't on the same crusade. Inex-

pensive. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — E.B.

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. Reservations requested; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from west-bound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Dinner Sunday through Thursday 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Expensive. — N.W.

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W.

Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. (Also at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Encinitas, 760-436-6261.) This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling

fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter, but with full bar) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-436-6261. — N.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstanding and authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal goreng* (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.

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. (Also at 2015 Birch Road, Chula Vista, 619-591-1690.) To find King's in the mega-mall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N.

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummern's costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muf-fuletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts

with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — N.W.

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for

Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W.

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. But better food emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features

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Isabel's Cantina 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious scrambled eggs, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biertgarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through

Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-239-7101. (Other locations: 534 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-3811; and 3946 Illinois Street, North Park, 619-294-8292.) No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *muez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Chula Vista and North Park locations have *parrillada* meats. Breakfast through dinner until 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday through Sunday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria 3448 30th Street (at Myrtle), North Park, 619-295-1720. An eight-pound pizza? That's what Lefty claims his "king of all

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Old World Restaurant 3930 30th Street, North Park, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Restrooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.*

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EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the decor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad...or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Grossmont Student Center Cafeteria Grossmont College, 8800 Gross-

mont College Drive, El Cajon, 619-644-7000. This is no UCSD, with its dozen food franchises and Persian and Somali food tents on campus. Grossmont's single cafeteria (open to the public) is big, echoey, and sticks to standard-issue food like crumb-coated chicken katsu, cheeseburgers, burritos, and really, really cheap pizzas. Breakfast? How about a sausage and tater tot burrito? Health fans do have a plentiful salad bar. It's quite an experience, sharing lunch with local and foreign students, looking over the rolling hills to El Cajon — like being at an international finishing school in, well, Switzerland. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M.

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. For that matter, the beers — Karl Strauss and Wyder's Ciders (along with the usual Coors Light and Bud) — aren't exactly chug-suds. Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crustured rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh,

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FAR EAST

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Reserve for weekend evenings. Open daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners — and they are full — include roast beef and chicken-fried steak. Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bar until 2 a.m.); Saturday, bar only. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia

cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). The owners say what makes their sandwiches so special is that they have the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), eggplant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pas-trami, and cheese on rye. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays. — E.B.

Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates — *mezze* spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches, and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a bacon-cured salmon sandwich and *pantelleria*, a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary," to eat on-site or to take home. Chef-owner Karen Krasne incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations open seven days, three meals. Uptown location desserts only, all day. Moderate. — N.W.

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush pup-

pies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to restrooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W.

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. Beef is served, but numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ Tuesday through Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Joe's New York-Style Deli Royal Food Mart, 3401 First Avenue (at Upas), Banker's Hill, 619-295-7666. You enter a time machine: A cavernous concrete-floored deli that dates back to 1902, with a high ceiling, acorn-shaped hanging lights, and a big old-fashioned cooler-counter packed with cheeses, hams, and sausage meat. Old display cases carry olives, pâté, Ryvitas. A sawed-off wooden barrel bulges with Hungarian wines. Go for wraps, jumbo hot dogs with sauerkraut, or East Coast-generous sandwiches like corned beef, dry Genoa salami, cotto salami, bologna, or liverwurst. That Boars Head liverwurst is da bomb. Caesar salad with chicken or a cup of tortellini soup are good light alternatives. Open breakfast through early dinner daily. — E.B.

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market (at Ninth Avenue), downtown, 619-595-0115. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a certain zestiness, a love of strong citrus and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on *soju* (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — N.W.

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W.

Rannoush 3890 Fifth Avenue (south of University), Hillcrest, 619-325-1360. The full menu of Lebanese-Jordanian cuisine runs from *mezze* (tapas) to house-made sausages and kebabs to desserts — and includes fabulous falafel that's actually good enough to eat (especially the stuffed version). At this petite, pretty place with Scheherazade



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decor, all the cooking is from scratch — no nasty instant falafel mix or any other shortcuts, and you can really taste the difference. Other great dishes include vegetarian *kebbeh*, *soujok* sausages, and shrimp kebabs. Desserts include standard Middle Eastern items such as *baklava*. Wines and beers include food-friendly imports from Lebanon. Open daily, lunch 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *N.W.*

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tom Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spin-off of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are discounted at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, or beef), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing midnight Sunday. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

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Downtown Johnny Brown’s 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown’s answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day or fries. Chicken’s grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup’s bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What’s best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B.*

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato

crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly “suits” with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W.*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest’s Bombay Exotic Cuisine sometimes shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of “Northern Indian cuisine made easy,” with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-sur-faced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it’s a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails, Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W.*

Mr. Tiki’s Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic’s (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the “grass skirt” decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely “islander” cuisine featuring, in addition, Asian fusion items, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the

house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly. Cocktails until 11 p.m., weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy decor, and a “wine angel” in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly to at least 10 p.m. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W.*

The Palm 615 J Street (at Sixth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-702-6500. This up-market chain steakhouse, open since 1926, claims to be the oldest family-operated white-tablecloth restaurant in the country, and it’s spread all over the country as well. The Gaslamp branch, its 30th, is just like all the other branches, even down to decor details, which is the whole point — business travelers with contacts to impress can rely on it wherever they go. The fare features tender, dry-aged and wet-aged USDA Prime beef from the chain’s own wholesale butcher and, for the really high-rollers, monster-sized Nova Scotia lobsters. Other good dishes are Shrimp Bruno (with a Dijon sauce), baked crab cakes with no filler, and the “Slater Special,” which combines the last two in an appetizer. Don’t eat meat, but do eat garlic? Try clams and shrimp *posillippo* and scare off the vampires. All dishes à la carte. Portions are generally gigantic on up. Key lime pie (a normal-sized wedge) makes a good, tart dessert, and clean *macchinettas* make outstanding espresso. Excellent wine list, plenty by the glass; full bar.

Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Panda Inn 506 Horton Plaza (top floor), downtown, 619-233-7800. Behind all the Panda Express fast-food stops is the smaller, more serious Panda Inn chain which originated many of the now-familiar dishes of semi-Americanized “Mandarin” cuisine (they claim to have invented orange chicken, and their version is vastly better than those at the 99-cent joints). Tofu with eggplant and “Mongolian Hotpot,” a meatball casserole with Chinese cabbage, are among the more authentic choices. Preparations here are generally clean and greaseless with well-balanced flavors; spicy dishes are moderately hot unless you request otherwise. It’s not the spot for high adventure, but it does offer dishes for all tastes. Moderate-priced banquet menus make this a good choice for family gatherings. Full bar. Validated parking in Horton Plaza garage; heated patio seating in dry weather. Lunch and dinner daily. Lunches inexpensive, dinner moderate. — *N.W.*

Samba Grill 510 Fourth Avenue (Horton Plaza, top level), Gaslamp, 619-236-1000. This huge restaurant serves Brazilian food and Brazilian spirit. The format is a *rodizio* — waiters circulate through the room with tall swords, impaling an ever-changing assortment of grilled meats (highly salted and cooked well done, but zesty nonetheless). On the side is a vast buffet of additional Brazilian entrées, vegetables, and salads. The staff are charmers, but make sure to ask for appetizer and dessert menus and the 100-bottle wine list if the server forgets to offer. Full bar includes authentic, irresistible Brazilian Caipirinha lime cocktails, made by a roving “Caipirinha Girl.” Live band on weekends. Lunch and dinner daily, until 11 p.m. weekends. \$35 buys a more-than-full meal. Half price for kiddies; reduced price for buffet food only; extra cost for a special “gaucho feast” that includes additional meats, plus wild game choices upon request. — *N.W.*

Sluggers by the Ball Park 1219 Market Street (at Park), downtown, 619-546-5973. Not your typical hot dog stand. Sluggers café is all glass, steel, cinder block, and new. This eatery catches much of the Padres business, selling Vienna-brand beef hot dogs and Polish sausages. “Served Chicago-

Style” — meaning, the dog’s topped with tomato wedges, mustard, pickle, relish, onions, and peppers, all, they say, on a steamed poppy-seed bun from Chicago. Other goodies from the Windy City include the Comiskey Park Pole (a charbroiled Polish sausage dog) and the Italian Stallion (charbroiled Italian sausage in bun). Place is still a little cinder blocky but a good rendezvous for a brewski and a dog after work. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W.*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you’re at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. Not just for tourists, but a lovely getaway for locals, the luxurious dining room with its wraparound windows on the bay is one of the most romantic spots in town — comfortable banquette seating, a view from every table, and an atmosphere that’s quiet and festive, not formal. The light, elegant, healthful Mediterranean-style cuisine (Northern Italy and Southern France) emphasizes seasonal ingredients, as local and sustainably raised as possible, including herbs and some fruits organically grown on the resort grounds. Combinations can be witty and a bit whimsical. An excellent wine list at very reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. (If you want a tasting dinner with matching wines, speak to the knowledgeable, trustworthy sommelier.) Inexpensive validated valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Reserve a few nights ahead, as many dinners here are sold out or special events. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *N.W.*

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista’s growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little foot-ball of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *cancha*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine’s fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there’s always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Breakfast and dinner daily, lunch weekdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-



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La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 4:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people

feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. With a call, they'll give you a lift from the parking lot to their restaurant. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center, with live music during summer. Both locations open daily for lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

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.

Chilki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-

broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W.*

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1757. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a shorter menu and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W.*

Mariscos el Locochón Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are.

His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas (From Tijuana, on toll road, take first Rosarito exit; turn left at third traffic light then an immediate right onto Colonia Lucio Blanco.) Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W.*

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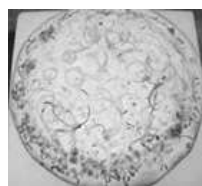
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Brothers at Odds

The rich, saturated, radiantly warmed color does full justice to the local palette.

One thing to be said for *The Darjeeling Limited*, and it's no small thing, is that the film bears an individual stamp. A stamp as flat as a postage stamp, as emphatic as a rubber stamp.

(Whap, whap.) Director Wes Anderson, a well-known commodity after *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, *The Royal Tennenbaums*, and *The Life Aquatic of Steve Zissou*, favors fastidiously balanced, nailed-down compositions, the figures pinned to a shallow background like butterfly specimens. Stressing their separateness, he has no intention to hinge his shots together into a smooth and seamless line, but instead slots them into place as if on disconnected planes, setting up a clumping rhythm of starts and stops, glazing the screen with the deadest of deadpans, and erecting an invisible wall (invulnerable even to the occasional uncharacteristic zoom) between the filmmaker and his characters, freakishly feckless people, abject puppets manipulated by a man with little regard for human diversity and volition. The effect — the unhumanness of these humanoids — is often amusing and always distancing. The danger in the

director's method is that it can be *too* distancing and therefore not amusing *enough*. Since he always clamps a tasteful mute on the audience's merriment, the standard laugh-meter is an unreliable measure.

If this outing seems a cut above all previous ones, it may be the benefit of a real, a tangible, a substantial background against which to display his specimens: three, thirty-something brothers who have not spoken to one another in the year since their father's funeral, now heading out together on a "spiritual journey" in a first-class sleeper car across India, with the ultimate aim of tracking down their mother (a no-show at the funeral) in a convent at the foot of the Himalayas. In other words, a typical Wes Anderson operation, bringing about the insecure bonding of misaligned oddballs, but in an atypical exotic setting, the better to draw out their oddness. Owen Wilson, a constant Anderson collaborator, reeks of insincerity — his distinctive scent — in the role that most demands its opposite, the role of the instigating trip planner, the conciliatory bonder, the self-styled peacemaker, reaching out after a failed suicide attempt, with a



The Darjeeling Limited

faceful of bandages still to show for it. (We trust it's just coincidence, not cause-and-effect, not prognostication, that the actor in real life tried suicide after his on-screen character tried it.) Adrien Brody and Jason Schwartzman, another past Anderson collaborator, are far better-behaved puppets; and Bill Murray, almost as constant a collaborator as Wilson, pops up in a

funny cameo, first thing out of the gate. India and Indians, meantime, are treated with a respect comparable to, if not superior to, Albert Brooks's treatment of them in *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World* (while the central characters can offer no challenge to Brooks's), and the rich, saturated, radiantly warmed color from Anderson's regular cinematog-

rapher, Robert Yeoman, does full justice to the local palette. Musical accompaniment has been cunningly culled from the films of Satyajit Ray, for the most part, and James Ivory. There is a companion short film, *Hotel Chevalier*, a prologue of sorts, set in Paris and centered solely around the Schwartzman character. This, available for free on iTunes if you can



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be bothered to register online, is hardly essential, except to explain the blink-of-an-eye appearance of Natalie Portman in the feature film. The Anderson completist and the Portman torch-carrier will find it worth the effort.

We Own the Night spins the old story, with new operatic embellishment, of brothers on opposite sides of the law (Mark Wahlberg, Joaquin Phoenix), plus a father firmly on the lawful side (Robert Duvall), and Russian drug dealers so ruthless and repugnant as to straighten out the bent brother. All pretty obvious and overstated, although a couple of big developments come sooner than might have been anticipated, and director James Gray (*The Yards*, also featuring Wahlberg, and *Little Odessa*, also featuring Russian mobsters) stages an exciting shootout on wheels in a low-visibility rainstorm. If this scene could be bodily transferred, let's say, to *The Godfather*, it would be celebrated

as an immortal cinematic set piece. The Polish contemporary classical composer Wojciech Kilar, whenever there's a breather in the Eighties oldies, contributes some weighty, heavy-treading incidental music.

The Final Season is a square baseball movie, "based on a true story," about a small-town Iowa high school housing nineteen state baseball championships in its trophy case ("We grow ballplayers here like corn"), now facing consolidation into a larger school district, and entering its last year of independence under a wet-behind-the-ears rookie coach (and, for good measure, former girls' volleyball coach). They wouldn't be making a movie about it if they couldn't give you reason to cheer. They, and more specifically director David Mickey Evans, cannot quite give you reason to sweat, however. Sean Astin, who also executive-produced, plays the new coach with an air of classical composure.

Elizabeth: The Golden Age invites Cate Blanchett, or a bloodless marmoreal likeness of her, to resume her role from the nine-years-earlier *Elizabeth*, under the same director, Shekhar Kapur, for a collection of the

Virgin Queen's greatest hits: Mary, Queen of Scots; Sir Walter Raleigh; and, in a madly cross-cutting climax, the Spanish Armada, dispatched by the subtitle-speaking Catholic fanatic, Philip II ("Elizabeth is darkness, I am light"). A histrionic history lesson and courtly soap opera (the pregnant handmaid, the secret wedding, the queen's cracked heart but not visage), ludicrous in its extravagance, good for a snicker but not for an education.

The Farrelly brothers' remake of *The Heartbreak Kid*, thirty-five years after the original, serves as a handy gauge of the decline of Western civilization. Apart from their substitution of bodily-function gags for social observation and verbal wit, the well-cast and well-constructed comedy about the man who strays on his honeymoon (as directed by Elaine May and as written by Neil Simon) has been badly recast — Ben Stiller, Malin Akerman, Michelle Monaghan in place of Charles Grodin, Jeannie Berlin, Cybill Shepherd — and ruinously reconstructed, so that we now have an unwieldy, drawn-out first act, an interminable and repetitious middle act, and a hasty, slapdash last act. The Farrellys have given the groom a mountain of "motivation" to stray,

and given him the Perfect Woman to stray to, thus taking the sting out of the joke and exposing themselves as a couple of consummate clods. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Across the Universe — Two-and-a-quarter-hour promo for the Beatles without ever mentioning them by name. A generous, even overgenerous sampler of their songs (thirty-three of them, by the count in the press notes, leaving aside the numberless others that are quoted from or alluded to) has been re-recorded, or "covered" as they say in the business, by a fictitious cast of characters plunked down against the billowing backdrop of the Sixties: the war, the draft, the protests, the drugs, the psychedelics, the Sexual Revolution, all that. To link the Beatles with the upheaval makes a certain sense. Unlike, say, the more enduring Rolling Stones or the going-nowhere Dave Clark Five, the Beatles were a group that really did evolve (or, as some would prefer, devolve) swiftly and dramatically, making them a useful weathercock for

the winds of change. You are here reminded afresh of their range and their riches; and in new mouths, you hear the songs with new ears. (The tremulous, down-tempo rendition, for example, of "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" by an Asian-American high-school cheerleader, T.V. Carpio, brings the song a new, a renewed feeling, all by itself almost worth the price of admission.) By the second half, however, the inspiration irreversibly runs out of steam en route to a spluttering climax of "All You Need Is Love." (Wearily, now: yeah, yeah, yeah.) Part of the problem is that, as the counterculture gains momentum in the sequence of events, there's a visible increase in music-video vulgarity, ornamental surrealism, Fellini-esque fantasy, all the elements that go into director Julie Taymor's fabled "vision." Another part of the problem may be that the later songs, even though the playlist in the film does not observe a strict chronology, tend to be more turgid. Part, too, may simply be that two-and-a-quarter hours are too long for a promo. With Evan Rachel Wood, Jim Sturgess, Joe Anderson, Dana Fuchs, Martin Luther McCoy, and cameos by Bono, Eddie Izzard, Joe Cocker, Salma Hayek. 2007.

★★ (ESCONDIDO 16, FROM 10/12; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 10/12; GROSSMONT CENTER, FROM 10/12; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 10/12; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16, FROM 10/12; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 10/12; RANCHO DEL REY 16, FROM 10/12; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15, FROM 10/12; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 10/12; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 10/12)

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford — Western with Brad Pitt, Casey Affleck, and Sam Shepard, directed by Andrew Dominik.

(FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 10/12)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

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.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Darjeeling Limited — Reviewed this issue. With Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman, Adrien Brody, Amara Karan, and Anjelica Huston; directed by Wes Anderson.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 10/12)

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, Pe-



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Elizabeth: The Golden Age

ter Dinklage, and Jane Asher; directed by Frank Oz. 2007.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/11)

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 bodyguard (Viggo Mortensen). For extra “motivation,” when things get dicey, the

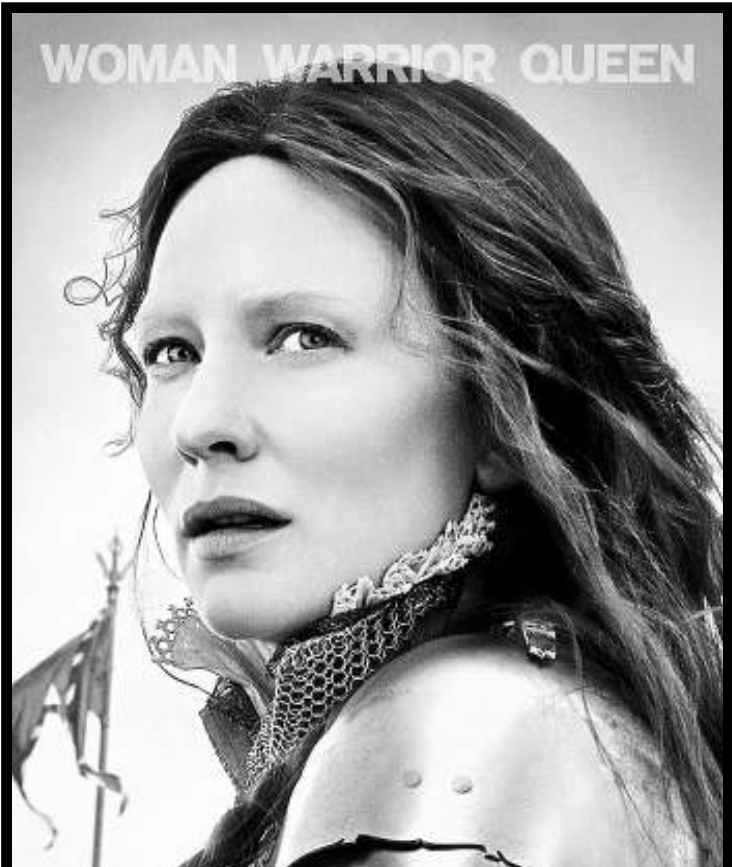
heroine is made to be half-Russian herself, with a stillborn baby in her background. Cult director David Cronenberg, following along the trail of *A History of Violence*, opens himself up for broader consumption, a tepid thriller with a maudlin streak and a pallid image, lacking his trademark slime element, 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 de-

morely than in the early days of *The Indian Runner*. 2007.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10)

Elizabeth: The Golden Age — Reviewed this issue. With Cate Blanchett, Clive Owen, Samantha Morton, Abbie Cornish, Rhys Ifans, and Geoffrey Rush; directed by Shekhar Kapur.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA

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Feast of Love — Multi-player mating game on the playing field of Portland, Ore. Essentially soap opera with philosophical aspirations and a tendency to talk them at us. Most of it is mildly interesting, in a low-suds sort of way, but the relentless effort to transform it into a Big Statement (“God is either dead or He despises us.” “God does-



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n’t despise us, Harry. If He did, He would- n’t have made our hearts so brave”) tends to produce the opposite of the effect intended, not so much heightening the interest as highlighting the mildness — high-lighting, in other words, the distance between the tall talk and the flat mundan-ity. When all is said and done, none of the expansive talk adds greater interest than the expanses of flesh, female only. Robert Ben-ton, of *Kramer vs. Kramer*, *Places in the Heart*, and perhaps most pertinently *Billy Bathgate* (if you remember Nicole Kidman in the full-length mirror), directed. With Morgan Freeman, Greg Kinnear, Radha Mitchell, Toby Hemingway, Alexa Davalos, Selma Blair, and Jane Alexander. 2007.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; THROUGH 10/11)

The Final Season — Reviewed this issue. With Sean Astin, Powers Boothe, Rachael Leigh Cook, Michael Angarano, and Tom Arnold; directed by David Mickey Evans.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/12)

For the Bible Tells Me So — Daniel Karslake’s documentary on Christian fun-damentalist opposition to the gay-rights movement.
(KEN, 10/12 THROUGH 18)

Freaks — Tod Browning’s somewhat overvalued shocker, set amid the segregated population of a carnival sideshow. Stiff, heavy-handed, preachy, and often, with its primitive 1930 soundtrack, inaudible; but also curious, compassionate, and unset-tling. Certainly not one of Irving Thalberg’s



The Final Season

run-of-the-mill projects for MGM.
★★★ (MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, LA JOLLA, 10/11, 7 P.M.)
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 af-

ter 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 installment in the new role of a nosy re-porter, Imelda Staunton enlivens this one as a Draconian educational reformer be-hind a false front of cold smiles and hot pinks. With Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Gary Oldman, Alan Rickman, Ralph Fiennes, and, a second en-livening newcomer, the fey, fifteen-year-old Evanna Lynch, in her screen debut; directed by David Yates. 2007.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Heartbreak Kid — Reviewed this is-sue. With Ben Stiller, Michelle Monaghan, Malin Akerman, and Jerry Stiller; directed by Bobby and Peter Farrelly.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VIL-LAGE)

In the Shadow of the Moon — Slick assembly of archive footage and interviews with retired astronauts (Buzz Aldrin, Alan Bean, Gene Cernan, Mike Collins, Jim Lovell, Edgar Mitchell, Harrison Schmitt, Dave Scott, and John Young), to tell the story of the Apollo moon shots. It’s a big story — history merged with science fiction — and collectively the men are al-most equal to it. Directed by David Sington. 2007.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Into the Wild — Illustration, in a sketchy hand, of the Jon Krakauer nonfiction book on Christopher McCandless, a 1990 college graduate, on the doorstep of Harvard Law School, who gave away his tuition fund to Oxfam, obliterated his identity, renamed himself Alexander Supertramp, and swapped the evils of society for the purity of the northern wilderness (“No longer to be poisoned by civilization,” he carved into a wooden shingle at his encampment), where ultimately he starved to death in 1992. It may not sound like much of an idea for a film. It isn’t. A Seventies-style road movie, redolent of Seventies-style dis-affection, it has a strong element of travel-ogue, as our happy-go-lucky hobo rides his aging Datsun westward to South Dakota, abandons it at Lake Mead, kayaks down the Colorado River, drifts into Mexico, train-hops up to L.A., thumbs his way to the Salton Sea, Anza Borrego, and Alaska. In that final destination, the travelogue veers toward nature documentary. At nearly two and a half hours, the film feels very, very long, albeit short on relatable incident: the protagonist goes places, he meets people, and then he goes to a place where he won’t meet people, where he will meet only his end, a martyr to something or other. Direc-tor Sean Penn unmistakably takes himself very seriously, and takes his protagonist al-most reverently, painting him as something of a holy fool (a reader of Tolstoi, even though an eater of meat when he can get it), and offering up this speculative re-enactment as nothing less than an endor-sement. At the top, he sets the tone with a high-flown epigraph from Lord Byron: “I love not man the less, but Nature more” — that one. The kid sister periodically supplies some explanatory narration (“I understand what he was doing”), and Pearl Jam’s Eddie Vedder chimes in with a half-dozen or so acoustic songs in sympathy and support. Of the real protagonist’s earnestness and con-viction, the film can tell us next to nothing. Of the filmmaker’s, it can tell us much. And then it can tell us again. And again. With Emile Hirsch, Marcia Gay Harden, William Hurt, Jena Malone, Vince Vaughn, and Hal Holbrook. 2007.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 10/12; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/12)

In the Valley of Elah — A more com-mendable writing and directing effort from Paul Haggis (writer only on *Million Dollar Baby* and *Flags of Our Fathers*, among oth-ers) than his hokey Oscar-winner, *Crash*. More focussed, more concentrated, more self-contained, more consistent: an uncom-promisingly mournful murder mystery, and strangled antiwar cry, about a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom (remember when?) who goes missing upon his return to Fort Rudd, New Mexico, and who turns up on the outskirts of the base, stabbed, dismembered, and burned beyond recogni-tion. Say what you will about the film-maker’s political point-making, it never clogs up the unrushed flow of the narrative; and at the same time he shows a true cine-matic eye for tacky Americana, the streets, the stores, the townscapes, etc., so that whenever we go anywhere on screen — an army barracks, a motel, a public restroom, a strip club, a coffee shop, a “drive-up” bar, a fast-food joint — we can feel we’ve really been there, really seen it. (The mood light-ing of nauseous green and blanched white is a case of whatever would be the opposite of gilding the lily — wilting the weed, pos-sibly — and equally unnecessary.) Tommy Lee Jones, as the victim’s father, a retired M.P. and current gravel hauler who presses the investigation forward when the military looks for an easy way out, has just the right amount of starch in his performance, touchingly repressed. Charlize Theron on the other hand, as the beleaguered civilian cop who eventually takes an interest, is per-haps more emotional than you want from a cop, but not more glamorous, with man-nish attire, no makeup, and her hair parted in the middle and pulled back as severely as Emily Dickinson’s. The rest of the cast has been carefully chosen down to the smallest role, with special mention reserved for Su-san Sarandon, Jason Patric, James Franco, Jake McLaughlin, Wes Chatham, Josh Brolin, Barry Corbin, and, nonchalantly topless in her mid-fifties, Frances Fisher.

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★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; MIRA MESA 18; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Kingdom — A remedial history lesson on U.S. -Saudi relations, behind the opening credits, introduces a hypothetical massacre of a hundred-plus American citizens at an oil-company picnic, the handiwork of an “Osama wannabe.” Speedily onto the scene — where were they on 9/11? — comes an FBI response team (Jamie Foxx, the take-charge family man; Jennifer Garner, the token superwoman; Chris Cooper, the token good actor; Jason Bateman, the obligatory wiseacre), to take names and kick ass, but first to burn the ears of the local Saudi investigator with their salty Free Speech. (Ashraf Barhom, in the part, is as likable as he is expendable.) Director Peter Berg’s bob-and-weave camera, that cliché of immediacy and urgency, is a continual annoyance, and in the climactic action is worse than that. Our inability to follow what’s happening can scarcely convince us it’s actually happening. 2007.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

King of California — Twelve-pound ham: Michael Douglas, looking like an escapee of *Treasure Island*, as a bipolar



The Heartbreak Kid

jazzman dragging along his long-suffering daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) on a quixotic quest for a buried cache of 17th-century doubloons. The background music keeps insisting, to no avail, that this is a romp. Colorful bit part for Kathleen Wilhoite as a weekday Costco drone and weekend swinger. Written and directed by Mike Cahill. 2007.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/11)

Labyrinth — In outline, it sounds like a children’s story an adult could endorse and enjoy. But “in detail” is another matter. A self-absorbed teenager, put out at having to babysit her little brother, invokes the gob-

lins to take him away (she has been rehearsing a play coincidentally called *The Labyrinth*, about goblins stealing a child). To her chagrin, they do just that, and now she has to exercise some selflessness and fetch him back. The creatures, alas, are under the direction of Jim Henson (the Muppet man), or in other words are about as menacing as Woolworth’s toy department; and David Bowie’s Goblin King, with a Tina Turner-ish Kabuki haircut, is like an obliging guest star on TV’s *The Muppets Show*. Written by Terry Jones (the Monty Python man); photographed by Alex Thomson; with Jennifer Connelly. 1986.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 10/13 MIDNIGHT)

The Last Winter — Eco-horror film — or in the words of a heedless oil prospector, “some global-warming shit” — about nature in revolt at the Arctic Circle. A slow first hour, but eventually a few decent special effects on a flagrantly frugal budget.

With Ron Perlman, James LeGros, Connie Britton, and Kevin Corrigan; written and directed by Larry Fessenden. 2007.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 10/11)

Lust, Caution — Under the rare “NC-17” rating, filmmaker Ang Lee shows his high-mindedness by keeping us waiting an hour and a half for the hot stuff (borderline hardcore action, laced with S&M, the doll-faced newcomer Tang Wei as an unprotesting sex toy), and another hour and ten minutes still to go. What we wait through, or wade through, is a stagnant spy drama about a resistance cell formed of zealous theater students in Second World War-time Shanghai, plotting the assassination of a “cautious” (but lustful) collaborator with the occupying Japanese. The director, straight off *Brokeback Mountain*, reportedly cut the film by some fifty minutes for the more puritanical Chinese market, while, in his own assessment, perfectly preserving the spirit of the thing. Inasmuch as there are scarcely fifty minutes of hot stuff, scarcely even five, we must suppose he has cut through some of the stagnancy as well. (And maybe, more regrettably, the very messily violent knife murder, as difficult and clumsy a killing as that of the gum-chewing KGB man in Hitchcock’s *Torn Curtain*.) Frankly, it might have been preferable to see the shorter version over here. The entire course of the plot, the height or depth of passion it strives for, can be taken as a kind of tribute to the magnetism of Tony Leung, even in the role of a sadistic quisling. But although you can see at the end of it where it wanted to get to, you cannot see, from all that came before, how it ever expected to get there. 2007.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/12)

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POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN
DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18;
TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/12)

Resident Evil: Extinction — Post-apocalyptic posturing, in an ankle-length duster, with two sheathed machetes, by a feminine Mad Max, or to be more exact an Angry Alice, a plasticity, poreless, yet perspiry Milla Jovovich. The door is left wide open to a third sequel. With Ali Larter, Oded Fehr, and Iain Glen; directed by Russell Mulcahy. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;

MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead — Tom Stoppard's scholarly jest (undergraduate-level), fleshing out two Shakespearean spear-carriers, reaches the screen a generation late, and demonstrates already that it lacks something of *Hamlet's* timelessness. Stoppard, directing the show himself, sets out to compensate for any dimmed cleverness by trying hard, harder.

too hard — beginning with the blues-and-howling-dog musical overture and carried on in the Laurel-and-Costello comedy duo of Gary Oldman and Tim Roth as Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, or Guildenstern and Rosencrantz. With Richard Dreyfuss and Iain Glen. 1990.

● (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 10/11, 7 P.M.)

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 Kudo, Yvan Attal, Noémie Lenoir, Roman Polanski, and Max von Sydow; directed by Brett Ratner. 2007.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Shoot 'Em Up — Video-game violence accompanied by headbanger heavy metal and leavened (if that's the word) with lead-balloon jokes. Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti, and Monica Bellucci, who ought to be ashamed of themselves at any wage, serve as

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

**CENTRAL
CLAIREMONT**

Town Square 14

4665 **Clairement Drive (858-274-1234)**
Eastern Promises (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:45)
5:15, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45,
9:55; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 1:35, 2:30) 4:15, 5:10, 6:55,
7:50, 9:35 Sun. (11:50, 1:35, 2:30) 4:15, 5:10,
6:55, 7:50, 9:25; **Feast of Love (R)** Fri.-Sat.
(11:55, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10 Sun. (11:55,
2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:00; **Feel the Noise**
(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:15
Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:00; **The Final
Season (PG)** Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; **The Game Plan**
(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:10, 6:50, 9:30 Sun.
(1:40) 4:10, 6:50, 9:20; **The Heartbreak Kid**
(R) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; **The Jane
Austen Book Club** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:15)
7:25; **The Kingdom (R)** Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:20)
4:55, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30,
9:55; **Michael Clayton (R)** Fri.-Sat. (1:30)
4:25, 7:10, 9:55 Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45;
The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (PG) Fri.-
Sat. (11:35, 2:00) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25 Sun. (11:35,
2:00) 4:35, 7:00, 9:15; **Superbad (R)** Fri.-Sat.
(11:40) 4:45, 9:50 Sun. (11:40) 4:45, 9:40; **3:10
to Yuma (R)** Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
Sun. (1:45) 4:20, 7:05, 9:30; **We Own the
Night (R)** Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35,
10:25 Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:05

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Balls of Fury (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:30, 8:10; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **The Final Season** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:50, 8:00; **I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 8:05; **In the Shadow of the Moon** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 5:30, 8:15; **In the Valley of Elah** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:10; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:55; **Shoot 'Em Up** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (2:55) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; **Sydney White** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:25) 5:05, 7:45; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; **War** (R) Fri.-Sun. 5:30p.m.; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Across the Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.
 (12:50, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Eastern Promises**
 (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 7:20, 9:55; **Elizabeth:**
The Golden Age (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35,
 5:10) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:10,
 7:50, 10:20; **Feel the Noise** (PG-13) Fri.
 (12:35, 2:45, 5:00) 7:35, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:35,
 2:45) 5:00, 7:35, 9:40; **Good Luck Chuck** (R)
 Fri. (12:00, 2:20, 4:55) 7:05, 9:25 Sat.-Sun.
 (12:00, 2:20) 4:55, 7:05, 9:25; **Halloween** (R)
 Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 5:05) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.-Sun.
 (12:05, 2:25) 5:05, 7:40, 10:00; **The Heart-**
break Kid (R) Fri. (12:10, 12:55, 2:40, 3:40,
 5:15) 6:50, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:10,
 12:55, 2:40, 3:40) 5:15, 6:50, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15;
The Jane Austen Book Club (PG-13) Fri.-
 Sun. (12:45p.m.); **Michael Clayton** (R)
 Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 7:30, 10:10; **The Seeker:**
The Dark Is Rising (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:30,
 4:50) 7:40, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50,
 7:40, 9:50; **Stardust** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 4:10)
 7:10, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50;
Superbad (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:30) 7:15, 9:45; **We**
Own the Night (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 1:00,
 3:00, 3:50) 6:45, 7:25, 9:35, 10:05

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Across the Universe (PG-13); **The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford** (R); **The Darjeeling Limited** (R); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Michael Clayton** (R); **The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising** (PG); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R)

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8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Eastern Promises (R) Fri. 4:30, 9:55 Sat.-Sun.
11:20, 4:30, 9:55; **In the Valley of Elah** (R)
Fri.-Sun. 1:50, 7:10; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-
Sun. 1:30, 4:40, 8:00; **Labyrinth** (PG) Sat.
11:55p.m.; **Lust, Caution** (NC-17) Fri.-Sun.
1:20, 4:50, 8:15; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40,
4:20, 7:00, 9:45

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The Assassination of Jesse James by the
Coward Robert Ford (R); The Bourne Ulti-
matum (PG-13); The Brave One (R); Eastern
Promises (R); Elizabeth: The Golden Age
(PG-13); Feel the Noise (PG-13); The Game
Plan (PG-13); Good Luck Chuck (R); The

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
After This Our Exile (No Rating) Sun.
 8:00p.m.; **Air Guitar Nation** (R) Fri. 7:00p.m.;
American Pastime (No Rating) Sat.
 (2:30p.m.); **And Thereafter II** (No Rating) Fri.
 5:15p.m.; **Baby** (No Rating) Fri. 9:30p.m.;
Blackout (No Rating) Sat. 8:45p.m.; **Dark**
Matter (No Rating) Sat. 5:10p.m.; **The Heart-**
break Kid (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30,
 10:30 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30; **The High**
Rollers (No Rating) Fri. 8:30p.m.; **Hula Girls**
 (No Rating) Sun. 4:30p.m.; **I'm a Cyborg, But**
That's OK (No Rating) Sat. 6:00p.m.; **The In-**
heritance (No Rating) Sun. 7:45p.m.; **Isabella**
 (No Rating) Sun. 7:30p.m.; **Men of Hula** (No
 Rating) Sat. (4:00p.m.); **Michael Clayton** (R)
 Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun.
 (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Nanking** (NR) Sat.
 (1:00p.m.); **New Year Baby** (No Rating) Fri.
 5:30p.m.; **No Regret** (No Rating) Sun.
 5:15p.m.; **Owl and the Sparrow** (No Rating)
 Sun. (1:45p.m.); **Rainbow Song** (No Rating)
 Sun. 7:00p.m.; **Sentenced Home** (No Rating)
 Sun. (12:15p.m.); **Shanghai Kiss** (No Rating)
 Fri. 6:45p.m.; **Short Film Program** (NR) Fri.
 6:15, 7:15 Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 6:15, 9:30
 Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 5:30; **Special Program** (NR)
 Sat. (2:00p.m.) Sun. (1:00p.m.); **Spookley The**
Square Pumpkin (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.);
The Cats of Mirikitani (No Rating) Sun.
 (3:15p.m.); **The Great Happiness Space**:
Tale of an Osaka Love Thief (No Rating)
 Sat. 7:45p.m.; **The Rebel** (No Rating) Sat.
 (3:15p.m.); **The Trouble With Romance** (No
 Rating) Fri. 9:15p.m.; **Tie A Yellow Ribbon**
 (No Rating) Sun. (2:45p.m.); **Tre** (No Rating)
 Sat. 7:30p.m.; **Undoing** (No Rating) Sat.
 8:30p.m.; **Vanaja** (No Rating) Sun. 5:00p.m.;
The Victim (No Rating) Fri. 9:45p.m.; **We**
Own the Night (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00)
 5:00, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00;
What the Snow Brings (No Rating) Sat.
 (12:00p.m.)

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Across the Universe (PG-13); **The Brave One** (R); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **Feel the Noise** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Michael Clayton** (R); **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R); **The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising** (PG); **Superbad** (R); **3:10 to Yuma** (R); **We Own the Night** (R); **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13)

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For the Bible Tells Me So (No Rating) Fri.
5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

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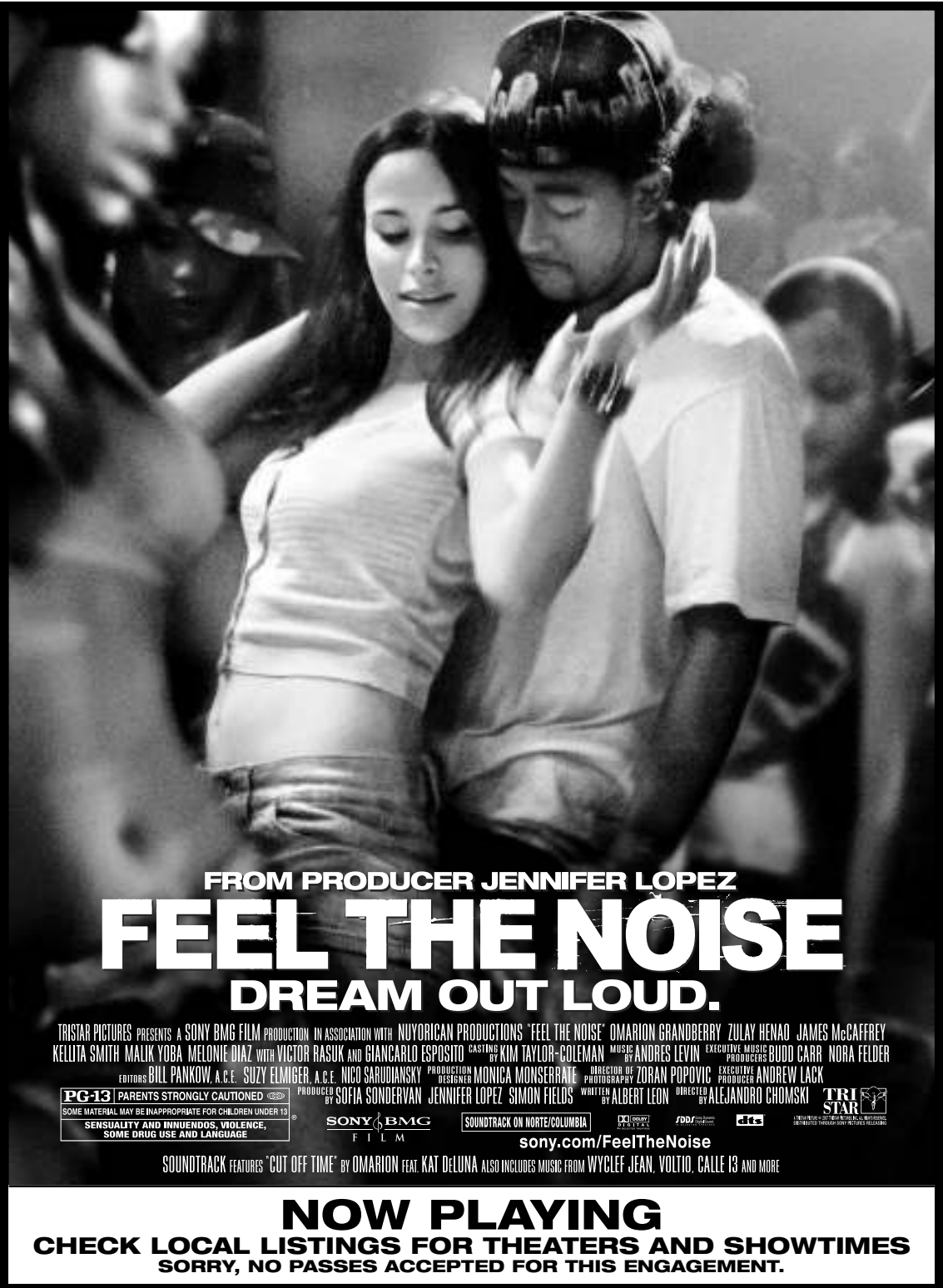
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1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00; **The Living**
Sea (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Mysteries**
of Egypt (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Sea Mon-**
sters: A Prehistoric Adventure (No Rating)
Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00,
3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00

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Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10a.m.



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Days of Being Wild

GEORGE LIN

Associate Festival Director, San Diego Asian Film Festival,
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To anyone familiar with the Hong Kong New Wave cinema of the '80s, Patrick Tam needs no introduction. His 1982 classic *Nomad* confronted realistic topics of sex and violence with unflinching brutality, sending a seismic shockwave throughout the film industry. He's also widely regarded as Wong Kar-wai's teacher and as the editor of the infamous scene with Tony Leung Chiu-wai at the end of Wong's *Days of Being Wild*.

But after his award-winning 1989 film, *My Heart Is That Eternal Rose*, Tam stopped directing and turned to film editing on select projects, one of them being Wong Kar-wai's *Ashes of Time*. Nearly 17 years later, he has returned to directing. You can see his latest — *After This Our Exile* — starring Aaron Kwok and Charlie Yeung, at this week's 2007 San Diego Asian Film Festival.

NOMAD (Hong Kong) 1982, Mei Ah

List price: \$10.99

DAYS OF BEING WILD (Hong Kong) 1991, Kino Video
List price: \$29.95

MY HEART IS THAT ETERNAL ROSE (Hong Kong) 1989, Mei Ah
List price: \$18.99

ASHES OF TIME (Hong Kong) 1994, CAV Distribution
List price: \$17.99



Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance

MYE HOANG

Associate Director, San Diego Asian Film Foundation

No prior knowledge of renowned artist Edward Burtynsky is needed to appreciate this fascinating documentary about his lifework producing large-scale photographs depicting man's destructive alteration of nature: *Manufactured Landscapes* follows Burtynsky through Asia as he creates images of the shocking realities of China's industrial revolution and the effects on the global environment. Wisely, the film never lectures; the visual evidence says it all.

South Korean director Park Chan-wook is best known in the U.S. for his ultraviolent *Oldboy*. Yet, prior to that film's cult sensation, he made *Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance*, a violent film about a brother's desperate attempt to get a kidney transplant for his sister and the consequences of revenge. The film offers fully developed characters that do both wrong and right, then builds empathy for each until it explodes in a shocking finale that can only be described as an emotional punch to the stomach.

MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES (Canada) 2006, Zeitgeist
List price: \$29.99

SYMPATHY FOR MR. VENGEANCE (South Korea) 2002, Tartan Asia Extreme
List price: \$19.95



Eve and the Fire Horse

LEE ANN KIM

KGTV anchor and executive director, San Diego Asian Film Foundation

Tokyo Drift, the third installment of the *Fast and Furious* series, offers amazing sequences of "drifting," a fascinating sport that originated in Japan, and the exciting subculture surrounding it. Lots of eye candy. Extras include commentary by director Justin Lin (whose *Finishing the Game* opens this year's SDAFF). He gives candid insights about casting and aesthetic decisions. Bonus features show fun footage of cast wiping out and an explanation of the real-life sport and Japanese culture.

Eve and the Fire Horse won Best Narrative Feature at the 2006 SDAFF. This is a magical film about life, death, and faith through the eyes of a nine-year-old Chinese girl. Starring Vivian Wu, it's an engaging story about the nuances of childhood, with some great acting, humor, and heartfelt moments. First-time feature director Julia Kwan gained critical acclaim with this film at Sundance. It's a story most can only see on DVD.

THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT (USA) 2006, Universal
List price: \$19.98

EVE AND THE FIRE HORSE (Canada) 2005, Mongrel Media
List price: \$35.95

rubber-duck decoys to lure in the unwary. It seems far more honest and honorable to leave this sort of thing to the likes of Jason Statham and Vin Diesel. Written and directed by Michael Davis. 2007.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Stardust — Facetious fairy tale located in a magical kingdom within Merry Old England, populated by an ardent suitor, a grasping innamorata, 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

3:10 to Yuma — Honest-to-gosh Western, a rare sight in the 21st Century, thick as fleas fifty years earlier, when the original *3:10* arrived. The remake is done in the decadent style of shades-of-brown realism, luxuriantly whiskered and shaggy-haired, yet preening and grandiose, with amplified passions, topographical sprawl, and an overblown (and significantly altered) climax. Christian Bale, Russell Crowe, Ben Foster, Peter Fonda, Logan Lerman, and

Gretchen Mol; directed by James Mangold. 2007.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; 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; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Trade — Exposé of sex trafficking in the Cyberspace Age, centering on an abducted thirteen-year-old Mexican girl (Paulina Gaitan) and a duped Polish immigrant and single mother (Alicja Bachleda), transported from Mexico City to New Jersey for an Internet auction, and on the *ad hoc* res-

cue team composed of the Mexican girl's guilt-ridden brother (Cesar Ramos) and a lone-wolf American cop (Kevin Kline) on the trail of a missing daughter of his own. Based on a nonfiction piece from the *New York Times*, and directed by the German Marco Kreuzpaintner, the film is slightly, sullyingly educational, but its relationships and conflicts (presumably based on deficient imagination) are rudimentary. Particularly off-putting is the spectacle of the brother setting aside his guilt and striking comical sparks with the gringo (the classical music on the car stereo is torture to him) in an apparent attempt to become the next Diego Luna, Latin cutie-pie. 2007. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/11)

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. ● (LA PALOMA, FROM 10/12)

The Usual Suspects — Is this a ripple in the inevitable Tarantino backwash? The ca-



We Own the Night

per plotline is snipped into nonsequential segments, and the dialogue runs harum-scarum for the four-letter words and their compounds. (Unusually amusing example: five participants in a police lineup perform-

ing their different interpretations of "Hand me the keys, you fucking cocksucker.") End, or close to it, of Tarantino correspondences. The emergence of a mythical omniscient shadowy arch villain improbably

yclept Keyser Söze — the mere mention of whose name in underworld circles produces an effect comparable to the mention of E.F. Hutton in old TV ads — pushes the proceedings more toward Fu Manchu and

Prof. Moriarty. And the further the villain emerges from the shadows, the less believable he becomes. In the bigger picture: the more you know of the plot, the less sense it makes. It's too bad, because the assembled actors — Gabriel Byrne, Stephen Baldwin, Kevin Spacey, Kevin Pollak, Benicio Del Toro, Chazz Palminteri, Pete Postlethwaite — are vividly individualized, especially visually. And the young director, Bryan Singer, is clearly conscientious and resourceful. Most memorable moment: the two-gun Baldwin patiently lining up two moving targets and taking them out simultaneously. 1995. ★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/11 THROUGH 13, 8:30 P.M.)

We Own the Night — Reviewed this issue. With Joaquin Phoenix, Mark Wahlberg, Robert Duvall, and Eva Mendes; written and directed by James Gray. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/12)

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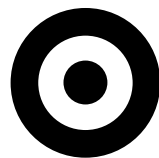
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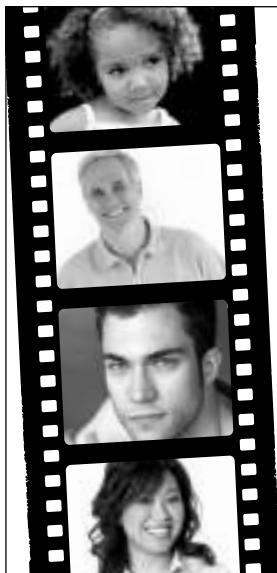
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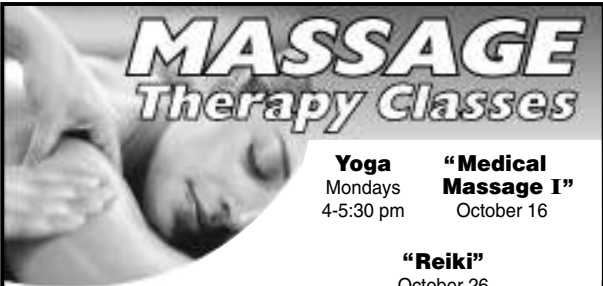
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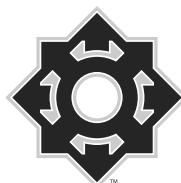
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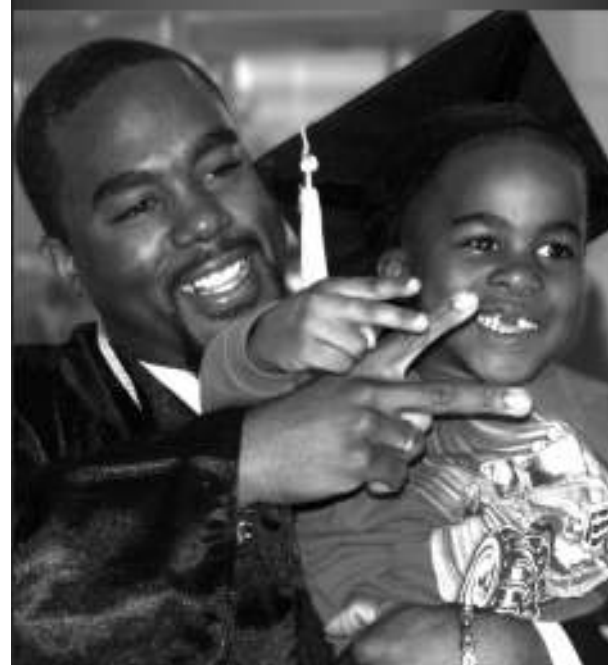
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- Reunion grp.
- Dunderhead
- Org. whose Web site features DoctorFinder
- Slasher film weapon
- Mail Boxes ____
- Its served by Gulf Air: Abbr.
- Peace, to Pedro
- Game pieces
- Stephen of “V for Vendetta”
- Lic. issuer
- Blaze a tennis shot past jazz vibraphonist Jackson?
- Parasitic insects that greet you at your front door?
- Crooner Mel
- Fraudulent activity
- Harrow rival
- Cathedral recess
- Pull (for)
- Dunderhead
- Gaye music
- Like Limburger
- Important issue affecting today's world (it can be seen in 21-, 23-, 49- and 51-Across)
- Cleared of snow
- Have in mind
- Sight along the Mississippi
- Helgenberger of “CSI”
- Sharif of film
- Part of AARP: Abbr.
- Federico of Clinton's cabinet
- Capture
- Arrived at the house soused?
- Something a guy can't help but have?
- Season abroad
- It can be lent or bent
- Contents of some bags
- General on a Chinese menu
- Signal at Sotheby's
- Young Darth Vader's nickname
- “The most complete human being of our age”: Sartre
- Pilot's prediction: Abbr.
- Bear, in Barcelona
- Dwarf with glasses
- Good to go
- “You dirty ____!”

Down

- Revolutionary Emiliano
- Declaration from Sgt. Friday
- Starry-eyed folks
- Foxx with an Oscar
- Olympics jump
- Leases
- It took 358 years to prove his “last theorem”

- First-stringers
- Exam that includes a Biol. Sciences section
- Sitting in on, as a class
- “A Change Is Gonna Come” singer
- Highway limit, perhaps
- Marseilles Mrs.
- Ushered
- Ornette of jazz
- Way to go
- “I'd consider ____ honor”
- “Finding Neverland” role
- Uneven haircut
- Flowering climber
- 1964 Beatles hit
- “If ____ a rich man ...”
- Class in which throwing is allowed
- Clinical trial offering, perhaps
- Kind of system
- Afternoon hour
- Make a difference
- Record label founded by Clive Davis
- Paint again
- Instrument played by Liberoachi at the Cockroach Hall of Fame Museum in Plano, TX
- Winter forecast
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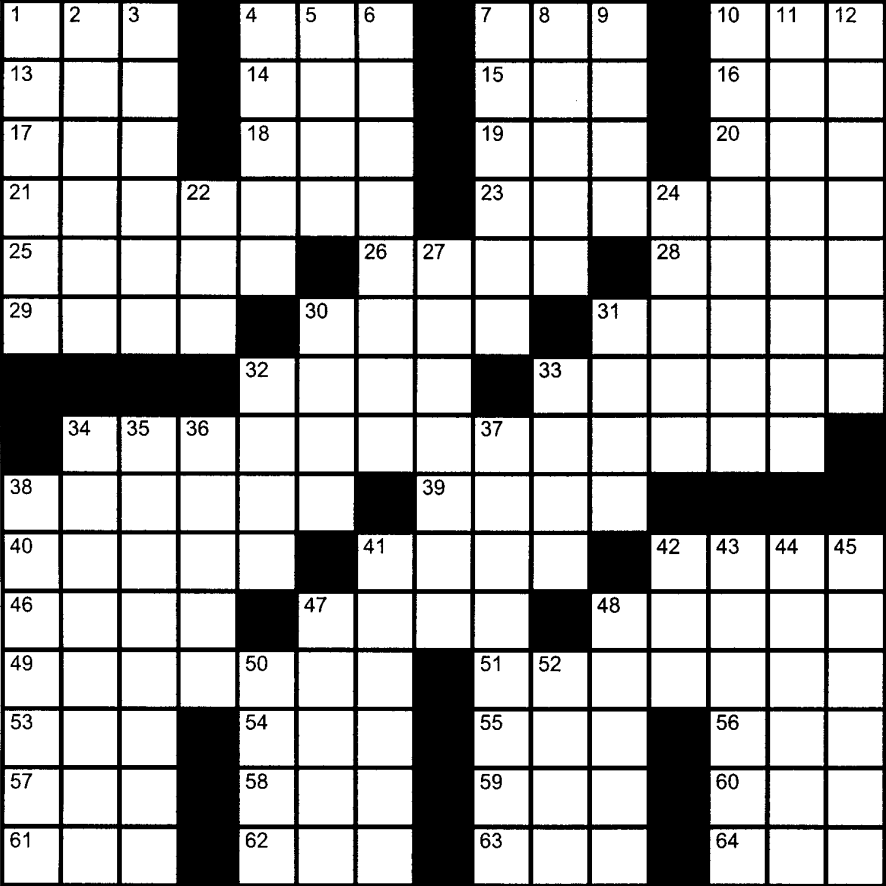
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RESEARCH STUDY. Women living with smoker needed for 9-day research study. Leave message or email TRDRPPDAStudy@projects.sdsu.edu, for more information.

SAVE A LIFE San Diego. 5K Community Walk on Sunday, October 28, Balboa Park (corner 6th and Laurel), 7:30am-12:30pm. Mental illness awareness. No fee. www.savealifewalk.kintera.org.

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It would be funny, I guess, to have the tombstone say “nice try.” I haven’t really thought about what I’d like an obituary to say about me. It could talk about what a good family I had and things like that.



Greta Lund
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My tombstone and obituary could both say “Dog lover, surfer, and friend to all.” I’m very attached to nature. It could mention that I had a good time here, skiing, hiking, swimming, doing yoga, and bicycling. I have kids and would want them to party afterwards and celebrate.



Ron Marr
General Contractor
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It could say, “Try not to get too high, and keep from being too low.” It could say I’m an eternal rock ‘n’ roller that never made it. I had soul, I played every instrument. But ya know, it’s not all about money. I had my life invested in music.



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I would have the tombstone say, “Question Authority.” I just lost my husband, so to think about what I want in my obituary is a hard one. He was my best friend for eight years. We played guitar together; I played lead, and he played rhythm. I travel a lot, selling my jewelry at Ren fairs. I guess my obit can mention my husband and how much I missed him.



Tom Barrios
Post Office
Mira Mesa

I already decided I’m going to be cremated. So, there wouldn’t be anything written on a tombstone. Regarding an obituary — wow — I haven’t really given it much thought. I would want it to talk about my family, and, if there was some way, to convey how lucky I’ve been in life. With everything, I was in a car accident that should’ve killed me. I used to do a lot of crazy things in my younger days that I should’ve gone to jail for. I think I’m lucky that I am still around.



Joy Stone
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It may sound weird, but I go to this website called Death Clock. They ask you info about yourself, your birth, if you’re pessimistic, naughty, good, a politician, if you smoke, whatever. They then look at average lifespan, and they give you a date you’ll die. Mine was February 16, 2060. I had a teacher once that told us about a grave in England, so this isn’t the most original, but they loved BBQ so much they put a grill into his grave. I would want to do something like that. It would be unique, and an awesome urn.

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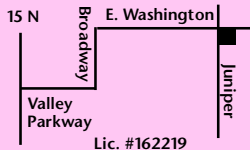
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Name: Lisa Spears

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Lives: L.A.

Surfs: La Jolla Shores

Lisa Spears lives in Los Angeles but travels the California coast in search of surf spots. She counts La Jolla Shores as a favorite. She rides an 8' Robert Smith board (dubbed "Mello Yellow") and describes her style as "always just cruising." She and her husband have spent many weekends surfing and picnicking here, but that's not why La Jolla stands out as her most memorable destination.

"After an afternoon of surfing, my husband [then boyfriend] and I got out to have lunch," says Spears with a smile. "We went to the water's edge to wash off our hands and he had a ring and proposed."

On their next trip to La Jolla, Lisa gave her wed-



ding band to her husband for safekeeping. He put it in the key pocket of his wetsuit. When they got out of the water, he removed the wetsuit and washed the sand

out at the shoreline.

"I thought he would lose his ring first and I would have mine forever, but it didn't turn out like that," Spears says. "At least it

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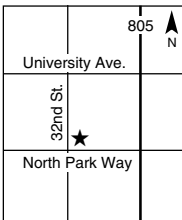
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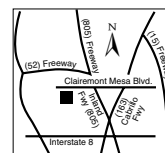


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LEAD STORY

— Ralph Whittington, 57, retired in 2000 as curator of the main reading room at the Library of Congress but was better known as the “King of Porn” for his private collection that he recently sold (500 boxes of it) to the Museum of Sex in New York City. Whittington’s home (which he has shared with his mother since his wife left him) was, before the sale, “packed to the rafters,” said the museum’s buyer to the *Washington Post* in August. “Downstairs, you had to walk side-ways to get through the rooms.” Said Mom, “It’s something he loves. You see men his age going to bars or on dope. But he [was] home day and night [indexing and cross-referencing]. That [gave] me peace of mind.”

Awesome!

— Ferruccio Pilenga recently turned out another class of graduates at his Italian Dog Rescue School, which he says is the only one in the world that trains canines (mostly Newfoundlands with some Labradors) to jump out of helicopters into rough waters for rescues at sea. Pilenga told London’s

Independent in August that it takes about three years to teach them, and that they are of the most use in treacherous waters near rocks, where a rescue boat would be shredded, but his dogs, on long leashes, can fight through flailing arms and get the victim to hold on while the dog is dragged to the rescue vessel.

Not Our Fault

— Dennis and Betty Hager filed a lawsuit in Wilmington, N.C., in July against the school system for causing them emotional pain and suffering by not stopping the love affair between their 16-year-old daughter and the school’s married 40-year-old track coach. However, the Hagers have already signed a form (to satisfy state law) to allow their daughter to marry the coach.
— Helene de Gier filed a lawsuit earlier this year against the National Postcode Lottery of the Netherlands, claiming emotional distress from not winning even though she never entered. That particular lottery picks a geographic postal code at random and awards prizes to all of its residents who have entered that lottery. Since so many of

her neighbors were flaunting prizes, she felt humiliated, she says. Seven people on her street won the equivalent of about \$18 million each.

Latest Human Rights

— “Zero Tolerance” Is Just for the Kids: (1) One Alabama teacher, already fired but awaiting trial on a charge of raping a student, has not only received his regular paychecks for nearly two years and will continue to until the trial is over, but has also been awarded two routine raises, based on a 2004 state law boosting teachers’ rights. (2) The largest school district in Montreal, Quebec, was ordered by an arbitrator to rehire a teacher whom it had fired in 2004 for illegally failing to disclose a conviction for killing his wife. The arbitrator ruled the firing improper, in that homicide is unrelated to the teacher’s classroom work.
— It’s Good to Be a British Prisoner: Britain’s chief inspector of prisons, Anne Owers, included in a recent inspection report of facilities her advice that prison wardens try to improve respect for inmates by having guards address prisoners by their preferred names and knock on cell doors

before entering. A guards’ association spokesman said the suggestion lacked even a “modicum” of sense.

Fine Points of the Law

— Louisiana prosecutors want the death penalty in the first trial for accused serial killer Sean Gillis, but to get that for an individual murder, state law requires an “aggravating circumstance” beyond the murder, such as kidnapping or robbery. At an August hearing, a prosecutor said Gillis had “robbed” his first victim, in that he had absconded with one of her arms and part of a leg. Gillis’s lawyer argued that that was not “robbery,” in that those parts were merely “left over” from the homicide.
— In Abbotsford, Wis., in August, Harvey Miller, 43, and Edwin Marzinske, 55, were both ticketed for DUI while driving the same car. Miller has no legs but was steering; Marzinske was operating the foot pedals. Hence, both men argued to police that neither of them was, by himself, “operating” the car.

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Move-in day proceeded smoothly. Deposit check didn't bounce, and first month's rent was paid early. Her furniture fit perfectly, and she was clean and respectful. I should have known that it was too perfect.

Late on a Sunday night of the first week I received a phone call from a man asking if could I please come and pick up a friend of mine who was walking half-naked down a neighborhood street in Pacific Beach. He tells me that he got her name and my number from an address book in her purse. She is not coherent enough to remember where she lives and can't find her car.

She is extremely intoxicated and apologetic on the drive home. Before I have a chance to ask her how this happened, she says that she is a recovering alcoholic and just had a couple of glasses of wine to forget a recent breakup. She promises that this is a one-time occurrence and that she will not drink again. She promises not to bring alcohol into our apartment. It's after midnight, and I have a meeting at 8 a.m., so I keep the conversation short, but red flags fly

throughout my dreams that night.

The next morning, as I walk out to the kitchen for my morning coffee, I see that our front door is wide open. I look out the door and see her dragging a liter of Bacardi and a case of beer up the long flight of stairs. I tell her she cannot bring that into the apartment and that she must look for a new home and move out by the end of the week. She explains that she must "come down" slowly from her binge and that only alcohol will ease her hang-over. She is crying and mumbling something about not having anything to live for.

She starts drinking and soon passes out in the living room. I go into her room and find her phone book. I reach her mother, and she tells me that her daughter has created hell for the family for the past 30 years and deserves to drink herself to death. A friend of hers I reach confirms that she is past help and has been to rehab many times without success. Since she had finished half a liter of rum and had started

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Four officers arrive within 20 minutes. They wake her and try to communicate. One tells me that there is nothing they can do since she is not a threat to me. I explain that she is definitely a threat to herself.

They handcuff her and escort her out of the apartment to a Medical Health Center. I notice that all of the bottles of wine and alcohol that I was saving for special occasions had been emptied overnight. I leave for work to face the consequences of missing my client meeting.

That night I toss and turn and finally fall asleep around 3 a.m. I am awakened three hours later by the phone. She is sober and apologetic, asking me to come and pick her up and bring her home since she has no transportation. I tell her that I

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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The phone is answered, and the voice I hear is Mort Sahl's.

"In an article in the *Los Angeles Times* [August 8, 1977], you were quoted as saying that there should be 50 comedians doing what you are, but there aren't any."

"What about David Brenner, Robert Klein, Chevy Chase?"

"Brenner does the New York/airline stewardess bit, Klein is a traditional monologist, and Chase has a whole flock of writers who do his work. The same is true about women. Gracie Allen was funny. Carol Burnett is funny. Lily Tomlin thinks she's funny, but sometimes she's anti-working class."

—**"SAHL: THE THINKING MAN'S RIOT,"** *E.J. Rackow, October 13, 1977*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Why would the Ralphs supermarket chain want to build a new store on the parking lot of the former Sports Arena FedMart? Ralphs already has a handsome wood-and-glass market in the Midway Towne Center, just a half mile west at Midway Drive and West Point Loma Boulevard....

—**"FOOD CHAIN MAY THROW UP ANOTHER OUTLET,"** *Neal Matthews, October 14, 1982*

Twenty Years Ago

According to Bustamante, other studies have established that between 45 and 50 percent of the total flow of Mexican migrants to the United States is through the city limits of Tijuana, and 75 percent of *that* is through the soccer field, which is known by the Mexicans as Cañon Zapata.

—**"CITY LIGHTS: 'GIVE US YOUR NUMBERS,'"**

Jeanette De Wyze, October 15, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

Yeah, I work at a downtown hotel — let's call it the Farmer. Night manager. More like a glorified, janitor-bouncer-babysitter for a zoo-full of strange things, which are sometimes not quite human and sometimes all too human.

The electrical system has to be the living nightmare of every fireman in downtown San Diego. Open wires spliced to bare wires. Switches that have no covers and were probably conceived by Edison. Switches that invite involuntary electrocution. Bulbs hanging by exposed wires dangling from the ceiling.

—**"RESERVATIONS,"** *Lawrence Freeman,*

October 15, 1992

Ten Years Ago

He stands with a solid, bovine mixture of contentment and resignation until — *BANG!* — the bullet disappears into his skull and then his legs fold and he drops straight down and rolls on his side and kicks and gasps as the eight-inch butcher knife saws an opening in his neck. A few more great kicks at the air and his motion stops, but the blood will keep pouring from that hole for a long while yet.

The blood is blood-red; other reds do not describe it, it describes other reds. A girl washes the concrete with a hose while he bleeds out, and the blood feathers out in the water as they stream together toward a sewer grating, leaving long black clots that must be helped along by the direct spray of the hose.

Randi, a reticent 13-year-old girl, was "very fond of him. I couldn't watch him get shot." But she can watch him be skinned and gutted.

—**"PISTOL PETE WAS FAT IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES,"**

Matthew Lickona, October 16, 1997

Five Years Ago

While David Westerfield prepares for life in prison or an endless series of appeals from death row, most San Diegans have overdosed



San Diego Reader, October 16, 1997

on opinions about his guilt or innocence. One group that has not been heard from, however, is the inmates at downtown's central jail, where Westerfield was held during his trial.

Michael Collins, 34, was jailed for possession of a methamphetamine pipe and spent none of his time watching the Westerfield trial. "None of the other inmates watched it either. We were wondering where he was. They all thought he was guilty. Me too. With all the forensics evidence? Yeah. You bet your ass. When the law gets you, man, the law gets you."

—**"CITY LIGHTS: 'BURN HIM ALIVE,'"** *Robert Kumpel,*

October 10, 2002

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Life is good. Well, let's just say my life is way better than yours. Just this week, I have slept with six different beautiful women. I have been in three different dope cities and dined at some of America's best restaurants, most of it comped. I had a money-counting session with some koi fish Japanese guys I know — let's just say it required a money counter. And I have done it all while puffing on cigarettes and being swathed in custom made Italian fabrics. By the way, how was your week?

But it always wasn't like this. There are many moves and lessons I have picked up along the way, many during childhood. Here are some of them:

Get a Good Running Partner

Back in elementary school, first grade, I met one of my best friends, who became very instrumental in my becoming an International Playboy. The first day of school, we had a new kid come to class; let's call him "Jason." So, anyway, when the teacher was trying to go over our lessons, Jason starts picking up cockroaches and throwing them at all the little girls in our class. You can imagine that the shrieking from the girls was deafening. Personally, I was laughing my head off. He was soon sent out of class to sit in the hall. I noticed that the

girls actually kind of liked him. I was too young to care, but I did etch it in my young skull that maybe being a "nice guy" wasn't the best way to get girls.

Later, during recess, I saw Jason playing on the monkey bars, and I could see he had mad skills. Back flips off the monkey bars and such. I approached him. I think I said something like, "I know you're new here and don't have any friends. I really love your material. That whole cockroach thing was genius. You and I need to team up. I think we can do well together." He agreed. He became my first "running partner." See, I was a great idea man, and I needed someone with heart to help carry out my schemes. Jason was it. We pulled off a lot of great heists together, and later in life, Jason's climbing ability, utter disrespect for authority, and fearlessness made him a great second-story man.

Style and Smoking

When I was in, I think, third grade, my family and I went on a trip to Northern Ireland. I remember my dad took me to meet some of my relatives —



IRA, all of them. My uncle, who dressed in the Irish IRA height of fashion for those days — black leather jacket, black slacks, and Irish flat cap — was sitting on the back of a truck. Then I saw him take a "strike-anywhere" match, strike it on the bumper of the truck, and light his cigarette. I was awestruck. It was the

coolest thing I had ever seen done in my young life (probably even cooler than Jason's cockroach thing). Puro cool. Uncut raw like the Toro at Nobu London. I also noticed that two fly girls, Irish Lasses — one red-head with freckles, the other brunette — looked over at him and giggled. He subtly ignored them. There were so many things I learned that day. Not the least was that I realized I liked girls with freckles. Most importantly, I learned how to have true style, and that if you want true style, you are going to have to smoke. No way around it.

Cash and Making It

When I hit the fourth grade, I wanted to start making some dough like a bakery. I remember at the time that Bubble Yum and Bubblicious were in a marketing war. All the kids wanted the stuff. There was high demand. I decided I was going to be the supply. My crew and I would skip

school or go after school to our local deli and buy packs of gum (five pieces per pack). We would find returnable Coke bottles to help finance our operation. Let's say the gum cost 25 cents per pack. We would then sell the gum for 10 cents apiece. We were doubling our money and soon had a bankroll. We used Billy (the bully) for protection and collections. We also learned not to "get high on our own supply" and chew up all our profits.

My friend Jason had the idea that if we stole the gum we would be making all profit. This worked great until we got caught. We learned never to screw over our supplier. I also learned that it's good business to buy something in bulk and to sell off the pieces. Most importantly, I learned that if you had something "illegal" and had cash, girls were drawn to you. In my case, it was a girl named "Claudia," the daughter of an Argentinean diplomat. She was beautiful, rich, classy, and crazy fly — Claudia had great style. And she was down with me. If I think about it, my life with women has really gone all downhill from that point. Of course, I didn't swoop her — I had no game nor interest in girls at that age. But I did notice that showing no interest made Claudia want me more. I did make a mental note of all this, but I will admit, I blew it. C'est la vie.

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AUSTRIA IS NOT MEXICO. That's the slogan Ron and I devised after our third day in Vienna. The whole slogan goes, "Hey, settle down, man. This isn't Mexico," which means: There are rules you aren't following and I am going to bitch you out for it because we are a stern people. This is not a loose country where you can run wild and naked in the streets. You will behave while staying in Austria!

Half of Austria had bitched us out a hot minute after we'd stumbled from the cabin of our plane. "This is not where you wait in line for the bankomat!" a woman barked at me. I'd been in Vienna half the time it takes to boil an egg and already somebody had gone berserk on my ass.

"Vy are you stoppink here!?" a man in a striped sweater and argyle socks screamed, shaking and spitting, at Ron. "Zis is the bike path. You cannot stop your bike here!" And the perturbed gentleman rang his little bell to punctuate his smug statement with a *bbring, bbring*.

Polizei pulled us over for running a red light on bikes. A woman barked at us for sitting in the wrong spot and eating ice cream. I'm not making that up. "You cannot eat that here!" she hollered in my face, her bulbous nose and jawline flexed with every angry syllable. We were in a park. Apparently, the rule is no ice cream in Viennese parks. I had no idea.

Across that whole city I overstepped yellow lines, broke invisible barriers, and fled wailing from authorities because of a law that I wasn't aware of.

Part of me wanted to quit, pack it in, spend the rest of my European vacation in a hotel room watching German game shows and drinking mai tais from room service. The other half of my struggling psyche appreciated the input; I was not behaving properly and someone was letting me know instead of letting me run rampant like a fraternity teenager through the streets. (And, in Vienna, "run rampant" meant "touch the glass of a department-store window, leaving a smudge," thus necessitating a holy, righteous, ass-chewing.)

By my fifth day in Vienna, I was Viennese. I wore my scarf tight against my stiff collar and walked a rigid line. On our last night there, in the hotel lobby, a British man got bombed watching a rugby match and pawed a waitress. I grabbed him by the shoulder and hollered, "Hey, settle down, man! This isn't Mexico!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

RACHEL RAY

ABC 9:00 A.M.

Congratulations, Rachel. You've won the prestigious Biggest Eyebrow award. That thing on your forehead climbs around like an angry orangutan in a cluttered rumpus room. Your prize is a dead frog and a pinch on the butt.

UGLY BETTY

ABC 8:00 P.M.

The far better show is *Amish Zombie* on Channel KZBXTVQ. He has no buttons or snaps, only a thirst for brains that cannot be slaked. The only thing capable of stopping him is being run over by a car. Not because he disagrees with the technology of it, but because you run just about anything over with a car and that'll get the job done.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

ANDERSON COOPER

CNN 7:00 P.M.

I have an investigation ripe for Anderson Cooper to crack wide open. Here's the thing: if we take cows' milk and put it in cartons and stick in fluorescent-shelved grocery stores, what do baby cows eat? It makes you think, doesn't it? No, it doesn't. Because you don't care about this nation's baby bovine crisis — you're kind of a jerk.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

CAKE

CBS 8:00 A.M.

Cake does not require ketchup. Trust me. I learned that one the hard way and so did the fine residents of that retirement home. You try to do something nice for somebody and it

comes out all barbed wire and handcuffs. Police involvement and a stun gun shouldn't be the first thing a person goes for, but the elderly are twitchy.

AMERICAN WEDDING

USA 6:00 P.M.

Welcome to marriage. Now, all the world is your nightstand, but there's a fly in your water. It's the middle of the night, your throat is dry like the floor of an auto-body shop, and you reach for it. You don't need to turn on the lamp. Open your mouth; pay no attention to the tiny flapping wings. Till death, buddy. Till DEATH!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

LIFE IS WILD

CW 8:00 P.M.

This one time in Hungary, I got a little blitzed on Slovakian beer and stumbled out onto the moonlit cobblestone. On a bridge, I passed a man; he sat on the thick, rough concrete ledge and looked into the flowing Danube River, the color of strong tea. I knew he would jump if I didn't do something, so I pulled him by his shoulders and pinned him to a street lamp and shouted at him. He didn't speak English and my Hungarian stops at "Thank you," which sounds like "*kosonome*." An hour of holding him there and he said it — "*kosonome*" — and we separated and walked away from each other.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

RODEO

FSN 8:00 P.M.

Once I get funding, my chihuahua rodeo will be bigger than McDonald's. Think about it. Everyone loves tiny dogs and the rodeo. What could be better than to combine the two? Now, I only need to find something that will ride a Chihuahua. Perhaps a lemur or a wind-up robot. Go, Pepe! Buck, Pepe! Buck!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

THE SALT-N-PEPA SHOW

VH1 8:00 P.M.



Life is Wild

Holy fancy Christmas. I mean, I've hoped, but I never thought it would really happen. Every night I don my long black wig, grip my black microphone, and belt out about eight different renditions of "What a Man." Sometimes I slow it down. Other times I'm feeling spunky and I really swing my hips and shake my stuffed bra. I never expected this, though. I don't know if "thank you" is enough, VH1.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

I WANT TO LOOK LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL CHEER-LEADER AGAIN

CMT 5:30 P.M.

Oh, honey, you really can't live your life like this. Sure, it would've been nice to marry Biff Banhoff, captain of the football team, but that's over now. Your streaky dye job and those pleated jeans aren't winning any contests, but the kid who sold you printer cartridges yesterday looked down your blouse. It's the little victories we grasp to get us by now, sweetheart. The little victories.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

REPO MEN: STEALING FOR A LIVING

DISCOVERY TIMES 8:00 P.M.

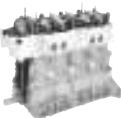
I figure becoming a repo man is my last legal chance to pistol-whip somebody. It looks so cool in the movies. You bust out a revolver and powder somebody right in the beak. Although, maybe this is too ambitious a leap from my current station in life. Perhaps I should start to toughen up by brushing the Cheerios out of my teeth and removing my Spider Man watch.

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