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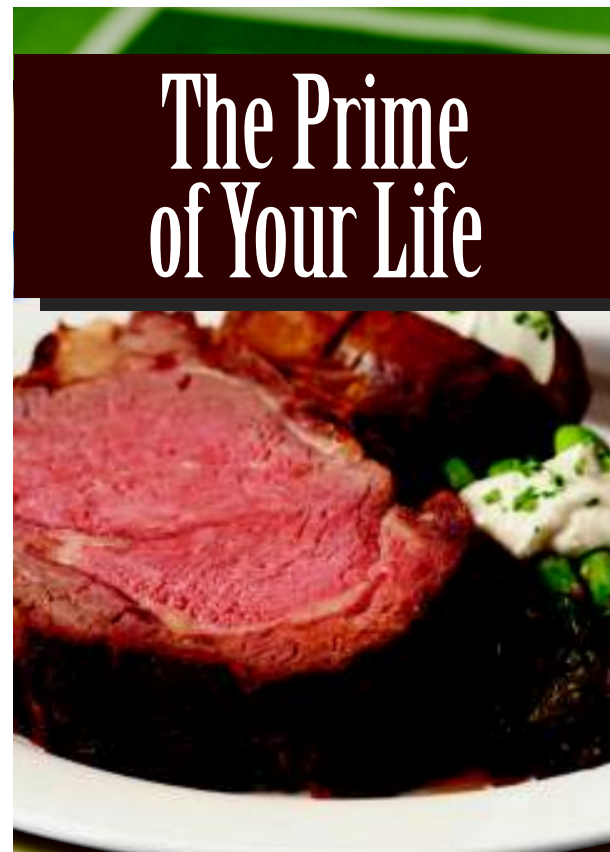
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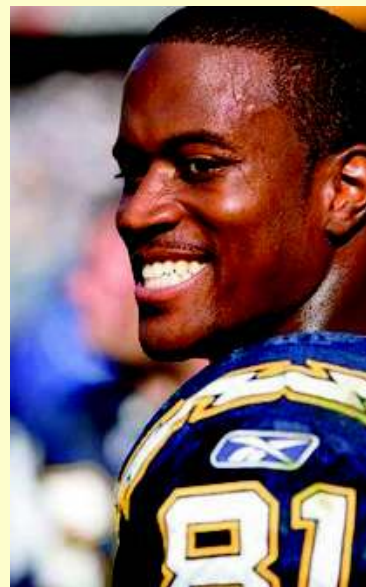
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Black Mountain also contributed \$2500 to the Alpha Project, a social welfare non-profit group. The Barona Band of Mission Indians gave \$5000 to the same charity at Madaffer's behest, as did Atlas Hotels in Mission Valley and Evans Hotels, which has lucrative city leases at Mission Bay and Torrey Pines. Shopping-center owner Westfield Malls, American Medical Response, and the Sycuan Indian tribe each contributed \$2500, and developer **Thomas Sudberry** gave \$5000. Pardee Homes and Allied Waste each contributed \$3500, and AT&T gave \$1000. (According to the Alpha Project's website, each year Madaffer hosts a fund-raising event called Fall Fiesta "to which he invites close friends as well as family for good music, conversation, food, and pumpkin carving.") In addition to that, Evans Hotels, Pardee, AT&T, and Westfield Malls each gave \$2500 to the San Diego Family Justice Center for a fund-raiser called "Wine and Breezes." Sudberry gave \$5000. Other \$2500 donors to the center were Sycuan, Allied Waste, and American Medical Response. SDG&E gave \$10,000. No other officials have yet filed disclosures this year.

Poli-manna San Diego city attorney **Mike Aguirre** hasn't been much of a friend to realtors and development interests during his controversy-filled tenure, so it's probably not that much of a surprise that the local Republican Party — which staged a news conference last week to highlight contributions Aguirre had gotten from some of his underlings — is laden

with real estate and development-industry cash. According to the latest financial disclosure statement, covering the first half of this year, the county's GOP central committee raised a total of \$95,000. Donors included the San Diego Board of Realtors political action committee, which gave \$10,000; the Associated Builders and Contractors, which kicked in \$1000; and the Builders, Associates, Contractors PAC, also down for \$1000. Aguirre has also been talking

lately of reforming local trash-disposal laws with a hefty dose of recycling, and big waste companies that oppose him are also Republican stalwarts; in the latest disclosure period Ware Disposal Company came up with \$1000.

Then there was the GOP's biggest single donor, Atlas Hotels, owned by Mission Valley lodging mogul **Terry Brown**, who for years has been mixing it up at city hall. In March of this year, Aguirre's office reached a \$1 million settlement agreement with Brown's Town and Country Resort Hotel and Convention Center, which in 2005 built an illegal parking lot on one bank of the San Diego River. On April 19, Atlas gave the GOP \$22,360.

My MTV Wealthy La Jolla socialite **Lisa Barkett** has agreed to pay a \$2340 fine for failing to report in a timely fashion a \$10,000 contribution to the unsuccessful June 2006 Democratic gubernatorial primary campaign of **Phil Angelides** and a \$5600 contribution to then-state insurance commissioner **John Garamendi's** campaign for lieutenant governor. Barkett is a former member of the Del Mar Fair board, to which she was appointed in 2004 by then-governor **Gray Davis** after her husband **William**, a major Democratic moneymaker who was once a key backer of ex-assembly speaker **Willie Brown**, gave the Davis campaign \$75,000.

And back in May 2006, *Roll Call*, the Capitol Hill newspaper, reported that the Barketts' daughter **Jacqueline** — once featured on *My Super Sweet 16*, an MTV reality show about rich teenagers given extravagant coming-of-age bashes — had landed an internship in the office of Democratic senator **Harry Reid** of Nevada. Barkett had kicked in \$41,700 to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in 2005 and 2006.

As the presidential campaign season heats up, more and more local money has begun pouring into political coffers. In La Jolla, retired Democratic senator **Dennis DeConcini** gave \$1000 to the state Democratic Central Executive Committee of his home state of Arizona. Pizza parlor magnate **Sami Ladeki** gave \$2000 to the National Republican Congressional Committee in August. **Ellen Revelle**, widow of famed Scripps oceanographer **Roger Revelle**, gave \$1000 to the liberal Emily's List, as did downtown philanthropist **Danah Fayman**, who also gave the same amount to the presidential bid of **Hillary Clinton**. Lawyer and lobbyist **Brian Seltzer** contributed \$1000 to Republican **Mitt Romney's** presidential campaign.

— Matt Potter

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Jim Madaffer



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Golding, McGrory Had Roles in Soledad Slides

By Don Bauder

The same bureaucracy that created the Sun-road fiasco has now brought forth the Mount Soledad calamity, with the enthusiastic

assistance of politicians. The names of the mayors and councilmembers have changed, but the money jingling in their purses and pockets is from the same source: real estate developers.

The genesis of the Mount Soledad crisis was in the mayoral election of 1992. Peter Navarro wanted to prevent the city from turning into a Los Angeles. Susan Golding wanted economic growth at any price. The establishment waged a well-financed hate campaign against Navarro. The economy was in a deep recession, and voters found jobs more enticing than quality of life.

Golding went right to work restructuring government to pay back her supporters. Under

previous mayors, the City had an Environmental Quality Department with its own director, board, and appeals process.



Landslide on Soledad Mountain Road

The public had a role in environmental decisions. But Golding cared only about the comfort of developers. As a symbolic public gesture, one of her aides swapped jackets with a building industry official. She promised to "streamline" the permitting process. The Environmental Quality Department was folded into the Planning Department, which was later put under the Develop-

ment Services Department. Building on a slope made no sense, particularly with the threat of earthquakes or ground-disturbing rumbles from the nearby Rose Canyon Fault.

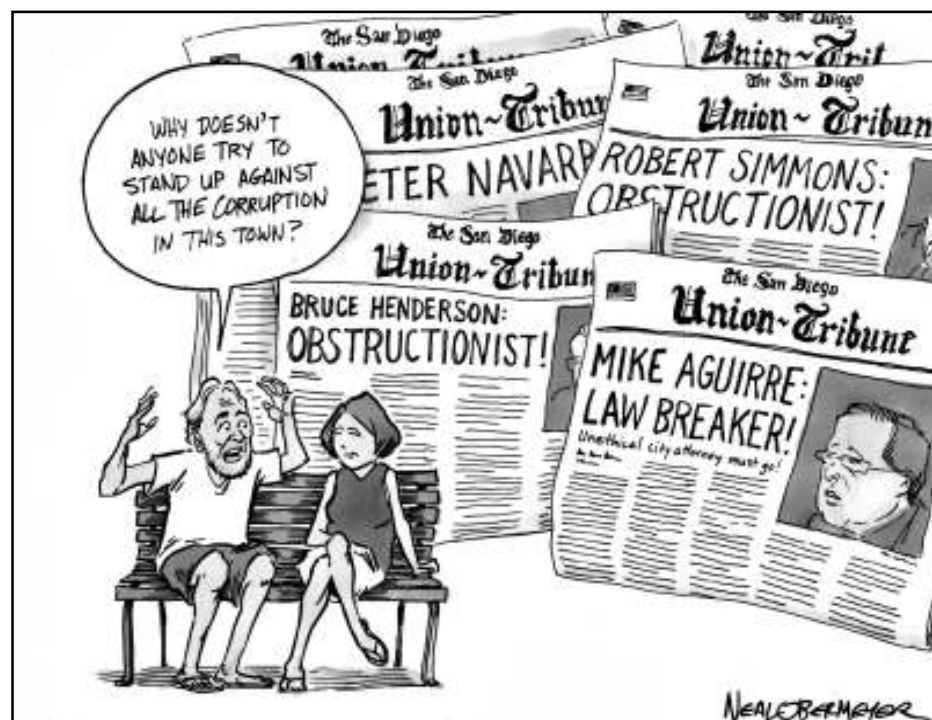
But that bitch goddess, Greed, was too tempting. As La Jolla real estate escalated in value, homes were built on Mount Soledad. The process

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Mission Valley Motion Mixup

By Joe Deegan

If you ever suffer insomnia, you might play the streaming video of a San Diego City Council meeting. While you're at it, check

whether the minutes of the council meeting are accurate. The video of a recent meeting and some of the meeting's minutes don't square too well. During the meeting in question, the council discussed the environmental document for the Pacific Coast Office Building. In September 2006, several community groups successfully appealed the document's approval. The council remanded the document to the Planning Commission, which approved it again with no changes. So, on July 31, the council heard a second appeal by the River Valley Preservation Project, the University Heights Plan-

ident Scott Peters is seen asking deputy city attorney Karen Heumann to state the motion. "As I understand it so far," says Heumann, "you [Frye] are asking that we take action under the municipal code...that you want to set aside the [mitigated negative declaration], that you would like to see an [environmental impact report]. However, you would like to...ask for a continuance..." Heumann goes on to characterize the "continuance" as intended to "clarify your position...in a more specific direction..."

"We have a September 25 date," says Peters. "Is that your motion?"



Mission Valley hillside

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ronmental document change? In the latter case, her request for a continuance would mean the environmental issues have yet to be decided. Such an interpretation would not agree, however, with how Karen Heumann thought she was stating Frye's motion on July 31. In an August 1 e-mail to

by McDade, a member of the City's Charter Review Committee and former chief of staff to ex-mayor Roger Hedgecock. McDade wanted only, he said, to have a full council vote on his client's project. And all members were present. But Seventh District councilman Jim Madaffer, who

ing the mitigated negative declaration."

On September 27, Berkman e-mailed the clerk's legislative recorder, Sara Richardson. "Did any member of the City Council," he asked, "contact you and request that draft...minutes be changed for the July 31 [discussion]

utes. It never goes before City Council for approval and is considered a draft."

Maland then described a process of review that she initiated after learning there was trouble ahead. "It was only after discussing it with Assistant City Attorney Karen Heumann that a question was raised about the continuance," wrote Maland. "Once a question was raised, I asked my staff to research the issue. In deference to the City Attorney, the original Results Sheet reflected her view until we could properly research the item. This research is typical on a contested item..." It involves consultations with the maker of the motion, the seconder, the Director of Legislative Affairs, the Development Services manager for the project, and the City Attorney's office. Only after these talks is a transcript made of "the discussion surrounding the motion and the vote." (Apparently, no representative for the appellants was contacted.)

"My office is independent," Maland went on. "We capture what occurs at City Council meetings. When there is disagreement about a motion or a particular aspect of the minutes or the Results Sheet, my staff conducts extensive research to ensure we 'get it right.' We gather all the facts,

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Randy Berkman



Scott Peters



Karen Heumann



Jim Madaffer



Donna Frye

ning Committee, Friends of San Diego, and the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club. Developer Robert Pollack intends to build the structure at the base of the southern Mission Valley hillside below Normal Heights.

Here's how the minutes of the July 31 meeting record a motion on the Pacific Coast Office Building's mitigated negative declaration. "Motion by [Sixth District councilwoman Donna] Frye to close the public hearing and to continue to...September 25, 2007, to allow Frye...to come back with findings for council's consideration."

A look at the streaming video for the July 31 meeting, however, reveals much that was left out. Council pres-

"That is my motion, Mr. Peters," Frye says.

How to interpret the motion may depend on the meaning of a single word. In Heumann's statement, does "however" only qualify Frye's attempt to make an environmental document change? All along, the appellants have wanted to force the project to provide an environmental impact report rather than the weaker mitigated negative declaration. The latter states only how the owner will compensate for the building's negative environmental effects. The former could result in an order that requires the owner to take the project elsewhere.

Or does "however" signify that Frye wants a continuance instead of the envi-

Randy Berkman, who has fought Pacific Coast for several years, Heumann wrote: "The Council voted to require an [environmental impact report]. Now all that remains is a continued hearing to make...findings in addition to the findings Councilmember Frye already made and/or clarifying findings."

September 25, the day for the continuance, came and went with no resolution. A day earlier, Pollack's attorney Michael McDade sent a letter to each councilmember with a reminder that he would back his client's project with every legal remedy available. It looked as though the council would finally tip its hand on how to handle the Frye motion. Members first listened to a pitch

missed the July 31 meeting, said he could not vote on Pacific Coast Office Building matters until he had seen the video of that day's discussion. He asked for, and was granted, another continuance. The project is now on the docket for next Tuesday, October 23.

Meanwhile, Randy Berkman asked the city clerk's office to explain the change of the Frye motion's wording. He had seen the "Results Sheet" for the meeting. Results Sheets are the first statement of the issues in council motions as transcribed during the meetings. For the Pacific Coast Office Building motion on July 31, the sheet indicated that those issues involved "granting or denying the appeal and upholding or overturn-

of the Pacific Coast Office Building?... Is it not standard practice to record Council motions...exactly as they were stated?"

Richardson did not answer the questions but wrote back, "The motion captures the action of Council.... If you need further clarification, please feel free to come to the Council meeting...when the item will be heard again."

Berkman also filed with the city clerk a California Public Records Act request for e-mails and documents that discuss the item's wording. In an October 3 e-mail promising to fulfill the request, City Clerk Elizabeth Maland wrote to Berkman: "I must caution you that the Results Sheet is not equivalent to the min-

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accelerated in the 1960s. San Diego's housing-compatible land had already been built on, "and what was left were coastal canyons, inland canyons, riverbeds, steep hillsides, coastal bluffs," says Ciani. The phenomenon occurred in several places in the state, such as Malibu, and other places in the county, such as Carlsbad and Solana Beach.

Then in the 1970s and 1980s, the nation, led by California, became more environmentally conscious. The state legislature, noting the shaky topography and erosion-prone soils on Mount

Soledad, tried to rein in development there, with some success. To be sure, some development continued: for example, the Windemere community sprang up in the late 1970s and early 1980s. But the deliberate permitting process slowed down the construction of homes on undevelopable land.

Then came Golding and her city manager, Jack McGrory. Basically, they followed a San Diego guiding principle: the essence of white-collar fraud is contrived complexity. "The old municipal code was done away with," says Joanne Pearson, former president of the La Jolla Town Council and head of its land-use committee. "They did a Humpty Dumpty — splin-

tered it into various processes: procedures, rules, enforcement. It was almost impossible to cross-reference it. Frankly, the only people who have the time and money to do that are builders, architects, and developers."

She recalls telling the city council that the new code was unfathomable. Ron Roberts, then a councilmember and always a lapdog for the building industry, rose to belittle her, asking councilmembers if they didn't understand it. Those councilmembers — known for some of San Diego's dumbest decisions — unanimously nodded that they understood.

Soon, during the 1990s, Ridgegate, another perilously

perched development, was springing up on Mount Soledad. "Ridgegate was known to be a very dangerous spot," recalls Ruth Potter, who retired in 1994 as senior regional planner at the San Diego Association of Governments. "I remember other dangerous locations. Council would approve a development even after someone testified it would be a slide area. It didn't faze them at all. The builders got pretty much what they wanted."

The council was only partly to blame. Even when specific laws should have stopped certain dangerous construction, the Development Services Department "looked the other way, got out its rubber stamps, approved it," says Ciani.

"The Development Services Department is an enterprise fund. The more development, the more money it brings back to the department," explains Pearson.

At one time, there had been checks and balances. "Now everyone works for the chief building official," says Ciani.

So the development in dangerous locations continues. "How about building in the middle of floodplains? In Mission Valley, there was building in the middle of a river," says Councilmember Donna Frye. "In Fashion Valley, they built parking structures knowing that they would flood."

Both Ciani and Pearson have fought for hold-harmless clauses for areas of La Jolla,

Solana Beach, Encinitas, and other locations. People would be permitted to build what they desired, but the local government would not be held financially responsible when the worst happened. They couldn't get the politicians to go along.

Nor could they get the politicians and bureaucrats to be responsible. Asks Ciani, "Should not the agencies, mayors, councils, coastal commission, governor — who have the responsibility to protect public health, safety, and welfare — have the moral courage to say to someone after there has been a landslide, 'You can't build there again?'" Or shouldn't officials

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block a dangerous project before it gets going? These questions are apt because taxpayers wind up footing much of the bill for a disaster.

Today, homes in the Mount Soledad area are priced between \$1 million and \$2 million. That's cheap for La Jolla. But many potential buyers have noticed the cracks in the streets and in the homes. All told, the homes at stake may be worth \$2 billion. The lawsuits will pile up. Residents will blame the City for a leaky hydrant the City wouldn't fix and buried pipes dripping water. They will cite the obligation of a municipality to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The City will claim the residents knew the risks and city workers were trying to do their jobs.

Shortly after the landslide occurred October 3, City Attorney Mike Aguirre visited victims, hearing their complaints. He noted that the City had written residents on September 19, telling them of a series

of water leaks on the main water line to the street. After Aguirre spoke, Sanders and two of his underlings declared, with no evidence, that the City, in effect, had no liability. Radio entertainer Roger Hedgecock and major *Voice of San Diego* donor Dan Shea charged that Aguirre had opened the City to liability by seeking the truth. The *Union-Tribune's* editorial page, which has an aversion to truth, said the same. But the charge is sheer poppycock. Aguirre, unlike his predecessors in the city attorney's office, believes his mandate is to weigh the evidence fairly. The courts will hear experts representing both sides. The litigation will probably go on several years. It is certain to be educational.

Golding went hell-bent for economic growth in 1992. She was reelected in 1996. The tragic irony is that by the end of her second term in 2000, San Diego growth was already showing signs of slowing. Within a couple of years, real estate prices began to soar. Highways jammed. The long-neglected infrastructure, which couldn't handle the acceler-

ated growth, crumbled even more. The water crisis awoke some residents. San Diego was no longer an attractive place for a company to locate. Housing prices got so high that population growth almost halted. Now San Diego is as overgrown as Los Angeles. But the real estate developers still have the mayor in their pockets. ■

Mission Valley

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and I make my determination based on those facts."

On October 5, Maland e-mailed Berkman again, this time addressing his continuing queries about possible councilmember interference behind the scenes. "The final decision about the motion is mine and mine alone," she wrote, "so regardless of what a council office requests, I make the final call. I believe the transcript makes it clear that the motion before Council was a continuance."

No one contests this point. The question is whether the motion also included setting

aside the mitigated negative declaration and calling for an environmental impact report, the purpose of the continuance being only to "clarify [the] position...in a more specific direction..." Maland's position seems to be that if the motion is a continuance, it could not be anything in addition.

Last week Berkman received the e-mails and documents he sought. They reveal that, within days of the July 31 city council meeting, developer Robert Pollack and attorney Robert Vacchi were contesting the wording of the original Results Sheet for the Pacific Coast Office Building project. On their behalf, the Development Services Department's Bob Manis contacted council president Peters' office, setting in motion efforts to change the wording. On August 2, legislative recorder Sara Richardson, however, wrote to Peters' office, saying, "I was the recorder at Tuesday afternoon's Council meeting. From what I understood Council granted the appeal and overturned the [mitigated negative declaration], closed the hearing and directed it to come back...to show steps that were taken toward further mitigation. Is this correct or was the entire item continued?"

Michelle Strauss of Peters' office responded the following day. "This item was continued," wrote Strauss. "No other action was taken. I spoke with Council President Peters and the continuance was his request.... He would never

have supported granting the appeal.... It...wouldn't make sense to name [September] 25 if there was actually a motion as you noted..."

Peters' office, however, soon became aware of deputy city attorney Karen Heumann's different view. "I...read back the motion during the hearing," Heumann wrote to Strauss on August 28. "I understand that Councilmember Frye granted the appeal and asked to come back to make findings to support the appeal. Those findings would come from her, not from [Development Services Department].... I realize this has been rather convoluted for everyone. Fortunately, with the continuation of the findings, there is an opportunity to clarify the record for everyone."

To follow up, I call Councilwoman Donna Frye, author of the motion. "Were you consulted," I ask Frye, "about the change to your motion? Did Scott Peters say he was changing the minutes?"

"My staff was notified not long after the [July 31] meeting that there was a problem with the minutes," says Frye. "Whether it was the office of Councilman Peters or the city clerk's office, I don't recall."

Apparently, Frye had no objections. When the abbreviated wording of her motion appeared on the agenda for the September 25 meeting, she did not object. She didn't have much time during the meeting, of course, because the discussion was over as

soon as Councilman Madaffer requested the second continuance to October 23.

"But did you intend your July 31 motion," I ask, "to call for the mitigated negative declaration to be put aside and an environmental impact report to be required?"

"Absolutely," says Frye, "and a hundred thousand times over I believe that the project needs to be changed. There are not only the brush-management problems [below Normal Heights, where the 1985 devastating fire occurred], but the project violates the hillside height limits and other aspects of the Mission Valley Community Plan."

Will environmental-document issues still be unsettled when the project gets taken up again?

"There will have to be a new vote," says Frye. "I put the continuance into my motion to err on the side of caution. I want to make my findings very specific so that it's a completely legal action. The applicant's attorney — you know, Mr. McDade — is sitting in the wings."

Could McDade have done more than sit in the wings? On the agenda for this past Tuesday's council meeting was an attempt to approve the minutes for the July 31 meeting. Behind closed doors, the wording of Frye's Pacific Coast Office Building motion morphed even further. It read: "Motion by Frye to continue...to allow the applicant to return with report of steps taken in mitigation." ■

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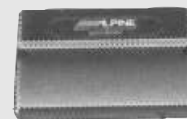
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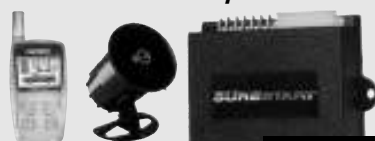


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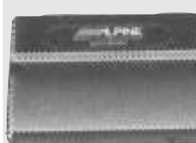


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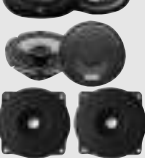
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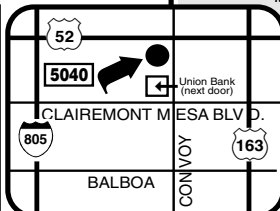
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A Bolt From The Bolts

Neal Obermeyer's October 11 cartoon showed the Oceanside mayor revealing to the public that a new Chargers stadium development "won't pay for itself." Even giving a political cartoonist the wide berth he deserves, a bit of a factual correction still seems in order. It was the Chargers — as the result of a team-funded financial analysis — that told the public and Oceanside city officials that Oceanside's idea of a very large, class "A" office village would not generate sufficient revenue to help pay for the development, the stadium, and infrastructure improvements. The Chargers also made this financial analysis public, and it remains available for everyone to review. The Chargers appreciate the time and effort that Oceanside residents and officials put into this effort, and we wish the city nothing but the best as it explores its own ideas for generating revenue from the

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Too Smitten To Smell

I'd like to say something to Mr. Ollie, who writes "Remote Control King." Sure, sometimes you are funny, but a lot of times you are disgustingly funny or just plain disgusting. Your column basically only works for shock value. And we all know about your little crush on Rachael Ray by now. But hey, Ollie, please learn to spell the name of the one you love. It's R-a-c-h-a-e-l, not R-a-c-h-e-l.

And Mr. Shepherd, most of the time I avoid your reviews, but sometimes I casually glance at them. I just have to say, it's a good thing that you're never only dimly clever and that your work doesn't lack timelessness like poor Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, because then you might have been stuck being a masterwork playwright and screenwriter like him. How unfortunate that would be.

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He's Not Stiller

In your "Invisible Man" interview (Pop Music, October 11), Brandon Walters lists *I'm Not Stiller* by Max Stiller as number four on his list of "Top Five Desert-Island Books." I'm pretty sure the author meant is actually Max Frisch.

Michael O'Hare
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San Diego Marmalade

Every time I visit from London, I always pick up a copy of the Reader. But when I'm back home across the pond, I have to read it on the Web. As a mother of 7 and a grandmother of 20, you can imagine my joy when I read the title of your front-page article, "Best San Diego Jams" (October 4). But much to my surprise, it wasn't about marmalade, preserves, and jellies, but about music!

Virginia Hartford
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Better Than A Joint

J.A. Sanford failed to mention one of the best concerts I've experienced ("Best San Diego Jams," Cover Story, October 4). It was Jethro Tull at the convention center in '70 or '71. They played "Aqualung," and the acoustics were amazing. We never even smoked a joint we brought, it was so good!

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Biden Moved?

Matt Potter is too busy, obviously, with the messy local political stuff to keep up with the national scene. Last I heard, Joe Biden was representing Delaware, known as the first state in the United States Senate,

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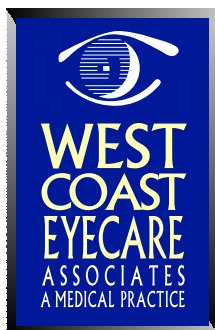
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Dear Matthew Alice:

What is the symbolism of a teardrop tattoo at the outside corner of an eye?

— Anonymous, somewhere

Bigger subject than it might seem. What the teardrop means depends on who's wearing it, how old they are, where they're from. Many variables. Best people can tell, it was originally a prison thing, from the 1940s, Latino mostly. (White and black prisoners have their own variations of the teardrop.) If you're Cuban or Puerto Rican, it meant you had killed somebody. For others, it stood for the prison time they've done. One teardrop for your first year. Or one teardrop for every five years you were down. The tear stands for the sadness at being separated from your family and friends. More recently it can represent the death of a friend or family member or solidarity with a gang. The teardrop language can get very complicated. Is the drop an outline? Filled in? Left eye or right eye? Some are even in colors. The meaning varies, depending on who you are and where you are, so you really have to get up the nerve to ask the guy who's wearing it to get the truth. Of course, if you're Li'l Wayne, it's all just for show.

Heymatt:

Every time a new blockbuster movie is released, they brag about breaking all previous attendance figures in terms of dollars. Well, of course they are going to keep breaking records because the price of movie tickets keeps increasing. Wouldn't it be more accurate to tell us how many "paid admissions" there were? (I know, they would lose bragging rights.) If *Gone with the Wind* or *The Wizard of Oz* were released in today's market, what would the box office amount be? Which movie of all time has had the largest attendance?

— Exasperated Movie Customer, via e-mail

Yay! Another Hollywood question. It's been wa-a-a-ay too long since we've had a chance to poke them with a stick. Grandma got so excited she broke out the industrial corn popper and Coke machine, put on her paper hat, and was all set to do business. But the elves refused to pay \$5 for a drink they know cost Grandma a dime to make. They snubbed her \$10 "Silo" (last year known as the "Vat-O-Corn"), even though she had added a handle and little wheels on the container to make it easier to maneuver down the aisle. Instead, they smuggled Kudus bars and some cans of Rock Star past her and were ready to go.

So, Butts in Seats is the number you want. Well, unfortunately, you're the only one. Hollywood is all about gross receipts. Big numbers with dollar signs and lots of commas. We checked with the Matthew Alice staff mole at Previous Century Fox, but, contrary to billing, he was mostly a weasel.

He admits that nobody outside of the movie biz really cares about gross receipts, and, aside from promotional value, he isn't quite sure why the numbers now are reported on news shows nationwide. He says that's a media thing, not Hollywood's fault. And you're right, EMC, each year will probably produce another wowie-zowie, biggest, grossest weekend grossing film of all eternity because of (1) increasing ticket prices and (2) the trend toward having simultaneous worldwide releases for big films, with world dollars included in the "opening-weekend blockbuster" figures. These days, at the same time kids are lined up in Springfield for the launch of the newest Spidey nonsense, they're lined up in Berlin and Tokyo and Sidney, too.

There are sources outside the industry for some of your answers about the Real Hollywood. Adjusted for ticket-price inflation, the biggest domestic-release grosser of all time is *Gone with the Wind* (1939) — \$1,329,453,600. The only other billion-dollars-plus film is 1977's *Star Wars*, about 200 adjusted millions short of *GWTW*. Number 3, *The Sound of Music* (1965); 4, *ET* (1982); 5, *The Ten Commandments* (1956).

In a list of the top 100 (adjusted, domestic) grossing films, only 18 have been released since 2000. The 2007 releases: *Spider-Man III* ranks 86th, *Shrek the Third*, 93rd, and *Transformers*, 95th.

Box Office Mojo, the source for these figures, admits it takes a lot of calculating and educated estimates to translate industry hard figures into their top 100 adjusted rankings. One reason is that Hollywood doesn't count tickets sold. But an outfit called Media by Numbers has taken a shot at translating dollars back into Butts in Seats. Here's an example. Apparently, "a \$4 billion summer" (the best ever) was Hollywood's aspiration this past May 1, the official opening of summer blockbuster season. With Spidey, Shrek, and Depp at the end of the world, it was a lock, natch. By Labor Day, we'd given the tinselheads 4.1 bil. All Hollywood took the day off and had a big lunch. Up 8 percent over summer 2006! But, says Media BN, actual Butts in Seats in summer 2007? Up only 3 percent — 606 million tix sold. Turns out, 2007 was first in dollars but only sixth in butts. DVDs, downloads, pirates, and home theaters seem to be nibbling at their glittery little toes. And obviously they can't fool you, Exasperated MC.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Push When You're Hot

October 1 seems like a long time ago. Two and one half weeks is one way of calculating. Or, you could say it's a previous season using baseball time. Or, maybe it's no time at all, referring to the feeling of timelessness one has when living a king-hell streak.

Remember the night of October 1? The 13th inning of San Diego's 163rd game? The Padres were leading by two runs going into the bottom of the 13th. Then Colorado scored 3 to win 9-8. The last play was a disputed tag at home plate.

Bummer. Turn off the lights and call it a season.

But if you're living in Denver, the party never stopped. There was the Rockies' wild-card win over San Diego, then three in a row over Philadelphia in the NL Division Series, then four in a row over Arizona for the NL Championship. Thence, the World Series.

As anyone who has read this far knows, Colorado has won 21 of their last 22 games. Their streak started last summer, September 16, over a month in the rearview mirror from here.

It's getting to the point where you have to ask yourself, "Are they ever going to lose?" The correct answer is, "Yes," but the money bet is, "When?"

On September 15, back last summer, Colorado was fourth in the wild-card race, 4 1/2 games out. How many things had to go right for them, and how many things had to go wrong for those three other teams? Got the number? Good. Then, multiply that by all the teams those four teams played and the teams *those* teams played and we're getting into string theory.

When a team is in a zone like the one Colorado has been in, you can disregard odds. Which is one of the reasons why people like sports. And religion. And gambling. Impossible things happen.

The telephone rings. It's Todd Mehner, a Vegas cohort from the '80s and current Martha's Vineyard resident. His career path has remained the same in both locations: vague. Todd says, correctly assuming I'm watching the game, "You don't see this sort of thing often." Pause. "Can you feel it?"

Sure I can. "Colorado's not allowed to lose. They couldn't lose if they wanted to."

With one out, Arizona pitcher Micah Owings walks Brad Hawpe on four pitches, walks Troy

Tuloqzki on a three-and-two pitch, and Yorvit Torrealba dries a ball between the pitcher and first base. Owings makes the only play he has: throws to first. Two outs. Colorado baserunners advance to second and third. Rookie Seth Smith plops a ball over the third baseman's head — almost on the foul line — for a double and two runs score. Willy Taveras hits a soft grounder to the Arizona first baseman, who boots it. Colorado on first and third. Now Kaz Matsui singles, and another run scores. Matt Holliday hits a home run. It's 6 to 1.

Todd says, "That was quick."

We met in Vegas during the early '80s. He played poker at the Hilton, might have been the \$25 table, but grind-'em-out 40-hour-week poker. Played by the book, every hand, not a gram of discretion.

I say, "You're not going to watch this to the end, are you? This will probably go on past closing time. Good lord, lad, baseball hates you East Coast wimps. The National League championships are on cable; this deciding game started on a weeknight past 10:00 o'clock. I expect it will be broadcast on tape delay next year, after the hockey game."

Todd says, "The men are strong on Martha's Vineyard."

Todd was witness to my longest casino streak. I forget the amount of money...it was in the low thousands; not enough to change my life, but enough to give it a nice stroke. I've had very few casino streaks because my play was betting NFL...never enjoyed gambling in casinos. In the '80s, the Horseshoe Casino was a locals place, served the cheapest imported beer in town, and we'd often meet there on Fridays.

Opinions have been known to change after a few shots of tequila, and on one Friday afternoon in March, I walked up to the blackjack table and put a \$100 bill down. Bingo. I win.

I double up and do it again. I win again. I double up again and win again. This is starting to get interesting. Todd appears and hands me a beer. The dealer, a woman in her late 40s, leans forward and says, "Push when you're hot, walk away when it goes cold."

I pushed. At blackjack. Roulette. Craps. Baccarat. And everything along the way. It didn't matter what game. This is the way the world was meant to be. Me winning. And, you know, it's so easy to win.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

"Snow Patrol wrote the greatest worship song," proclaimed Pastor Rich McCullen. "Open Your Eyes." As a church, we've decided to open our eyes to the world and what's going on around us. And sometimes, that's extremely uncomfortable." It's also why MissionGathering invited noted Christian author Brian McLaren to come and speak about his new book: *Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope*.

"Do you remember when the book came out?" asked McCullen as he introduced McLaren. (The book in question was McLaren's earlier bestseller, *A New Kind of Christian*, which sought to integrate postmodernism and Christianity.) "And you went and you bought it, and you kind of snuck it around — you really didn't know if you wanted your parents to know you were reading it. Remember that? Remember the radical transformation that took place when it so resonated with you? 'This...this is who I am!'" He half-joked that if "you struggle with this church at times because you don't understand who we are — Are we conservative? Are we liberal? — blame this man!"

McLaren began with talk of hope — how some lack it because they see just how bad things are, while some have it *in spite of* how bad things are because "we actually believe that, through Jesus, God has somehow entered our world...that if God has come into the mess with us, then God's not going to give up until, somehow, there is some healing, and some hope really is fulfilled.... God's grace has come, and that gives us hope."

McLaren said he had been thinking about global crises — "how do they fit together, and what does the message of Jesus say to those crises?" As for how they fit together: he imagined society "as a machine that is fundamentally seeking to fulfill a desire for prosperity, for equity, and for security. If you think of these as three gears, then the driveshaft of these gears is what I call a framing story. It's the story that tells us who we are, where we're from, and where we're going. All cultures live by stories.... If our story is dysfunctional, dangerous, and untrue, it creates a lot of problems for us." Our problem, thought McLaren, was "at the level of the story." And the world's religions, instead of presenting a solution, "can usually be found to support a framing story from outside of God."

He cited four such stories — Dominion/Empire ("we will have peace when the 'right' nation is the superpower, and everyone falls into place"); Revolution/Holy War (the right response to the "wrong" people being dominant); Revenge or Scapegoating ("You know what's wrong with the world? Those [fill in the blank]s"); and Isolation/Withdrawal ("The world is hopeless.... Just let it go down the drain"). And he pointed out that all four narratives were at work in Jesus' time: the Sadducees and Herodians thinking it must be God's will for the Romans to

be in charge, the Zealots looking to rise up and free their people from Roman oppression, the Pharisees busy blaming the sinners in their midst for their people's troubles, and the Essenes living off in the wilderness.

"Jesus comes into this setting and proclaims a radically different narrative; He calls it the message of the kingdom of God. He's trying to say that it's a message that contradicts the empire of Rome, but it's also different from everybody else's story." The apostle Paul understood this — McLaren compared a Roman inscription to a passage from the letter to the Colossians. The Romans talked of Augustus as a god, a savior who brought the good news and put an end to war. For his part, Paul named Jesus as "the first born over all creation...whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities." "Caesar is small potatoes in this bigger story," noted McLaren, a story in which peace is made "through His blood shed on a cross" — the cross being the

supreme humiliation Rome could deliver to its enemies. Christ's is "the very opposite way of bringing peace" — through reconciliation instead of domination, through obedience to the Father instead of mastery over armies.

"We're gathering because we don't actually believe that the officials of the empire are the people who have ultimate authority. We're living by a different story, which can lead to a different way of life. We've got to build communities of faith that are seeking to live the story and message of Jesus.... Your will surrenders to God's will, and you become part of the outworking of God's will in the world."

And what is God's will? McLaren

cited Micah: "Doing justice, loving-kindness, or compassion, and walking humbly with God. Everybody agrees that churches should be about walking humbly with God.... More and more churches are learning the piece about loving-kindness." But McLaren hoped for a greater embrace of "doing justice"; he wanted communities peopled by "agents of God's kingdom...demonstrating this new way of life that can bring healing to the world.... Paul says, 'Work out your salvation in fear and trembling.' He means, 'This is real life; this is not just a little religion, this is the real thing.'" If you do it, says Paul, you will "shine like the stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life."

"Maybe that phrase could be rendered 'this message of survival,'" concluded McLaren. "The only way we can survive is by choosing to follow the way of the kingdom of God.... The world will be united in peace through this downward mobility: the service and sacrifice of Jesus."

What happens when we die?
"An awful lot of things," said McLaren. "One of them is, we give an account of how we lived while on earth."



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— from "The Owl and the Pussycat," by Edward Lear

I know that line because my fifth-grader came bouncing through the door yesterday asking what a runcible spoon was — he had read the poem in school that day. I was stumped, so I hauled out our *Random House Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language*. The boy's eyes went wide at the sheer size of the thing, but we found the definition: "A forklike utensil with two broad prongs and one sharp, curved prong, as used for serving hors d'oeuvres."

"Thanks, Mom," he said. "But I would have just looked it up on Google. That book is huge."

Kids today. No dictionary skills. I decided to look for something smaller and less intimidating — gotta get 'em while they're young. Barbara Chambers, book buyer and manager at Bay Books in Coronado (619-435-0070), agreed. "I absolutely think that by the age of eight, you should be using a dictionary. It's wonderful for teaching children about pronunciation. The tendency now is to use the Internet, but I think it's marvelous for them if you teach them to use a dictionary."

Chambers told me she had "three different children's dictionaries, all around \$18 to \$19. We have the *Webster's New World Children's Dictionary*, the *Scholastic American Heritage Children's Dictionary*, and the *Macmillan Dictionary for Children*. They're all good for ages 8 to 12. From there, a child goes on to a student dictionary for ages 12 to 16, and after that, hopefully, a college dictionary. My favorite is the *Macmillan* because I think it's the most user-friendly for children. It has a lot of color in it and a lot of photos, and also, over 3000 detailed illustrations — they have the hand signs for every letter, for example. It has 35,000 entries where most have only 30,000. The typeset is easy to read, and they have the word itself in bright blue, with the description and definition in black." While most children's dictionaries will use the word in a sentence, the *Macmillan* uses it in two. "Also, it has the alphabet down the side of every page." All those eye-catching features "make you start reading when you didn't really intend to" — building vocabulary by browsing.

Mary Hayward, owner of The Yellow Book Road in La Mesa (619-463-4900), explained that "dictionaries come in several levels — primary, children's, and student's. The primary dictionary will have four or five pictures per page, the children's, one or two, and the student's, one or none. When I buy dictionaries, I look for guide words on the top — not all dictionaries have them. I look for color photos — if you're trying to teach somebody about something, I think it makes sense to show them what it really looks like. I carry several, but my favorite is *Webster's* because I think they're the most thorough [*Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary*, \$16.95; *Webster's New World Children's Dictionary*, \$17.95; *Webster's Student Dictionary*, \$19.95].



"Thanks, Mom, but I would have just looked it up on Google. That book is huge."

We also carry some Spanish/English dictionaries — they'll have the English and Spanish words side by side, and the good ones will have pictures. I have one by *School Speciality* and one by *Usborne* [\$10-\$12]. Both are good and use the words in sentences."

Jan Iverson, book buyer for Warwick's in La Jolla (858-454-0347), gave me this advice: "Look for the most recently revised or updated editions. Look for good illustrations or pictures; you need it to be appealing and engaging. Make sure the type is readable for the age level. I think the best way to pick one is to look up the same word in two or three dictionaries and see how it is presented."

Good advice; I hopped over to Barnes & Noble and looked up "forbid" in three volumes: *Macmillan Dictionary for Children* (\$19.99), *Webster's New World Student Dictionary* (\$17.95), and *Merriam-Webster's DK Children's Dictionary* (\$19.95). All gave a pronunciation guide, named the part of speech, and offered four forms of the word. But the *Webster's DK* offered thin gruel: "Forbid — to order not to do something." The *Webster's New World* was more thorough: "Forbid — to order not to do something;

prohibit. [Loud talking is forbidden.]" It offered synonyms:

"The words forbid, ban, and prohibit share the meaning, 'to have a rule against doing something.'" And it gave sample sentences for each. But I sided with Ms. Chambers in preferring the *Macmillan*: "Forbid — to order not to do something. 'It is forbidden to bring a knife or gun on a plane.' Something

that is dangerous or frightening is forbidding." It was just as she said — super user-friendly, thanks to the visuals. I found the word in no time.

Finally, I spoke with Richard Sanchez, a fourth/fifth grade combo teacher at Hazel Goes Cook Elementary School in Chula Vista. "I use the dictionary as a component of our state-adopted language arts series," he said. "The component is called 'word study.' I'll create things like word webs, word clusters, and word chains. These are ways for kids to give definitions through a bunch of synonyms and multiple meanings. I use the dictionary to come up with clever combinations of words. Today's word was 'nuisance.' The kids had to go to the dictionary, read the meaning, and pull out a couple of words from the text. Then they added words and connected them. So, for 'nuisance,' they wrote 'bothersome' and 'annoying' and added something connected to those words, like, 'my little brother.' The whole thing is about making the text connect with the student, and the dictionary helps."

Sanchez uses the *Scholastic Children's Dictionary*. "It's kid-friendly. There are lots of bright colors, and things are really color-coded — like syllabification and antonyms. That's really good for visual learners." What he doesn't like in a dictionary are "small fonts and a lack of color — those things turn the kids right off. And the quality of paper is important — if the pages are thin or cheap, the kids will rip them by accident."

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Posted by Don Bauder on October 15, 2007

On his well-read blog, www.blogofsandiego.com, Pat Flannery says that Mayor Jerry Sanders's flack Fred Sainz may have committed a felony by ordering Rick Reynolds, who was recently fired as Sanders's assistant chief operating officer, to erase a public record. As posted here, Sainz told a Reynolds aide to provide the... [Read more and add a comment.](#)

U-T Lets Sanders Off Hook Again

Posted by Don Bauder on October 14, 2007

The *Union-Tribune* published a good story Sunday morning showing how the City was warned of Mount Soledad problems during the summer. The paper commendably expanded on posts two days earlier on this blog and Pat Flannery's blog. But there was one major omission: it did not note that Mayor Jerry...

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City Had Many Soledad Warnings During Summer

Posted by Don Bauder on October 12, 2007

Mayor Jerry Sanders, upon returning from Washington, D.C., immediately declared that the Mount Soledad landslide was an act of God and that the City had not been involved. Documents released by his own office demonstrably show that Sanders's statement was untrue. In July, residents were complaining to the City of... [Read more and add a comment.](#)

Here's Memo that Got Rick Reynolds Fired

Posted by Don Bauder on October 12, 2007

In late September, Rick Reynolds, the City's assistant chief operating officer, was fired, along with Lance Wade, purchasing and contracting director. Wade told me that Reynolds was fired because he warned Mayor Jerry Sanders's spokesperson, Fred Sainz, about the dangers of giving out Internet Protocol (IP) numbers that Sainz had... [Read more and add a comment.](#)



by Barbarella

French Fashionista

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.

— Mark Twain

She looked amused. Or terrified. It was hard to tell. I had only spent three, maybe four hours with her, tops. Rather than pausing to gauge her reaction, I pushed forward, sensing on some animalistic level that if I did, she would give me what I wanted. “Open it,” I said in a firm but friendly voice that said, “I am not here to judge, I seek only to understand.”

“No, I can’t,” she replied for the seventh time, but in a coy way that told me that her refusal was just for the sake of appearance. Or maybe I was wearing her down. Either way, it was clear to everyone in the room that she would succumb to the pressure, and soon.

She’d been introduced to me as Bérengère, but I couldn’t pronounce that, so I referred to her as

“Berry.” Because the name of her husband was just as vexing, I had dubbed him “Armoire.” David and I sat on a couch in Berry and Armoire’s fashionable apartment, located in the ultra-hip Marais district of Paris, sipping champagne from jewel-colored flutes as we hounded our gener-

ous hostess to stand aside and open the cabinet door behind her. She hadn’t meant for us to see anything when she had carefully cracked the door to just the width of her arm. She wanted only to illustrate a point in conversation by showing us one small object. She obviously had not foreseen my natural inquisitiveness and brazen American nosiness — a common mistake made by those with whom I am not well acquainted.

As my mouth formed the words, “Come on, open it, I’ve already seen what’s inside,” I silently chided myself for being so barbaric. After all, this was the third occasion in as many cities that a member of Berry’s family had magnanimously donated their time to enrich our

European experience. David and I met Berry’s parents, Pierre and Nicole, at the bed and breakfast in Venice. When they learned we were heading to the South of France, they invited us for lunch and a tour of Château Beaulieu, their extensive vineyard in Provence. We came to know Berry a few days later, while enjoying a French interpretation of *chili con carne* and sipping a delicious rosé produced by Pierre’s winery a few miles away. Nicole had unexpectedly been called away so Pierre had invited Berry to join us as the feminine representative of clan Guénant. Directly following lunch, Pierre, a busy man who employs 11,000 workers amongst his many ventures, gave us a personal tour of the Beaulieu estate. As David and I tasted the Cabernet Sauvignon her father had named after her, Berry was already winging her way home to Paris. It just so happened that Paris was to be our next destination, and before dashing off to the airport, Berry had graciously offered to meet us in the city, show us around her mother’s art gallery, and take us to one of her favorite spots for tea.

When we met up in Paris, Berry had brought her husband with her. Sitting at a window-side table in Ladurée, the rich, exotic aroma of the rose tea, the small, elegantly decorated Marquise cakes, and the clamor of patrons at the pastry counter made for a delightful afternoon; for a few

short hours, I felt Parisian. Unfazed by our American “charm,” Berry and Armoire invited us for an apertif in their home the following night. It was there, relaxing on the couch with a bit of bubbly in me, that I engaged in one of my favorite hobbies — coercion by means of incessant, playful badgering.

Berry was a down-to-earth kind of girl, or so I thought. Her long dark hair was thick and shiny and fell perfectly down to the middle of her back. Her make-up-free face was fresh, and her big eyes were like pools of chocolate. She dressed like a Boston collegiate, in solid colors and conservative cuts. She had once driven a jeep through Africa giving safari tours. But when we met up in Paris, something was amiss — it took about an hour for me to answer the age-old question I had silently asked myself — “What’s wrong with this picture?” She wore blue jeans and a snowy white button-down that hung out loosely from beneath a dark cardigan. Her hair was brushed straight and the most she could have been wearing on her face was a smear of Chapstick. But like an ornate, jewel-encrusted vase filled with cattails, at the bottom of her plain, unassuming ensemble she wore metallic, baby-blue lamé high-tops. Confused at first, I decided to consider her choice in shoes an endearing quirk. That was before I realized just how deep Berry’s fashion affliction ran.

It seemed to David and me that fashion sense came with the Paris postal code.

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- Trapped in Twin Falls

Dear Trapped:

I haven’t the foggiest idea what you’re babbling about. But I inferred from your mystical word usage you’re playing an electronic game. So I asked my grandson for help answering your question. He instructed me to say, “I know you are, but what am I?” Hope that helps.

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It seemed to David and me that fashion sense came with the Paris postal code. Sitting at a sidewalk café off the beaten path, consuming a typical French breakfast of baguette, coffee, and orange juice, we watched Parisians as they went about their normal lives. All of the men sported jackets, designer shoes, and matching "murses." Regardless of whether they wore leggings or leather, all of the women appeared elegant. People didn't ride but cruised by on their bicycles like Audrey Hepburn, so smoothly that the wind could not knock a hair loose from their luscious coiffures; they looked more like they were sitting motionless on a prop with a film of the passing landscape running behind them. We had never felt so awkward and poorly put together.

Over tea, we learned that, prior to acquiring his job at Louis Vuitton, Armoire had never been much into fashion, and that he only wore the high-end runway duds because he happened to be the same size as the prototypes. I could buy that. Together with Berry's non-sense attire, I thought I'd finally found some different sort of Parisians, a couple who were not so preoccupied with being

stylish. Perhaps it was my insecurity from those two days of exposure to perfectly attired people that precipitated my inappropriate reaction to Berry's secret, the one she now guarded with her entire body.

It had been the mention of my surprise at seeing those shiny blue high-tops on Berry's feet the day before that prompted Berry to tell us about a new pair of shoes she'd purchased just that afternoon — multicolored Adidas sneakers that were difficult to describe, so she'd just show them to us. But when she opened the door, I saw more than one pair of crazy-looking shoes.

Finally beaten into submission, Berry stepped aside, and I leapt off the couch and over to the

built-in shelves that were piled with shoes. They were not just any shoes — these were Fendi, Prada, Louis Vuitton, Chinese Laundry, Miu Miu, and more. And they weren't the kind you can get in the store — these were psycho-colored, limited editions. "I have a problem," Berry confessed as I dug through the shelves and handled each shoe, reeling at the sheer impracticality of trying to match any of them with clothing. There were no simple colors, no black or red, the two boring basics that comprise my wardrobe. This went beyond fashion. This was *cutting edge*. I felt betrayed somehow. "I've never even worn most of them." She said this as if it were supposed to make me feel better. Then she explained

that this Imelda Marcos-worthy treasure trove was but one-sixth of a collection housed in three homes.

At a loss for words, I did the very thing I'd promised I wouldn't do — I pointed and laughed. I held up a clear acrylic heel

in which plastic flowers were entombed and said, "These. I mean, *these* are ridiculous." Turning the shoe over and over in my hand, I acknowledged to myself that my cruelty was born of envy. I had not the gumption to purchase, let alone wear, such an audacious

heel. I looked up at Berry, who was staring at me, perhaps in expectation of more ridicule. "Too bad my feet are a size bigger than yours," I said, by way of concession. "Because I would love to steal these and wear them to my next wine-and-cheese party." ■

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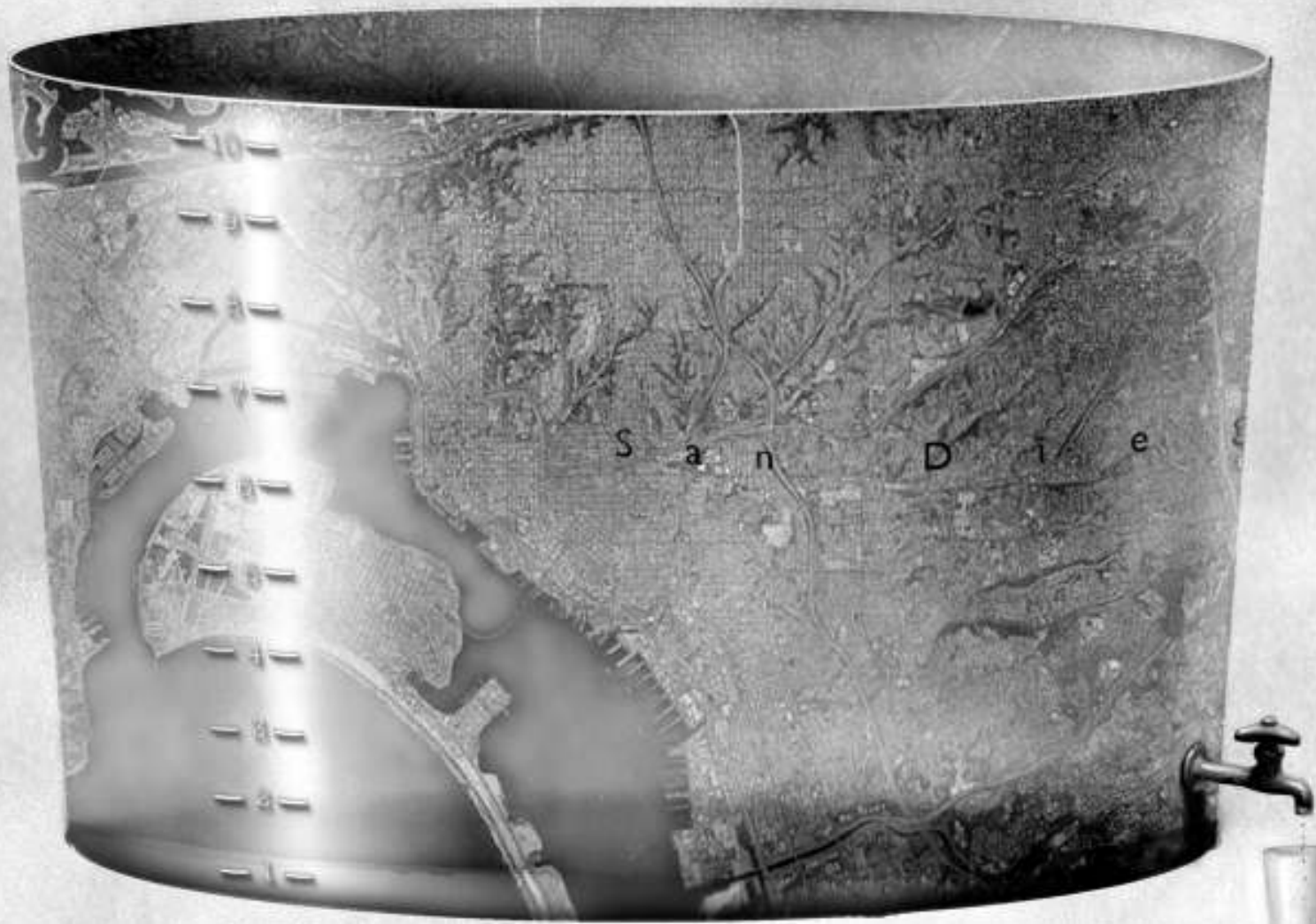
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Several years ago, when I last came here to the Cleveland National Forest outside of Descanso, McFetridge’s cabin nestled in a deep-shaded dell. His horse, pony, and mule didn’t stray, at least through the heat of the day, from the cool of his coastal live oaks’ canopy.

Now the mule stands dazed in the unremitting sun. But it’s not the mule we’re looking at. We’re looking at the skeletons rising 60, 80 feet in the air. McFetridge’s oaks. Nearly all dead.

“Welcome to the new normal,” says McFetridge. “This is our future, right here.

“You see that ranch?” He points across the valley. Scattered forest grows up small mountains that lead your eye to the sacred peak of Guatay. “They’ve lost 80 percent of their oaks. It’s been a die-off. We get 30 inches of rain up here. Down on the coast you get 10. The trees aren’t stupid. Summer rain is why the forest is here. We always used to get summer rain. Now we’re getting none. Once this forest went clear to the ocean. Now it’s retreating upslope, following the moisture.”

Along the bottom of the valley below us, the Sweetwater River is just a green blush of growth. “This used to run all year round, till about five years ago,” he says. “We have a drought, and yet people have been water-mining the mountains, pumping water out of places like Mount Laguna day and night [to sell to commercial water companies]. And the effect is absolutely measurable. The water table, the streams have dropped down.”

McFetridge is a gangly, clean-jawed woodsman with heavy, overhanging Scottish eyebrows and a light

gleaming out from his eyes that swings between engaging humor and righteous passion. He is a sought-out cabinetmaker who specializes in Chinese furniture, but he’s most famous for being a pain in the butt for developers, county officials, planners, and pen pushers who want to expand exurbia into the countryside. He’s also president of the never-cry-uncle organization Save Our Forests and Ranchlands.

“You just watch the trees struggle, day after day,” he says. “And if you’re not careful, you stop noticing. Then one day you see your animals sweating in the sun, and you know something big and bad is going on.”

Some of the trees that are still alive weep a black goo, a sure sign the bark beetle and root rot are finishing them off.

“I don’t want to sound pessimistic,” says McFetridge. “But this is starting to look like, what’s

the elements in the equation which you could call the perfect drought.”

everybody calling it now? The perfect drought?”

Drought? What drought? If you're a townie, you'd hardly know. If San Diego were Baghdad, we'd be living in the Green Zone, a secure, artificially watered paradise, a gated community sealed off from the real world.

But ever since Saint Al and his slide show, high schools, governmental departments, biology departments, and natural history museums have been looking at the weather, and the weather, at least here, has been obliging. What we're experiencing feels unnatural.

As far back as 2004, the U.S. Geological Survey started calling this drought “comparable to or more severe than the largest-known drought in 500 years.” Blame the low rainfall since the early 1990s, plus low snowfall in the Sierras — which feed the Sacra-



mento-San Joaquin River Delta — and also in the Rockies, where the Colorado River is born. All this has created the foundation for a drought so serious that you start thinking, could desertification be next?

Specifically, a big high-pressure system that has installed itself above us has kept the jet stream and the rain it brings to the north. But

what caused it to plant itself over us? Global warming — okay, the Republicans want us to call it the less-threatening “climate change” — is provoking theories predicting more precipitation in mountains up north but with higher temperatures, meaning less of it turns to snow. Rather than having a snowpack reservoir that melts in summer when

we need water most, we could have a rush-off in winter, when we can't stop the water from racing to the sea. San Diego County relies on Northern California and the Colorado River for “up to 90 percent of the region's water,” according to the San Diego County Water Authority. We're addicts. We're fine as long as we get our fix of this imported substance.

But — is everybody abandoning New Jersey? As populations continue to expand in the West, California has had to reduce its intake from the Colorado River. It has forfeited maybe a sixth of what it had been using — 800,000 acre-feet above its 4.4 million acre-foot allocation — as the other six Colorado-dependent Western states demanded their fair

share. Yes, San Diego gets a consolation prize of 280,000 acre-feet that will come from lining the All-American and Coachella canals with concrete and from deals with Imperial Valley farmers to sell us some of their water instead of growing crops. But statewide that makes up, what, a third? California's still 520,000 acre-feet down.

So all we needed was to hear about the delta smelt, a threatened three-inch fish from the Sacramento Delta that keeps getting sucked into pumps that deliver San Diego County 30 percent of its drinking water.

On August 31, federal judge Oliver Wanger “ordered state and federal water managers to significantly reduce pumping from the Sacramento Delta,” according to Copley News Service reports, to protect the three-inch wiggler until a way is worked out to save

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water every year. Typical four-member families use half an acre-foot per year, so that's 4 million families without water. Sixteen million people. Or 8 million people and lots of farmland. John Liarakos of the San Diego County Water Authority reckons we could suffer a shortfall of "between 10 and 30 percent."

Then there are the threats a warming climate can create for people. As temperatures rise, diseases like West Nile virus, dengue fever, malaria, and TB can live happily and circulate readily. For plants it is the opposite. According to plant pathologist Marc Cathey (author of *Heat-Zone Gardening*), in temperatures above 86 degrees Fahrenheit, some

pollen becomes nonviable, tomatoes can't create new fruit, chlorophyll production slows, leaves become susceptible to bug attack, and roots suffer.

But the big roots of 300-year-old trees? Duncan McFetridge's oaks and others suffering in

"The past two years have been the driest since record-keeping started back in 1801."

the Cleveland National Forest get none of the Sacramento water. And trees are thirsty creatures. They say that a mature oak tree needs 300 to 500 gallons of water a day. But you have to wonder: these trees must have endured droughts like this before, and now they must have

more capable roots than ever before. How is it they're succumbing?

Orrin Davis, whose company Butler Drilling has been drilling water wells in the mountains east of San Diego since the 1960s, says oaks are vulnerable to changes in the water table. "Back in

the '70s, '80s, you'd have to drill down an average of 400 feet to reach water. Today, it's 800 to 900 feet. I've had to go to 1400 feet. In my 40 years, this is one of the longest droughts. As far as I'm concerned, this drought has been going since the early, mid-'90s."

It's been tough

times for Warren Stormthunder, a certified arborist, a kind of tree doctor, from Alpine, who has been trying to help McFetridge out.

"Lately I've been the undertaker," he says. "I just take those oaks down when they're dead. When the bark cracks,

you know they're done for."

He says the die-off has been going on for years. "If it's true that this is the worst drought for 500 years, these are drought conditions these oak trees have never experienced. And I would estimate Duncan's oaks were 300 to 400

years old, the bigger ones."

He says when trees are under stress from lack of water, it's like having a weakened immune system. Other things, like the bark beetle, show up and kill the tree. "On a tree that's properly hydrated, when the beetle drills in, the water pressure just pushes it right back out. Plus there's tannic acid they don't like. So it's the beetle and fungal root rot that can finish them off."

Human activity can push oaks over the edge too. People trying to help by watering the oaks in the heat of summer, for instance. "You never water oaks in summer." That, Stormthunder says, can cause root rot. "Some root rot can come into play when houses

[with watered gardens] get built nearby or roots get cut for foundations," he says. "But that doesn't account for the hundreds upon hundreds of oaks that have been dying in the backcountry. In Pine Valley and Descanso, they have lost probably two-thirds of the mature oaks over five or six years."

And then there are San Diego's ancient sugar pines. The often-centuries-old sugar pines are the largest pine trees in the world. They're a little-known pride of San Diego. At least one has a trunk nine feet in diameter. The sugar pines are largely gone, victims of drought-induced fire. "They got established 800 years ago, when it was a wet cycle," says Stormthunder. "To get

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them reestablished — and it takes 100 years for them to reach maturity — we'd have to be in a pretty wet cycle for the first couple of hundred years."

Crows Invade San Diego

Hear those crows cawing from the telephone poles? They never used to venture south of Carlsbad. Now they're forming tribes, displacing pigeons in the thousands throughout the county. The worrying question is why, after

being happy with a traditional territory from British Columbia to Carlsbad, the American crow is migrating south.

And perhaps it's all the dead logs around, but Duncan McFetridge has noticed an invasion of squirrels. "Everybody's talking about the squirrels. There's a tremendous influx of these ground squirrels. They attract the predators, believe me. The other day I was on the top of the hill, resting in a chair, and I opened my eyes and there was a bobcat,



about 20 feet away. He hadn't seen me. I keep water on the top of the hill, so that's also part of the reason he turns up in these dry times. But

squirrels must be his breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

And guess what just arrived, according to Philip Unitt, curator of

the Department of Birds and Mammals at the Natural History Museum. "In the last month we have seen two birds appear for the first time ever in San Diego County, both of them tropical ocean birds," he says.

One was a bridled tern, which normally lives between Nayarit, Mexico, and Central America.

The other was a Newell's shearwater, a threatened species that nests only in Hawaii. "They normally migrate from Hawaii south to feed in the equatorial countercurrent," he says, "so this is way

from their normal pattern."

Unitt says the shearwater made its debut in Del Mar — its northernmost-known appearance ever — in a pretty rough howdy-do: A crew was working at night on the stabilization of the bluff in Del Mar where the railroad runs when a strange bird started dive-bombing a crewmember who had a helmet headlamp. The bird crashed, the victim picked it up, and he ended up taking it to the wildlife rehabilitators.

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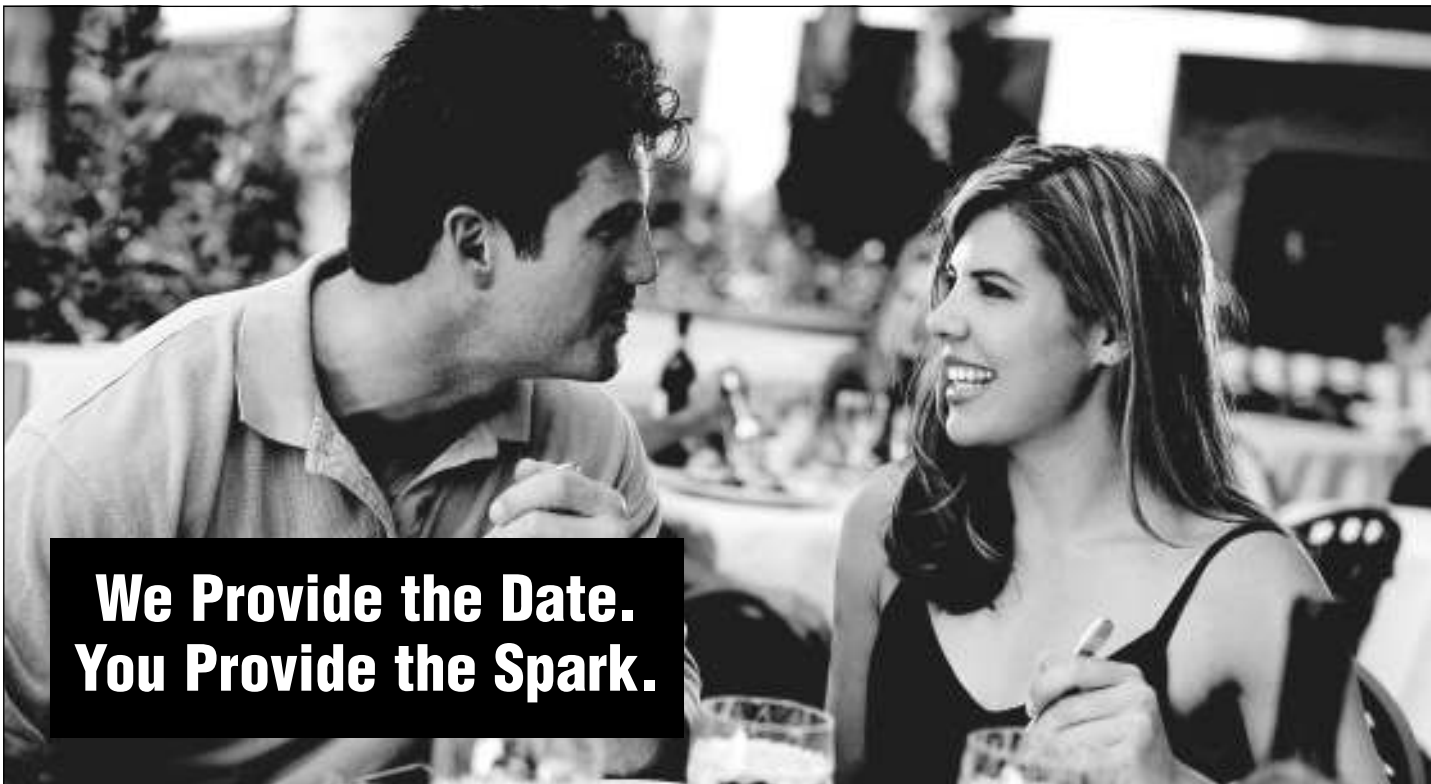
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very much alive," says Unitt. "I looked at it and said, 'Holy shit, this is a Newell's shearwater, never before landed in California.' And it's still alive in Meryl Faulkner's hot tub in rehabilitation."

How is this happening?

"Let's put it this way," Unitt says. "We're moving into a new phase of history. We've had such a succession of dry years in a row, and the increase of the tempera-

tures is indisputable. As the oceans become warmer, tropical ocean birds, being among the most mobile, would be expected to be among the ones responding first. The brown booby was almost unknown on

the coast of California. Now there's a colony of about 30 of them nesting on Los Coronados islands."

Indeed, birds, he says, can be great indicators of a warming environment. "We noticed that the Lincoln sparrow and the house wren both are starting to winter in San Diego [rather than farther south]," he says. "They were just at low elevations before, and then we found them in some years in higher elevations, which traditionally would have had quite a bit of snow in the winter."

After the 2002 drought — till then, the dryest winter on record — the numbers of a lot of bird species dropped off. "In some cases quite dramati-

cally," he says. Especially in this last year, because now we've had two successive years of drought. "But some birds, like the mockingbird, which is the ultimate opportunist, were able to take advantage of the many drought-induced fires in the county, including the 2003 Cedar." That fire burned a quarter-million acres, so mockingbirds had plenty of terrain to exploit. "But there were quite a number of birds which were affected dreadfully by the fires. And their recovery after the fire has been retarded because of the drought. Birds like the California thrasher and the wren-tit. Their numbers are down over the last two or three years.

"So if [as some say] the fires marked a shift to a dryer climate, then the reductions we see in those species that were sensitive to [the fires] could represent a permanent cutting back of their range and numbers." In a couple of cases, he says, local extinction is possible. "For example, the saw-whet owl. It is a species of the coniferous forest. San Diego was the southern tip of its range. And if they were wiped out of the Cuyamaca Mountains, then their range will end up retracting back toward the north."

But generally, he says, even though it's not yet time to panic, when things get dry, some birds simply stop reproducing. "I had a col-

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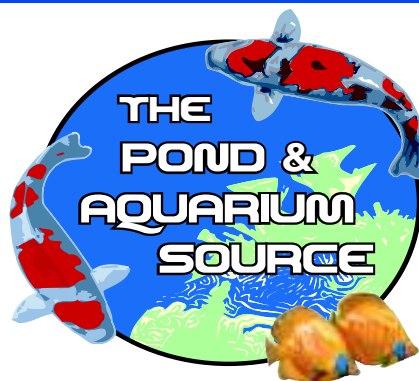


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league studying chaparral birds like the rufous-crowned sparrow, the spotted towhee, the California towhee, and the wren. After that extremely dry winter of 2002, they basically did not nest at all. They didn't even try."

On the other hand, some species have benefited and taken advantage of the irrigated urban treescapes we have created — the crow, Cooper's hawk, peregrine falcon, and Nuttall's woodpecker, which traditionally inhabits oak

groves. Now the woodpecker's taken to town trees, such as avocados.

And if — worst-case scenario — repeated fires, drought, and high temperatures continue for, say, the next ten years and we become more of a

desert city, Unitt can see other desert opportunists like the black-throated sparrow moving in.

What should we do to mitigate this, to help the county's birds, to retain a temperate climate? "Above all, people should be careful with

fire," says Unitt. "It was very clear from our studies that in the firestorms of 2003, a lot of them didn't fly away or couldn't fly away. Especially with those fires which spread at night. That catches birds even more unaware."

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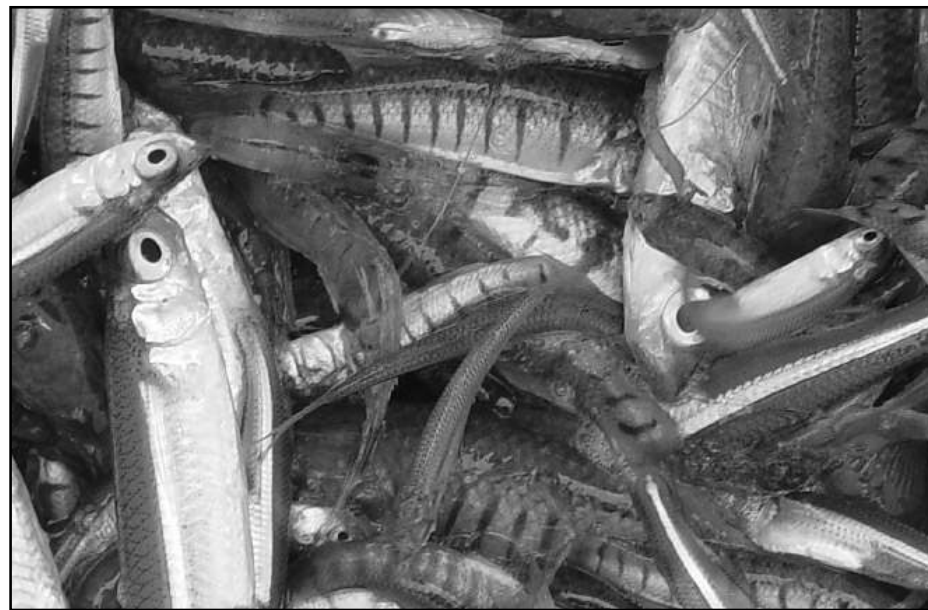
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deckchairs on the *Titanic*. An August 7 press release announcing the authority's five-year Blueprint for Water Conservation summarized the plans. "Motivating more homeowners and businesses to install low-water-use landscapes, expanding incentives for purchasing 'smart' irrigation controllers and other water-saving devices, and reducing overwatering via a sophisticated, web-based 'water budget' program are cornerstones of the San Diego County Water Authority's new five-year Blueprint for Water Conservation," said their press release.

"The Blueprint is designed to help the Water Authority and its member agencies meet a 2010 conservation savings goal of 80,000 acre-feet, up from 51,000 acre-feet in 2006. To stay on course to meet the region's growing needs, the Water Authority must save 80,000 acre-feet by 2010, 94,000 acre-feet by 2020, and 108,000 acre-feet by 2030."

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Diego's. "Those cutbacks will be the largest curtailments ever ordered," the authority wrote. "The cutbacks are expected to last a year or more." "We are clearly fac-

ing a serious water crisis throughout California," said Fern Steiner, chair of the water authority's board of directors, in the August 31 press release. "The water supply impacts of this court decision to San Diego County will be significant, and supply shortages and mandatory water use restrictions are a very real possibility. This decision comes on the heels of the historic dry conditions we are experiencing throughout California, which are already impacting water supplies."

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The water authority assured San Diego customers that since the 1987-1992 drought, it “has invested in maximizing storage, local supply development, the Coachella and All-American canal lining projects, the water transfer from Imperial Irrigation District, conservation, and recycling.” And better days are to come. “This year the water transfer and the canal linings will provide 71,500 acre-feet of reliable water. By 2011, the water transfer and canal lining projects will provide nearly 158,000 acre-feet of water. By 2021, they will provide 277,700 acre-feet annually.”

Plus, said the water authority, the long-delayed seawater desalination plant in Carlsbad could be just the beginning. “The Water Authority is also exploring other potential options for a seawater desalination plant in the county.” And, if you can just wait 13 years, “The Water Authority is projecting that as a result of investments by its member agencies, groundwater production will triple from 14,956 acre-feet in 2006 to 52,300 acre-feet in 2020. Similarly, recycled water usage is expected to triple from 14,828 acre-feet in 2006 to 52,300 acre-feet in 2020.”

The water authority promised to send its lobbyists to Sacramento to fight to prevent the

judge’s ruling from becoming permanent and urged everyone to reduce usage by 20 gallons per day.

If you ask guys who’ve put time into the big questions — How come this is happening? And is it going to go on happening? — their answers are fascinating in a scary sort of way.

“I call it the dry, incendiary summer of

2007,” says William C. Patzert, a climatologist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. “Mother Nature is converging with human nature. With population growth and the decline in the water, there are the elements in the equation which you could call the perfect drought.”

Patzert’s known as “the water guy” at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Others call him “the blob guy” because he’s the person who has been bringing us the satellite pictures of El Niño since the late ’90s: the Pacific Ocean seen from above with orange and yellow blobs indicating the puddle of warm water drifting east from Indonesia, squishing against Peru, and oozing up to bug California.

Patzert bases his

prophecies on what he calls PDOs, Pacific decadal oscillations. Pacific decadal oscillation theory, he says, gives us the big, long-term picture. “This is the stage on which El Niño and La Niña play, and it lasts for about 50 years,” he says, “25 each. It’s a pattern in the Pacific that goes from Asia to the Americas, and the Aleutians to Antarctica.

When you look back at tree-ring records, for instance, these cycles — El Niños, La Niñas, PDOs — have been around for thousands of years. They’re a natural part of our weather. Right now we’re in what I call the negative phase of this Pacific decadal oscillation. When you look from the late 1940s to the mid-’70s, we tended to be a lot dryer

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then too. We had about 80 percent of our normal rainfall. Then we went into the '80s and the '90s, and they tended to be wetter than normal. So we got a little spoiled. So it's more like the 1950s to the '60s to the mid-'70s now. We checked 300 [measuring stations] around the state of California, and what we discovered is that in 50 years the average temperature has risen 2 to 3 degrees Fahrenheit, the snow-pack arrives one week later, and it melts one week earlier than before."

Not only that, he says, but in that time the nation's population has doubled, California's has grown by a factor of

four, and San Diego's has grown by a factor of six. "And right now, out there off California, a La Niña sits with cooler waters at the equator. That means one thing: another dry year for San Diego. I call her the Demon Diva of Drought."

The Driest Two Years on Record

"We have been thinking about what we're going to do for over a year now," says John Liarakos, the San Diego County Water Authority's spokesman. They have come up with a three-phase plan. "Right now we're in phase one of the drought plan, basically calling for increased voluntary water



conservation. You probably heard about the 20-gallon challenge. Phase two is finding short-term additional sources of water: spot transfers, water purchases, that sort of thing. Phase three is mandatory reduction. And that's when we go to

our member agencies, like the City of San Diego, and say, 'We can only give you X percent of what you need. Now you need to figure out what you're going to do.' Only the member agencies can actually put restrictions in place."

Liarakos says the water authority has stashed enough water for this year and next. On the other hand, he says, this is not a drought to trifle with. "The past two years have been the driest since record-keeping started back in 1801, when Thomas Jefferson was president," he says. "The Sierra Nevada snow is at 30 percent, and the Colorado River is into the eighth year of its drought." In fiscal 2006, the water authority used 687,000 acre-feet to slake San Diego County's thirst. By 2030, we'll have a million more people, totaling around 3.8 million. And if you believe Sacramento will give back that water the judge just took away from

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Drought Could Be Start of New Dust Bowl" — "The unprecedented drought that has gripped the southwestern United States isn't almost over, researchers say, it may have only just begun. That's the consensus of all but 1 of 19 climate models used as the basis for this week's upcoming report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), according to a new analysis."

National Geographic quotes Richard Seager, a senior research scientist with the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory, and coauthors as predicting that "the levels of aridity of the recent multiyear drought... [will] become the new climatology of the American Southwest."

From NPR's Morning Edition, March 16, 2007: Howard Herzog, from the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology's Laboratory for Energy and the Environment, says that "the world puts out more than 25 billion tons of carbon dioxide a year. On average, that's 4 tons for every man, woman, and child on the planet."

From the Los Angeles Times, September 9, 2007: Increasing urban density can accelerate regions' warming by creating ever-hotter "heat islands," according to Ali Modarres, a professor of urban geography, in an op-ed piece. "This is principally caused by the construction materials — brick, concrete, asphalt, stone and other substances — used most often in building central cities. Because these materials retain heat and cool slowly, they raise the ambient air temperature and make central cities a few degrees

warmer than rural and suburban areas. For instance, the temperature difference between Phoenix and its outlying areas can be upward of 10 degrees."

And, Modarres suggests, energy use increases with rising temperatures. He quotes a study of Los Angeles by the Heat Island Group at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. "It estimated that 'the demand for electric power rises nearly 2% for every degree Fahrenheit the daily maximum temperature rises.'"

As affirmed by Senator Dianne Feinstein and many others, the United States, with only 4 percent of the world's population, debouches 25 percent of mankind's greenhouse gases, more than any country, though China and India are in hot pursuit.

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turns out, have not been ignoring this issue.

Our Raindrops Aren't Heavy Enough to Fall

Veerabhadran Ramanathan, a scientist at the UCSD-based Scripps Institution of Oceanography, is a pio-

neer in the study of global dimming. He believes this phenomenon may have provoked the drought that hit Ethiopia in 1984 and may have significance for Southern California.

Dimming happens when pollution, and especially particulate emissions — soot and other tiny solids — are

sent skyward, where, with droplets of water surrounding them, they reflect sunlight back into space, preventing some light from reaching Earth. A two-mile-thick layer of particulate pollution can cut sunshine by as much as 10 percent. The upside is that these exhaust fumes are helping to contain global warming. The downside may be, Ramanathan believes, that the diminished sun, especially in the '70s and '80s, when this type of pollution was at its height, was not strong enough to draw the tropical monsoon rainbelt north with it as it moved to its summer position. Result: the monsoon stayed south, failing for years to reach places like Ethiopia. If Ramanathan is right, the

particulate clouds from factory chimneys and the tailpipes of European and North American cars may have contributed to the deaths of a million people in Africa and the suffering of 50 million more.

Could the same dimming effect be preventing rains from hitting San Diego?

"It's very difficult to say," he replies, just before leaving for a conference in Europe. "Our work [related to Ethiopia] linking the reduction of sunlight at the ocean's surface from

this brown cloud took almost ten years of observations and modeling. I think what's happening in Southern California — there are three things going on at the same time. First there's what's called the Pacific decadal oscillation. It's a natural phenomenon. You see, the basic mechanism is, rainfall over the land is very sensitive to what's happening with ocean temperatures. So when the ocean temperature starts oscillating, that's going to impact the wind pattern and change the [patterns] of

the rainfall. The second is that our rainfall is moderated by El Niño, and then the third, of course, is the global warming. One expects, as the planet warms, more rain to be in the extratropics and some drying in the subtropics."

The "extratropics" is the area north of 40 degrees latitude. That's around Eureka. Translation: more rain from Eureka northward, "some drying" in San Diego.

"And then the [fourth] focus is the air pollution. It impacts rainfall in a number of

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ways: one by the dimming, and the second is, when there are more particulates in the air, they nucleate more cloud drops, and as a result, these drops don't have a

chance to become big drops, i.e., [heavy enough to] fall on our head."

So the small drops reflect more heat and light back to the sun and just stay up in the

atmosphere?

"That's right. Normally, what happens is that first, cloud drops form from particulates. You need some particles in the air such as pollen

to form drops. And then these drops sort of hit each other and they become bigger drops and then they fall as rain. What happens is that you need some particles, but

if you have too many — just like in anything, too much of anything is not good — too many of these particles is not good because they have a copious number of small

drops, and they're not able to become these bigger guys which can fall on our heads. There are groups that are studying it off of California, and they're finding interesting results.

"But I think it's a bit dangerous to take any one thing and point to 'this is what is causing [the drought].' Think about this persistent drought we have: invariably it takes multiple causes."

It's no slam dunk, in other words, that global dimming here, caused by our own pollution — and smog blowing across from Asia — will have the same drought-causing effect on Southern California that it likely did on Ethiopia. But it's possible. The jury, he says, is still out.

"The thing is, just like the pollution in the brown clouds over the Indian Ocean comes from south Asia, our own pollution of course goes over the Atlantic Ocean, causes dimming. And likewise, on the West Coast, pollution goes into the Pacific Ocean. But the thing to remember is that our pollution problems in the developed nations, in the U.S. and Europe, were worse in the '60s and '70s. And then slowly we are cleaning up. It's possible it may have had some impact in the past. The dimming is still happening over the U.S. too, because we still have our pollution. I don't have to tell you, you just have to drive a little bit north and see Los Angeles. So this dimming is happening everywhere. Then the question is, if [drought] is primarily due to this pollution, we should have had severe cases in the '50s and '60s and '70s, and then it should be abating a little bit. And my suspicion is that hasn't happened."

While our particle-type pollution is diminishing, East Asia's is

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mushrooming. Is San Diego's climate being impacted by that?

"We are just getting started on that. We did a major experiment this spring in which we took an aircraft and followed these dust and pollution plumes all the way from the western Pacific Ocean, close to Japan, and flew into the U.S. and tracked copious amounts of pollution crossing the Pacific Ocean. But it's too soon, we are too premature in our understanding for me to make any sort of connection yet. Our experiments [lasted] just for about three to four weeks."

He says he and "over ten groups" are still analyzing the data. "It takes about six months to a year. But most 'brown clouds' contain black carbon, soot, and sulfates, nitrates, and a host of compounds. But it's

not very different from if you sample the brown cloud of Los Angeles pollution. Fossil fuel combustion and biomass burning, like forests burning — all of them put huge amounts of soot particles in the air."

How seriously is global dimming affecting "natural" weather patterns?

"It's a major problem," he says, "a major issue in terms of the water budget of the planet."

In 50 years, could we be looking at a radically dryer California? Could the Sonoran Desert creep right over us?

"We can't say anything definite in this business, but that's certainly one of the possibilities, and we should certainly be preparing ourselves. Every county, every state has to prepare for a spectrum of possibilities. The global cli-

mate is changing. It's warming. And we're just trying to comprehend what the local issues are."

What we have done with our lands, says Patzert, from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, has exacerbated the problem. We have paved riverbeds with concrete; we have paved over much of the land. Rain can't soak in and make its way down into aquifers. Cars and gas stations contribute oil derivatives that spoil the purity of aquifer water. Dams keep rivers from depositing sand for

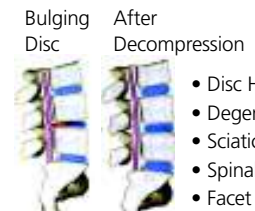


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In fact, globally, Patzert, who looks at the Earth daily through his satellite cameras, feels gloomy. "It's the three P's," he says. "Population, pollution, poverty. But the single most critical element is population. Already China's, India's, Africa's lands are too degraded. Globally, it's the Grim Reaper. Locally, it's just a question of how much we can slow the degradation down."

Whew. So here we are, headed for a quarter-

century of dryness, just when the population is set to add a million in San Diego County alone. Global warming could send more salt water from an expanding ocean into county aquifers, many of which are below sea level to start with. And if things get much warmer, our natural water "bank," the annual Sierra Nevada snowpack, could also come down as rain that runs off immediately, causing winter floods and summer droughts. And as this crisis looms, we still throw water about. "On aver-



age," says Patzert, "in Southern California, we overwater our gardens and our lawns by six feet." In other words, if you enclosed your garden with a six-foot wall and

filled it, that's how much excess water we sprinkle and spray on our own little patch of nature every year.

But attitudes are changing. A typical family that once used an acre-foot of water per year now uses half an acre-foot. We're not at the stage of, say, some Middle Eastern countries whose golf courses feature "browns" — oiled

sand — instead of greens, but Torrey Pines and La Costa golf courses are serviced with recycled water now. Industrial use of water continues to be in heavy demand — X-ray machines can use up to a million gallons of water a year — but some high-tech companies are looking at options that 20 years ago were not considered serious, like water recycling and gray-water use. We're committing resources to making those happen.

Even the Chaparral Is Dying

Lieutenant Craig Williams and I sit on a bench outside the Campo Diner in the 85-degree heat of late afternoon. There's a little hot breeze flurrying around

our feet. Air's crackling dry. You can imagine a fire starting spontaneously in the grasses and chaparral across the road. "We never have the budget to be totally ready," he says. He's the public affairs officer of Campo Fire and Rescue. "But we make do very well with volunteers."

A couple of red California Department of Forestry (CDF) trucks with little windows and "Crew" written in white on the side roar past, heading east. "A one-acre burn," says Williams, who's bristling with radios in every pocket. "Our philosophy is hit it while it's small, before it gets confident, established."

"Is this drought the worst ever?" I ask Williams.

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He tells me I should speak to division chief

Pete Scully to find out what it's like to be on the sharp end of a drought.

"It's hard to think back and remember everything," says Scully, "but I'm pretty comfortable in saying that as far as the fuel conditions — both living and dead fuels out there — this is probably the worst that I ever remember. And it's basically due to the unprecedented continued drought that we've been experiencing. It doesn't mean that 50 years ago or 100 years ago they didn't experience the same thing, but

in recent history we've never seen anything as prolonged and severe as what we have right now.

"This year, the plants are actually dying. They've got to the point where they can't sustain themselves for lack of water. In some cases, large areas — five, ten acres of brush — are absolutely dying. The biggest type we're dealing with in San Diego County is chamise. And then there's buckwheat, California sagebrush, scrub oak, manzanita, snapdragon.... And pretty much across the

board, we're seeing dieback."

Could there be another Cedar fire? "If you took all the houses, and more important, the deaths out of the Cedar fire, it wouldn't have been that huge of a deal," he says. "Once the fire escapes initial control and starts to get big, then it basically does what it wants anyway. Our philosophy for 100 years has been keep the small fires small. We're actually about 97 percent effective statewide. It's that 3 percent that gets us."

I wonder aloud if

perhaps Chief Scully and his men aren't *too* successful at preventing underbrush from burning.

"Has the problem been created by fire suppression? I guess you could say to some degree yes. But it's hard to explain to people, 'Well, you live out in the backcountry so we have to let your house burn because we have an unnatural growth going on.' The two can live together. People can live in the wild lands without destroying the wild lands. A 100-foot clear-

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On the website of the Fire Recovery Network (a citizens' group): “There are 240,000 acres of forests in San Diego; currently our forests hold a high volume of dead trees. The mortality is 43 percent on private land, 45 percent on Federal and state land, and 12 percent on reservations.”

Only 12 percent on reservations. Not far up from the Campo Diner, I'm driving through ranches with stressed, overgrazed fields gashed by 20-foot-deep arroyos that rush with floodwater once, maybe twice a year, and then dry out to open wounds for the rest of the year.

At the Campo Reservation, Racquel Morri-



son and Mike Connolly take me up a dirt road through Diablo Valley. I see, not Duncan McFetridge's gallery of scarecrow dead oaks, but huge, healthy-looking oaks whose branches spread so far they support themselves on the ground. In the gloom inside the skirts, young oaks sprout. It's like an open room, or perhaps a cathedral. And just beyond, a stream runs

into a big pond. A snowy egret with a three-foot wingspan lifts off. Small fish dart. And in a drought? “Slow dams,” says Connolly. “*Mishay sha-wing* — ‘sediment holders.’ They slow the water down so it spreads outwards, brings the valley's water table up. Before, this central valley was washing away. So we let the land rest five years. Then let the water back through the skin of

the earth. Now we have life and water to spare.”

On the coast, one tree has developed its own survival technique. “Welcome to a Living Museum,” says the plaque. “Home of the Nation's Rarest Pine Tree.” From the weather-beaten bluff-top, you can see out over the ocean. A blue-and-white five-car Coaster pencils across the Peñasquitos Lagoon, northbound. I'm stand-

ing in what I've been told is the largest intact stand of Torrey pines anywhere. But they are in trouble: genetic trouble. “Their populations are very closely related,” says Darren Smith, an environmental scientist with California State Parks. “There's very little genetic diversity among the population. Essentially we have a lot of clones. Back in the turn of the [19th] Century — wood was scarce — they were probably whittled down to as few as 20 individual trees. The current population comes from that.”

Which is one reason they're vulnerable. “It makes it [hard for them] to adapt to a dryer climate or to different insects or fungi.”

The adobe Torrey Pines Lodge that Ellen Browning Scripps created nearly a century ago sits huddled among the

trees. Cecil Hornbeck comes out. He picks up a bunch of pine needles and shows me their five grooved arms. “That's how you know they're Torrey pines,” he says. “Always five.” He's a biochemist-turned-docent. “The shorter they are, the more stress the tree's suffering from the drought. But at least they have the fog here. They catch it in the groove of these needles until it becomes water drops and sends them to its root bed.”

I pick up a fistful. The needles are about nine inches long, the low end of their length range.

“You're in the remnants, the last remnants of an ancient coastal forest,” says Hornbeck. “Maybe 8000 trees left. They're the rarest trees in this country. Drought or no drought, we have to save them.” ■

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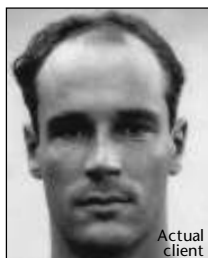


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ON THIRD STREET in Encinitas, just up the hill from Moonlight Beach, there's a pair of low-rent triplexes facing each other. They were built at about the same time from flip-flopped blueprints, so that one is the mirror image of the other. They each have two apartments upstairs, and a basement apartment downstairs, are painted the same shade of postwar-boom green, and are backed by a garbage-can alley that serves as an overflow parking lot on Saturday nights.

Somehow, over the years, the two triplexes fell into the hands of separate owners, and so quite naturally accumulated different types of tenants. The triplex on the south houses a swank, gray-templed, Mercedes-Benz-driving realtor who likes to think of himself as young-minded, and his drug-dealing son who drives a yellow van to match his bleach-blond hair and thinks of himself as a businessman; there's a nearly nondescript young couple of the kind seen on Mrs. Olson coffee ads on TV; and there's a pale, bleary-eyed religious recluse who claims she hasn't eaten in six months (but perhaps should) as a cure for a mysterious disease that has baffled modern science. Their triplex is spotless. The windows sparkle and shine, while the lawn is manicured more carefully than a cemetery, and the sidewalks are hosed and swept to a smooth marble sheen.

The other triplex, the one across the way, has a little different story to

tell. It's empty now — all tenants were evicted by the new landlord when he took over a month or so ago. And it's easy to see why. The people who lived there weren't quite as meticulous as their neighbors. The paint is peeling. The pipes rattle. The dogs and cats who cavorted freely from one residence to the other left the gnawed and shredded evidence of their presence. The rusting hulks of two or three old, dead cars (it's hard to tell just how many) slouch out into the alley. And the porches and sidewalks are littered with such assorted junk as a two-legged BBQ grill, an empty but still odorous rabbit cage, several smashed and sun-browned surfboards, a foam sofa, split and going to seed, a refrigerator door, and an ever-growing mound of multicolored beer bottles that seems to have borrowed the fecundity of the runaway rabbits.

It's just about impossible to say exactly who's responsible for all this because the occupancy seemed to



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change daily and sometimes doubled and tripled on the weekends. After observing and participating in the place for a year or two, I've put together the following, admittedly incomplete, list:

The leader, by authority of his generosity and his enthusiasm for group activity, was the gardener. He looked like the Dutch Boy with his finger in the dike, had an incredible green thumb and a powerful thirst for homemade beer, so that half the time the garden looked like the Garden of Eden, the other half like Brer Rabbit's Briar Patch. It was a whimsical kind of thing. Also, he was an intellectual, but was embarrassed by it and tried to disguise himself by staying drunk. Of course, all this did was confound his irrepressible ideas, so that a good deal of the time he could be seen and heard babbling nonsense.

There was a wild-haired lunatic. He stomped around in paratrooper boots, carried an eight-inch hunting knife on his belt, and was constantly being stopped by the local police because of his similarity to a local dime-store bandit. He was one of these guys who has to shave maybe three, four times a day to not look like one of

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the Beagle Boys in *Donald Duck* comics. Also, he did it rather than “be another damn bum with a beard.” He was very partial to cats, and one time, when a mother was run over by a car minutes after dropping her litter, he bought sweet milk and a little toy baby bottle and nursed the kittens himself. His lunacy was not the effect of drug or drink — in fact, he’d sworn off both — but it was natural. On Saturday night, he would put on a white shirt, slick back his hair, and show up at parties with a briefcase of *Urantia* books under his arm like some kind of Bible salesman. He believed in *Urantia*, but I suspect he

also used it as a tool to meet the ladies.

And the ladies! There was this girl...the perfect beauty. She had a face like a cat, green eyes, long limbs, but she never spoke a word. She laughed often enough, but it’s hard to say at what. She was rarely seen wearing anything but a bikini, but wasn’t the least bit self-conscious about her alarming good looks. They say her father was an embezzling accountant who dragged his family all over the West as he worked his scam from town to town, until the beauty made her escape to Encinitas. They say her father is looking for her still.

And there was the weekend Miss America. She was really from somewhere in L.A. and only showed up on the weekends to visit some-

either; she was acutely aware of her dilemma, and I heard her say once that she would gladly trade her figure in on a less luxurious model, which

The story is that she was jilted by somebody around here, and still cruises the alley parking lot periodically, just to check it out, and maybe find out who’s seeing whom.

body or other, but she had one of those absurdly fine figures that are both a blessing and an embarrassment to a girl. She was no fool

was interesting. Nevertheless, in a pinch, like when she really wanted something or somebody, she never hesitated to use the tools at hand.

Beach towns are famous for their good-looking girls, and there to prey on them was the smiler. He was perhaps the most likable person of all. He had those perfect pearly teeth and that long blond hair that drove 16-year-olds crazy (his success with girls over that age wasn’t so great, as he freely admitted.) But what endeared him to me was his refrigerator. The top half was perpetually full of beer, while the bottom vegetable bin was a dark and mysterious soup of iridescent molds and forgotten fruits stewing in their own six-month juices. That’s style.

There was also another

regular — a cheerful little elf who came around with energetic ideas for fun and play. He was said to have been the landlord, but this seemed preposterous because he was much too young and much too generous. On the other hand, the landlord gave December rent-free as a Christmas present, and this certainly fit the elf’s description. At any rate, he was fond of volleyball, and although very short, he could jump his height. He always seemed like some kind of ocean elf who might live in the eucalyptus woods.

And then there was the jealous lover in the sports car. She was more like some

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kind of ghost that came haunting. Nobody could remember exactly who she was — perhaps she came with the apartment — but the story is that she was jilted by somebody around here, and still cruises the alley parking lot periodically, just to check it out, and maybe find out who's seeing whom. It was a really bad habit, and everybody felt sorry for her.

Of course, there were many more.

Now, across from the alley in back, there was a vacant lot which the tenants had access to. True, it wasn't access by ownership, but access by occupancy. Here they had a communal garden, a volleyball court, and a horseshoe pit. The garden was governed without law — anybody could walk in it, and anybody could eat from it — in the perhaps idealistic hope that it would all work out in the end. They were particularly fond of tomatoes, lettuce, corn, white radishes, and watermelon, but somewhat less fond of the hoe, the shovel, and the rake, so that the crooked rows and



The author

tangled vines produced something less than they could have, if better cared for.

The horseshoe pit was remarkable in that it even existed, because nobody really had the \$20 a good set of shoes cost. What happened was that the gardener came

by a little extra money by way of an old debt, and was faced with the problem of relieving himself of its weight. He could take care of the gas bill and the phone bill, and maybe even buy a few groceries...try and get ahead of the game...but the danger

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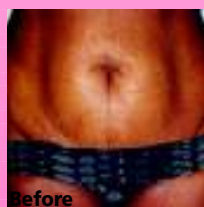
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in that is that you just might take the game seriously, so he blew it on the horseshoes.

I'm sure there's a similar story behind the volleyball set, but I can't remember what it is. At any rate, they were enjoyed the way simple things should be enjoyed — with laughter and beer and barking dogs.

But surfing was the only sport that was ever really taken seriously. All the spots — Swami's, Boneyard, 'D' Street, Beacons — were within walking distance, and the matters of swell size, swell direction, surface conditions, and bottom qualities were discussed enthusiastically wherever two or more people met. Early morning surf

sessions were eagerly planned with visions of 'D' Street cracking at sunrise, with only three or at most four guys in the water, but it was generally understood that if you couldn't make it at sunrise, then ten or eleven o'clock would do. Nothing should be taken that seriously.

Ah, you can see it was a kingdom. It wasn't a neighborhood, but a kingdom. There was a generous king, a handsome prince, a jack, a jester, a court of games and fun-loving subjects, and plenty of food and drink. There was sitting in the garden at sunset discussing points of philosophy. There were nights of theater at La Paloma, just around the cor-

ner, and walking home in the dark fog while megaphone-bullfrogs croaked in the creek. There were Saturdays of insane drunkenness and debauchery, and Sunday mornings of sweetness, waking up to the sound of waves breaking on the beach. There were even gloomy midwinter days in the damp basement dungeon with nothing but the conversation of friends and the memory of better days to get you by. As for money, they were all peasants. The lunatic worked part-time at a surfboard blanks factory. The perfect beauty was a waitress at the local coffee shop, as every joker in town knew. The gardener was a

gardener. The smiler was between jobs. Miss America worked in L.A. Money seems to have been looked on with the same attitude as the garden: It all worked out in the end. And in the end, there are less honorable positions than poverty.

But even kingdoms are bought and sold. They're called Real Estate. Of course it wasn't really any surprise. The peasants always know before anyone else when a revolution is in the air. There had been many indications, beginning with the day the bathtub in the upstairs bathroom fell through the ceiling of the basement below. Nobody was hurt, but it was clearly an omen. Shortly after

that fungus began growing on the basement walls, and the plumbing began spitting up clumps of sand, hair, and grease, and everyone knew the symptoms were terminal.

After the deal was made, the new landlord showed up announcing the changes to be made. It was going to be nothing short of a complete remodeling job — new plumbing, plaster, paint — with the bottom line being that the rent would double. The peasants were allowed to remain the first month of the new reign, but before long all the pounding and hammering and Roto-Rootering and shouting up the heating ducts got to be too depress-

ing. And nobody wanted it to suffer a slow death.

The gardener had been making arrangements to get a job in the woods up north for months, and when it came through, he packed his bags and split. The lunatic — he's been on the skids before. He sold or threw away everything he didn't need, and moved into a closet at the factory where he works. The smiler has plenty of teenage girls to take care of him. Miss America was swallowed up by L.A. and never heard from again. The jealous lover still cruises the alley as if nothing has changed. And the beauty...excuse me, she says my lunch is ready. ■

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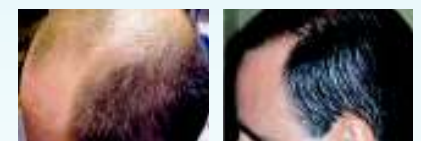
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Though not nearly as much so as in the past, Bonita is home to horses and horse people, those who ride for fun and sport. Horse-crossing signs pop up on the main roads and the smaller ones, and a campground in the park features corrals and racks for horses alongside camping spots for people. Ranchers and riders wear spurs on the back of their boots into town, even as Bluetooth devices hang from their ears and cell phones poke out of their pockets. Mehl Lawson, a local renowned sculptor who was once in the horse business himself and has been in Bonita for the past 40 years, describes the 15-mile network of trails that runs through the community, both in the parks and through residential areas.

“One of the big builders here in San Diego was into horses,” he says. “His kids showed horses and so forth, and he had the foresight to include, in all his developments around here, dedicated riding trails. Some of his tracts had permanent riding arenas, and people who bought homes here had space to build corrals and have horses on their property.”

But before the horses — and before a series of disastrous events — Bonita was known for its lemon groves. In 1871, a Chicago music publisher named Hiram M. Higgins settled in Bonita and bought up 76 acres of land, which he named the Bonnie Brae Ranch, famous for the thin-skinned Bonnie Brae lemon. In six years, Higgins planted over 2000 trees on his property.

After the success of his groves, Higgins began to sell lemon trees to other interested growers. One of these was Henry Ernest Cooper, who named his orchards Bonita Ranch after a local pond called Bonita Laguna. The name stuck, and the area remains Bonita to this day.

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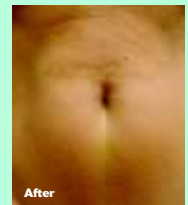
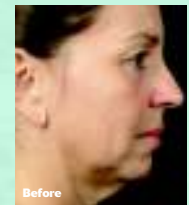
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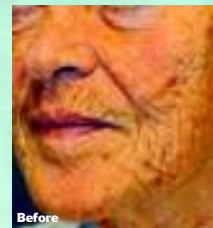
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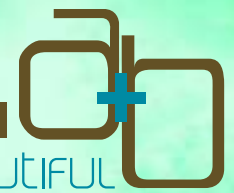
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to form the Sweetwater Fruit Company. The company built the Old Red Barn, a packing shed, from which lemons were shipped by train. The tracks ran down Bonita Road and on to Chula Vista. A landmark until 1959, the Old Red Barn eventually went through several incarnations — as a residence, a blacksmith's shop, and an antique store — before being demolished to make way for a shopping center.

In the early 1900s, the lemon industry came to a bad end. A drought starting around 1912, a freeze in 1913, and a flood in 1916 demolished the industry. The flood is a well-known bit of San Diego history. In late 1915, Charles Hatfield, known as the Rainmaker, sent a letter to San Diego's town council claiming he could end the drought. He named a sum of \$10,000 and built a tower at Lake Morena, where he had tanks full of mysterious chemicals. The rain came down two weeks later and seemingly would not stop. The Sweetwater Dam overflowed, and then it failed and all hell broke loose. The water



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that rushed down the Sweetwater Valley destroyed everything in its path — the lemon groves, the train tracks, the Sweetwater Bridge, and houses. Around the county, similar devastation occurred, and people were killed. The angry town council refused to pay Hatfield, who fled the town. Hatfield was minus ten grand, and Bonita was minus a lemon business.

Some trace remains of the old agricultural town that Bonita once was. The Little Church of the Valley is still standing, though not in its

original location. It was built in 1914 by two prominent Bonita families, the Chapmans and the Laubmeyers, and had a Quaker minister as its parish leader. It remained in operation until 1969, when it merged with the Wesleyan Church of the Valley, a bigger congregation that had the funds to purchase a bigger parcel of property. The little church, an important building in Bonita's history and to the community, was moved to join its larger counterpart at 5305 Sweetwater Road.

Older houses in Bonita,

spread out across the back roads, have a farmish feel, however slapdash it may be. Closer to Sweetwater, there are one-story wooden boxes with machinery scattered across the ground and clapboard sheds in the driveway, corrals erected wherever there is room. Their slightly better-maintained, modern-style counterparts are built up in the hills, bordered by peeling eucalyptus trees and two-car garages. Decks, often 14 or 15 feet above the slope, jut out from houses, supported by a network of beams. Far-

ther south, the homes widen and change from wood to stucco, the yards from red dust to lawns. It's a real mix; mini-mansions sit across from one-story no-frills boxes, and elaborately landscaped yards border bare or patchy ones.

But closer to Bonita Road, the main artery, new, modern housing developments abound. No longer are there sprawling pieces of land or horse farms; now, there are condominiums and detached one- and two-story homes. Multicolored flags beckon property-seekers to take a look, and signs line the shoulder of the road, advertising houses and condos priced from \$400,000 on up. A local realtor has listings that continue into the multimillions for the detached homes, making Bonita, as one local realtor put it, "an affluent community." But Bonita isn't as affluent as it could have been, according to Irene Kim, a former Bonita resident who's spent 18 of her 30 years in the community.

"I just feel like if it were to be more affluent, that, say, Plaza Bonita would have more

upscale shops, and it never did," she says. "It was always kind of at the JCPenney level — it wasn't like the Nordstrom level — and I think that maybe oftentimes reflects what constituents are asking for." She pauses. "That's just my own conclusion," she continues. "I feel like there's kind of a disconnect between the houses that are there that are so big and expensive and just what's in the community." She notes, however, that pockets of the area are extremely pricey.

Along with the more expensive development has come the degradation of the community's original buildings. The Old Red Barn is gone, and the old Bonita general store is now an Italian restaurant surrounded by a shopping center; across the street is a Jack in the Box. The change happened slowly, according to 48-year resident Richard Pena, who cannot pinpoint when it started or how long it took before Bonita was built out.

"It was so slow you didn't know it was happening," Pena says. "You'd have

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a little plot here that would be developed into something, and you wouldn't think much of it, and maybe a year later there'd be another plot that's developed, and so on, that type of thing." A retired Navy officer, Pena moved to Bonita in 1959. The most annoying change he's seen has been the overdevelopment of the area. "They call it progress, of course," he says slyly, recalling a time when "the population of horses was greater than the population of people," a time before the freeways (which he calls "an abomination in an area like this"), and a time before the influx of tract housing that has flooded Bonita and surrounding areas.

"At one time you could drive out here to the Otay Ranch, for example, in the springtime and see nothing but vast acreage of mustard [flowers] all over the hillsides," Pena remembers. "Now all you see are tile roofs, which I suppose you have to have, but I wish they were somewhere else."

Irene Kim recalls a similar scene.

"I remember when I would go down Otay Lakes Road, and there was this green hill," she says, "and it almost looked like *The Sound of Music*, acres and acres. Now it's just all houses, expensive houses. There's just been so much buildup there."

With the development, she says, came the slow collapse of community feeling.

"The neighborhoods are less neighborhoody," Kim says. "I remember there used to be block parties and Halloween parties and Christmas parties, where everyone's garage doors would be up. My best friend was my next-door neighbor, my babysitter was the older girl across the street, and that really, really fell apart when I went into high school, when people started moving away. I really miss that about Bonita."

The Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, located on Bonita Road in the same complex as the Bonita Library, documents Bonita's history. Started in 1987, the museum houses all kinds of artifacts, from an old cook stove to a butter churn to an ancient Davis sewing machine. An antique desk sits in the far-right-hand corner of the main room, outfitted with a typewriter, a clock, and a radio. Old bottles sit atop a shel-

ing unit; above this is a mail rack complete with old notes and letters in their original envelopes.

Vicky DeLong, the museum's director, is responsible for these displays. "Most of the stuff has been donated

from people who live in the area," she says, "or belonged to people who have passed away." A sculptor, DeLong has been with the museum since 1997. She helped oversee the museum's move last year from its spot in the old

fire station. Originally, it was part of a shopping center that caught fire in 1992. "The museum only got smoke damage and water damage, thank God," says DeLong, "but the volunteers just came in and took everything. They left the

stuff in the trunks of their cars and went to schools with it to continue teaching the history." It was then that the fire district donated the vacant fire station, where the museum remained until 2006. Now, at its present location, it is

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because it has the highest ceiling in Bonita and partly to draw people in to see the museum.

In addition to having a cultural center, Bonita hosts cultural events, including Bonitafest, an annual festival of family-oriented activities with a parade and the Orange Cart Derby, a home-made go-cart race for young children and preteens. The fest features community-written plays, referred to as "melodramas," that chronicle

Bonita's history. A group of store owners started Bonitafest in 1973 while trying to get local businesses together to form an association. Emily Ritter, the founder of the Bonita Business and Professional Association, tells her story in a little pamphlet entitled *The Folsky Beginnings of the Bonita Business and Professional Association and Bonitafest*. "Bonitafest was born in Brookside Winery early one morning of August 1973," she writes. "I said, 'We

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need to do something to get everyone's attention.' Someone in the room said, 'Like what?' I said, 'Let's have an Oktoberfest with a beer garden and dancing in the street!' Adelle Rockwell said, 'Let's call it a Bonitafest!'

Many of Bonita's considerable teen population attend Bonita Vista High, a school of 2600. The school remains locked down during the day "to keep out undesirables," jokes Michael Simonds, who teaches 10th- and 11th-grade math. The school is made up of identical, boxcar-like buildings organized into blocks. Lockers and hallways are outside, covered by a freestanding roof; from the quad, Mount Miguel and Otay Peak can be seen to the east.

"It's fairly easy to get bored around here," says Shannon, a Bonita Vista High student.

Teens say they spend time at the mall or the movies.

"You can buy one ticket and movie hop," says Kristy, giggling.

"They just take your ticket, and you can go into

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any movie you want, basically," Shannon adds.

Simonds enjoys teaching the students at Bonita Vista High. "They're fun. They're smart, they're very charming," he says. "They don't mind being smart. The students are motivated to succeed. They see college as a logical extension of what they're doing. They see themselves in the future with the kinds of jobs that would nor-

mally require college." He notes that substance abuse seems to be less of a problem at Bonita Vista than in the past.

"We don't have a big drug problem or a big drinking problem," he says. "There's a lot less drug use, at least apparently, than, say, ten years ago."

The students, however, say otherwise. Drugs are a big part of their lives by their

own accounts. Helen, a 15-year-old Bonita Vista High student attending Simonds's summer school English class, sets the record straight.

"Pretty much everyone smokes bud at this school," she says laughing.

Her classmate Elsie chimes in.

"The school is known for that."

Jake, another classmate, gives his opinion.

"I think drugs are pretty common here," he says, highlighting marijuana, cocaine, and ecstasy as some of the more prevalent substances of choice.

According to the kids, drug use during school also occurs on a regular basis. "They don't even hide it," continues Kristy, who is also in Simonds's class. "You go in the bathroom, and there's, like, five girls in one stall. If you're going to smoke, put one girl in each stall, be a little more discreet. And then you find the apple on the seat; they don't even flush it. And then when they try and sell the drugs to you, they're not even discreet either. They're, like, 'Hey, yeah, you want some? I got some' in the middle of the classroom. They even show the little bag to you so you can see how much they mean."

There are also students who try to act "hard," adopting clothing and speaking styles popular with local gangs. They seem to be, however, all bark and no bite.

"Practically all the, like, little guys that come here are

wannabe gangsters," says Kristy, rolling her eyes, "and they dress all cool and they walk all hard, but when it comes down to doing something, they're, like, 'Naw, it's all right. I'm cool.'"

But their showing off can be scary; many of the students say they've seen kids carrying knives on school grounds. Still, the teens seem unfazed, claiming the community—and the school—are safe.

"They say, 'I'm gonna shank you,' and it's, like, 'Whatever, dude,'" says Kristy. "Here, it's a joke!"

The teens concede that Bonita is, after all, a good place to be.

"It's a really nice area," says Luisa, a sophomore. "I've been to the other areas, and Bonita's pretty nice. Nice cars, especially around here, like Otay, all nice cars."

"Mainly it's about going to the beach, having fun with your friends, going over to their house, going in the pool..." says Kristy, trailing off. "It's mainly about that over here." ■

— Rosa Jurjevics

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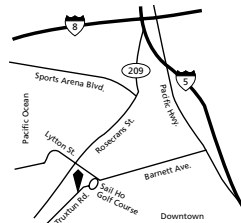
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not Maryland ("Breaking News," October 4). A solon for many years, Biden is chairman of the very important Senate Foreign Relations Committee. And as some of us know, he is trying to beat out Clinton, Obama, et al., not to forget Kucinich, for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States of America. No apologies, Potter, keeping up with the dizzying governmental shenanigans in San Diego is more than enough for one guy to handle. Keep stirring the pot.

William A. Harper
Mission Valley

That's DE Not MD

Re "City Lights" "So long, Bill, too" ("Breaking News," October 4).

I wonder and I wonder: Is there a fact-checker on staff? Matt Potter refers to Joe Biden as the senator from Maryland. Biden is one of our better-known

senators, and anyone with a scant interest in politics is surely aware that he is the longtime senator from Delaware.

Delma Lister
via e-mail

Keep It Real

I've enjoyed the new series on San Diego neighborhoods, but too many of these people seem to be living in some fantasy land. Half the people go on and on about how their neighbors are always helping each other, having barbecues and watching each other's kids grow up. I'm not buying that their neighborhood is really like that. Most people have minimal interaction with their neighbors and would probably be happier if everyone else just moved away and left them alone. What are they trying to do, get people interested in moving there so the property values will go up and they can finally sell their crappy house and move? Far and away the best one so far was the bitter recollections of the former City

Heights resident ("More San Diego Neighborhoods," "City Heights Hell," October 4). No sugar coating there; everyone knows that place is a crime-ridden dump, and the writer confirms it.

Pat Wilson
via e-mail

Trans-Fat Truths

Concerning "Best Buys" by Eve Kelly, October 4.

She states that Skippy peanut butter is loaded with "plenty of trans fats." Already knowing this is wrong, I read every peanut butter label at Albertsons. The results were that they all list trans fat at zero grams contained. Her friend Sophia's wrist got sore stirring in the oil on top of the natural brands because they didn't contain partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, which serve to halt the oil separation.

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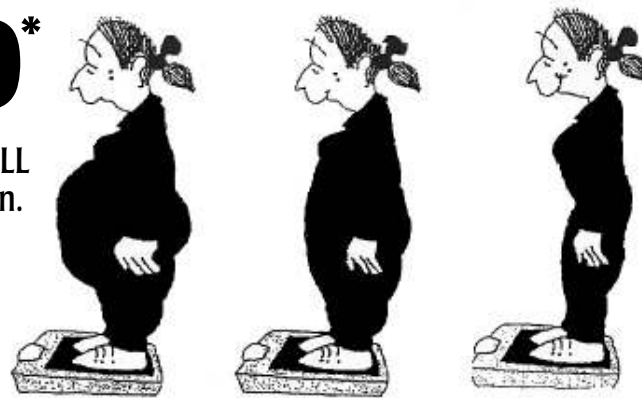
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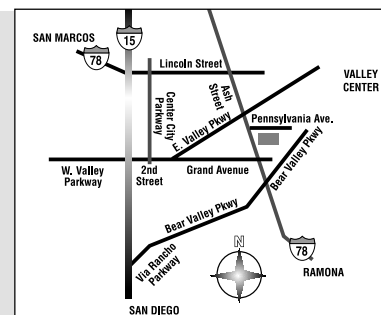


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ened vegetable oils neither contain cholesterol nor contribute cholesterol to the body. As far as her statement that trans fats are used as a preservative, let me point out that there is only a lot of fear in people about preservatives, and to this day, there has not been one conclusive shred of proof linking any food preservative to any particular physiological disease or condition. There is only superstitious fear.

Eve Kelly would do well to leave out her bogus scientific opinions. This would allow readers to appreciate the article for what it really is, a report on shopping bargains and a couple of chubbies smacking down mass goober goo with spoons (probably in the dead of night).

Kevin Christie
North Park

Eve Kelly responds: According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website (<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/>

~dms/qatrans2.html#s3q3), "Food manufacturers are allowed to list amounts of trans fat with less than 0.5 gram (1/2 g) as 0 (zero) on the Nutrition Facts panel. As a result, consumers may see a few products that list 0 gram trans fat on the label, while the ingredient list will have 'shortening' or 'partially hydrogenated vegetable oil' on it. This means the food contains very small amounts (less than 0.5 g) of trans fat per serving." The 28-ounce Skippy Creamy Peanut Butter does in fact list partially hydrogenated vegetable oil as its third ingredient, and partially hydrogenated vegetable oil does contain trans fat. So, you are right, I should not have written "plenty of trans fats." But there were still trans fats present, and as you mention, trans fats are linked to raised cholesterol levels in the body. The USDA and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in their Dietary Guide-

lines for Americans, recommend that we "keep trans fatty acid consumption as low as possible."

Portly Love Partner

This letter is in response to your article "Being Fat Sucks" (Cover Story, September 27). First off the bat, I congratulate you, Barbarella, on your weight loss and keeping the weight off (as well as giving up street drugs and smoking). Diet and exercise are only two parts of the weight-loss equation, with the third being someone in your life who not only cheers you on in your success but who loves you for who you are to begin with. You are lucky to have David in that role, and I wish you continued success.

However, there is a slight boo-boo in your otherwise fine article: the title. When I picked up that week's Reader, I saw the title and I thought that Ollie had struck again. You might

have picked a better way to describe your accomplishments. But otherwise, your article was great.

And as for dating a woman who is obese/overweight, I cannot see anything shameful about it. It is really sad that many so-called men cannot see past a woman's body shape or size when looking for a love partner. What I tell a prospective ladylove is, "What I care most about is what lies inside your heart. The shape or size of your body matters little to me, *liebbling*."

My first girlfriend/lover (and almost my wife) was, indeed, obese. My father made fun of her size, but I knew that in her heart was what I truly wanted — lots and lots of untapped love just waiting to be enjoyed. So, your observations about obesity and love never being mutually exclusive were right on the money.

Robert K. Johnson
Vista

I Smell Fish

I was amazed to read that Naomi Wise modified her review standards for the Kensington Grill (Restaurant Review, September 27) to cover pure "deliciousness," thereby granting it a four-star endorsement. We were at this tired old restaurant a week earlier and after paying too much for mediocre food and service, decided it was our last supper there. But, then, we would never choose steak, never medium, as an entrée.

I was even more amazed when, the following week (October 4), Ms. Wise rudely reviewed Bleu Bohème, giving it only two and one-half stars and carrying on a diatribe against the idea man behind it. Naomi also went off on a tangent about French restaurants that have separate dining rooms and menus for the ignorant foreigners. Whatever does that have to do with Blue Bohème? It read more like a show-off piece — as in an

I-have-dined-in-a-real-bistro bit. It also served to imply, by being in this review, some similar nefarious business at Bleu Bohème, which could not be further from the truth.

The review was so negative. We have found it nothing but superlative; go as often as we can afford — and it is affordable; have had some of the best service anywhere in town, including from the amazing bartender, who is one of several on staff who follow one another when they know a new restaurant is going to be a smash success — and that they will help it to be just that. All personnel are professionals. And I haven't even started on the food, which is the main reason we go there. Where can you get six garlic butter escargots for \$7.50? I cannot make them for that little.

Now, what is the real reason Naomi gave the Kensington Grill that rave review? I smell something

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Bonnie Bekken
Normal Heights

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In regards to Bob's and Dale's letters about the gun issue, September 27 Reader.

Bob, why do you consider abortion, religion, and politics less volatile matters than the gun issue? They're all about killing. I'm truly sorry about what happened to your wife during this terrible incident. But Bob, what if your five-year-old

had found that loaded gun under your bed? I shudder to think of those consequences. Also, maybe that drug-crazed maniac was breaking in for the purpose of obtaining a gun. With so many people owning guns — some even have a mini arsenal of them — well, it has only increased the number of home invasions. I know that firsthand, but that's another letter. I've never suggested one try to "reason with a thug." I sleep with a chair against my front door, a knife under my pillow, and I hope to get another dog

soon. Bob, when time and coincidence collide, bad things can happen. You could be hit by a bus today, though it's more likely to be a bullet.

I had an intruder break into my home via a key. It was about 3:00 a.m. when I was just about to drift off to sleep on my couch in the living room. I heard the locked back door open. At first I thought it was my teenage son, but the footsteps were too heavy sounding to be his. I was lying with my head and body turned into the sofa back. When he reached my couch bedside, I was in a frozen state, feigning sleep desperately. At about that moment, I suddenly heard a lot of commotion in front of my house. Cars and loud talking. He ran out the back door quickly. It was a hot summer night, and my windows and drapes were wide

open. After he left, I looked out the window. There were two cars and a group of young folks who had pulled up in front of my house. In the morning I discovered all the trash they dumped. Anyway, getting to the point now, if I had had a gun under my pillow and managed to act quickly, I would have blown the man's brains out.

Also, Bob, if I would have had a gun lying around, I would have blown my own brains out years ago. So many who suffer from major depression, they have access to a gun and *bam*, they're gone in seconds. Unlike slashing one's wrist or popping a bunch of pills, a bullet to the brain or heart, well, that cry for help is permanently silenced. God gave me this life, and I cannot destroy what He created even though I think I got dealt a bad hand of cards.

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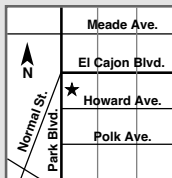
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The "right to bear arms," maybe those old gents who wrote that one up were senile. Dale, freedom requires guns. What freedom? The bullets are flying. The 15-year-old in Oceanside, he lost his freedom from a drive-by shooting. It's not possible to do a drive-by knifing. Those 32 Virginia Tech students lost their freedom. I could go on and on.

To quote a prominent Republican authoritative figure, "The availability of guns in this country is a disgrace." Down with the Second Amendment! Down with the NRA! Down with gun shops! By the way, who needs to sell or buy an AK-47? They are obviously sold

and bought for human hunting. I just don't get it. There are all these anti-smoking commercials directed toward our youths. Why no antigun ads? More young people die from a bullet than a cigarette. Shame on the City of Del Mar. You can get arrested for smoking in public there. Yet they hold yearly gun shows. What hypocrisy. Becker, the retired Navy man, you are the man. I love ya. Let's get married (hee hee). My oldest son got kicked out of the Army for refusing to carry a gun. I'm very proud of him. That's it. Case closed.

Kathleen Feeley
Formerly Kathleen Beope
Rolando

My Opinion Of Your Opinion

As a resident of Point Loma since 1941, I cannot let your half-truths and hints of impropriety pass without comment ("RoseCRAM," "City Lights," September 20).

County assessor Greg Smith has researched and has never seen any Point Loma property owner file for a property value assessment reduction. One resident calling the hotel "butt ugly" is not exactly an indictment, considering there are over 60,000 residents in the area. SeaWorld was similarly attacked, and we all know how badly that development has turned out.

I agree that the Navy is the monster in the room, but to assert that all transferees will work and live in Point Loma is blatantly false, as is the assertion that 18,000 are already at the facility. Name real estate developers and realtors that threw money at the Peninsula Community Planning Board election. I personally paid for an ad in the *Beacon*. Name any other people that spent cash, or stop listening to the losers' sour grapes. They had five years and failed, so maybe we can give the winners five years

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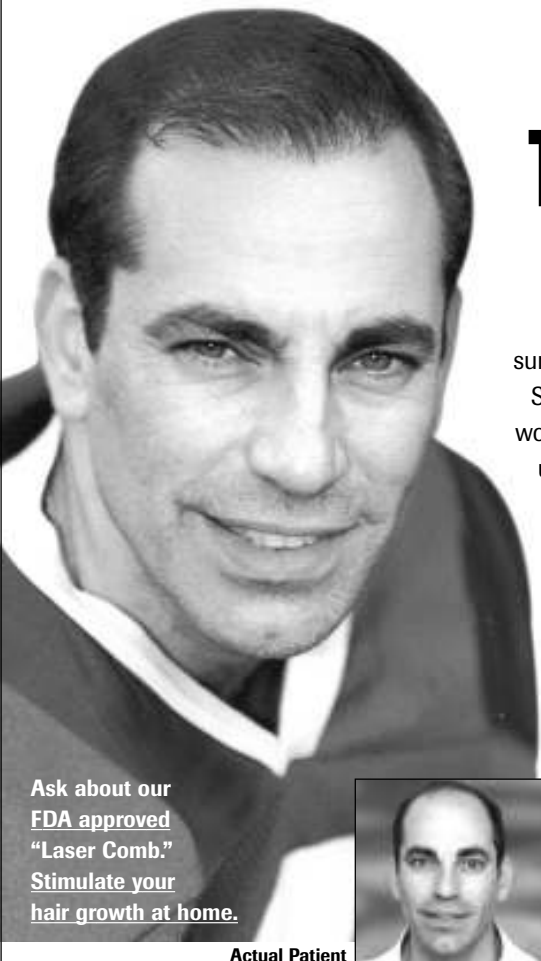
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to also succeed or fail. Sd-coastal.org distributed flyers door-to-door, but I guess that was accomplished for free in your mind. John McNab fought the Naval Training Center deal from day one. No one was ever indicted in that deal. Your Potemkin hit piece was observed by over 100 people, yet yours was the only memory of any backdoor deals. Again, no investigations and no arrests, just more loser sour grapes.

If Kathryn Rhodes' and Geoff Page's statements were true, someone should be investigating these violations of the municipal code law, but I see no action has ever been taken.

I could go on but will stop. You can call Captain Patton at Spawar and get facts. Or go to <http://www.cnrsw.navy.mil/default.htm>. Mike Aguirre's promise of an investigation about McMillin profits has never been made public once the press conference was over.

I would not be sending this if you clearly labeled your column *opinion*, but if it is meant to be journalism, shame on you.

Joe Varley
via e-mail

First Portrero, Then The World

I have been following Blackwater and the camp they want to build in Potrero ("City Lights," February 22). The Department of Homeland Security took

over a town in New Mexico known as Playas. They worked through New Mexico Tech Socorro. Are these antiterrorist-training units, or are they preparing for a revolution here in America? The American people will come out of the ether sooner or later, when they realize we were duped into the Iraq War and that the real terrorists are the Neo Con Party. There are millions of American veterans and millions of weapons nationwide, and one has to think maybe they are preparing themselves to thwart an uprising here at home. The Neo Con People have used our military and weapons to conquer Iraq and are trying to move on Iran. The oil fields are their way to finance the one-world government. Think about it.

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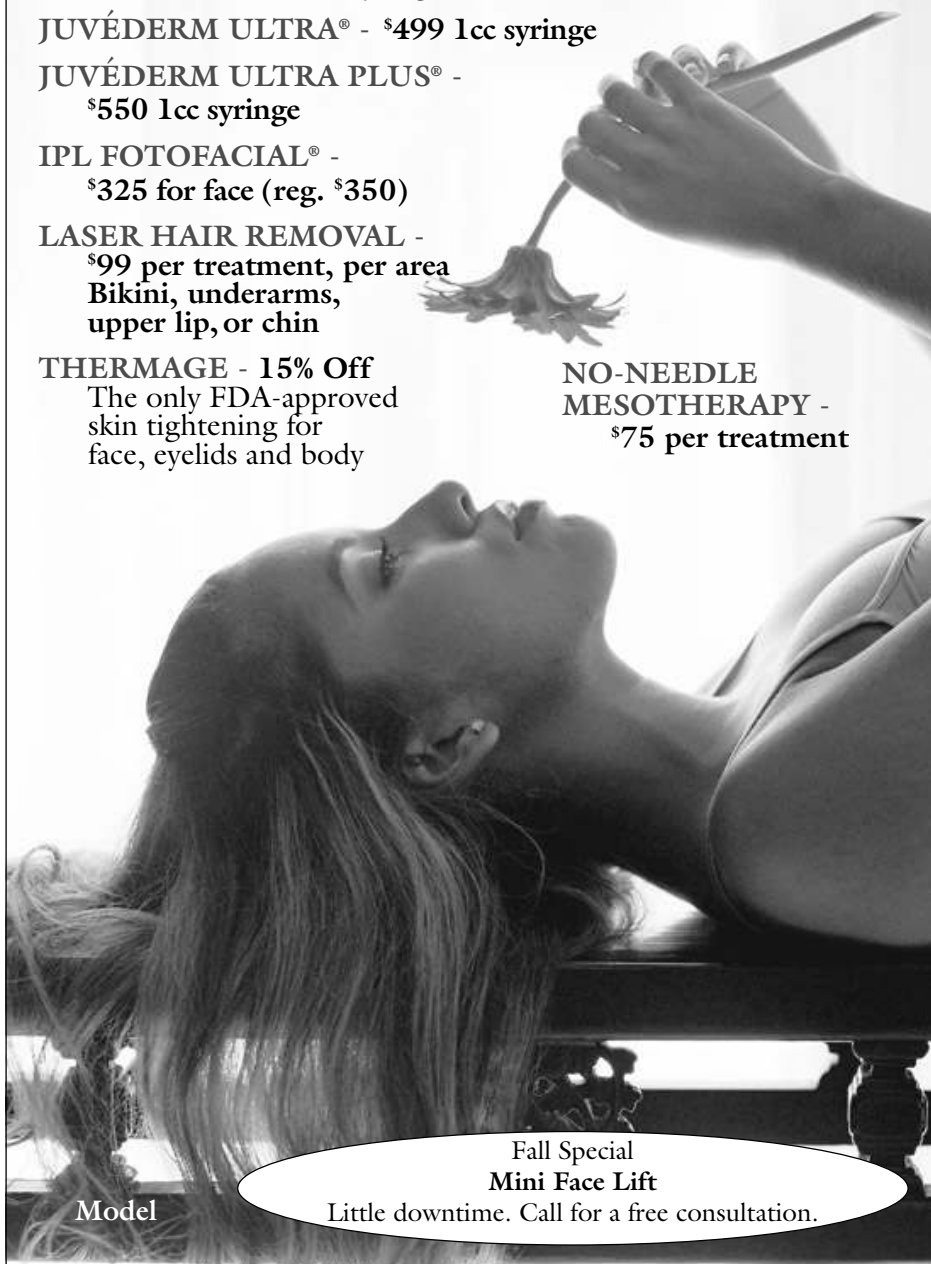
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Comments from Reader Website

Restaurant Review Published October 3

Posted by *rj narlian* on
10/10/07, 11:18 p.m.

Dear Naomi, we were doing pork three ways (on one plate) at Mr. A's in 2001 and we even did beef three ways at The Abbey back in 1987. Putting different versions of the same ingredient on the same plate was not invented by Wade Hageman (at Blanca) or by Michael Mina or by George Morrone. And I'm willing to bet it was around long before 1987.

Of Note Published October 10

Posted by *Michael Nie-*
man on 10/11/07, 5:12 p.m.

I've never heard Mr Anger, and I bet he is a superb musician. However, I take exception to your referring to bluegrass as "traditional roots" music. Roots music, in my reading of those story at least, is the Afro-Celtic music made deep in the backcountry of

Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, etc that sprang from the meeting of freed slaves and poor white farmers. In short, it is the music that bluegrass nearly drove into extinction. I have nothing against bluegrass, just your use of that term. Sorry if this seems pedantic, it's just that I really, really love that other music.

As I Hear It Published October 10

Posted by *Dave* on
10/11/07, 11:20 p.m.

I'm not sure where you found Matt Valdivia, or what record you played for him, but the whole thing is kind of confusing. I'm not saying you have to like Jenn's music (that would require good taste), but to call her vocals "flat and boring" means you just couldn't have been listening. Jenn's great. Matt's wrong. Just wrong.

Theater Review Published October 10

Posted by *George G.*
Gallo on 10/12/07, 4:21 a.m.
Regarding "A Catered

Affair." It's great to finally read a good review regarding a musical (Oops, I mean a play with music, in this case) previewing on the West Coast before heading to Broadway (Think "Le-stat" or the Dylan debacle "Like a Rolling Beach Ball"). Thank you Mr. Fierstein for your well-concieved concept and thank you Mr. Doyle for (according to the review) what seems like great directing. See you on Broadway.

Local Events Published October 10

Posted by *Mark Allen* on
10/12/07, 1:08 p.m.

If, as its supporters insist, Al-Awda is "basically a human rights organization," then it must allow The Salvation Army **its** right to say who it will, and will not, permit to use its facilities. The caterwauling diminishes the credibility of Al-Awada and unnecessarily tarnishes its guest, Mr. Khalifé.

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Bourbon Laws

A Tasting at the Palm Restaurant

Before bourbon goes into the barrel, they char the inside by literally lighting the barrel on fire," says Sheri Haupt, Southern California area manager for bourbon distributor Future Brands. "They char it to a depth, meaning how deep into the wood of the barrel they'll burn it to. I think charring deeper into the wood draws out more of the sugars of the wood itself."

On Friday, October 19, Haupt will host a bourbon-tasting event at the Palm Restaurant in downtown San Diego. "There are legal guidelines that a bourbon company has to

LOCAL EVENTS

follow in order to label their product a bourbon," Haupt explains. "It has to be at least 51 percent corn and has to be aged in new barrels — in other words, they cannot reuse their barrels and call their product a bourbon."

Bourbon is an American whiskey composed mostly of corn (typically 65 to 70 percent) and can also include wheat, rye, and malted barley. It is aged for a minimum of two years in new, charred oak barrels and contains no added ingredients. "It's funny, because there's really not a whole lot of reasoning behind a lot of those laws," says Haupt. "Fifty-one percent corn does not make or break a better bourbon; that's just what was required by law. Kentucky was a place that had vast fields of corn, way back when, in the late 1700s."

Bourbon was named after Bourbon County, Kentucky, which contained a major port for shipping distilled spirits to New Orleans via the Mississippi River. All of the

barrels leaving the port were marked with the county's name, and eventually all corn whiskey was referred to as bourbon.

"The common phrase is that all bourbon is whiskey, but not all whiskey is bourbon," says Haupt. "Jack Daniel's is not a bourbon; it's a whiskey because they do not follow the legal guidelines for their product to become a bourbon." According to www.straightbourbon.com, Jack Daniel's does not make the cut because it is filtered through sugar-maple charcoal. "The process, called the Lincoln County Process, infuses a sweet and sooty character into the distillate as it removes impurities. But up to and after the charcoal filtering, the Jack Daniel's production is much the same as any other bourbon."

Because of the high corn content and the charred barrels, bourbon tends to be the sweetest and mildest whiskey. Scotch is known for its smokiness, which is acquired by the peat moss burned to heat the kettles that contain the fermenting grain and malt.

"I think that you can find a smoky bourbon," Haupt says. She suggests Basil Hayden, which contains more rye than most other bourbons. "The rye brings a little more spice to it. A nine-year-old, 100-proof bourbon lends its hand to somebody who enjoys scotch — it's really dark, higher proof, and because it has sat for nine years in that barrel it has more of a walnut, smoky flavor."

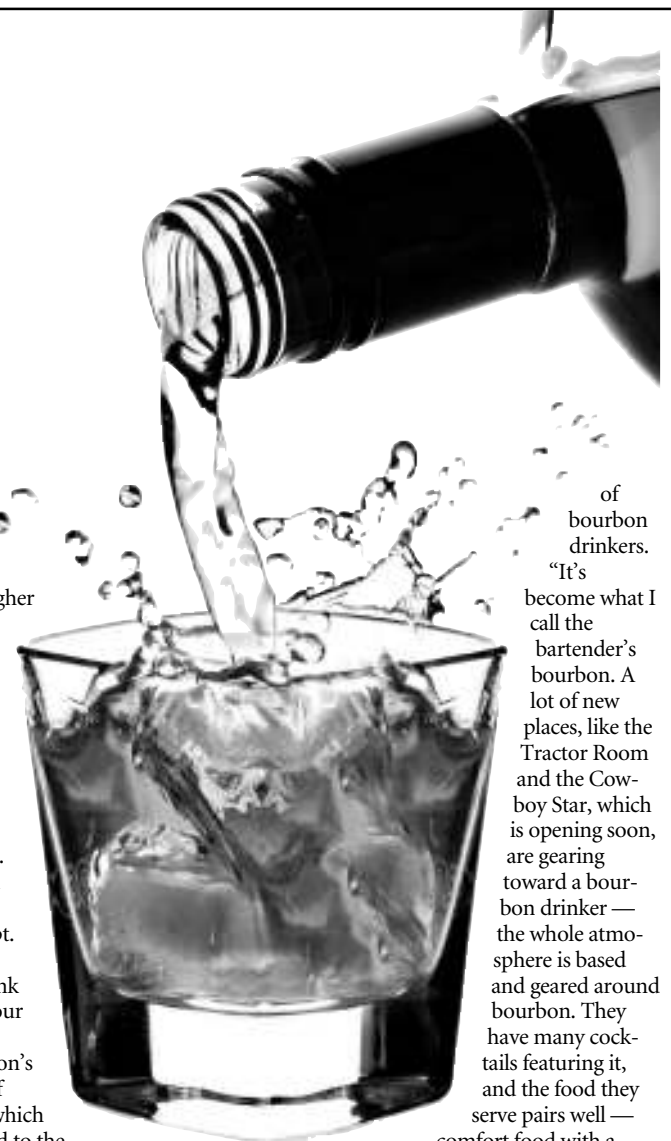
In the tasting Haupt will include cask-strength bourbon, or bourbon that is unfiltered and not diluted with water. "Booker's [bourbon, by Jim Beam] is cask strength [126 proof]. I will be serving it full strength, and it will be up to the consumer if they'd like to cut it [with water]. All adding water does is reduce the proof."

When bourbon is placed into barrels for aging, it must be at least 80 proof but not higher than 125 proof. After it has aged for at least two years, the bourbon is diluted with water and bottled. Except for cask strength, bourbon is placed in barrels at a higher proof than it will be sold. This is mostly due to the cost of barrels.

"Bourbon is special because it's 'America's native spirit,'" says Haupt. "This is something we should all embrace; I think we tend to lose track of our heritage." Bourbon was given the title as the nation's official drink by an act of Congress in 1964, after which production was restricted to the United States. The U.S. Senate declared September 2007 to be "National Bourbon Heritage Month."

Haupt is a bourbon drinker, though she admits cask strength is a little high proof for her. She enjoys a drink called "muddled creek cocktail," for which she uses Knob Creek bourbon, muddled orange, a splash of Triple Sec, and ginger ale. "It's a little twist on the 'old fashioned,' especially if you don't drink it right away. When it just sits for a moment or two, the flavors marry well together."

Haupt says that milder bourbons like Maker's Mark are attracting a new generation



of bourbon drinkers. "It's become what I call the bartender's bourbon. A lot of new places, like the Tractor Room and the Cowboy Star, which is opening soon, are gearing toward a bourbon drinker — the whole atmosphere is based and geared around bourbon. They have many cocktails featuring it, and the food they serve pairs well —

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

Camila in Concert on Thursday, October 18, at Teatro del Pueblo in Mexicali. Concert also planned on Friday, October 19, at Auditorio Municipal (on Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana).

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"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)

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"El Gran Vidrio," Mario Bellatín discusses new book for children, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Guadalupe Pineda in Concert, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$35, \$45 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"La Bohemia," show by Rafael Mendoza, Marcial Alejandro, David Haro on Friday, October 19, 9:30 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Noelia in Concert at Balak in Pueblo Amigo Mall (Zona Río) on Friday, October 19, 10 p.m. 011-52-664-682-9222. (TIJUANA)

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More Than 5000 Pounds of Caesar Salad will be prepared by 12 chefs in search of Guinness World Record status, Saturday, October 20, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Music, food, entertainment. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

La Casa Vieja Festival of the Arts, local artists demonstrate techniques of painting, sculpture, ceramics, stained glass, singing, poetry, modern dance, on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21, noon–7 p.m., at La Casa Vieja Gallery and Wine Bar (at km 93.5 Carretera Tecate-Ensenada "Ruta del Vino"). Wine, food, art for sale. Admission: free. 011-52-646-155-3153. (ENSENADA)

Lober Festival with food contests, music, and entertainment, Saturday, October 20, 1–7 p.m., at Grand Baja Resort. \$60 tickets include food. 011-52-661-613-1532. (PUERTO NUEVO)

Urban Fest, promising rock music on Avenida Revolución, Saturday, October 20, 3–10 p.m. 011-52-664-634-6330. (TIJUANA)

Belinda in concert, Saturday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Tickets: \$20–\$150 U.S. 011-52-664-608-4692. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Oscar Chavez and los Morales Trio perform in celebration of 25th anniversary of Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street) on Saturday, October 20, 9 p.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Songs from Puerto Rico promised when Fernandito Ferrer takes stage at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328) on Saturday, October 20, 9:30 p.m. 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

Los Auténticos Decadentes, Astrorumberos, Los Tolkadiscos plan rock concert on Saturday, October 20, 11 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Baja California Tours hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, October 20. Tour departs at 8 a.m. from Kings Inn to the Campo Depot, returns to Kings Inn 6:30 p.m. \$110

includes transportation to and from Campo Depot, train ride, optional tour of Tecate Brewery, and lunch in Tecate at la Tradición. Reservations: 858-454-7166. (TECATE)

"Our Bed Is Made of Flowers," Robert Castillo plans reading and signing of new book at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street) on Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m. 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

20th-Century Chamber Music may be heard when Orchestra of Baja California takes stage at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Leaves Are Beginning to Turn in coastal San Diego County's riparian woodland and oak woodland habitats. In response to a very dry spring and summer, the summer-green crowns of willows and sycamores are already fading to yellow and brown. Beneath the oaks, the deciduous poison oak is flushing red. Good places for autumn walks this month and next include San Clemente Canyon (Marian Bear) Park adjacent to Freeway 52, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve north of Mira Mesa, and Wilderness Gardens Preserve County Park east of Pala in North County.

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

shaped spines, makes it easy to identify.

The Orionid Meteor Shower, one of the year's five best annual showers, peaks on the late night/early morning of October 20–21 (Saturday evening through Sunday morning). The moon, at just past first quarter phase, is due to set around 1 a.m., after which dark-sky conditions will markedly improve. Meteor watching will then be favorable until the sky starts to brighten up at dawn, roughly 6 a.m.

Under ideal conditions (clear skies in a dark mountain or desert location, and with an unobstructed horizon) you might spot up to 30 meteors per hour. The Orionids "radiate" from the constellation of Orion, and many leave long-lasting "trains," or glowing trails. Comet Halley is believed responsible for this shower. Every year at this time, Earth plows through a stream of icy particles shed by that comet in the past.

Bird and Butterfly Garden, expect fairly good birding with Audubon Society birders at Bird and Butterfly Garden in Tijuana River Valley Regional Park on Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m.–noon. Large tamarisks attract variety of migrating warblers, as well as a variety of other migrants, and butterflies. Easy hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Hike the Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve on Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m.–noon. Hike starts in Oceanside at dead end of Cannon Road (heading west from South Melrose). Hike, hosted by Sierra Club and Preserve Calavera, will focus on wildlife tracking. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring water. Free. Required reservations: 760-630-1070. (OCEANSIDE)

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is divulged during docent-led walk on Saturday, October 20. Join group at 9 a.m. at Batiqitos Lagoon nature center (7380 Gabibiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Gold on the Trails, see golden sycamores, cottonwoods, golden-bush during guided walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, October 20, 21, and 24, 9:30-11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Learn to Create Attractive Natural Gardens using drought-tolerant, native plants that save water and attract birds and butterflies during workshop sponsored by San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. Workshop is Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m.-noon, at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, San

Dieguito River Park (12655 Sunset Drive). Free. Required reservations: 858-674-2275 x12. (ESCONDIDO)

Mysteries of Mission Valley explored by Walkabout walkers, Saturday, October 20. The flat, moderately paced walk starts at 10 a.m. at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Optional snack follows (bring money). 619-231-7463. (MISSION VALLEY)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m., starting at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Watch for Hawks and Owls during Canyoneers hike in Rose Canyon Open-Space Park, Saturday, October 20, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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Point Loma Native Plant Reserve work party, Sunday, October 21, 9 a.m.–noon. Pruning, weeding, general maintenance. Find garden at Mendocino and Greene Street off Voltaire Avenue. Free. 619-297-7380. (OCEAN BEACH)

Sun or Shade? Dry or Wet?

Develop a personalized garden plan when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets on Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). Bring layout of your property and “we’ll help you come up with your very own garden plan.” Free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Sensory Awareness Hike

led by Will Bowen in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, October 21. “Explore deep immersion in the senses as a path to know nature better.” Adventure starts at 4 p.m. at west-end staging area on south side of Sorrento Valley Boulevard (one-half mile east of intersection of Vista Sorrento Parkway). Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Salton Sea Fish Cleanup

Task Force Clean Up Day is slated for Saturday, November 3, 6 a.m.–1 p.m. Volunteers will meet at staging area (West Shores Senior Center, 1375 Borrego Salton Seaway, S-22) with assigned group leaders to be directed to designated areas on west shores for removal of dead fish and trash. Free. Required reservations: 760-564-4888. (SALTON SEA)

DANCE

Calling All Jitterbugs!

Meeshi and CafeSavoy Swing Productions host all-age swing dance, Thursday, October 18, at La Jolla YMCA Firehouse (7877 Herschel Avenue). Beginner’s swing: 8 p.m.; live ‘30s and ‘40s swing music by Speakeasy Quintet, 9 p.m.–midnight. Lindy Hop performance by national swing champions Giselle Anguizola and Chris Stewart (10 p.m.). \$12 general, \$10 for those under 21. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

Paragon Jazz Band plans dance concert on Friday, October 19, 7 p.m., at La Mesa Adult Center (8450 La Mesa Boulevard). \$. 619-464-0505.

Busy on Friday? Paragon Jazz

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Sandstone Canyon has been called the most spectacular small wash in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Like a hidden jewel, this particular natural feature requires time and effort to find — and it is often necessary to have a four-wheel drive vehicle with high clearance to get to the canyon.

After leaving the pavement of Split Mountain Road (8 miles south of Highway 78 at Ocotillo Wells), you must navigate on wheels 10.5 miles “upstream” along Fish Creek Wash to reach Sandstone Canyon’s gaping mouth. This long but not tedious drive on sand, silt, or mud starts with a spectacular tight passage through the gap of Split Mountain, then continues through the more open but severely desiccated terrain of the Carrizo Badlands. Late-summer rainfall in the Split Mountain area can be prodigious but spotty, so it is possible you may encounter some wet ground in October, as well as splashes of sand verbena blossoms here and there along Fish Creek Wash.

Although you can drive a short way into lower Sandstone Canyon, it is better to start hiking right at the canyon’s mouth. You then can admire, at a leisurely pace, the canyon walls, which feature horizontally stacked layers of tan and dark brown sandstone, soaring to almost 200 feet in some places. The narrow bottom of the canyon is filled with light-colored sand and boulders, washed down from durable granitic rock formations at higher elevations in the nearby Vallecito Mountains. A few large, wispy smoke trees inhabit the canyon, along with thorny catclaw bushes, exquisitely fragrant desert lavender bushes, and various other small shrubs.

At a point 1.2 miles up from Fish Creek, a major tributary enters Sandstone Canyon from the right (north). Up this canyon a short way is a small *tinaja*, or seasonal pool of water, right below a narrow, almost unclimbable “dry fall,” or pouroff.

At 1.7 miles up the canyon, another major tributary enters from the left. This narrow slot canyon may be followed for 0.5 mile to the top of the gently sloping plateau above and to the south of Sandstone Canyon. Follow, if you dare, a path along Sandstone Canyon’s south rim, where you can get a raven’s eye view of the canyon floor straight below.

At 2.1 miles a third major tributary enters from the right. With some cleverness and effort you can work your way up through various branches of this ravine and reach the top of the Mud Palisades overlooking Olla Wash. These “palisades” are actually the face of a receding cliff cut into the flank of the Vallecito Mountains.

Past the third major tributary, you can trace a sin-

uous ravine upward another 1.3 miles and reach a saddle at the head of Sandstone Canyon. From there — if time allows and the spirit moves — a tough little scramble up a rocky slope to the southeast can take you to peak “Diablo,” where you get an inclusive view of the entire Carrizo Badlands region. It is also possible to venture west of the saddle and connect with June Wash, which drains south toward Agua Caliente Springs and Highway S-2.

Those who intend to wander far from the Sandstone Canyon drainage basin should have a topographic

map or other appropriate navigational aids, and the knowledge of their use. The landscape here includes some of the most intricately convoluted terrain in all of San Diego County.

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

SANDSTONE CANYON

Explore the near or the far reaches of Sandstone Canyon, one of Anza-Borrego’s most dramatically sheer landforms.

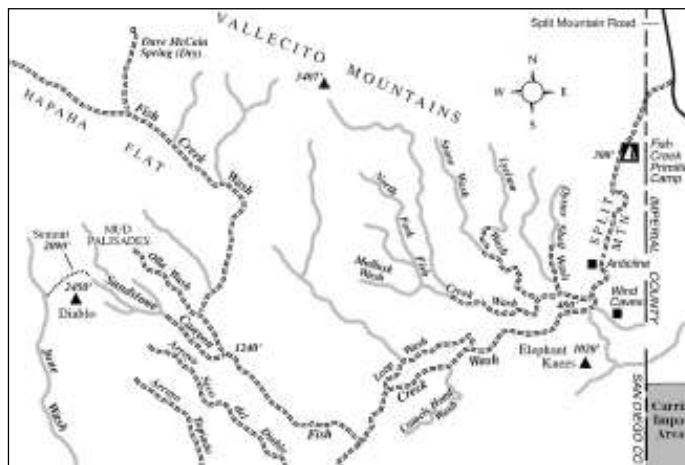
Distance from downtown San Diego: 112 miles

Hiking Length: Up to 7 miles

Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous



Inside Sandstone Canyon



Band returns Sunday, October 21, 1 p.m., at Lafayette Hotel (2223 El Cajon Boulevard). \$10. 619-435-3931, 619-297-5277. (LA MESA, NORTH PARK)

Hey Wire makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradancing, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner’s dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Learn the Peaceful Henry (a ragtime two-step choreography) on Fri-

day, October 19, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., open vintage dancing 8:30–9:45 p.m. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. All ages and abilities. Partners not required. (BALBOA PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, third Saturday of each month, including October 20, at Cheek2Cheek (909 Grand Avenue, suite 3). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (PACIFIC BEACH)

English Country Dancing with calling by Judee, Terri, and Ellie,

on Sunday, October 21, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

FILM

“Weather We Change” film tour hits local Adventure 16 stores on October 18 and 19. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700) and on Friday at 4620 Alvarado

Canyon Road (619-283-2374). Free. (OCEANSIDE, MISSION VALLEY)

It’s a Hoot! Enjoy *Wedding Crashers* when it’s showcased for Cinema under the Stars series, Thursday–Saturday, October 18–20, 8:30 p.m., at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

“El Aura” (from Argentina) and *Drama/Mex* (from Mexico) screen for “Countdown to 15” showcase of new cinema hosted by Media Arts Center’s Latino Film Festival, October 19–25, at UltraStar’s Mis-

sion Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Tickets: \$9.50 general. Showtimes, details: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 *Journey into Amazing Caves* (6 p.m.) and *To the Limit* (7 p.m.) on October 19. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Roberto Faenza’s Film *I Giorni Dell’Abbandono* (2005) screens Friday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

Stranded on Mars with Only a Monkey as a companion, a U.S. astronaut “must figure out how to find oxygen, water, and food on the lifeless planet” in *Robinson Crusoe on Mars* (1964), screening for Mars Society’s “Mars Movie Night,” Friday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Art Union Building (2323 Broadway). Free with reservation: 619-723-3456. (GOLDEN HILL)

“**Sierra Leone’s Refugee All Stars**,” a film by Zach Niles and Banker White, will be shown on Saturday, October 20, noon, at Beckwourth Library (721 San Pasqual Street). Free. 619-527-3404. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

“**You Kill Me**,” starring Ben Kingsley, Tea Leoni, and Luke Wilson, screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800.

Buster Keaton Celebration continues during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, with *Go West* (1925) shown on Wednesday, October 24, 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)

Fifties Kitsch Extraordinaire! See John Waters’ *Cry-Baby* when it screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Cinema Lounge Series hosted by Sushi Performance and Visual Art features “Hi/Lo Film Festival” on Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Rubber Rose (3812 Ray Street). Pay-what-you-can. 619-235-8466. (NORTH PARK)

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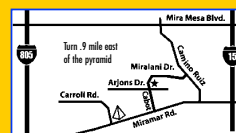
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LECTURES

"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)

"Knowledge and Virtuosity in 18th-Century French Sketchbooks" examined when Louis Marchesano speaks for Art in the Afternoon lecture series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, October 18, 12:30 p.m. Marchesano is curator of prints and drawings at Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles, who developed current exhibition "Drawn to Rome." Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (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)

"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)

"From Sánchez Cotán to Dalí: Spanish Paintings in SDMA's Collection" presented by James Grebl for guest lecture series at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, October 19, 10 a.m. \$12. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Uncorked wine seminar led by wine expert John Alonge on Friday, October 19, at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). "Sip and learn" at 6:30 p.m. \$30 in advance. Reservations: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego hosts mini-fair with four sessions, Saturday, October 20, in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Topics: best search strategies for Ancestry.com or PC file management (9 a.m.); using programs GenSmart and Family Atlas or methods to archive your genealogy data (10:30 a.m.). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

"Really Reliable Recall," frustrated when Rover won't "come when called"? Remedy problem during workshop, Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m., San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$35. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2704. (LINDA VISTA)

"Star-Spangled Banner" Writer Francis Scott Key has great-grandson named George Key, presenting "a very personal perspective on his



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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

great-grandfather” for Sons of the American Revolution on Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m., at Ramada Inn (5550 Kearny Mesa Road). \$16 tickets include breakfast. Required reservations: 760-743-0034. (KEARNY MESA)

Centro Cultural Tijuana architect Manuel Rosen addresses Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. at NewSchool of Architecture and Design (1249 F Street). Rosen recently designed new Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach. Donation: \$5 general, free for students. 619-224-8584. (DOWNTOWN)

“Writing Paranormal” is topic for Susan Squires — who writes books for St. Martin’s Press and is an executive at a Fortune 500 company — when San Diego Romance Writers gather on Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North).

Susan Squires, Chris Green, Linda Thomas-Sundstrom lead “Paranormal Workshop” for afternoon session. Attendees should bring first page of any story they’ve written in any genre, “transform it into paranormal with a few choice directions.” \$30. 619-741-9114. (MISSION VALLEY)

Voodoo Chicken! Smothered cabbage! Melvin Johnson, former owner and executive chef of the Juke Joint Café, demonstrates recipes from his tenure on Saturday, October 20, noon, at Macy’s School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$30. Reservations: 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sand-Casting Demonstration planned by artist/designer Steven Maddy for Clairemont Art Guild, Saturday, October 20, 12:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3450 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-273-3259. (CLAIREMONT)

“First Aid for Dogs and Cats” covered during American Red Cross class, Saturday, October 20, 1–5 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). \$55. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. (LINDA VISTA)

The History of the Durant Automobile divulged by Lance Haynes, who will bring his Durant, when Pacific Beach Historical Society meets on Saturday, October 20, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Free. 858-272-6655. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“The Role of Height in Human Chronic Disease and Longevity” is intriguing topic for Thomas Samaras when San Diego Independent Scholars gather on Saturday, October 20, 1:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor’s Complex at UCSD. His talk “anticipates an address to

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the ninth International Symposium on the Neurobiology and Neuroendocrinology of Aging.” Free. 619-224-5664. (LA JOLLA)

“Tales of a Female Nomad” author Rita Golden Gelman, who has over 70 children’s books to her name, speaks for Hostelling International USA’s annual meeting (6 p.m.) and party (6:30 p.m.), on Saturday, October 20, at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. RSVP: 619-338-9981. (HILLCREST)

Passport to the Poles, Alaska native, wildlife biologist, hunter Orville Huntington, who lives in remote Athabaskan community of Huslia, speaks in conjunction with

“Polar-Palooza,” Sunday, October 21, noon, at San Diego Museum of Man. \$5. Registration: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

“Magnificent Desolation: Exploring the Remotest Regions of Earth, and Life on Other Worlds” — Darlene Lim of NASA and SETI Institute speaks Sunday, October 21, 1 p.m., at San Diego Air and Space Museum. Hear about “some of the latest, cutting-edge research about some of the hottest, coldest, and most barren settings on Earth.” Included in regular museum admission (\$15 general). 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Truthdig Debate on Religion and Politics” between authors Sam Harris and Chris

Hedges discussed by Humanist Association of San Diego, Sunday, October 21, 1 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (4065 Vermont Street). Free. 760-445-8112. (HILLCREST)

“Foreordained Failure: The Quest for a Constitutional Principle of Religious Freedom” discussed by author and USD law and philosophy professor Steven D. Smith when Humanist Fellowship gathers on Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Art of Animal Communication” presented by artist and “natural-born telepath” Debra Saum on Sunday, October 21, 3 p.m., in conjunction with “Art of the Equine” at Art Center at Fallbrook (103 South Main). Three attendees will win a mini-reading, “So bring a picture of your animal.” \$15. RSVP: 760-728-1414. (FALLBROOK)

“Melville’s ‘Moby Dick’ Lives, Again?” Reverend Jerry Lawritson considers the literary classic during lecture, Sunday, October 21, 7 p.m., Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach (2088 Beryl Street). Suggested donation \$10. 858-274-6600. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Bringing the Dead Sea Scrolls Back to Life” presented by Bruce Zuckerman of USC on Monday, October 22, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural His-

tory Museum. \$25. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Get to Know Chula Vista Better! City manager David Garcia discusses the C.V. budget deficit, ways he proposes to balance the budget when Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association meets Monday, October 22, 6:45 p.m., at MAAC Charter School (1385 Third Avenue). Also on agenda: proponents of “new peaker power plant.” Free. 619-425-5771. (CHULA VISTA)

“Shaking the Myth: Proving or Disproving Family Legends” is focus for professional genealogist Jean Wilcox Hibben when North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets, Tuesday, October 23, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

The Youngest Survivor on Schindler’s List was Leon Leyson, who presents “Saved by an Angel” and shares story of “life in the factory of Oscar Schindler” on Tuesday, October 23, 7:30 p.m., at Best Western Oceanside Inn (1680 Oceanside Boulevard). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. Reservations: 760-806-7765. (OCEANSIDE)

“An Overview of Immigration: Why Now and What Is Possible?” Find out when UCSD assistant professor of sociology Tomas Jimenez speaks for North Coast League of Women Voters of USC on Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. at Carlsbad by the Sea (2855 Carlsbad Boulevard). Jimenez’s “research focuses on immigration, race, ethnicity, inequality, and assimilation.” Free. 760-736-1608. (CARLSBAD)

“Wildlife Responses to Climate Change” topic for Terry Root of Stanford University for “Global Climate Change: Species and Places” series on Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. “Learn why the synergistic effect between rapid global warming and habitat modification is probably the most important problem facing species today.” Free. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

An Artisanal Approach to cooking with local ingredients and Mediterranean influences presented by chef William Bradley of Addison at Grand Del Mar on Thursday, October 25, 1 p.m., at Bloomingdale’s San Diego at Fashion Valley (7057 Friars Road). Free. 619-610-6400. (MISSION VALLEY)

Breast Cancer Awareness Month marked when radio show host Carolyn Gross, breast cancer survivor and author of *Treatable and Beatable...Healing Cancer Without Surgery*, discusses breast cancer health and digital infrared thermal imaging on Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., at HealthWalk (5825 Avenida Encinas, suite 111). Donations accepted. RSVP: 760-929-1520. (CARLSBAD)

“Citizen Kane: The Music Beneath the First Modern Sound Film” is topic when “Facing the Music: Music in Film” lecture series concludes on Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Kayaking the Lower Grand Canyon” is subject for clinic, Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (2002 South Coast Highway 101). Free. 760-966-1700. (OCEANSIDE)

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"Islamic Law and the Challenge of Islamophobia" explored by UCLA law professor Khaled Abou El Fadl for Burke Lecture Series, Thursday, October 25, 8 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. He is considered "the leading authority on Islamic law in the U.S." Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

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"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 villain to boo, hero to cheer.

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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)

"Step into the Water" is title for concerts by King's Men Chorus of San Carlos United Methodist Church on October 19 and 20 at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Program includes gospel songs, sea chanties, spirituals, barbershop, love songs, comedy. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday. Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

Locust's "Mockumentary," said to explore "the act of self-mythology by interweaving cock-eyed, fictional scenarios" developed by seven artists through dance/music/video/performance, is presented for Sushi Performance and Visual Art, October 19–21, in Studio Theatre at San Diego State University. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Pay what you can. 619-235-8466. (SDSU)

"Music from the Crooked Road," Appalachian guitar master Wayne Henderson, bluegrass banjo player Sammy Shelor, the White Top Mountain Band, and Sutphin and Eddie Bond, and No Speed Limit plan ArtPower concert, Friday, October 19. Music starts at 8 p.m. in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$32, \$36, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

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



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What's That You're Reading?

NAME: DIANA SNYDER | **AGE:** 22 | **OCCUPATION:** STARBUCKS BARISTA/STUDENT
NEIGHBORHOOD: CLAIREMONT MESA | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE



What are you currently reading?

"Dune Messiah, by Frank Herbert."

Tell me about the book.

"It's the second in a six-book sci-fi series; I'm somewhere around page 70. The main character's name is Paul, and he's become a sort of ruler over all these different planets. He was a royal person, and a lot of his family got assassinated. He and his mother went with a group called the Fremen, who belonged to the desert. They were a rough, violent people. Paul became their ruler, and then

he came back and took over the planet, which had originally belonged to his father. On that planet, there is a spice that is greatly sought after. Spice is responsible for all sorts of things — the setting is similar to how it is right now with oil, this big resource with everything depending on it. The book was written in the late '60s; it's strange how it parallels so much today: the planet is called Arrakis, which sounds similar to Iraq. The leader who was kicked out was named Shaddam — this was before Saddam was even in power."

What do you make of the plot?

Any favorite passages?

"It's interesting — complex, with many layers. I like that it takes place in the future, yet people are totally against technology."

Any favorite characters?

"I like Stilgar, who was the leader of the Fremen before Paul. He's very loyal to Paul, and to his religious beliefs."

Tell me about the style and language.

"The language is difficult because characters speak on different levels. What a character means is not what they're saying. If you were to just hear the dialogue, it wouldn't make sense."

Compare this to other novels you've read.

"This book is much more complex. I like sci-fi and fantasy. I've read most of the Harry Potter books, and when I was younger, I read Christopher Pike

and L.J. Smith, who writes about psychic vampires."

What book has been most life-changing for you?

"There's a series called *The Seth Material* by Jane Roberts. She didn't write it — she dictated it over the course of 30 years as she channeled this spirit. Everything that she said immediately clicked with me. I had this strange experience when I was 15; I thought it was an out-of-body experience. I went to the library to see if I could get more information. I opened up to a passage in *The Seth Material*, and it completely changed my view of how I saw the world. It said things like 'energy is the basis of the universe.' I had thought that physical matter came first, and then consciousness was born out of that. The book said the opposite: that there's a

consciousness first, and that's what's creating physical matter."

Who is your favorite author?

"Frank Herbert is becoming my favorite author. There is just nothing that I've ever read that compares with him."

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"I read *Astronomy* magazine. I'm a physics major, so I'm very into astronomy and physics. I read about 75 percent of the articles."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"I have friends who like Harry Potter, which is cool because we can go to the movies together. My sister loves books that have religious undertones. We've both read *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis, but she doesn't want to touch my Frank Herbert with a ten-foot pole."

Four Heroic Women peacemakers from Indonesia, Pakistan, Cameroon, Georgia "will share their stories and accomplishments in working toward ending conflict," Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m., at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (6556 Park Ridge Boulevard). Free. 619-447-7817.

Busy on Saturday? La Jolla Pen Women host "Peace Writers for the Women Peacemakers Program" Monday, October 22, 1 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555

Draper Avenue). The four professional writers participating are Theresa deLangis, Arabella Grayson, Devon Haynie, Stelet Kim. Free. 858-245-1677. (LA JOLLA, SAN CARLOS)

"Ghosts of San Diego" author Robert J. Wlodarski discusses and signs his many ghost books, Saturday, October 20, 1-3 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). Free. 619-298-3944. (OLD TOWN)

Paraguayan Harpist Jose Smith in concert, Saturday, October 20, 3:30 p.m., at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). \$10. 760-631-7055. (VISTA)

"Bad Seeds," this "dramatic comedy about overcoming self-doubt and negativity" may be seen October 20 and 21 at Star Theatre (402 North Coast Highway). Dance performances by Earlando Tye Gillespie. Curtain rises at

7 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. \$10. 760-889-6321. (OCEANSIDE)

"Circle of Harmony," fourth annual concert of Native Americans from many tribes, Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Musicians and dancers entertain in ancient and modern styles with flutes, drums, guitars, fiddles, gourds. Fundraiser for Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive

Center. Tickets: \$25, \$50. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert, Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Willows Yoga (Lumberyard Shopping Center, 937 South Pacific Coast Highway, suite C-100). Elivia Melodey makes music on her 43 crystal singing bowls, along with Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals. \$20. Bring blankets, pillows for "deep listening." 760-840-0414. (CARLSBAD)

Hallo Thrill Showcase presented by Callahan Institute for the Arts, Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Bill includes HopStar Dance Troupe, "Juice" (Stomp the Yard), UNITY Professional Dance Ensemble, Hip Hop Connection, Footklan, the BREAX, California's Young Actors Conservatory Theatre, Body Poets, CIA's USA Hip Hop Champion teams, more. \$15. 760-917-2448. (ESCONDIDO)

National Make a Difference Day commemorated with benefit concert for homeless by Peggy Lebo, Chris Klich, Eve Selis, Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). \$5, plus donation of blanket, warm clothing, pet food. 760-815-1952. (ENCINITAS)

Soupcón of the Supernatural! "Wisdom and Luck: Tales of Love and Magic" told by professional storyteller Sarah Sautler for Storytellers of San Diego, Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Trolls, enchantments, romance, deadly sibling rivalry....

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Sketch on the Rocks, improv sketch comedy by Comedy Under Construction, Saturday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). \$10 general. 858-550-8088. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Comics That Kill" — comedy by Grant Cotter, Naro, Jason Bang, Frank Robnett, Ryan Mirvis, Jorjeana Marie on Saturday, October 20, 8:30 p.m., at Milano Coffee Company (8685 Rio San Diego Drive, suite B). Not for those under 14. \$7. 619-263-3335. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sunset Poets convene for performance by local poet Lenny Lianne, Sunday, October 21, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Open-mike readings follow. Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

Sue Palmer and Guests perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, October 22, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Music of the Andes may be heard when Sariri plays for world music concerts on Monday, October 22, starting at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

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)

Open-Mike Poetry Readings, Monday, October 22, 8 p.m., Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

SDSU Jazz Combo #1 takes stage in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University on Tuesday, October 23, 5 p.m. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month commemorated on Tuesday, October 23, 8 p.m., with concert by Michael Tiernan and Greg Laswell at Hard Rock Cafe San Diego (801 Fourth Avenue). \$5 donation benefits Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. For those 21 and older. 619-615-7625. (DOWNTOWN)

"Looking Across the Water," concert by Masayo and Robert, with Japanese koto and flute/wind synthesizer and a wide range of musical genres, Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Nature Runs Amok in *A Working Man's Apocrypha: Short Stories*, which author William Luvaas reads from and signs, Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Library (820 E Street). Free. 858-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Pomerado Saxophone Quartet plans concert for all ages, Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"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)

Based on Shi Shi's True Story, Ruth Todd Evans, M.D., has written her children's book *The Panda Who Wouldn't Eat*, which she'll sign on Thursday, October 25, 11 a.m., in bamboo garden at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Fee: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Traditional Japanese composition links with modern technology when Masayo Norikura (Japanese, bass koto) and Robert Williams (flute, shakuhachi, wind synthesizer) take stage for Concert Hour series, Thursday, October 25, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

"Balagan: A Cirque Extravaganza" is presented October 25-28 at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Performances begin at 3 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, 9:30 p.m. on Friday, 4 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. \$30. 619-659-3380. For those 18 and older. (DEHESA)

Mystery Writer Morgan Hunt discusses "her nontraditional mystery" *Sticky Fingers* on Thursday, October 25, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington Street). Free. 619-692-4910.

Busy on Thursday? Hunt will also sign books on Saturday, October 27, noon, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (5500 Grossmont

Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (MISSION HILLS, LA MESA)

"A Night of Comedy" standup comedy show with headliner Matty Baetz, and Ibo Brewer, Amadeus Tafoya, Lisa Sundstedt, Guam Felix, Thursday, October 25, 7:30 p.m., at Below Market (600 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-236-1616. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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)

International Star Julio Iglesias performs his ballads, Friday, November 2, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$63-\$78. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Prize-Winning Playwright Tony Kushner (*Angels in America*, *Homebody/Kabul*, *A Bright Room Called Day*) will discuss his body of work for 13th annual San Diego Jewish Book Fair, Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Booksigning follows. \$15.50. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Singer-Actress Queen Latifah takes stage on Monday, November 19, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Her most recent CD is *Trav'lin' Light*, a jazz and rhythm and blues-influenced work. Tickets: \$45-\$60. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

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)

Del Mar Festival I Horse Show continues through Sunday, October 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)

Etnies 2007 Goofy vs. Regular (GvR) of Surf, Friday-Sunday, October 19-21, on south side of Oceanside Pier, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. "Etnies GvR of Surf brings together the best professional surfers in the world aligned by stance, goofy foot (right foot forward) and regular foot (left foot forward)." Free for spectators. 760-722-7777 x131. (OCEANSIDE)

Rady Children's Hospital's Shamu and You Family 1-Mile and 4-Mile Family Walks, Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m., at South Shores boat ramp. Fees: \$25 for those 13 years and older; \$15 for

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Showpark County 6 Horse Show is Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-481-9085. Free. (DEL MAR)

Mud Fun! Camp Pendleton hosts 16th annual SDG&E Armed Services YMCA 10K Mud Run on Saturday, October 20, starting at 9 a.m. at Lake O'Neill. The 10k run boasts rugged terrain, hills, slippery training obstacles with knee-to-waist-deep water and mud pits. 760-725-6836. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Martial Arts Show planned Saturday, October 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., for "grand opening" of Sky Martial Arts (1441 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 122). Korean masters on hand, martial arts demonstrations. Free. 760-944-7777. (ENCINITAS)

2007 GuluWalk San Diego, with a goal to provide "a future for the abandoned children of northern Uganda," is Saturday, October 20. Walk begins at 1 p.m. at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street, ends at Civic Center downtown. Free. 619-286-9052. (BALBOA PARK)

Hard-Core, No-Nonsense Roller Derby! Hard Corps and Diego Rollers of San Diego Derby Dolls meet up, Saturday, October 20, 6 p.m., at Skateworld (6907 Linda Vista Road). All ages. All-skate session at 7:30 p.m. (rent

skates and roll with teams). \$12. 858-560-9349. (LINDA VISTA)

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

Elfin Forest Bicycle Ride (68 miles long) hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society starts at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 21, in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch stop. 858-277-7499. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Los Angeles Lakers take on Utah Jazz on Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$13–\$275, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

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)

OUT & ABOUT

SPANISH GUITAR MAESTRO ANGEL ROMERO

Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, Sunday, October 21.

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"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)

Bay Tours promising up-close look at San Diego Bay, port operations, and working waterfront offered by Port of San Diego on Fri-

day, October 19, 9:30–11:30 a.m., and Thursday, October 25, 3:30–5:30 p.m. Free. 619-400-4744. (DOWNTOWN)

"Celebrating Our Heritage" is theme when El Camino Quilters present their fall festival of quilts, October 19 and 20, in M. Gordon Clarke Field House at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). See 200-plus quilts, exhibits, merchant mall, boutique, live auction (Saturday at noon). Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission: \$7, "husbands free." 760-479-2466. (SAN MARCOS)

House Beautiful Home Show, October 19–21, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Vendors offering all manner of home items. Free admission. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. 800-999-5450. (DEL MAR)

Gem Faire — over 80 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers of-

fering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, October 19–21, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Classes, demonstrations, jewelry repair. Show hours: noon–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend pass: \$5. 760-390-3599. (DEL MAR)

Single Batch Bourbon Tasting, Friday, October 19, 6:30 p.m., the Palm Restaurant (615 J Street). Learn history of bourbon, what makes it unique. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door, includes hors d'oeuvres, dessert, specialty cocktails. RSVP: 619-702-6500. (DOWNTOWN)

National Tour of "Polar-Palooza" — offering "latest scientific research from the Arctic and Antarctic along with powerful stories about the people and wildlife that call these regions home" — opens in San Diego with events October 19–21. "Scientific storytellers" of cast include NASA astronaut, Antarctic meteorite hunter Don Pettit; *New York Times* environment reporter Andrew C. Revkin; Pennsylvania State University geoscientist Sridhar Anandkrishnan; USC biologist Donal Manahan; Scripps Institution of Oceanography geophysicist Helen Fricker; wildlife biologist and Athabaskan community leader Orville Huntington; NASA researcher Darlene Lim; Caltech Planetary scientist Oded Aharonson; NASA/JPL oceanographer Joshua Willis.

"Stories from a Changing Planet" told by entire "Polar-Palooza" cast, Friday, 7 p.m., in Qualcomm Hall (5775 Morehouse Drive). Performance combines video and photography from recent polar expeditions, immersive soundscapes, actual polar artifacts, other story elements. \$6.

"Polar-Palooza" cast members take part in Family Science Day activities — presenting latest polar science and news in fun, interactive ways — at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday, October 20. Included in regular admission.

On Sunday, October 21, "Polar-Palooza" offers Balboa Park visitors a "Passport to the Poles," when San Diego Museum of Man, San Diego Air and Space Museum, San Diego Automotive Museum host polar events for all ages. Details: 619-238-1233. (SORRENTO VALLEY, BALBOA PARK)

The Ghastleys' Nighttime Haunt continues on select dates through Wednesday, October 31, in Target center (8235 Mira Mesa Boulevard). Man-eating rats, flying vampires, flesh-eating zombies. Nighttime haunting is October 19,

20, and October 26–31, opening at 7 p.m. \$10.

Manor transforms into tamer "School of Wizardry" daytime haunt for those up to 12 years of age, noon–4 p.m., October 20, 21, 27, 28. \$5. 858-693-8558. (MIRA MESA)

Vaquero Days return to Merrigan Ranch in Descanso (25077 Viejas Boulevard), October 19–21. Events begin with concert by cowgirl balladeer Juni Fisher on Friday, 7 p.m. \$20.

On Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., enjoy ranch roping, ranch horse competition, horsemanship demonstrations, music, Western vendors, food, poetry, cowdog trials. Admission: \$10 general, free for kids. 619-445-3946. (EAST COUNTY)

Palomar Observatory astronomy evening tour sponsored by Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Saturday, October 20. Guests get close look at famous 200-inch telescope, hear astronomy lecture, view sky through 60-inch telescope (weather permitting). Tour hours: 3 p.m. to midnight. \$75 fee includes round-trip bus transportation. Reservations: 619-238-1233 x802. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

High-Crop Tractors are featured during fall harvest fair, antique engine, and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21 (and October 27 and 28). Harvest fair includes blacksmith and wheelwright demonstrations, sorghum pressing demonstrations, vintage skills, food, music, displays of antique cars and steam engines.

Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Hours: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Ponder Koi Ponds and gardens during tour on Saturday, October 20. Eight ponds and gardens featured in self-guided tour. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets available 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at 567 Gage Lane (Point Loma) and 8471 Whale Watch Way (La Jolla); locations open for tours through 4 p.m. 619-713-2633. (POINT LOMA, LA JOLLA)

Fall Plant Sale at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive) is Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Plants from over 100 local growers, wholesalers, retail nurseries; books, tools, baked goods, crafts, garden ornaments. \$10 general. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

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and 21 at St. John Garabed Armenian Church of San Diego (4473 30th Street). John Bilezikjian Armenian Band performs; expect food, music, dancing. Festival begins at noon both days, closes at 10 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Donation: \$3 for adults, free for those under 12. 619-284-7179. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Surely You're Joking! No joke, the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets to ponder *The Character of Physical Law* by Richard Feynman, Saturday, October 20, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Pumpkin Festival, Saturday, October 20, 3 p.m., at 4S Ranch Patriot Park (17117 4S Ranch Parkway). Pumpkin carving, games, live music, food, more. Benefits HomeAid, San Diego's Monarch School. Free. 858-674-1030. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Una Vida, Una Tierra (One Life, One Earth)" is theme for Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) *ofrenda* (altar) commemorating "the dearly departed" hosted by SoLo (309 South Cedros Avenue), opening with Day of the Dead party on Saturday, October 20, 5:30 p.m. Ruby Lang "has assembled an altar that reflects her concern for the environment, transforming everyday trash into a visual treat." On view through Friday, November 2. Free. 858-794-9016. (SOLANA BEACH)

Dumbek Drumming class led by Mary Marshall, Saturday, October 20, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Newcomers and be-

ginners at 7 p.m.; review/teaching for those with prior experience at 7:30 p.m. Regular dance program follows. 619-281-5656. (NORTH PARK)

Escondido Street Faire, Sunday, October 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., on Grand Avenue (between Centre City Parkway and Ivy Street). International food, classic car show, live entertainment, arts and crafts booths, children's rides. Admission: free. 760-745-8877. (ESCONDIDO)

From Vintage to Modern — everything photographic offered during Bargain Camera Show, Sunday, October 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). General admission: \$4. 310-578-7446. (KEARNY MESA)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, October 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-218-7835. (KEARNY MESA)

Enjoy Kolaches, Apple Strudel, sauerkraut, rye bread, and more when House of Czech and Slovak Republics hosts lawn program with music by George Svoboda and Accordion Lovers' Ensemble, dancing (and food for sale) at International Cottages, Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m. Free admission. 619-287-0971. (BALBOA PARK)

"Never Again: Stopping Genocide" is theme for 19th annual Candlelight Walk for Human Rights hosted by Amnesty International, Sunday, October 21, 5:30 p.m., at Oceanside Pier amphitheater. Free. 760-731-0735. (OCEANSIDE)

Yoga for Lunch! Sylvia Castelluzzo leads yoga classes on Monday and Wednesday, October 22

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FASHION PHOTOGRAPHS BY LILLIAN BASSMAN
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and 24, noon, Dance Place (2650 Truxton Road, studio 201). \$7. 858-380-7507. (POINT LOMA)

"Artwist" hosted by MindFill Entertainment — with art displays, local music, film, food, drink — is Monday, October 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Ritual Tavern (4095 30th Street). 619-846-7180. All ages. Free. (NORTH PARK)

Beyond War introductory meeting, Monday, October 22, 6:30 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). "Not only is building a world beyond war possible, it is already happening." Free. 858-271-7135. (MIRA MESA)

"Trunk or Treat," Cajon Classic Cruise Car Show hosts "spooky fun" and entertainment on Wednesday, October 24, 5-8 p.m., on East Main Street. Dress your car and yourself for contest. Children invited to trick-or-treat from

trunks of cars on display. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Death — Is Western Man in Denial?" Join P&R discussion group to share opinions, Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House. Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

FOR KIDS

Enjoy Some "Witch's Brew" when Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales perform through Sunday, October 21, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Meet *The Polka-Dot Ghost* when Big Joe Productions takes stage October 24-28. 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, "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)

"Urban Legends," the Media Arts Center San Diego's Teen Producers Project fall session gets underway with mandatory student/parent orientation on Friday, October 19, 5 p.m., at Toussaint Academy (1404 Fifth Avenue). The 15-week production, education, training program designed to document stories about the myths and legends surrounding homeless youth in San Diego meets Fridays, October 26-February 22, 3:30-7 p.m. Free. 619-230-1938 x102. (DOWNTOWN)

Arch in the Park, what is archaeology all about? Enjoy mock excavation, games, tour Adobe Ranch House, see archaeology exhibits, demonstrations on stone-tool making and basketmaking and more, all on educational day, Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Adobe Ranch House (take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house). Free. 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Polar Palooza," meet "super-cool polar scientists" during family program, Saturday, October 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Included with paid aquarium admission. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Climate" provides topic when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, October 20, noon-3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Included in

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regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts and animals are part of fun on Sunday, October 21, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Donation: \$3. Reservations: 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

Tots and Tales, interactive story time for preschoolers at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA involves crafts and animals, Thursday, October 25, 10:30 a.m., at Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$3. 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

"Space 15" is new teen area at San Diego Museum of Art. On Thursday, October 25, 6 p.m., participants meet other teen artists, sketch characters, create storyboards and flip books, and hear about fall animation competition for teens. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the

museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4355 Bonita Road; 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 130 years of American railroad history and technology through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, 1880s "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 90-minute train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, Pat Tseng's adornment designs incorporate Eastern and Western cultural traditions. An exhibit of work by the artist, known for "transforming antique objects and small artifacts into modern-day adornments," continues through December.

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the mu-

seum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in

Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

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

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

Museum of San Diego History, "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San

Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Listen Here! Making Sense of Sound," allows visitors to experience the nature of sound, how human beings perceive sound, and the act of listening through exhibits, activities, demonstrations. Exhibit from the Exploratorium in San Francisco continues through Sunday, June 1, 2008.

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, "San Diego's Navy," based upon book by same name written by Bruce Linder, is said to be "the only comprehensive exhibit depicting the extraordinary contribution the Navy has made to the history of the San Diego region."

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The HMS *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtro class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on exhibit: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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"Mozart: The Soul of Genius" is theme when San Diego Chamber Orchestra, with Maestro Jung-Ho Pak and pianist Andreas Haefliger, opens season with concerts October 19-23. This "dramatic exploration of the young genius Mozart through his personal letters and the story of his life" includes the master's "Apollo et Hyacinthus Overture," "Piano Concerto No. 15," and "Symphony No. 40."

Take in music on Friday at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), on Monday in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art (700

Prospect Street), and Tuesday at Del Mar Country Club (6001 Clubhouse Drive). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$7-\$373, depending upon venue. Reservations: 858-350-0290. (MIDDLETOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

An Evolving Legend, Juilliard String Quartet opens La Jolla Music Society's Revelle Chamber Music Series on Friday, October 19, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Program includes Haydn's "String Quartet No. 65 in E-flat Major," "String Quartet in E Minor" by Verdi, and Beethoven's "String Quartet in F Major, No. 1 (Razumovsky)." Prelude at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Le Chant des Oyseaux," connection between birdsong, love, and music explored when Ensemble Clément Janequin performs for San Diego Early Music Society on Friday, October 19. Enjoy Renaissance chansons by Janequin, Lejeune, others. Concert begins at 8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$20, \$25. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

Wedding Bells Ring...civic organist Carol Williams marries Kerry Bell on Saturday, October 20, following 1 p.m. concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Organists include Robert Plimpton, Jared Jacobsen, Douglas Duncan, Dale Sorenson. Wedding follows at 2 p.m. All are invited to concert and wedding. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Graduate Piano Recital by Eva Nalhi, Saturday, October 20,

2 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. Free. 619-594-6020. (SDSU)

"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 Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$25 general. 619-501-3562. (LA JOLLA)

"Definitely Dvořák," enjoy the "Carnaval Overture" when MiraCosta College's North Coast Symphony Orchestra performs October 20 and 21 in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Program includes "Music from Serenade Strings," "Suite for Orchestra," and "Symphony No. 8 in G Major." Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Schubert's "Rosamunde Overture" is on tap when Palomar Symphony Orchestra performs October 20 and 21, in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Also planned: "Karelia Suite" by Sibelius, Haydn's "Symphony No. 97." Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Former Civic Organist Jared Jacobsen performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, October 21, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Oceanside Music Festival concludes with "A Celebration of Sacred 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)

Spanish Guitar Maestro Angel Romero stars when "Virtuoso Series" hosted by Fallbrook Music Society continues on Sunday, October 21, 3 p.m., at Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts (2400 South Stage Coach Lane). \$37 general, \$10 students. Reservations: 760-451-8644. (FALLBROOK)

Forbidden Love in Paris! Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata* is presented by Teatro Lirico D'Europa, Sunday, October 21, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$47-\$65. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Malcolm Archer's "Requiem" is on tap when St. James Choir presents opening concert for St. James Music Series on Sunday, October 21. Guest pianist Gustavo Romero performs Chopin's "Concerto in E Minor." Recital starts at 4 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street. \$25 general, free for students, children (space permitting). 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

"Opera Buffa" is theme for concert, Sunday, October 21, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Soprano Cherylyn Larson, mezzo-soprano Ava Baker Liss, tenor Tom Oberjat, baritone David Marshman, and pianist Janie Prim perform pieces by Mozart, Donizetti, Rossini, Puccini, others. Reception at 4:30 p.m., concert at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$23 at door. Reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

Celebration of Music Education Concert planned by San Diego

Youth Symphony and Conservatory, Sunday, October 21, 4 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Mark Fogelquist, who established Mariachi Chula Vista, will receive Profiles in Music Education Award. Tickets: \$35, \$25 general; discounts for students, seniors, military. 619-233-3232. (DOWNTOWN)

Vespers Concert with Mozart's "Vesperae Solennes de Confessore" and Benjamin Britten's "Te Deum" performed by Westminster Choir with organ and orchestra, led by Keith Whitlock, Sunday, October 21, 6 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Former Civic Organist Jared Jacobsen plays on Sunday, October 21, 7 p.m., for Vesper Concert Series at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

Works by Brahms, Bach, and Beethoven promised when Poway Community Symphony Orchestra takes stage at Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road), Sunday, October 21, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-673-9702. (POWAY)

Mozart Sonatas performed by violinist János Négysesy and pianist Yvonne Lee, Monday, October 22, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall, UCSD. \$10 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

An All-Russian Program inspired by Alexej von Jawlensky's *Red Blossom* is promised when San Diego Symphony's principal flutist Demarre McGill and violinist Kate Hatmaker bring chamber music ensemble to San Diego Museum of Art on Tuesday, October 23,

7 p.m. Listen for Stravinsky's "Four Songs," "Sonata for Two Violins" by Prokofiev, "String Quartet No. 2" by Borodin. Tickets to "Art of Elan: The Red Series" are \$25. 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

Violist Travis Maril is joined by pianist Ines Irawati in concert, Wednesday, October 24, noon, in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Solo and Chamber Pieces — including Prokofiev's "Quintet" — may be heard when contrabassist Han Han Cho is joined by János Négysesy (violin), Päivikki Nykter (violin), Robert Zelickman (clarinet), Susan Barrett (oboe) and Geoffrey Gartner (cello) in concert on Wednesday, October 24. Recital starts at 8 p.m. in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"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)

"Trasimeno" — new paintings by Stephen Pentak based on drawings, paintings on paper, observations made near Cortona, Italy, during the spring of 2007 are on display through Sunday, December 2, at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Exhibition opens with re-

ception for Pentak on Thursday, October 18, 6 p.m. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Woman with Mirror" — exhibition of work by Kim MacConnel opens with reception on Friday, October 19, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane). 858-454-3409. Closes Saturday, November 17. (LA JOLLA)

"Primal Impulse," oil paintings by Madeline Sherry go on exhibit with opening reception on Friday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). 619-804-9441. Closes Sunday, October 28. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Fashion Photographs by legendary photographer Lillian Bassman may be enjoyed through Saturday, December 29, at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). By the late 1940s, Bassman's manipulated images "often resembled fashion illustration or painting more than straight photography." Opening reception is Saturday, October 20, 5 p.m. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

"Studio Reenactments" — East Coast artist Jason Godeke exhibits new paintings beginning with reception on Saturday, October 20, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201, 858-459-3917). Closes Saturday, November 24. (LA JOLLA)

"SuperMegaChinatown," Jackie Lo's MFA thesis exhibition

opens with reception on Saturday, October 20, 6 p.m., in Flor y Canto Gallery of School of Art, Design Art and History at San Diego State University. Closes Thursday, October 25. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

Artists Aaron M. Brown and Roger W. Ray, with guest Stephen Courtney, have work on view through Saturday, November 10, at Limbo Gallery (1432 University Avenue). Reception is Saturday, October 20, 7 p.m. 619-295-5393. (HILLCREST)

"Faiya Fredman: Botanical Images 2005–2007" boasts nearly 40 pigment prints depicting arrangements of flowers, leaves, other botanical elements and forms. Exhibit opens with reception on Sunday, October 21, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). The images were captured using a flatbed scanner, then extensively manipulated. 858-581-9934. Closes Sunday, December 2. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Go for the Graffiti! Graffiti artists have put their work onto canvas for exhibit opening with awards reception on Sunday, October 21, 4 p.m., at Gallery Savarese (386 North Coast Highway 101). Juror was Encinitas mayor James Bond. 760-505-0063. Exhibition closes Wednesday, November 11. (LEUCADIA)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum — North County, "Paper Trans-

formed," 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, "Craft in America: Expanding Traditions," opening Saturday, October 20, surveys more than 200 works, spanning a period of nearly 200 years. Handcrafted furniture, ceramics, fiber and textiles, basketry, glass, wood, jewelry, metalwork are showcased. Closes Sunday, January 27.

Also on view: "American Viewing Stones: Natural Art in an Asian Tradition." Chinese connoisseurs began using large stones to decorate gardens, courtyards during the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 220); "Scholar's Rocks" is English name most commonly used for these items. American viewing stone collecting began with first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans who continued traditions of bonsai and *suiseki*.

The "Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio" are likely from a 19th-

Century edition of *Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio*. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both exhibits close on Tuesday, October 30.

Masterworks from permanent collection are gathered in "The Beauty of Use — Mingei International Museum at 30," showcasing significant objects from many cultures shown in relationships highlighting similarities and differences among them. Museum has formed a collection of *mingei* now comprising 17,000 objects from 141 countries such as collection of 19th-Century African tribal currency, group of masks including example of Amazonian feather work, ritual objects, selection of monumental containers. Closes Sunday, May 11. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Robert Irwin: Primaries and Secondaries," opening on Sunday, October 21, is "the largest exhibition of renowned artist...Irwin's work since 1993." Exhibit features five new major installation works created specifically for MCASD's galleries, is drawn almost exclusively of works from museum's collection. Closes Sunday, April 13. Find the museum at 1001 and 1100 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 858-454-3541. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "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)

Timken Museum of Art, "Drawn to Rome: French Neoclassical Sketchbooks and Prints" 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.

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Poor Flow Ricasshay has been involved with hip-hop culture since 1983 and active locally since 1993. The MC/lyricist was a Best Hip-

"I have never seen her in the scene. She has never participated. Paying dues is a big part of it, and I've never seen her involved at any hip-hop event."

Following a September 27 Reader interview with MC Flow, a large volume of bloggers made online comments about her award.

a year if they're lucky. How many true hip-hop artists are out and about performing?"

Hellman says that the category's winner was determined by Internet votes. What prevented a handful of



MC FLOW AND HER SDMA

people from overwhelming a particular category? Hellman says the voting system was set up so that no one could vote more than once per day, but he isn't clear on how it was done.

Hellman says the Internet-voting process was administered by a local company called Outside the Box. The only phone number on Outside the Box's website is a fax number. E-mail sent

to the e-mail address listed (info@otbllc.com) was returned as undeliverable.

Hellman says he left messages with company representative Michael Breen, requesting that he call to clarify the methodology behind the vote tallying; no calls were returned.

— Ken Leighton

Shocking! On FM94/9 last Thursday, before his Satellite Party show, Perry Farrell said that he doesn't surf anymore because he lost his board. He mentioned that he might surf again if someone gave him a board.

After his hour-long set at 'Canes, a crowd of about 25 followed him to the bus. His security guards kept close. Someone shouted,

"Do you remember me? It's Clay." One woman wanted to take a photo of him with her phone. Security told her, "We don't have time." Farrell was friendly, saying hi or smiling,

Another guy tried to get a beer bottle signed.

When Farrell reached his bus, a guy called him over to the grass area near the boardwalk. He said he had a surfboard to give Farrell. The guy said he was up north when he heard the radio interview; he'd driven a few hours south to get here. Farrell walked over and seemed shocked. He laughed, thanked the guy a bunch of times as people snapped photos of him holding the board.

They talked surf for 15 minutes before Farrell's people said, "Okay,



FARRELL SURFING SPAIN

well...let's put the board on the bus." Farrell stood there for a photo with the guy and the board, and then his crew tried (unsuccessfully) to stop the board with the luggage.

Before the bus left, the gift-giver said, "If you decide you don't like the board, call me and give it back."

— Josh Board

Gangsta Rap Extinction?

Rapper Lunchmeat has been arrested six times on charges such as robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, and possession of a bulletproof vest. His longest stint lasted five and a half years in the California Youth Authority. "But," he says, "I had no violent felonies as an adult."

Lunchmeat says his parole status puts limitations on his career.

"I can't be seen hanging around documented gang members or wearing gang replicas.... I can't go on tour. I can't go two cities over....

"I'm a well-recognized guy. When some people see a flyer with 'Lunchmeat' on it, half the people say, 'Let's support him.' Some say, 'Let's work against him.' That's the life of being an underground gangster artist: you can't call yourself a gangster and be liked by everybody. If you are liked by everybody, you're not doing your job."

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the inside track

Hop nominee for a San Diego Music Award this year. He's cried foul over the selection of MC Flow/Abby Schwartz as the winner in that category.

"Being Jewish, white, or female has nothing to do with it," says Ricasshay. "One of my protégés is a white Jewish rapper named Arson Wells. Mikki Vale was a very strong nominee; she could have won. MC Flow is good at what she does, but what she does is not hip-hop. She admitted that what she does is alternative hip-hop....

Many were complimentary about her abilities, some suggested her act was perfect for coffeehouses, and others criticized her in the same vein as Ricasshay.

SDMA founder and executive director Kevin Hellman says the eight artists in the Best Hip-Hop category were nominated by a panel of local music professionals.

"There isn't a hip-hop scene [in San Diego] to begin with," says Hellman. "You have five or six artists who play maybe four or five times

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the decline?

"Right now there's no real gangster artist who's making



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LUNCHMEAT CHOSE HAZARDOUS CAREER

it besides Game. It's easy for people to think we're on the decline because real gangster artists are becoming extinct. It's one of the hardest artists to be."

Lunchmeat collaborates with rappers such as Lil B-Stone and 12 Gauge Shottie. He gets his beats from E-Low and Bat Cave Studios. He's performed at Blue Agave, Blue Tattoo, Club Antonio's, "and all the clubs in TJ and San Diego that allows hip-hop." He didn't get to perform at his last show September 29.

"We were supposed to play at this sports bar in Linda Vista, but before I could even get in, I get a call that the police shut the whole function down because somebody did a drive-by [shooting]."

Lunchmeat music is

available on *sicness.net*. His new disc, *100 Percent Beef*, will be available next month.

— Ken Leighton

No ASCAP Joke Here

Jason Nascimento, 31, knew other local Portuguese restaurants had come and gone when he opened Portugalia in Ocean Beach five years ago.

"They only marketed to local Portuguese," says Nascimento. "We market to everyone." Yet, he says business has been tough. "I've had to hawk everything I own. I had to bring in a partner.... If I want to compete, I have to have [a liquor license]." Portugalia is permitted to sell only beer and wine.

Nascimento says hosting music six nights a week has helped him keep his doors open and meet his \$26,000 in monthly costs.

"I used to lose \$20,000 to \$30,000 a month; now it's down to \$5000 to \$8000 a month. Music is helping us get out of the hole."

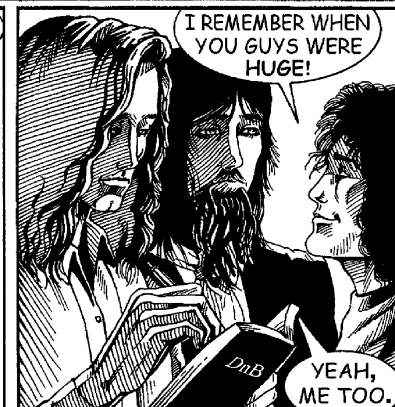
Entertainment at Portugalia includes a Tuesday open-mike night, reggae music on Wednesday, jazz on Sunday, and local bands on Thursday through Saturday. Musicians get paid from tips or if there is a cover charge.

"The bands generally understand," says Nascimento, "but sometimes they see people here and they want a guarantee. I can't do that; I don't make thousands at the bar."

Nascimento laments that he's required to pay monthly

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fees to BMI and ASCAP, music-publishing clearinghouses that collect performance royalties on behalf of songwriters.

"I have to pay, like, \$400 a month to them," says Nascimento, who notes that Winstons, a couple of blocks away, is thriving because of its liquor license and live music. "But I have to pay the same fees to BMI and ASCAP as they do."

One Winstons employee says Portugalia should be

soon make his formal application for a liquor license.

— Ken Leighton

Ready to Rock, Man

Ranchita Rocks took place September 28 through the 30th on Golightly Farms Ranch in Ranchita. The event was intended to raise money for lawyers to fight SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink plan.

"The turnout wasn't what we expected, but there was still a nice turnout," says Rain Samuelson, one of the co-organizers who also served as stage manager. "I don't have any solid numbers, but I would probably say there were around 300 on Saturday. For me it's hard to judge exactly how many people were there [for the entire weekend]...."

"This metal band showed up [on Friday night], and they're, like, 'Hey, all right, we're here, we're Flashburn.' And my first question was, 'Okay, who's the bass player, who's the drummer?'... 'Well, he got too drunk and couldn't make the gig, man.' 'What? So, you guys got no bass player?' 'No, but we're just gonna do it with the guitar

player, dude — he's ready to rock, man.'... They played [an entire set]...."

"40 Cycle Hum came in a full-fledged fancy-ass tour bus. It was Friday night, during the treacherous weather. At first, the singer was, like, 'I'm gonna kick my



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40 CYCLE HUM FINDS FUN IN BACKCOUNTRY

label's ass for this gig,' but then they got onstage and started partying. The guitar player had just gotten out of the hospital the day before for a collapsed lung...."

"The lead singer was, like, 'Who wants a shot? Get some liquor out of our bus!' And he was literally, like, 'Who wants a beer?' And pointed to every person in the crowd because it was cold and there wasn't

that many people out there at that time, but there was still, like, 20 or more, and [he] gave everybody a beer that wanted one, did a shot with all kinds of people, kept doing shots, kept doing toasts and shots and giving out beers and invited everybody in the audience to come party on the tour bus afterwards."

— Dryw Keltz

Beautiful Mess "San Diego to Tijuana... Arguably the most infamous border town of the Western World. The last hedonist haven. Crossing from a city that thrives on consumerism to a city that survives on debauchery, we were thrown into a place with no boundaries. Exactly what we needed..." So begins the liner text on the Black Lips' *Los Valientes del Mundo Nuevo*, the Atlanta garage-rock band's live album released in February but apparently recorded by John Reis at a wild Tijuana show last September.

Reviewers ran with the storyline, praising the record if expressing some doubt about its pedigree: "For this live set (if the liner notes are to be believed), the Black Lips opted to record a gig in one of

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NASCIMENTO AND PORTUGALIA STAY AFLOAT

happy.

"We are 21 and up. Portugalia is a restaurant. I wish Winstons could be all ages like Portugalia.... There are laws and regulations we all have to abide by, and paying ASCAP is one of those."

Nascimento says he will

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the world's great centers of debauchery — Tijuana, Mexico — and hired a mariachi band to open the show," wrote Mark Deming for the All Music Guide. "A drunken and audibly enthusiastic audience packed the joint, hookers performed lewd acts while the band wailed onstage, and a splendid time was had by all capable of remembering the evening.... [T]he performances... sometimes sound suspiciously coherent for a real live recording..."

"This 12-song sonic apocalypse — recorded live, as the story goes, at a mariachi club in Tijuana — serves as an excellent introduction to these debauched rockers," summarized *Rolling Stone* reviewer Elizabeth Goodman.

In their early 20s now but together since their teens, the

Black Lips have earned a rep for shows involving fireworks, nudity, etc., often playing multiple shows in a single day. (They are scheduled to play M-Theory Records today at 6 p.m. and the Casbah tonight.)

After a sweaty in-store set in Philadelphia earlier this year, drummer/vocalist Joe Bradley explained that the live record in TJ was the idea of their new record label Vice.



THE BLACK LIPS IN TIJUANA

"We have a new album coming out later this year [last month's *Good Bad Not Evil*], but Vice wanted something sooner to push, a live greatest hits record.... They wanted to call it *Arriba Tijuana*, but we thought that was boring."

Bradley confirmed that Reis had indeed miked the Tijuana gig and that Ernie Quintero, a friend of theirs from the Imperial Valley who had toured with them and booked them in Mexicali, was the guy who set up the show and put the label in touch

with Reis.

Quintero, who plays keyboards in Slab City, gave details of the show by e-mail:

"I went through my friend Memo from Tijuana to help book the show...at the Sal6n Social Blanco y Negro. The venue is right off the main drag of the Revoluci6n.... [Synth-punkers] Maniqui Lazer from Mexicali opened.... I don't remember the name of the mariachi band.... You can hire the mariachis right where Revoluci6n begins under the big-ass arch that's on the cover of the CD. They hang out on the corner waiting to get picked up just like hookers — it's rad.

"The [free] show was a beautiful mess. Vice threw down, like, \$600 on Tecate *caguamas* [liter bottles], and they also bought a shitload of tequila and all the drinks were free for everyone. There was also a coke dealer that came with an extra-large Ziploc bag...and poured mounds of coke in people's palms....

"Some chick was — herself onstage while the Black Lips were playing.... And John Reis was there recording everything. He even had mikes hanging from the ceiling!"

And as for the stories of a Black Lips' near-bust in TJ?

"Yeah, this dude Randy who used to roadie for the Black Lips got caught peeing outside of a strip

club/warehouse that we all went to after the show," confirmed Quintero. "The Mexican cops planted some drugs on him, and he had to pay them \$800 [emptying his ATM account] to get out of it. It was his first time in TJ, and he didn't know that peeing in the streets is, like, the worst thing you could do in Mexico. Even Mexicans get busted for that. I wish I was there with him so I could've talked the cops into a way lower payout."

— David Stampone

Junk for the Trunk

When Jennifer Lopez appears at Cox Arena on Wednesday, October 24, expected munchies include chocolate chip cookies, brownies, an apple pie ("à la mode"), honey peanut Balance Bars,



MS. LOPEZ IS EATING FOR TWO

mango, and papaya. Her dressing room requires tables with white tablecloths, a white couch, white drapes, white candles, and a bouquet of flowers ("white"). Her

clothing needs include a wardrobe rack, a steamer, an iron, and an ironing board.

At this writing, *ticketsnow.com* is selling a pair of seats in section AAA, row 3, for \$818.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Floydian Trip Thirty-seven years ago today — 10/18/70 — Pink Floyd performed in San Diego for the first time at the Intercollegiate Baseball Facility (a.k.a. the Polo Field) at UCSD. Touring behind their *Atom Heart Mother* album, they had played the previous month for their largest audience ever — over 500,000 people — in Paris. Despite their popularity in Europe, Floyd was third on the San Diego bill, behind Hot Tuna and Leon Russell.

Tickets cost \$3.50 for the general-admission show, which started at noon.

"There was a big marijuana protest on the grounds at the same time," recalls one-time concert promoter Dan Tee, a member of UCSD's Student Body Council at the time and one of the people behind the show. "About a hundred people were carrying signs and chanting 'legalize it, legalize it,' and it seemed like there were at least that many

cops around too.

"[The protestors] weren't too organized, though. Before long, most of them were going into the concert instead of protesting.... We used a bunch of their [abandoned] sign poles to prop up a temporary fence that gate-crashers tore down to get into the concert."

The San Diego date was one of the few where the experimental song "Alan's Psychedelic Breakfast" was performed by the band. It



TICKET TO FLY

lasted around 20 minutes.

"They actually sat at a little folding table and ate for part of the song," says Tee, "with tapes of voices and sound effects playing in the background."

The band returned to San Diego one year later — 10/17/71 — to play a show at Golden Hall that became widely bootlegged.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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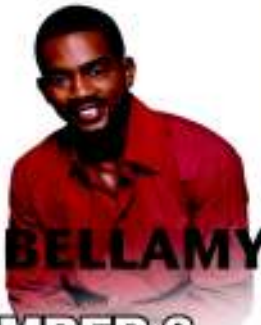
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Thursday 18

Atlanta four-piece **Black Lips** bring their rave 'n' roll to town today, when they'll kick an afternoon in-store at M-Theory in Mission Hills and then rock it proper at Casbah with the **Spits**, **Heartache**, and the **Sess**. The Lips followed up last year's live disc *Los Valientes del Mundo Nuevo* (recorded in TJ by John Reis) with this year's crit-pick *Good Bad Not Evil* (Vice), a garage-y lo-fi collection that mines *Golden Nuggets* stompers. They are pure adrenaline, pumping the set of the night, week, month, year? Check their "Cold Hands" vid for a tease.... House of Blues installs **Drowning Pool** on their downtown stage. The Dallas-based southern rock quartet cut like speed metal and have made a name with Ozzfest and in video-games, including Tony Hawk's series. They're touring behind their fourth studio record, this summer's



BLACK LIPS

Eleven Seven
release *Full Circle*. L.A.'s alt-rock existentialists the **Exies** set the stage with material from their latest, *A Modern Way of Living with the Truth*. They rock, therefore they are.... Hawaiian recording artist **Keali'i Reichel** is a scholar of island culture and sets a stage for educational entertainment. Reichel hosts Humphrey's season finale with two nights of traditional Hawaiian fare — guitar song, chants, and, yea, hula.

Friday 19

Entrées: Ex-Stray Cat **Lee Rocker** visits rockabilly upon Anthology. An unlikely showcase for the stand-up bassman, whose latest, *Black Cat Bone*, is drenched in greaser rock and blues. Gonna be a lot of ink in the posh downtown supper club.... Mesa, AZ, power poppers **Jimmy Eat World** step into House of Blues with a spanking new Interscope disc under their arms, *Chase This Light*. The collection doesn't stray from the quartet's four-bar, power-chord formula, though singer/guitarist Jim Adkins displays newfound optimism in his words and voice. According to reviews, the Jimmys no longer

want to be "the little Foo Fighters."... *Sides*: N.Y.C. indie-pop songman Matt Pond's **Matt Pond PA** delivered a breathy, strummy new one in September, *Last Light*. Check the material at Casbah after NorCal's dark songstress, **Jessica Hoop**.... Alt-country comers **Silverbird** fly into Beauty Bar with **Say Vinyl**.... Quirky indie kids **Vision of a Dying World** and **Red Pony Clock** make a Whistlestop stop.... The Olds brothers of **Family Force 5** present their Christianity in punk-rap. FF5 appear at Soma with **Jonezatta**, the **Secret Handshake**, and **So Long Davey**.

Saturday 20

Electric Six plugs into Casbah Saturday night. Though the Detroit band's blues-rock smacks of White Stripes, they rock with heavier bottom and over-the-top glam leads. Unfortch, no escaping singer Dick Valentine's Jack White shtick and timbre. They dropped a new one last week (deep breath), *I Shall Exterminate Everything Around Me That Restricts Me from Being the Master*. What else is there to say?... You know winter's comin' when Belly Up has **Pine Mountain Logs** in the place. The Logs are the alter-ego of L.A. vocal group Venice, who use vocal chops to cover popular music, from Bowie to the Police and all manner of '70s Solid Gold dance tracks. Canadian singer/songwriter **Justin James** opens.... San Fran blues cat **Tommy Castro** headlines the Legendary Rhythm and Blues Revue at House of Blues. The Strat stud has a new one out on Blind Pig, *Painkiller*, Castro's tenth collection of rock-fueled big band blues. Also on the bill: **Ronnie Baker Brooks**, **Magic Dick**, and **Deanna Bogart**.... San Diego psych and soul dance band the **Viewmasters** click a round at Bar Pink Elephant for your viewing and bum-shaking pleasure.... Country punks **Blackout Party** and indie act **A.M. Vibe** get pop rocks off at the Ken.

Sunday 21

Brooklyn's rocktronic siblings Eleanor and Matthew Friedburger of **Fiery Furnaces** will heat up Casbah with A.D.D.-inspired compositions. Eleanor sings while Matt orchestrates the electronic jumble culled from their brief but busy catalog — six discs in four years. This year's *Widow City* (Thrill Jockey) sounds a subtler form of 2004's watermark disc *Blueberry Boat*, which was like listening to Devo play '70s conceptual album rock. Chicagoan labelmates **Pit Er Pat**, an upbeat, rhythm-based trio with nu-jazz tendencies, warm the stage.... Texas roadhouse guitarist/singer/songwriter **Junior Brown** brings country-fried rock to Belly Up Sunday night. Brown's legend is built on his guitar prowess for which the

musician has invented the "guit-steel" guitar. The electric-and-steel slide hybrid is the centerpiece and sound of Brown's recorded output and shows. The honky-tonker has '50s throwbacks **Hot Rod Lincoln** and the **Working Cowboy Band** opening.... Else: Pretty-boy L.A. pop-rock act **Lifehouse** will emote at House of Blues. Their latest Geffen release *Who We Are* dropped on Tuesday.... Local plod punks the



FIERY FURNACES

Nightmares get out of the garage and into the Pink Elephant for a Swami Sundays set.... Jazzman **Jaime Valle** and band play Jobim at Anthology, celebrating bossanova music of the Brazilian composer ("Girl from Ipanema," "Desafinado").

Monday 22

Casbah's Anti-Monday League books **Black Mountain**, one of Stephen McBean's Pink Mountaintops/Black Mountain Army joints. The Vancouver band stretches the Jagjaguwar collective into '70s psych-rock of Zeppelin (especially), Floyd, and VU. Their '05 s/t debut was a slow-roller, commercially, but a critic favorite. Pitchfork reported last week that McBean's Mountain will deliver a follow-up, *In the Future*, in January. When asked how it was, the players reported to Pitchfork that it's much better than the first because "it has three more songs." Okay. The **Cave Singers** open.... **Sia**'s at the Belly Up. Sia is a London-based electronic pop act who kicks off her U.S. tour here. Her latest on Astralwerks, *Lady Croissant*, is a live demo from N.Y.C.'s Bowery Ballroom. The singer's soul disco groove is big in the big city. Let's see how it washes in Solana Beach.



JIM REID OF JESUS AND MARY CHAIN

Tuesday 23

Earlimart shops their latest, *Mentor Tormentor*, at Casbah Tuesday night. As evidenced by the album, the L.A.-based piano-pop act has progressed from slight to engaging in the three years since warmly received *Treble and Tremble*. Earlimart props offbeat Cal-indie sound reminiscent of Granddaddy's fragile-to-bursting song cycles. With **Office** and **First Wave Hello**, who are wrapping up a West Coast swing touting new disc *God Bless, Devil You*.... Icelandic experimentalists **Múm** travel atmospheric soundscapes to Belly Up. Driving, plush, glitchy, the seven-piece paint IDM songs with a variety of mediums — guitars, synths, accordion, layered voices. FatCat released *Go Go Smear the Poison Ivy* in September. Múm will share the stage with acoustic plainsong singer **Tom Brosseau** and FatCat's Michigan teen act **Our Brother the Native**.... Jersey axeman **Al Di Meola** struts his jazz fusion at Anthology Tuesday and Wednesday nights. What's he fuse it with? Imagine Keef Richards playing jazz scales. Di Meola's best album title: 1991's *Kiss My Axe*.

Wednesday 24

The night you've all been waiting for... Let's see if the brothers Reid can hold it together long enough to get to 4th & B. Yeah, man, Scotland's **Jesus and Mary Chain**, downtown San Diego. William's feedback fuzz and Jim's baritone drone — fire up the fog machines and pass the *Psychocandy*. Or are you a *Darklands* fan. Either way, *Just like honeeey*.... If or when it sells the room, don't boo-hoo on B Street, there's other stuff: indie-folkies **Rocky Votolato** and **Jessie Sykes and the Sweet Hereafter** are damn entertaining. Just a couple miles to their Casbah sets.... Chicago alt-metal trio **Chevelle** is at Soma. My nine-year-old's rocking their '07 disc *Vena Sera*, which means I gotta rock it whenever he's in the truck.... And Queens hip-hoppin' rocker **Pharoah Monch** will be out at Canes in Mission Beach rapping his new SRC/Motown disc *Desire*.
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"I was pretty shocked that [Tommy Lee] would call me at 10 a.m. on his birthday."

I was at 'Canes watching local tribute band Cash'd Out doing Johnny Cash tunes. They recently won \$20,000 in a battle-of-the-bands contest at Viejas. Near their merchandise booth, I started talking to an artist named Carson Grier, who works with the band. He said, "I do a lot of events with Cash'd Out. I've also worked with Johnny Cash's family. I'm talking with Johnny Cash's manager about creating a Cash shoe."

INTERVIEW

JOSH BOARD

What other big-name musicians have you worked with?

"I've done paintings for Alice Cooper, Steve Miller, Joss Stone, and Tommy Lee."

How did the Tommy Lee thing come about?

"I was commissioned to create a piece of art for Tommy Lee by Kelly Gray [co-owner of Royal Underground clothing with Nikki Sixx of Mötley Crüe] for Lee's birthday. I delivered the piece to Kelly about a week before Tommy's birthday, and I wasn't sure if I would hear from him. Then, on the morning of his birthday, I got a call. It was an L.A. number, but I wasn't sure who it was. When I get an L.A. number it means something good. The guy asked if Carson is available. I said this is him, and he said, 'This is Tommy Lee.' I was pretty shocked that he would call me at 10 a.m. on the day of his birthday...."

"I created an image of him using an ancient art form called micrography. The image was created using all his lyrics from his solo album *TommyLand*. The words are tightly handwritten to form and create the image — no lines, and they take hundreds of hours to do. I also filmed me creating the art from beginning to end so he could watch the image be created [with time-lapse photography]. He was at his house, and I could hear a bunch of people in the background — they were watching the video. Tommy told

me that he has seen tons of art in his life, but he has never seen anything like this before, and he loved it. He asked where I lived because he wanted to meet me, and he wanted to set something up. It so happened that he was on tour with Mötley Crüe/Aerosmith, and they were playing at the Coors Amphitheatre in Chula Vista a few weeks later. He gave me backstage tickets to come see him."

Do musicians ever want their instruments painted?

"I haven't done many. Fender Guitars commissioned me to create a guitar for an event at the Fender Guitar Museum in which Steve Miller was going to play a private concert. The guitar was gonna be auctioned off to raise money for Kids Rock for Free, a program that allows kids to learn how to play music and record music at the Fender Guitar Museum. On the night of the event I was nervous that my guitar wouldn't raise that much money because I have heard that other guitars they have auctioned off have raised \$100,000, and I have never painted on a guitar before, [but] the bids kept going up and up. It seemed like it was never going to stop! Photographers were snapping shots of people crowding me on the stage, and people were getting calls on cell phones placing bids. It was nuts! It finally came to an end, and it sold for \$180,000. I now own the record for a custom guitar sold at an auction for Fender guitars."

Have you done any paintings for a celebrity that isn't a musician?

"I was commissioned to create a piece of art for Halle Berry by her manager as a Christmas gift. I created an image from the movie *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*. That movie meant a lot to her because it was about an African-American actress who was the first one to win Best Actress



Carson Grier, Tommy Lee

and get an Academy Award. Halle ended up winning an Emmy and a Golden Globe for that role. I handwrote the entire script and formed and created the image with the script. It's an art form you have to see to believe, and it took hundreds of hours."

Other than Cash'd Out, what San Diegans have you worked with?

"I work with a lot of people from San Diego, such as Adrian Lopez — I'm designing his Pro Model Skateboard shoe for Circa Footwear. Adrian was born and raised in San Diego and takes great pride in the city. I also do a lot of events with Cash'd Out. I'm in progress of finding some locations to display my work in San Diego as soon as my prints are available."

How hard is it to become established as an artist?

"I remember days being in my tiny studio that was \$400 a month, and I couldn't even afford it!

I would spend the little money I had on paints and materials and just locked myself in and painted 24/7. I was focused on getting my idea out of my head and complete the series of paintings that I was gonna use to market myself. My friends would bring me over cheap food and feed me. I thank them all for that. They saw my vision and always supported and helped me not to give up. We would sit there and analyze how I was gonna get noticed by celebrities, like Andy Warhol did. He's my biggest inspiration."

At what age did you start painting?

"Pretty much for as long as I can remember. My mom used to put me in front of paints instead of the TV, and I would draw and paint for hours. There were many times where she would frame my art pieces and enter them into contests, and I would actually win. I owe a lot of what I do today to my mom." ■

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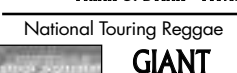
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Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 19, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.

Jimmy Eat World: House of Blues, Friday, October 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Mavis Staples, Charlie Musselwhite, and the North Mississippi Allstars: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 19, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

SATURDAY

Laurence Juber: AcousticMusicSanDiego, October 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Electric Six: The Casbah, Saturday, October 20, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

SUNDAY

Lifehouse: House of Blues, Sunday, October 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

TUESDAY

Greg Laswell and Michael Tiernan: Hard Rock Cafe, Tuesday, October 23, 801 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-615-7625.

WEDNESDAY

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony: Cox Arena, Wednesday, October 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Boys Like Girls: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Chevelle: Soma, Wednesday, October 24, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

The Jesus and Mary Chain and Evan Dando: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 24, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

OCTOBER

Harry Manx: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Melvins: The Casbah, Thursday, October 25, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

The Pogues: 4th & B, Friday, October 26, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

John Stewart: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, October 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Peter Frampton: House of Blues, Friday, October 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Eddie Palmieri: Anthology, Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Bobby Caldwell: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 27, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Glassjaw: House of Blues, Monday, October 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Tegan and Sara: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, October 30, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Tuesday, October 30, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Ghostface Killah: 4th & B, Tuesday, October 30, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

NOVEMBER

Terri Hendrix: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, November 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Sugarland: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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Circa Survive: Soma, Sunday, November 4, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Ween: House of Blues, Monday, November 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Richie Havens: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, November 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Brand New and Thrice: Soma, Wednesday, November 7, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Gov't Mule: 4th & B, Wednesday, November 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Mason Jennings: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, November 7, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Hanna Montana and Miley Cyrus: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday,

November 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

She Wants Revenge: House of Blues, Thursday, November 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Hold Steady: 'Canes, Thursday, November 8, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Brand New and Thrice: Soma, Thursday, November 8, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Maroon 5: Cox Arena, Friday, November 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Junior Reid: 'Canes, Friday, November 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Tierney Sutton: Anthology, Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Dave Mason and John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers: House of Blues, Sunday, November 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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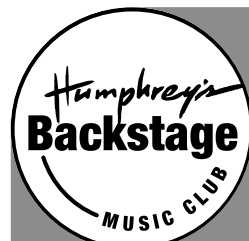
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M.I.A.: Canes, Sunday, November 11, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

The Average White Band: Anthology, Wednesday and Thursday, November 14 and 15, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Peter, Paul, and Mary: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Silverchair: House of Blues, Friday, November 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Kelly Clarkson: San Diego Civic Theatre, Friday, November 16, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Suzanne Vega: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Clint Black: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Erin McKeown: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, November 17, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Al McKay: Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, November 17, 15498 Espola Road, Poway, 858-748-0505.

Eliza Gilkyson: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 18, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Puddle of Mudd: House of Blues, Sunday, November 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals: San Diego Civic Theatre, Sunday, November 18, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Monday, November 19, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Queen Latifah: California Center for the Arts, Monday, November 19, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Down: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ozzy Osbourne and Rob Zombie: San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, November 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

New Found Glory and Senses Fail: House of Blues, Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Van Halen: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 25, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: House of Blues, Sunday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Travis and Maximo Park: House of Blues, Monday, November 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Iron and Wine: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 27, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

DECEMBER

Lucy Kaplansky: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Saturday, December 1, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Fall Out Boy: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, December 1, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Decemberists: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, December 1, and Sunday, December 2, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I finally got **Ernie Halter** figured out late one insomnia-plagued night. As I lay sleepless with one of his songs spinning around in my head, it occurred to me that Halter's stuff would be just right for television. This is not meant as a criticism — over the years, some very heavy talent has been plugged into that art form. TV themes are all about the muck of human existence put to simple, effective sound bites, and Halter has the ability to contain larger subjects, like relationship drama, into an economical haiku of verse. "God, can You whisper in her ear?" he sings after admitting that he's botched it. "How do I ask her to come back to me/ After I told her

goodbye?" A question that, as a songwriter, he's smart enough to not answer.

I don't think that any one of Ernie Halter's friends (almost 70,000 on MySpace) could care less that his musical style is diverse to the point that it is impossible to categorize. Halter's new CD *Congress Hotel* sounds like a collection of songs from soul purgatory in which his protagonists hang eternal from the meathooks of heartache and desire. "Tell me what kind of man," he sings, "lets love slip away/ And leave such a good thing behind?"

The tortured soul holds a lot of currency in pop culture, and I think Halter knows this. Critics may call Halter's singing soul-lite, and maybe they're right, but the Berklee School of Music grad also fronts the Ernie Halter Quintet, a bluesy, Sinatra-ish kind of cover group that is tailored to Fortune 500 corporate affairs. He's got a nice handle on that



ERNIE HALTER

material, singing it in an unadorned jazz voice that depends more on inner resources than vocal trickery. As he matures as a performer, it's this gig that may carry him into the future.

ERNIE HALTER, Across the Street (in Mueller College), 4607 Park Boulevard, University Heights, Friday, October 19, 8 p.m. 619-291-9811. \$10.

Cafe Tacuba: 4th & B, Saturday, December 1, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Social Distortion: House of Blues, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ahmad Jamal: Anthology, Thursday, December 6, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Juliette & the Licks: The Casbah, Thursday, December 6, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Shonen Knife: The Casbah, Friday, December 7, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Ahmad Jamal: Anthology, Friday, December 7, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Avenged Sevenfold: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, December 7, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Marc Cohn: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Ahmad Jamal: Anthology, Saturday, December 8, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Tori Amos: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 12, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804.

Chimaira: House of Blues, Wednesday, December 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Mannheim Steamroller: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, December 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Unwritten Law: House of Blues, Friday, December 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Peter White: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, December 22, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

K.C. & the Sunshine Band: 4th & B, Saturday, December 29, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

JANUARY

Al Kooper: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Wednesday, January 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

FEBRUARY

Al Stewart: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 2, 340 N.

Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

The Wallflowers: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, February 9, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

Styx: House of Blues, Saturday, February 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Queensrÿche and Don Dokken: House of Blues, Thursday, February 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

JUNE

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Air Conditioned: Wednesdays, *Club Nigel*, Steve West and DJ SG spin the '80s. Thursdays, *Too Cool for School*, old-school hip-hop, '80s, and funk. Fridays, rare groove, funk, and disco. Saturdays, *Cocktail Party*. Sundays, guest DJ night. Mondays, *House of Rep*, hip-hop and funk and soul. 4673 30th Street, North Park. 619-501-9831.

Beauty Bar: Fridays, *Feel the Noise*, electronic dance rock beats. 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Talmadge. 619-516-4746.

Brass Rail: Third Thursday of the month, *Pussy Galore*, live bands with DJ Robin Roth spinning electro, indie, and '80s. Second Friday of the month, *Club Fashion Whore*, fashion show and discotheque. Fourth Friday of the month, *Sabbat*, '80s retro night with DJs Harlot, Liquid Grey, and guests. 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Candelas: Thursdays, deep soulful house by DJ ALA and guests. 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Club Rio: Wednesdays, *Hot Wednesdays*, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley. 619-843-7400. @bold:The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat*, gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth and Adam Atom. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night*, live electronic, crunk, and glitch hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Saturdays, *Ascension*, underground dance music with DJs Robin Roth and Tom King. Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions*, hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJs Mada and Ricky Wrecks. No cover. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays (18 and up) and Fridays (21 and up), *La Maraca*, merengue, cumbia, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

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 electro, indie, and '80s. First and third Saturday of the month, *Transport*, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Second and fifth Saturday, *One Nation*, electro, '80s, and

hip-hop with DJs Blackstone and Atari. 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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.

Bar Leucadian, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends*, guitar and vocals.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Sticky Situation*, rock. Friday, *Uplift*, reggae. Saturday, *Jeff Moore, Dean Smith, and Billy Thompson*, blues. Sunday, *Captain Kirk and Beam Me Up Scotty*. Monday, *Cactus Twang*,

roadhouse rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *the John Bennett Band*.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Drover Mad, New Dayze, and the Pheromones*, rock. Friday, 8 p.m., *40 Ounces to Freedom, Six Reasons, and MondayUs Alibi*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Stranger, One Drop, and Root Covenant*, reggae. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Pharoahe Monch*, hip-hop.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Adrien Marquise, Network, D Major, and Tabu, R&B*. Friday, 4 p.m.,

Dive Bomber, Individual Destruction Sequence, Elijah's Mantle, Hell Yeah, Snake Feider and Ids, and 1925, hard rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *October Burning, Pig Money, No Sign of Weakness, Etched in Stone, and Aten*, metal. Wednesday, 4 p.m., *Alexxx, Blackened Scripture, and Ages*, metal.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz. Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *the Transpire Project*, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *the Transpire Project*, 8 p.m. to



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9:30 p.m., *the Micromaniacs*, alternative. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Tim Crozier*, acoustic. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Doug Strock*, piano.

Gallagher's Pub and Grill, 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-5300. Friday and Saturday, live music.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, live music. Saturday, *Kevin Mesohung*, acoustic.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Frankie Dee and the Funk-Natra Band*. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn and Triple Threat*, classic rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues/rock. 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.

People's Food, 4765 Voltaire Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *the Zymzzy Quartet*, traditional jazz/Gypsy swing.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Tuesday, 9 p.m., open mike hosted by *Jeffrey Gottlieb*.

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Cheeky and Catalina*, rock. Friday, *Tim and the 23s*, Carbine, and *Pete Stuart*, rock. Saturday, *Warner Drive*, rock. Wednesday, *12 Cent* and *the Underclassmen*, punk.

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, *Ancient Sunrise*, rock. Friday, *the Hoodoo Blues Band*. Saturday, *the Nards*, rock. Sunday, open mike. Wednesday, *Mick Overman*, acoustic.

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.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Cory Phillips and the Band of Light*, R&B/soul/rock. Friday, *Sam Tripoli*, *West Indian Girl*, and *Stripe N Lines*, rock. Saturday, *Vegetation*, reggae. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Hippie Grenade*, rock. Wednesday, *Native Root* and *the Vokab Kompany*, hip-hop.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Friday, *Lee Rocker*, rockabilly.

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. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Skyler Stonestreet*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative rock/punk. Thursday, *Black Lips*, *the Spits*, *the Heartaches*, and *the Sess*. Friday, *Matt*

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Miniskirts, go-go boots, and Gretsch guitars — the appeal of the **Gore Gore Girls** is obvious. They look like something out of a movie by Russ Meyer (*Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!*) or Herschell Gordon Lewis (um, *The Gore-Gore Girls*). And they sound the way the Shangri-Las would if they were a punk band. No, wait — that's what the New York Dolls sound like. Lux Interior of the Cramps once said that the Gore Gore Girls are like "the Ronettes with guitars." But that's not quite right either.

Certainly, the Gore Gore Girls sound like one of the most perfect opening acts imaginable for the Cramps. More specifi-

cally, they sound like fuzz guitars, pounding drums, and tough-chick vocals and lyrics, with a nod to the classic girl-group sound. On their recent album *Get the Gore*, the Girls give song credits to Phil Spector (he of the Wall of Sound and recent murder trial) and Kim Fowley (the notorious figure behind Joan Jett's Run-aways), and those two names give some clues to the band's sensibilities — though it should be said that there was never a male Svengali figure behind the Gore Gore Girls.

The band first got together in Detroit ten years ago, just as the city's garage-rock revival scene was gathering force. The Girls quickly became known for great live shows, but somehow they did not get the chance to cash in when the White Stripes briefly made their home city the center of the music uni-



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verse. But the Girls kept going, and now that there's a resurgence of interest in the girl-group sound, their time may be here again.

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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., *the Scott Carter Duo*, pop/jazz. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Siers Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Stiletto*, rockabilly/blues. 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. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle Taggle*, Celtic/Irish.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Call club for information.

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, *Drowning Pool* and *the Exies*, alternative rock. Friday, *Jimmy Eat World* and *Maritime*, rock. Saturday, *the Tommy Castro Band*, *Ronnie Baker Brooks*, *Magic Dick*, and *Deanna Bogart*, blues. Sunday, *Lifeforce*, alternative rock. Wednesday, *Boys Like Girls*, *All Time Low*, *the Audition*, and *We the Kings*, rock.

Java Jones, 631 Ninth Street, downtown. 619-696-9664. Friday, 7 p.m., *Gayle Skidmore*, acoustic/folk/pop.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics*, '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Pop Rocks*, '80s dance. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Soul Revue*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece*, 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.

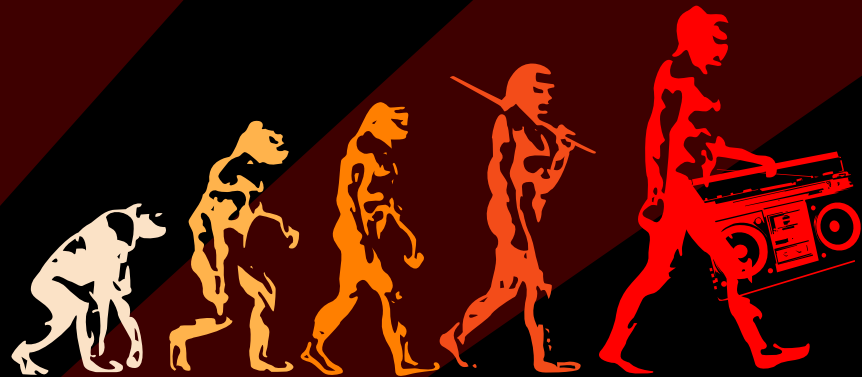
Patrick's 11, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Shelle Blue*. Friday, *Buick Wilson*. Saturday and Sunday, *Blue Four*. Monday, *Blue Largo*.

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Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock
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The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second
Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The
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Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to
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Whiskey Girl, 600 Fifth Avenue,
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DaGroove, rock hits, and *DJ Marc
Thrasher*. Friday and Saturday, *DJ Marc
Thrasher*. Sunday, *DJ Famous Dave*.
Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ
Thrasher*. Tuesday, *DJ Famous Dave*.
Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*, a Dave
Matthews Band tribute, pop/rock, and *DJ
Famous Dave*.

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AcousticMusicSanDiego, 4650
Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-
8176. Friday, *Catie Curtis*, acoustic folk.
Saturday, *Laurence Juber*, acoustic.

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.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia
Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive,
Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs
6:30 p.m. Friday. *B Natural*, pop/Top 40.
Saturday, blues band.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa
Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033.
Music is Irish/folk. Thursday, *Harold and
Gabe*. Friday, call club for information.
Saturday, *Skelpin*. Tuesday, Irish jam
session. Wednesday, *Robbie O'Reilly* or
Skelpin.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue,
Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is
rock/alternative rock. Thursday, 8 p.m.,
Sandpeople, *Brendan B. and Band*, *Apoc*,
the Shore, *MYG and Rockone*, *Wildard*,
and *Cisco of Prophecy*. Friday, 8 p.m.,
Rewind Yesterday and *Falling Shy*.
Saturday, 8 p.m., *Xolmani*, *Montecristo*,
Peter Stewart, *Lucero*, *Bobby Bare*, and
Whiskey and Co. Wednesday, 8 p.m.,
Dark Haven, *Severed Roots*, and
Unloaded.

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, 7 p.m.,
Sergulath, *Damcyan*, *Vidia*, *Darkness
Enthralled*, and *Animal Corpse*, heavy
metal.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue
(at College and University). 619-582-
6730. Live rock/swing.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery,
5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego.
619-688-1120. Saturday, live blues/rock.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge:
Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Soul
Persuaders*, sweet soul. Friday, 6 p.m. to
8 p.m., *Jumpstart*, blues/rock, 9:30 p.m.
to 1:30 a.m., *the Farmers*, roots rock.
Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Laurie
Morvan*, blues guitar, 9:30 p.m. to
1:30 a.m., *Zac Harmon*, blues. Sunday,
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight,
Reggie Smith, jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to
11 p.m., *the Bill Magee*. Tuesday, 7 p.m.
to 11 p.m., *Trade Winds*, Jimmy Buffet
tribute Band. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to
midnight, *Aaron Davis*.

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.
Friday, 9 p.m., *the Wrong Trousers*,
acoustic/folk, with *the Hi-Lites* and *Social
Green*, reggae.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams
Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437.

Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise
noted. Thursday, *Dave Mulligan*, *Derek
Evans*, and *Misdirection*. Friday, *Eleanor
England* and *the Shep Meyers Trio*, jazz.
Saturday, *Allison Lonsdale*, *Eben Brooks*,
Dawn Mitschele, *the Turtle Project*, and
Molly Jensen. Sunday, *Eric Schwartz* and
Rob Deez. Monday, open mike.
Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Coyote Grace*, *Garth
Michael McDermott*, and *Jeff Koch*.

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, *Lonely Mattress
Salesmen*, *the Beautiful View*, *Movus*, and
Casa Wagner. Saturday, *Late Nite Access*,
Sweet Tooth, *Christopher Dale*, *Eight
Minutes to Midnight*, and *the Dirty Pearls*.
Monday, *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday,
Pickup Girl, *Hell Yeah*, and *the Predicates*,
rock. Wednesday, *Just Like Jenna*.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue,
Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday,

live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam
session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road,
San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday,
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big
Band*, big-band swing.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied
Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and
Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Moon
Dance*, classic rock/swing.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon
Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313.
Thursday through Sunday, and
Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo*. Monday

and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Shawline
Expression*.

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. Saturday, 9 p.m.,
Secret Apollo, *the Shrines*, and *Beta Lion*,
indie pop.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San
Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and
Saturday, *Mad for Mary*, classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San
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to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 7 p.m., *Family Force 5, Jonezetta, the Secret Handshake, and So Long Davey*. Saturday, 6:30 p.m., *Stick to Your Guns, Elysia, Catherine, His Irate Life, and Burning the Masses*. Sunday, 6 p.m., *Converge, 108, Internal Affairs, Wages of War, and Uprising A.D.* Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Chevelle, Fair to Midland, the Butterfly Effect, and Tyler Reid*.

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam*. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning and the John Kopecky Trio*. Saturday, *Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta*, R&B/Top 40/jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tim Ninnink and Doug Walker*, modern jazz.

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, blues. Friday, *OU812*, rock. Saturday, *the Mississippi Mudsharks*, blues. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band*.

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Friday, *the Makes Nice*, garage/pop. Saturday, *Diablo Dimes*, blues/country/jazz. Monday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

Vinbladh's, 4651 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-269-4620. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Jonathan Rojas, Van Schippers, and Kyle Whitcomb*, acoustic rock.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Saturday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, blues.

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, 8 p.m., *the Pat McGee Band, Josh Kelley, and the Kin*, rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Ken Andrews, Charlotte Martin, and First Wave Hello*, alternative rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Pine Mountain Logs and Justin James*, rock/reggae. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Junior Brown, the Working Cowboy Band, and Hot Rod Lincoln*, country/rockabilly. Monday, 8 p.m., *Sia and Willoughby*, folk/acoustic. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Mum, Our Brother the Native, and Tom Brousseau*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Skantic, the Upbeat, and the Amalgamated*, ska/reggae.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, *Donnie Finnell and Company East*, standards and light jazz.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township*, folk rock/indie.

Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain), 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tom Boyer*, acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Johnson, Bosley, and Morin*, acoustic folk.

California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 1-800-988-4253. Friday, 8 p.m., *Mavis Staples, Charlie Musselwhite, the North Mississippi Allstars, and Joe Crown*, blues.

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BY OLLIE

Album: *Say New You* (2007)

Artist: Victoria

Label: self-released

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Songs: 1) Top 2) Reveille 3) Model 4) No Man's Land 5) Best of Me 6) Real Life 7) Journey 8) Day Begin 9) Train 10) Only You 11) Solo 12) Westward 13) Sound Song 14) Say New You

Band: Victoria Robertson (vocals, keyboard, programming), Alan Sanderson (programming), Enrique Platas (drums, percussion), Christian Schinelli (bass), Gabriel Wickbold (vocals), James Hood (guitar), Jeff Kelly (drums), Drew Decker (bass)

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Victoria

mothers. It is hard to believe even they would tolerate this album.

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Ages: Dreamstreet

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Drowning Pool: House of Blues

Elysia: Soma

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Falling Sky: Brick By Brick

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- Lucero:** Brick By Brick
- The Makes Nice:** Tower Bar
- Maritime:** House of Blues
- Charlotte Martin:** Belly Up Tavern
- The Micromaniacs:** E Street Cafe
- Montecristo:** Brick By Brick
- Mordium:** The Jumping Turtle
- MYG and Rockeone:** Brick By Brick
- Nuthin Speshl:** The Jumping Turtle
- One in the Chamber:** Fannie's Nightclub
- Parallax:** The Jumping Turtle
- Matt Pond Pa:** The Casbah
- Relentless:** The Jumping Turtle
- Rewind Yesterday:** Brick By Brick
- Rotten Scoundrel:** The Jumping Turtle
- Sandpeople:** Brick By Brick
- Secret Apollo:** Scolari's Office
- The Secret Handshake:** Soma
- Sergulath:** Epicentre
- The Sess:** The Casbah
- Severed Roots:** Brick By Brick
- The Shore:** Brick By Brick
- The Shrines:** Scolari's Office
- Silent Lune:** The Jumping Turtle

- The Spits:** The Casbah
- Sweet Tooth:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
- Teenage Corpses:** The Jumping Turtle
- Three Fifths Human:** The Jumping Turtle
- Tore Back:** Fannie's Nightclub
- The Transpire Project:** E Street Cafe
- 12 Cent:** 710 Beach Club
- The Underclassmen:** 710 Beach Club
- Unloaded:** Brick By Brick
- Uprising A.D.:** Soma
- Vidia:** Epicentre
- Wages of War:** Soma
- West Indian Girl:** Winstons
- Whiskey and Co.:** Brick By Brick
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- All Time Low:** House of Blues
- Ancient Sunrise:** Tiki House
- Aten:** Dreamstreet
- The Audition:** House of Blues
- Brendan B. and Band:** Brick By Brick
- Black Mountain:** The Casbah
- Boneyard:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Boys Like Girls:** House of Blues
- Brax:** The Ould Sod
- Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub
- Cactus Twang:** The Calypso Cafe
- Carbine:** 710 Beach Club
- Casa Wagner:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
- Catalina:** 710 Beach Club
- The Cave Singers:** The Casbah
- C.C. and David:** Coyote Bar and Grill
- Cheeky:** 710 Beach Club
- Chevelle:** Soma
- The Credit Union:** Ocean House

as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Retrolust**
Song: "Japanese Hot Rod" (from the CD *Pump It*)
Heard By: **Nature**, Downtown



Nature

I really liked the song; I thought it had a lot of good energy. I really liked the progression of the beat structure — it went from half-time to double-time. They switched it back and forth, which is really good from a listener's point of view. I also like the melodic progression — it was soft and subtle through the whole track. They're definitely electro-pop. I would say they have a similar feel to the Postal Service or something in that vein. I think that maybe the vocalist could use a little more intonation, but overall I thought [he] was really good. [If I was listening to that song] I would either be dancing or starting a creative project.

Christopher Dale: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Dirty Pearls: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **Blue Sky Blonde**
Song: "Hell If I Know" (from the CD *What Say You*)
Heard By: **Chris Turner**, Cortez Hill



Chris

The bass is nice. It sounded like there was maybe a little bit of distortion and it sounded low and heavy. The guitar kind of had a serious tone to it. I like the way they dropped into the next part after the intro — they just went into it. I didn't really like the chorus so much — it kind of went off in a different direction. Overall, the song is pretty decent. I guess it's indie rock but a little bit harder edged. The vocals kind of reminded me of Incubus. The lyrics seemed to be about how people are kind of using him and he's not too happy about that. I could see that [song] on 94.9 or 91X.

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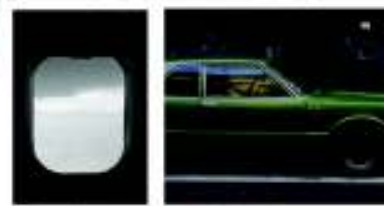
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Mad for Mary: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Moon Dance: Pal Joey's

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The Nards: Tiki House
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No Sign of Weakness: Dreamstreet
October Burning: Dreamstreet
Office: The Casbah
One Thread: Fannie's Nightclub
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The Pheromones: 'Canes
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The Pine Mountain Logs: Belly Up Tavern
Pit Er Pat: The Casbah
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Yo, DJ!

Talk About a Star



Lee Rocker plays Anthology tomorrow, October 19

I saw the Stray Cats for the first time, like everyone else, on MTV. I liked rockabilly. It wasn't a popular genre of music and was a cliquy thing. And, MTV was bizarre. It would be such extremes of music back then. You'd have that "Video Killed the Radio Star" and Flock of Seagulls with their hair and techno bands...you might have Wall of Voodoo, which is another extreme. Then, you'd have some classic-rock bands.

Then, there was the Stray Cats. They were a three-piece. Brian Setzer had that huge pompadour of blond hair. There was Slim Jim Phantom on drums and Lee Rocker playing that huge standup bass, and he'd flip the thing around while he played it. Their music was great, and it was just three people creating it. If one person screwed up, they wouldn't be able to pull it off. But they looked like they could play it in their sleep....

I had a girlfriend that couldn't get enough of [Setzer]. She would just lick her lips whenever he was on TV. I said to her, "You really like him, don't you?" She'd always say no, and I'd call her a liar because if the Stray Cats were on the screen, she'd come right over to the TV. They had that "Stray Cat Strut" thing going, and she loved it.

Lee Rocker is the lesser-known Stray Cat, but seeing him at Anthology would be awesome.



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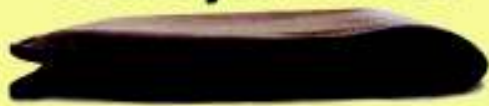
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Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
Kevin McCully: The Westgate Hotel
Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Shep Meyers Trio: Lestat's Coffee House
Mikan and Friends: Buon Giorno Restaurant
Mystique: Jimmy Love's
Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, La Costa Resort and Spa, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

- Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind:** Bahia Resort Hotel
Tim Ninnink: South Park Bar and Grill
Sue Palmer: Croce's Jazz Bar
Dan Papaila: The Lodge at Torrey Pines
Dave Patrone: Croce's Jazz Bar
Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Prince of Piano: The Westgate Hotel
Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel
Sambajazz: Cuvee Restaurant
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar
Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time: Humphrey's
Stage 4: Buon Giorno Restaurant
The Tokeli Jazz Trio: Buon Giorno Restaurant
The Turquoise Latin Jazz Quartet: Turquoise Cafe
Vintage Vegas: Martini's Above Fourth
Doug Walker: South Park Bar and Grill
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- Yavez:** Croce's Jazz Bar
Z-Bop: The Flying Bridge, Epazote
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- The Amalgamated:** Belly Up Tavern
The Hi-Lites: The Kensington Club
Justin James: Belly Up Tavern
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One Drop: 'Canes
Raiz Muzik: Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill
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Skanic: Belly Up Tavern
Social Green: The Kensington Club
Stranger: 'Canes
The Upbeat: Belly Up Tavern
Uplift: The Calypso Cafe
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COUNTRY

- The Band in Black:** Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Bobby Bare Jr.: Brick By Brick
Junior Brown: Belly Up Tavern
The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club
The Honky Tonk Kings: Renegade Inn
Hot Rod Lincoln: Belly Up Tavern

- The Tall Dudes:** Don's Cocktail Lounge
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- Joseph Angelastro:** E Street Cafe
The Bleedin' Irish: J.J. Lander's Irish Pub
Tom Boyer: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)
Eben Brooks: Lestat's Coffee House
Tom Brousseau: Belly Up Tavern
The Clachan Boys: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), R. O'Sullivan's, Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant
Coyote Grace: Lestat's Coffee House
Tim Crozier: E Street Cafe
Catie Curtis: AcousticMusicSanDiego
Aaron Davis: Humphrey's
Rob Deez: Lestat's Coffee House
Derek Evans: Lestat's Coffee House
Gonzo Gonzales: Hotel del Coronado
Harold and Gabe: Blarney Stone Pub
Molly Jensen: Lestat's Coffee House
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Mick Overman: Tiki House

Peter and Marquita: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

Jonathan Rojas: Vinbladth's

Eric Schwartz: Lestat's Coffee House

Sharon Hazel Township: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Sia: Belly Up Tavern

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Skyler Stonestreet: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

The Turtle Project: Lestat's Coffee House

Van Schippers: Vinbladth's

Kyle Whitcomb: Vinbladth's

Willoughby: Belly Up Tavern

The Wrong Trousers: The Kensington Club

BLUES / SOUL

Ayanna and the Exiles: Patrick's II

Ronnie Baker Brooks: House of Blues

Blue Four: Patrick's II

Blue Heat: The Kraken

Blue Largo: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

Deanna Bogart: House of Blues

The Tommy Castro Band: House of Blues

Tomcat Courtney: Turquoise Cafe

D Major: Dreamstreet

Diablo Dimes: Tower Bar

Fuzzy and the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

Gumboya: Coyote Bar and Grill

Zac Harmon: Humphrey's

Robin Henkel: Whistle Stop Bar

The Hoodoo Blues Band: Tiki House

Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and Grill

Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta: South Park Bar and Grill

Jumpstart: Humphrey's

Joe Krown: California Center for the Arts

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds: Tower Bar, Henry's Pub

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The Soul Persuaders: Humphrey's

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FANTASY TRASH TALK

by Josh Board

before football season started, Dan invited me to his fantasy football draft party. I'm in a fantasy league and was curious to see how others ran theirs.

I checked out their website — "Williams World Fantasy Football — Dominating your Sunday since 1993" — and then headed to O.B. for hot dogs, chili, and trash talk.

Since draft order is important (everyone in every league picks LaDainian Tomlinson first), it was funny when someone suggested, "The draft order should be the order we showed up here." Someone else joked that they would've camped out the day before. Yes, that's how serious people are about fantasy football.

Dan's wife prepared food, and another guy's wife brought brownies. We joked about whether there was pot in them, and someone said the brownies were smuggled from TJ.

A few guys wore 49ers jerseys. I asked one of them if he drafted Niners. He said that he didn't. It's common for fans of a team to draft productive players



Top left: Dan, the league commissioner (left); Top right: Someone's daughter, who everyone called Vanna White; Bottom right: Marsalis (right)

on that team. For the 2007 Niners, that would be running back Frank Gore. "I don't usually wear jerseys," the guy said. "It's not how I roll. But I wear this on draft day to make a statement." I told him that in my league there's a guy who drafts Chargers, and other than Antonio

"We have a guy who gets drunk but still drafts well."

Gates, it usually hurts him. He said, "Yeah. You can't draft with your heart."

As we talked, he knocked over a drink. Everyone gave him a hard time about that.

Dan leaned in and said, "We have a guy who gets drunk but still drafts well." Someone overheard him and said, "There are

lots of things drinking doesn't affect. I can do anything drunk that I can when I'm sober." He thought about this for a second and then said, "Well, maybe not driving...or working. But every-

thing else."

One guy brought his daughter and said, "Here's Vanna White." She was brought to work the board that showed the players who were drafted. The guy in the Niners jersey was saying flirtatious things to her, which I thought was odd in front of her dad. And she looked to be about 20 years younger than the guy.

This league awards cash each week. I was told that Bill didn't win a single week last year. He was presented a bottle

of Smart Water and told that maybe it would make him smarter and he'd draft a better team this year.

Dan asked everyone to hand over their checks. He told me that it's easier to have everyone pay in advance. "It's funny, some of these guys are attorneys and think nothing of owing me \$5 or \$10." When it was pointed out that it was difficult to get checks from one of the guys when he was married, that guy said, "Well, I'm not married now!" I asked one of the attorneys if the seed money was tax deductible.

Marsalis brought his lap top. I told him that he looked organized, like an NFL scout. A heavy-set guy sitting across from him said, "It's not even plugged in."

That big guy was humorous. Anytime someone opened their mouth, he had a quick dig for them that drew laughs.

When the hat was passed around for draft order, the first person grabbed the number one pick. A few guys yelled that he looked into the hat and the controversies began.

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There was talk about Marsalis's weight loss. One guy said, "He was huge. He looks like Vin Diesel now, doesn't he?" The big guy said, "Hey, you're no babe magnet!"

The big guy and I talked about how we both drafted Randy Moss the past few years and how Moss killed us with poor performance. He told me that Moss was the reason he came in second instead of first place last season. I said, "I'll try to take him this year, though. With the Patriots...and Brady throwing to him, I expect good things." He said, "I won't touch the guy." I tried to talk him into it: "I think he's going to give 110 percent this year. He'll give 20 percent the first game. Maybe 30 percent the next game. By the third game, he'll give 15 percent. By the end of the 16-game season, he will have given 110 percent."

When someone drafted running back Marshawn Lynch, the big guy said, "You'd be better off with Merrill Lynch."

In my league, if someone drafts a player who is injured, we inform them. When I asked these guys about this, they all said, "Oh, no! If you don't do your homework, you're screwed." They shared stories of people drafting players who had retired.

Dan's in a band, and I figured I'd switch the topic away from football. I asked him if his wife suggests songs for him to play. "Yeah, sometimes. She likes when we do 'All Along the Watchtower.'"

When someone drafted Randy Moss, I just heard the last name. "Was that Santana Moss or Randy?" I asked. When I was told it was Randy, I replied, "Can you believe he's slipped so much that Santana Moss could be picked before him?" The big guy said, "He was crazy to take him."

The guy who drafted Moss said, "He'll get 16 TDs this year. I guarantee it." (As I write this, Moss leads the NFL in yards and TDs.)

When someone drafted Todd Heap, the big guy said, "He is a heap." Big guy threw a few pills into his mouth and someone asked, "Is that Viagra?" He said it was for a kidney infection.

At one point, the lights outside flickered. Someone said, "It's your computer. It's taking too much power." When someone picked Shawn Merriman, I got confused. I'd never heard of leagues drafting defensive players. I was handed a sheet of rules. This league awards points for everything possible in a football game.

It was starting to get cold, and I wished I had brought a jacket. I wondered why Vanna White wasn't getting cold. Someone said, "Hey, Vanna, do you want a beer?" Her dad said, "She doesn't drink."

I wondered how many fathers thought their daughters didn't drink. ■

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"It was always my mother. Always about her, She b-burnt more br-brightly."

His father died unexpectedly. His mother's been having an affair, he just learned, for quite some time. He had problems with the woman in his life (okay, the *other* woman, besides his mum), who wonders if she should've gone to a nunnery. Now melancholic, he occupies his mind with trying to unify the cosmos.

Sound familiar? But how about this? In Charlotte Jones's *Humble Boy*, the departed father, a former biology teacher-beekeeper, has a gentle soul, and the mother ruled the family the way Hamlet's domineering stepfather ruled Denmark. The guy's ex-girlfriend doesn't lard the stage with sweet flowers and bid the ladies "good-night." She moves on and lives her life. And the guy isn't a Danish prince. He's a 35-year-old, socially bungling, theoretical astrophysicist named Felix Humble.

Not that Felix is all that happy. He's working on M Theory, a superstring "explanation of everything" in the universe, but has trouble keeping himself together. His movements are oblique and he stutters when pronouncing words beginning with *B*. He isn't Hamlet (he's as close to Hamlet as the Dane says he is to Hercules). But they share three things in common: both felt the shock of a sudden death, both are blocked, and both find themselves chosen to "set things right."

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

In Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, two stories from different periods occupy the same place, Sidley Hall, a country estate in Derbyshire. Stoppard's characters include absent fathers, frustrated mothers, wannabe math-whiz sons, genius daughters — and ghosts, when people from the early 19th Century overlap with those of the late 20th.

Humble Boy takes place today, in an English country garden.

It includes numerous references to *Hamlet* and *Arcadia*. These lurk — or should — like half-glimpsed specters, or visitants peering through the folds of a parallel universe. Felix's "theory of everything," were it possible, would account for a reality with at least 11 dimensions (some say even more). By making *Hamlet* and *Arcadia* resonant backdrops, Jones has written a three-dimensional play, plus two. In effect, *Humble Boy*'s five dimensions locate it almost halfway, in art, to "the mother of all theories."

You don't have to know *Hamlet* or *Arcadia* — or Alan Ayckbourn's space-time experiments, which also figure in the mix — to appreciate *Humble Boy*, a wise, funny winner of several London theater awards. And it may have been better if New Village Arts' in many ways capable production had left the Bard alone. Often cast members appear to have *Hamlet* in the back of their minds and attempt to



Daren Scott, Jessica John in *Humble Boy*

Humble Boy, by Charlotte Jones

New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 State Street, Carlsbad

Directed by Kristianne Kurner; cast: Rosina Reynolds, Daren Scott, Jessica John, Jim Chovick, Dana Case, Tom Deak; scenic design, Francis Gercke; costumes, Jessica John; lighting, Jerry Sonnenberg; sound, Tom Jones

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account for both their characters and Shakespeare's. This juggling act makes for double motivations that slow the pace, in Act One, and create confusions in the story. *Humble Boy* is not a modern retelling of *Hamlet*, which functions more as a side-text, lurking in the wings, than a subtext.

Felix has enough grief sorting out his own woes. His is a (s)mothered soul. It's easier for him to contemplate superstring theories than face that "it was always my mother. Always about her. She b-burnt more br-brightly." During the course of the play, and Daren Scott's touching, breakthrough perfor-

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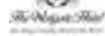
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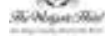
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mance, Felix begins the slow process of inching away from under his mother's dominance. He may not make it, any more than flights of angels will waft Hamlet to paradise. But at least he's taken the first steps.

As the mother, Rosina Reynolds gives a sharp, watchable effort, as expected. Like many characters in *Arcadia*, Flora has city needs in a country setting and suffers from "terminal disappointment." Reynolds uses Flora's boredom to sharpen her wit. What's missing, however, are Flora's controlling impulses — the ones she's used, instinctively, on Felix and her late husband (soft-spoken Tom Doak, another in-the-wings dimension) and the ones she's beginning to use on unsuspecting George Pye (Jim Chovick: red-faced, engaging vitality). More emphasis on Flora's totalizing impulses would underscore the play's theme of letting go — not just of loved ones but also of ingrained habits.

Production values get high marks: Francis Gerke's garden set, a cone-like yellow beehive dead center; Jessica John's spot-on costumes (also her smart portrayal of Felix's ex-, Rosie, without a soupçon of Ophelia in the mix); Jerry Sonnenberg's shadows and sunshine lighting enhancing moods.

The NVA production, quibbles aside, is definitely worth seeing — especially a running bit you could call "follow the dead father's bouncing ashes." And hearing, as when Dana Case's ditz, distant Mercy Lott says grace and bares her soul. She would have voiced a more chipper blessing in Act One. But now, toward the end of Act Two's beautifully staged dining scene, Mercy's become disillusioned. She gives begrudging thanks, even though "unofficially on a sabbatical from God at the moment." ■

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The Busy World Is Hushed

Keith Bunin's contrived drama starts with one of the great finds of the ages: no one's sure, but a mysterious text could be the Q(ue)lle, said to contain the original sayings of Jesus (the two Bunin quotes, however, come from the Gospel of Thomas). Now *that* would make a play! What follows, however, is a predictable, rarely dramatic series of debates about free will and determinism, faith and unbelief. Hannah, an Episcopal teacher, hires Brandt, whose father is dying, to help her write about the new Coptic text. Hannah's son Thomas, on the run since age 10, is hounded by his namesake's alleged doubts (and his father's mysterious death). When she sees they're attracted, Hannah manipulates a relationship between Thomas and Brandt. Things come together, then fall apart. Diversionary Theatre has made a valiant attempt with this material. Greg Stevens's photorealistic set, a book-stuffed apartment, is one of the best I've ever seen at Diversionary. Director Dan Kirsch and his cast (Jerusha Matsen Neal, Barron Henzel, Aaron Marcotte) try to keep things grounded. But the playwright wants to make points about spiritual and intellectual boundaries that block human connection — and tries so hard to make the ambiguities clear, his characters speak as if they've been preparing their answers for decades.

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Cadenza: Mozart's Last Year

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) gleams 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 mishmash 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. CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-235-6135.

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A Catered Affair

In Harvey Fierstein's "play with music" remake of the Paddy Chayefsky teleplay and Gore Vidal movie, the play's the thing. Instead of jazzy sights and ear-splitting sounds (known locally as be-

ing *Carmen-ized*), *Affair* is built from the inside and grounded on emotional truth. Throughout, the quality cast performs under-the-top, at a human speed, with nary a bell nor a whistle. Compared to most musicals *Affair* feels humble (maybe even too humble for Broadway). It's 1953 in the Bronx. Janey and Ralph are getting married. When they choose a cheap City Hall wedding, the practical "I do" ripples into strained friendships and bottom-line revelations, and then deeper ones. The astonishing Faith Prince heads the quality cast as the mother who fights for something special for her daughter (and for herself). Everything, from David Gallo's brownstone tenement sets, with sliding walls, to Ann Hould-Ward's boxy '50s costumes, to John Bucchino's score serves the story. And director John Doyle does the most valuable service, paring away inessentials, creating moments of breathtaking stillness, and making emotions hyper-real (it's one of the, if not the, year's best directorial jobs and hard to imagine the play in other hands). At first, Fierstein plays himself, which creates crossed-purposes: will the play be a star vehicle or an ensemble piece? As the play proceeds he

pulls back and in the end sings "Coney Island," a wisdom song about how to take a leap of faith, unforgettably.

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National Comedy Theatre

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

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FORMING 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

Hey, this one's fun! Compadre Theatre offers a "savagely legend from Old San Diego" with traditional music from the period (1850). The hour-long, brisk show tells the story of Tom Bolter, the Boy Pirate, who allegedly attacked ships leaving San Diego Bay. There probably was no Tom Bolter, but there were pirates in those days (many of them escaped convicts who lived in the canyons of Point Loma, or anchored off the western shore of the Coronados), so who knows? Written by Welton Jones and Markuz Rodriguez, the story captures the flavor of the times, when San Diego had "more fleas than trees," with a comic rinse provided by Rodriguez, who plays young Bolter, and Ed Hollingsworth as a trio of males, one good, one mustache-twirling evil, one impoverished. Both have strong voices (and Hollingsworth's "When I Was A Poor Boy," accompanied by guitar and tuba, stops the show). Backup musicians Michael Nieto and John Wright push the pace, on a variety of instruments, and play characters as well, their guitars at one point becoming rifles. The show's "set" is a piece of Old Town history as well. It's an old Adobe Chapel (one block north of the cemetery, one-half block west on Conde), and when a performer says the word "adobe," he taps a genuine wall of same, three feet thick.

Worth a try.

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

Cygnat 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. CYGNAT THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

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winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show," on Fridays, is a kick. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (improve is tough: I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group has more hits than misses, and their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've read about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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.

A Screw Askew

Write Out Loud, a group "committed to inspire, challenge, and entertain by reading short stories aloud for a live audience," reads stories at Cygnet Theatre "in the spirit of Henry James's *Turn of the Screw*."

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-297-8953.

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 in-

vading the fanned-open walls of Nicole Black's set, especially) and more engaged performances, but is hardly worth the wait.

TENTH AVENUE THEATRE, 930 TENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Side by Side by Sondheim

Coronado Playhouse and Greene Music present the revue of Stephen Sondheim's early music Daniel Logan directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Thoroughly Modern Millie

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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 draft files to protest the Vietnam War. D.J. Sullivan directed. SULLIVAN PLAYERS, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 29; MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. 858-274-1731.

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 and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show.

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Turn of the Screw

Henry James said the best way to write a ghost story is to conjure the ones in readers' minds. Jeffrey Hatcher's stage adaptation of James' creepy, densely atmospheric novella doesn't do that. James said the story's apparitions are real (not ghosts, he wrote, but "goblins, imps, demons"). Hatcher's version stresses the mind of the Governess, called the Woman, and whether the evil specters are real to her. This makes for more psychological than white-knuckle theater. Cygnet Theatre's production, part of a story theater showcase with Conor McPherson's *St. Nicholas*, closes the ghost-gap with Eric Lotze's excellent lighting: degrees of darkness and shrouded faces with moving shadows, as if demonic possession were underway. Amy Biedel gives the Woman a beautifully spoken, musical voice choked by atonal fears (which, Biedel deftly suggests, could be all in her head). David Tierney, too long from a local stage, plays several characters, and British accents, all to good effect. Aply directed by Janet Hayatshahi, Biedel and Tierney often make abrupt

shifts, slow dances, and head-to-head, impassioned interior monologues — precisely choreographed moves that, performed on Sean Murray's plaster and lumber, Tudor set, add to the production's otherworldly aura.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

Whatever She Wants

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Where There's a Will... There's a Wake

Mystery Café Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Will Roberson's interactive comedy, set in a 1920s speakeasy where suspicion shrouds every "gangster, game, and dame." Pascarella directed. MYSTERY CAFE, IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, MIDTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

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With the passing of Chilango's in Hillcrest, I've begun a quest for other authentic Mexican restaurants in the city. By "authentic," I mean restaurants serving the wonderful, varied cuisines of mainland Mexico, rather than bare-bones Baja border food. (Tacos can only take you so far.) Over the years, I've spent seven or eight months on various vacations in Mexico exploring the mainland and eating royally. From the spicy chicken tamales sold (for a peso each) by the cook's kids at a gas station in Hermosillo, to the just-caught grilled shrimp in Guaymas, the scintillating *huevos a la mexicana* at a cheap Mexico City cafe, the whole snapper in Veracruz, the shrimp ceviche that marinated as we sailed on a fishing boat out of Cozumel, to the five-alarm chicken with peppers found on a back street in San Cristóbal de las Casas — nearly every meal was terrific. But in San Diego, Mexican food generally gets little respect, mainly because we have so little of the real thing available here, merely endless variations on "the bertos."

My first destination (there will be more down the road) was El Comal, a mini-chain founded by Luz Herrera Ibarra, an Acapulco-born biology teacher turned restaurateur. El Comal specializes in multiregional homestyle cuisine, and when "Tin Fork" reviewed the original (now closed) Logan Heights location seven years ago, the writing took on that special glow Ed gets when the food is not just cheap but special (his fork may be tin, but his palate is a nobler metal). He told me, "You really ought to be the one reviewing this. Your readers would appreciate the seriousness of the kitchen." When El Comal opened its new branch in North Park a couple of months ago, I finally had the excuse I'd been hoping for.

Upon arrival, everyone in our group delighted in the charming converted house set back from the sidewalk, where two women awaiting dinner companions were blowing bubbles on a small front patio. The entrance fronts a larger patio, which seems to be used mostly at lunch in fair weather. That night, it was reserved for the kick-off party of the weekend's neighborhood Latino fiesta. Inside, we found a colorful room with alternating dark red and gold walls, a slanted slate-blue ceiling, and pale hardwood floors. Black-and-white photos — Frida Kahlo, Mexican village scenes — adorn the walls. The dim light-



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ing comes from hanging lamps with Tiffany-style shades.

One wall is occupied by a cozy-looking wooden bar manned by a very busy bartender churning out tropical cocktails. I envied the recipient of his piña colada, a symphony in foamy white, but stuck to lower-cal margaritas on the rocks. (They proved delicious, and also low in alcohol — I couldn't taste the tequila, nor could I feel any of its effects after two cocktails at each of the dinners I ate at El Comal.)

The long menu opens with a full page of *antojitos*, variations on stuffed or otherwise-garnished tortillas. On the mainland, these serve as appetizers, lunches, or snacks, rarely as dinner entrées — which is why at El Comal you won't see any damn numbered "combination plates." There is, however, a *botana*, an appetizer sampler plate of mixed mini-*antojitos*. ("Serves three," says the menu. "Stuffs four" would be more accurate.) You get two mini-gorditas, two mini-quesadillas, two mini-sopes, two crisp rolled taquitos (e.g., flautas), and mild,

smooth guacamole. We loved everything on the sampler — especially the sopes, filled with savory stewed pork. The Tin Man was right — the stuffing didn't taste like standard gringo-Mex but as if somebody's mother had cooked it with

love. None of the fillings were spicy, but along with your initial basket of tortilla chips, you get a trio of house-made salsas: one smooth and mild, one chunky and medium, and one (it's green) chunky and fiery with serrano chiles. Spoon on at will. Our courteous server made sure to bring refills all through our meal as we used them up.

On a return visit with a different posse, we tried the *tamal estilo Oaxaca*, wrapped and steamed in a banana leaf. The *masa* (dough) was reddish and a touch spicy, the pork filling sharp and tangy. A *mulita* boasted a handmade tortilla, softer and thicker than factory-made, wrapped into a sort of mini-quesadilla folded over shredded steak (or another meat of your choice), with melted cheese and guacamole. It'd make a perfect lunch.

I was curious to try the *ensalada de nopal*,

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strips of soft, grilled, de-spined and skinned "bunny ears" (*opuntia*) cactus, with onions, tomatoes, cilantro, and a dusting of white Cotija cheese. (Cotija is often mistranslated as "Mex-

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ican cottage cheese," but it's named for the town in Michoacán where it's made, and it's more like cow's-milk feta — typically packed as a solid block but easily crumbled.) We were all a bit disappointed because the salad was warm, undressed, and rather bland. I'm more familiar with a spicy Tex-Mex version served chilled, boasting pickled jalapeños, crunchy jicama matchsticks, and a sharp lime-juice vinaigrette. Seems like one of the few instances where Tex-Mex beats the mainland.

The tastiest and most interesting entrées come from the *cazuelas* (casseroles) section of the menu, which draws from numerous regional favorites. All these dishes are served with unusually light and pleasant re-fried beans and *arroz mexicano*, rice pilaf dotted with sweet nuggets of carrots and peas, plus those soulful house-made tortillas. At the first visit, we chose a couple of dishes that are relatively hard to find locally. *Lengua en salsa verde* boasted tender, succulent tongue slices, ideally matched with the slightly acidic tomatillo sauce. *Barbacoa de chivo* (barbecued goat) is not actually barbecued but stewed in a complex, finger-licking red sauce. It, too, was tender and mild flavored. Must have been a young goat, especially given the masculine case of the noun. Nobody's fool enough to feed up Billy Goat Gruff to feisty full maturity unless they need a stud for their nannies or a watch goat to keep trolls off the lawn.

At the next visit, *mole poblano* offered two pieces of tender chicken breast in an impressive house-made chocolate-based mole sauce with a nutty texture and a nice kick to it — richer and gutsier than the typical nerdy renditions around town. (You'd be appalled at how many local restaurants' delivery doors disclose industrial-sized cans of Doña Maria commercial mole paste, right next to the buckets of Farmer John's lard.) Here the sauce is simultaneously sweet and spicy, almost winy in its complexity.

But the *cazuela de cochinita pibil* was less successful. It always is. This classic from the Yucatán Peninsula features spiced pork in a tangy red sauce made with sour citrus; in its homeland, the mixture is steamed in a banana leaf. More common yet is a chicken version, *pollo pibil*. In Mérida, these dishes are ubiquitous, a specialty at every restaurant except the Lebanese joints. (On my long-ago visit to Chichén Itzá, there were no food concessions in the ruins, just a lone vendor outside the front entrance peddling peeled oranges coated in dried red chile flakes. Our explorations eventually made us hungry. "What this place needs is a *pollo pibil* stand," I grumbled. "We should go into business and open one," said my cousin Peggy. "We could call it Itza Chicken!") But every time I tasted either of the

pibiles in Mérida, the pork was dry and oversalted, the chicken desiccated. At El Comal, the pork is moist — but it was unbearably salty that night. I don't know why I keep ordering this dish — probably because it's so famous that I'm convinced *somebody* somewhere must make a lovable version. I just haven't found it yet.

One of the acid tests of a Mexican restaurant in San Diego is fish. On both coastlines of mainland Mexico, I've found seafood ultra fresh and treated with great care. Up here, restaurants of every ethnicity are prone to serving dry fish, with Mexican restaurants among the worst sinners. At El Comal, we ventured on a *filete de huachinango al ajillo* (red snapper filet in garlic butter). The thin filet was seasoned and seared on one side only, keeping it moist and tender. The garlic sauce was equally flawless — not one burned morsel besmirched it. The flavor is, of course, "garlicky." We were thoroughly pleased; the alternative, *veracruzano* (with onions, tomatoes, and capers or peas), is better suited to a whole snapper (which is also available most nights), since it might easily overwhelm so delicate tasting a filet.

One of El Comal's delights is that you can order breakfast dishes at any hour — and the breakfast menu includes *chilaquiles*. (My friend Marcie was delighted that I wanted to order them, while for Dave and Marty it was a new pleasure they won't soon forget.) This sublime peasant dish consists of yesterday's tortillas cut in strips and sautéed, then covered with red or green sauce (we chose green) and topped with chopped sweet onion, Cotija cheese, and *crema mex-*

icana (which is closer to *crème fraîche* than to American sour cream). Here, the dish comes with eggs on the side. (Sometimes the eggs are scrambled into the sauce; there's even a baked casserole version where raw eggs are beaten into the mixture and the whole shebang is baked.) The thick, house-made tortillas at El Comal lend a slightly heavy texture, and because of them, I'd have liked a little more of the *salsa verde* for balance.

The one menu area to approach with caution (if at all) is the grilled meats, unless you prefer them cut skinny and cooked extra well-done. At the first dinner, we tried a *parrillada* (mixed grill) that "serves two" (meaning four to six). The *parrillada* proved to be a metal plate set atop a four-walled contraption with a Sterno flame in the center. The array included thin smoked pork chops, thin spice-rubbed pork chops, paper-thin steak, chicken breast, and fingers of nopal cactus, plus

(on the side) guacamole, beans, rice, and *pico de gallo* salsa. All the red meats had already been grilled well-done (the chicken to medium-well) before they hit the metal plate, and the Sterno cooked them further even as we ate them. Unfortunately, our table wasn't large enough to accommodate an extra plate where we could move them off the heat.

El Comal offers more house-made desserts than the usual sole choice of flan. There is *tres leches* cake, *rompope* (eggnog) cake, chocolate cake, and fried plantains with a dip of sweetened condensed milk. Alas, they were out of the *tres leches* at both my visits. The *rompope* was a light-textured yellow cake with extremely sweet frosting, altogether tasting more of sugar than rum. The *plátanos* were not quite *maduros* (ripe) enough, hence a little tough and coarse. All in all, I wouldn't go out of my way to save room for dessert unless the *tres leches* is available and

you want to try it.

El Comal's North Park location has instantly become a kind of community center for neighborhood Latinos (which is why you need to reserve for dinner even on the most unlikely weeknight). On a Tuesday-night visit, it hosted some sort of start-your-own-business session with the involvement of the Latino Chamber of Commerce, and my gang got the last free table. On a Thursday, a long line of tables arranged side-by-side against the window wall slowly filled up but for the two empty seats at the end by the door. Then the beautiful birthday girl and her boyfriend arrived at the surprise party, greeted by an unholy shriek of welcome. A guitarist took his seat at a platform in the corner of the room and commenced singing,

while the whole party sang along heartily. The birthday girl had a good voice and true sense of pitch. Some of her friends, louder, had neither. Yet they were very well behaved — much better mannered than the sloshed suits and girls'-night-out-gone-wild types populating parties I've unwillingly attended in pricey restaurants in La Jolla, Del Mar, O.B., et al. But with no carpeting, tablecloths, or chair cushions to dampen the sound, it was certainly not a quiet end to the evening. I was kind of hoping that the musician would strike up the lovely *norteño* (Tex-Mex) classic "Canción Huasteca" so I could shock and awe my posse by singing along on the chorus ("Quisiera llorar, quisiera morir de sentimiento"), but it didn't come up before we left. ■

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Saying of the day: *A poca voglia, tutte le scuse sono buone.*

It’s on the sandwich board outside. “What da heck does that mean?” I ask Yana the waitress.

“I don’t know,” Yana says. “I’m Russian. Gigio, what does that mean?”

“Ah,” says Gigio. “Hard to explain. Something like ‘When your heart isn’t in it, any excuse sounds good.’”

Wow. That describes me today. Been working. Missed breakfast and lunch again. This place looks like a pretty good excuse to dodge the afternoon’s work. Besides, rushing past to a job in the early mornings, I always thought it looked so cool here on the shoulder of El Cortez hill, with people sitting out in the sun slurping coffees, nibbling croissants, reading their *New York Times*.

Today, it still looks cute, sticking out from the historic El Cortez hotel. It used to be called Twigg’s. Now it’s SoleLuna — “Sun and Moon.” Clever contraction of “sun” (*Sole*), “and” (*e*), and “moon” (*Luna*). Italian, ‘course, not Spanish. White and blue umbrellas shelter a dozen tables outside the rounded front, with the El Cortez staff’s cars parked right on top. So I pop inside to a sophisticated room with basic white, plus green, yellow, and orange decorated walls and a big bar. But the thing that grabs you is a colorful little triangular courtyard out to the side, with a fountain, potted plants, a bamboo fence, and loose green tenting slung above to keep the sun off. Underneath, women sprawl on blue-green cushions, like Cleopatras. Men mainly use the chairs, lapping or talking biz with the women. It’s like busting in on a wealthy

house party in Pompeii.

So, guess I’m here, may as well eat. I ask for a coffee (“*medio*,” 16 oz., \$1.75) and go find a spare table out front, between two pots of entwined-trunk ficus trees. Huh. We look over the rack of banks that anchor B Street’s financial district. Union Bank, Bank of America, Comerica Bank. It’s quiet up here, though, except for Euro-pop music coming from inside. You notice two things: folks steaming uphill on foot to get here, arriving beat, all a-sweat, haggard, some of them. It’s like sitting on Everest watching the climbers lip up over the South Col. The other thing is how many power players we’ve got in here. Like this guy fingering his iPhone, talking big bucks, then, portfolio under his arm, slapping down his skateboard and rolling off to a meeting in businessland. Guy in blue-and-yellow navy sweats appears, phone at his ear. “What? No space available till tomorrow? I’ve gotta be in Lahore by tomorrow night.” He walks around a guy crushing cans on the street, over to a black Ford GT, and zooms off.

Yana turns up with the coffee and the menu. Hmm. Seeing a lot of \$7.25 panini, \$7.50 salads, and more expensive antipasti and carpacci (shaved cured beef). The Bresaola, with arugula and Parmesan, is \$9.50. The antipasto Emiliano, with cheese and cold cuts on a wood trencher, runs to \$14.50. But I swear I ain’t spending over \$7.50, plus coffee. Two panini I like the look of are the Affumicato, a sandwich with smoked turkey, smoked mozzarella, and radicchio, plus rosemary mayo; and the Rustico, with prosciutto speck (a kind of air-dried ham), goat cheese, olive pâté, grilled zucchini, and fresh spinach. And all sandwiches come with chips or side salad.

But when it’s crunch time I opt for a full-size salad. Yeah, me, a salad. Wanna pump health. Got more hills to climb. I almost ask for the Primavera, which has Gorgonzola, sliced pears, toasted almonds, and blueberries mixed in with its arugula. But in the end I choose the Siciliana, with spinach, rosemary-marinated tuna, boiled eggs, capers, and mozzarella, because it sounds almost like a Niçoise, which I always love.

And then, while I’m waiting, slurping this excellent coffee, I fall off the health wagon. I can’t help thinking, dammit, I want breakfast: How about BLT — Breakfast and Lunch Together. Maybe slip in a croissant while I’m waiting for the salad. Only problem is, there is no waiting. *Zap!* Salad’s here. But heck, it’s not going to get cold. So I ask Yana for a chocolate croissant (\$1.95) anyway. She brings it out, and man, that coffee-croissant combo is unbeatable. Now I’m happy. I’ve done breakfast. Let’s do lunch.

My salad? It tastes, well, a little dry, feathery. Yes, you can taste the rosemary in the tuna, but not the tuna in the rosemary. That’s when I make the wisest choice of the day. I ask Yana for olive oil and vinegar and salt. She brings out two bottles. I gunk the liquids, then liberate a bit of salt from this cute little eggshell thing and... presto! Salad comes alive. And now I can also dollop a little oil on the bread slices I use for mopping up (you get a whole small loaf of sliced Italian bread).

It turns out that the two guys running this place, Gigio and Alessandro, used to work as bartenders in the Gaslamp. “Before that, I lived in Milan,” says Gigio, “and Alessandro came



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Pity the waitstaff. After decades of automatically offering the wine list to the gentleman at the table, of showing him the bottle, of pouring him that first sip and waiting for the nod of approval, the permission to fill the lady's glass, there comes along a woman like Diane Nares, a long-time local wine rep who now works as a key accounts manager for Regal Wine Group. "The list may be put in front of my husband," explains Nares, "but it always gets itself right over to me. He always wants me to pick the wine, just because I'm in the industry."

Picture it: the list, still folded shut, passed, in silent rebuttal to the automatic and the expected, from the gentleman to the lady. As the list makes its way from Himself to Herself, it's easy to imagine the briefest moment of panic on the part of the server — *Oh crap; did I just piss someone off and cost myself on the tip?* — before reading the good nature in Nares's eyes.

(And it's not a moment reserved for those hardy feminine souls in the wine biz. Lisa Redwine, general manager and sommelier for Molly's restaurant, is happy to grant that "I can't tell you how many times I'll go to open a bottle at a table and automatically assume it's going to the gentleman," only to discover that the gentleman in question is eager to "defer to the woman." More on Redwine in a moment.)

It's still something of a rarity, but it's getting less rare. "I started in the wine business a little over 15 years ago," says Nares. Years of working with restaurant management had convinced her that she didn't want her own place, but she still wanted

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 MATTHEW LICKONA

to stay close to that world. A (female) wine rep told her about a position with Wine Warehouse, and she went for it. "I started out calling on all the liquor stores in San Diego County while I waited for a restaurant territory to open up. It was really rough — I schlepped a lot of cases and put

them up while people just stared at me." Back then, "There was a core group of women" in the field, but nothing like today. This is a good thing. "When I speak to people who own or manage distributorships, they're always happy about the increase of women in the industry, because women are great salespeople." She's not looking to start any battles of the sexes, but she is willing to say that "Women have a tendency to build really great, loyal relationships. They're very natural when it comes to wine appreciation and wine sales. And they have great palates."

Over the last "five to seven years," she says, she's even seen a rise in the number of women on the buyer's side of the table. "It's probably just a quarter of our buyers, but it's more and more." One of those women was Tracy Borkum, the restaurateur behind the overhaul of Kens-

ington Grill, the opening of Chive, and the new face of Laurel. "When she opened up Kensington Grill, I was a buyer's rep at Paterno Imports. We've been friends for quite some time." In 2003, the two started talking about wanting a better understanding of wine and a tasting experience broader than just their own lists. "We identified at least a dozen other women in the food or wine business who would join us," and that year saw the beginning of Women in Wine.

The two didn't set out to create an alternative to other, more male-dominated tasting groups — it was more a matter of coming up with an appealing model for themselves. Still, Nares does think that the all-female atmosphere "is conducive to women enjoying each other's company. I think women like to get together with women. It's a fun environment. We're all serious about our wine education, no doubt, but we enjoy each other's company. And each person who is steady in the group brings something to offer — everyone has different wine-related travel experiences. And because we're all in the business, we share an awful lot. We really like each other, too."

The group meets one Monday a month in the private dining room at Laurel. "We have about 30-40 members, with a steady group of about 15." The members come from both the buying and selling sides of things, but Nares stresses that there isn't a pressurized business atmosphere to the proceedings. "The buyers are not even having to blink an eye about having five salespeople in front of them, sharing wine at table. It's very cool. It's more like we're all friends, increasing our knowledge." They start with a sparkler and chat and then sit down to an interactive presentation on this or that region, this or that varietal, etc. "Sometimes, it's PowerPoint, sometimes a lecture, but we always have time to go around the table and ask questions, so that it's not just Teacher



Mr. Sommelier wants to know: Who gets the list?

and Student. This is a very subjective topic, and it's important to engage in conversation." And of course, there is wine — six to eight offerings, provided by the members, with appropriate accompaniments from chef Brian O'Connor. And always, there is at least one wine tasted blind "so we can go around the table and have everyone participate in the analysis." Not a bad night for \$25.

In the beginning, various people gave various presentations, based on their own expertise — Nares had a handle on France and Italy, so that was her beat. (She recalls that after one of her earlier presentations, "People were walking away saying, 'I finally understand the difference between Piedmont and Tuscany.' It make them look at that section of their wine list and take it more seriously.") Gail Berquist taught (and still teaches) Germany. But when Nares started selling to Lisa

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Redwine and discovered Redwine's interest in education, Women in Wine gained a regular instructor. That was two years ago.

"There's a fantastic sense of supporting each other, an underlying network," says Redwine. "We're all really proud of each other and of what we've accomplished in our professional lives. But sometimes, because you don't have a whole lot of time, it's hard to keep up with your learning. The members really enjoy meeting once a month for a couple of hours, being able to focus."

And that focus is bearing fruit, helping to expand and diversify the market. "When you look at the people in the group and the impact they have on the wine community... This might be a gross overgeneralization, but I do find that women are a little bit more adventurous when it comes to trying different varietals. If I have a table full of women at my restaurant who enjoy wine, they will try anything. They're really open to experiencing new things." That's why she offers a class called "Weird Wines" at least twice a year. "I put a smattering of German wines on my list to see if it could withstand being a global wine list. I sold out of almost everything. I sold

out a case of Grüner Veltliner in maybe two weeks. I'm seeing a tremendous interest in value-centered imports — things in the \$40-\$60 range that have an interesting story and that you can't find just anywhere." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

A Little Moore Coffee Shop 1030 North Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-753-8228. How did this place slip by unnoticed for so long? Inside, with its low ceiling and snaky counter, it could be out of an Early California movie. The specials are named after recent local characters: "The Billy" is an omelet with ham, avocado, and cheese, plus home fries or hash browns (or cottage cheese or rice). "The Cindy" is two French toast with two eggs and spuds. A plate of grilled veggies and chicken or beef on a mountain of rice is "The Pablo." It's standard but generous fare, a formula that's kept the place humming since at least the 1950s. Breakfast and lunch six days, closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant, with its breezy seafront patio, is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 9:30 p.m. in winter and until 10 p.m. in summer. "Early bird" cut-price dinners daily. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea

(a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch only. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101 (near Dahlia Drive), Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. No, this isn't the famous fusion-food Nobu of NY, LA, and branches located wherever the money is. Our Nobu has been in the sushi business ten years longer than his namesake, and what he creates is classic non-fusion Japanese sushi and sashimi, with well-seasoned

rice, freshly toasted seaweed wrappings, and fresh, fresh seafood. If you're in the mood for a different sort of grazing, you can settle at a table or booth to nibble on a score of appetizers, including a fine monkfish pâté and enchanting *chawan mushi* (egg custard) soup served super hot in the cup it was baked in. The Japanese entrées are standard fare, with plenty for vegetarians. It's all comfortable, casual, and kid-friendly, with gracious sushi chefs. Nobu himself usually works the bar Friday through Sunday nights. Lunch and dinner daily; open weekends until 11 p.m. Large free lot behind restaurant (via Sierra Street, a block west). Mostly moderate; some delicacies expensive. — N.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place does lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a three-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with their carrot cake or double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of their oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Samurai Japanese Restaurant Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Garden Section, 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive (one block east of I-5), Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. Set in a suburban mall, Samurai is rumored to have the longest sushi bar in California — 50 feet, stretching around 2 walls — with up to 12 chefs. The pure Japanese sushi is made from never-frozen seafood, and the visual side of the art isn't neglected: The friendly chefs take care to make their compositions look as beautiful as they taste. There's also a spirit of "something extra" — e.g., not just free *edamame* to nibble, but the *ama ebi* often includes a delicious miso soup made with extra shrimp heads. Additional dining choices include standard Japanese fare in the pretty dining room, *kaiseki* (prix fixe) dinners in the Tatami Room (for groups of four to fourteen, advance reservations required), or grilled items in the Teppan Room (two people minimum, reservations required). Open weekdays for lunch; dinner served nightly. For sushi, best to arrive early or lateish, as it gets crowded

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at prime time. Mostly moderate; *kaiseki* and some *teppan* items expensive. — N.W.

Sbicca 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001; also Lumberyard, 897 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine at both of her restaurants, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce on a menu that changes with the seasons. The irresistible lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. Some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them: Salmon served with peas and mushrooms to one side, a creamy sauce on the other, creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. Both settings are family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with handsome, airy dining rooms and charming patios. Wide-ranging wine list emphasizing California, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. On different weekday evenings, Del Mar and Encinitas each feature \$5 martinis, no corkage fee, and 50% off all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list. Call for specific days. Del Mar branch crowded during racing season. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. High moderate to expensive. — B.D.

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NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful. Adding to the charm, a harpist plays show tunes on Sundays, and a guitarist performs on Thursdays. The cuisine mingles French classics (for example, mussels with *frites*) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W.

Cavaillon 14701 Via Bettona, Suite 200, Santaluz, 858-433-0483. Cavaillon is likely to become your favorite neighborhood French restaurant, no matter how far you live from its neighborhood — it's, as Guide Michelin would say, "worth a detour." Provence-born chef-owner Philippe Verpiande (former chef de cuisine at Tapenade) offers seasonal, classic French dishes emphasizing his home region in a retro bistro setting. Don't miss the signature starter of *panisse*, a chick-pea cake with the texture of a marshmallow. Other great dishes include transcendent coq au vin, superb slow-baked salmon; and a dream version of crisp-skinned duck confit. Monday night moderate-priced three-course prix fixe dinners (\$32) are as fine as the à la carte menu, although it's difficult to resist the siren songs of the alluring nightly specials. International wine list at lower-than-average markups, French "bargains" on the pricier reserve list, and merciful corkage fees to BYO special bottle. Dinner nightly, brunch weekends. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is under-seasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "enchilada pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturday and Sunday brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Jimbo's, Naturally! 12853 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley, 858-793-7755 (also in Escondido and Carlsbad). Jimbo — and there is a real Jimbo — started out selling healthy eating with the famous OB Co-op. Now he has these organic palaces of his own. Inside the Carmel Valley branch, it's high ceilings and lots of color — yellow, purple, white — with all the ducts and pipes exposed like in a giant submarine. The deli bulges with cheese, hams, burritos, wraps, and an elaborate salad bar. At the juice counter they grind carrots and wheat grass and organic coffee. A "hot case" counter offers all kinds of ricey, tabbouleh-type preparations. Best deals are usually the daily specials. Try Seitan stew (a high-protein, low-fat meat substitute) or Shelton's Jerk Turkey in Fig Sauce, served with organic mashed potatoes, gravy, and steamed vegetables. — E.B.

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-sec-

onds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — S.M.

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. The French-continental food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with wine tasting. Regular lunch and dinner Thursday and Friday. Reservations recommended for Wednesday wine tasting. Call for directions. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beemers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it's above average, although the sushi bar chefs aren't very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. The highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe *tobiko* are offered when

available. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni* (sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat

cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent kimchi martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D.

Cliff Hanger Cafe Torrey Pines Gliderport, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 858-452-9858. "You should never leave the ground on an empty stomach," says the sign near the cliff, which is where this café hangs. What is it like to be at the Café at the

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Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — N.W.

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta*

and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *piccata*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner daily, brunch also available Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. — S.M.

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. The hard part is deciding whether to sit in the drop-dead gorgeous interior or to people-watch on the large, heated street patio. Then you have to decide what to eat from the long Euro-Asian fusion menu, with its vast choice of tapas and sushi options, as well as entrées. At lunch there are several imaginative sandwiches and appetizers. Reservations highly recommended at dinner. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Some tapas and sushi rolls are inexpensive, but if you enjoy grazing the bill can mount quickly. Entrées are expensive. — N.W.

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia* "Kahana," or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W.

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try

skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalu polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas come with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good happy hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Andrés Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapurria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Bali Thai Café 407 South Camino del Rio South (dead end, west of Auto

Circle and Mission Center Road), San Diego, 619-297-0800. Expect the unexpected! This tiny, unique restaurant splits its menu between three nations with chefs from Indonesia and Thailand and a chef-owner from Suriname, a former Dutch colony (like Indonesia) in South America. The Thai menu is standard, although the *tom kha koong* (shrimp in coconut milk soup) is outstanding and authentic (don't eat the stuff at the bottom of the bowl!), while the tropical Indonesian dishes are so rare locally that culinary adventurers will want to explore such delights as "seafood delight roll," corn fritters, the soothing *soto ayam* (the Indonesian version of chicken-noodle comfort soup), Balinese fish filet, and the spicy *sambal 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.

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N.

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N.

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos' great parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and

lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly except Monday. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

Shanghai City Restaurant 3860 Convoy Street #105 (off Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5883. Forget the blah strip mall it hides in — this little piece of Shanghai is a jewel. It feels like one of those century-old places in San Francisco's Chinatown. A two-foot-long, satin-silver arowana fish greets you as you come in. Brightly painted dragon columns support a gold dragon arch that leads you into the gold-walled dining room. Mainly, Chinese seem to come here, often eating Shanghai seafood dishes or choosing sumptuous specials like clay hot pots filled with eel and chestnuts or steamed rockfish on a big oval platter. Or, for around five dollars, you can choose lunches like Shanghai chicken, chicken chop suey, or Szechuan pork with crispy noodles, soup, steamed rice, a spring roll, and the main item. Open daily 10 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs; Italian sausage frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch, closes at 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions including gorgeous lobster bisque, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W.

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-broiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Expanded menu includes gyros. Open seven days, breakfast

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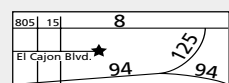
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Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *acaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for *pâté*, *ratatouille*, or *calif's* liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — S.M.

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in

the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

Island Prime 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-298-6802. Deborah (Kemo Sabe) Scott is the chef and co-owner (with the Cohn Restaurant Group, owners of many San Diego restaurants) at this high-end steakhouse with a bay view. The steaks and roast beefs are delicious, as you'd expect, but also enjoy creative appetizers and sides like shaved corn with black truffle and a seared ahi stack. Salt runs freely, and the excellent international wine list runs high. Do reserve; free parking. Open daily, dinner only. Very expensive. — N.W.

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for

take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfast, available Saturday and Sunday, tends to be simple but sophisticated, like frittata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including filet mignon or flatiron steak. Reservations recommended. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Dinner daily, lunch daily except Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows look-

ing out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don't miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat when the master's most likely to be present. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Disabled access chancy. Long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W.

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. (Also in Lemon Grove and El Cajon.) Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, and Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Normal Heights and El Cajon, breakfast and lunch daily; Lemon Grove, three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You'll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It's a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajj*. It's a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush ("sweet daddy" eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you've had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Street (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront, and they're not lying. One of the owners is from New York by way of Italy, and his Big Apple experiences are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W.

Tioli's Crazy Burger 4201 30th Street (at Howard, across from Vons), North Park, 619-282-6044. Cheap eats

can be great eats when made by people who care — like charming owner "Wolfie" and European-trained chef Lothar. The place looks like a dive, but inside you'll find creative, made-to-order burgers from beef to buffalo, gator, and ostrich (delicious!), and even fish and veggies — each with its own individualized seasonings and sauce, plus salads and flavorful German-style bratwursts. Even the turkey burger is juicy here. Try the house-made "Texas" beans and the house-made mustard and chipotle ketchup. Specialty and regular beers; affordable wines. Parking lot behind restaurant on Howard. Restroom is not wheelchair accessible. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W.

Vagabond Kitchen 2310 30th Street (Fern at Juniper), South Park, 619-255-4373 or 619-255-1035. Seasonal "world food" filtered through a Gallic sensibility, plus worldwide wines and tropical cocktails. Menu changes often, but don't miss the classic *moules-frites* or the deep-flavored Peruvian *seco de carne* meat stew. The tiny, painfully noisy dining room, decorated with exotic souvenirs of the owners' global travels, is perpetually SRO, so dinner reservations are a must for any night. Evening crowd of hip South Park locals; lunch crowd dressed for success. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W.

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Brothers Family Restaurant 5150 Waring Road (at Orcutt Avenue), Allied Gardens, 619-287-0880. Yes, it looks boring on the outside. Brick, reflective glass. But go in and you're surrounded by brothers: John and Bobby Kennedy, Hugh Grant and his brother Jamie, the Wright Brothers, the Blues Brothers, the Brothers Rico. They're there because this place used to be run by three brothers. Good old-fashioned cholesterol city rules here with no apologies, and the locals appreciate it. It's like a *Cheers* for eating. All the staples are served: country-fried steak and eggs, pork chops with eggs, Grandma Jennie's pancakes with ham, bacon, and sausage — even hefty beef or tuna or turkey sandwiches with soup. Open seven days for break-



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Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B.

Chef Axel European Bistro 7097 University Avenue (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-460-7942. Chef Axel is a real chef with classic European training, bringing his expertise and high standards to this neighborhood German restaurant. Currently, he's offering only a set-price Sunday brunch plus occasional special dinners, along with catering on- or off-site. The food is made-from-scratch homestyle cooking, including hearty soups, Bavarian veal sausage, rich noodle gratin, perfect schnitzel, and a Hungarian goulash that really "gets it" about Hungary's spirited flavors. The brunch buffet includes a wide sampling of these dishes, along with free-flowing champagne or mimosas. Rare German beers are also available for an additional charge, along with an affordable wine list emphasizing German whites. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W.

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convo. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night, with a reservation, a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m.). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — N.W.

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — E.B.

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece when in season is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. (Closed summer months.) Inexpensive. — N.W.

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chileman* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W.

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont), Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Acheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a preponderance of deliciousness. Save room for outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider mousy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B.

India Princess 3925 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-5011. You walk in through a gold-and-red entrance. Inside it's all cream cloth-covered tables, vases with fresh flowers, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, silver art objects. This is classy. The deal here is to catch the daily lunch buffet, 20 items of interesting and fresh-tasting Northern Indian dishes like tandoori chicken or chicken *tikki masala*, *navratan korma* (veggies with nuts in cream sauce), or *keema muttar* (minced lamb curry with spices and peas). All for an unprincely sum (dinner is more expensive). Don't miss the wonderful tamarind chutney. Inexpensive (buffet), moderate to expensive (à la carte dinners). Tuesdays vegetarian dishes only. — E.B.

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an en-

cyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

The Mission 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also in Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," say the wait staff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good-looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. The delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs comes on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). The roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild-but-still-delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce, which comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. The interior has an arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Ortega's, A Mexican Bistro 141 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-692-4200. Owned by a member of the Ortega family, the Puerto Nuevo lobster pioneers, this is the Baja restaurant group's first north-of-the-border venture. You'll find Baja-style cuisine featuring seafood and grilled foods, with a focus on lobster. Unlike the typical Ortega's, the lobster isn't deep-fried before grilling — an improvement in tenderness and flavor. Of course, the crustacean's best in season (October to February). Fish ceviche makes a good starter course. Other choices include small tacos, steaks, kebabs, etc., plus the standard Puerto Nuevo side dishes — stewed (not fried) beans, and an oddly bland guacamole fixed tableside. Full bar; fun margaritas including almond and pomegranate variations. Reservations recommended for weekends. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Mainly moderate (lobsters and Kobe skirt steak expensive). — N.W.

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). Moderate. — N.W.

The Tractor Room 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-1007. The folks who brought you the popular big-breakfast and lunch joint Hash House A Go Go (across the street) focus here on hefty portions of "plain American food" in a dinner house specializing in meat, game, and classic cocktails. The Brawny paper towel man would love it. The atmosphere combines a speakeasy (velvet curtains mask the doorway) and a hunting lodge. Menu highlights include identical stews of wild boar and buffalo, grilled salmon, and Prime grade bone-in rib eye, plus good sides of acorn squash and heavy-cream mashed potatoes and gravy. Nothing to write home to Mom about — it is Mom, if she's a Midwesterner, and Dad's a guy who says, "I shot it, you cook it." Well-chosen wine list with lots of appropriate Rhones and Syrahs, few by the glass. Huge list of cocktails. Wheelchair lift (painted to blend in) to left of front staircase. Heated, roofed smoking patio above street level. Valet parking; reservations urged. Closed Tuesdays, dinner six nights until midnight or later, weekend brunch. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

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DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Lunch weekdays, dinner daily. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W.

Anthony's Fishette 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-2175. At the baby brother of Anthony's Grotto and Star of the Sea, the good news is you pay a fraction of the price, and you get to sit outside over the water. The chowder — New England or Fisherman — is fresh, thick, tasty. A meal. Their old fashioned fish-n-chips or Baja squid steak sandwich are great fillers too. Also good: "hand battered treasures," like catfish strips, swordfish, oysters, crab claws, and clam nuggets. Breakfast served during sum-

mer only. Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakke*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. I

Bondi Bar & Kitchen 333 Fifth Avenue (between J and K Streets), Gaslamp, 619-342-0212. What's loud, strange, and smart enough to catch the eye of every passerby? It's a huge, raucous Australian gastro-pub offering numerous Aussie brews — with urban Australian cuisine for ballast — plus a full bar (several of them) of well-chosen wines plus hard liquor. Prime seating is on the front patio and in large straw fish-traps suspended from the ceiling in the front dining room. (Dining rooms in back are dim; bring a mini-flashlight to read the menu.) The food resembles California Fusion cuisine but is often spicier, made with home-country ingredients including grass-fed beef, South Pacific fish species, and herbs you've never heard of. There's great grazing on appetizers, including outstanding Pacific oysters on the half-shell, beef pies, tempura prawns, seafood pot stickers, and the fun of exploring cheeses from Oz. Mains are generally less exciting, with a tendency to overcook fish and meats. But it's a party. Dress code: Wear clothes. Three meals, seven days until 11 p.m., 2 a.m. on weekends. Mainly moderate, some entrées expensive. — N.W.

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really was a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them

ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, fish tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — N.W.

Chophahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unclouded. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*), and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W.

City Pizzeria 1125 Sixth Avenue (between B and C), downtown, 619-531-0955. There's a cultural war going on here. "City" has a New York attitude — just listen to the guys in the kitchen grabbing dough, flailing it around, yakking, joking. But the dough has been a West Coast family's secret for 75 years. Try the "Ranch Chicken" pie with garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing, or the BBQ chicken with pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. (Of course, no self-respecting New York pizzeria would ever consider serving such moonbeambish left coast toppings — not even if they were in New Jersey.) If those don't tempt you, there are eleven other "specialty pies" every day. Open daily till 10 p.m., 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Confidential 901 Fourth Avenue (at E), Gaslamp, 619-696-8888. Chris

Walsh, whose "small plates" many fondly remember from California Cuisine and W Cafe, hits his stride here with a menu of creative international grazing foods, from one-bite nibbles to small entrées and mini-burgers. Unexpected, ultramodern techniques and combinations of ingredients make a trip through the menu an adventure in flavors and textures. This is truly eating for fun. Wide-ranging wine list with something for everyone; pricey creative cocktails. Eat early (or upstairs) if you prefer quiet; music (and patrons) grow louder later as "scenery" crowd comes in to drink. Many dishes on the sweet side. Reservations strongly advised for weekends and to ensure handicapped-accessible seating. Kitchen open Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (bar until about 2 a.m.). Wide range of prices, but many small bites do add up. — N.W.

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked Brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D.

Dussini Mediterranean Bistro 275 Fifth Avenue (at K), Gaslamp, 619-233-4323. The one-time Old Spaghetti Factory has been remade into a more ambitious eatery. It's still huge — way too big to be called a bistro. It rambles over three floors, with a lounge and pool hall on the top. The menu dabbles with the cuisines of southern Europe: Provence, Italy, Spain. The cooking is uneven, night to night and plate to plate. A pleasing linguica and kale soup represents Portugal, while a tasty, reasonably authentic bouillabaisse flirts with southern France. Pastas and steak are also reli-

ably good, but the house specialty paella is made with orzo pasta instead of rice — not the best idea. The wine list is a joy, with plenty of choices at all price ranges, and the corkage policy (first two bottles get in free) is remarkably liberal. Elevator access to top-floor restrooms. Reservations recommended for weekend dinners. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W.

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon; two vegan pastas; or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (between F and G Streets), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. This is still one of the better Gaslamp Italian restaurants but its glory days may have passed and its prices have escalated. At this writing, it no longer has its own chef but shares an executive chef with two other nearby restaurants under the same ownership (Greystone and Oestra). Starters still shine, including mozzarella *campagnola* and fritto misto. No more great pizza — the oven is gone to make room for more tables. Pastas can be excellent: The ravioli stuffed with lamb is delicious. Most main courses, though, are a letdown, although fork-tender braised osso bucco served with marrow (and a spoon to scoop it up!) is as sexy as can be. For dessert, try the lemon torte, leave the cannoli. Good wine list, with plenty of pleasing Italian bottles at affordable prices. Nice service by staffers from Italy, not Hoboken like its sister-restaurants. Valet parking. May be loud. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner to 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. Expensive to exorbitant. — N.W.

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guajalato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico*

de gallo (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to non-fruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — E.B.

Red Pearl Kitchen 440 J Street (between Fourth and Fifth), Gaslamp, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — N.W.

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The Barbecue Pit 920 East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-477-2244. Outside, it reminds you of a barn; inside, a meeting hall. Rustic timber, knotty pine, a set of Texas longhorns on one wall and an eight-point buck head on the other. People have been coming here all their lives. Two cousins started this back in 1947 at 1413 Market, downtown. Now their grandkids run this and its sister restaurant in Fletcher Hills. They still burn oak, and sell lots of the (still-cheap) beef or pork ribs, with two sides and a bun. But maybe the best deal is the ham

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Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, to 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Primavera Ristorante 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. A handsome dining room is the setting for classic fine Italian cooking of many regions, and with creative nightly specials. Stuffed pastas are made in-house and rolled thin, gnocchi are expertly crafted, and entrées are, for a change, more interesting than the appetizers. The *osso buco* is outstanding, as is a frequent summertime special of white king salmon. Choose the simplest desserts, as the fancy ones are out-sourced (and heavy). Three parking slots behind restaurant, or scuffle for street parking. Fine service. Romantic ambience early and late in the evening but often raucous with loud parties at prime dinner time. Dinner nightly until 10:30 p.m. Expensive. — N.W.

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W.

Vahida's Healthy Choice North Park Weekly Farmers Market, University and 32nd Street (CVS Pharmacy parking lot), 619-962-9925. Vahida calls her food Greek, but actually it's Bosnian, like her. Not that there's a huge difference. The great thing here is the market experience itself, munching away with people jostling, food smells wafting, maybe musicians plucking. Try the very Bosnian beef sausage plate. Light, flaky pastry curls around the meat but doesn't cover it. These *Burck* or *Chevapchichi* are made like the sausages of the city of Skopje, except for some potatoes and onion added. Also good: Vahida's eggplant sandwich, chicken sandwich, and gyro plate. Operates 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays (call for hours at other locations). Inexpensive. — E.B.

Zorba's Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

La Petite Café Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistek ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Salón Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salón Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Three meals daily; brunch Sunday. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W.

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escudrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant and says he eventually "got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of

lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B.

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, *enchilada de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B.

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises — it's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — N.W.

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesday only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B.

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Star Of India 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111. Also at 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried — or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.



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Thrillers Three

Clooney has firmly suppressed the head-wagging smugness that so often chills his charm.

The title figure of *Michael Clayton* is the designated fixer for the elite Manhattan law firm of Kenner, Bach & Ledeen, touted as a “miracle worker” but more modest in his self-assessment: “I’m not a miracle worker, I’m a janitor. The smaller the mess, the easier it is for me to clean it up.” We first see him in action on a lit-

tle hit-and-run mess. Called away from an unfriendly game of poker in the wee hours, he demonstrates himself, to the client’s spluttering outrage, to have a lot to be modest about. And afterwards he appears to be anything but a man in control when he pulls his car over on a country road and is awfully lucky to be communing with three horses on the hillside when his car blows up. This is our cue to flash back to a bigger mess, a three-billion-dollar class action suit against his firm’s biggest client, United Northfield, or UNorth for short, an agrochemical corporation charged with the manufacture of a lethally toxic weed-killer. The suit had proceeded slowly and steadily — especially slowly — until the brilliant bipolar defense attorney

stripped off his clothes in the middle of a videotaped deposition and began to babble: “Try to make believe this is not just madness.” A job for a miracle worker for sure. But the in-house legal advisor for the beleaguered corporation, checking the

fixer’s background and noting that after seventeen years in the firm he’s still not a partner, reasonably wants to know: “Who is this guy?”

Aside from being George Clooney, he doesn’t look like much. Crushed under a mountain of debt, sworn off the gambling habit (notwithstanding the prefatory relapse at the poker table), run ragged by his job, begging his boss for an advance and getting the brush-off, he has little time for his neglected son and none for a shave. In addition to all that, Clooney has firmly suppressed the head-wagging smugness that so often chills his charm. In fact he has sunken into the part quite deeply and depressively. We keep waiting to see some sign of a miracle. And waiting. Meanwhile his counterparts at UNorth, the under-the-radar troubleshooters, exercise far less patience

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Michael Clayton

and compunction. And as the time-line catches up with the car bomb, the screws of suspense start to tighten uncomfortably. In its bald essentials — the soulless law firm, the monolithic corporation, the robotic hit men, the stirrings of conscience and poses of piety, the mechanics of comeuppance — the film is fairly standard-issue. But screenwriter (the *Bourne* series) and

first-time director Tony Gilroy, beginning with the nonlinear narrative arrangement, has devised an all-over strategy of tease and obfuscation, very clever at disguising the lack of cleverness. Very clever, that is, in presentation, not in plot, character, idea. If we sometimes grow weary of not knowing what the hell people are talking about, we never altogether get weary of wanting

to know.

Gone Baby Gone (no punctuation) marks the directing debut of Ben Affleck, who stays behind the camera and cedes the spotlight to his younger brother Casey, in the role of Patrick Kenzie, the Boston missing-persons private eye (“I find the people that started in the cracks and then fell through”), along with his “snooty”

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partner Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), featured in a series of detective novels by Dennis Lehane. *Mystic River*, outside the series, first brought the name of Lehane to my attention; and always on the lookout for an undiscovered crime writer, I tried one of the Kenzie-Gennaro books and found it dreadful: preposterous tricksy plot; embarrassing heroes; posturing author. (Let me take this opportunity to recommend, from nearby on the mystery shelf, Donna Leon's splendid series on the dauntless navigator of Venetian labyrinths, Commissario Guido Brunetti.) The plot of this one, starting sensibly enough with the vanished daughter of a drug-addicted and derelict single mom, proves to be again preposterous: the damaging comparison here would be to the penetrable murk of *In the Valley of Elah*, so much more involving by virtue of its plausibility. But Affleck, meaning Casey more than Ben, works wonders to humanize Lehane's literary creation, partly just by his youthful delicacy and his chip-on-the-shoulder defensiveness about it. An even more unprepossessing hero than Clooney's Clayton, he gains stature by holding his ground, however sullenly, against some highly showy performances (Ed Harris, Amy Madigan, Amy Ryan, Morgan Freeman, among them). And the other Affleck, Ben, does some nice impressionistic detailing of his native Bean Town, and some candid thumbnailing of assorted lowlifes, before he succumbs to a muddying plot and a gagging resolution.

Reservation Road, from a nongenre novel by John Burnham Schwartz, bears a first-glance resemblance to the Claude Chabrol thriller ca. 1970, *This Man Must Die*, in both of which a bereaved father tracks down the hit-and-run killer of his young son. But Chabrol's killer, from a genre novel by Nicholas Blake (a/k/a Cecil Day-Lewis, Poet Laureate of England, father of Daniel Day-Lewis), was as loutish and loathsome as any avenger could wish, while the killer here, a father of a young boy himself, is racked by conscience and beckoned by confession. Terry George's film, his first since *Hotel Rwanda*, ends up bearing a resemblance to more recent Chabrol films in its reluctance, if not outright refusal, to function as a thriller, drifting instead into the realm of the weepie, with a suitably damp cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Mark Ruffalo, the spectrally beautiful Jennifer Connelly. (Antoni Corone, who also plays a cop opposite Phoenix in *We Own the Night*, stays admirably dry as the policeman in charge of the case.) The converging-paths narrative design, both before and after the accident, is a tad heavy-handed, but in so small a New England town it doesn't take long for the paths to converge: when the obsessed father hires a lawyer to ride the police, the lawyer is none other than the killer, now in a unique position to keep tabs on the investigation. (His ex-wife, for extra measure, was the victim's music teacher.) After that, the main source of suspense is the question of how close to the top, or how far over it, the emoting will go.

A better thriller than any of these is *El Aura*, the best thing I saw in last spring's San Diego Latino Film Festival, at which time I said I imagined it would eventually receive a commercial release. That hasn't happened, but the festival programmers are bringing it back themselves to the UltraStar Mission Valley, for a week starting Fri-

day, as the October offering in their monthly film series. If tempted, don't hesitate, don't delay. ■

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.

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The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford — Rather tardy anti-Western (at least a couple of decades out of style), with a decidedly unheroic Jesse James, brutal, bullying, back-shooting, paranoid, and suicidal, and a slightly more sympathetic Bob Ford, conflicted in his feelings toward the legendary outlaw, idolizing yet inferior, intimidated, frightened, resentful, envious. There are some gripping scenes and some amusing moments, but on the whole (a two-hour-and-forty-minute whole), it is diffuse, rambling, short on action, almost aggressively dull. With Brad Pitt, Casey Affleck, Sam

Rockwell, Sam Shepard, and Mary-Louise Parker; written and directed by Andrew Dominik. 2007.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

El Aura — A *noir*-ish whirlpool around an epileptic taxidermist (Ricardo Darín), dragging down the withdrawn daydreamer into an unmanageable crime of opportunity. The second film of the Argentine director Fabián Bielinsky, as much a character study as a caper film, is more measured and mature than his flashy first, *Nine Queens*, but it was also to be his last. In the year after its

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completion he expired of a heart attack at age forty-seven. 2005.

★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, 10/19 THROUGH 25)

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.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; 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 psycho-

logical wounds after her fiancé is beaten to death and she herself beaten to death's door — setting up a take-back-the-whole 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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Comebacks — Football comedy starring David Koecher, directed by Tom Brady, no relation to the New England Patriot.

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Cry-Baby — Everything that might be said about this John Waters extravaganza was, or could have been, said already about his *Hairspray*. Both the good and the bad, albeit the good here is a little less good and the bad a little worse. There is again a museum's worth of period clothes and cars

and hairdos and dance-steps and whatnot, though the particular period — nearly a decade earlier than *Hairspray's*, in the earliest days of rock-and-roll — banishes the race-relations angle that gave *Hairspray* such a special cheekiness, and leaves us instead with a good-girl-bad-boy plotline insufficiently different from so mainstream an item as *Grease*. The color occasionally puts up (but doesn't keep up) a pretty good approximation of 1950s Technicolor (but why is the Universal Pictures logo at the outset not the color one of the Fifties but a black-and-white one of the Thirties?). And there is again, also, a truly broad and detached and — one might even say — *historical* perspective that dovetails neatly with a genuinely blasé and laissez-faire liberalism. On the other — the bad — hand, *Cry-Baby* too often resembles a kind of rock-and-roll *Hee Haw*. (Maybe, that is to say, a kind of *Sha Na Na*, with "special guest star" Debby Boone.) Any parody, in any art form, depends upon a delicate tension between the original and its distortion, between the model and its unlikeliness, between what's true and how far the truth can be stretched. Waters has no stomach for such tension, not to mention such delicateness. That inveterate freeness-and-easiness of his, which is one of his modest virtues in the social sphere, thereby becomes one of his major vices in the artistic one. And then, too, any parody (or most any parody) depends on brevity: the broader the parody, the briefer it had better be. And with Waters throwing

an elbow relentlessly to the ribs, he fouls out of the ballgame before halftime. Johnny Depp, Amy Locane, Polly Bergen, Traci Lords, Ricki Lake, and Patricia Hearst. 1990.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 10/24, 6:30 P.M.)

The Darjeeling Limited — One thing to be said for a Wes Anderson film, and it's so small thing, is that it bears an individual stamp. A stamp as flat as a postage stamp, as emphatic as a rubber stamp. (Whap, whap.) A well-known commodity after *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *The Life Aquatic of Steve Zissou*, Anderson 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 deadead 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, Adrien Brody, Jason Schwartzman, Amara Karan, Anjelica Huston, Bill Murray. 2007.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 10/19; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 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, Peter Dinklage, and Jane Asher; directed by Frank Oz. 2007.

★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 10/19)

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 demurely than in the early days of *The Indian Runner*. 2007.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Elizabeth: The Golden Age — Cate Blanchett, or a bloodless marmoreal likeness of her, resumes 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. With Clive Owen, Abbie Cornish, Samantha Morton, Rhys Ifans, and Geoffrey Rush. 2007.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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)

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 doesn't despise us, Harry. If He did, He wouldn't have made our hearts so brave") tends

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to produce the opposite of the effect intended, not so much heightening the interest as highlighting the mildness — highlighting, in other words, the distance between the tall talk and the flat mundanity. When all is said and done, none of the expansive talk adds greater interest than the expanses of flesh, female only. Robert Benton, 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Final Season — 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. Powers Boothe, Rachael Leigh Cook, Michael Angarano, Tom Arnold. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Gone Baby Gone — Reviewed this issue. With Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Ed Harris, and Morgan Freeman; directed by Ben Affleck. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/19)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — Pot V, if you’re counting. War with the Dark Lord, as you might recall from the end of Pot IV, approaches; and after another two-and-a-quarter hours of stretching and padding, it still approaches. At the rate Daniel Radcliffe is aging, Harry looks on course to be the World’s Oldest Grad Student of Witchcraft and Wizardry by the time the war actually arrives. Just as Miranda Richardson enlivened the previous installment in the new role of a nosy reporter, Imelda Staunton enlivens this one as a Draconian educational reformer behind a false front of cold smiles and hot pinks. With Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Gary Oldman, Alan Rickman, Ralph Fiennes, and, a second enlivening newcomer, the fey, fifteen-year-old Evanna Lynch, in her screen debut; directed by David Yates. 2007. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Heartbreak Kid — The Farrelly brothers’ remake, 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 conman clods. 2007. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;

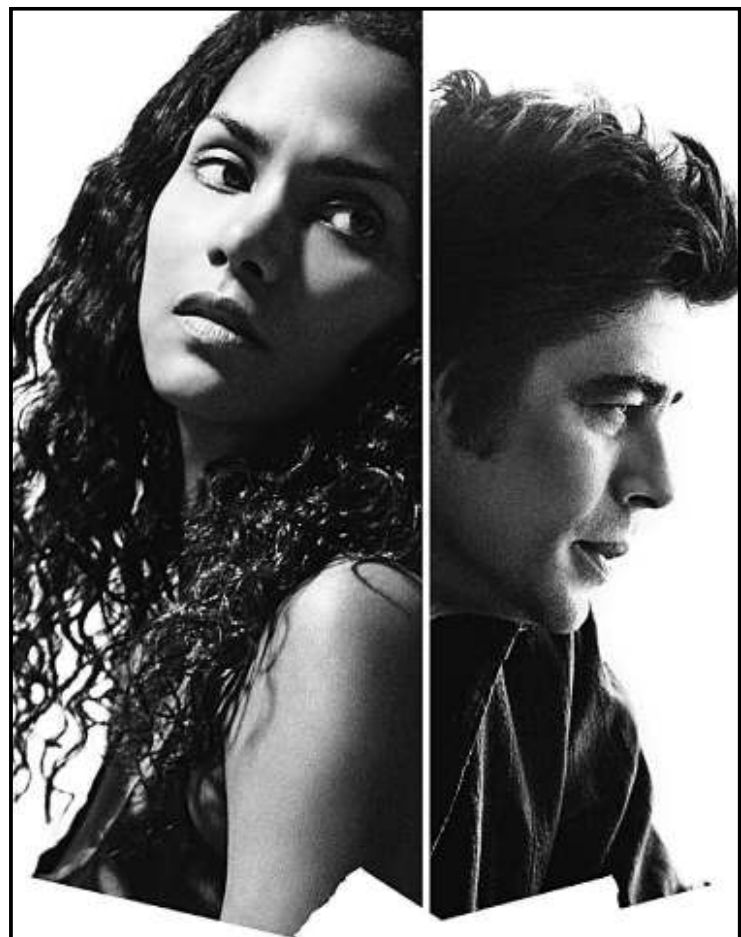
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In the Shadow of the Moon — Slick assembly of archive footage and interviews with retired astronauts (Buzz Aldrin, Alan Bean, Gene Cernan, Mike Collins, Jim Lovell, Edgar Mitchell, Harrison Schmitt, Dave Scott, and John Young), to tell the story of the Apollo moon shots. It’s a big story — history merged with science fiction — and collectively the men are almost equal to it. Directed by David Singleton. 2007. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

In the Valley of Elah — A more commendable writing and directing effort from Paul Haggis (writer only on *Million Dollar Baby* and *Flags of Our Fathers*, among others) than his hokey Oscar-winner, *Crash*. More focussed, more concentrated, more self-contained, more consistent: an unpromisingly 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 recognition. Say what you will about the filmmaker’s political point-making, it never

clogs up the unrushed flow of the narrative; and at the same time he shows a true cinematic 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 lighting of nauseous green and blanched white is a case of whatever would be the opposite of gilding the lily — wilting the weed, possibly — 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 perhaps more emotional than you want from a cop, but not more glamorous, with mannish 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 Susan Sarandon, Jason Patric, James Franco, Jake McLaughlin, Wes Chatham, Josh Brolin, Barry Corbin, and, nonchalantly topless in her mid-fifties, Frances Fisher. 2007. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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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 disaffection, it has a strong element of travel-

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I'M NOT SCARED (Italy) 2003, Miramax
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Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, and Elisabeth Shue. 1984.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 9/20 MIDNIGHT)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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)

Michael Clayton — Reviewed this issue. With George Clooney, Tom Wilkinson, Tilda Swinton, and Sydney Pollack; written and directed by Tony Gilroy.

★★ (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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

My Kid Could Paint That — Amir Barlev's documentary on the successful marketing of paintings purportedly done by a pre-schooler.

(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/19)

Rendition — Political thriller with Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon, Peter Sarsgaard, and Meryl Streep, directed by Gavin Hood.

(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 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/19)

Reservation Road — Reviewed this issue. With Joaquin Phoenix, Mark Ruffalo, Jennifer Connelly, and Mira Sorvino; directed by Terry George.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/19)

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 plasticky, 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

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 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

very seriously, and takes his protagonist almost reverently, painting him as something of a holy fool (a reader of Tolstoy, even though an eater of meat when he can get it), and offering up this speculative re-enactment as nothing less than an endorsement. 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; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Karate Kid — Or: *I Was a Teenage Rocky*. John G. Avildsen, the director of the original *Rocky*, tries to whip up some of the same emotions, and again enlists Bill Conti to supply the music, in the story of a nice, gentle, olive-skinned kid from New Jersey

who has sand kicked in his face by rich, blond, black-belted California bullies (or more accurately, has sand kicked in his face by their motorcycle wheels). The bullying continues, until the Japanese handyman at the victim's apartment starts to instruct him in the ancient martial arts. As in *Rocky*, the training period is both enjoyable and educational; and the relationship between old man and boy, between wise old East and wiseguy West, is sweet, though scanty. It all comes down to a citywide karate tournament at which the moviemaker, to incite the audience, plays as dirty as the students of the bloodthirsty ex-Green Beret. With

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● (GASLAMP 15)

Things We Lost in the Fire — The loss of a spouse (post-fire), measured in a non-linear narrative that eclipses our feelings of sorrow with feelings of mere irritation. Once the widow reaches out to her husband's heroin-addicted best friend, the narrative straightens out, but the striven-for naturalness never rings true. With Halle Berry, Benicio Del Toro, David Duchovny, Alison Lohman, and John Carroll Lynch; directed by Susanne Bier. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 10/19)

30 Days of Night — A tribe of subtitled vampires strategically targets the northernmost town in the U.S., Barrow, Alaska, hunkered down for a sunless month, free rein for nocturnal bloodsuckers. The majestic clouds and snowscapes on the last day of light ignite hope for a sense of style, but the superhuman strength and speed of the monsters soon prepare you for boredom and monotony, albeit gory boredom and monotony. A brief recurrence of majesty: the aerial view of slaughter, splashes of red on a field of snow, an action painting in motion. With Josh Hartnett, Melissa George, Ben Foster, Danny Huston, and Mark Boone Junior; directed by David Slade. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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 10/19)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber's extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood's besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody ("I don't believe what's happening to me, My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!"). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones, the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton's fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct

Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV's *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams's *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there's a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993.

★ (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; FROM 10/19)

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)

Vanaja — Indian film written and directed by Rajneesh Domalpalli, about a lower-class girl with dreams of becoming a dancer.

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feather tickler but by thumbscrew. E.g., the ancient matriarch of one of America's leading political families will pepper her dinner-party conversation with epithets like "asshole," "homo" (of her own grandson), and "rug muncher" (of Eleanor Roosevelt), while her granddaughter administers a hand job beneath the tablecloth. Audiences do laugh at this sort of thing. But why? With Christopher Walken, Jane Seymour, Will Ferrell. 2005.

● (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/18 THROUGH 20, 8:30 P.M.)

We Own the Night — 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 oversteated, although a couple of big developments come sooner than might have been anticipated, and director James Gray (*The Yards*,

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sante. 2007.

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The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 3:15, 6:40, 10:00 Sun. (11:50) 3:15, 6:40, 9:55;

The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 4:15, 7:05, 10:00 Sun. 1:10, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55 Sun. 12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50; **Eastern Promises** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20 Sun. 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:35 Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:35; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:15; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 1:20, 2:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:30) 1:20, 2:00, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 10:15; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. (11:35) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 3:55, 6:50, 9:45; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10 Sun. 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:10, 9:50; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:45 Sun. 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15 Sun. 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; **30 Days of**

Night (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45) 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45 Sun. (11:45) 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:05, 4:00, 7:10, 10:05 Sun. 1:05, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40 Sun. 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:25

Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)

The Comebacks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:15; **Pass It On** (No Rating) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Spookley The Square Pumpkin** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **We Own the Night** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:30) Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:15

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

Across the Universe (PG-13); **The Comebacks** (PG-13); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Gone Baby Gone** (R); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Michael Clayton** (R); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG); **Rendition** (R); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R); **Superbad** (R); **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R); **30 Days of Night** (R); **We Own the Night** (R); **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)

Vanaja (Not Rated) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Darjeeling Limited (R); **Into the Wild** (R); **Lust, Caution** (NC-17); **Reservation Road** (R)

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

The Abandoned (R) Fri.-Sun.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)

Antarctica (Not Rated) Sat. 1:00p.m.; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 6:00; **Dinosaurs Alive!** (NR) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00; **Journey into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Sea Monsters: A Pre-historic Adventure** (No Rating) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; **To the Limit** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.

San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)

Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10a.m.

EAST COUNTY

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Rancho San Diego 15

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

The Comebacks (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sun.; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sun.; **The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising** (PG) Fri.-Sun.

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The Comebacks (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Feel the Noise** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45 Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 1:15) 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **Sarah Landon and the Paranormal Hour** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Spookley The Square Pumpkin** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denberry Road (858-558-2262)

Across the Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 2:20, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:35) 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:30; **Feel the Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri. (11:15) 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:10 Sat. (11:15) 1:50, 4:40, 10:10 Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:10; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 5:15, 9:40; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 1:20, 2:25, 4:05, 5:10, 6:55, 7:55, 9:40, 10:40 Sun. (11:40) 1:20, 2:25, 4:05, 5:10, 6:55, 7:55, 9:40; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30) 2:50, 6:15, 9:30; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 1:40, 2:05, 4:25, 4:55, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:35 Sun. (11:20) 1:40, 2:05, 4:25, 4:55, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00; **Mr. Woodcock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 3:00, 7:25; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55) 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:10) 1:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45 Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20; **Sarah Landon and the Paranormal Hour** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:50, 2:55, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10; **The Ten Commandments** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:15, 4:30, 7:25, 9:45; **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:50) 1:35, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45 Sun. (11:50) 1:35, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:55; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:25, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:00, 2:00, 3:55, 4:50, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30 Sun. (11:15) 1:00, 2:00, 3:55, 4:50, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30

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The Comebacks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Sat. 7:50p.m.; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:25 Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 10:25 Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:40; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45 Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:10; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:45) 6:50, 9:55 Sun. (12:35, 3:45) 6:50; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 7:15; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50; **Sydney White** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:30 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

Across the Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:35) 6:40, 9:45; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Eliza-**

beth: The Golden Age (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:45) 7:25, 10:15; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:40) 6:55, 9:40; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:25, 5:10) 8:00, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 8:00, 10:45; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 7:15, 10:15; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:30) 6:50, 10:10; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:55) 7:45, 10:40; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:25) 7:05, 10:00; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:15) 7:00, 9:55; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:55, 10:25; **Sarah Landon and the Paranormal Hour** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:55, 7:30, 9:50; **The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:45); **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:25) 7:10, 10:05; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45, 3:10) 6:45, 9:35; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:50) 7:35, 10:30

FALLBROOK

River Village

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

The Comebacks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **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

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

The Comebacks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:30, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:45; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Sarah Landon and the Paranormal Hour** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Spookley The Square Pumpkin** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:15, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30

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San Marcos 18

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VISTA

Vista Village

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Across the Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:55, 1:50, 4:50) 7:50, 10:45; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:20, 9:40; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00p.m.; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:50; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:35, 4:10) 7:00, 9:35 Sat. (11:05, 1:35, 4:10) 9:35 Sun. (11:05, 1:35, 4:10) 7:00, 9:35; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 8:00, 10:35; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:15) 7:05, 9:45; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30p.m.; **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:35, 10:25; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 12:00, 2:00, 2:45, 4:45, 5:25) 7:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:45; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:25, 1:30, 2:05, 4:20, 4:55) 7:10, 7:45, 10:00; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)

Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05 Sun. (12:00,

2:30) 5:05, 7:40; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:30, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

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The Comebacks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (10:00, 12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (10:00, 12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri. (11:00, 2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45 Sat. (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. (2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:15, 1:15) 4:15, 7:15; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. (10:00, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **Spookley The Square Pumpkin** (G) Sat.-Sun. (10:30a.m.); **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:30, 7:15; **Walking Tall: Lone Justice** (R) Fri. 9:45p.m.; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30 Sat. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:45, 7:30

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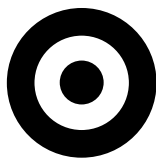
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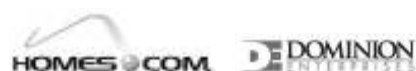
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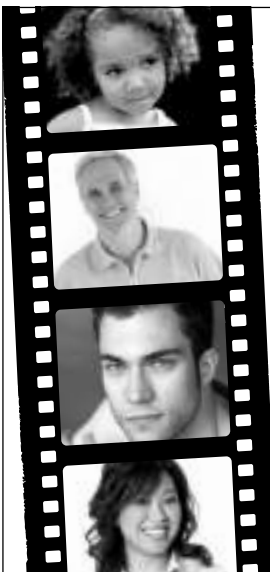
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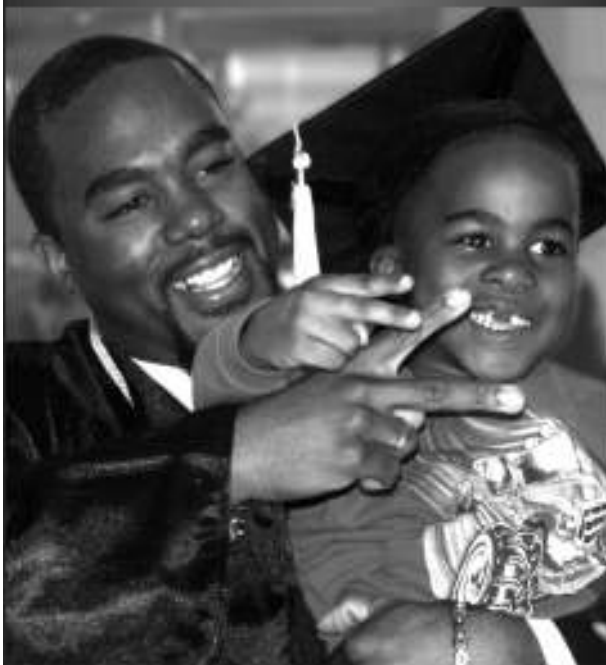
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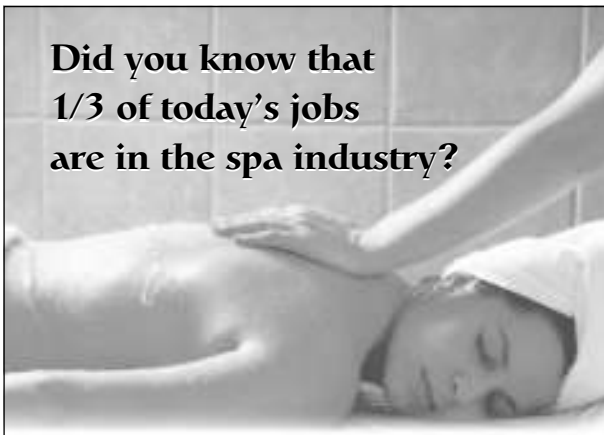
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1. Simpleton
4. Foot, in zoology
7. Arlo Guthrie's "____ Restaurant"
13. King in a 1978 pop hit
14. Line of apparel?
15. "Romeo and Juliet" setting
16. With whom to go "all the way" in a presidential political slogan
17. Automaker Ferrari
18. "The old-fashioned way" to make money, in old ads
19. Singer of 55-Across
22. Bronze ____
23. Southwestern plateaus
24. Hosp. test
25. Tom Collins ingredient
26. They're made during tantrums
28. Loser
31. NASCAR sponsor
32. Tiger Woods is often on it
35. In 2004, the family of 19-Across won a legal battle preventing 55-Across from being used in ads for a product that treats this
39. Krypton, e.g.
40. See 46-Across
43. Agitated
46. Mystery writer awards named after 40-Across
49. Some find it hard to carry
50. Kind of bran
53. Some noblemen
54. A mean Amin
55. Hit song by 19-Across
58. Skip
60. Hot rod rod
61. Row
63. Paper clip alternative
64. Level
65. ESE's reverse
66. Bed occupant
67. Conclude
68. Old pol. division

Down

1. Where the Hawks shoot hoops: Abbr.
2. English or French
3. Eastern terminus of the Pony Express
4. Teller's comedy partner
5. Rapper born Eric Wright
6. Painter's wear
7. City rts.
8. Wife of Jacob
9. Discount rack abbr.
10. 1997 Nicolas Cage film
11. It's not clear
12. Soft, glossy fabric
14. Pick up

20. Solo on the big screen
21. Author Christie
23. Bks.-to-be
25. Lady's man
27. Future fungus
29. At large
30. ____ generis
33. Became more liked by
34. Braz. neighbor
36. Gaelic tongue
37. "Welcome" site
38. Small songbirds
41. New ____
42. Head of state?
43. "That's the truth"
44. What an R-rated movie might contain
45. Singers Baker and O'Day
47. Put off
48. Moo goo ____ pan
51. Playing marble
52. Poison
55. Slide ____
56. Anatomical canal
57. Split
59. Decide
62. President between JEC and GHWB

RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 10/11/07.

There were 85 entrants. The winners are:

1. Kim Flagg, *El Cajon*
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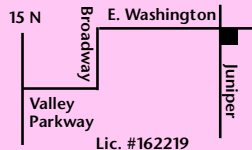
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It would be Friday. And that makes Thursday the worst. Not only am I working harder, but I'm just waiting all day for Friday. I want to just skip over Thursday and get to the weekend. And, usually Friday night consists of movies, Extraordinary Desserts, and sex.



Greg Schork
Electrician
La Mesa

My favorite day is Sunday. The reason it's so important for me is that I don't have to do anything. I can prepare for the week ahead. Well, there might be some heavy puking in the morning, but I feel better by the afternoon. Oh, wait. I forgot. Friday is payday.



Mike Smith
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Trisha Bigler
Bartender
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It would be Sunday. I don't have to work. Well, I had to work this week on Sunday, but usually I'm off. And, it's family day. We might go to Bates Nut Farm, the park, or beach. I look forward to it.



Betty Moore
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I would say Friday. Oh, no, wait. Sunday. I could go jogging in the morning. And I could watch the Chargers in the afternoon. Sitting on the couch and watching football all day. I'm still happy even if they lose.



Casey Thomas
Student
San Marcos

It would be Thursday. It's the last day of my classes, so that's the start of my weekend. I don't have to work either, which is nice. And since I don't work and there's no school the next day, it becomes my drinking day. I call it "Thirsty Thursday."

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"My dad would literally drag me out of bed kicking at 4:30 every morning to put on a cold wet-suit and go surfing before school," says Foulke. They would get on their bikes and ride two miles to Lowers, a fantastic surfing spot in San Clemente. Foulke continued to surf almost every day through high school.

After starting college in San Diego, he found his favorite surf spots here. He surfs Blacks in La Jolla and the reefs between La Jolla Cove and Bird Rock on his 6'5" Al Merrick.

One of Foulke's favorite surf stories happened out of the water. While home in San Clemente this summer, he went to a "crazy '80s" party



hosted by some surfer friends.

"I was fully decked out in super-short OP corduroy shorts and rainbow reflective Oakley blades when I saw Cory Lopez walk into the party." Lopez, a competitive surfer, lives in San Clemente but travels

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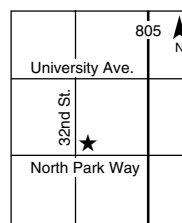
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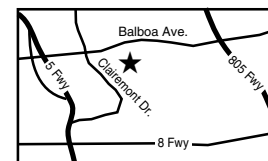
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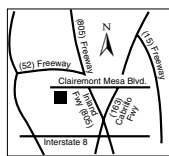
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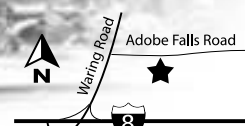
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— In September, prominent California cardiologist Maurice Buchbinder had his privileges revoked at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla after he allegedly roughed up an unruly angioplasty patient during and immediately after the procedure. Buchbinder was so irritated by the patient's combativeness that he (according to witnesses interviewed by state medical licensing officials) bopped the patient in the head with the tip of his elbow and twisted the patient's nose until it turned "bluish."

Frontiers of Science

— Voices: Last year, William McCartney-Moore, 9, was rushed to the hospital in York, England, following a seizure and, after surgery, was mute for several weeks until he spoke — not in his strong "Yorkshire" accent but in "the Queen's English" as his mother described it (though his accent returned shortly). The outcome was similar for Czech race-car driver Matej Kus, 18, who was knocked out cold in a UK speedway accident in September, only to awaken speaking not in his habitually broken English, but with flawless diction. His new "dialect" lasted only a few days, and Kus says that he remembers none of it.

— Endangered! (1) Biologists who have been studying "Lonesome George," the sole survivor of a species of Galapagos Island tortoises, told Reuters News Service in July that they are skeptical he will ever mate, even though he may live another 100 years. After so many abortive attempts to pair him with a female (even having randy young male and female tortoises demonstrate mating for him), they say George remains totally uninterested. (2) In Australia, a turtle species named in 1990 for Steve Irwin is now thought to be growing endangered, according to an Australian Associated Press dispatch in August. The "Elseya irwini" is one of a few turtles that respire through their excretory openings.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— (1) A Japanese clothing manufacturer, Kochoufuku, announced in August a line of air-conditioned shirts with two tiny battery-operated fans inside to evaporate perspiration (for the equivalent of about \$95). One drawback: The shirt billows out, suggesting that the wearer is overweight. (2) Among the recent recipients of Marin County (Calif.) Green Business certificates of environmental awareness was Pleasures of the Heart, a sex-

toy and lingerie store that sells, among other items, rechargeable vibrators and erotic undergarments made of organic bamboo fabric.

Britain's Housing Crises

— (1) Alex Baker, 96, told London's *Daily Mail* in May that he is happy to have lived all his life in the same Portsmouth house in which he was born (although the neighborhood has certainly changed a lot since 1911). (2) David and Jean Davidson, who are retired and own an apartment in Sheffield, told the *Daily Mail* in September that they've been living at a Travelodge motel for the past 22 years because they prefer the simplicity.

Leading Economic Indicators

— Contrary Thinking: (1) Three U.S. finance professors, working with business data provided to the government of Denmark, concluded that a company's profitability usually falls following a death in the CEO's immediate family. However, the professors found (according to a September *Wall Street Journal* report) that profitability increased slightly if the family death was that of the CEO's mother-in-law. (2) The Tata Group, a Mumbai, India, company that handles cus-

tomers-service calls for several U.S. firms, has outsourced some of its work to a firm in Ohio (according to an August *Fortune* magazine report), on behalf of a client that insists on operators knowledgeable about American geography.

— The makers of Veet Hair Removal Cream sponsored a survey this year for people to vote on which celebrity female has the sexiest walk and, to lend the promotion some respectability, hired Cambridge University professor Richard Weber to explain a strut's sexiness via measurable physical characteristics. Weber eventually quit the project, according to a September report in London's *Guardian*, in part because Veet named Jessica Alba No. 1 when the results he saw showed Angelina Jolie the winner. Weber used such calculations as waist-to-hip and thigh-to-calf ratios to explain Jolie's apparent success: Jolie's "slightly larger waist may give her the torso strength with which to produce a better angular swing and bounce to the hips than [smaller] stars such as Eva Longoria [and Alba]."

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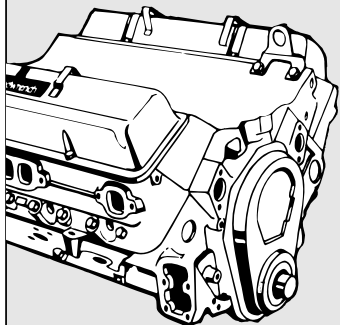
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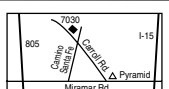
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The first roommate of the season was my stepbrother. Even though we're close, it was horrible. He would keep the TV on so loud that I couldn't read a book in my room. He'd leave the coffee-table covered with magazines and newspapers. I wasn't sure if he read these periodicals or just used them for coasters. A coffee-table book, fine, but do I need to see all these mags? They gradually took over the kitchen table and every other surface.

I moved into a huge house around the corner. It was with four guys. I had my own bedroom and bath. Little did I know that they were in a heavy-metal band and would rehearse upstairs. They had a party, and a few of the guests decided that my shower would be the perfect place to vomit. They didn't turn on the shower afterwards. It was left there for me to find the next day.

I moved in with a woman who owned a large house in Rancho Bernardo. She had a

few religious things on the wall. I'm not religious, but I figured that it was a good sign — she probably wouldn't be playing drums in some heavy-metal band.

When I was moving my stuff in she told me that I had to take my shoes off before coming inside. I told her that this would be impossible since I was carrying furniture from the truck to my room — I couldn't just take my shoes off each time. She said, "Bring all the stuff as close as you can get it to the porch, then take your shoes off and go the rest of the way."

After that, she often caught me entering with shoes on, like when I had to bring in groceries. Next thing I know, it's no bare feet on the carpets. She explained that the oils from my feet could damage her carpets so she wanted me to put on socks, and "they'd better be clean."

Of course, when she was at work I didn't follow any of these rules. Not only was it ridiculous, but get this: her dog would crap all over the carpet. It would be two or three days before she cleaned it up, too! I asked her what the difference was between that and my shoes on the carpet, and she just mumbled something about how she tried to get the dog trained, but it didn't work.

The next day, I came home and the dog was wearing a diaper. I figured it was only a matter of time before she asked me to wear one as well. I'm sure her logic was that I was slowly damaging her toilets. Maybe my butt cheeks had oils that were ruining the toilet seat.

The diaper lasted a week, then the dog was back to crapping everywhere.

When my stepbrother helped me move out of there (constantly

busting my chops about how magazines on the coffee table are not a big deal), of course we kept our shoes on. He said, "Hey, I own 8 pairs of shoes. My girlfriend probably owns 100. While this woman is at work, let's get all those shoes and spread them all over her floor. We'll take a photograph, and in six months we'll mail it to her like a ransom note. Hey, if you really want to get ambitious with the revenge, you could also leave a gift for her, the way her little mutt does."

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Thirty Years Ago

Vince Miranda, king of the Pussycat Theaters, had blown into town and was visiting his new venture, the Backstage. It was past 9:30 p.m., time for the show, and Miranda was watching the entertainment. Then came an interruption: two customers waiting to be seated.

Heads turned as publisher Helen Copley and mayoral aide Bob White hunted for a table in the darkened room. When the lights came up, White leaned over to Miranda, extended his hand, and introduced himself and his companion. But the anticipation of waiting for the visitors to turn to him must have tasted sweet. Copley's papers circumscribe Miranda's theater ads, and White's boss wants to condemn Miranda's properties.

—CITY LIGHTS: "TOP CAT," *Jeannette De Wyze,*
October 20, 1977

Twenty-Five Years Ago

And this night he played pool with the Blue Jackets in a room at the Clairemont Bowl on Clairemont Drive, just east of Mission Bay. It was their territory; they were all from Clairemont Mesa — not Linda Vista. The Italian-looking guy bumped into T.J.'s beer and knocked over the can. "Get the hell out of this pool room," T.J. said. He dropped his cue and

it banged onto the floor and the room became quiet as the pool games stopped and all that could be heard was the clatter of falling bowling pins.

—"ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE DEVIL," *David Steinman,* October 21, 1982

Twenty Years Ago

According to syndicated columnist Joseph Sobran, Clarence Pendleton is probably the most hated man in Washington. If Pendleton's comments before the San Diego Libertarian Supper Club on October 13 are any indication, he doesn't mind that characterization at all.

Pendleton is the chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the former president of the San Diego Urban League. He may be known best for his opposition to affirmative action and for remarking that "comparable worth is probably the looniest idea since Looney Tunes."

—CITY LIGHTS: "MAN OF OPINION," *Karl Keating,*
October 22, 1987

Fifteen Years Ago

You might recognize the names of some of the kids in San Carlos at that time: Danny Alstadt, David Allen Lucas, Brenda Spencer. In 1975,

Eagle Scout and straight-A student Alstadt hacked his mother, father, and sister to death with an axe and set fire to the family home to cover the crime. Lucas is now on death row for the mutilation murders of three women and a child in the late '70s and early '80s. Brenda Spencer took her new rifle one Monday morning in 1979 and killed two men and wounded eight children and a policeman on the grounds of Cleveland Elementary School, for which she is now in prison.

—"IN THE HIGH '70S," *Mark Stephen Clifton,*
October 22, 1992

Ten Years Ago

No, the cameras will not begin to roll and click until the arrival of Rudolph Edward Kos, priest and accused molester of altar boys.

Kos had been dressed in shorts and a T-shirt and was sipping a gin and tonic by himself at a table in the back of the Loft, a gay bar in Hillcrest, it was reported by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. "Kos was on his first drink when two officers — a male and female dressed in plain clothes — walked to his table, flashed their badges, and handcuffed him," the paper wrote.

—CITY LIGHTS: "THEY CUFFED THE PRIEST,"
Tom Barbarie, October 23, 1997



San Diego Reader, October 17, 2002

Five Years Ago

Many people comment about a San Diego sound taking form in the late '80s and early '90s, but a common sound is difficult to pinpoint... Groups like Sub-Society, Socially Insecure, Funeral March, Pitchfork, who later became Rocket From the Crypt, Drive Like Jehu, Inch, and No Knife — had grown up sharing equipment and rhythm sections and listening to each others' record collections.

—"REAL HARDCORE TRUE PUNK," *Daniel Ridge,*
October 17, 2002

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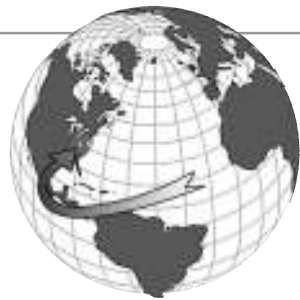


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So, when I found a receipt for drinks for two in his pocket one day while doing the laundry, I thought it was odd that he hadn't mentioned being out with anyone, but I knew he would tell me the truth when I asked about it. I trusted him, absolutely. "That's a mistake," he said, "I wasn't there with anyone. I ordered two drinks myself." Well, that seemed odd. But who am I going to believe, the man who won't ever lie or the fingers of a busy waiter, who could have miskeyed the order? Still, the doubt stayed there, irritating me, like (to quote *The Matrix*) a splinter in my mind.

There were more of these little moments, these little discrepancies, and they accumulated until I had to bring the pile

of them and lay them at his feet. Something wasn't right, and the way that I looked at the world wouldn't let me understand what that was. It seems easy now: change the assumption that he must be telling the truth, assume instead that he is lying, and everything falls into place. But I couldn't conceive of that; I would just as soon have believed that the Earth was flat and I was about to fall off the edge.

When I brought my pile of tiny doubts to Mark one night, something finally broke, and he came clean, to me and to himself, about all the years of lying and cheating, about all the other women, about all of the affairs and pornography and crazy perversity that gave him the highs he craved. The only thing that kept me from walking out the door that night was the thought of my son, who loved his Daddy so much, sleeping in the next room.

I knew that addicts often slipped; I knew that rarely, if ever, did they admit to a problem and then stay sober from that moment on, for

the rest of their lives. But I was so wounded, so reeling and blinded by pain, that a mental defense mechanism kicked in; the only thing that kept me functioning was believing that Mark would be different, believing that he was somehow stronger and smarter than other people. I had to believe that now that he knew what was wrong and had a way to treat

And I began to understand and accept what I couldn't at first: my husband is a sex addict, and for the rest of our lives, we'll live with the real potential for slipping back into fantasy and lies.

About a year ago, things were tense, Mark was losing his job, and he slipped and acted out. Yet when he told me, I found in myself not anger but acceptance and a

new kind of trust. I don't — never can again — trust him not to cheat or lie or do things that are going to hurt me, himself, us. But I do trust that when he does those things, they are not what he wants to do or who he wants to be. I trust that he is using these

experiences to learn and grow stronger. I trust that he is trying to be honest with himself and with me. I trust that he will share with me when he feels ready. All of those things I can trust, and upon that trust, rebuild my marriage.

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it, he would be healed and all the lies and the fear would end. I couldn't trust him anymore, but I had to trust that he would get better.

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On the converse, there are people who enjoy nothing more than warm watery tea. With maybe a touch of normal milk, but no sugar — goodness, no, wouldn't want to upset the system. She'll sip at it and think maybe she'll go crazy and try a vanilla-flavored tea someday instead of Earl Grey. Or not.

There are people who love the gleaming, sugar-frosting pictures and naughty secrets of celebrity-gossip rags. With nothing to do on a gloomy argyle Saturday, they froth over a cracked magazine brimming with giant white sunglasses, gold purses, and pink flip-flops. It's life.

All of it is life. The part of the cortex that makes a person feel good is the same for everybody but might be lit off by different input. We need it like food.

Hot beds and action flicks. A community of bicyclists in a nighttime park in Budapest, all in matching hot-pink socks. Beer-bar girls in Pattaya Beach, Thailand; denim miniskirts and open-toe high heels, playing Connect Four in those bright yellow grids. Men who wear the ceremonial garb of Klingons and attend a circuit of conventions across the deserts and cities of the United States.

Why? Because it makes them happy. It lights off their brain chemicals. You can't judge someone who gets lit off from something different than what lights you off. If you like ice-skating on TV, you can't berate someone who likes boxing because it's the same thing, except you swap red gloves for white tights and bulk ferocity for grace.

The only thing you can hope for is that you find someone who likes what you like so you can sit and talk about it, reliving the enjoyment of the original hit, be it heroin or raising guinea pigs.

Maybe you have a 108-inch projection theater you watch chimpanzee shows on, or a 13-inch Zenith that takes three minutes to warm up. There is no difference because in the next 80 years you can only light off your chemicals so many times before you run out of fuel.

So light 'em off while you can.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

THE EARLY SHOW

CBS 8:00 A.M.

Gas-remedy commercials confuse me. I have gas constantly. If I don't have gas, I've just woken up and it's right around the corner. How or why or for what end would I discontinue this process for a brief moment? If I were to eliminate gas from my system entirely, forever, it would take a dump truck of granular minerals, tinctures, and tablets. It would also eliminate a good 50 percent of the things that crack me up during a day. Nothing good can come from those chalky little pills.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

PBS 10:00 P.M.

Once again, I've been ignored when it comes

time to debate for the office of GOP candidate, even though I approve of — nay, encourage — everything the Republican Party embodies. My platform of graft, crystal meth, and deviant sexuality aligns itself perfectly with the actions of "Abe Lincoln's party" of these past few years, yet, my bid is refused. Old, white, wrinkly nose-pickers. I don't need you anyway.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

INSIDE THE ACTORS STUDIO

AMC 10:00 A.M.

Inside the Writers Bathroom is the better program, but it really only needs to be done once, since every writer's bathroom is the same. Miscellaneously colored hairs from women who've wronged us enwreath the sink. The shattered mirror doesn't need replacing because

it reminds us of that night that things went so wrong. There's a bottle of vodka on the toilet tank. The whole scene is, in one word, grim.

E.T. THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL

FAMILY 7:00 P.M.

If you clap your hands real loud, E.T. comes back and does shots of scotch with eight-year-old what's-her-name, the redhead from *Charlie's Angels*. Clap your hands, kids. Clap for E.T. and smooth whiskey adolescence.

Look! His heart is glowing red! He's getting better with every tequila popper. Now he's wearing a beer helmet and peeing behind the jukebox. It's a miracle, kids! It's a miracle! You did it, you clapped so loud.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

JOY MANGANO

HSN 8:00 A.M.

Magic shoes get all the press. Oh, sure, they can spirit you to any place in the world if you stamp your feet six times. Or magic hats transform snowmen into Christmas heroes. But give me a sparkly pair of magic earmuffs and I can make your day. You see, magic earmuffs, while not as flashy, can tell when your ears are hot or cold and compensate for it. You scoff, but on the beach or ski slopes, your ears cry for those mystical muffs of fur.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

SCHOOL AND SPORTS STARS

ITVS 7:00 P.M.

Ah, the bright-teethed winners of the world. The square-cut and idiosyncratic teens that everybody loves. Except the chubby bespectacled kid in the greasy gray-hooded sweatshirt. He doesn't care about photography club or water polo. He wants to watch the *Three Stooges* and eat Count Chocula. Where is that hero's show?!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

BEAUTY AND THE GEEK

CW 8:00 P.M.

There's a huge Rubik's cube revival, and let me tell you how the old kids figured them out: combat boots. A heel stomp placed at the cor-



Bionic Woman

ner will get you a handful of loose pieces that you can reconfigure into the winning combination. Snap them into place and use the free time firecrackering your G.I. Joes, which is cooler, you stupid nerds.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

FIVE NOTORIOUS SERIAL KILLERS

MSNBC 7:00 P.M.

I'm working on an updated version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas," and, well, isn't it my lucky day? Four chicken buckets and three Russian hookers took me ages, and then — *bam* — this one, right in the lap.

BIONIC WOMAN

NBC 9:00 P.M.

So, this is about a superhero given bionic powers and such. And they gave it to a woman? Really? I mean, I can barely control my girlfriend as it is. What sort of muzzle-and-handcuff configuration would you use for those times when she wants to throw baking utensils at your face? Would you even be able to keep her in the bathtub when she's misbehaved in front of guests? See, this is where the whole series loses credibility.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

GOOSEBUMPS

CARTOON 8:00 P.M.

The scariest event to ever occur to me involved the Hungarian mafia and an offer to remove my hands. I stonewalled, and after two hours of negotiation they dropped their price from 65,000 forint to 13,000 forint and I was allowed to keep my mitts. Although, I don't think this cartoon is *that* kind of scary.



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