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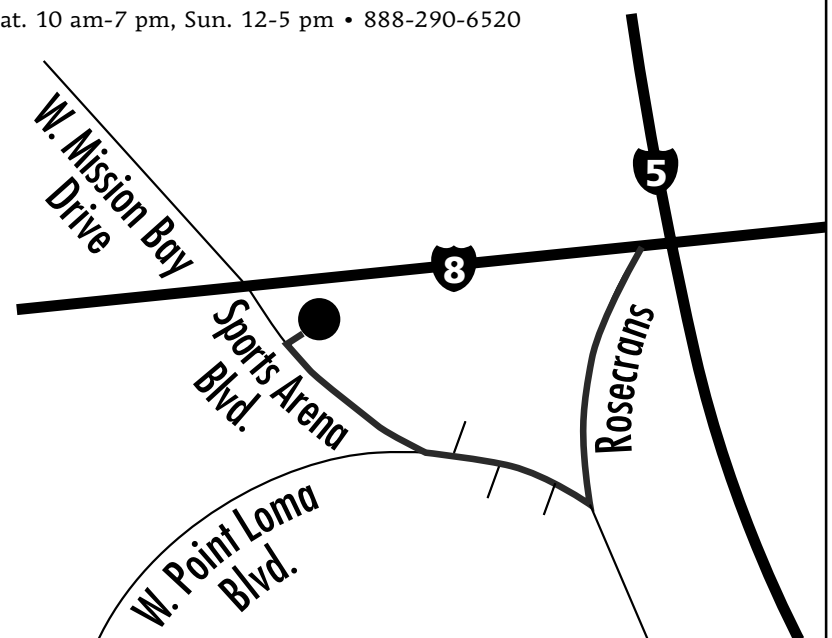
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Carl DeMaio

was rolling along just fine. The secret: it was running on Blogger.com, the set-it-up-yourself blog-hosting operation owned by Google. ... **Carl DeMaio** got some great ink in this Tuesday's *New York Times* for his volunteer work at Qualcomm Stadium during the disaster. Without mentioning that DeMaio is a GOP candidate for city council, the *Times* reported that he was forced to evacuate his home and then "drove straight to Qualcomm Arena and started organizing volunteers who arrived even before city officials did." The story continued: "Mr. DeMaio, who is the president of a nonpartisan government watchdog organization, organized at least 400 volunteers and tons of donated food, mattresses, blankets and other gifts." About his house in the burn zone, DeMaio was quoted as saying, "From everything I've heard, it's probably gone. But you know what, I really can't think of that right now."

**Alan's condo stash** Now that the name of ex-schools superintendent **Alan Bersin** is being bandied for a possible challenge to City Attorney **Mike Aguirre**'s reelection bid, many eyes are turning to his personal financial statement, on file with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, where he is chairman of the board. Married to superior court judge **Lisa Foster**, daughter of the late downtown property magnate and garment industry executive **Stan Foster**, Bersin lists an impressive inventory of real estate assets, many of which could raise conflict-of-interest issues should he manage to beat Aguirre.



Alan Bersin

Among the problematic properties, as reported last week on **Don Bauder**'s blog, is an office building valued at more than \$1 million on the east side of Montgomery Field, scene of the big fight over the height of the Sunroad office tower on the west side of the airport.

In addition, Bersin's statement includes a long roster of condo property downtown, where his wife's family accumulated many acres of land during the time they operated the Ratner family clothing factory in what is now known as East Village (Lisa's mother **Pauline** is a Ratner). As reported in Bersin's disclosure, Lisa Foster owns a 22 percent member interest in the Foster-Downtown Group, LLC, which in turn owns 70 percent of OMF, LLC, which itself owns 100 percent of seven downtown real estate development entities, valued in the multimillions of dollars. The land lies within the downtown redevelopment area, governed by the City's Centre City Redevelopment

Corporation in the name of the city council, which in turn acts as the city's redevelopment agency; the council's lawyer is the city attorney.

Bersin has long been a big booster of downtown redevelopment, which has helped to greatly increase the value of his wife's property interests. In July 1998, the then-city schools chief, a Democrat, appeared with GOP columnist **George Will**, a big baseball fan and onetime boardmember of the Padres, to advocate taxpayer subsidies of the new downtown baseball stadium then being promoted by the team's owner, **John Moores** and his JMI Realty. Bersin's presence was designed to reassure taxpayers that there was enough public



George Will

money for both public education as well as \$350 million to subsidize the ballpark. He did not disclose his wife's family ownership position. "One hundred and forty thousand students say San Diego can have renovated and rebuilt schools and a new ballpark," Bersin was quoted by the *Union-Tribune* as saying at the event, organized by **George Mitrovich**, a local political operative who worked for Moores. "We can have schools worthy of our children and a ballpark worthy of our children and our city."

In more than a bit of irony, the Moores stadium subsidy campaign was cochaired by none other than Bersin's fellow Democrat Mike Aguirre, who at the time was accused of seeing Moores — a big giver to Democrats like ex-Governor **Gray Davis** — as a future backer of his nascent political career.

**Bankrupt tome** May 15 is the target date for release of a new book by best-selling financial writer **Roger Lowenstein** entitled *Mortgaging the Future: How Pension Debts Ruined General Motors, Stopped the NYC Subways, Bankrupted San Diego, and Loom as the Next Financial Crisis*. Since San Diego isn't technically in bankruptcy quite yet, maybe Lowenstein has a scoop. ... Padres owner **John Moores** and someone at his office address in Del Mar Heights have been busy setting up new corporations over the past year or so. On August 9, according to state corporate records, a firm called Soccer Initiative, LLC, was established at the address. Last December, Moores's daughter **Jennifer** formed the nonprofit Dominus Nihil Foundation. And in June of last year, according to the records, Moores's wife **Rebecca** established the nonprofit Moores Foundation for New Americans. ... *Union-Tribune* publisher **David Copley**'s party boat *Happy Days* has been spotted out of the water at the Compositeworks yacht yard in La Ciotat, France.



John Moores

— Matt Potter

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## Jocks Talk Liberals Walk

By Don Bauder

**S**an Diego's political progressives think Clear Channel Communications is flipping them the finger. It is. Clear Channel,

owner of the liberal talk station KLSD-AM (1360), is ready to "flip" the station, in radio jargon, to a sports talk format in late October or early November. The jock gabfest will be named XTRA Sports 1360. What the crestfallen liberals don't fully comprehend is that KLSD is getting lousy ratings and bringing in few bucks, and there is oodles of money in sports broadcasting. The big question, however, is whether the new XTRA Sports 1360 can snatch significant market share from the near-monopoly jockjamber station XX Sports Radio, formerly the Mighty 1090. If the new station can't encroach (to use a sports term) on the Big Boy, heads will roll.

There is another flip involved. Clear Channel, a

publicly held company, plans to be bought out by two takeover firms, although there are regulatory hurdles lurking. Still, the buyout will probably go through. These takeover



Lee "Hacksaw" Hamilton

sharks will keep the company a privately held entity for a couple of years, make some changes (probably superficial), then, in all probability, flip it public again. This practice, called a leveraged buyout, has no economic purpose other than to make some insiders very rich. Because the Wall Street lads will be piling debt on Clear Channel while they milk it for their own gain,

they will do anything to boost earnings, whether through accounting ploys (the usual trick) or actual improvements in the business. The flipping of KLSD to all-sports, they hope, will belong in the latter category.

The rumors of an impending format flip have been around for a long time. "In my years in the business, I have never seen something so badly handled," says Ron Bain, San Diego radio veteran who was once president of CBS Television Sports. "For months this has been rumored; they



Stacy Taylor

have denied it, said they were thinking about it. If you are going to flip a format, flip it."

Some wonder if Clear Channel is flipping its wig. A marketing vice president named Brad Samuel sent out an internal e-mail October 15 jubilantly declaring, "XTRA Sports — Welcome Home!" It gave the details of the flip and even listed the talent. The

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## Neal Obermeyer





## The Lunch of Shame

By Joe Deegan

**T**he School Nutrition Association announced Monday that Biff Burger won the election. He beat Jesse Wrap, Yumi

Rice Bowl, Pippa Potato, and Patty Mac 'n' Cheese in the Vote for School Lunch competition. On August 1, children from all over the country began to choose their favorite menus. The last ballot was cast Friday as the cul-

a hamburger on whole wheat bun with tomato and lettuce, red potatoes with herbs, peach cobbler, and milk. The menu is only one of many that some children receive free. Others pay \$1.50 per meal, and still others a reduced price.



Joanne Tucker

mination of National School Lunch Week. The U.S. Congress in 1946 created the National School Lunch Program, citing evidence that hungry children do not learn. Nowadays children eat nutritious, well-balanced meals at school. Biff's menu offers kids

Nobody seems surprised that Chula Vista Elementary School District's cheese sandwich menu wasn't nominated as one of this year's candidates. The sandwich is two slices of American cheese slapped dry into whole-wheat bread. In June, harsh spot-

lights were shone on the district's practice of offering the "alternative meal" to kids whose parents were delinquent on their school lunch bills. Both the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and the *Los Angeles Times* singled out the Chula Vista district for using one of the more draconian approaches to the problem. Subsequently, the *Union-Tribune* ran an editorial condemning the practice. All critics seem to agree that children shouldn't be shamed in front of other kids by depriving them of schools' regular lunches. And they shouldn't be punished for their parents' irresponsibility.

The intent of the bland alternative meal, of course, was to induce the children to pester their parents to pay up. Chula Vista claimed that serving the cheese sandwich reduced its delinquency balance from \$285,000 in 2003 to \$67,800 this year.

For comparison, San Diego Unified School District, which is kindergarten through 12th grade, reports that as of June, its outstanding balance was \$13,500. Joanne Tucker is food services marketing coordinator for the district. "The problem of delinquent accounts in the School Lunch Program is serious everywhere in the country," she tells me by phone. "After all, we're a business. I feel sorry that the Chula Vista district has gotten so much negative publicity over their program. The cheese sandwich meal is nutritious. I went to a conference in Chicago not long ago, and an official



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from a Kansas district told us, 'We're in the black.' People wanted to know how they did it, and he said that when parents had unpaid balances, his district didn't give their children anything to eat. Well, we would never do anything like that in San Diego."

I ask if San Diego Unified used the alternative-meal approach to collecting debt. "No," says Tucker, "our food services director is much too kindhearted. Each of our schools calls delinquent parents to remind them that they're past due. Some schools are more successful than others. Soon we are going to an automated calling program in the hopes of doing better."

On June 25, Speaker of the California State Assem-

bly Fabian Núñez wrote a letter to all school districts in California to discover how many "are providing an 'alternative' — and intentionally undesirable — meal to their children.... These districts are...stigmatizing children to put pressure on their parents."

Lowell Billings, superintendent of the Chula Vista Elementary School District, responded to Núñez three days later. "We serve six entrees each day, one of which is a cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread.... Additionally, with each meal [including the alternative cheese sandwich meal] we offer a full salad bar, a full fresh fruit bar, a promotional item, and milk, all for the price of \$1.50 for full-

pay students and \$.75 for low income half-pay students.

"The alternative meal largely targets students with families most able to pay.... I have great difficulty understanding this as a 'stigma meal' or a less than nutritional offering. We serve approximately 400 cheese sandwiches daily. [Sometimes] they are the meal of choice. Feedback from principals indicates that some students have been found to throw away a packed lunch to get an alternative meal. [Billings confessed to eating and liking the cheese sandwich too.] Furthermore, principals do not find widespread student self-esteem issues associated with our practice....

"The delinquent meal balances are owed by the highest income families in our District. Why should we allow their indiscretion to impact those students who are most needy? There is a lesson in this for our students. Data [from] the Junior Achievement of San Diego and Imperial Counties show that the number one cause of college dropouts is not poor academic standing but credit card debt. Where do they learn this important life skill set?

"Our state legislature," Billings concluded, "could

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next day, he tried to retrieve the e-mails, claiming he had sent them by accident. He profusely begged forgiveness but announced who the general manager and program director would be. Insiders say the XTRA Sports deal is Samuel's baby, and if it doesn't bring in the loot, his diapers

may get soiled.

San Diego liberals note that in Madison, Wisconsin, progressives took to the streets and successfully thwarted a format flip. Inspired by Madison, local liberals organized three marches to show support for the station. In September, 300 to 400 came out for the rally at the station's Murphy Canyon headquarters, and on October 12, another 300 showed up. The station's pro-

gram director, Cliff Albert, fed them bland porridge. They seemed to eat up Albert's pabulum — not realizing, perhaps, that Madison has been a leftist lair for more than a century and can be compared with Berkeley but not San Diego. The rally organizers did not respond to requests for comment. Neither did four officials of Clear Channel, including Albert and Samuel. Clear Channel is the largest

U.S. radio broadcaster, with about 17 percent of the market. In San Diego, it's the Big Enchilada, with about 23 percent. Before making any public announcement of the flip, Clear Channel was allegedly raiding XX Sports Radio, officially known as XEPRS-AM. On October 12, John Lynch, chief executive of XEPRS-AM's parent, Broadcast Company of the Americas, tendered his resignation from

the San Diego Radio Broadcasters Association. He complained that the "dominant member" of the association (Clear Channel) "continues to engage in what I believe is anticompetitive behavior.... Clear Channel informed us that it intends to contact 19 of our current employees to discuss employment on one of their new formats." Lynch's company has only 45 employees. Lynch did not respond to

a request for comment.

When KLSD-AM started in San Diego three years ago, a *New York Times* headline exulted, "Left Is Gaining in San Diego, A Rightist Bastion." The station hired Stacy Taylor, a popular talk show host in San Diego. It used material from Air America, a liberal network that last year went into bankruptcy reorganization.

Clear Channel launched other liberal stations beginning in 2004; radio experts were surprised because the company had been a pioneer in redneck radio, syndicating Rush Limbaugh and featuring local babblers skillful at whipping up right-wing resentment. Recently, Clear Channel has been jettisoning those leftist stations.

The bottom line is that KLSD-AM, according to the rating service Arbitron, has been getting only 1 to 2 percent of the San Diego market — 25,000 to 50,000 listeners in the county's primary marketing area — on an average quarter hour between 6:00 a.m. and midnight, although sometimes it has done better than 2 percent. Its sister station, KOGO-AM, generally garners around 4.5 percent. XX Sports Radio gets between 2.2 and 2.8 percent, but it has a special advantage: it attracts men 18 to 49 years of age, "a demographic very hard to reach," says Bain.

Sports gab "is a money thing," says Jerry Gross, San Diego's first sports talk show host and formerly Padres and Chargers announcer. "You make more revenue — getting beer advertising, casinos. A political audience is a smaller group."

Although a number of stations have higher ratings, XX Sports Radio rakes in the bucks. Through August of this year, it brought in \$9.6 million, according to an accounting firm that keeps track of such statistics. That was in third place among 30 reporting local stations. KLSD-AM had revenue of only \$1.6 million over the same period.

XTRA Sports 1360 is expected to feature Lee "Hack-saw" Hamilton and other sports enthusiasts. The station will hope to get 30 to 40 percent of the local jock talk market in a year or two, say industry insiders. "Adding another station won't create

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more audience; it will only split the existing audience," says Bain. Gross disagrees. "It will stimulate more interest in sports and expand the market," he says.

But radio itself is in trouble. According to the Arbitron rating service, time spent listening to traditional (called terrestrial, or mainly FM and AM) radio has dropped 1.5 percent a year for five years. The decline seems to be escalating. Radio, TV, daily newspapers, magazines, and other media are losing out to Google because an advertiser using the Internet can get an immediate reading on the audience through those instantly measured clicks of the mouse.

As a sop, KLSD-AM listeners will probably be offered a show via HD, or hybrid digital, radio, which has a limited reach. Air America is battling against a switch to HD, called "high definition" in the trade. It may be the wave of the future, but it has been slow to catch on. Progressives always complain that's their lot in life. ■

## Lunch of shame

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benefit from this same lesson. I am fearful that the ongoing structural state budget deficit undermines our children's future."

Apparently, Núñez, who was recently skewered in a *Union-Tribune* editorial for using campaign funds for personal trips, was not convinced. In the July 5 *Los Angeles Daily News*, he wrote of "at least four school districts in the state [that] serve substandard lunches to children whose parents fall into arrears on payment into their child's lunch accounts." "If the 'dunce cap' were still in use as a school-house punishment, there are several school officials in California who need to be assigned corners and fitted with cones.... Make no mistake," Núñez went on, "parents have a duty to fulfill their responsibilities.... But leave the kids out of it. Any dunce who allows the punishing of kids over their parents' mistakes is the one who deserves to be shamed."

But what of the super-

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intendent's defense? It is not a good sign that at the end of his letter he changed the subject to the legislature's problems. To address the alternative meal's inclusion of salad and fruit bars made more sense. Even that, however, is less than reassuring, given kids' notorious aversion to salads. The additional fact that the Chula Vista district recently started serving a ham-turkey sandwich as another alternative meal was a concession to critics. Many parents had been arguing that constant repetition of only the cheese sandwich alternative would provoke kids to throw it away. Now there is even talk among district employees of occasionally offering tacos as the alternative meal.

The question of how serious the self-esteem problem is for alternative-meal kids pits the principals cited by Billings against many parents. Kirk Yale tells me by phone that a year ago his second-grade daughter came home from a district school "very distraught." Before she started through the lunch line, she was surprised that her white plastic card authorizing her to eat had been replaced with a red one. That signified that her parents were at least \$5 behind on their school lunch bill. Yale's daughter told him, he says, that the other children immediately "made fun of her" for being poor. The girl's humiliation was also the first notice that he was in arrears, according to Yale.

Parents who began calling the red card a "scarlet letter" eventually convinced officials to get rid of it. They're not happy, however, with the district's halfhearted change. A black check mark on the white card still stands out on the upright boards that hold the cards where the children pick them up.

An odd aspect of Billings' attempt to defend his district's alternative-meal program was his praise of the cheese sandwich. Originally, the district said it chose the sandwich as such a boring entrée that it would make parents pay their bills. Why was Billings touting its popularity, especially in light of contrary evidence he had? A "Vote and Be Heard" study of menu choices recently released by the district showed what the kids like best. No surprises here. First on the

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"Menu Poll Results" page is Domino's Pizza, followed closely by generic pizza. At a greater distance behind, but still popular, stand chicken nuggets, burrito, nachos, cheeseburger, and hot dog. In dead last place, receiving but a single vote, is the cheese sandwich.

Besides stimulating payment of school lunch debts, serving the cheese sandwich is profitable for the district. Whenever it serves the alternative meal, the district charges the same price it does for regular menu meals, either \$1.50 or 75 cents. On a "Food Cost Comparisons" sheet recently released by the district, a bean and cheese burrito showed a "total cost of meal" as 74 cents. For chicken nuggets, it was 60 cents. The cheese sandwich cost 54 cents, and the turkey-ham sandwich 45 cents. It's no wonder that the district agreed to the turkey-ham sandwich as a second version of the alternative meal.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides school districts free commodities that become the ingredients in their National School Lunch meals. For example, they can get canned tomatoes. Whole and diced tomatoes are worth 4 cents per serving. Tomato sauce is worth 3 cents per serving, and tomato paste 1 cent. Cheeses come in a number of varieties, each worth 9 cents per serving. In the case of the cheese sandwich meal, free commodities drop the cost from 54 to 45 cents per meal.

Then there are the National School Lunch Program reimbursements. When the meal is for a student who pays \$1.50, the program reimburses the district 23 cents per meal, for a total payment to the district of \$1.73. For a reduced-price student, the program reimburses \$2.07, for a total of \$2.30, and for the no-pay student, it reimburses \$2.47.

Critics say the district doesn't do enough to encourage low-income parents to sign up. If the parents don't enroll in the program, they send their children to school with (or without) a lunch. Or they pay the \$1.50 price for the school lunch. Some of these parents enroll in the program later. If they are in arrears on their earlier school lunch bills, the school gives their children the alternative meal until those bills are paid. ■



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### Don't Get Me Started

The perfect drought, hmmm ("Perfect Drought," Cover Story, October 18). Perhaps there'd be more water and other natural resources available if we had fewer people. Aside from global warming, why not call a duck a duck — overpopulation causes a world of ills as our planet is less and less able to support us. What ever happened to zero population growth? And don't get me started at the scores of undocumented individuals here in this country illegally, begging our nation, closing our hospitals, "dropping" babies on our soil for citizenship (aren't they called *anchor babies*?), and freely using our limited resources.

K. Butler  
via e-mail

### Come To Order

Re "Mission Valley Motion Mixup" ("City Lights," October 18). Surely the council president has read *Robert's Rules of Order*, which states, in part, "When a motion has been made...it is the duty of the chair...to state the question — that is, state the exact question that is before the assembly for its consideration and action." The least we might expect from the president is competency as a parliamentarian.

Myron S. Shelley  
via e-mail

### Resolution Redux

This whole brouhaha ("Mission Valley Motion Mixup," "City Lights," October 18) reminds me of a similar situation that occurred in the late '90s.

The Park and Recreation Department prepared a resolution that was approved and signed, but it did not accurately reflect what the council had resolved at their meeting.

I compared my notes with the final resolution — they totally differed on a key substantive point. I requested a copy of the audiotape of the meeting from the clerk's office.

This evidence was presented to the city attorney's office. The resolution was redrawn to accurately reflect what the city council members voted and not what the city manager's office preferred.

I think this happens all the time, or at least used to until we got our new city attorney; the city manager's office tries to sneak through these little changes that substantively modify resolutions to reflect what *they* want versus what the *council* actually votes. No one on the council reviews each word of each resolution to see if it really comports with what was agreed — everybody is too busy.

It takes active citizens who are focused to ferret out this kind of skullduggery.

Christian Winkle  
via e-mail

### No Sore Loser

Thirty or so years ago I entered the "My Neighborhood" contest, and that excellent piece by Steve Sorensen ("Kingdom Bought and Sold," Feature Story, October 18) beat out my essay about the same neighborhood in Encinitas. I did rate a blurb in the book that was later published, and my clippings from the *Reader* helped launch my career as a writer. Shouldn't you have mentioned that the piece was a reprint? It's still good, though.

Tina Kafka  
via e-mail

*The story was originally published on December 9, 1976, as was noted at the top of the first page. — Editor*

### In Your Face

I'm glad to see that I am not alone (Letters, October 18) in thinking that Naomi Wise's restaurant review of Bleu Bohème (October 4) was mean, vicious, and an attack on a personal level. As a professional reviewer, I found it surprising that instead of trying the food herself, she cut corners in her work by relying on an Internet blog and her friends' opinions about certain dishes. She

also did not do the proper research; Philippe Beltran has had restaurants in San Diego since 1989, when he first opened French Side of the West. We've eaten at Bleu Bohème several times since it opened, and we are very pleased with everything from the service to the food to the price on the bill. One of our all-time favorite dishes from those early days is his fish soup, which we are so pleased to see back on his menu. Ms. Wise didn't even mention it. Also, the Niçoise salad is delicious; the last time we were there a woman sitting at a nearby table told the server that it was the best she'd ever had. I've been to France plenty of times and have dined in many great restaurants. However, I'd never be so in-your-face with attitude. Boy, Naomi, what exactly is your problem?!

Lois Bach  
via e-mail

### Service By The Glass

I am writing in response to Bonnie Bekken's letter (October 18) in which she claims to be "amazed" by Naomi Wise's review of the Kensington Grill (September 27). I, too, am amazed, but not by Naomi's review (which is spot-on as usual) but rather by Ms. Bekken's letter.

I have dined at both of the restaurants in question. I continue to return to the Kensington Grill time and again for their consistently good food and friendly, attentive service. My last meal at Bleu Bohème (Restaurant Review, October 4), was one of the very worst restaurant experiences I have ever had. It wasn't the food, which (once it eventually arrived) was delicious, but the service. The "Long March," as I now refer to it, began when we were seated near the door as we waited for our table to be set up. After some time, a server came over to take our drinks order. On the board behind the bar were listed six or eight wines by the glass. When my wife ordered a glass of their Viognier, the server looked like a deer in the headlights. After several repetitions, my wife finally had to point to their short list of wines by the glass and say, "That one." Okay, so

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BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Hey, Matt:

Three people from back East told me they had participated in cow-tipping episodes. When I said that I didn't believe them, they said that since I am not from back East, I wouldn't know about it. I saw a commercial claiming that cows in California are happier than any other place, but the laws of physics do not change based upon the mental state of a bovine. A cow weighs more than 1000 pounds and cannot be tipped over by a 150-pound person. They also said that the technique involves sneaking up on the cow while it is sleeping, but cows do not sleep standing up. What do you think? Are you from back East?

— Skeptic from Chicago

A survey of the Friends of Matthew Alice, a neighborhood knitting and hip-hop society, reveals one person (from back East) who went out one late night (back East) with a friend (from back East) to tip a cow (also from back East). Alabama, I believe, was the state in question. Anyway, friend hopped fence, ran toward cow. Cow actually a bull. Friend beat bull back to fence. The End.

So, my question for you: How many physicists does it take to turn cow-tipping stories into bull pucky? Two. Up in Canada. They penciled out the masses and angles and Newtons and all that physicist stuff and estimated that it would take from two to five people to tip a cow. And that's only if the cow was for some reason highly cooperative or maybe catatonic — nonreactive to a pack of drunk teens approaching it. Cows are more alert than they look. And, the California happy cows aside, they can get pretty irked if you invade their territory. And of course, cows don't sleep standing up. They doze on the hoof; that's about all. Tipping a cow is not like knocking over a 1500-pound statue. Even if you reach the cow — hey, you figure the thing's going to move away from you? Hard to knock over a moving bovine. Lotsa drunk fun and giggling amid the cow pies, maybe. Not much tipping.

Our friends the science guys consider cow-tipping stories to be rural myths. Maybe dreamed up by some smarty-pants farmer to fool us urban slickers. But I'm sure we'll hear from a few hayseeds telling us their own stories of mayhem in the meadow and how their cousin's friend once rolled a cow down a hill. We're ready. Lay 'em on us.

Hey, Matt:

My dear boyfriend and I are having a discussion about one particular law in California. I seem to remember hearing on the news in January that it had become a law that if you have your car windshield wipers on, you must have your headlights on. I looked it up on the California DMV booklet, and it does state that if it is raining you must have your headlights on. But my dear boyfriend says that does not mean it is a law. I think the news media was just amplifying it. But is it an actual law that you must have your headlights on if it is raining?

— KS Cricket, via e-mail

So, your boyfriend believes the headlights-wipers thing is...what?...a friendly suggestion? Uh, yeah, a friendly suggestion that will remove \$45 from his wallet if he ignores it. Of course it's an actual law. That's what we elect lawmakers to do. Make laws about stuff like this. If they don't make laws, and lots of them, they'll look as if they're asleep at the wheel. California is absolutely chock full of laws. We have the most productive legislators in the country. So, anyway, consider California Vehicle Code 24400, in re: "headlamps." Went into effect in July of 2005 and says we must turn on our headlights during darkness or "inclement weather." That's when we are unable to see a person or another vehicle on the highway from a distance of 1000 feet. But our legislators are such perfectionists, so eager to please and appear productive, that for the next year they fiddled around with 24400 and came up with the even better 24400(b)(2). That demands we turn on our headlights under any condition that "require(s) the windshield wipers to be in continuous use due to rain, mist, snow, fog, or other precipitation or atmospheric moisture." We already had VC 26707, which required us to operate wipers under conditions of fog, snow, or rain. But the amendment to 24400 forged the final, legislatively satisfying headlights-wipers link that had been missing. It went into effect last January.

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One footnote to last week's flogging of Hollywood, its love of gross receipts, and why we hear about it on our daily newscasts. Consider that most of the big entertainment corporations own both movie-production companies and news outlets. Rupert Murdoch's NewsCorp: Fox radio and TV, 20th Century Fox, *Wall Street Journal*; AOL (Time-Warner): CNN, New Line Cinema, Warner Bros., *Time*, Entertainment Network; Viacom: Paramount, DreamWorks, CBS, MTV; Disney: ABC, ESPN, MiraMax, Touchstone. It's all so incestuous.

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The scale of this thing is immense. Three hundred thousand people told to evacuate their homes and businesses. Two days from now, when you read this, that figure will probably seem like the good old days.

May your property and loved ones be safe. Good luck.

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Let's step back, lower our heads, and take a moment to appreciate this new, innovative baseball strategy that has been birthed before our eyes. Yes, we were there at the creation and will be able to witness the little-strategy tot grow up to be a strapping adult able to provide an unlimited supply of strategic variations to us, the baseball sporting public. This is a moment to cremate, pour into a plastic jar, and set next to the family TV.

As brief background to the above wonderment, let me take you back to game 5 of the American League Championship Series, the Cleveland Indians vs. Boston Red Sox at Jacobs Field. Cleveland leads the series 3 games to 1. One more win and it's on to the World Series. But, come in a little closer. Let's tip-toe back in time a wee bit further, to five minutes before the start of game 5.

Can you bring into memory that soulful rendering of our national anthem by country-music recording artist Danielle Peck? Remember the shock you felt at the amazing coincidence (unique, really) that Danielle, coming to bat, as it were, at the last minute to pinch-hit for country-music recording artist Taylor Swift, who couldn't be there at the last minute, and, lookee here, Danielle just happened to be the ex-girlfriend of Josh Beckett, who, lookee here, was the starting pitcher for Boston that night. The do-or-die night for Boston.

Imagine that.

Now, Boston went on to win that game and the next two, claiming the ALCS championship and punching their ticket to the World Series, but that's not the point. The point is, Cleveland opened a heretofore undiscovered door and found a new strategy, a new way to play Major League Baseball!

The starting pitchers for Thursday's game 2 of

the 2007 World Series are set. Curt Schilling will be hurling for Boston, and Ubaldo Jimenez takes the mound for Colorado. Here's how I see the matchup:

The Red Sox will fly in Denver's district attorney to sing the national anthem. I believe he plays the harmonica, too. The Rockies will counter by sneaking a new groundskeeper into Fenway Park — Miss Elizabeth Quick, rumored to be Schilling's first-grade teacher. She will groom home plate at the bottom of the first, right before Boston's lead-off man, Dustin Pedroia, begins his at-bat.

Not to be outgunned, Boston's energetic opposition research department finds, and then hires, for one day, a new stadium announcer — Kimberly Loft, who broke Ubaldo's heart in the fifth grade by refusing to spend morning recess killing insects.

Schilling's mother is due up in the fourth inning, batting for the enemy Colorado Rockies. She will be an undercover pinch-hitter, dressed in a Rockies uniform, batting helmet on head, bat in hands, spikes on shoes, chewing sunflower seeds and spitting continuously. Mom will stand in the batter's box, paw her shoes into the dirt like ballplayers do, stare at her son with motherly contempt, and scream, "Take the garbage out, mister!"

Boston strikes back with the fat check-out lady from Ubaldo's neighborhood Albertsons. The slow one. The one who always puts his frozen foods in the same bag as his blueberry pâté. The large woman hovers over the Colorado dug-out, pounds on its roof and screams, "Tell me I miscounted your coupons now, you sick motherfucker!"

Colorado has an answer to that. Turns out, their on-field mascot, Dinger, the walking, fluffy Rhinoceros-thing in tennis shoes and polka-dot pants, will not be played by the usual guy. Nay, Colorado hired, for one day, Ernesto Estrada, Schilling's recently discharged gardener. Mr. Estrada will remove Dingo's head and make obscene gestures at Schilling every time he winds up to pitch.

Bring it on, says Boston as they go to the bullpen and call for Ubaldo's parish priest, Rev. John Fogerty. Hold it...just a minute...now they're calling for a lefty...yes, it looks like it's going to be Dave Cooper, Ubaldo's publicist!

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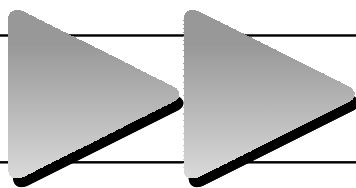


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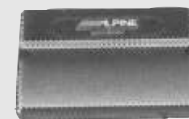
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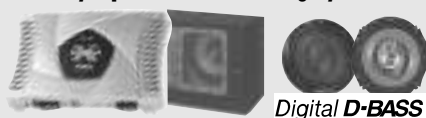
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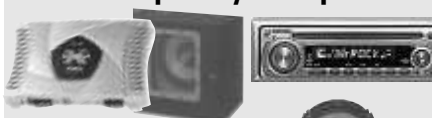
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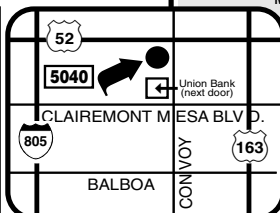


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I'm at the age and size when regular briefs — or, as I call them, 'tighty whiteys' — just aren't working for me anymore," my husband Patrick gripped as he stood in front of his open underwear drawer. "The elastic leg bands cut into me and cause irritation right in this region...."

"Over-share!" I yelled, but he continued his monologue. "I thought I'd be a lifelong tighty whitey man, just like my dad, but I think I'm going to graduate to boxer briefs. My favorite pair of underwear these days are the boxer briefs I borrowed from my brother Peter when we were at his house a few months ago. Do you think you could buy me a few pairs of them, but make sure they're comfortable?"

He went off on a dissertation about comfortable dress socks before I could ask what he meant by "make sure they're comfortable." I wasn't going to try on men's underwear at Macy's for him. Instead, I went to a few stores and picked a variety of boxer briefs. Then I surprised him with a little Saturday-evening underwear modeling session. Something of an exhibitionist, Patrick didn't mind at all.

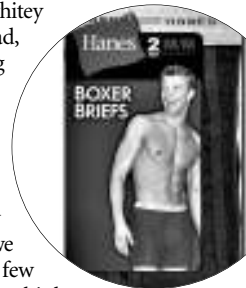
We started with Calvin Klein Button Fly Boxer Brief (\$20 a pair at Macy's). "I like these," Patrick said, "but I'm worried about these buttons." He flopped down on his stomach to see if he could feel the buttons while lying down. "Nope, can't feel the buttons, but I wonder if they would add too much thickness underneath a zipper." The 100 percent cotton boxers had a firm but not stiff waistband. "A lot of undies have a band that feels like sandpaper — not these," he added.

"I posed for this photo, by the way," said Patrick, pointing to the ripped male chest and abs on the box of Calvin Klein Body Boxer Brief (\$20 at Macy's). "In your last life," I retorted. The all-cotton briefs had no fly and no vent, and the cut seemed designed with, uh, male enhancement in mind. "Look at the shape these are giving me," Patrick said. "They are pulling me up and out. Maybe for a lesser man it would be okay. For me, these would just be bragging."

The Jockey 3D-Seamless Waistband Eight-Way Stretch Brief (\$16 for a pair at Macy's) was 90 percent cotton, 10 percent spandex. "I love the way these move," Patrick noted. "They're snug but not at all binding, and the legs don't show any tendency to ride up. But this stitched waistband is very coarse. It's already bothering me."

The Jockey Classic Boxer Briefs (\$25 for three pair at Macy's) fared better. "These are vented, which I am a fan of for health reasons," commented Patrick. "The waistband is soft, no raised stitching, and they move well."

We moved on to the Alfani undies. Alfani Basic Trunks (\$14.98 for two pair at Macy's) were too short for my favorite underwear model. "These trunks are worse than basic briefs," Pat complained. "The short legs ride up when I walk and I end up with a whole bunch of fabric up in my crotch. Avoiding that was the whole point of not wearing briefs."



*"The short legs ride up when I walk and I end up with a whole bunch of fabric up in my crotch."*

The Alfani Basic Boxer Briefs (\$14.98 for two pair at Macy's) cinched at the bottom of the leg. "These really feel like they are cinching. Maybe if I was a skinny-legged guy these would work," he said.

Patrick thought Wal-Mart's Puritan Boxer Briefs (\$8.83 for four pair) were very comfortable when he first put them on. "But this cotton is thin. I'm not sure how it will hold up to a few washes." They showed their cheapness before they ever made it to the washer. After sleeping one night in them, Patrick said, "I'm having some escapee issues here. There is no structure left. The vent is hanging wide open, and the legs are loose and floppy. They've gone from boxer briefs to boxers in one wear."

Fruit of the Loom Short Leg Trunk Briefs (\$8.42 for four pair at Wal-Mart) came about two inches too short for Patrick. "I like the underwear to reach the curve of my thigh so that they stay there and don't ride up. When they ride up it drives me nuts...I mean crazy. Am I too picky?"

I left that question floating and popped open the next package.

Hanes Boxer Briefs Original Fit (\$8.47 for four pair at Wal-Mart) were also set in the

return pile. "The cotton has a coarseness to it that you can hear," noticed Patrick, rubbing his thigh. "And they have a tendency to ride up."

The last group of boxers came from JCPenney. The Seamless Waistband Jockey Boxer Briefs (\$19.50 for two pair) were as short as the trunk briefs. "As soon as I

put them on, I can feel the legs pulling up as I just stand here."

The Jockey Pouch Boxer Brief (\$14 for one pair) was 97 percent cotton, 3 percent Lycra spandex. "The butt seam in the back is scratchy, and the pouch puts a weird seam right across my John Thomas," griped Patrick. "I hate these."

We finally got a keeper with the Jockey Go Stretch Classic Boxer Brief (\$19.50 for two pair). "Call me a sissy, but I like the spandex," he said. "The waistband does not have a heavy, scratchy stitch. They are vented, and they are snug but move with my legs."

The BVD Boxer Briefs (\$16 for three pair) had the same uncomfortably thick butt seams. "These would give me visible panty lines," Patrick offered.

Stafford 100 percent Cotton Fashion Boxer Briefs (\$12 for two pair) touted a whole lot on their package. "No odor. No shrinking. No binding. No tags." What's up with the no odor, I wondered. "Doesn't the odor come later?" asked Patrick. Though the briefs had noticeable side butt seams, they weren't bothersome enough for Patrick to toss them.

Stafford Boxer Briefs (\$15 for two pair) were ventless but still winners in Patrick's eyes. "The cotton-wrapped waistband is a plus, as is the seamless butt, and the legs don't cinch or ride up, thanks to the 5 percent spandex. Before tonight, I would have said that I preferred 100 percent cotton underwear, but I am now sold on the spandex."

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by Barbarella

# Roxanne

Grown men should not be having sex with prostitutes unless they are married to them.

— Jerry Falwell

**B**raced against the elements with newly acquired rubber-toed boots, bright red scarf, and a wooden-handled umbrella whose underside was printed with a map of constellations, I didn't mind that it was cold and raining. The guy I was staring at didn't seem to mind either. He seemed oblivious to the frigid water that pooled around his bare toes and soaked the hemline of his blue jeans. In the way of Scandinavians, the 20-something guy was tall and athletic, with penetrating

crystal-blue eyes. On his shaved head he wore a rain-soaked bandana that was the same powder-blue hue as his flip-flops.

But it wasn't his outfit that had prompted me to pause on the slick cobblestone road, it was the way he had approached the three mannequins positioned on the walkway in front of the shop. Like the man, all of the mannequins were bald. As David and I

approached from the opposite direction, the man suddenly stopped and jerked his head in the direction of the male mannequin in tight leopard-print pants and black mesh top, as if the punk-styled figure had called to him by name. I nudged David in the arm and pointed at the man with my chin. Sheltered beneath our umbrellas, we stood and watched the guy reach out and place his splayed hand on the mannequin's head. The man then threw his own head back so that the rain fell directly onto his face. His eyes rolled into the back of his head, and his eyelids fluttered. He remained like that for minutes. Finally, his pupils returned, and he stared long and hard into the mannequin's face. Then, as if to punctuate his

telepathic communion with the dummy, the man patted its head, smiled lovingly at it, like Jesus to a child, and continued off in the direction he had been heading: down a side street in Amsterdam's infamous red-light district.

There's a lot to do and see in Amsterdam — one can contemplate historical horrors at the Anne Frank House, marvel at the city's architecture from a canal boat, ogle famous art at the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum, or gulp fresh beer at the Heineken Brewery. But I'm not much for museums, I don't drink beer, I prefer to see the buildings from the streets, and the houseboat David and I had rented gave me a swan's-eye view of the canal. There was one unique facet of the Dutch capital that captured my fascination, and that was its notorious scarlet quarter where legalized drugs and prostitution reigned.

It didn't look very red to me. Then again, it was mid-afternoon, and the gray-white sky glared brighter than any neon. At first glance, the streets of the red-light district seemed no different than any of the other dozens we had roamed in our search for the famed nexus of naughtiness. It wasn't long before a gust of wind accosted my nostrils with the skunky scent of ganja. Souvenir shops selling wooden shoes gave way to hookah lounges and smoking paraphernalia stores, the windows of which were plastered with posters depicting the myriad varieties of magical mushrooms sold within. I gazed

at the drawings and photos of fungus and tried to guess by their captions which ones the mannequin whisperer had ingested.

The people wandering around blitzed on one drug or another didn't faze me — like the man I watched, I've had my share of tête-à-têtes with insentient beings. And though I found the hardcore teaser pics posted outside the theaters to be bizarre (luring passersby with scandalous images of candles in orifices or some guy's *hmm hmm* in a willing woman's *whatsit*), they did not make me fear for my virtue. The only thing I found troubling in the kink shops was that I couldn't find any latex dresses or thigh-high patent leather boots in my size. I did, however, find one feature distressing; you might call it *the* feature: the red lights.

I'm a huge fan of red — it dominates half my wardrobe. It wasn't the color itself that bothered me, but what it meant. I passed by a lingerie shop's display and did a double take when I sensed movement in the window. Behind the glass, standing in a small room was a flesh-and-blood *woman* and not, as I had thought, a mannequin modeling undergarments. Continuing down the street, I was struck by just how many windows there were. It was early, so most of them were still obscured by red curtains. Many of the women on display were large, middle-aged ladies proudly parading rolls of flesh that could not be contained by their too-tight g-strings. I wondered if they were like early-bird specials, or that crappy band

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Confronted by the cold reality of the world's oldest profession, it became clear that my emotional response to seeing someone actually hustling crashes head-on into my carefully considered intellectual opinion. I think prostitution is a woman's choice, whether she is selling her body to one man for a house in Rancho Santa Fe and an unlimited

account at Neiman Marcus, or renting her body to many men for cash — it's her body and it's her life, and if she's not hurting anyone else, she should be able to do with it whatever she wants. There's no doubt in my mind that legalized and regulated prostitution is much safer for all involved. But when my gaze inadvertently fell upon a window in which a beautiful, nearly naked young girl stood, looking like she had stepped off a page in a Victoria's Secret catalog — her face a mask of bored detachment and a hint of what I perceived as hope — I felt the same sort of projected shame and embarrassment I feel when I accidentally walk in on someone in a public restroom.

I mourned for the

women in the windows. They sat on stools or stood in heels, presenting their bodies for examination and comparison and, ultimately, for purchase. I wondered if they were relieved to get someone they were mildly attracted to, someone who respected the merchandise. I wondered if they hummed the tune to "Roxanne" and fantasized that Sting was singing directly to them, or that some day they too could put away their make up, turn off the red light, and

be treated like a person instead of a go-cart. I wondered if they perceived all men as johns and if any of them had ever experienced a healthy, symbiotic relationship, platonic or otherwise, with any man in their lives. I realized that though I believed it was their

human right to do with their bodies what they chose, I found their choice — and what must have led up to such a decision — to be sad. As David and I rounded the corner that led us away from the red lights, I tried to imagine that girl returning

home after work, as the sun was rising. In my mind's eye, I saw her taking off her clothes one last time, running a bath, ingesting some pills or maybe a bottle of wine, and doing her best to forget the details of the evening's invasions. ■

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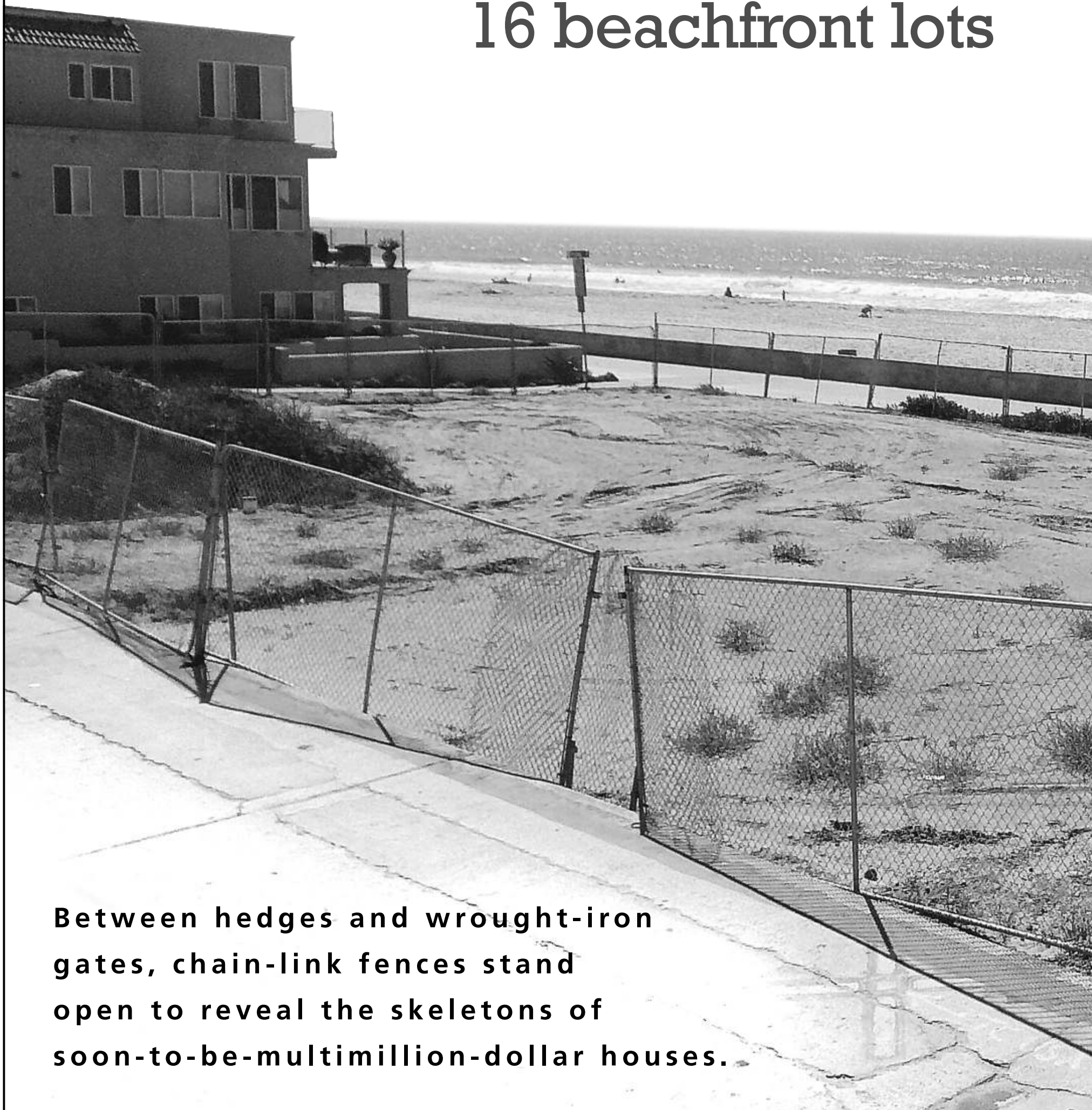
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21 edition alongside ads for \$7 haircuts. Written by Stephen Simpson, the article chronicled the histories and speculated on the futures of some of the hottest properties the market could (and did) see at a time when they were worth only a fraction of what they are today. Land, like haircuts and just about everything else, was cheap(er) then; according to Simpson, a buyer in 1982 could





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2007. Israel and Palestine are at war. We are at

war with Iraq. In Hollywood, 17-year-old Jordin Sparks wins *American Idol*. The Chargers make it to the playoffs but lose, and only 16 vacant lots remain along the coastline. And they are expensive, worth \$2 million at the very least. Real estate is at about the highest it's ever been. A modest two-bedroom beachfront house can be purchased for just shy of \$900,000, while the average beachfront home price, though it fluctuates

depending on the area, is in the mid-\$3 millions.

With all those amazing ocean views, 16 empty lots may seem like a surprisingly large number. Who wouldn't want a house on the beach? There is a tax incentive to keeping the property vacant — true in the '80s, even truer now. Those who have held property for years pay low taxes. The property tax bill, which can include special local taxes, amounts to approxi-

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mately 1.25 percent of the property's assessed value, says Scott Travasos of Swell Property in Leucadia, and Proposition 13 ensures that the assessed value may be increased by only 2 percent per year. But add a house on the property, and the county can update the assessment.

Some lot owners may not be able to sell their lots, as they are keeping them as collateral against loans taken out to build their current homes.

The cost of building alone can be a deterrent; without ecological survey costs or any sort of land preparation, it takes about

\$300 a square foot, according to Travasos and his partner Erik Gilmer, to construct a beachfront home.

A prevalent problem for sea bluff landowners is that of cliffside erosion. The

can cause the cliffs to crack. The biggest threat to the cliffs is the effect of water, either from manmade sources — like the thousands of sprinklers employed by area home-

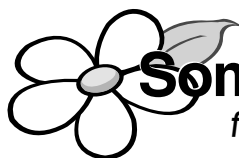
crack or eat away at and degrade the cliff base, causing it to shift and, eventually, parts of the cliff to crumble. Rain and wind are also factors; storms in the 1940s, 1970s, and 1980s wiped out seaside structures all along the coast, the most famous of which was the Encinitas Self-Realization Fellowship Temple in early 1940. Pictures from the time show the temple pitched dramatically toward the ocean, cracks extending all along its façade, half of it a pile of wood and rubble.

But for the very enterprising (and wealthy) lot owner, all is not lost. Those

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bluffs that line San Diego's coast are made mostly of sedimentary rock and are prone to shifting and sliding. Drilling done for construction or irrigation lines has been a problem, as it

owners — or from natural ones — like the ocean waves. Overwatering causes water to, over time, carve channels in the bluff. Waves do their damage slowly as well; they crash against and



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with the wherewithal can have their property shored before it's built on. There are two shoring methods most commonly used to secure beach bluffs: one is called "underpinning," where holes are augured horizontally into the cliffside and filled with mesh and concrete, and the other "beam and lagging," in which long I-beams are sunk vertically into the ground and covered with gravel or cement. Both processes are expensive, even more so if the I-beams are left in as opposed to removed once the concrete cures. Sometimes they're left in for added stability, called "permanent shoring."

Either way, "It ain't cheap," says Chris Maize of San Diego Shoring. He estimates that an average two-story beach house costs over \$130,000 to shore, an amount that does not include the cost of equipment or the soil removal involved in the process. "You have to be a multimillionaire," he adds. The cost of one \$8.5 million house in Carlsbad, Travassos and Gilmer say, was partially due to the expense of shoring.

There is some land that cannot be built on at all. It may be prone to slipping or publicly owned. On Fourth Avenue in Encinitas, there are two such lots, their cliffside edges both blocked from pedestrians by a fence studded with large, diamond-shaped reflectors. "Unstable cliffs," brown signs posted by the city warn, "No beach access." The first lot, which is at the foot of W. F Street, stands next to a dilapidated apartment complex that is slated for demolition. A duplex will go in its place, according to notices posted on its boarded-up windows.

All but 2 lot owners of the 16 vacant beachside lots have unlisted phone numbers. This is understandable, according to Travassos. "If you have an empty lot, you probably get a call a week — a realtor trying to list it or a mortgage broker trying to find a client, just passersby saying, 'I like the lot...' You would just be hounded," he says. "And the owners know that if they want to sell it, they

just have to put it up, and it'll go pretty quickly."

## Carlsbad Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 3 Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 1

Though according to Travassos and Gilmer, Carlsbad

prices are in the midrange for San Diego beachfront properties, there have recently been a few hefty sales in the area. Not too long ago, says Gilmer, a bluffside house sold for \$8.5 million, and at the moment, a mansion that is under construction along the cliffs

is receiving some astronomically high, unsolicited offers. "I've heard that someone offered \$26 million for that house and they didn't take it," says Gilmer, who recalls that the owner is a Las Vegas man. "You find a lot of wealthy people from around the world buying

homes here," he says, "and many of them don't even live in those homes. They just vacation there."

There is one vacant lot in Carlsbad, next to 5008 Tierra del Oro Street, a short half-circle of a road that parallels Carlsbad Boulevard (Coast Highway 101). It

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## Leucadia/Encinitas Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 24

### Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 4

Despite the influx of million-dollar homes lining the Encinitas coast, "Encinitas still looks like a beach town," says Wilma Romero, owner of Thrifty Threads, a secondhand store just off the 101. She's lived in Encinitas for almost 30 years and doesn't deny it's become increasingly expensive. "Since the '70s, it's been harder to live here," she says.

"Families move here and they move out."

But some have managed to hang on to their properties, some for decades. Amy McQuillan is one of these; she owns two adjacent parcels on Neptune Avenue, one with a house on it at 138 Neptune and the other vacant. According to the gentleman next door, McQuillan is 104 years old and is saving the lot for her nephews. The vacant land is assessed at just over \$1000, indicating it was purchased decades ago. The lot rises to just above street level and is covered in drying ice plant. Along the street, a small and slightly haphazard garden



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grows. The gentleman next door planted it, tending to the tomato vines and marigolds in his spare time. He says that McQuillan is leaving the land to her

nephews instead of giving them "just money." He hopes that they never build on it.

There are three other vacant lots on Neptune

Avenue, which stretches the length of Leucadia. In the 200 block, north of Roseta Street, is a second vacant lot whose owners live next door. Lined by a rail fence

and blanketed by a close-clipped, drying lawn, the lot is owned by Anthony E. Simms and Mary A. Hynan.

At North El Portal Street is a lot blocked from view by a white fence. It has a locked gate and boasts a large No Trespassing sign. In the lawn in front of the fence is a For Sale sign, listing Gary Martin as the realtor. Turns out he owns the property and, as the sign announces, is the "ocean-front specialist." According to his website, where he is pictured smiling and wearing a Hawaiian shirt, his asking price is \$3.5 million. Martin declined to comment for this story.

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Farther south, a long stretch of unused land at the intersection of J Street and Third Street belongs to the Self-Realization Fellowship. Travassos and Gilmer remember hearing stories

about how the land came to belong to the fellowship, which has operations in Los Angeles as well as Encinitas. "A businessman donated it all to [the man who] started the huge yoga compound," says Gilmer. "I forget what year they bought it, because [Paramahansa Yogananda] had come over from India and said there was some special power there. He hooked up with the businessman here, and the businessman bought it and gave it to him as a gift to start his compound." The businessman, a millionaire named James Lynn, bought Yogananda the 17 acres of

land in 1937, building him an ashram as well.

Also in Encinitas are two city-owned lots, both on Fourth Avenue, one at the end of West F Street and the other at the end of West G. Probably neither will ever be built on as they are being retained by the city for safety measures. Each is staked with an Unstable Cliffs sign.

#### Cardiff

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### Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 0

#### Del Mar

### Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 10

### Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 1

At the northwest corner of Del Mar, where Via de la Valle runs into Border Avenue, is a huge piece of vacant land. Actually five parcels, two of which edge the beach, it stretches from Coast Highway 101 to the bluff and is covered in red sandy soil from which scrubby weeds poke up. The county assessor's office lists the owner as Pacific View Estates LLC of Del Mar, but no estates — or signs of estates, for that matter — can be seen.

Del Mar is home to some of the highest-priced real estate in San Diego. Even small parcels and properties go for astronomically high prices. A local bookseller, Richard Schneblin, remembers directing a home-seeking Danish couple to an extremely small \$350,000

house he'd seen advertised nearby. "Needless to say, they thought they'd found the perfect place, even with no backyard," Schneblin says. But the couple returned to his shop disappointed; the house turned out to be a timeshare, and much more money than they expected. "When they went to check on it, the sign said it was \$350,000 times ten," says Schneblin, who has worked at Earth Song Bookstore in downtown Del Mar for two years. "The house was, like, \$3.4 million to \$3.5 million."

And that's considered low; two-bedroom homes go for the lower three millions, luxury four-bedroom single-family homes go up to the mid-\$8 millions.

Some are even more expensive, selling for tens and twenties of millions of dollars. In May, a Del Mar house sold for \$35 million, the highest price ever paid for a house in San Diego County. The buyer, Madeleine Pickens, is the wife of hedge fund manager T. Boone Pickens. The

home, incidentally, is on the ocean.

#### La Jolla

### Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 11

### Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 1

La Jolla has some of the most expensive real estate along San Diego's coastline. "You've got to have a lot of money to support a million-dollar mortgage," says Maureen Murphy, co-owner of the La Jolla Village Lodge. Though Murphy has lived in La Jolla only seven years, numerous visitors, both vacationers and locals, come through her doors. "A lot of people come here looking for a house to buy," she says.

"An oceanfront lot in La Jolla is far more than an oceanfront lot in Encinitas or Oceanside," says Gilmer. "You can move down the coast, pretty much."

La Jolla Farms Road is full up with houses, perhaps recently so, as construction abounds here. Between hedges and

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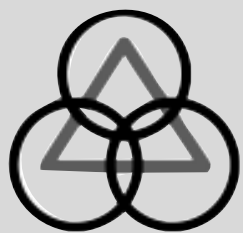
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wrought-iron fences, chain-link gates stand open to reveal the skeletons of soon-to-be multi-million-dollar houses. Houses on La Jolla Farms Road have sold for amounts in the \$20 million range.

On October 3, escrow closed on the second-to-last vacant lot in La Jolla, on Calumet Avenue at the end of Midway Street. Within two weeks a basement had been dug, and a four-bedroom, three-bath house was about to go up.

La Jolla's last vacant lot is next to 5850 Camino de la Costa, a road lined with expensive homes, impeccably landscaped yards, and staggeringly beautiful — one would imagine — ocean views. The vacant lot appears out of place here, as Camino de la Costa seems a hotbed

of construction; cement trucks detour traffic, and hard-hatted workers tend to new window treatments and freshly cemented façades. The lot is owned by Star Pine Investments, whose offices are on Turquoise Street in Pacific Beach. They are not listed in the phone book.

### Pacific Beach

**Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 2**

**Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 0**

The last lot in Pacific Beach that Stephen Simpson's 1982 article mentioned was "a big sandbox of a lot owned by the City of San Diego." The sandbox is still there.

### Mission Beach

**Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 1**

**Vacant Beach Lots in**

### 2007: 1

The same large lot (actually two parcels) on the 700 block of Queenstown Court that was open in the '80s is still vacant. It's listed by the assessor's office as being owned by the Bank of America.

### Ocean Beach

**Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 2**

**Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 1**

Though Simpson speculates that the last two lots in Ocean Beach would never be built on, one of them has been. According to Simpson's description, the lot was "near the foot of Santa Cruz Avenue." Now it's occupied largely by an L-shaped condo complex.

The other vacant lot that Simpson mentioned is at the end of Del Mar

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Avenue and isn't so much a lot as an overlook. Succulents separate the lot from the house next door and a slippery slope of sand leads down to a cement trail built into the bluff below.

### Point Loma

**Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 9**

**Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 2**

On winding, twisting Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, two vacant lots are left. One, near Monaco Street, is owned by David A. Stevens of San Diego and is for sale through Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation for \$2.25

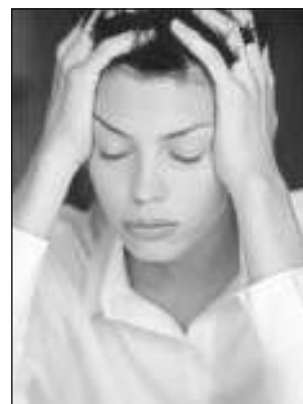
million. The property was listed at \$2.5 million when it was put on the market two years ago. The land is assessed at \$44,784.

The second lot is near Ladera Street — not far from the first — and is owned by a retired engineer who lives just up the hill from the property. Originally from Ohio, he came to San Diego over 50 years ago and settled in Point Loma. He purchased his vacant lot within the past 15 years and kept it after finding a house in the Cuyamaca Mountains, where he lived until the Cedar Fire raged through. His house ruined, he returned to

Point Loma, where he lives today. The lot remains empty, though the gentleman has entertained the idea of setting up a mobile home, running in water lines, and hooking up a generator.

He likes his current home, though — "I've seen Catalina Island from up there on a very clear day," he says — but is in no rush to sell the lot. "I've had some offers that are significantly more than I paid for it," he says, "but my son said, 'Well, there's only two left,' and with Prop 13, the taxes aren't all that much. I'm not pushing to sell it." It's assessed at \$59,160.

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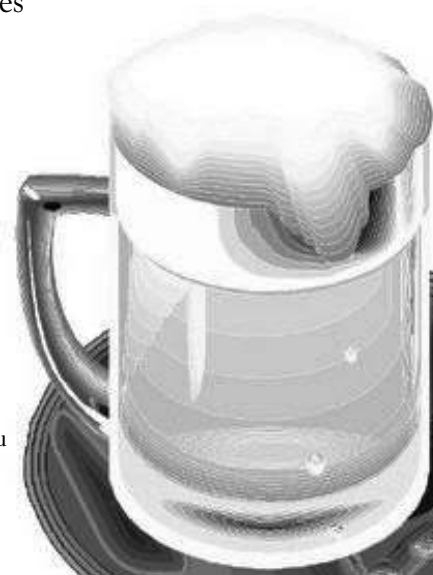
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**Imperial Beach**  
Vacant Beach Lots in 1982: 12  
Vacant Beach Lots in 2007: 5

On Ocean Lane in Imperial Beach, five vacant lots remain, one between Palm and Citrus, one at the end of Dahlia, one between Elm and Evergreen, one between Date and Elm, and one between Elder and Elkwood.

The Palm and Citrus lot is sand-filled and sandwiched between houses on the 600 block and is owned by Edwin Johnson and Rose Gravino, who live in Imperial Beach.

The Dahlia Street land (actually two parcels) is located behind Imperial Beach Coffee and Books, a funky little shop a block from the beach. The parcels are both owned by Robert Shoepe Revocable Trust of Laguna Beach. Shop owner Katie Fallon hopes the owner, a man she knows by sight,

decides to keep the land empty.

The lot between Elm and Evergreen is zoned commercial and is owned by William Lindley.

Just beyond a newly built suite of condos between Date and Elm is a lot owned by a limited partnership, Westport Holding Texas LP of Stratford, Texas.

The owners of the last lot are Chen Kuan Cheng and Le Chau Chang Family Trust of Hemet, California. They've had the land since 2002, and its assessed value is \$634,015. ■

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# MY LIFE OF CRIME



At the age of about 15, I started stealin' cars and stealin' beer and all that stuff. Well, one night three of us stole a car from the Mobil gas station in Ocean Beach, and we were ridin' around, and coming through Old Town, and a police officer pulled up next to us in an unmarked car. We didn't know he was a police officer, and we asked if he wanted to race, and he flashed his badge at us just as we were startin' to come out of Old Town and hit Highway 8. We tried to outrun him, and it ended up in a high-speed chase past Presidio Park, and we crashed the car along the middle divider of the freeway. We were all arrested and put in juvenile hall.

I stayed in juvenile hall for about two months. My father was working refinishing hardwood floors, and my mother was living in Ocean Beach, and they were divorced. The juvenile courts felt I was beyond my mother's control, so they put me into custody of my grandmother in Ocean Beach and let me out of juvenile hall on probation.

My grandfather had died when I was about 12, and it seems like that's when all my troubles

started. I was an only child until the age of 7, when my sister was born. In the fourth grade, we moved to El Cajon. I went to Madison Elementary School and played Little League baseball, mostly shortstop and pitcher. When I was picked for the All-Stars, everybody else had a new glove except me. I stole a baseball glove at Thrifty's so I wouldn't be the only kid without one. But my father found out. After a couple hours of hitting me on the rear

end with a belt, I admitted I'd stolen it, and he had me return it and tell 'em I was sorry, which I did. And I ended up playin' in the All-Star game with my old glove.

At around 13, I started gettin' in fights. We moved back to Ocean Beach, and in ninth grade, I went to Point Loma High School. I was kicked out for fightin', and they made me go to Midway Continuation School, where the academic requirements wasn't that strict. I went from eight in the morning till noon and took typin'. That was my school day.

Along about this time was when we started drinking, Red Mountain wine and beer, anything we could get. The people I ran around with, the big thing on Friday and Saturday nights was goin' to dances and fightin' with the guys. The excitement

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appealed to me. Life was boring durin' the week. Plus, if you won your fights, you became popular.

After stealin' that car, I stayed on probation for a few months, then I met this girl at a party in Point Loma, and I guess you could say it was love at first sight. We were 15. We ended up goin' together for a while, then she became pregnant. We went to Tijuana and got married. It didn't matter if it was legal or not, it just seemed like the thing to do.

The crime started pyramidin' at this time. The police were lookin' for me, and six months later, when my wife was pregnant, I was arrested for armed robberies, service stations and the El Cajon Theater. Another person did the theater, with me in the car in the alley, waitin'. I set there for over five minutes, and he never came back. I got out of the car and found him still standing at the ticket booth window, *pleading* with the girl to give him the money. The girl had the money drawer up to the window, but it was too big to fit

through the slot. So he was panickin', and she was tryin' to just have him stick his hand in there. I ran up to the window with a gun and told her to put the money in her purse and stick it through. I put a few other little colored words in there to make sure she did it and took us serious. And she did it, and we ran away with about \$250.

I had quit goin' to school. I think the life of crime started from boredom. And you let a kid have too much freedom with nothin' to do, and with a little bit of peer pressure and a lotta the blame on his own self, he's gonna do something wrong. Not all kids are like that, but I guess I was.

Anyway, Sherry and I were runnin' wherever we could to hide. We were at my uncle's house one day, and the police pulled up. My uncle, who is dead now and was one of the best friends I ever had, lived on Midway Drive by the go-go bars. Three cop cars pulled up, lookin' for me for these robberies. My uncle seen 'em comin', so he put us in a lit-

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the trailer outside of his house, and by the time the police got up the driveway from Midway Drive, he had started paintin' the trailer. While we were settin' in the trailer, the police asked him if he knew where we were, and he stood there and painted the door of this trailer, tellin' 'em he hasn't seen me and doesn't know anything, so after a few minutes they left.

A week later, I was arrested. They got me in El Cajon, where I was stayin' with my mom, who had moved there from Ocean Beach. I'd come home one day and found her cryin'. She said that while she was gone that day, a neighbor was baby-sittin' my three-year-old brother, and the neighbor had tried to molest him. When I found this out, I ran down the street to his house and caught the guy in his garage, and I stabbed



him a number of times in the chest with a switchblade. For some reason, he didn't die. I was arrested and also charged with the armed robberies.

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They threw me and two friends of mine who were charged as accessories into juvenile hall. I was 16. While I was in, Sherry had the baby. She was in juvenile hall, too, for runaway and incorrigible and suspicion

of driving the getaway car in those robberies. But her mother let her out of juvenile hall and told her she either cut me loose and move to La Jolla, or she was going to leave Sherry in juvenile hall and have the

baby took from her.

So about two weeks later, Sherry got out of juvenile hall. When I got out, she didn't want to see me. So then I find out they moved up above Scripps Institute in La Jolla. She was goin' to La Jolla High School, so me and six friends went out to the Rancherita Café there by Taco Bell on La Jolla Boulevard, where all the kids from La Jolla High went after school. I went inside and she was settin' there with her brother and some friends, and all I did was walk up and say, "I want to talk to you." Well, at the time she was afraid because she thought her brother might tell her mother and she would lose the baby. I didn't understand that, so we tore the restaurant up.

When Sherry wouldn't come out, her brother started a fight. I drug him out of

the booth, and the juke box got kicked sideways and fell out the front window of the restaurant onto the street, and all the guys in the car came runnin' inside to help. We turned over tables and busted dishes and chased everybody outside.

Me and my friends went back to Ocean Beach, and for a couple days, these guys from La Jolla kept callin' and tellin' me why don't we come out there when they're ready for us. Why not make it even, and then we'll kick your ass.

So I got 11 other people with me, and we went to the Taco Bell where they was s'posed to have 12 people waiting. The whole school was down there. All we had was chains and knives and pipes and bats and sticks and stuff; we didn't have no guns because we didn't want nobody to die.

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the Taco Bell, and Sherry come runnin' out of the crowd and pleaded with me to leave before somethin' happened. I told her that if I left now it'd make me look like a sissy. Even if I lose, I can't run. So she slapped me. And her brother jumped out of the crowd and started threatening me. I had a switchblade knife, so I snapped it open, and her brother says, "I can't fight you with that." A friend of mine pulled out a knife and threw it at his feet and says, "You have one now, punk, pick it up." Well, he wouldn't pick it up. He ran back into the crowd, scared.

It began with a few fist-fights and ended up a riot. The police came with paddy wagons, but they couldn't get to the center of where the fightin' was, so all they really arrested was people who weren't doing anything.

We were down at the end of Marine Street in La Jolla, on the sand, fighting, and I got hit in the face with a beer bottle and was knocked out. My friends wanted to take me to the hospital, but I told 'em no, the police

would get involved, and we'd prob'ly all get arrested. So just take me to my grandmother's and put me on the porch. I couldn't see out of one of my eyes, my nose was shattered. They put me on the porch and drove away, and I scratched on the screen and my aunt and my grandmother came and got me and took me to the hospital, and I stayed there for about five days.

Soon after the La Jolla High School fight, I was arrested for joyriding and burglary, incorrigible, and violation of my probation. I was sent back to juvenile hall. California Youth Authority. I was almost 17 in 1968, when I went to Norwalk, and I was there about two months, and then I escaped. I went out on a four-hour pass and didn't come back. I hitchhiked back to San Diego.

There was a little group of guys that I run around with then that were smuglin' drugs and dealin' large quantities, flyin' 'em to Aspen and Fort Lauderdale and Deming, New Mexico. And



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makin' a lotta money doin' this. While I was escaped, these guys came into the house I was stayin' at with a friend of mine, Gil, and they called him out into the yard with a proposal. They said a car had came across the

border, and customs stopped it because the registration was messed up, and there was drugs in it, but the drugs were never found. They'd give us half if we would get the car out of the federal impound lot in San Ysidro.

At first I didn't want to do it because if the federal law enforcement gets after you, you ain't got a chance in the world of stayin' free. But I finally agreed I'd look at the place.

For three days, we looked

at it all day long and all night. We saw how many people worked there, wrote down the time the night watchman left to go get his lunch, and whether or not the places around it had people in 'em or were closed. We had to

put two dogs to sleep, so we took some Seconal and put it in Milky Way candy bars and threw 'em over the fence. Then we cut the lock off the gate and went in, and I checked to see if the drugs were in the car.

I could smell the marijuana, but I took off one of the door panels and saw stacks of kilos. The car was parked at an angle to the gate, so we had to push it back and forth to get it lined up straight. We pushed it out, closed the gate, and started the car with the keys that were left in it.

We drove to Carmel Valley Road out past Del Mar. We left the car there and went up to a graveyard, then my car pulled up with two other cars. The car we stole had 100 kilos of opium-cured marijuana, now called Thai sticks, and four ounces of heroin, and 30,000 rainbows, which was a downer that people liked to take. These guys were s'posed to put our half of the drugs in my car, then they'd drive off, we wait five minutes, then drive home. We did this the way they said, and when we got home and pulled into the garage, there was three kilos of the opium marijuana in the car and nothin' else. Needless to say, we were very upset.

We went and got Gil's two brothers, some shotguns, and we went to the guy's house who'd offered us this money-makin' opportunity. We kicked in the door, ran inside, held everybody down on the couch, and I ran into the bedroom to catch the guy who made the deal, who was trying to get out of the bedroom window. I pulled him back in, stuck the shotgun in his face, and told him he had 15 minutes to get us our stuff or we was gonna blow 'em all away.

He made a phone call, and about ten minutes later a car pulls up. It's not the same car we stole; I think they drove that off a cliff. The man says we can have this other car, the drugs are in it. Fifty kilos of the opium-cured marijuana, 15,000 rainbows, and two ounces of heroin.

So we start sellin' it and usin' it and makin' money, and then a friend of ours got 25,000 hits of LSD that was made by the government for experiments. How, I have no idea. But we started sellin' this. And usin' it. I took LSD maybe 20 times.

In December 1967, I was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and escape and resisting arrest, and I was thrown into the city jail.

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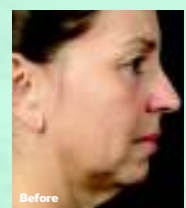
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I turned 18 two days later. I told 'em I was 18 when they arrested me so they'd put me in jail rather than juvenile hall. But I didn't realize that the city jail was a lot worse.

They gave me 30 days for carrying a concealed weapon, and I had a parole hold for escape from the Youth Authority. I was to be taken back to Youth Authority after my 30 days was up. Well, during this 30 days, there was a man doin' time for counterfeiting. And he had another counterfeiting case in L.A. He was a trusty. He got us access to some hacksaw blades. So we planned a jailbreak.

They let us out of our cells every night to use the phone and get exercise. During this time, we cut on the window at the end of the catwalk on the second tier. After a couple weeks, we managed to cut two of the bars out, and the little mesh that covers the window, and we thought we had enough room to make it. We kept replacing the cut bars and

fixing them in there with soap.

Sunday was coming up, and this trusty that had given us hacksaw blades was having to go to L.A. for the counterfeit charge. But he wanted to go out with us. He told us we had to go by Saturday night because Sunday morning the FBI was pickin' him up to take him to L.A. So we cut for an hour and a half on Friday and four hours on Saturday, but we still couldn't fit through. So we figured, if we can't make it, we can't make it; we'll just have to cut some more.

The counterfeiter didn't figure it that way. If he couldn't go, why should we? So when he left that morning, he gave a statement to the San Diego Police Department that he gave us the blades, and we were attempting a jailbreak, all with the understanding that they wouldn't charge him with nothin'.

The lieutenant walked down that afternoon and went straight to the window and seen the cuts, so they started searchin' cells. They

already knew who did it from the guy's statement. I guess they were just trying to keep anybody from knowin' that he had told on us.

They charged us with attempted jailbreak. They put us in the hole, which was very bad, no toilet, just a cement floor. I kept askin' the deputy if I could get out to use the rest room. He says, "Piss on the floor, punk." There was little tomato cans outside the bars full of spit and cigarette butts, so I pulled one up to where I could go to the bathroom in it. And this deputy kept walkin' by every ten minutes, 'cause they got people in there for escape risks and fightin', and they also got people in there that's gonna try to kill themselves. So he has to come by every ten minutes to make sure nobody's hangin' theirself or nothin'. So when he walks by — why I did it, I just couldn't understand why he wouldn't let me use the rest-room — well, I picked this can up and threw it all over the deputy. He just kept walkin', and five minutes later he came back with three

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bigger deputies, and they opened up and came inside and started to beat the hell out of me. They hit me in the back and stomach and the top part of my legs. Didn't leave many marks, but they sure did some damage on the inside.

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From there I went to the county jail, and then they gave me Youth Authority, but the Youth Authority I went to was considered a state prison. This is 1968. It was the Deuel Vocational Institution in Tracy, California. The inmates called it Gladiator School. There was prob'ly 2400 people there, and 30 of 'em were Youth Authority offenders.

This was my first encounter with the Aryan Brotherhood and the Mex-

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I was in Youth Authority for about a year and had a real good friend from Paramount. Me and Skip were like brothers, because in that environment, you find somebody you get along with, you get real close.

I was down to my last three days before getting out. We were orderlies in the wing we were in. That's like a janitor. There was this white officer named McGee who was afraid of black people. Whenever a toilet would overflow, he would pick a white person to clean it up, because he felt if he picked a black person, the black person would scream that it was because he was black. And McGee was afraid of being called prejudiced. So he was always pickin' me and Skip to clean up the toilets and other dirty jobs. He knew we knew that he was afraid of black people. And by us knowin' the way he was, he hated our guts. The man shouldn't have been a cor-

rectional officer. He was too insecure.

So we were out on the yard and Skip come up to me. He was a member of the Aryan Brotherhood, he was the one that got me interested in it. He come to the yard and told me that his cellmate, who was a convicted murderer, had been eatin' his cookies and stuff when Skip was out. So Skip kicked the cellie's ass, and he told me, "If I go back in there, and he's smoked my cigarettes or something without my permission, I'm gonna jump on him again." Well, this friend of mine was one of the most dangerous white men in this prison, a professional boxer. Nobody bothered him, ever. Up until this time.

That night, Skip told me he had jumped on his cellmate again. Well, we used to eat breakfast together every mornin', and the next day, I come out to wait for Skip, but he don't come out. I look up at his cell and see newspapers covering his window. So I ask the deputy, could you let the guy out of 244,

he must have got locked in for breakfast. He says there was a killing in 244 last night. So right away I jumped to the conclusion that Skip killed his cellie.

Come to find out, Skip's cellie went down to the captain's office and told him, "If you don't get me out of the cell with that guy, I'm gonna kill him." And the captain says, "Oh, you ain't gonna kill anybody, asshole, go on back to your cell."

That night, while Skip was asleep, the cellie picked up a wooden stool and beat Skip in the head with it and knocked him out. Then he took a razor blade and started cuttin' him to pieces. Skip woke up and tried to fight back, and by doing so, he made the blood flow too quick and he bled to death in his cell.

When I found out it was Skip that was killed, it pretty much tore me to pieces. Like I said, he was like a brother to me. So I went back to my cell, and I was layin' there, and McGee that didn't like us to begin with came down and opened my door and told

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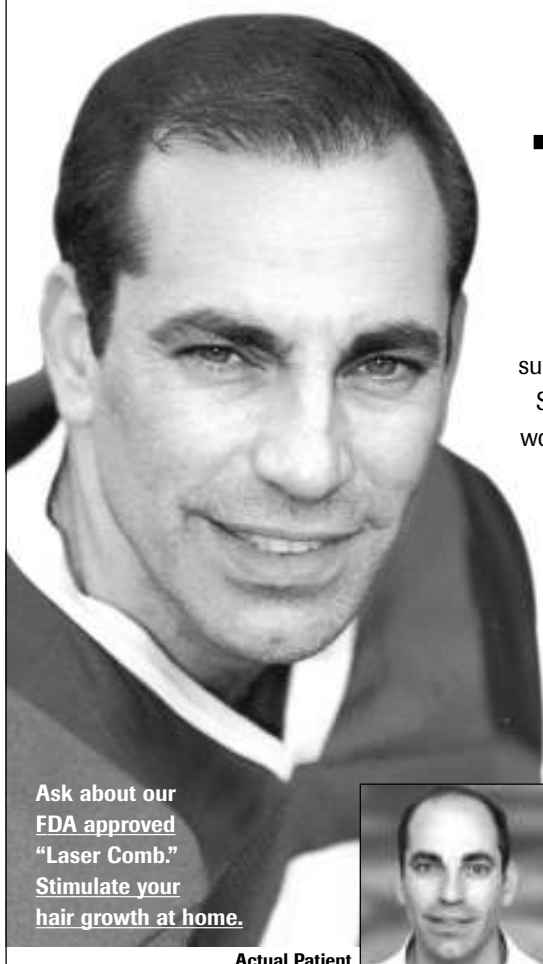
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Two other AB members was watchin' this. The deputy went back and wrote me a CDC 115, that's like a felony write-up in prison. These

two AB members said, "Why don't you just go up to the cell, we'll go in and clean it up, and McGee will think you did it." They said Skip wouldn't want you to lose your release date over somethin' like this. But I refused to do it. So they talked to me for about 20 minutes, and McGee came back another time and threatened me again, and they finally said, "Come on, man, let's go up there, and we'll clean the blood off."

So I went up and stood by the cell door, and they opened that cell door, and I've never seen so much blood in my life. I couldn't take it. I think that moment right

there was the moment that turned me cold inside. I'm not sayin' I wasn't a little cold already, but I think that moment right there when I looked in that cell and seen my best friend's blood was the moment that I turned cold.

The two AB members cleaned the blood off the walls and floor, and afterwards a group of us were sittin' on the yard with the gun towers all around us, just settin' there, 'cause a friend of ours was killed needlessly. There's another little group of white people across from us, and one says to another, "Yeah, did you hear about that guy gettin'

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That was all it took. We got up, me and two other guys that knew Skip from Paramount. We jumped on these two guys that were talking. They didn't even know Skip, just jumped to the conclusion that he was a snitch. So we jumped on 'em. And the goon squad came runnin' out. They're the biggest correctional officers at the institution, there for no other purpose except to search, escort, prevent, and stop disturbances. The gun towers shot a couple times around us, and we're layin' flat on our stomachs in the yard, and the goon squad hand-

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The captain already knew about McGee havin' us clean the cell. But when he found out I was in the hole, he called us to his office. He says he thought we were tryin' to get into a fight so we'd be sent to the hole, to get to the guy that killed Skip. And kill him. Which was not true. So the captain asked why I jumped on these guys in the yard. I told him what the guys said, and I told him about Skip and me bein' best friends, like brothers. He knew about McGee. So he was pretty sympathetic, 'cause like I say, the death of this guy just did somethin' to me

inside. Somethin' inside of me died. And it's taken a long time for it to come back to life. He told me, "What I'm gonna do is send you back to your cell, and you stay in that cell for a couple days, and then you go home."

Usually, when a person gets out of jail or prison, all his friends are there to say good-bye, and it's like a happy occasion for a few minutes. Well, this day I got out it was happy, but somethin' was missin'. I was leavin' a lot behind that I wanted to take with me. Bein' young, the associations you make in prison are real close. Quite a few people were like family to me, and they were all

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members of the Aryan Brotherhood. So all of my friends and Skip's friends shook hands with me, and I left, and they took me to a depot in Tracy, California, and put me on a bus to San Diego. Early 1969. They gave me five dollars, a bus ticket, and told me don't get in trouble no more and have a good life. But that's not easy to do when a man gets out of prison and all he's got is a five-dollar bill.

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I started associatin' with Aryan Brotherhood members up in L.A. and traveled there on weekends and even started hangin' around with guys who were neo-Nazis. And I got involved in narcotics. Heroin and cocaine. About the middle of '69, I sold 53 grams of heroin to an undercover narcotics agent. They didn't arrest me. I guess they wanted to serve an indictment. A week later, I sold the same agent a thousand hits of LSD that was Kool-Aid in capsules. He paid \$1000 for that.

I was usin' heroin at the time, and I was a member of the Aryan Brotherhood. Everyone has to vote you in. The Aryan Brotherhood is a violent organization. They've done a lot of killings. My thing was mostly drugs. I was a connection for heroin.

I was in a bar in Pacific Beach called the Billiard Den, and next to the bar was a car with 200,000 pills in it, some heroin, weed, and the car was bein' watched. A day or two prior, a friend of mine shot and killed a friend of his inside the Billiard Den. This got the police there harassing everybody. Well, I needed a ride to my grandmother's house in Ocean Beach. I had a quantity of heroin to take to somebody, so I asked the guy that owned this car for a ride. We drove off, and police officers came from everywhere and stopped us. They picked me up and threw me in jail for possession of everything in the car. My bail was \$50,000. I was bailed out on my 20th birthday. I was dressin' out, puttin' on my clothes to go home for my birthday, and the deputy come down and told me somebody wanted to interview me, two narcotics agents.

They said, "You're goin' home, huh?"

"Yeah, I just got bailed

out."

They said, "Well, you're not goin' nowhere, asshole. We're servin' you with two indictments for sales, one for heroin and one for sales in lieu of narcotics," for sellin' 'em Kool-Aid. They jacked

my bail up to half a million dollars, so I stayed in jail.

I pled guilty, and they suspended all my criminal proceedings and sent me to the California Rehabilitation Center as a narcotics addict. I stayed there 11

months in 1970 but was in jail all together that time about two years. I got out in March 1971, came back to San Diego, and I was livin' in Lakeside. Workin' for my dad, redoin' hardwood floors. I got married the second

time in May of '71. A lady I'd met because my dad was interested in her mother. It was another of them love at first sights.

I was out about nine days, and I got in a car wreck comin' around a curve in a

Corvair. Another guy comin' the opposite direction was on my side of the road. I swerved and hit the dirt and ran into the side of his car. His car veered off and hit a pedestrian. It killed her, drug her down to the corner. I didn't

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know anybody'd been hit, but I ran, because I didn't have a license. I hid all night, they were huntin' me, had my picture on TV. Manslaughter and hit-and-run. So I turned myself in. My parole officer said he wouldn't put me in jail on a parole hold, let's just see what they do in court.

I pretty much stopped my drug dealings with the AB because the heat was on me, and they didn't want to take a chance that the police were watchin' me and might be able to confiscate drugs that would cost them money.

I got county time for hit-and-run driving and vehicular manslaughter and

went to honor camp. But while awaiting the trial, I picked up a charge of forgery for cashing bad checks. I was in honor camp for a year for the hit-and-run driving and a year for the forgery, running consecutive. After two months, they called me in and told me I had to do my two years' county time, then go back to prison on the parole violation. Well, when I found this out, I escaped.

We were at Barrett Honor Camp out by Cuyamaca, and me and my stepbrother, who was in for attempted burglary and resisting arrest, told these other inmates that we were goin' out to meet our wives and

pick up drugs, so that during count time, they'd hop from bunk to bunk and the Man wouldn't know we were gone. And we'd give them some drugs for doin' this. We had no intentions of comin' back. But all night long, these inmates hopped from bunk to bunk to cover for us.

It took us three days through the mountains to get back to El Cajon. I got my wife, and we went to Arizona. She was a little surprised to see me because she didn't know I was plannin' on escaping.

In Glendale, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix, I was workin' for a drillin' com-

pany until maybe October 1971. I was doin' no crime, but when I first got to Arizona, I robbed a coupla gas stations. Robberies are the fastest and easiest way there is to get money. After you know what you're doin' and you don't allow the person you're robbin' to get a weapon, you're home free. But you always gotta keep it in the back of your mind that if they get a gun, they're gonna shoot you. The money was good, and the feelin' you get is like a big surge of adrenaline, it seems like on Christmas, opening a big present and getting exactly what you wanted. You're excited while you're openin' it, and then all

that excitement turns into a feelin' of happiness.

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Me and my stepbrother were arrested in Arizona at the end of 1972, and we stayed in jail in Prescott for about a month. San Diego came and picked us up. I stayed in county jail about 10 months, then they sent me to prison. The judge gave me 5 years to life for the sales of heroin, 6 months to 15 years for forgery, 1 to 10 years for possession of drugs, and 6 months to 5 years for hit-and-run driving, all runnin' consecutively. So I had about 8 years, 9 months before I could go to the parole board.

My wife moved to Georgia, and we got divorced a few years later.

While I was in Chino, I was workin' in the hospital givin' shots. I had access to weapons, knives, scissors. So I was back in with the AB. I gave some knives to members to make a hit on some black guys, but the hit backfired. The hit man's name was Spider, and he was caught with the knives in his cell. So him and his cellmate were thrown into the hole, and we didn't know who the blacks were, so we couldn't take care of it for 'em. They sent Spider to San Quentin.

Then I got sent to

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Soledad North, mostly at that time a lockdown situation for ex-gang members. I was there a couple weeks and was playing pinochle with some Hell's Angels and some other AB members, and all of a sudden, they locked down the whole institution. Told everybody to hit their cells and shut the doors. So then the goon squad came to the cell next to me with the doctors. There was a Mexican Mafia member in there, and they'd killed him. The Mexican Mafia had done an actual killing of its own member. Why, I don't know. They'd cut his throat and disemboweled him and laid pieces of him all over the cell. It was a pretty gruesome thing.

So we stayed locked up for ten days, then they let us out. Well, you keep a man locked up in a little cell — they were single cells at the time — for ten days, feeding him sack lunches they would drop on the floor and step on until they were flat enough to get under the door, the apples, sandwiches, and cake, all smashed

together, you do this for ten days to 2000 men, and you're gonna have 2000 angry men. Two days after they let us out, three correctional officers were killed. So they locked us back down again.

I had been sentenced under an 1168, that's where the judge has jurisdiction over you for four months and can call you back and cut you loose, or whatever. Well, when me and my stepbrother was extradited from Arizona, I had gave 'em a little information on a homicide that happened a long time ago, thinkin' it would help me at sentencing. Well, the judge sentenced me to all that time anyway, but under an 1168, like I said. So they called me out of my cell during the lockdown, to pack my stuff over at R&R, receiving and release, and go back to court.

Later I found out the judge had sentenced me under the 1168 because when I went to trial for selling the 53 grams of heroin, the evidence was only 3 grams. So there was 50 grams of heroin that disappeared from the police property room or was

never put in it. The narcotics officer testifying against me was doin' a lot of lyin'. Well, two Aryan Brotherhood members in National City knew this same narcotics officer was still out on the street tryin' to make buys. They figured they could set up a buy with him, then rip him off for the money, and at the same time kill him and his friend and bury them. That would get us off from the sales charges, and they would make money and get rid of the cops. They had two graves dug. It turned into a shootout in National City, and a cop got shot in the back, but nobody got killed. They postponed my trial for four weeks until the officer that got shot was able to come and testify. Well, he came into the courtroom all taped up, and the DA asked him if I knew the people that shot him. Right away he says yes. But my attorney objected, because this had no bearing on the case, so they struck that from the transcript. But the jury had already heard it, and they assumed I was the one behind it. Which I

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wasn't. So this is why I got so much time.

They brought me back to San Diego and released me on probation — I think just to clean up their mistakes durin' the trial, plus the heroin disappearin' from the evidence. I guess that's why the judge let me out.

I stayed out on probation six months, dealin' a lot of heroin, and using, runnin' heroin to L.A., and runnin' the border north out of Mexico. We had two women with us, and they would stick the heroin up inside of them, so if the car was searched, nothing would be found.

The AB makes a lot of money on drugs. I would venture that they make way over a million dollars a year on drugs alone. But I have no proof. There's a hierarchy organized sorta like the Army, with generals, colonels, and soldiers. The soldiers do most of the stuff and hardly see any of the money.

I used quite a bit of the drugs and ended up runnin' from my parole officer. They picked me up in El Cajon. Burglary, receiving stolen property, carrying a concealed weapon. Well, 1973 and I was back in prison again. I went to San Quentin, and from there I went to Soledad.

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There was quite a bit of violence between the AB members. Back then, most of the violence came from the Nuestra Familia and the Mexican Mafia. But then every-

one started killin' their own members, because of the money situation. Everybody wanted a piece, but most people didn't want to share what money they had.

While I was in there, this Spider, the one that got caught with the knives, was also in for a parole violation and weapons charges. One aspect of the AB is that everything is for the Aryan Brotherhood; if you've got personal interests, you better not let 'em influence your takin' care of business. 'Cause if you do, it's gonna cost you dearly. Spider wanted his own little money-makin' thing. He wanted to create his own organization by using his AB contacts, and they didn't agree with that at all. But he told 'em in so many words to kiss his ass.

The AB let him stay for ten months, and he was gettin' ready to go home. And then he was called to R&R to try on his dress-out clothes to make sure they fit. I think he had six days before he got

out. He came back from R&R and there were two AB members waiting. One of 'em was on the tier as a tier tender, name was Gordy, and when Spider came back, he walked past Gordy, and Gordy pushed him against the bars to Bill, another AB member who was in a cell. I was about four cells down and watched all this happen. Bill grabbed Spider by the hair and pulled his head against the bars, and Gordy stabbed him 63 times in the chest with a homemade knife. And Bill was stabbing him in the back. Spider was stabbed 84 times or something. He was dead before he was let go. They came in and picked him up, and his chest was just mush. And while Gordy and Bill had him on the ground, they spit on him and said, "Die, motherfucker." That's how cold-blooded some of these people are. Spider did go home, but he never knew it.

I went to Soledad Central soon after, and this was

when I started thinkin' I didn't want to be in the AB. They were killin' each other for no reason. Some guy would just want to make a little money for his family, and instead of lettin' him do it, they'd kill him. All that time they'd let him think that he was in good standing, and they'd wait until he was gettin' ready to go home before they did the killin'.

I was at Soledad Central with Juan Corona, Sirhan Sirhan, the Onion Field killers, all those guys. I got out in January of 1977 and moved to Oxnard and was packin' a lot of drugs to be picked up at my house and ran to Folsom Prison and San Quentin.

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I was sandin' floors for my dad. My wife at the time never questioned me. She knew I was doin' illegal things, but she let me do whatever I wanted to do. I was paid good, had quite a few cars, and furniture, I was doin' pretty good.

My sister's ex-husband Richard was a friend of mine, and the Aryan Brotherhood

asked me to kill him. Because that way they know you're loyal. They usually get a personal friend or family member to do it. Well, I refused to do the hit, and instead I warned him. At the time, he was in jail for possession of heroin, and I posted bail for him and brought him to my house in Oxnard.

I had three brand-new .357 magnum pistols that belonged to the AB, a half-ounce of heroin, four pounds of weed, and about \$3400 cash. The weed was mine, the rest belonged to the Aryan Brotherhood. I left the house for about two hours one day,

and when I came back, Richard had stolen everything except the weed.

This put me in a bad situation, because while it may have been him that did the actual rippin' off, it was my fault it happened because I had him in my home. Of course, I never explained this to the AB. All they knew was that they were out the drugs and the money. And the only way they could retaliate against somethin' like this was to make a hit on me.

If you rip 'em off, you're gonna get killed. If you snitch on 'em, they're gonna kill you, if they can find you. I figured I at least oughta get somethin' out of 'em, so what I did was call an AB connection in San Diego. I told her I have a guy here showing me the money, but he won't front it, and I don't want to bring a stranger to your house, but he wants eight ounces of heroin, and can I come pick it up, and Friday I will return and give you the money. At the time, I could get anything I wanted fronted to me without no money, because I always kept my word. I planned to sell the

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heroin and use the money to hide. I took the eight ounces of heroin and put eight ounces of lactose in it to make 16 ounces of stuff. But I eventually ended up using more myself than I'd planned on.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. I drove to San Diego, picked up the eight ounces of heroin, and went back to Oxnard. I packed all my stuff up and moved.

Three months go by, and there was an AB member from prison who moved down to Spring Valley. They called him German. Well, some motorcycle gang members got a hold of him. He had ripped off one of the AB connections for a half-ounce of heroin. I had ripped them off for *eight ounces*. They cut this guy's throat, tied a rope around his neck, and drug his body around a high school parking lot until his head popped off. So this sealed the fact that I was through with it completely. I had no choice. I was out of the Aryan Brotherhood, and I didn't want to run across any of its members for the rest of my life.

\* \* \*

I married my third wife in '78. She was pregnant. We went to the swap meet in Spring Valley, and I was doing dealings with a guy for some turquoise rings, and I looked up and there was an AB member, and one on each side a few yards away, staring at me. I recognized these guys instantly. So I knew that if I didn't get away, I was gonna die. I told my wife to go get in my truck and go home. She knew there might be people who wanted to get even with me. She never knew none of the illegal shit I did, but she knew I did do it.

Well, I ran out of the swap meet, down into a shopping center. They shot at me three times, but I ran, and I ended up standing next to the lemon in Lemon Grove, and I don't know how I got there. But they didn't catch me.

I took my pregnant wife to her mother's house, and we stayed there a couple days, and then I left. If something had happened to her and the baby, I wouldn't have been able to handle it. Everybody assumed that I left her because I didn't want her and I couldn't handle the

responsibilities of a child, which was as far from the truth as you can get.

I stayed out of jail until the last part of 1978, when I was arrested. I was charged with receiving stolen property and burglary. I went to

state prison again. Because of the AB contract out on me, I was in protective custody in Soledad for about three years, then Chino. I got out December 9, 1981. I moved to Ontario, up near Riverside, because every-

body I knew in San Diego was mixed up with the AB, and I didn't want to run across 'em. So I stayed in Ontario, met a woman, fell in love with her. I'm still with her. We moved to Phoenix for ten months, then I came

back to San Diego. San Diego drew me like a magnet. I started using drugs again. All the AB members in San Diego was in jail. So the people I was getting the drugs from weren't after me. As long as they could make

money off me, they would leave me alone. That was the Mexican Mafia.

I dealt in drugs with 'em for a while, then I was picked up for petty theft. I stole a pack of meat from Food Basket. With my criminal record,

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it was turned into petty with a prior and made a felony. I went to prison, in Vacaville.

Before I went to Vacaville, there was a killing in San Diego involving the Mexican Mafia. Three members killed three other Mexicans in a body shop in Chula Vista. There was supposed to have been cash and drugs, but all that was ever gotten was an ounce of heroin. Three people were executed gangland style, their hands tied behind their backs, and they were shot in the back of the head. The fourth person ran from the scene after bein' stabbed in the back of the leg and shot in the back.

These three Mexican Mafia members who did the killing were people I was dealin' drugs with in May 1985. After I was arrested, the San Diego gang squad from the sheriff's office asked me if I knew where these

members of the Mexican Mafia might be. Well, two of 'em I said were prob'ly in L.A., and they were arrested there about five months later. The other member was s'posed to be in Mexico. But he stayed right here in San Diego and dealt drugs for close to a year. Somebody finally turned him in for a \$1000 reward.

While I was in Vacaville, the Special Service Unit from the California Department of Corrections, the correctional gang cops, asked if I'd be willin' to talk to homicide. The killin's happened at night, and the morning prior, I had seen the Mexican Mafia members, and I'd seen the weapons and the knife. They told me, "We can promise you that you'll get to go to work furlough, and you'll get out and be released if you cooperate." So I said all right, I'd talk to homicide.

San Diego homicide came up to see me. The reason I was in Vacaville was a medical reason. When they'd arrested me on the warrant for petty with a prior, they beat me up pretty bad. They kicked me in the groin, and I was in the hospital five times. So San Diego homicide comes to Vacaville, and I talked to the officer, and he said he was going to give the information to the district attorney, and if the DA thinks it's good, then would you be willing to talk to them? I said yeah, if I get out.

The attorney from the DA's office and his investigator talked to me for a couple hours. Put it all on tape. I gave information about the weapons and phone conversations. And the DA tells me, if we decide to use you in the trial, we'll call you down there. And what do

you want for doin' this? I told 'em I wanted to be released and I want protection and relocated with my family and start a whole new life. I don't want to be around none of this stuff no more. He says okay, we can't promise you nothin', but trust us, because we're not gonna screw you over.

A month later, they released my name under the discovery law to the attorneys for the Mexican Mafia members, which is the same as releasin' it to the Mexican Mafia. Well, those attorneys subpoenaed me, tryin' to intimidate me when they saw that the DA had me as a witness. The Mexican Mafia threatened my family, my wife, me, my brothers, my sister, everybody. They tried to get a guy to attack me on the roof of the county jail, where they have an exercise yard. Knives were bein'

moved, but luckily that day, I didn't wake up to go to the roof with everybody else.

The Mexican Mafia put money on my head, \$10,000 for anybody that kills me. So the district attorney moved me from the downtown jail to the South Bay jail. My release date was s'posed to be June 15 of this year. But by my helping the district attorney and cooperating and putting my life on the line and havin' this contract out on me, all I accomplished was I did 62 extra days. I didn't get out till August 15.

I can't go back to jail now, and I can't live on the wrong side of the law, which is good. But a lot of doors are closed to me because of my criminal record. And I try to turn to the right side of the law for help, but those doors are closed, too. Because the district attorney hasn't kept to anything he implied

he was gonna do. They haven't helped me at all, and I'm stuck in this situation. So my future's pretty much anybody's guess. But I'm not goin' back to jail, where I could be killed easier than I could be on the streets.

The trial is supposed to be in November, and from what I know, they're gonna call me to testify, but what am I gonna get for it? I've already done my time, I can't get out of jail for doin' it. As far as my safety, they're not givin' me any funds to even have a place to live. Right now, there are very few places I can go to feel safe. I'm sittin' down here by the ocean, lookin' out the front window of my car as I record this. I can only wait until November and find out what they're gonna do. In the meantime, all I can do is try to stay alive. ■

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Viognier is a tough word (though a server should know something about the wines they are serving), but when I received the same blank stare and bafflement when I ordered a glass of the Beaujolais, I knew the night had not gotten off on a good foot.

Twenty minutes after we ordered our glasses of wine we saw them sitting on the bar, undelivered. Finally, after 30 minutes (yes, things were so bad that we

had started checking our watches), our wine arrived. The rest of the evening, service-wise, was equally dismal. As I said, it was one of the worst experiences I have ever had in a restaurant, though I will say that the food (other than the dessert) was quite enjoyable.

Finally, I would just like to add that I find that Naomi Wise's reviews quite often parallel my own experiences — more so than any of the other San Diego food critics — so I very much value her opinions and well-written reviews. Thank you, Naomi, and

keep up the good work!  
Tom Rogers  
via e-mail

## City Heights Heaven

While I missed the October 4 article referred to in last week's letter (October 18) from Pat Wilson regarding life in City Heights, I have to argue somewhat with the idea of "City Heights Hell" ("More San Diego Neighborhoods," "City Heights Hell," October 4). Yes, there are some parts of the area that I wouldn't want to live in, but when I went looking for affordable (to me) San Diego property nine years ago, I was glad to find a house on a large lot, set on a canyon, for a great price. Moving here from Del Mar took some cultural adjustment, but it has proven to be fine, and I appreciate the diversity found here much more than I did the all-white, polo-shirted environment I came from. Yes, there are some issues, but mainly what you find around here are folks who still have the family values that are lacked by, and called for so much by, mainstream America.

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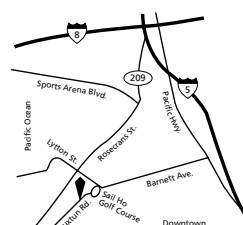
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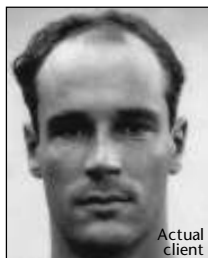
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Dan Reznick  
via e-mail

### Commitment To Defend

This is in response to Kathleen Feeley's letter (October 18). The headline on my September 27 letter, "Freedom Requires Guns," was chosen by the editor. My words were "freedom isn't free." There's a differ-

ence there. She and I obviously have very different ideas about things. I'm disabled and alone a lot of the time. I really like the idea that I can defend myself, even though I'm unable to do so physically. I do see a lot of the point in some of the things she says, but various people have various needs. I see that she has gotten married. Congratulations. Freedom does not require guns — that headline was not my words. But freedom does require a commitment to defend.

P.S. We have lost several family friends to gun vio-

lence. So that has not changed my opinion that I need to defend my own self. On the contrary, it has reinforced it.

Dale Anne Thompson  
Clairemont

### Water, Water Everywhere

Matt Potter ("Not far from the tree," "Breaking News," October 11) has led us to have misgivings regarding what goes on behind closed doors at city hall today; for example, lack of enforcement regarding state legislation which requires that all large developments guarantee water will be available for 20 years. Moreover, it seems that builders and developers continue to pull the strings at city hall, which, apparently, they have been doing from at least 1961 to present. Two recent examples would be the Soledad Mountain landslide and three related water main breaks on October 4, 2007. The first and largest break was on Ingraham Street near SeaWorld, and there were two related water main breaks in nearby Pacific Beach. (On October 14, a "seemingly significant" wa-

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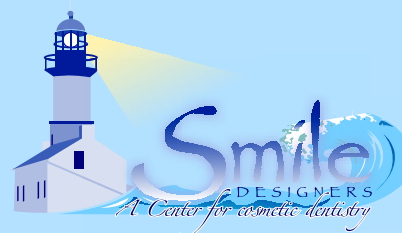
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ter main break occurred on nearby West Point Loma Boulevard.)

The grandmas are suggesting that the city's water infrastructure needs to be replaced, and as the city replaces its crumbling water mains, that they should lay a purple-pipe delivery system at the same time. It seems to us that it would be much easier to sell a product such as reclaimed water if the delivery system were already in place instead of trying to sell the reclaimed water and then build the delivery system after the sale.

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tioning, construction, industry, fire protection, and environmental enhancement could substitute for fresh water traditionally used for such purposes. Many such systems are now operating in California and elsewhere in the United States. Most systems have to be retrofitted, which is more costly than installing reclaimed water lines in new areas as they are being developed and/or redeveloped.

In Irvine, all new areas are obliged to be served with both potable (for drinking) and nonpotable (reclaimed water) water-distribution systems, and all high-rise buildings are required to furnish reclaimed water for toilet flushing and air-conditioning. Furthermore, the treatment is conventional and considerably lower in cost than making reclaimed water acceptable for drinking.

San Jose and Santa Clara had to reduce wastewater discharge into San Fran-

cisco Bay. They installed a large reclaimed-water-distribution system and signed up customers who wanted to be drought proof. Water reclamation is a viable option. However, the reclaimed water need not be a part of our drinking water supply.

Revolting Grandmas  
Mary Quartiano  
Muriel Watson  
Spokespersons

### America's Smartest City

Joe Deegan's recent article on "San Diego smarts" ("America's Smartest City," "City Lights," October 4) is superb evaluation and writing. The summary toward the finish should be must reading. It is precise, insightful, and a service to us all.

James Rathbun  
via e-mail

### Mozart The Mason

I enjoyed Jeff Smith's review of *Cadenza: Mozart's Last Year*, staged by the Van-

tage Theatre. While I agree with him that Rhys Greene's portrayal of Mozart is extraordinary, I also enjoyed the shift in time and space that the playwright, Robert Salerno, put into the play's second half. The connection between the secret society of Freemasons to which Mozart belonged, Ben Franklin (also a Mason), and the 11th dimension of string theory clicked for me. Once again, the Van-tage Theatre has given us the kind of avant-garde originality that brings extra life to the San Diego theater scene.

Richard Kornbluth  
via e-mail

### Thinking Man's Mozart

Your reviewer must have caught Robert Salerno's *Cadenza: Mozart's Last Year* on a bad night. It went off flawlessly when I saw it. There were a lot of ideas touched on in the second act, but what's wrong with

a show that makes you think? I saw glimpses of brilliance.

Phil DeMuth  
via e-mail

### Comments from Reader Website

### City Lights, by Joe Deegan Published October 17

Posted by La Playa Heritage on 10/17/07, 7:21 p.m.

The same kind of tactics were used in the meeting minutes of the Peninsula Community Planning Board this summer. This is getting to be a pattern. At least the City has stopped allowing the city council meetings on City TV 24 to be edited for content. In the past, for contentious matters the broadcast used to be edited before being uploaded to the website sometimes weeks after first airing. When asked why the videos were not available, the answer was always "Technical Difficulties." We formally complained, City TV got smart,

and now uploads the video to City Council meetings within hours of adjournment. Now, it is harder to mess with the video and public records. But not impossible.

Posted by Stephen on 10/18/07, 12:16 p.m.

I listened to the public hearing and it was obvious to me that Ms. Frye did not have the required legal findings necessary for the public record at the July 31st hearing. She requested more time (the continuance) in order to bring them back for consideration. How can the City Attorney advise the City Council that they can vote on any item without a complete administrative record? The confusion comes from the City Attorney providing a flawed, if not illegal, motion for City Council consideration. Following this motion would prevent the public from examining the full administrative record before the decision is rendered as

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well as allow the public record to be written "after the fact". I commend the City Clerk for her efforts to get this legally correct. A more experienced attorney would understand the importance of the administrative record and that it cannot be supplemented months after the decision.

*Posted by Sherri on 10/19/07, 9:43 p.m.*

Regardless of how the motion might be interpreted, the question remains: did Scott Peters and the City Clerk conspire to delete the part of the motion they did not like — the part about granting the appeal? If so, is that a crime?

*Posted by SDFan on 10/19/07, 10:21 p.m.*

I do think it would be important for people who care to watch the video —

and, yes, if you have problems sleeping it might help! In watching the proceedings, what Mr. Peters seems concerned about is that the council in denying the project might result in a "takings" situation (see here for basic info: [wikipedia.org/wiki/Regulatory\\_taking](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Regulatory_taking)), which should be a serious concern for all government entities.

#### Sheep and Goats Published October 17

*Posted by oceans on 10/19/07, 11:31 a.m.*

This was a great message. McLaren has some amazing books that really cause you to reconsider what you thought you knew and believed and dig deeper in your heart for truth. Very glad that he came to speak at Mission.

#### City Lights, by Don Bauder

*Posted by Watcher on 10/18/07, 1:01 p.m.*

The city's history of preventing seismic disasters is miserable at best, for the reasons you outline in your article. As the same time the city is facing millions in liabilities on Mt. Soledad, the city council and CCDC are doing their best to ignore the fact that the same active Rose Canyon Fault that runs beneath Mt. Soledad runs south under our downtown bayfront. Yet CCDC and the city council are about to allow Doug Manchester to build a huge office and hotel complex on liquifiable soils over an active earthquake fault, in direct violation of state law.

*Posted by fumber on*

*10/18/07, 6:45 p.m.*

one of the first things you learn in anger management is that a cycle of blame never accomplishes anything...you must live in the solution... D.B. i challenge you to propose a solution in each and EVERY response posted in this forum

*Reply by Don Bauder:* For financially teetering San Diego there is one solution: drink. That is something I quit doing more than 30 years ago, however, so I can't join you in drowning your sorrows.

*Posted by Julia on 10/18/07, 8:10 p.m.*

I think Don has proposed solutions. People have to get out and vote the crooked bastards out of office. I have to say that while I frequently read Don's col-

umn in print, I clicked on a link from a post in the UT. Though the editorial staff of that rag will never again give Don any credence, his faithful readers still do. Give 'em hell, Don.

*Posted by Julia on 10/18/07, 8:12 p.m.*

ps Why don't you write for the VoSD?

*Reply by Don Bauder:* Because I enjoy writing for the Reader. And I would guess the Voice doesn't approve of my strong views,

either.

*Posted by Tony St. John on 10/19/07, 4:05 a.m.*

Interesting reply to Julia about VOSD Don, they have become subservient to the U-T establishment and have thus ceased to be the "Voice" that their name implied.

*Reply by Don Bauder:* I still read the Voice, and find interesting articles in it, but it is disappointing that it has become an establishment tool. It does not

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offer as much of the alternative viewpoint as it initially promised. Kowtowing to donors is probably the reason.

*Posted by dannyboy on 10/19/07, 11:02 a.m.*

Interesting how the VoSD was so promising initially. Now there are republicans blogging saying they are democrates. I call them truth/inverters. You know the kind of lobbyists whom write a proposition that a no vote means yes.

Great job Don glad you are still here.

*Reply by Don Bauder:* Obfuscating a political or financial document is why lawyers are hired. Journalists try to make a complex scam understandable. Lawyers, with help from accountants, practice Reverse Shakespeare: their job is to make a simple act of larceny impossible to comprehend. This is one of the reasons the council gave away NTC to McMillin. Promises were

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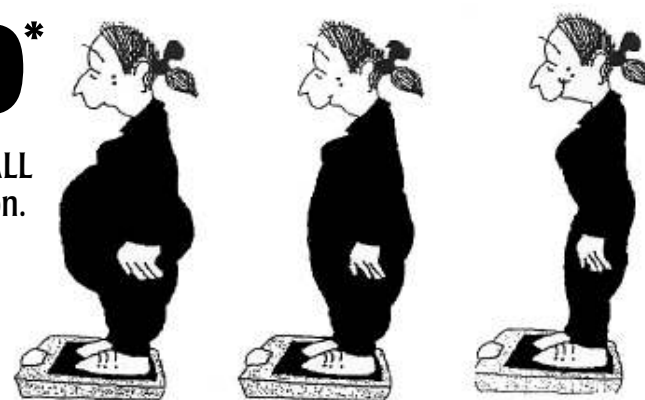
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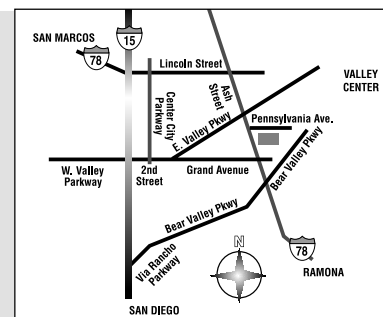
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# Design Trumps Function

## Handweavers' Guild Demo

**W**eavers are more at ease, more laid back maybe, and very patient — warping a loom can take four to six hours,” says Palomar Handweavers’ Guild member Lynn Ely. “Everyone is so hypered out now in today’s times; our lifestyle is so hurried. Everything has to happen at a moment’s notice; everyone’s walking around with a cell phone stuck to their ear. Weaving is relaxing and contemplative and very therapeutic. You’re creating something with your own hands that you designed with your own mind, and the finished product is rewarding.”

### LOCAL EVENTS

On Saturday, October 27, the Palomar Handweavers’ Guild will host a weaving and spinning demonstration at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery, where work created by guild members has been on exhibit since early September. According to Mimi Loutrel, the guild’s program chair, it’s not speed, but creativity, that makes a great weaver.

“Creativity is a very general term — it might include use of color and use of new ideas, like maybe taking an old idea and giving it a new twist,” says Loutrel. For some woven objects, design trumps function. “We have members who are basketmakers. When you think of a basket, you think of a round object with a handle that you can put things in. But basketry goes way beyond that — there are some that are not functional at all.” One member created a basket without working handles, “but handle-like straps that go from one side to the other, and it wasn’t even closed at the bottom.”

Loutrel liked this design because it was “different.”

“There’s a lot of math and a lot of planning ahead before anyone weaves,” says Ely. She has recently begun to weave small tapestries using beads. For one recent two-inch-by-eight-inch beaded project, Ely began by drawing an abstract shape onto graph paper. “I used colored pencils that matched the colors of beads I had chosen, then changed my drawing into digital form, so to speak, by putting it on bead graphic paper, or graphic paper that matches the [size of the] beads. You can relate the bead-weaving to pixels on a screen — when a weaver plans out a design or pattern to be woven, they are doing it on graph paper, blocking it all out in colors they’ve chosen. Each little block in there [represents] a space of yarn.”

“We can take fleece that’s been shorn off a sheep, wash it, spin it to make yarn to knit with or weave with, and felt it,” says Loutrel. After knitting a basic bag, such as a purse, Loutrel “tossed it in the washing machine to shrink it up,” or felt it. “When you felt it, it becomes a much denser fiber,” she explains. “People don’t always realize where yarn comes from or where cloth comes from. That shirt or dress worn out of woven cloth, before they had machines to do this, this was done on a loom by somebody. I talked to one gentleman who explained that when he was a boy, if the children in his family wanted a pair of socks they had to knit one. This was in the ’20s or ’30s, not that long ago. Kids these days think, New pair of socks, go to Wal-Mart.”

Bill Rafnel, a resident of Oceanside, has

been weaving rugs as art for over 30 years. One of his creations, a red-and-gold rug, is hanging at the exhibition. In an interview with KPBS in 1997, Rafnel said, “I don’t believe weaving’s just for women. It’s for anyone.” Loutrel agrees. “If you look at our membership, there are more women than men, but our current president is a skilled weaver, and he has been weaving all his life. It may be socially easier [for women] because it’s cultural. Mothers taught their daughters to knit and told their sons to go out and Dad will teach you how to run the farm.”

Ely uses a small bead loom (a wooden frame with small bowls built in to hold beads), which range from 6 inches by 10 inches for around \$30 to 12 inches by 18 inches for around \$60. Table looms and tapestry looms can run upwards of \$1000.

All looms, Ely explains, have the same

basic construction. “I’ve come across adults who don’t realize that any loom — it can be a small loom, a large loom, or a floor loom — they all have warp and weft. The weft [horizontal threads also known as ‘woof’] crosses the warp [vertical threads] under-over-under-over, and that’s what holds the whole thing together.”

— Barbarella

### Weaving and Spinning Demonstration

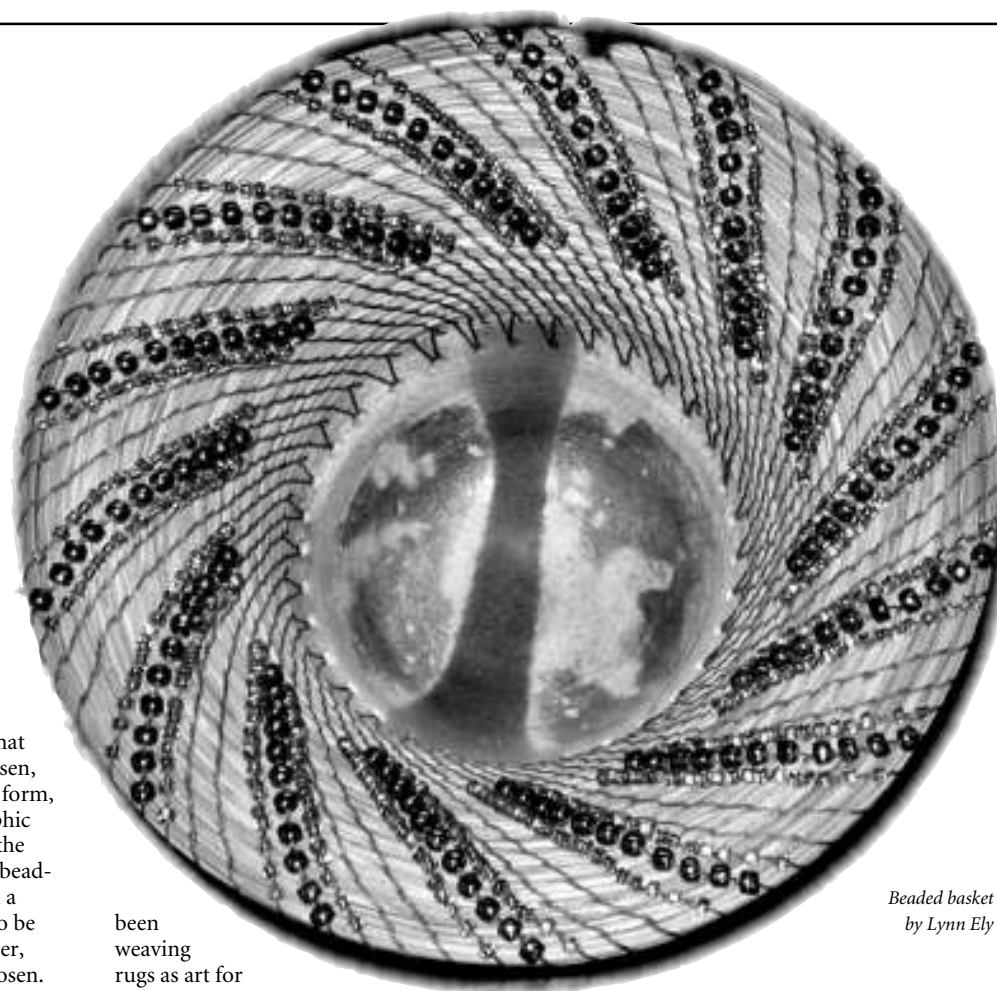
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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

Events that are underlined occur after November 1.

**HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING:** Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

## BAJA

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

**“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)

**Mascabrothers Show** — Germán and Freddy Ortega plan comedy show, Thursday, October 25, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$10 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Mexicali Bike Ride**, this 240k bike ride runs Friday, October 26, through Sunday, October 28. Details: 011-52-686-568-3025. (MEXICALI)

**Rosarito Beach Jazz Festival** runs Friday–Sunday, October 26–28, at Rosarito Beach Hotel. 011-52-661-628-2078. (ROSARITO BEACH)

**International Beer Festival** featuring beers from all over the world, music, food, entertainment, starts Friday, October 26, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Caliente Race Track.

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

Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2) snakes along the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains, offering always impressive and sometimes stupendous views of thousands of square miles worth of Southern California real estate, mountain and desert wilderness spaces, and a big slice of the Pacific Ocean. For months now, an upper section of the highway west of Wrightwood and Big Pines has been closed due to storm damage. Currently, however, motorists approaching from the west (La Canada/Pasadena) end of the highway can navigate as far as Islip Saddle, a drive of some 40 miles east from Interstate 210 at La Canada.



On the Angeles Crest

Only one mile short of the road closure at Islip Saddle, and just beyond the second of two highway tunnels, you'll come upon the Jarvi Memorial Vista, which honors Sim Jarvi, a former Angeles National Forest supervisor. This vista point also serves as the trailhead for the Sierra Alta Nature Trail. Due to its short length, the trail isn't much good for significant exercise, but it does feature interpretive plaques highlighting the local flora (ponderosa pines, Jeffrey pines, canyon live oaks, etc.), as well as calling attention to viewful features in various directions.

The trail perches over the upper tributaries of Bear Creek, where (yes) black bears do roam. The exceedingly rugged terrain just below and to the south (classified as the San Gabriel Wilderness) and additional equally rugged spaces to the east (the Sheep Mountain Wilderness) also harbor significant herds of Nelson bighorn sheep.

Clear-day views from the memorial vista and the trail can include the ocean, as well as Santa Catalina and San Clemente islands. The clearest weather of all is likely to take place from November through February. Winter snowfall, however, could result in a seasonal closure of upper Angeles Crest Highway starting in December or January. For the latest on road conditions, it is helpful to call the Caltrans information hotline (800-427-7623), and press “2” for information on Highway 2. Also be aware that during any exploration away from your

car, you'll need to display on your vehicle a National Forest Adventure Pass permit, which is widely available for purchase and valid in all four national forests of Southern California.

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

ness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

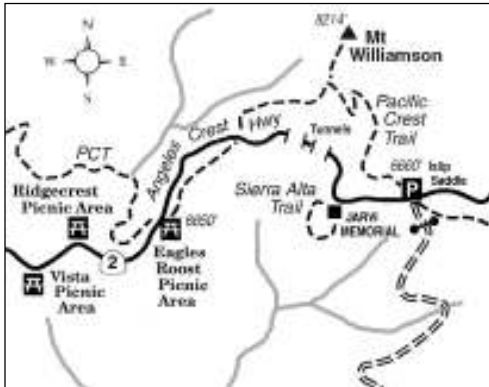
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Festival shifts to Avenida Revolución on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. 011-52-664-684-0481. (TIJUANA)

**Grupo Olodum** from Brazil plays samba, reggae, and drums on Friday, October 26, 8 p.m., at Centro Estatal de las Artes (CEARTE, at Boulevard Lázaro Cárdenas and Riviera Street, Ensenada). \$20 U.S. Concert repeats Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., at Cearte in Mexicali. 011-52-646-173-4307. (ENSENADA, MEXICALI)

**Juan Gabriel in Concert**, Friday, October 26, 9 p.m., at Nueva Ensenada *beisbol* playground. 011-52-646-178-2211. (ENSENADA)

**Car Racing in Mud** by stock and modified vehicles, Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28, at Rancho Las Delicias, Cañon Rosarito. Fee: \$25 per car. 011-52-664-283-2193. (ROSARITO BEACH)

**La Cascada Motocross Series** competition continues on Saturday, October 27, 8 a.m., at La Cascada Resort. 619-819-6323. (ROSARITO BEACH)

**“Danzopera,”** contemporary dance and famous aria operas performed by Minerva Tapia Company, Lux Boreal Company, Subterráneo Dance Contemporánea, Jorge Domínguez Dance Company, and Orchestra of Baja California on Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Café Tacuba** in concert, Saturday, October 27, 9 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. \$25 U.S. 619-734-2333. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

**Facundo Cabral in Concert**, Monday, October 29, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Maria de Barros** plans concert at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río) on Wednesday, October 31, 8 p.m. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**“La Trova, Maxima Expresion,”** enjoy songs by Fernando Delgadillo,

Alejandro Filio, and Mexicanto, Thursday, November 1, 9 p.m., at El Foro (#1500 Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

## OUTDOORS

**Autumn Color** in San Diego County's mountains reaches its greatest intensity in late October and early November. The forested heights of Palomar Mountain are especially colorful right now. Black oaks on Palomar's rolling uplands will be exhibiting bright yellow and brown hues for the next few weeks. Cuyamaca Reservoir, although hard hit by the 2003 Cedar Fire, remains a worthwhile leaf-peeping destination. The shimmering leaves of the Lombardy poplar, an Italian import that has taken root at the south end of the lake, delight the eye with their golden radiance.

**The Full Moon** (Thursday, October 25) will rise majestically (weather permitting) into the still-bright eastern sky just before the

time of sunset. It's a perfect time to take a late-afternoon/twilight “moon walk” and enjoy some of the last “Indian summer” weather we're likely to have during 2007. Folk names for the October moon include “blood moon,” “shedding moon,” “falling leaf moon,” and “moon of the changing season.”

**October's Lowest Tides**, coinciding with afternoon hours several days in a row, usher in several months of excellent tidepooling opportunities. A -1.2-foot tide occurs at 4:06 p.m. on Friday, the 26th; a -1.2-foot tide occurs at 4:56 p.m. on Saturday, the 27th; and a -1.0-foot tide occurs at 5:51 p.m. (near sunset) on Sunday, the 28th. The region's best-known places to view intertidal life include Cabrillo National Monument and areas up the coast from La Jolla Cove.

**Fall Migration Is Underway**, and Tom Troy leads basic birding program on Saturday, October 27, 8:30 a.m., at Buena Vista lagoon landing (2202 South Coast High-

way). Emphasis on identifying birds by sight and sound and using binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides. Free. Directions: 760-967-6915. (OCEANSIDE)

**Find Gold** — leaves and flowers, that is — during guided walk, Saturday, October 27, 8:30 a.m., at Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Audubon Society Bird Walk** in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

**Belmont Park Beach Cleanup** at Santa Clara Place hosted by San Diego Coastkeeper on Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 619-758-7743. (MISSION BEACH)

**Help Maintain a Nesting Site** for California least terns during volunteer work party, Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m., at Mariner's Point. Wear work clothes, bring work gloves, weeding tools if you have them. Free. Reservations and directions: 619-682-7211. (MISSION BAY)

**Visit Historic Oaks** and Kumeyaay grinding rocks during guided walks on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, October 27, 28, and 31, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Bizarre Trees**, cacti, and succulents featured when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll through desert garden, Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m., starting at Balboa Park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

**Discover South Escondido Boulevard** during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, October 27, starting at 11 a.m. at Fifth and Escondido Boulevard. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

**Birding Basics Class** planned by trail guide Winona Sollock at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center, Saturday, October 27, 1–2:30 p.m. Participants learn five simple techniques for identifying birds at a glance, how to use a field guide (bring yours if you have one). Free. Find visitors' center at One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

**Halloween Evening**, Wednesday, October 31, promises to be a dark one except where the city lights cast their glow. The moon

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**Birding at Santee Lakes** hosted by Audubon Society on Wednesday, October 31. Considerable hiking on level ground; moderately strenuous. Join group at 8 a.m. in parking area between first and second lakes within Santee Lakes Regional Park. Bring a scope if you have one. Directions: 619-692-3246. Vehicle day-use fee. (SANTEE)

**"Reptile Route,"** Reena Deutsch leads "Desert Exploration 101" for Anza-Borrego Institute, Thursday, November 1, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., at Tamarisk Grove Campground. Search for chuckwallas and other lizards along seven- to ten-mile moderately strenuous hike up Lizard Canyon and down Chuckwalla Wash. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

**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

**Learn to Swing Dance** during fall swing series beginning on Thursday, October 25, at La Jolla YMCA Firehouse (7877 Herschel Avenue). "Fast Lindy Made Easy" class for intermediate/advanced dancers (7 p.m.); "Lindy Timing and Connection" for beginners/intermediates (7 p.m.); take in "Bal-Swing Basics and Beyond" and "Lindy Basics for Beginners" at 8 p.m. Pay \$12 per class or \$40 for four weeks; fee includes admission to Firehouse social dances. No partners required. All ages. 858-395-6060. (LA JOLLA)

**Eerie Evening of Waltzes,** featuring haunting music for vintage couples' dancing, is Friday, October 26, in Casa del Prado room 207. Creepy cross-step waltz lesson: 7:30 p.m., followed by dance party (8–9:45 p.m.). Pirate and fantasy attire encouraged. All ages, abilities. Partners not required. Donation: \$1. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

**Flight Path** makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradancing, Friday, October 26, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' dance workshop: 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

**Argentine Tango Classes** taught every Friday, 9–10 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). No partner necessary. Free. 619-393-1974. (BAY PARK)

**USA Dance Ballroom Party** with wide variety of music, Saturday, October 27, at Synergy Dance Zone (7480 Miramar Road). Ballroom, Latin, swing, salsa, more. Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing from 8–11 p.m. All ages, ability levels, singles, couples. Casual dress. \$7. 760-525-5124. Fourth Saturday each month. (MIRAMAR)

**American Latin and Ballroom Dance Party,** Saturday, October 27, 8:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages.

Mambo lesson at 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

**"Fall Repertoire"** presented by San Diego Ballet with choreography by Javier Velasco, October 27 and 28, in Lyceum Theater at Horton Plaza. Program includes *Joplinesque*, *Jazz Suite #1*, *Carnival of the Animals*. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2:30 on Sunday. Tickets: \$36 general, \$18 students and children. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

**Halloween Monster Swing Jam IV** — swing dance costume party with costume contests, Saturday, October 27, 8:30 p.m.–1 a.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Beginning dance class. All ages. \$25. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

**Belly Dance Show** with Marianna, Saturday, October 27, at Caesar's Cafe (801 C Street). Show starts at 11 p.m.; Middle Eastern cuisine, DJ, open dancing after show. \$10. 619-234-8141. (DOWNTOWN)

**English Country Dancing** with calling by Janet, Pat, and Chris and music by Kathleen on Sunday, October 28, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). \$6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

**Bellydance Show** with Rajiin and Adelaide and "Mideast fusion music" by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Sunday, October 28, 8 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). \$10. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

## FILM

**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 *Island of the Sharks* (6 p.m.) and *Antarctica* (7 p.m.) on October 26. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**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)

**Dark and Troubling Things!** *Eraserhead* was David Lynch's 1977 directorial debut. Haven't seen the grotesque cult classic? It's showcased for fall film series, Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art

San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

**"Sleepy Hollow"** — starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci — screens Thursday–Saturday, October 25–27, for final installment of season of "Cinema under the Stars" at Tops (4040 Goldfinch Street). Screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. \$12.50. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

**The German Film Mostly Martha** (2002) is featured during International Film Series at MiraCosta College on Friday, October 26. See film at 1 p.m. in room 201 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue) and later at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. In German with English subtitles. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

**(Spooky) Movies before the Mast,** see *The Fog* (1980) on Friday, October 26, onboard the *Star of India*. Date night (for adults only) is followed by family screening of *Godzilla vs. the Sea Monster* on Saturday, October 27. Films are projected on special ship sails. Gates open at 7 p.m., with movie at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$13 general, \$8 for children 12 and younger. Find the *Star* at 1306 North Harbor Drive. Reservations: 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

**Eco-Film Extravaganza!** Zero Waste San Diego hosts screening of four environmental films on Saturday, October 27. Bill includes *An Inconvenient Truth* (11 a.m.); *Our Synthetic Seas* (1 p.m.); *Who Killed the Electric Car?* (2 p.m.); and *Trashed* (4 p.m.). Free. Point Loma Masonic Hall, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. 619-838-3109. (POINT LOMA)

**Howl-o-Ween Celebration in Celluloid!** *A Haunting We Will Go* and *The Live Ghost* are on tap when Saps at Sea Tent — local

A black and white advertisement for a Halloween Special. It features a silver sports car, likely a Ford Mustang, parked in front of a building. Above the car is a spider web with a spider. The text reads: "Halloween Special", "Call for details.", "Lic. TCP 18237 P", "ROYAL LIMOUSINE", "(619) 251-1899", "English · Spanish · Portuguese", and "www.aroyallimo.com".

A large advertisement for SeaWorld Costume Character Auditions. The top half features a collage of four SeaWorld characters: a penguin, a frog, a shark, and a bear. The text "SeaWorld® Costume Character AUDITIONS" is prominently displayed. Below the collage, the text reads: "Come be a part of the adventure. Energetic, Enthusiastic and Entertaining TEAM MEMBERS WANTED". It then states: "Auditions will be held on: Saturday Nov. 3 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Location: SeaWorld's on-site Adventure Camp facility". It provides contact information: "For further information please contact Amy Gregory at (619) 225-3242 or Amy.Gregory@SeaWorld.com". At the bottom, it says: "For more information on this or other auditions call the SeaWorld Audition Hotline at (619) 226-3607 or visit our Web site at SeaWorldSanDiegoAuditions.com". The SeaWorld logo and "ADVENTURE PARK San Diego" are at the bottom right. Small text at the bottom left reads: "SeaWorld San Diego is an Equal Opportunity Employer supporting a drug-free workplace. © 2007 Busch Entertainment Corp. All rights reserved."

A large advertisement for SkyDive San Diego. The top half features the SkyDive San Diego logo, which includes a stylized sun and the text "SKYDIVE San Diego". Below the logo, it says: "San Diego's oldest, largest operation". The main text reads: "Ask About Our \$59 DVD Special!". Below this, it states: "Some conditions may apply. Must be 18 years of age and weigh less than 230 pounds." The bottom half of the ad features a black and white photo of two people skydiving. The person in the foreground is a man wearing sunglasses and a striped shirt, giving a thumbs up. The person behind him is a woman, also giving a thumbs up. The text "Photo by Matt Lewis." is on the left side. At the bottom, it says: "619.216.8416 | SkyDiveSanDiego.com".

A large advertisement for Talent Update. The top half features a black and white photo of a woman, Chloe Goodrum, standing with her arms crossed. The text reads: "TALENT UPDATE", "Eighteen-year-old **Chloe Goodrum** from Mira Mesa was recently photographed in Montauk, New York by **Bruce Weber** exclusively for **Abercrombie & Fitch**." Below the photo, it says: "Happy Halloween", "We maximize potential without compromising health, values or education.", "No experience or fees required.", "Scott Copeland International CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT", "1255 Coast Blvd. La Jolla, CA 92037 Ph: 858-456-9189", and "www.scottcopelandtalent.com".



# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

chapter of Laurel and Hardy fans — meets on Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church (3902 Kenwood Drive). \$6. 619-417-9032. Wearing costumes is encouraged but not required. (SPRING VALLEY)

**“Wrestling with Angels:** Playwright Tony Kushner,” focusing on this “relentlessly creative spirit at work” from September 11, 2004, to the 2004 presidential election, may be seen on Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**“The Art of Digital Show Video Art Festival”** showcasing 18 films is Monday, October 29, 7 p.m., in Lyceum Theater Gallery in Horton Plaza. Films — selected by Neal Benezra, judge of “The Art of Digital Show” and director of San Francisco Museum of Modern Art — presented in high resolution with Canon SX6 Digital Projector. Free. 858-793-0900. (DOWNTOWN)

**Up for a “Juicy Mexican Romp”?** *7 Women, 1 Homosexual, and Carlos*, first-time director Rene Bueno’s 2005 film, screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. In Spanish with English subtitles. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

**“The Future of Food”** — documentary focusing on “how unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods have quietly made their way to consumers since 1994” screens Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m., at California Center of Sustainable Energy (8690 Balboa Avenue). Free. Required reservations: 619-414-1067. (KEARNY MESA)

**Buster Keaton Celebration** concludes for Carlsbad Library film series with *Speak Easily* (1932), Wednesday, October 31, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with “behind-the-scenes features.” Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

## LECTURES

**Solar Energy Week** hosted by California Center for Sustainable Energy includes Solar Conference 2007 on Thursday, October 25, 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., at San Diego Marriott Mission Valley (8757 Rio San Diego Drive). Explore “ever-changing landscape of solar legislation, trends, technologies, and economics with top industry and

government experts.” Free. 866-SDENERGY. (MISSION VALLEY)

**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)

**“Hunting Bushmasters in Costa Rica”** is intriguing title for slide-illustrated lecture by Don Schultz for San Diego Herpetological Society, Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 760-743-6044. (BALBOA PARK)

**“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)

**“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)

**“The Unbearable Lightness of Being,”** Kota Ezawa, an artist featured in “Animated Painting,” discusses his animated film projection for guest lecture series, Friday, October 26, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$12. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Birding the Bering Sea”** illuminated by adventurer and photographer John Top when Audubon Society gathers, Friday, October 26, 7 p.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-682-7211. (CLAIREMONT)

**Past, Present, and Future** of San Diego River Conservancy discussed by Ann Van Leer when Sierra Club gathers on Friday, October 26, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Center (3900 Vermont Street).

## OUT & ABOUT

**“FALL REPERTOIRE,”** San Diego Ballet at Lyceum Theater, Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28.

(SEE DANCE)



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Free. 619-299-1743, 619-585-3773. (HILLCREST)

**“Case Studies in British Isles Research”** presented by members of British Isles Genealogical Research Association, Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m.–noon, at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Members discuss their efforts, techniques. Free. 619-583-8352. (HILLCREST)

**Invigorate Your Nonfiction Career!** “Freelance Writers’ Boot Camp” led by journalists/authors Ken Kuhlken and Steven Saint, Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at Perelandra College (3434 Grove Street). Get skinny on query writing, fiction techniques in non-fiction, article basics, more. \$45. 760-529-4264. (LEMON GROVE)

**The Goals: Silence Inner Distracting Voices,** “to overcome doubt, fear, anxiety, and stage fright, and to truly experience the joy of music.” Barry Green, author of *The Inner Game of Music* leads workshop for singers and instrumentalists on Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., in San Diego State University’s School of Music and Dance, Rhapsody Hall (room 113). Fee: \$30 general, \$5 students. 619-260-7653. (SDSU)

**Celebrity Chef** Domenica Catelli — who has cooked for Oprah Winfrey, George and Barbara Bush, Thandie Newton — plans cooking demonstration on Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at Whole Food Market (8825 Villa La Jolla Drive). Catelli is author of *Mom-a-licious. Tasty. Easy. Healthy*. Free. 858-642-6700. (LA JOLLA)

**“Quick-Fix Meals for Everyday”** demonstrated by chef Carissa Seward, Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m., at Macy’s School of Cooking (in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$55. 888-424-3663. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Local Author and UCSD Professor Emeritus** Chalmers Johnson discusses his latest book, *Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic* when Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom meets, Saturday, October 27, 11:30 a.m., in community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 619-574-7674 or 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

**Día de los Muertos Workshop** hosted by Escondido Arts Partnership, Saturday, October 27, noon, at Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Nonmembers: \$15. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

**“Marumina Trabaho:** A History of Labor in Alaska’s Salmon-Canning Industry,” discussed by Ray Guimary — whose late brother Donald Guimary penned the memoir — Saturday, October 27, 1 p.m., at House of the Philippines (at Presidents Way and Pan American Plaza). Free. 619-804-8424. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Parrot Body Language”** translated during seminar hosted by Parrot Education and Adoption Center on Saturday, October 27, 1 p.m. “Parrot Safety” explored at 2:45 p.m. “Parrot Personalities” explained on Sunday, October 28, at 1 p.m., followed by look at “Feather Destructive Behavior” at 2:45 p.m.

Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Cen-

ter (1936 Quivira Way). \$15 per day. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**“The Age of Personal Space Flight Is Here”** according to Scott Borden, who speaks Saturday, October 27, 1:30 p.m., at San Diego Air and Space Museum. Borden is “an accredited space agent for Sir Richard Branson’s Virgin Galactic.” Included in regular museum admission (\$15 general). 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

**Chant the Yoga Sutras** with Kimberly Williams on Saturday, October 27, 2 p.m., at Ashtanga Yoga Center (1905 Calle Barcelona, suite 218). Workshop includes second chapter of Patanjali’s yoga sutras, chanted and discussed in a call-and-response format. Sanskrit alphabet will be reviewed, along with prayers of Ashtanga yoga tradition. \$40. Registration: 760-632-7093. (LA COSTA)

**“Chinese Woodblock Prints — The Story of an Ancient Art Form”** told by Xiaobing Tang, Saturday, October 27, 4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. Tang, USC professor of modern Chinese literature and culture, explores development of woodblock prints in China, as well as modern woodcuts. \$15 general. Reservations: 619-239-0003 X405. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Desert Moon Dreams”** presented by astronomer, photographer Dennis Mammana for “Desert Skies” lecture series hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors’ center amphitheater. Dress warmly; bring blanket seating, binoculars, and flashlight covered with red cellophane (to preserve night vision) if you have them. \$15. 760-767-4063. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

**“Copernicus, Cabrillo, Science, and San Diego History”** is topic when Ray Ashley of Maritime Museum of San Diego addresses Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, October 28, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

**“Twittering Sparrows:** Where the Game of Mahjong Really Came From, and How” is explored for 12 O’Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, October 29. “Is mahjong really as old as Confucius? Why are there so many ways of playing it?” Wayne Saunders dispels some fallacies about the game. \$8. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Messianic Expectation in the Dead Sea Scrolls”** is subject for John Collins of Yale University, Monday, October 29, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**“International Intervention** in Humanitarian Crises” addressed by Gillian Sorensen of United Nations Foundation, Monday, October 29, 7 p.m., in ERC Great Hall on UCSD’s main campus. Sorensen will discuss “how to balance issues of sovereignty with humanitarian and human rights values.” Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

**“ID Protection,”** learn to take control of your personal information during financial workshop on Tuesday, October 30, 11:30 a.m., hosted by San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union (9212 Balboa Avenue). Free. 619-278-5724. (KEARNY MESA)

**“Nutrition Solutions** for Common Challenges During Treatment” is subject for Vicki Newman, R.D., Wednesday, October 31, 1:30 p.m., at Moores UCSD Cancer Center (3855 Health Sciences Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-822-2236. (LA JOLLA)

**“La Roma Imaginaria del Neoclásico”** is topic when Maria Montserrat Sánchez Soler, art history professor at Universidad Autonoma de Baja California and Anahuac National University, speaks for Art in the Afternoon lecture series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, November 1, 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. Lecture is in Spanish. (BALBOA PARK)

**Anti-Racist Author, Activist, Professor** Robert Jensen takes part in moderated discussion focusing on his book *Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism, and White Privilege*, Thursday, November 1, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Conversation hosted by Juvenile Court and Community Schools’ Excellence Comes in All Colors Team and City of San Diego followed by discussion. Free. 619-573-6330. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Anza-Borrego 101”** clinics offered by Adventure 16 on Thursday, November 1, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374), and on Thursday, November 8, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Free clinics start at 7 p.m. (MISSION VALLEY, OCEANSIDE)

**“From Barn to Cyberspace,”** the “History Alive” series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society continues with program on Thursday, November 1. Panel discussion focuses on history, future of Lemon Grove School District, with speakers including current superintendent of schools, former cafeteria ladies, teachers, elderly residents who were students long ago. Program begins at 7 p.m. at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive). Nonmembers: \$2. 619-460-4353, 619-890-5901. (LEMON GROVE)

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Clairemont Town Council meeting, Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., in cafeteria at Clairemont High School (4150 Ute). Free. 858-831-9555. (CLAIREMONT)

**"The Study of Cycads,"** acclaimed cycad experts offer walking tour, general introduction to cycad family and brief history of species during next certification class series on Thursdays, November 1-15, 7 p.m., and Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Nonmembers: \$100. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

**"Wars Without Protest,"** Mike Davis focuses on "U.S. Interventions across the Muslim World" during talk on Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., at City Heights Recreation Center (4380 Landis Street). "Davis argues that the antiwar movement must address the real scope of the so-called 'war on terror' and the Bush administration's embrace of an essentially Victorian strategy of global power." Davis is author of *In Praise of Barbarians, Planet of*

*Slums, Late Victorian Holocausts*, many other books. Free. 760-942-3956. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**"How We Choose to Live:** No Simple Answers" is theme for panel discussion with Robert Quigley (architect), Ruth Wallen (UCSD ecological artist), Mike Davis (history professor UC Irvine) for "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street) on Thursday, November 1, 7:30 p.m. How do public policies affect art, architecture, and land use as natural environment changes? Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

## IN PERSON

**Experience the Magic of Live Theater** when "Free Night of Theater" continues through Friday, November 2. Theaters around San Diego County participate. Haven't been to a play in years? Remedy that! Details: 619-238-0700. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

**Based on Shi Shi's True Story,** Ruth Todd Evans, M.D., has written her children's book *The Panda Who Would Not 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.

Evans will also discuss, sign books on Sunday, October 28, 3 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (ENCINITAS, DEL MAR)

**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.

Busy on Thursday? The duo presents "Looking Across the Water III," Sunday, October 28, 4 p.m., in New Music Hall at Rancho Bernardo High School (13010 Paseo

Lucido). Donation. 858-451-9117. (SAN MARCOS, RANCHO BERNARDO)

**"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)

**Evening with the Experts** series promises author Richard Lederer discussing his new book, *Presidential Trivia*, Friday, October 26, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Miramar College (10440 Black Mountain Road). Lederer is author of more than 30 books about language and humor, including his *Anguished English* series. Free. 858-536-7876.

Lederer will also discuss his new book on Sunday, October 28, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. 858-538-8158.

The busy Lederer plans appearance on Thursday, November 1, 1 p.m., at College Avenue Senior Center (inside Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4855 College Avenue). \$4 nonmembers. 619-583-3300. (MIRA MESA, SCRIPPS RANCH, COLLEGE AREA)

**Harmonic Sound Concert** and light show by "sound healer, recording artist, and author" Diane Mandle using Tibetan bowls, moon and wind gongs, other "sacred instruments," Friday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). Bring a mat to recline on. \$20. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

**Horror and Suspense Author** Sarah Langan signs *The Missing* for "Spooky Reads Celebration" on Friday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**"The Unmaking of Americans: Seven Lives"** will be signed, dis-



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<p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> "Rock Concert" with Richie Kotzen <i>(Former lead guitarist of Poison and Mr. Big and 2006 solo opener for Rolling Stones.)</i></p>	 Corbin Bleu "High School Musical" Grand Marshal	 Erik Estrada Honorary Parade Grand Marshal	 Drake Bell ABC's "Drake & Josh"	 Kimberlin Brown "Young and Restless"	 Duane Chapman A&E's "Dog The Bounty Hunter"	 Bobby Coleman "Must Love Dogs," Sci-Fi's "Surface"	 Diego Diego Recording Artist	 Greg Grunberg ABC's Hit Series "Heroes"
<p><b>12:00 p.m.</b> "Pre-Parade Show" Featuring Katharine McPhee and Drake Bell <i>(Also Chantelle Paige, Monet, and Young Americans)</i></p>	 Richie Kotzen Recording Artist	 Eva La Rue CBS's "CSI Miami"	 Mario Lopez ABC's "Dancing with the Stars"	 Kyle Massey Disney's "Cory in The House"	 Jesse McCartney Recording Artist	 Katharine McPhee "American Idol," Recording Artist	 Monet Recording Artist	 Emily Osment Disney's "Hannah Montana"
<p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> "California Dreaming" 61st Annual Mother Goose Parade <i>(A spectacular event.)</i></p>	 Chantelle Paige Recording Artist	 Ehren Ramirez "Napoleon Dynamite"	 Adam Rodriguez CBS's "CSI Miami"	 Roselyn Sanchez CBS's "Without a Trace"	 John Schneider "Smallville," "Dukes of Hazzard"	 Ricky Ullman Nickelodeon's "Phil of the Future"	 Robert Wagner ABC's "Hope & Faith"	 Devon Werkheiser Nickelodeon's "Ned's Declassified"

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LOCAL EVENTS

cussed by San Diego author Mel Freilicher, Friday, October 26, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Book “sketches the complex and in some cases tragic lives of Dorothy Dandridge, Bettie Page, Joey Stefano, Margaret Sanger,” others. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

**Cantate!** Point Loma Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble in recital, Friday, October 26, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Listen for classical, jazz, Broadway music. Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

**John Stewart** plans concert for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, October 26, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORTH PARK)

**Deconstructing the Notion of Race** in America, “N\*W\*C\*” hits stage at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard) on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 8 p.m. Piece “tells the powerful real-life stories of three young men from different ethnic backgrounds, using drama, hip-hop, slam poetry, and stand-up comedy.” \$25. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**“Back to the Garden: A Musical Tribute”** — retrospective on “music and era” of Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young by Cactus Twang & Whyte and Grano & Nash on Saturday, October 27, 7:24 p.m., at Seaside Center for Spiritual Living (1613 Lake Drive). Guests include Eve Selis, Berkley Hart, Peter Bolland. General admission: \$15

in advance, \$20 at door; VIP seating: \$30. 760-505-3861. (ENCINITAS)

**Chirgilchin Throat Singers** from Tuva perform Saturday, October 27, 11:30 a.m., at Ken Theater (4061 Adams Avenue). “Throat singing is difficult to describe; it is produced by resonating low sounds in the throat, creating a middle note and a haunting, flutelike harmonic.” \$25 tickets include postconcert reception. 619-284-2477. (KENSINGTON)

**“Action! Memoirs of a Spectator: The Films of John Ford”** discussed by Jose Tasende, Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

**Concert of Philippine Dances and Music** presented by Samahan Philippine Dance Company on October 27 and 28 at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). The 33rd annual recital boasts “dances and lively music of the Rondalla and the Kulintang Music Ensembles.” Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$15 general, \$12 for students, seniors. 619-444-7528. (ROLANDO)

**Legendary Jazz Ambassador** Marian McPartland brings her trio to Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue) for concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m. She’s host of NPR’s *Marian McPartland’s Piano Jazz* program. \$35–\$65. 858-459-3728. (NORTH PARK)

**“Tour Celestial 2007”** — Mexican popsters RBD take stage, Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$45, \$75, \$120, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

**Percussionist** Ross Karre performs for fall concert series, Sun-

OUT & ABOUT

**MOHAN VEENA?**  
Harry Manx for  
AcousticMusicSanDiego,  
Thursday, October 25.

(SEE IN PERSON)



day, October 28, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free; tickets given out beginning at 1 p.m. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

**Who Has Run or Hiked Thousands of Miles** of trails throughout California, the Southwest, and Mexico; written 14 books including *Afoot and Afield in San Diego County*; and writes a weekly column for the *San Diego Reader*? It’s Jerry Schad, who speaks for Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve, Sunday, October 28, 5:30 p.m., outdoors at Stone World Bistro (1999 Citracado Parkway). Schad will present photographs of his explorations of San Diego County’s geographical regions, discuss recreational opportunities available locally for those interested in walking, hiking. Artist Julie Schneider Ljubenkov will have original watercolors and limited-edition prints of her work on display. Bring a chair or pillow. Free. 760-471-4999. (ESCONDIDO)

**The Klezmatics** — Grammy Award winners in 2007 for best contemporary world music album — plan concert, Sunday, October 28, 7 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2891 University Avenue). Tickets: \$36, \$41. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

**Mini-Concert** on Monday, October 29, promises Coral MacFarland Thuet. Music starts at noon in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

**Afro-Cuban Music and Dance** by Francisco Aguabella for world music concerts on Monday, October 29, starting at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. \$10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Francis Thumm’s New Musical Play, Tijuana Burlesque**, has workshop reading presented by Sledgehammer Theatre, Monday, October 29, 7 p.m., at Tenth Avenue Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue). Reading will include live music and songs

composed by Thumm, performed concert-style as part of reading. Brief discussion follows reading. Free. 619-544-1484. (DOWNTOWN)

**Neuroscientist and Musician** Daniel Levitin discusses, signs *This Is Your Brain on Music*, Monday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**“The Young Man From Atlanta”** by Horton Foote is showcased by Carlsbad Playreaders on Monday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Play is directed by Francis Gerke, features members of New Village Arts Acting Ensemble. \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**“Vision of Eternity,”** original play written and directed by Simone Edwards presented by Woman at the Well Productions on Wednesday, October 31, every hour on hour from 6–10 p.m., at Church of Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith (4101 48th Street). “Do you know what happens after you die? Are you sure?” Free. 619-282-0277. (SAN DIEGO)

**“Halloween with David Sedaris”** — dress for fun when David Sedaris appears for UCSD’s ArtPower series on Wednesday, October 31, 8 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Among his books: *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, *Naked*, and *Me Talk Pretty One Day*. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. in “favorite pest” costume for contest; top five costumes selected by panel will be voted on by audience just prior to the reading. Tickets: \$30, \$36, \$42, available at 858-534-TIXS. (DOWNTOWN)

**Community and World Literary Series** at CSU San Marcos continues with literary reading by poet K. Silem Mohammad, author of *Deer Head Nation* and other

books. Reading begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, in Grand Salon (Room 113) of M. Gordon Clarke Field House; find campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Reading is free, parking is not. 760-750-8077. (SAN MARCOS)

**“How Great Is Our God” Tour** with Chris Tomlin and speaker Louie Giglio hits Rock Church (2277 Rosecrans Street), Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m. \$27. 877-840-0457, 408-369-8222. (SPORTS ARENA)

**Inspirational Music** by Ray Sidney and Firm Soundation promised during First Thursday Concert in Escondido Library’s Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street) on November 1, 7 p.m. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

**Private Investigator** Anthony Perrin has nearly 45 years of experience in investigative work, which he’ll discuss for Sisters in Crime on Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1010 University Avenue). \$3. 858-748-6842. (HILLCREST)

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**“To Kill a Mockingbird”** presented by actors of San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, November 1–10. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 3; and 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 10. \$7. Find campus at 2425 Dusk Drive. 619-475-8556 (PARADISE HILLS)

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**Former White House Economic Policy Director** Todd Buchholz discusses his latest book, *New Ideas from Dead CEOs: Lasting Lessons from the Corner Office* for San Diego Jewish Book Fair, Thursday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Booksigning follows. \$15.50. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

**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 Fall Festival II Horse Show** continues through Sunday, October 28, beginning at 8 a.m. each day at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Evening events begin at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Young Jumper Classics, Friday, October 26, 7 p.m.; \$25,000 Del Mar Fall Festival II Grand Prix on Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m. Ticket information: 949-496-4064. (DEL MAR)

**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)

**Spooktacular People Pet Walk**, Saturday, October 27, hosted by Helen Woodward Animal Center (6461 El Apajo Road). Enjoy one- or two-mile walk with your favorite animal companion (9 a.m.), animal costume contest (10:30 a.m.), family-friendly haunted house and fright zone (8 a.m.-noon). Registration: 7:30 a.m. Free. 858-756-4117. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Alzheimer's Association** Memory Walk 2007 starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Registration at 7:30 a.m. Donation.

North County Memory Walk '07 is Sunday, October 28, at M. Gordon Clarke Field House at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Three-mile walk starts at 7:30 a.m., following registration at 6:30 a.m. 858-492-4400. (BALBOA PARK, SAN MARCOS)

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**2007 Oceanside Fallen Officer** 5k memorial beach walk/run in honor of Officer Dan Bessant is Saturday, October 27, on south side of Oceanside Pier. Participants step off at 9 a.m.; registration in amphitheater area at 7 a.m. Fee: \$12–\$65. Registration: 760-522-6605. (OCEANSIDE)

**Light the Night Against Crime,** 5k run/walk starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring a flashlight and wear a costume! Race-day registration: 5 p.m. 619-298-7400. (BALBOA PARK)

**Up for a Century?** Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders to peddle through Camp Pendleton to San Clemente and back on Sunday, October 28. The 100-miler starts at 7:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Free. 619-561-3846. (LA JOLLA)

**San Diego Triathlon Challenge** is Sunday, October 28, starting at 8 a.m. at La Jolla Cove, hosted by Challenged Athletes Foundation. Course includes 1.2-mile ocean swim, 56-mile bike ride, 13.1-mile run. 858-866-0959. (LA JOLLA)

**San Diego Chargers** host Houston Texans in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, October 28, 1:05 p.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ-FM, Rock 105.3. Tickets: \$54–\$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

**Greater San Diego Hunter Jumper Horse Show,** Tuesday, October 30–Sunday, November 4, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Free admission. 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

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**"HALLOWEEN WITH DAVID SEDARIS,"** Wednesday, October 31, Copley Symphony Hall.

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Sunday, November 11, in former Robinsons-May at University Towne Centre (4425 La Jolla Village Drive). Exhibit opens at 10 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. Sunday–Thursday, 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets: \$26.50 general, \$21 seniors, \$18 for those 5–12. 877-263-4375. (LA JOLLA)

**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 un-

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**"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) through Friday, November 2. Ruby Lang "has assembled an altar that reflects her concern for the environment, transforming everyday trash into a visual treat." Free. 858-794-9016. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"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)

**The Ghostleys' 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 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 27 and 28. \$5. 858-693-8558. (MIRA MESA)

**Harvest Festival** returns to Del Mar Fairgrounds with more than 300 exhibitors offering art and

craft items, October 26–28. Entertainment, food, demonstrations. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closes at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets good for entire weekend: \$8 general, \$7 seniors, \$4 for those 13–17, free for kids 12 and younger. 415-447-3205. (DEL MAR)

**Bark or Treat?** Halloween Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society, Friday, October 26, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines. Contest for scariest, cutest, most original *dog* costume. Trainers offer training tips on keeping dogs calm, civilized around distractions. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (LINDA VISTA)

**Pumpkin Bowling!** San Diego Harley-Davidson hosts Halloween party with costume contests, music by Deadbolt and Roses on Her Grave, pumpkin pie-eating contest, pumpkin smashing contest. Party starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 26, at 5600 Kearny Mesa Road. Free. 858-616-6999. (KEARNY MESA)

**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 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)

**October Gourd and Pumpkin Festival** at Welburn Gourd Farm in De Luz Canyon (40635 De Luz Road), Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Gourd art exhibits, gourd crafting area, "Iron Gourd" competition, live entertainment, demonstrations, over 100,000 raw gourds available (for sale). Free. 760-728-4588. (FALLBROOK)

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**"Renaissance Faire and Shakespeare in the Park,"** Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, accompanied by entertainers, food vendors, merchants, and Renaissance re-enactors, gather at Felicita Park for eighth annual festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 (and November 3 and 4), 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Enjoy period music, battle pageants, Shakespearean theater, continuous entertainment, vendors, children's activities. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 seniors, \$7 for those under 12, free for kids under 4; parking is \$5. Find park at 742 Clarence Lane. 805-496-6036. (ESCONDIDO)

**Solar Homes Tour 2007**, showcase of residential solar technologies is Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Self-guided tour of over 40 homes demonstrate photovoltaics (solar electricity), solar water- and pool-heating technology. Each site will have information handouts on solar energy, technical solar representative to answer questions; homeowner will be on hand "to describe their solar experience." Free. Locations: 866-SDENERGY. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

**Sea Monsters Pumpkin Contest** planned Saturday, October 27, at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Sea monster-themed pumpkins must arrive between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; pumpkins will be on display for judging until 2 p.m.; winners announced by 3 p.m. Categories: scariest, funniest, most realistic sea monster, age ten and under (only age specific category). Each person bringing a sea monster-themed pumpkin (on October 27) receives gallery admission and *Sea Monsters*:

*A Prehistoric Adventure* poster. Details: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Haunts, Graves and Ancestors,"** Boosters and Ghosts of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park plan "spirited family and pet fun," Saturday, October 27, noon–4 p.m. Who brought Halloween to America? Multicultural festival explores origins of the holiday, how diverse cultures celebrate their concept of afterlife, pay reverence to ancestors, attention given to their gravesites. Celebrate Samhain, Hungry Ghost Festival, All Souls Day, Feast of Wagy, Dia de los Muertos, others with crafts, fortune telling, ghost stories, entertainment, pet costume contest, pumpkin carving demonstration, Victorian paper theater, booksigning by author Gail White, dances of Early California, corn husk doll demo, Pin the Ear on Van Gogh, more. Find festival on San Diego Avenue between Twiggs Street and Harney Street. Free admission. 619-293-0117.

Circus performances and trick or treating follows (3:30 p.m.) at

2754 Calhoun Street; ghost tours start at 4 and 6:30 p.m.; ghost stories and bonfire behind Seeley Stables (6:30 p.m.). Free. 619-954-6936. Costumes encouraged for humans and pets. (OLD TOWN STATE PARK)

**Weaving and Spinning** demonstrations by members of Palomar Handweavers' Guild in conjunction with "Weaving: The Fabric of Life" exhibition, Saturday, October 27, noon–3 p.m., Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Free. 760-726-1340 x1522. (VISTA)

**Oktoberfest** celebrated with bratwurst, kraut, and live music by California Rangers, Saturday, October 27, 4 p.m., at VFW (1717 East Vista Way). Donation: \$7. 760-724-7041. (VISTA)

**Dos Equis XX Monster Bash**, Saturday, October 27, 6 p.m.–midnight, on Island Street (between Sixth and Eighth Avenues) and Seventh Avenue (between J and Market Streets). Costume contests, en-



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# What's That You're Reading?

**NAME:** RANDY WILSON | **OCCUPATION:** HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
**NEIGHBORHOOD:** ENCINITAS | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** THE COFFEE BEAN, CARLSBAD



**What book are you currently reading?**  
**What page are you on?**

"It's called *The River of Doubt*. I'm about halfway through."

**Tell me about the book.**

"It's the fourth book on Theodore Roosevelt that I've read. I just finished another book called *Mornings on Horseback*, which is about his family history and early life. This is about an exploration that he did toward the end of his life, after he lost the 1912 presidential election (and basically ticked a

whole lot of people off). It started out as kind of a benign scientific expedition; he had the support of the Natural History Museum in America — his father had helped establish that years before. But once they got to Latin America, they decided to take a much more ambitious trip. And the "River of Doubt," which is what the river was called, was an unexplored tributary of the Amazon. So, it started off benign and became a very difficult voyage. A couple of people were killed, and they had to send some people back. I know [Roosevelt] survived because he died at about age 60 in his sleep. And he had his son Kermit with him [on the exploration]."

**What do you make of the argument?**

"It's really kind of breathtaking. But it's very good adventure and it's what Theodore always did when things went bad. When his wife died, he went out to the Dakotas and became a rancher, did a lot of physical activity. So, when he lost the election, it was

his self-therapy. He would become involved in something — if not dangerous, certainly very physical. This became physical and dangerous. He was almost killed by a snake, but he was wearing heavy boots and the snake bit his boot instead of his leg. It's a rousing adventure."

**Any favorite characters?**

"The thing I like most about [Roosevelt] — he became president when McKinley was assassinated, which appalled a lot of people who thought that would never happen. They didn't want him as president — he became the trust-buster. You know, he was born to money and yet he attacked the trusts. He had made a name for himself as a 25-year-old in Albany in the New York legislature. So, he was just independent, kind of a libertarian — didn't fit a particular mold. In 1912 he really busted up the Republican and Democratic parties by forming a third party, which really ticked people off. And then of course he lost, and he was kind of abandoned. So, he goes to the River of Doubt."

**What about the style?**

"It is an adventure — it's well writ-

ten, like a lot of David McCullough's books are, like *Seabiscuit* was. One of my favorite recent books was *A Team of Rivals*, about Abraham Lincoln. These books are history but read like fiction."

**Any favorite passages?**

"No, not really."

**Compare this with other books you've read.**

"It's a high B. Certain books are just magic — books like *Longitude*, like *The Map That Changed the World*, like *A Team of Rivals*, like *John Adams* and *Truman*. This is very good. Maybe the content is not quite as stirring, but it's very well written. I highly recommend it."

**What book was most life-changing for you?**

"I think I've read too much. I read all the time, so there really hasn't been one. Although I will put a plug in (as a high school counselor) for the Harry Potter books. I can't believe we've got kids wanting to get in line to buy books rather than to go see a movie."

**Who are your favorite authors?**

"David McCullough is terrific. He's got two Pulitzers with *John Adams* and *Truman*, but I've read everything he's

written. He wrote about the Johnstown flood; he wrote about the building of the Brooklyn Bridge (called *The Great Bridge*). But even his books — some are fabulous: some are just very good. This is very good. But this got me back into Mark Twain — my favorite author. And I've read everything he's written. I've been toggling back and forth between Teddy Roosevelt and Mark Twain. That's the fun thing about reading: one thing leads to another. Roosevelt loved him."

**What magazines or newspapers do you read?**

"I read some of the *Union*, a lot of online stuff. I read a lot of business stuff. Mostly the business stuff I read online."

**Do you talk to your friends about reading?**

"Oh, yeah, cyclists talk all the time. We exchange books. Not so much detail; typically we have those conversations when we're riding, so they're not lengthy conversations. And excerpts. My friend Richard's from Tennessee, and I just read a book on Andrew Jackson, who was from Tennessee, so I bought him a copy for his birthday."

tertainment, food and beverages, live music. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Guests must be 21. 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

**"Wine Tasting with Taste"** — Friends with Class event, Saturday, October 27, 6 p.m., at Napa Valley Grille in Horton Plaza. General manager Chris Roehm leads participants beyond whites with fish, reds with meat. \$65 fee covers eight wine tastes, appetizer menu pairings, dessert, gratuities. \$65. 858-673-3973. (DOWNTOWN)

**Bridal Bazaar**, Sunday, October 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Products, services, fashion shows (11:30 a.m., 1, 2:45 p.m.). \$10. 760-334-5500. (DEL MAR)

**Día de los Muertos** (Day of the Dead) Street Festival, Sunday, Oc-

tober 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., on Pier View Way. Traditional *ofrendas* will be built by Oaxacan families from area, as well as from Michoacan's tradition; artists from International University in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and local students and families will build modern-day *ofrendas*. Palomar and Mira-Costa College professor Carlos von Son will conduct tours of displays, explain historic contexts, modern adaptations. Food, music, dancing, arts and crafts. Free admission. 760-967-2005. (OCEANSIDE)

**Lakeside Auto Speedway Centennial and Heritage Day** celebrated Sunday, October 28, 10 a.m., at Lindo Lake Park (9841 Vine Street). Antique race cars will roar into the park for exhibition and parade (noon), awards and

viewing (1 p.m.). Booths, art exhibitions, historic displays. Free. 619-561-1886. (LAKESIDE)

**Hallo-Wiener** dachshund picnic — 19th annual gathering on Sunday, October 28, noon–3:30 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Bring dachshunds on short leash (costumes encouraged), picnic, lawn chairs, snacks and water for canines. No fees, no competition. 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

**You're Invited to a Halloween Bash** with costumes, trick-or-treating, and games, Sunday, October 28, noon–6 p.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Live bat lectures at 1:30, 4 p.m. \$5 per family. Required reservations: 760-804-1969. (CARLSBAD)

**House of Scotland** presents lawn program with dancing and costumes at International Cottages on Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m. Admission is free; food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

**"America's Persecuted** Minority: Big Business" by Ayn Rand is fodder for Objectivist Discussion Group, Sunday, October 28, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge (2906 University Avenue). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-277-5840. (NORTH PARK)

**Prepared to Be Scared?** Venture Crew 363's haunted house, Wednesday, October 31, 6–10:30 p.m., at El Cajon Elks Lodge (1400 East Washington Avenue). \$3. 619-672-2111. (EL CAJON)

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

**"How Labeling People Deters Communication"** explored by P&R Discussion group, Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

## FOR KIDS

**Tots and Tales**, interactive story time for preschoolers at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA in-

volves crafts and animals, Thursday, October 25, 10:30 a.m., at Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$3. 619-243-3432. (LINDA VISTA)

**"The Polka-Dot Ghost"** entertains when Big Joe Productions performs through Sunday, October 28, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble takes stage for *Dr. Lackowitz vs. the Computer Virus*, October 31–November 4.

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)

**"Space 15"** is new teen area at San Diego Museum of Art. On Thurs-

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

**Spooktacular Fun!** Haunted Halloween at Birch Aquarium at Scripps, Friday-Sunday, October 26-28, 6-9 p.m. Costume contests, haunted maritime tales, trick or treating, crafts, spooky science exhibits. \$15. Find Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Knowledge Is Power**, new season for San Diego Junior Theatre gets underway with *School House Rock Live!* Production runs October 26-November 11 in Casa del Prado Theater. For all ages. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays; 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on November 10 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$8-\$11 for those under 14 and seniors, \$10-\$13 general. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Tom Sawyer"** is presented by singers, dancers, and actors of Christian Youth Theater, October 26-28, in Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (on campus of EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday; 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday; 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10 for children, \$12 for adults. 619-588-0206, 800-696-1929. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Living in the Ancient Desert,"** family program to analyze artifacts, mimic ancient processes to make reproductions, and establish theories about who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls planned Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m.-noon, at San Diego Natural History Museum. For those 8-12 with an adult. Fee: \$45 per parent/child pair; \$10 per additional child. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Boulevard BOO! Parade** and carnival is Saturday, October 27. Floats, vintage cars, prancing horses, marching bands promised during parade at noon (on El Ca-

jon Boulevard from 59th Street to Rolando Boulevard). Boo carnival at Clay Park (at Seminole and Art Street) with rides, food booths, live entertainment (Eve Selis), costume contest, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 619-582-1093. (SAN DIEGO)

**"The Brand New Kid,"** all-new musical version by Kennedy Center of Katie Couric's book hits stage, Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for the Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). \$39 adults, \$5 children. 858-748-0505. (LA JOLLA)

**"Pieces of an Ancient Puzzle:** Dead Sea Scrolls Storytelling" planned by Syd Lieberman, Sunday, October 28, at San Diego Natural History Museum. One-hour program repeats through day, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Included in museum admission. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Chaparral Kids" Guided Nature Hike**, learn how early Native Americans harvested bounty in San Dieguito River Valley, secrets of chaparral on easy, family-friendly hike with guide Rick Halsey, Sunday, October 28, 1 p.m., along Highland Valley Trail (off Highland Valley Road). Halsey is director of California Chaparral Institute. Trail includes children's interpretive walk, native plant garden. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. Free. Required reservations: 858-674-2275 x12. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**"Windjammers Halloween Concert Band,"** Halloween concert and instrument petting zoo directed by Jonathan Ingber, Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m., in Studio A at the Creative Arts Complex at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. Bring children dressed in costume to "haunting" performance; opportunity to try out instruments after concert. 760-795-6679. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

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**Halloween Story Time** with Mickey Harrison — a.k.a. Martha the Merry Witch — Monday, October 29, 4 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Seeds of Wonder Halloween Party and Parade**, Wednesday, October 31, 10 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Wear your favorite costume; "no masks or scary costumes." \$10 materials fee per child; regular admission fees apply. Required reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

**MUSEUMS**

**Bancroft Ranch House Museum** houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at

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**Birch Aquarium at Scripps**, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. More than 60 tanks contain marine life of Pacific Northwest, California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and South Pacific. The La Jolla Kelp Tank is a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge" examines science behind climate change; "Art of Deception" explores undersea camouflage. "Wonders of Water" waterplay area includes three interactive stations. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, bamboo, and wobegong sharks.

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## LOCAL EVENTS

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

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

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

## OUT & ABOUT

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

**Coronado Museum of History and Art,** “First Footsteps: Kumeyaay on Coronado” continues through Monday, November 12, an original installation chronicling Coronado’s early inhabitants, the native Kumeyaay Diegueño people. Kumeyaay Indians established seasonal homes along beach, finding food, materials to sustain themselves through mild coastal winters using traditional methods of hunting, fishing, sheltering. See traditional Kumeyaay baskets, pottery, matates, tools, weapons, and a tule boat.

Ongoing exhibits explore the

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

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

**Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego,** glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and

photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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

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

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

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

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

**Magee House Museum,** built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**San Diego Natural History Museum,** “Dead Sea Scrolls” exhibition described as “the largest, longest, most comprehensive ever assembled in any country” continues through December. Exhibit of 27 scrolls — ten exhibited for first time ever — showcases Dead Sea Scrolls from Israel and Jordan, never-before-exhibited ancient Hebrew codices from Russian National Library, medieval manuscripts from British National Library, and modern interpretations of texts. To ensure preservation of the 2000-year-old parchment, 12 scrolls will be displayed for first three months and an additional 12 in last three months.

“Contemporary Israeli Photography,” a collaborative effort between museum and Ordover Gallery on view through December, features work by Neil Folberg, David Harris,

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# OUT & ABOUT

**"NIKI DE SAINT PHALLE: A SPIRITUAL PATH,"**  
Opening Saturday, October 27, California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum.

(SEE ART MUSEUMS)



ANGEL VASE, NIKI DE SAINT PHALLE, 1993

Didier Ben Loulou, Duby Tal, others, and includes sculpture and glass.

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

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

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

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

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

**Veterans Museum and Memorial Center**, memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed

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

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

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## CLASSICAL MUSIC

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## CLASSICAL

**Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique"** is on tap when San Diego Symphony, conductor Jahja Ling present "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, October 26–28. Soloist is cellist Alisa Wellerstein. Also on program: "Night on Bald Mountain" by Mussorgsky, the Saint-Saëns "Cello Concerto No. 1." Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20–\$90. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**Soirée for Music Lovers** with romantic classical music by János Négyesy and friends, Friday, Octo-

ber 26, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4637. \$10 general. (LA JOLLA)

**Hymn Festival Celebrating Life of Paul Gerhardt**, Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (1087 Country Club Lane). Gerhardt "influenced generations of writers and musicians, most notably Johann Sebastian Bach." Preconcert lecture, 6 p.m. Offering. 760-743-2478. (ESCONDIDO)

**American Choral Music** showcased when Palomar Chorale performs pieces from "sacred harp" tradition of early 19th Century and "Kentucky Psalms" by Alice Parker, October 27 and 28. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

**"Angelus Concert Series of Sacred Music"** promises program for All Saints and All Souls Days by members of Bach Collegium of San Diego, Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., in Founders Chapel at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

**Emerson String Quartet** in concert hosted by UCSD's ArtPower, Saturday, October 27, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD. Program includes selections by Haydn, Shostakovich, Beethoven. Tickets: \$34, \$38, available at 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**Newlywed and Civic Organist** Carol Williams plans organ concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

**Harpisichord Virtuoso** Takae Ohnishi performs Forqueray's "Suite No. 5 in C Minor," Ton That Tiet's "Ai Van 1," "Sonatas" by Scarlatti, and Bach's "Tocatta in G Minor," as well as a new work by A. Lunsqui and a composition by Lei Liang on Sunday, October 28. Concert starts at 3 p.m. in Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. \$10 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

**Music for Horn and String Quartet** by Mozart, Beethoven, Heiden may be heard when San Diego Chamber Music Society hosts concert, Sunday, October 28, 3 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

**"Luebeck to Leipzig"** is title for Bach Collegium San Diego concert — boasting cantatas, motets, organ works by J.S. Bach and Buxtehude — on Sunday, October 28, 4 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard). Pieces performed by choir, musicians using period instruments, conducted by Ruben Valenzuela. Tickets: \$25 general, \$12 students. 619-341-1726. (POINT LOMA)

**Faculty Flute Concert** with selections by J.S. Bach, Leclair, and Handel performed by Clay Ellersbroek, Monday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

**Chamber String Quartet** — musical collaboration between principals of San Diego Symphony and UCSD faculty, Monday, October 29, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$10 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

**Small Chamber Music Ensembles** take stage on Tuesday, October 30, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

**SDSU Clarinet Choir** takes stage, Wednesday, October 31, noon, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Percussion Concert** by Jason Blaquiery, Wednesday, October 31, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

**Palomar Chamber Singers** and Palomar Women's Chorus take stage for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 1, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

**"The Music of Karol Szymanowski"** highlighted when pianist and Palomar College artist-in-residence Peter Gach presents lecture/recital in commemoration of 70th anniversary of Polish composer's death. Concert begins at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

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## GALLERIES

**"Sublingual Temptations"** — paintings by Joe Ray may be seen through Thursday, November 1, at Gallery 680 (680 West Beech Street). Reception for artist: Friday, October 26, 6 p.m. 619-233-3769. (LITTLE ITALY)

**"The Gods Come to Fallbrook"** in new works by Richard Stergulz, beginning with reception on Saturday, October 27, 4 p.m., at Pinnell Gallery (124 North Main Street). See these Greek gods and goddesses through Saturday, November 24. 760-728-8870. (FALLBROOK)

**Nature Photographer** Thomas D. Mangelsen visits Images of Nature Gallery (7916 Girard Avenue) to premiere his latest images, Saturday, October 27, 5 p.m. 858-551-9553. (LA JOLLA)

**"Alaska: The Light"** by Peter Fay, along with "Heartbeat of the Landscape: Images of the Forests and Waters of Our Treasured Land" by Donna Cosentino, may be viewed through Sunday, December 2, at Ordovery Gallery (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. Gallery artists have work on view as well. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

**"Desire,"** Lilyana Bekic's master of fine arts thesis exhibition opens in San Diego State University's Flor y Canto Gallery (5500 Campanile Drive) with reception Saturday, October 27, 6 p.m. 619-594-6511. Through Thursday, November 1. (SDSU)

## ART MUSEUMS

**California Center for the Arts Museum**, "Rituality" features contemporary works from ten local artists alongside traditional artifacts from Africa, Native North America, the Pacific Islands. Exhibition examines role of ritual in exploration of identity, creation of community, construction of power, as mediated and expressed through art.

"Niki de Saint Phalle: A Spiritual Path" offers a closer look at de Saint Phalle's spiritual journey, her

interpretation of traditional tarot cards. "Is the tarot pack only a game of cards, or is there a philosophy behind it?"

Fifty-four individual paintings by Teresa Villegas are gathered in "La Lotería: An Exploration of Mexico." Artwork draws upon Mexican traditions, historical figures, food, popular culture.

"The Poetics of Myth" features a series of bas-relief terra-cotta panels by Brad Burkhardt, focusing "on the creation of modern myths and archetypes."

Each of these exhibits opens on Saturday, October 27, and continues through Sunday, January 27.

"Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación (Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering)" — Eloy Tarcisio's 12th annual site-specific installation at California Center for the Arts, Escondido opens with community reception on Thursday, November 1, 6–8 p.m. Participate in installation by bringing objects in memory of loved ones such as photographs, mementos, flowers. Installation closes Sunday, November 25.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum — North County**, "Paper Transformed," exhibition made up of "Crowning Glory — From Paper Bag Hats by Moses" and "Origami — The Art of Paper Folding" from Mingei's permanent collection continues. For "Crowning Glory," Moses created more than 250 hats from paper bags contributed by merchants in his Hawaiian neighborhood. "Origami" boasts nearly 100 examples of traditional and contemporary paper folding; exhibition honors acclaimed local paper folder, author, teacher Florence Temko. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mingei International Museum**, "Craft in America: Expanding Traditions" 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.

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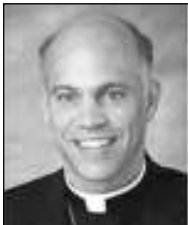
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The “Chinese Woodblock Prints in the Style of the Ten Bamboo Studio” are likely from a 19th-Century edition of *Treatise on Calligraphy and Painting of the Ten Bamboo Studio*. Prints are noteworthy for technique of printing using multiple blocks. Both 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” 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)

**Oceanside Museum of Art,** fifth juried exhibition of regional artists is “OMA Regional 5,” in which jurors Jean Lowe, Leah Ollman, and Tyler Stallings selected art from over 440 works submitted. The 33 works selected for show include drawings, mixed media, paintings, prints, sculpture. Exhibition continues through Sunday, November 11. Find museum at 704 Pier View Way. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art,** “Animated Painting,” continuing through Sunday, January 13,

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

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

“Lyric Visions from Nezami’s


*Quintet*” includes more than 20 paintings created for or inspired by Nezami’s texts, “among the most celebrated and influential poetic works in all of Persian literature.” Paintings range in date from 15th to 20th Centuries. Closes Sunday, December 16.

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

**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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*“There is not the smallest element of excitement in knowing him.”*

Oscar Wilde loved to spin platitudes on their ear. “Fathers should be neither seen nor heard,” says Lord Goring in *An Ideal Husband*. “My Reginald is quite hopelessly faultless,” says Mrs. Marchmont. “There is not the smallest element of excitement in knowing him.”

Wilde built *Husband* (1895) on another inversion: instead of a man putting a woman on a pedestal, Lady Gertrude Chiltern holds her mate, Sir Robert, to the highest standard. “To the world, to myself,” she tells the rising British politician renowned for courageous stances, “you have been an ideal always.” And if he makes one false move, she more than suggests, she’ll dump him.

But, and it’s a relief to hear his statue’s nicked, Sir Robert has a past. He built his considerable fortune by selling a state secret. The only proof: a letter he’s almost certain was destroyed. Ever since the insider trading incident, he can do no wrong, as a husband, as a statesman, as a philanthropist. But the inch of uncertainty makes him a Dorian Gray: a glittering public mask conceals a career- and marriage-ending crime. Robert lives each minute in fear of public exposure.

*Husband* reflects a historical moment: the publication of personal scandals. They “used to lend charm, or at least interest, to a man,” says Mrs. Cheveley. “Now they crush him.” The

cause? “A mania for morality, in which everyone has to pose as a paragon of purity.” Façades rule among the upper classes, and reputations become as treasured as wealth. *Husband* premiered 102 years ago, when the tabloids began to turn scandals into entertainment packages. Once publishers realized that serialized public humiliation sold newspapers, they exploited it. And as Wilde penned the play, he had been blackmailed and was headed for three court trials that would do everything to him that Sir Robert feared.

Watching *An Ideal Husband*, currently at Lamb’s Players, is like attending a Victorian masked ball and wondering who’s beneath the “hopelessly faultless” countenances. Mrs. Cheveley, an interloper who blackmails Sir Robert with the letter, wears a literal mask: grotesque amounts of makeup and heliotrope gowns (Deborah Gilmour Smyth makes her believable but with apt smidgens of melodramatic villainy). And when her mask falls away, Wilde writes in a stage direction, like Dorian Gray’s portrait Cheveley “is, for the moment, dreadful to look at.”

Director Kerry Meads has fun with Wilde’s ongoing masquerade. She cast Steve Gunderson as Lady Markby, a kind but dense aristocrat. Gunderson’s entrance prompts a double-take. Clothed in Jeanne Reith’s sumptuous, embroidered silks — and a hat with enough feathers for an aviary — he seems a she, at first. Then whis-



Steve Gunderson, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Season Duffy in *An Ideal Husband*

**An Ideal Husband**, by Oscar Wilde

**Lamb’s Players Theatre**, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado

**Directed by Kerry Meads**; cast: Rick D. Meads, Robert Smyth, Deborah Gilmour Smyth, Glynn Beddington, Colleen Kollar Smith, David Cochran Heath, Steve Gunderson, Patrick Duffy, Season Duffy, Jillian Frost, Jon Lorenz; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Nate Parde

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pers of recognition ripple through the audience, then laughter. From then on, the audience sees double: Lady Markby and the male actor playing her.

Gunderson becomes an emblem of Wilde’s inversions. The rest of the always enjoyable, elegant-looking production, however, could be

funnier and more serious. In Act One, a tour de force party scene in which Wilde paints *and* lambastes polite society, guests at the Chilterns talk stately prose but make bizarre, often subversive comments (“Now that the House of Commons is trying to become useful,” says Lady Markby, “it does a great deal of harm”). Far too many

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jokes get thrown away in Lamb's opening scene, which sets the play's seriocomic tone. It breaks the niceties of acting, but the cast could play the lines *as funny lines*, and not just out, but up, so people in the back row could appreciate them.

"Are you an optimist or a pessimist?" Sir Robert asks Mrs. Cheveley when first they meet. "Those seem to be the only two fashionable religions left to us nowadays." Robert Smyth's performance as Sir Robert, one of his best in years, combines both. He moves with unstudied ease, his public voice a model of assurance. When Cheveley blackmails him, Smyth doesn't collapse (Sir Robert has many of the high qualities his wife ascribes to him). But his mask, which up to now we didn't know he wore, begins to show.

Lord Caversham (a crotchety David Cochran Heath) tells his son, Lord Goring, he never knows when he's being serious. The same was said of Oscar Wilde, who confessed that Lord Goring, the "flawless dandy," contains "a great deal of the real Oscar." Some say an idealized portrait. Rick D. Meads matches the playwright's sculpted one-liners with well-spoken deliveries and precise timing and delights in having — possibly one of Wilde's most autobiographical utterances — "one of those terribly weak natures that are not susceptible to influence." ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)

The Reduced Shakespeare Company, which speed-reads the Bard's works, turns its comedic sights on the Good Book at the San Diego Rep. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

### The Brand-New Kid

Poway Center for the Performing Arts presents the Kennedy Center's touring production of Katie Couric's story about Lazlo S. Gasky's first day of school. POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 15498 ESPOLA ROAD, POWAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, AT 7:00 P.M. 858-748-0505.

### Caliban's Island

Talent to aMuse Theatre presents an adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* "with a twist," in which castaways end up on Caliban's Island. Sandy Hotchkiss Gullans directed. WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, THROUGH OCTOBER 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

### 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 being *Carmenized*), *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 Buccino'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

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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.

### Critic's pick.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; 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.

### Doubt

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages John Patrick Shanley's drama about an amiable young priest suspected of an “incident” by his school's principal. Martin Benson directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

### Dracula

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Steven Dietz's theatricalization of the Bram Stoker novel. Christopher Vened directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-

DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

### Humble Boy

Felix Humble, 35-year-old, socially bumbling astrophysicist, shares three things with Hamlet: their fathers died suddenly, they are blocked, and they must “set things right.” You don't have to know *Hamlet* to appreciate Charlotte Jones's wise, funny winner of several London awards. And it may have been better if New Village Arts' in many ways capable production had left the Bard alone. Often the cast appears to have *Hamlet* in the back of their minds, which makes for double motivations and some confusions in the story. *Humble Boy's* more about the differences between the plays (*Hamlet* and Tom Stoppard's *Arca-**dia* function as side-texts, added dimensions lurking in the wings, rather than subtexts). Felix has enough grief sorting out his own woes. His is a (s)mothered soul. In Darren Scott's touching, breakthrough performance, Felix begins the slow process of inching away from his mother's dominance. Rosina Reynolds gives a sharp, watchable effort as Flora, the mother. The play's about letting go: not just of loved ones but also of ingrained impulses. Neither Flora nor Felix may make it, but they've taken their first steps. Quibbles aside, the NVA production's worth seeing — especially a running bit you could call “follow the dead father's bouncing ashes.”

### Worth a try.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787B STATE STREET, CARLSBAD, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-433-3245.



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### An Ideal Husband

Reviewed this issue. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-437-0600.

### Jersey Boys

Broadway\*San Diego presents the Tony Award-winner, which originated at the La Jolla Playhouse, about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Des McAnuff directed. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, THIRD AVENUE AND B STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; TUESDAY

AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 888-937-8995.

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BER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

### 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 THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET. MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

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### Oscar and the Pink Lady

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

### Worth a try.

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

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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). Back-up 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**

Takes one to know one. The unnamed narrator of Conor McPherson’s comedy-drama is a self-important, blood-sucking, “hack” theater critic who lusts for power — for which attitude, may he roast in hell. Instead (and like the 90-minute piece, at times) he rambles toward a beautiful woman and eventually to William, a vampire. As if to the manner born, the narrator procures plasma for William’s nightly fix. Disillusionment ensues. Though the parts may be greater than the sum, McPherson’s writing has bursts of creativity. Plus, he’s an equal-opportunity slanderer: as anti-critic as he is anti-timid audiences who eavesdrop on art from the safety of their seats (at one point he savages his listeners for ignoring the higher truths revealed not only in fiction but in their own imaginations). Along with *The Turn of the Screw*, *St. Nicholas* is part of Cygnet Theatre’s “Ghosts and Vampires Series,” which emphasizes storytelling, and Ron Choularton does a smashing job as the narrator. He sits, mostly, sipping from a pint of Guinness, and it’s as if you’re in some British pub hearing a lush hold forth, and at no point are you aware that Choularton’s actually speaking someone else’s words. He and the text, throughout, are one. Also to his credit, Choularton is unafraid to expose the narrator’s smarmier aspects. The actor gives himself wholly over to the narrator who, as Dickens says in *Hard Times*, is a “sordid piece of human nature.”

**Worth a try.**

CYGNET 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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A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*, The Funhouse combines improv with competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the “game show,” on Fridays, is a kick. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a “forfeit.” Some attempts

went nowhere (improve is tough: I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group has more hits than misses, and their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve read about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

**Worth a try.**

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**

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

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.

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Sledgehammer Theatre presents a workshop reading of Francis Thumm’s much-anticipated work-in-progress musical about lovers who resemble those in Bizet’s *Carmen*.

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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, MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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’s 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. Ably 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.

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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, OPENED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

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SDSU’s School of Theatre, Television, and Film presents Dana P. Rowe and John Dempsey’s new “slick ’50s rock musical that’s fun for the whole *nuclear* family.” DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH OCTOBER 31; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884.

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### Making the Move

Singer/guitarist Matt Lamkin and guitarist Matty McLoughlin front the Muslims. They didn't think

Muslims have become Casbah regulars and gigged in L.A.

"I'm surprised we've gotten the attention we have [without] playing the game," says Lamkin.

"If you go into the Beauty Bar on any Friday or Saturday night," says McLoughlin, "it's like you're watching a high school musical re-creation of

accused us of being too good for San Diego," says McLoughlin. "It's not like we're abandoning San Diego; it's just that we don't want to depend on our parents anymore or work at some record store."

"I got a job connected with my degree [in film]," says Lamkin. "It's not like we're moving up there to get signed."

The Muslims appear tomorrow at the Tower Bar.  
— Ken Leighton

**House Rules** "The shithheads at the House of Blues in San Diego said they didn't know that [the Black Crowes] was going to record the show ourselves, he didn't read the contract," writes Boa at [Crowesbase.com](http://Crowesbase.com). Since 1997, Crowesbase has worked with Black Crowes management to archive every band performance. Boa is one of the tapers.

He writes of the October 9 show, "After I setup at soundcheck, I went out to the bus for awhile and came back in...all of mine and Kevin's gear [was] gone; stands, tripods, three cameras, two pairs of Gefells, the R4, etc., all gone, as the staff thought it was rude to setup and not ask first...."

"I spoke with Brady Campbell, the House Manager, and he said he was aware of the situation right after it happened, as he was apprised by HOB flunky Scott Munson as to what they had concocted. Brady explained to

me that HOB tough guy Jack Ahrens took it upon himself to steal my gear and stow it away somewhere in the



THE CROWES DON'T MAKE THEIR OWN VIDEO

building. Mr. Campbell felt that Mr. Ahrens was entirely in his right as no one had apprised the HOB of the band taping their own performance."

According to Boa, HOB management at first refused to return the equipment until after the show.

"They told me more than once that they do not like tapers and that Live Nation is not taper friendly and that HOB and 4th and B are Live Nation venues.... I had to sign a waiver and the equipment was returned to me at the soundboard."

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Cooldown** In March, longtime DJ Mike Soul announced that he'd become general manager at Heat nightclub on Fifth Avenue. Soul promised to expand the Gaslamp's cultural reach by bringing Latin bands and dance music to the 275-capacity venue on weekends. ("Thirty percent of San Diegans are Latino," Soul said. "There are 50 venues downtown, and only one offers Latin music.")

Six months later, Soul and Heat parted company. The club now hosts DJs three nights a week, but the Latin emphasis is gone. Soul would not speak on the record, but a person formerly involved in the club's management explains what happened:

"There are people who think that because they have thrown [dance night] promotions and have a name in the Gaslamp that they can run a restaurant regardless of their abilities. Mike Soul is one of those.... It was noble of him, but he forgot a few crucial points; like, the typical Gaslamp bargoer is an SDSU student or someone older who is not of Mexican descent. The actual reach of Latin music down here was far less than what he anticipated."

The source says Heat has bigger problems: the club is



SOUL'S NOBLE EFFORT MISSES THE MARK

"under audit" by the state bureau of alcohol beverage control for not fulfilling its agreement to achieve equal sales of food and alcohol. Another source confirms the

ABC staged an "audit without an appointment" in June.

"The original concept of this place was as a high-end restaurant," says the source. "That's how a lot of places here in the Gaslamp get their permits [for alcohol and entertainment]; they tell the City they want to sell food first and have entertainment second. The reality is they want to sell Grey Goose and Red Bull all night.... I know one place that orders food just to show the ABC they have receipts and then they send the food to Tijuana."

The source says Heat used to have a quality café.

Matthew Hydar, an enforcement supervisor for the ABC, confirms that there is an ongoing investigation involving Heat. "This is nothing abnormal." He says attorneys for other Gaslamp establishments involved in food-to-alcohol sales audits have complained that their clients have been singled out. "They ask why we don't go after everyone. I tell them if we had the manpower, we would.... We respond as we get complaints."

Soul brings his Azucar night to Dolce in Bonita tomorrow night.

— Ken Leighton

**Wild Guessing Q:** Who was asked to be Van Halen's lead singer before Sammy Hagar?

If you know the answer, maybe you're already planning to do battle in Cover Me Badd's Music Trivia tonight at the Whistle Stop Bar in South Park. For \$5 a head, teams of up to five members compete for a winner-take-all pot by answering music questions in a variety of formats there on

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about playing music when they both went to Torrey Pines High School in the late '90s.

"I didn't feel the need to play in some jerkoff punk band," says McLoughlin about the musical tastes that dominated their high school. "The kids who did listen to music when I went there were

dorks. They were Huey Lewis as fuck.... I liked the Replacements. The rest of the kids were into the Swingin' Utters. I was busy getting my college paid for [earning a baseball scholarship]."

Lamkin and McLoughlin came back home last year with college degrees but without career plans. They decided to start their first band in January while delivering pizzas. Since then, the

any cool punk-rock band from 1977. It's like they took the look, the attitude, and the



MUSLIMS FRONTMEN UNAFRAID OF GOOFY

sound, and that is what they do. People seem scared shitless to like something that might be a little weird or goofy.... Everything is safe in San Diego. It's, like, some bands think you have to have a reference to the past to be legitimate."

Lamkin, McLoughlin, bassist Richie Lauridsen, and drummer Gabe Cross will move to L.A. next month.

"Some [bloggers] have

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the last Thursday of every month.

Adam Gimbel presides over all, putting together the questions — creating many himself by drawing on his own vast music-dork knowledge base — and running the show.

“When I read off answers, people cheer like crazy or moan like they’re about to die,” says Gimbel. “One girl insisted that I should’ve counted David Cassidy as a correct answer for ‘I Think I Love You’ instead of the Partridge Family [who hit #1 with it in November 1970], but I wouldn’t budge.”

For the “Name That Tune” portion, live bands are enlisted. Gimbel, who is best known around town as front man for his originals band Rookie Card and other concept/tribute projects, started a “Name That Tune” trivia game at the San Diego Sports Club. After SDSC was shut down for noise complaints, he found the Whistle Stop Bar was open to hosting the event.

Other guest cover bands have included the Shambles and Bad Credit; tonight’s act — befitting of the Halloween theme — is Raven White, which specializes in dark ’80s rock.

Gimbel toils to get the right mix of genre-spanning questions, insisting that the easy ones are hardest to

formulate. “I love questions about new, bad music because it’s harder for the music snobs. The best question I ever heard at the Live Wire night was ‘Name any Dave Matthews album’ — because none of us could!”

*A: Patty Smyth of Scandal. In 1985, the current Mrs. John McEnroe was friends with Eddie Van Halen’s then-wife Valerie Bertinelli.*

— David Stampone

### Nice, but Not Naked

“We were the first band to play at Dreamgirls,” says bass player Chuck Holiday. His band Two Word Name played at the Kearny Mesa topless bar last month.

“We just were looking for sponsorships. We went in and



TWO WORD NAME GOES FOR STRIP-CLUB IMAGE

PHOTOGRAPH FROM MAFKERNING.COM

talked to the manager, and he asked us if we wanted to play that trial gig in September.... The dancers couldn’t actually strip when we were playing,” says Holiday, because the four band members had to share the same stage as the women. “They could dance when we were playing, but they couldn’t take off their top [because they were within six feet of proximity]....

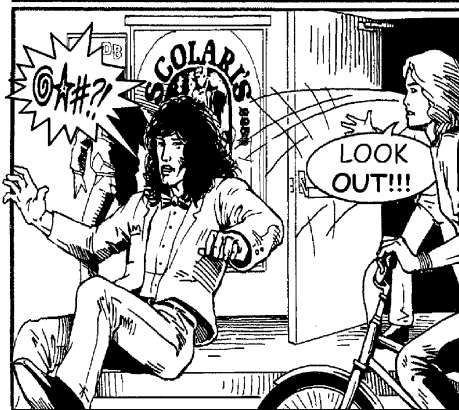
“We have a lot of friends who dance there. We thought the strip-club image would be good for us. We’re going for the sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll thing.”

Two Word Name has original songs, but half the songs they played at Dreamgirls were covers.

“The covers are mostly stock strip-club stuff, like

## OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: SCOLARI’S

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AC/DC and Guns ’N Roses. We got to throw in Weezer’s ‘Say It Ain’t So’ and Radiohead’s ‘Creep.’ The coolest part was playing one of our slow originals and seeing the girl get on the pole.”

When Two Word Name plays Dreamgirls next week, Holiday says 100 percent of the proceeds from the door will go to a missing-persons charity called Gina for Missing People Foundation ([411gina.org](http://411gina.org)).

“There are definitely a lot of runaways in the adult industry,” says Holiday. “When girls run away, they have limited resources. They need money quick, so they do what they need to do to survive....

“[The organization] was started by this lady Janel Rap from Orange County, whose sister Gina Bos went missing in 2000. Gina was a singer/songwriter who played [a] show and then was never heard from again. They found her car but they never found her.”

Two Word Name appears Halloween night at Dreamgirls in Kearny Mesa.

— Ken Leighton

**Chowderheads!** “We probably spent \$400 promoting an event that never happened,” says Agave drummer Chris Flores of the band’s scheduled October 13 CD-release party at PB’s Longboard Grill. “We were aware that they already had a cover band playing that evening, but we proposed to the manager Felipe that we’d wrap up by 9 p.m.”



FLORES PONDERES BASEBALL FREAKDOM

PHOTOGRAPH FROM AGAVEBAND.COM

Flores says his band began setting up at around 4:30 in the afternoon.

“Felipe then informed us that because they were the official Boston Red Sox headquarters and there was a playoff game about to start, we would need to wait until it ended before they allowed us to go onstage. We had no choice but to comply because, upon looking inside the place,

what is usually a ghost town during that time slot was wall-to-wall people there, all wearing Red Sox paraphernalia.”

“We then had to sit through five tedious hours of very slow baseball, as well as tell all our friends and fans who had come from San Diego, Los Angeles, and even Colorado, that we would go on after the game. Felipe kept telling us it wouldn’t be a problem.” The playoff game didn’t end until around 10:30 p.m., too late for Agave to play.

Says Flores, “Funny how a bar on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach called Longboard Grill — with all the San Diego and beach-lifestyle decor — is the official Boston Red Sox headquarters. What ever happened to staying loyal to the home teams? What ever happened to helping local artists who play original music?”

Agave’s postponed release party will be November 3 at the Tiki House.

— Jay Allen Sanford

**Feeding Gwen** Todd Weiler has worked backstage-catering jobs at concerts since the mid-’90s. He recalls what Gwen Stefani ate at Anaheim Stadium three years ago.

“She ended up having a

spinach, mandarin orange, candied walnuts, and cranberry salad. She also had a tilapia, which is a fish, and a tri-tip [steak] that we served her. She had more of the vegetable stuff; she didn’t actually have the tri-tip, but



STEFANI, IN A “FAT SHIRT”

that’s the meal that was there. [The meal included] basmati rice and a dessert tray.... She loved the basmati rice and spinach salad. She was eating more light foods, vegetarian style, trying to watch her girlish figure.”

— Dryw Keltz

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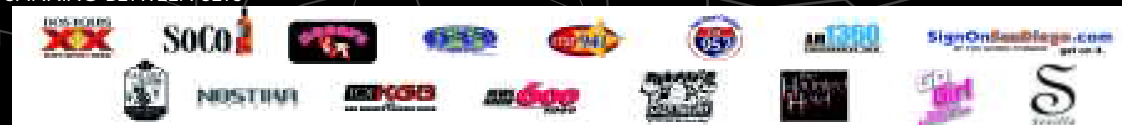
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This Week In Music

## Thursday 25

Seattle flannel jammers the **Melvins** will wrap up tour at Casbah Thursday night. As Melvins, King Buzzo and Dale have been grinding out sludge metal for 25 years and can claim Nirvana and Mudhoney as progeny. For last year's Ipecac disc (*A*) *Senile Animal*, Buzz and Dale joined L.A. bass-and-drum band Big Business — two drummers, metal heads! — and scored a trademark Melvins slow burner.... There be squalls ahead and *Tales of Rum and Whiskey* at Bar Pink Elephant, when surf-punk trio **Thee Corsairs** shanghai the North Park stage. Greaser, Rex, and Big Daddy Mascaras have been pounding pirate rock and sailing on live-act rep for six years. Big Daddy sports *lucha libre* masks, which the drummer wears during sets. Last year, UK label Inka slid the San Diego band a contract for *Tales*, most of which was recorded live at Casbah.... Canadian guitarist **Harry Manx** will impress AcousticMusicSanDiego with his lap-steel stylings on stringed instruments. The singer/songwriter's casual voice carries tunes dubbed



MELVINS AT CASBAH

"Mysticssippi blues" — Manx spent five years in India learning Hindustani classical music, which spices the player's folk and soul.... Soma stages emo-core poster boys **Medina Lake** and **Mayday Parade**, a Tallahassee five-piece that toured with Warped behind this summer's Fearless Records release *A Lesson in Romantics*. Hairdos with guitars.

## Friday 26

Did you know holy Joe Strummer was an emergency Pogue? Late '80s, early '90s, Strummer'd fill in for singer Shane McGowan or guitarist Phil Chevron, depending on which founder was out to lunch. McGowan and Chevron will both be on

stage Friday night when the **Pogues** deliver Celtic punk to 4th&B. (Dance tip for you, Napoleon: check John Papelbon's ska'd Irish jig from when Boston clinched the AL East a couple weeks back.)... Spit and slur vocalist David Yow (Scratch Acid, Jesus Lizard) is back in business, fronting L.A. trio **Qui**. The experimental band's Ipecac debut, *Love's Miracle*, dropped in September. Yow's a wobbly foal without Duane Dennison, but the drum-n-guit duo of Christensen and Cronk prop him with waves of metal noise. Qui will wrap up 40 U.S. dates at Casbah with San Diego's rock cosmonauts **Earthless**.... On the surface streets: **Atoms** collide with Bar Pink Elephant, smashing new-wave-y Ramones power pop. The local quintet released a three song seven-inch earlier this year...Say Hey recording artists **White Rabbit** hop into Beauty Bar. Expect the New York sextet's rhythmic piano-pop debut *Fort Nightly* to land on several '07 top-ten lists.

**Drowning Men** open...**Muslims**, **A.M.** assault Tower Bar with indie guitar rock...while R&B groove co. **Bankhead Press** sooth souls at Whistle Stop. Check Bankhead's easy listenin' e.p. demo *Timeless Takeover*.

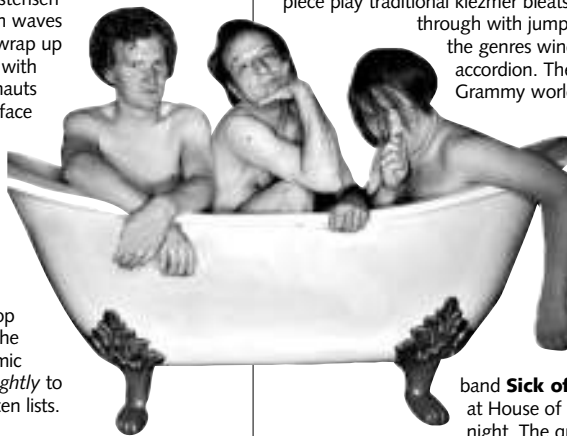
## Saturday 27

San Diego's indie hits **Pinback** appear at Belly Up Saturday night before jetting round Europe. Rob and Zach are touring latest Touch and Go disc *Autumn of the Seraphs*, which carries same soft math-rock vibe as '04's *Summer in Abaddon*, but none of that breakthrough's standout singles. Show is posted "sold out," so get creative if you want to go.... Ken Club's hosting a Halloween thing with the scariest band in town, **Creepy Creeps**. Lot of folks got turned on to the Creeps' organ-driven funk punk at Adams Ave. Fair, so expect a full house. **Widows** and **Batar-Zan** open with tricks and treats of their own.... Casbah stages Chapel Hill rockabilly band **Southern Culture on the Skids**. Gimmicky SCotS will feature 2007 YepRoc release *Countrypolitan Favorites*, a disc of country covers pressed through the SCotS garage-rock filter. **Hillstomp** and **Shortstack** join the Halloween hoedown.... SDMA nominees **Roses on Her Grave** crank stacks at Tower with indie art-rockers **Swedish Models**.... Saturday's the date if you're

tempted to go to Vegas for **Vegoose**: **Iggy, Shins, Queens, Blonde Redhead, Daft, M.I.A., Public Enemy**...

## Sunday 28

N.Y.C.'s klezmer deconstructivists the **Klezmatiks** will appear at Birch North Park Theatre. The six-piece play traditional klezmer bleats and beats shot through with jumpin' jive, utilizing the genres wind, strings, and accordion. They were Grammy world-music recipi-



band **Sick of It All** crashes at House of Blues Sunday night. The quartet will pre-

view material from an as-yet-untitled 2008 release and thrash through 25 years of cyclone punk. **Madball, Viva Hate, and Down to Nothing** fill the bill.... 94/9's Tim Pyles will broadcast from Casbah's **Visual Underground Halloween Extravaganza**. Entry offers food, film, art, and live music by **Scarlet Symphony, Operator X, and Electrocrypt**.... Jazz singer/pianist and two-time Grammy winner Diane Schuur slides into Humphrey's Back Door lounge.... Note: Jakob Dylan and his Grammy-winning **Wallflowers** have rescheduled Alpine and Pala dates for early '08.

## Monday 29

Math-rock supergroup **Battles** invade Mira Mesa's teen Epicentre. Boasting members of Helmet, Don Cab., and Tomahawk, Battles jam the gamut with instrumental compositions for guitar, drum, and synths. After a series of e.p.s, the four-piece released their first proper l.p. on Warp Records this year, *Mirrored*, which NME pronounced release-of-the-month in May. *Mirrored* saw Battles experiment with vocal loops — check lead single "Atlas" for a primer of the band's post-rock jams.... Casbah's Anti-Monday League brings in Portland divorcees Sam Coomes and Janet Weiss and their **Quasi** joint. Last year's *When the Going Gets Dark* was a departure for the song-conscious duo,

shilling improvisational fuzzed-out non-songs — indicative of Weiss's time with Malkmus? Coomes's work with Pink Mountaintops? Probably. **Frightened Rabbit** and **Swim Party** open.

## Tuesday 30

Too much Tuesday. The big bills post No Doubt-gone-pop diva **Gwen Stefani** at Cox and Wu-Tang rapper **Ghostface Killah** downtown at 4th&B.... Local ambient collective **Tristeza** revisits Casbah. Since the departure of cofounder Jimmy Lavalle, who went on to solo success as Album Leaf, the psychedelic band has continued, if sporadically, to record and tour. Tristeza's '05 critical hit disc *A Colores* describes a more melodic Boards of Canada, surprising considering these players join from solid-rock outfits such as Locust, Crimson Curse, and Gogogo Airheart, which explains their erstwhile sked. With **Georgie James** and **Aqueduct**, these sets make pick of the night.... Canadian pop twins **Tegan and Sara** Quin alight at Spreckels...and Brazilian disco queen **Ceu** delivers Latin club stuff to Belly Up.

## Wednesday 31

Happy Halloween. Right to the treats: catch the **Blakes** at M-Theory Wednesday afternoon before they set the stage at Zombie Lounge. The Blakes are a trio from Seattle who throw down eclectic indie sounds grounded in proggy garage rock. They've been called the Northwest's Kings of Leon, which ain't far off the mark.



BLAKES AT M-THEORY AND ZOMBIE LOUNGE

Their s/t debut dropped last week if you want a whiff. Smell like the next big thing?... Local pop-rock act **Book of Martyrs** join Beauty Bar's house DJs Gabe Vega and Saul Q for their Halloween festivities.... Casbah hosts **Grand Ole Party** Wednesday night. You know the book on that rising trio by now as well stagemates the **Muslims** and **Glossines**, but have you caught the **Sess**? I watched these guys rip up Atari Lounge with punk R&B before Black Lips last week. The Sess bleed tunefulness with bouncing tempo shifts and hooky melodies — '60s aesthetes raised on sugar cereal.

— Barnaby Monk

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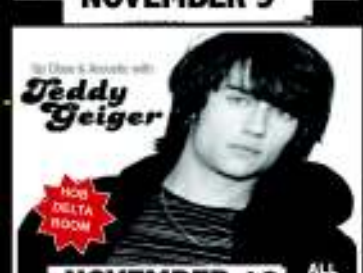
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*"There is a club in Hollywood famous among tourists...and we hate it!"*

John Hermsmeier, a.k.a. Josh Herms, is a local drummer for hire. "I came to San Diego in 1996 to begin my freshman year at Point Loma Nazarene University," he says. "I developed a number of great relationships with a number of popular musicians from San Diego and Los Angeles that went to school there, including Greg Laswell, Ryan Calhoun, Leon Sandoval, Molly Jenson, Derren Raser, Evan Bethany, and Terrence Hale. We were all busy with our studies and didn't devote much time to making a run for it until after we finished college. I went to SDSU and earned my M.A. in history. By then I had already lived in San Diego for six years and fell in love with it, and it's not that far from Los Angeles or Orange County. It is a great place to live as long as you don't mind making the drive north when music calls."

But L.A. isn't always the land of milk and honey. "There is a club in Hollywood famous among tourists, and for different reasons, among musicians," Josh explains. "Tourists love it, and we hate it! It is a microcosm of a much bigger problem with live venues. The powers-that-be run that place like a McDonald's drive-through. They want music on and off the stage quicker than you can order the number-five combo meal. One night they gave us 'seven minutes' to get our gear from the sidewalk — oh yeah, they don't provide a green room and there is no backstage — into the venue, set up, and line-check. When we were done the stage manager said, 'That was great! We love it when bands come in here and are very professional and put on a good show. Now, do you think you can be offstage in 90 seconds?'"

## BEST/WORST GIG?

"My worst gig has to be when my college band

Sandoval played for a youth event that turned out to be about seven sixth graders who sat in the half-court circle at the gym and were uninterested, to say the least. The event leaders had to actually go up to the 'crowd' and tell them to stop playing on their Game Boys and pay attention to us. Now I can laugh about it with my former bandmates, but at the time it left quite a sting...probably like how

Elizabeth felt when Rosie dissed her on *The View*. My best gig had to be when I played drums for Greg Laswell at a showcase show at the Troubadour in West Hollywood a couple of years ago. Besides the coats and ties from the record labels, some of my favorite musicians, including Pete Yorn and members of the Smashing Pumpkins, also came to see Greg. It was a big night for him, and we all wanted to see him do well and get what he deserved. He was flawless. In fact, I don't think any of the band members made a single mistake that night. It was one of those surreal shows musicians dream about, and I got to be a part of it."

## IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH ANYONE...

"I would love to have dinner with Martin Luther King Jr. I studied history in college and even taught as an adjunct professor for a time at some of the local colleges. My main interest was and always will be race relations in the U.S. and, more specifically, how predominantly white Christian churches responded to black people during the Civil Rights movement. Martin Luther King Jr.'s background with Christianity, combined with the fact that he was such an articulate speaker, would definitely make for an incredible dinner conversation. If he was up for it, I would want to stick around for dessert and coffee as well."

## LAST BOOK READ?

"This summer I found myself on a John Steinbeck kick. I read several of his books. I don't recall the exact one I read last, but it was probably *Cannery Row*. Currently I am reading *On the Road*, Bob Dylan's *Chronicles*, Bill and Hillary Clinton's autobiographies...oh yeah, and the Bible."

## GUILTY PLEASURE?

"Well, I am a sucker for donuts and also ice cream. When I was in grade school, my mom would take my older sister and I to the local donut shop with friends several times a week before school. We would also have ice cream almost every night before bed, which is bizarre because our meals were actually very nutritious — like something June Cleaver would have made for Wally and the Beav."

## BEST ADVICE I EVER RECEIVED...

"A few years ago I thought a lot about moving to Nashville to be in an environment saturated with music. I met Aaron Redfield, a fellow San Diego drummer, for breakfast to ask him how he liked his time spent living and working there. He told me how he went about getting work there, and it has completely changed my view of my role of being a hired musician. He said, 'If you're working at McDonald's and the

manager tells you to make a hamburger a certain way, you aren't going to say, 'But I have a better idea — let's try it this way.' That's how you should approach working as a drummer for somebody. It's their project, and they are the boss, so do it how they want it even if it's not how you would choose to do it. And make sure you are easy to work with.'" ■



Josh Herms

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#### FRIDAY

**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 Dinklage:** House of Blues, Friday, October 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Eddie Palmieri:** Anthology, Friday, October 26, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

#### SATURDAY

**Bobby Caldwell:** Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, October 27, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

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**Eddie Palmieri:** Anthology, Sunday, October 28, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

#### MONDAY

**Glassjaw:** House of Blues, Monday, October 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### TUESDAY

**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.

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**Sugarland:** San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

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**Hanson:** House of Blues, Saturday, November 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

**Ellis Paul:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 4, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Circa Survive:** Soma, Sunday, November 4, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

**Jesse Davis:** Anthology, Sunday, November 4, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

**Ween:** House of Blues, Monday, November 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

#### Richie Havens:

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**Dilated Peoples:** Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

**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.

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**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.

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**Junior Reid:** Canes, Friday, November 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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**M.I.A.:** 'Canes, Sunday, November 11, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

**Danzig:** Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Monday, November 12, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

**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.

**Little Charlie and the Nightcats:** Anthology, Friday, November 16, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

**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.

**James Cotton:** Anthology, Saturday, November 17, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

**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,

# NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

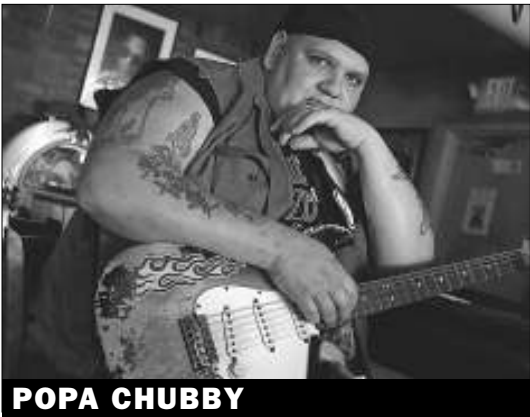
Ted Horowitz is **Popa Chubby** from the Bronx, a guitarist who once toured with Richard Hell and the Voidoids but who earned his fame during a long stand at Manny's Car Wash. Manny's is a New York City blues haven where Popa Chubby came into his own as the leader of a power trio designed to showcase his guitar-zilla approach to the electric blues.

Shame on those who would call Chubby an imposter — blues-rock is not blues lite. It is a high-wattage celebration of musical excess, a community based around a particular group of musical instruments, defined tones, and standardized riffs. Blues-rock

bands of today owe a debt to the British Invasion blues stars of the '60s and to the American guitar-god style of rock that followed in the '70s. If Horowitz is guilty of anything it is being born 20 years too late.

Popa Chubby actually started out as the name of the band, and although he was not a member of the group, Bernie Worrell of Parliament-Funkadelic somehow gets the credit for coming up with it. In time, Popa Chubby morphed into Horowitz's stage name, his brand, and his alter ego.

That the name stuck is no wonder — it accurately describes the tattooed mountain of a man. Chubby's guitar style is confrontational, and his Stratocaster has a rich, gritty tone. He's got the power-blues thing down cold, but Chubby's at his best, I think, when he's playing Hendrix tributes (witness both volumes of *Electric Chubbyland*). His ability to



**POPA CHUBBY**

interpret the material is solid, and he blasts it out of his amps at full throttle. "The sound of a loud guitar, man," Popa once told an interviewer, "is one of the best things in life." I agree.

**POPA CHUBBY, Winston's, Thursday, October 25. 619-222-6822.**

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**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.

**Aimee Mann:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

# 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.

**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 through Saturday, December 6, 7, and 8, 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.

**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.

**Jonathan Davis:** House of Blues, Monday, December 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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# Calendar CONCERTS

**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.

**Etta James:** 4th & B, Friday, December 14, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**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.

**The Aggrolites:** Belly Up Tavern, Monday, December 31, 143 South

Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

## JANUARY

**Al Kooper:** AcousticMusicSanDiego, Wednesday, January 16, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Pat Green:** 4th & B, Friday, January 18, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**Fu Manchu:** The Casbah, Friday, January 18, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

## FEBRUARY

**Al Stewart:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 2, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

**Robin Trower:** 4th & B, Tuesday, February 5, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

**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.

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

**Tegan and Sara Quin** have been playing music professionally long enough to have long since moved on from their folk-rock days (they played one of the Lilith Fair tours — remember those?) and to develop a distinctive chamber-indie-pop sound. The twin sisters from Calgary, Alberta, have been playing long enough to tour the world several times, to have many of their songs show up in trendy TV shows (five of them on *Grey's Anatomy* alone), and to be covered by the White Stripes. They're older than Britney Spears. They're old enough that they were probably already on tour when the guys in

Panic! At the Disco were in second grade. They're old enough that one of them is married (well, in a Canadian civil union — both sisters are gay).

And yet I find I keep having to remind myself that Tegan and Sara are not kids. For starters, there are those girlish singing voices. Then there is the goofy between-song banter and the family stories and silly pop-culture references that come up in interviews. There are all the times their fans refer to them as "girls." And, of course, there are the stylish haircuts.

We all act like younger versions of ourselves when we're around our families. I can only imagine what it does to one's adult sense of self to tour the world for years at a time with an identical twin sister. Eventually,



TEGAN AND SARA

Tegan and Sara will start to look older, sound older, write older. It will be an interesting transition to watch.

**TEGAN AND SARA, Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, October 30, 8 p.m. 619-235-9500. \$30.**

## Queensryche and Don Dokken:

House of Blues, Thursday, February 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

## JUNE

**The Cure:** Cox Arena, Tuesday, June 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

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submit a listing online at [SanDiegoReader.com](http://SanDiegoReader.com) by clicking on the music section. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. The listings are free.

**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, ragga, 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. Wednesday, *Halloween Jam* featuring DJ Dizzy D. 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.

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**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 Edgatronix. 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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**Artist:** Eben Brooks

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**Band:** Eben Brooks (vocals, guitar), Steve Langdon (guitar, mandolin, vocals), Randy Parrish-Bell (violin, vocals), Justin Grinell (bass), Nathan Hubbard (drums, percussion), Marc Biagi (vocals), Craig Kozeluh (vocals), Allison Lonsdale (vocals)

Speaking in terms of wardrobe, *Mirrors* is a T-

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BY OLLIE

shirt and jeans. T-shirt and jeans are good enough to get

you into any coffee shop in the city, but it's certainly not interesting; you walk past such an outfit 14 times an hour every day. On this album, Eben Brooks uses the same strings-and-percussion arrangement that got old with *Hotel California*.

The songs recount stories from the past, present, or fantasy. Some songs tell of internal struggles, others are structured along a chronological order of events, and track one, "Waiting for the Countdown," protests the war from a paranoid position: "If they send me off to the foreign war, will I live to see another day?"

Lyrically, there's not much worth mentioning, although I did laugh at a couple of lines in "Hippie Jack's Unsmok-



Eben Brooks

able Hash." Because the lyrics aren't exactly profound, Brooks compensates by adding importance to his voice, which falls a shade short of convincing.

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**'Canes**, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Canobliss*, *In Every Breath*, WFO, and *Twelve Twenty*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Dead Man's Party* and *Manganista*, rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Cathouse Thumpers*, *the Handsome Devils*, *Married by Elvis*, and *the Screamin' Yeehaws*, rockabilly/country/punk.

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**Hennessey's Tavern (PB)**, 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Aaron Blyth*, acoustic. Saturday, *the Maddox Revolution*, rock.

**Hornblower Cruises**, 1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego Bay. 619-686-8715. Saturday, 7 p.m., *MiniKISS*, classic rock.

**Kaito**, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Live music.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Frankie-Dee and the Funk-Natra Band*. Friday, 9 p.m., *West of 5*, classic rock. Saturday, *Kingfish Turner*, blues. Sunday,

*the Blues Brokers*, blues jam. Tuesday, reggae. Wednesday, *Rippy's Metal Bands*.

**La Scala**, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney and Jazzilla*, blues/jazz. Saturday, blues/jazz/Latin. Sunday, Brazilian music. Wednesday, *Tomcat Courtney*, blues.

**La Valencia Hotel**, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., *Rick Ross*, piano/jazz.

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**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. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, rock/reggae/soul/blues.

**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Canon Ball*. Friday, 8 *Track Star*, rock. Saturday, *the Mississippi Mudsharks*, blues. Wednesday, *Guava Belly*, rock.

**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, *Popa Chubby* and *San Pedro Slim*, blues. Friday, *Pleasure Devices*, *the Wastrels*, *In Perfect Agony*, and *the Screamin' Yeehaws*. Saturday, *Aqua Tribe* and *Cubensis*, rock. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Six Reasons* and *Discord*. Wednesday, *Jim Weider's Project Percolator*.

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**Anthology**, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Thursday, *the Anthology House Band*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, *Eddie Palmieri*, Latin/jazz pianist. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *David Liebman*, jazz saxophone. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Peter Sprague*, jazz guitarist.

**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., *Melissa Vaughan*, folk.

**The Casbah**, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative rock/punk. Thursday, *Big Business* and *the Melvins*. Friday, *Qui*, *Model/Actress*, and *Earthless*. Saturday, *Southern Culture on the Skids*, *Hillstomp*, and *Shortstomp*. Sunday, *the Scarlet Symphony*, *Operator X*, and *Electrocrypt*. Monday, *Quasi*, *Frightened Rabbit*, and *Swim Party*. Tuesday, *Tristeza*, *Georgie James*, and *Aqueduct*. Wednesday, *Grand Ole Party*, *the Glossines*, *the Muslims*, and *the Sess*.

**Club Montage**, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

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**Dakota Grill and Spirits**, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, contemporary piano.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Blue Rockit*, blues/rock. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Siers Brothers*, rock and roll. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Chris and Mark Duo*. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Private Domain*, unplugged, rock. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Dregs of Sada*, rock. Wednesday, live rock and roll.

**Dublin Square**, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal*, rock/country/pop.

**4th & B**, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Pogues*, *Ollin*, and *William Elliott*

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**G5-Georges on Fifth**, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E and F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

**Henry's Pub**, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock of 80's*. Friday, *Good Times*. Saturday, *Good Times*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*s, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds*, blues.

**House of Blues**, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, *Peter Frampton*, rock. Sunday, *Sick of It All*, *Madball*, *Viva Hate*, and *Down to Nothing*, hardcore/rock/punk. Monday, *Glassjaw*. Tuesday, *DJ Krush*. Wednesday, *Enanitas Verdes*, Latin rock.

**Java Jones**, 631 Ninth Street, downtown. 619-696-9664. Friday, 7 p.m., *Astra Kelly*, *John Compton*, *Hot Rod Harris*, and *Garden Road*, acoustic/folk/rock.

**Martini Ranch**, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Live music Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, soul/rock/reggae/funk.

**Patrick's II**, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Michele Lundeen and Blues Streak*. Friday, *the Blues Brokers*. Saturday, *Big Papa and the TCB Band*. Sunday, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*. Monday, *Blue Largo*. Tuesday, *Shelle Blue*. Wednesday, *the Bayou Brothers*.

**Rock Bottom**, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

**Sevilla**, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo*, Latin jazz/salsa. Tuesday, *Ritmo Caliente*. Wednesday, *Primo*.

**The Shout House**, 655 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Rock and roll sing-along dueling pianos.

**The Westgate Hotel**, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Prince of Piano*, piano/pop.

Evening Entertainment: Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, pop/jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m. to

midnight, *Karen Giorgio*, cabaret. Sunday and Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Julio de la Huerta*, Latin. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith Page*, international/standards.

**Whiskey Girl**, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *DaGroove*, rock hits, and *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Friday and Saturday, *DJ Marc Thrasher*. Sunday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Monday, *Manic Mondays* with *DJ Thrasher*. Tuesday, *DJ Famous Dave*. Wednesday, *the Stepping Feet*, a *Dave Matthews Band* tribute, pop/rock, and *DJ Famous Dave*.



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## SAN DIEGO

**AcousticMusicSanDiego**, 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego. 619-303-8176. Thursday, *Harry Manx*, folk/world/blues. Saturday, *John Stewart*, country.

**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. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Post 310 Blues Band*. 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*.

**Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)**, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Johnson, Bosley and Morin*, acoustic trio.

**Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music starts at

8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Electric Mistress, the Eric MacFadden Trio*, and *a Conscious Few*, rock/alternative. Friday, 8 p.m., *Rehab* and *Lexington*, rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *David Starfire, Janaka Selekt*, and *20 Meat:6 Fry*, breakbeat/hip-hop/electronica. Monday, 8 p.m., *Federico Aubele* and *Jesse Johnson*.

**Claire de Lune**, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *the Zzymzy Quartet*, jazz.

**Epicentre**, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/alternative rock. Thursday, *Haustorium*. Friday, *the Good Life*. Saturday, *the Burning of Rome*, *Emergency Broadcast System*, and *Longstay*. Monday, *the Battles*.

**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, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Buick Wilson Band*, blues/swing. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Indie by Design*, indie. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Burt Brion*, 7 p.m. to midnight, *Diane Schuur*, jazz vocalist. Monday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Chet Cannon*, blues. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Bill MacPherson All-Star Blues Band*. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Pop Rocks*, '80s dance.

**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.

# as i hear it

BY BRIAN CARVER

Artist: **Agave**  
Song: **"Drippin' Bitches"** (from the CD *Radiates Your Head*)  
Heard By: **David Martin**, Golden Hill



David

When it first started, I thought it was serious and I was, like, "wow, that's some pretty bad songwriting." Then I realized it was a joke and I could respect it for what it was — nothing that I'd listen to. I could see if it was trimmed up nicely it'd make a nice little commercial one-hit wonder. It was like a Phish-meets-Sublime version of a Ludacris or Juvenile song; like, "all big-booty ho's, back that ass up" style. I'd call it frat-party rock. I liked the female vocals — that was not expected. Otherwise, it was pretty standard, musically. I would say [that would be a good song for] shotgunning beers in Pacific Beach and "bro" high-fiving my buddies with tribal tattoos.

Artist: **Immovable Objects**  
Song: **"Raindrops in Morning Traffic"** (from the CD *Hoping it Stays Just This Broken*)  
Heard By: **Kathy Jimenez**, East Village



Kathy

It started out really slow with the xylophone, which is kind of cool. I could have been studying to something like that, but as soon as it picks up with the guitar, it kind of threw me off. It sounded like metal. It wasn't what I expected. Toward the end it seemed like someone was going to die. There's a lot going on in the song. I think they were trying to go for the Mars Volta [sound]. It kind of reminded of that [band] when they "went off." I actually couldn't hear the lyrics; there was so much noise going on. I would expect to hear it in someone's car...like, [it's] something underground that I wouldn't be aware of.

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Artist: **Mike Press**  
Song: **"Smart Went Crazy"** (from the CD *Keep Your Head*)  
Heard By: **Eric Lavallie**, East Village



Eric

I thought that it's definitely not breaking any new ground. It's not something that I'd want to buy or really look forward to listening to again. It wasn't horrible; it just sounds like traditional, American, semi-power-folksy-pop from the early to mid '90s. It reminded me a lot of Everlast, maybe even the Lemonheads on their worst day. The lyrics seemed pretty simple and weren't very inspiring. It really seemed to be one of those songs where it all builds up to a really good chorus, but the payoff never comes. I guess I really wouldn't be a good gauge of what would end up being popular, so perhaps [it could get airplay].



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**The Kensington Club**, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Live rock/alternative.

**Lestat's Coffee House**, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *Alyssa Jacey, Damion Wolfe*, and *Jen Knight*, acoustic/folk. Friday, *the Robin Henkel Band*, blues. Saturday, *Get Back Loretta* and *Silent Comedy*, alternative. Sunday, *Anna Troy, David Murphy*, and *Jeff Tuohy*, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, *the Loaded*, rock.

**Martini's Above Fourth**, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas*, jazz.

**O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub**, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *Arroyo*, 9:30 p.m., *Tigersharks, Meld*, and *Johnny Different*, alternative/punk/rock. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Rhythm Red*, rock/pop/funk. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., *Catalina, Kennedy's Curse, Brave Monster*, and *My Laughing Face*, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the Skunk Apes*, CDM, and *the Postals*, rock/punk.

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**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.

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**Rosie O'Grady's**, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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**Second Wind**, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *5 Miles High*, classic rock.

**Sogno Di Vino**, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz/Latin guitar.

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**The Alley**, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, dance.

**Belly Up Tavern**, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Sin City All Stars*, *Mike Stinson*, *the Sidewinders*, and *Eve Selis*, country/rockabilly, roadhouse rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Common Sense* and *Split Finger*, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Pinback*, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Colbie Caillat*, *Chris Pierce*, and *Jason Reeves*, acoustic/soul/folk. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Ceu*, *Pacifika*, and *Adama*, alternative. Wednesday, *80's Heat* and *Society*.

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**Boar Cross'n**, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe**, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Martin Storrow*, acoustic/folk.

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**Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)**, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Brenda Penneton*, folk.

**Carvers**, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the Ideas*, classic rock. Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock/swing.

**Cheers**, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, classic rock. Tuesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Chin's Palace**, 2241 South El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-439-3600. *Marc Logan*, jazz.

**Coyote Bar and Grill**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live music. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players*, blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, classic rock, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerome Dawson*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues.

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**La Costa Resort and Spa**, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Spa: Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, jazz.

**Mas Fina Cantina**, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**McCabe's Beach Club**, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country. Saturday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Fleetwood Max!*, Fleetwood Mac tribute band.

**Mille Fleurs**, 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-3085. Tuesday through Sunday, *Mark Lessman*, jazz. Wednesday, piano.

**Molly Malone's**, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the Travlin' Band*, classic rock.

**North Bar Sports and Spirits**, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock/folk.

**Ocean House**, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 9 p.m., *Bandemic*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Material Witness*, rock. Sunday, salsa. Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Cradit Union*, swing.

**R. O'Sullivan's**, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Joe Wood and the Lonely Ones*, acoustic

rock/blues. Saturday, 9 p.m., live rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. and Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Clachan Boys*, Irish folk/fiddle. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Brehon Law*, Irish folk.

**Rancho Bernardo Inn**, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

**Surf N'Saddle**, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

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### Friday 10/26

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### Saturday 10/27

- The Grams

### Sunday 10/28

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### Monday 10/29

- Football Madness

## Calendar CLUBS

### NORTH COUNTY

(continued)

**Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant**, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., live rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *Brehon Law*, Irish folk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, acoustic rock/folk. Monday, 8 p.m., live rock. Tuesday, 8 p.m., live acoustic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Nate Donniss*, rock.

**When in Rome**, 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-944-1771. Thursday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Adrienne Nims* and *Spirit Wind*, global jazz.

### SOUTH BAY/CORONADO

**Buon Giorno Restaurant**, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Thursday, 7 p.m., *the Tokeli Jazz Trio*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Stage 4* or *Mikan and Friends*, R&B/jazz.

**The Butcher Shop**, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/pop/Latin.

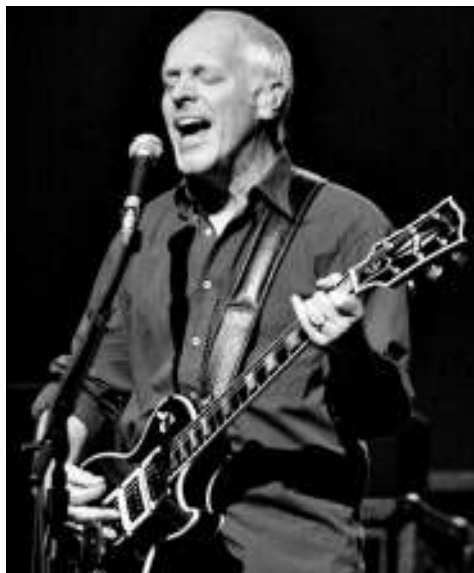
**Hotel del Coronado**, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday through Sunday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist. Monday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Gonzo Gonzales*. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Jim Gibson*, guitarist.

1500 Ocean: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Tony Lasley*, jazz guitar. Crown Room: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., *Ray Briz*, pianist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist.

**Island Sports and Spirits**, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, *Jumpstart*, jump blues.

# Yo, DJ!

## Talk About a Star



**Peter Frampton plays House of Blues tomorrow, October 26**

Well, I've been in radio for 27 years, so when it comes to Peter Frampton, I'm pretty much tired of all his songs: "Show Me the Way" ...and, as sick as I was of "Baby, I Love Your Way," there was a time that the band Will the Power covered that song and combined it with "Freebird." And then we were hearing that song all over again, all the time.



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But the thing about Frampton songs that all jocks like is that they're "bathroom songs." Back in the days of vinyl, the DJs would play the long songs when they needed to go to the bathroom and do their business. The Frampton song that comes to mind is "Do You Feel Like We Do?" That song is about 15 minutes long. That was enough time to drive home and do your business there if you wanted.

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**Borders Books and Music (El Cajon),** 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *B'Dale*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Monty McIntyre*, acoustic folk.

**Cat Daddy's,** 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-593-2629. Friday, 8 p.m., *Cyanide Vogue*, rock.

**Dirk's Niteclub,** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge,** 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, acoustic rock.

**Fannie's Nightclub,** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Thursday and Friday, 9 p.m., *the Cory Wilkins Band*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Kaos Tom, Victory of Reason*, and *Livid*, rock.

**Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel,** 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday and Saturday, country music.

**Renegade Inn,** 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Southbound Johnny*, country.

**Second Wind,** 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 6019-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

**Tommy's Italian Restaurant,** 1190 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2676. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Franco Z*, standards/swing/jazz.

Calendar  
BANDS

ALTERNATIVE

**Adama:** Belly Up Tavern

**Against the World:** The Jumping Turtle

**Aghori:** The Jumping Turtle

**Animal Corpse:** The Jumping Turtle

**Apes in English:** Soma

**Aqueduct:** The Casbah

**Arsonists Get All the Girls:** Soma

**The Battles:** Epicentre

**Behemoth:** Soma

**Beneath the Massacre:** Soma

**Big Business:** The Casbah

**Cattle Decapitation:** Soma

**CDM:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Ceu:** Belly Up Tavern

**The Clay Colton Band:** Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

**The Tony Danza Tapdance:** Soma

**The Dead Serial Killers:** The Jumping Turtle

**Divine Heresy:** The Jumping Turtle

**Discord:** Winstons

**The Drapes:** The Jumping Turtle

**Earthless:** The Casbah

**Electric Mistress:** Brick By Brick

**Electrocrypt:** The Casbah

**Extravaganza:** Soma

**Frightened Rabbit:** The Casbah

**Get Back Loretta:** Lestat's Coffee House

**The Glossines:** The Casbah

**Gojira:** Soma

**The Good Life:** Epicentre

**Haustorium:** Epicentre

**I Object:** The Jumping Turtle

**Immolated Seraphim:** The Jumping Turtle

**In Perfect Agony:** Winstons

**Indie by Design:** Humphrey's

**Introspect:** The Jumping Turtle

**Johnny Different:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Leftover Crack:** The Jumping Turtle

**Meld:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**The Melvins:** The Casbah

**The Muslims:** Tower Bar, The Casbah

**Nihilist:** The Jumping Turtle

**Operator X:** The Casbah

**Pacifika:** Belly Up Tavern

**Pallida Mors:** Soma

**The Pleasure Devices:** Winstons

**The Postals:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Quasi:** The Casbah

**Qui:** The Casbah

**Rhythm Red:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Roses on Her Grave:** Tower Bar

**The Scarlet Symphony:** The Casbah

**Sergulath:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Sess:** The Casbah

**The Shake Ups:** Scolari's Office

**Silent Comedy:** Lestat's Coffee House

**The Skunk Apes:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Snatch Magnet:** The Jumping Turtle

**The Swedish Models:** Tower Bar

**Swim Party:** The Casbah

**Three Inches of Blood:** The Jumping Turtle

**Tigersharks:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Toxic Narcotic:** The Jumping Turtle

**Tristeza:** The Casbah

**The Wastrels:** Winstons

**Bad Credit:** Soma

**Bandemic:** Ocean House

**The Cathryn Beeks Ordeal:** Dublin Square

**The Blackout Party:** 710 Beach Club

**Brave Monster:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Brax:** The Ould Sod

**Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub

**The Burning of Rome:** Epicentre

**Cactus Twang:** The Calypso Cafe

**Canobliss:** 'Canes

**Canon Ball:** Tiki House

**Casket Yo Yo:** The Jumping Turtle

**Catalina:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**A Conscious Few:** Brick By Brick

**The Cradit Union:** Ocean House

**Cubensis:** Winstons

**Cyanide Red:** Cat Daddy's

**Daredevil Jane:** 710 Beach Club

**Dead Man's Party:** 'Canes

**Desert Diamonds:** Tower Bar

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### BANDS

**ROCK**  
*(continued)*

**Nate Donniss:** Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

**Down to Nothing:** House of Blues

**Dregs of Sada:** Dick's Last Resort

**8 Track Star:** Tiki House

**The Electric Waste Band:** Winstons

**The Emergency Broadcast System:** Epicentre

**Enanitas Verdes:** House of Blues

**The Fabulous Woodies:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**5 Miles High:** Second Wind (San Carlos)

**Fleetwood Max!:** McCabe's Beach Club

**Peter Frampton:** House of Blues

**Frankie-Dee and the Funk-Natra Band:** The Kraken

**Full Xposure:** Dirk's Niteclub

**Mike Gardner:** North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

**Glassjaw:** House of Blues

**Good Times:** Henry's Pub

**Grand Ole Party:** The Casbah

**Guava Belly:** Tiki House

**Hillstomp:** The Casbah

**The Ideas:** Carvers

**In Every Breath:** 'Canes

**Georgie James:** The Casbah

**Job for a Cowboy:** Soma

**Jesse Johnson:** Brick By Brick

**Kaos Tom:** Fannie's Nightclub

**Kennedy's Curse:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Livid:** Fannie's Nightclub

**The Loaded:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Madball:** House of Blues

**The Maddox Revolution:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

**Madina Lake:** Soma

**Manganista:** 'Canes

**Material Witness:** Ocean House

**Mayday Parade:** Soma

**The Eric McFadden Trio:** Brick By Brick

**Meriwether:** Soma

**MiniKISS:** Hornblower Cruises

**My Laughing Face:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**New York Station:** Tower Bar

**Night Shift:** Carvers

**Off Track:** The Jumping Turtle

**Pinback:** Belly Up Tavern

**Powerspace:** Soma

**Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort

**Radio Racer:** The Jumping Turtle

**Rehab:** Brick By Brick

**The Rhythm Method:** Coyote Bar and Grill

**Ron's Garage:** Island Sports and Spirits

**The Screamin' Yeehaws:** Winstons, 'Canes

**Eve Selis:** Belly Up Tavern

**Serious Guise:** Second Wind (Santee)

**Shortstack:** The Casbah

**Sick of It All:** House of Blues

**The Siers Brothers:** Dick's Last Resort

**Six Reasons:** Winstons

**SO3:** 710 Beach Club

**Southern Culture on the Skids:** The Casbah

**The Stilettos:** Henry's Pub

**The Strangers Six:** 710 Beach Club

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**JAZZ / BIG BAND**  
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**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

**Willovealot:** American Legion Post 310

**Yavez:** Croce's Jazz Bar

**Z-Bop:** Epazote, The Flying Bridge

**Franco Z.:** Tommy's Italian Restaurant

**The Zzymzzy Quartet:** Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

**REGGAE / SKA**

**Common Sense:** Belly Up Tavern

**40 Ounces to Freedom:** 710 Beach Club

**Lexington:** Brick By Brick

**Raiz Muzik:** J.J. Lander's Irish Pub

**Split Finger:** Belly Up Tavern

**Strive Roots:** 710 Beach Club

**Uplift:** The Calypso Cafe

**COUNTRY**

**The California Rangers:** McCabe's Beach Club

**The Cathouse Thumpers:** 'Canes

**The Handsome Devils:** 'Canes

**Married by Elvis:** 'Canes

**The Sidewinders:** Belly Up Tavern

**The Sin City All Stars:** Belly Up Tavern

**Southbound Johnny:** Renegade Inn

**John Stewart:** AcousticMusicSanDiego

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**Buick Wilson Band**

Friday, October 26  
6:30 pm • Indie

**Indie By Design**

Saturday, October 27  
9:30 pm • Latin Rock

**Viva Santana**



Sunday, October 28  
7 pm • Jazz Vocalist

**Diane Schuur**



Monday, October 29  
7 pm • Blues

**Chet Cannon's Blue Monday Blues Party**

Tuesday, October 30 • 7 pm • Blues

**Bill MacPherson All-Star Blues Jam**

Wednesday, October 31 • 8 pm • '80s Dance

**Pop Rocks Halloween Celebration**

**UPCOMING SHOWS**

Saturday, November 3

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Saturday, November 10

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Sunday, November 25

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5 Miles High

Santee

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Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27 • 9 pm  
Classic Rock



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John Compton: Java Jones

Melanie Frontz: Vinbladh's

Garden Road: Java Jones  
Gonzo Gonzales: Hotel del Coronado

Harold and Gabe: Blarney Stone Pub

The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's Cocktail Lounge

Hot Rod Harris: Java Jones

Alyssa Jacey: Lestat's Coffee House

Jesus Jams: E Street Cafe

Johnson, Bosley and Morin: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Astra Kelly: Java Jones

Jen Knight: Lestat's Coffee House

Steve Langdon: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Brehon Law: R. O'Sullivan's, Tom Giblein's Irish Pub and Restaurant

Harry Manx: AcousticMusicSanDiego

Monty McIntyre: Borders Books and Music (El Cajon)

David Murphy: Lestat's Coffee House

Robbie O'Reilly: Blarney Stone Pub

Ollin: 4th & B

Brenda Panneton: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Chris Pierce: Belly Up Tavern

The Pogues: 4th & B

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## GET IN MY BELLY

by Josh Board

**I** got a call about a belly-dance party in Spring Valley. I'm sure my neighbors heard my car tires burn rubber.

When I arrived, the place was SRO. I found space in the kitchen with the food and booze. I didn't have a problem with that.

I glanced at the couple next to me, who looked familiar. The guy resembled the actor from *Beauty and the Beast*. Though I knew it could be dangerous, I told him. "Yeah, I hear that all the time," he said. "When my wife and I went to Aerosmith in L.A., everyone thought I was him. Maybe that's because in L.A. they are more used to seeing stars. My wife wanted to tell people she was my personal assistant."

This couple told me that I looked familiar and we soon realized where we had met. I wrote about a party they hosted on top of a building downtown.

As we were talking, an Asian woman kept walking over to get drinks. The fourth time she came in, I said, "You're drinking everything." She said, "Oh, I try a little of this and a little of that." When I saw her later, she said, "I wanted water. But



Top left: Belly dancer; Top right: Tiffany (left) with her mom; Bottom left: Musicians at belly dance party; Bottom right: The woman who couldn't find water

there is none. So, I had to settle for a beer."

I went for a piece of cake that I saw in the living room and overheard someone say, "Man, I want to see some cobras coming out of baskets." His friend replied, "I want to see some younger belly dancers. Don't get me wrong, the ones here are hot, but I want to see a few younger ones."

They looked at me and

**"Keep in mind, you're talking to a pageant mother. You can't get negative."**

asked, "Do you agree?" I said, "Hey, I want to see some chocolate cake, and I see some. I'm happy."

Since I brought a date with me, I knew better than to discuss the belly dancers.

When I rejoined my date, however, she was talking to a guy. He told her that he sings Middle Eastern songs. When my date told him that she belly dances, he said, "Give me your card, maybe we can

work together." I was standing ten feet away and said, "Hey, that's a great line, dude. Especially at a party like this." He insisted that he really was a singer, but my date rolled her eyes.

I believed the guy but gave him a hard time. I was told that he'd been asking belly dancers for pictures for his business. When one of the dancers said she thought that was odd, he said in defense, "No, I only work with professionals, so I need to see the photos." I wondered why, if he's looking at them, he needed photos. Shouldn't he have asked to see their moves?

One dancer asked me what I thought of the dances. "They're enjoyable, but I kind of feel awkward watching. I don't want them thinking I'm

a perv." She said, "Just keep your eyes north, and they won't feel that way." I said, "What if I take out a dollar bill and try to put it in her outfit?"

I was talking to one guy who lost a cousin in Iraq. We talked about the war and then I asked him for details about his cousin. "A sniper got him in the neck. He was wearing full body armor. That was the only area that wasn't covered."

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We had a bit of a debate. I said "That's not the recipe. That's just a list of the things in the bars." He said, "Well, isn't that the same thing?" I said, "Maybe to most people. But I can't cook. So, a recipe would show me how hot the oven has to be...how much sugar I need to put in...things like that." He shook his head and said, "It's the same thing." He walked



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away and a woman came over and said, "I'm putting five of those in a bag to take home with me."

I talked to a guy named Steve who was a neighbor of the person throwing this party. He told me about his girlfriend's daughter Tiffany, who was runner-up to Miss San Diego. We talked about beauty pageants, and I brought up the movie *Little Miss Sunshine* and how it

shows some of the lengths parents go to for their kids. He told me that there are parents who force their kids into things when the kids are too young. He added that Tiffany was 20.

I said, "I always thought high heels during the swimsuit portion are ridiculous. And, if this is Miss San Diego they were vying for, they should've worn flip-flops."

He told me that when Tiffany was in Vegas, she

won "Miss Snow." We laughed about all the blond hair and blue eyes you see in pageants when he told me, "Yeah, she's black and she's *Miss Snow*."

When I talked to Tiffany's mother about pageants, she said "Hey, keep in mind you're talking to a pageant mother. You can't get negative."

When I saw Tiffany dancing, I asked her mom if Tiffany could do other forms of dance. "Oh,

yeah. She does hip-hop and R&B...tap. She does ballet, too."

A few hours later, my date asked if I was okay to drive — she had been drinking. I said, "Yeah, I only had two glasses of wine." Someone said to us, "Hey, we were going

to open this bottle of champagne. You have to have a glass." When he poured the bubbly into a red plastic cup, my date and I made our way to the door. I said, "Maybe I have had too much to drink. That knife looks like it's broken."■

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# Starry, Starry Night

Samurai Jim, so much “scenier” than I am, suggested that we check out the Starlite Lounge. Normally, I steer clear of lounges, sports bars, etc., leaving anything smacking of pub grub to Tin Fork — but a quick Googling of the website (housemade sausage!) and blogs convinced me there was real food to be had there. In fact, Starlite is turning out to be a popular off-duty hangout for chefs (e.g., a favorite of Melissa Mayer from the Guild), always a good sign. Little wonder: When chef Michael Stebner (formerly of 910 and Region) headed home to Arizona, he left a culinary legacy. At Starlite, the chef, sous-chef, bar manager, and at least one line-chef are all his former employees and his heirs, carrying the flag of local, sustainably raised produce, naturally raised meats, artisanal cooking, and wines that carry the taste of the soil where they’re grown.

The lounge is the latest project of Tim Mays, who’s also co-owner of the Turf Club (offering great rib-eye steak and good vibes) and, further down India, the famed dive-bar the Casbah. The name “Starlite” suggests a glitzy atmosphere and showy entranceway. Instead, there’s a snazzy but easy-to-miss rectangular wood-and-glass front door on a bland rectangular building on a dead stretch well north of the fleshpots of Little Italy. Step inside and you find a large, low, wraparound black bar that forms a center square, with tables around the outskirts of the room. Although much more spacious and modern (and with a younger crowd), there’s a touch of a *Cheers* feel to the room. With summer fast fading, I was eager to catch its last sweet breaths on the stanchion-heated back patio. Jim and I arrived early with friends Fred and Gustavo to guarantee the seats we wanted, and a few minutes after we settled at our table, a wooden “curtain” rose theatrically — *ta-da!* — to reveal a brightly lighted, fully furnished outdoor bar.

The menu is brief but classy, a far cry from boring pub grub. It changes every day or two to reflect the foods of the season and features naturally raised heritage meats and local-grown produce. A “lounge” is all about enjoying a night out socializing with friends, and fittingly, many of the appetizers are designed for sharing.

Take the sausage board (do!). That night, it included a large, luscious link of housemade porcini-mellowed pork sausage, savory with sub-



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tle spices that we couldn’t quite name, and moist from the mushrooms. Alongside were thickish slices of excellent salami (a meat that I normally don’t like) and pieces of mild, tender-baked pork shoulder. The garnishes offered complementary flavors: pickled green beans, honey-balsamic baby onions, cornichons, and strong mustard.

A *fritto misto* featured calamari, eggplant, zucchini, and yellow summer squash fried in an airy, greaseless batter, with a louche lemon aioli dip on the side. The perfectly cooked veggies reminded me of the classic New Orleans starters of fried eggplant and fried zucchini — but in a lighter coating. Along with offering more than a single flavor, they weren’t nearly as filling as an equal amount of calamari would have been.

A cheese plate (chosen from the fab array at Venissimo in Hillcrest) came with crusty hazelnut-raisin bread, pickled golden raisins, quartered fresh figs, and a sploosh of honeycomb. Unfortunately, all three cheeses, each excellent in itself, were of the same basic type (firm and “nutty”),

although they came from various animals and nations. A more classic and satisfying array would include one goopy cheese (of the ripe Brie type) and either a soft, goaty cheese or a creamy blue-veined selection. The chef later explained that since he serves cheeses at room temperature (as they should be), during the heat of the summer the soft cheeses were melting or crumbling to uselessness, so firmer ones will be offered until fall is well under way.

The soup of the evening — beautiful soup — was a light, zesty tomato broth with seafood and basil purée. It included many succulent mussels, wafts of tender fish slices, and two slightly overcooked shrimp. Never mind the shrimp, the soup furnished enough savory satisfaction to suffice for an evening’s entrée — but we went on to the entrées anyway.

There are usually only five main courses. The one we chose to skip was the hamburger, although odds are it’s a good one. It’s made with Brandt beef, same as the showstopper, a Brandt

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### Starlite Lounge ★★★ (Very Good)

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**PRICES:** Appetizers and salads, \$5–\$15. Entrées, \$13–\$21. Desserts, \$7.

**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Brief, mutable menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, featuring naturally raised meats, house-made pasta and sausages, local sustainably raised produce. Short, smart, merciful wine list with French and California wines at way-below-average markups, few by the glass. Full bar with creative cocktails.

**PICK HITS:** Fritto misto; sausage board; Jidori chicken; Prime flat-iron steak; toffee-chip ice cream sandwich.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Age 21 and up only. Easy-to-miss entrance: Driving north on India after taking Sassafras exit from I-5, slow to a crawl at Redwood. Starlite is at the next corner. Turn right on Spruce for parking slots. Additional street parking easy. No reservations. Heated back patio (up several stairs, smoking okay). Noisy and crowded Thursday–Saturday. About seven lacto-vegetarian dishes, bupkes for vegans. Happy hour 5:00–7:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday.

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Prime flat-iron. Brandt is a family ranch in Brawley that raises hormone-free, antibiotic-free natural beef. The cattle eat sustainably grown grains the family raises for them and are finished off on Midwestern corn. Sounds green and virtuous, but better than virtue, this beef was all about flavor and tenderness. It didn’t taste like yet another boring piece of dead bovine but was intensely meaty. Its tenderness was all the more

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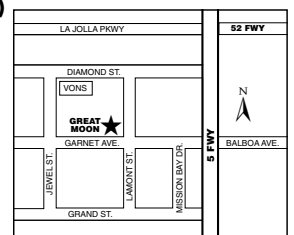
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remarkable in a flatiron, a cut from the chuck blade (the animal's hard-working front shoulder), which is typically savory but can sometimes be tough. (Prime grade certainly helps.) The kitchen sauced it lightly with horseradish crème fraîche, just right for highlighting the meat without disguising it. Alongside were yellow fingerling potatoes, aristocratic but not competitive.

We ordered the Duroc pork chop medium-rare ("rosy pink, not brown"), since the pedigree of the pork nearly guaranteed healthy, high-quality meat: With trichinosis pretty much extinct in American commercial pork, if the pig's well raised it needn't be cooked well-done. Duroc is a heritage breed of red-skinned hog (first bred in New York–New Jersey in 1830). It's famed for flavor and richness, and like other heritage hogs, most of the supply is raised naturally and humanely on family farms rather than vast, filthy pigmeat factories. Alas, the kitchen cooked the huge, meaty chop brown anyway, a waste of a fine porker. The sides with it were good, though — soulful braised greens and cippolini onions with dried-cherry balsamic jus.

Jidori chicken is another pedigreed critter, something like the fowl equivalent of Kobe beef — a bird bred for flavor, not for its speed to maturity. This proved to be one of the few local kitchens to cook it

properly, rather than excessively. Pan-roasted to produce a crisp skin, both its breast and thigh pieces were moist, with an honest taste resembling the prefatory chickens of my childhood. It came with briny black olives and roasted cherry tomatoes, but the starch — bland, buttered, soft polenta — needed more oomph. "This tastes like oatmeal, minus the brown sugar," said Jim. When the plate moved my way, I saw his point. "To really come into its own," I said, "soft polenta needs a blast of good cheese. Parmesan, or Gorgonzola, or even — don't call me Scarface, my name is Mascarpone."

Also a disappointment: a vegetarian entrée of house-made cavatelli pasta, cooked firm, with tomatoes, eggplant, squash, and Parmesan. The combination needed something livelier or earthier — chiles, chard, escarole — I don't know, something more assertive to unite it and spark it.

Desserts are all housemade. The bread pudding with local apples (from Crow's Pass Farms) and brandy sauce was heavy, not even in the same class (to fanatic Jim) as A.J. Valentien's or runner-up Kensington Grill's. But all of us were seduced by sandwiches of thick, soft, chewy toffee-chip cookies surrounding vanilla ice cream. "You can't exactly call this a 'light' dessert," said Fred, "but it's so-o-o good." It feels light, and oddly sexy, like a

childhood treat that's still fresh-faced but all grown up now and gorgeous in cashmere and high heels.

Since Starlite is a lounge, I know you want to know about the hooch. Cocktails are made with housemade syrups from fresh fruits, and early blogs reported on the power of the mixed drinks. Those we received were no longer powerful — more than tamed by an excess of ice, they even lost their characteristic flavors. (My margarita tasted like water, Gustavo's mojito was saved only by the mint, and mildness even kidnapped Jim's notorious mule, served in a big copper mug like something a Kentucky moonshiner might gulp from.) The sole survivor was Fred's ice-free "Galapagos," a creative martini-variant made with Peruvian Pisco brandy. Madame N. has had a vision that the bartender that evening was a temp substitute. (Come onna the *SanDiegoReader.com* blog online and let everybody know how YOUR drinks were after Tuesday, October 9. I'm really curious.)

But the wine list — aah, the wine list. It was crafted by Kate, the bar manager (who, like so many of the kitchen staff here, came from Michael Stebner's late, lamented Region). "She likes old-world wines with a strong sense of *terroir*," the chef told me (and so does he, and so do I). The list is short but fine, about half American, half

French. The Kermit Lynch Côte de Rhone (\$26) was a bit lighter than I expected, although still a lovely quaff — but had I known how rich the steak would taste, I'd have sprung for the Côte de Nuits Burgundy (\$41). Whatever your preference, you can pretty much go wild — the most expensive choices barely approach \$70. Even peasants can drink well here.

By the time our dinner was over, the bar at the patio was full (on a Tuesday night). On our way back through the interior, I noticed that its bar was also nearly full. The demographic? The vast majority were in the 21–30 age range, about 60 percent were women, and about 40 percent of the women were blondes. Not that there's anything wrong with that (especially for persons on a quest for under-30 blondes). As we exited, an attractive gray-haired Baby Boomer breezed in, but he, too, was with a 20ish blonde trophy — or daughter. In any event, we left happy, fed much better than I'd expected. If we weren't blinded by the dazzle of the starlight, we were certainly all a-twinkle.

#### ABOUT THE CHEF

Chef Travis Murphy is a local guy from La Mesa. "I went to culinary school up in San Francisco, starting in '94 at the CCA. I began cooking when I was pretty young, because I grew up with a single mother, and later some friends of mine encouraged me to go to cook-

ing school without having worked in any restaurants. I didn't know what I was getting myself into. It was a good experience, but I guess I could have learned more if I'd worked in kitchens first.

"I lived and worked up there for five years. I did my internship at Chez Panisse. It was just one month, but that was where I started getting into the whole sustainable-foods thing. I worked at Postrio and a few smaller places. I came down here in '99 because I met my future wife. That's a common thread for most of the guys that have moved here from that area — hard to afford San Francisco if you want to have a family. I worked briefly at Laurel, and then at Barbarella, for just under a year. Got married in 2000, and we went to Mexico for a couple of months. Got back and I went to 910 and I worked with Michael [Stebner] there. Originally, we had planned to move to someplace that was 'happening' culinarily, but we ended up buying a house here and having children.

"I met [owner] Tim Mays a long time ago, right after I moved, and I put a bug in his ear. I said, 'If you ever want to open a restaurant, let me know.' Which I never expected to happen, but when I was working at Modus last year, he approached me.

"The idea of using local products and making things in-house, I guess it came from

all of us. I wanted to use all-natural products and as much from local farmers as I could. My sous-chef, Kathleen Wise, worked at Region with Michael [Stebner] and was introduced to the concept of artisanal and local foods there. She also worked at Market, close to Chino Farms, and grew up in Wisconsin, so she has a strong sense of local farms. We get stuff from Crow's Pass — the owner delivers from five or six different North County farms — and I get stuff from La Milpa, and I go to the farmers' markets in Coronado and P.B., and I get stuff from the Farmstand and Rafael Farms.

"Our menu is sort of an American take on France or Italy, although I've never been to either place. We do pasta, polenta, risotto... Some of the things, Tim wanted on the menu. He wanted to have a burger and a steak, and he liked the idea of a mixed fry [*fritto misto*]. The Jidori chicken is the best chicken I ever tasted, so it was a no-brainer. The sausage board was something I came up with — I was trying to think of something to call it other than 'charcuterie,' and I was looking through a James Beard cookbook and that was what he called it. Kathleen makes the sausages; she learned from Aaron La Monica, who was the sous-chef at Region [currently at Market]. Our desserts are made by a line-cook named Marguerite who also worked at Region." ■

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# Tiger Woods, Baby

*“Comes down for paintball war games with his buddies at the military range. I cooked his burger.”*

**S**top press: Oh, man. Since I wrote this, the fires engulfed us. Last chance I had to call Debbie at the Campo Diner, on Monday, she was fine. Campo was east of the Harris Fire, which was blowing westward, away from them.

“Know who that is?” says Fred. It’s, it’s...wow. It’s Tiger Woods, here, grinning at us, plain as day.

“He was standing right here,” says Fred. “See? Same wall. Tiger Woods, baby. Campo rocks.”

We stand gawking at the photo of Tiger and buddies pinned to the corkboard. Who knew? The Man with the Golden Swing up in li'l ol' Camposito.

“He’s been here, oh, three times now,” says Debbie, when I get back to the counter. “Comes down for paintball war games with his buddies at the military range. I cooked his burger. It’s the same each time. Cheeseburger, medium-rare, with fries.”

Debbie’s the manager. She flaps her order-book open for me. “How about you?”

I fwoop open the big plastic menu book. “Good Eatin’ Just Down the Road,” says the front page.

Ha! Just down the road? How’s about 60 miles up the road from the coast? I was heading east on 94 when I spotted this merry-looking ol’ diner, red and white and yellow and green on the outside at a crossroads called Cameron Corners. Looked good. Fresh paint, and a large sign: “San Diego’s Best Fish & Chips.”

I didn’t shilly-shally outside. Too danged windy out here. It’s a big room, with more alcoves and party rooms in the back. You know straight off this must be the social center of the valley. I sit up at the red, squishy counter stools by the cash register. Everybody who comes up and pays knows Debbie. Bet she’s unofficial mayor around here.

“Decided?” she asks.

I flip through the golden pages. Hmm. Things

aren’t the cheapest. Rent can’t be that high. On the other hand their summertime AC bill must be ginormous. And trucking supplies up here must affect the bottom line. Breakfast (“served daily until noon”) does have some bargains, like “simply

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eggs,” two eggs, hash browns, and toast, \$5.95, and a half-order of biscuits and gravy, \$2.95. The full order’s \$4.95, and “the Jimmy Special” — the full plus two eggs — is \$7.45. But choose an omelet and you can kiss goodbye to Mr. Hamilton. A “Campo Firehouse Chili Omelette,” topped with cheese,

salsa, plus potatoes and toast or pancake, runs you \$8.25. The “Meat Lovers” (with ham, bacon, sausage, and cheese) is \$9.95; the “Campo” (with ham, bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, cheese, salsa) costs \$8.95; and the cheapest (the cheese) is \$7.50. Mind you, they’re all three-egggers. ‘Course the one I want is “the Works.” For \$12.45 (a half-order is \$7.95) you get bacon, ham, sausage, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, and potatoes, all pan-fried together and topped with scrambled eggs and cheese, plus toast, biscuit, or tortilla.

Ooh. Could do with that. But I’ve got to keep enough dinero to fill up for the return voyage, even though it’s downhill all the way. Besides, oh yeah. It’s past one o’clock. Lunch is salads (the chicken Caesar goes for \$8.95); sandwiches (BLT with fries runs \$7.95, the triple-decker Clubhouse with turkey, ham, bacon is \$9.95); those famous fish and chips \$12.95; and burgers: quarter-pounders are \$5.95 (\$6.95 with fries, \$7.45 with fries and cheese; think this is what Tiger had). Half-pounders start at \$6.95 (\$8.45 with fries) and go up through the cheeseburger (\$8.95), mushroom cheeseburger (\$8.95), to the bacon cheeseburger (\$9.95).

But the thing about these burgers is they’re all “certified Black Angus beef,” every last one of them.

“We guarantee that. It’s a struggle keeping the prices down, but it’s a point of pride for us,” says Debbie.

So I’m veering towards the Tigerburger, when I notice, up in the top left corner, soups and chili. Soup of the day is \$3.95 (cup) and \$5.95 (bowl). And the Campo Firehouse Chili, “made from fresh ground certified Black Angus Beef,” is \$4.95 (cup) and \$6.95 (bowl).

Daggone it. On impulse I order the bowl of soup — today’s is veggie — and a cup of chili. Yeah, I realize too late it’s a fool’s bargain. This is definitely gonna break my Hamilton and then some.

But here’s the thing. When it comes, the soup is absolutely brimming with every veggie you can imagine. It’s a meal, right there. “Jason makes it. He’s out next door, stirring the cauldrons,” says Debbie’s daughter Kimberly. The chili is totally exceptional too. The meat is tender, fer-lavorful as all get out. I mean, you can tell they have put thought and love into both of these.

And to top it, I suddenly realize I’m late for my very important date with this guy at the Railway Museum down the road. Hank ‘n’ me have this crazy idea to shoot a video (his cam, my plot — heroine’s tied to tracks, steam train’s a-comin’...). But Debbie says she’ll hold it all for me till I come back. When I do, three hours later, they still have my food. They heat it up, and I get into one of the most social hours I’ve had for yonkers, with everybody coming in for their Friday night take-homes. Fred, back from working on the roads out here; Craig, who’s with Campo Fire and Rescue; and a psychologist on the run from city life, Dr. Hobi. She’s waiting for her deep-fried chicken breast bucket. “I’m a vegetarian,” she says. “But



Debbie

tonight I’m going to pig out and watch trash TV. I do this once in six months.”

So, what’s a townie with a psychology degree doing out in the country?

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*“They say in Napa Valley, ‘The best fertilizer for the vineyard is the owner’s footsteps.’ ”*

It is perhaps a touch counterintuitive to picture a wine legend in his pajamas, especially when he is sitting across from you, dressed neatly in a blazer and a beret and about to host a tasting honoring his eponymous winery’s 30th anniversary in a restaurant whose windows take in much of San Diego Harbor. But that is the image that Mike Grgich presents as emblematic of his career: “I have always been a babysitter — a wine-sitter. Many times, I’ve come to the winery by night in my pajamas when the fermentation was going. I would think, ‘Tank one might be overflowing,’ and I would come to the winery and it would be overflowing. There are some forces you understand that you don’t understand why you understand them.”

Grgich is not claiming any mystical powers of insight; he’s alluding to the wisdom of experience, wisdom gained over a lifetime of being there — in the winery and in the vineyard. (The “lifetime” part is no exaggeration; at 84, he still approves every wine prior to its release, and as a boy, he stomped grapes at his father’s winery in what was then Yugoslavia.) As he puts it, “They say in Napa Valley, ‘The best fertilizer for the vineyard is the owner’s footsteps.’ You’ve got to

be there. You’ve got to see and make decisions, not just make decisions because of something you hear.”

For example: “In 1989, I saved 80 acres of Chardonnay vines in a Carneros vineyard,” when phylloxera was ravaging American vines planted to UC Davis’s disastrously chosen XR-1 rootstock. “It’s because I was there when they were subsoiling the vineyard. I had noticed that they were going down about five feet, and there were two feet of soil, and below that, sand. When I was

studying enology at the University of Zagreb, I learned that phylloxera cannot move through sand. Their skin is too sensitive; it hurts their skin. So when I saw phylloxera coming, I stopped watering the vines from above. That forced the root system to go down and search for the water in the sand.” And if your root tips are buried in the sand, out of range of the rapacious root louse, you don’t have to replant. “We had only two vines die; it’s the last vineyard planted to XR-1 in Napa Valley.”

For Grgich, experience and attention to particulars are paramount. Speaking with wine writer Robert Benson for the 1977 book *Great Wine-makers of California*, he said, “I consider

winemaking to be a combination lock. You have to know every number in order to unlock it. There are many people who know about winemaking, but they miss one number.” Speaking today, he says, “You cannot go by books, you cannot go by science, you cannot go by technology — you have to look at what has been done for eons, and you have to be willing to change every day if you see it is necessary.” He characterizes his approach as a fusion between those of two early employers: André Tchelistcheff and Robert Mondavi. “Tchelistcheff was a scientist — he came to America from the Pasteur Institute, very much an academic. Robert Mondavi was a dynamo — one year, he had roto-tanks, the next he had a centrifuge, the next, diatomaceous earth. I came to synthesize out of these styles the most practical approach. That’s how I came to be where I am, because I’m learning all the time.”

“Practical” means accepting technology where it works — “I think it’s better to control fermentation with technology,” Grgich told Benson — but being careful about its application. “I have an exercise machine. The instructions say how much you can help yourself by proper exercise but also that you can hurt yourself. You can do good, but you can make big mistakes. You have to be more educated, more experienced.”

The same can hold true for the sort of anti-technology presented by biodynamics, a system Grgich has embraced wholeheartedly. Still, he says, “You can overdo it. Somebody in France switched to biodynamics and spoiled the wine, because the vines grew too fast — the clusters and the berries were too big.” Grgich explains: after the XR-1 debacle, “There was an opportunity to plant new vines that were resistant to phylloxera and also to viruses.” If you go and lavish those plants with loving biodynamic care, you can end up with “grapevines that shoot ten feet tall, that



Miljenko “Mike” Grgich

you have to cut down. But you can put the brakes on the growth. It requires more control than before, when the viruses controlled the growth, but we can do it. No irrigation unless it’s really necessary.” Limiting fertilizer applications. “But you yourself have to develop a feeling for what to do by watching and observing.”

Grgich also holds those newer, healthier vines responsible for the surge in overall ripeness of California wines — sugar levels that can produce “14, 15, 16 percent alcohol in wines.” (Such ripeness is that much easier to achieve when you’re tweaking things through irrigation and chemical fertilizers.) He is not a fan of the development, largely because he thinks many of those high-alcohol wines don’t possess the acid levels they

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## RESTAURANTS

need to stay balanced. Such wines “overpower food instead of complementing it. And acid has to be there — acid is giving crispness, giving fruitiness. The wine has to have reasonable acid to rinse the palate of the fat from the meat. From the beginning, I was in the middle of the road — not too high or too low in alcohol, not too high or too low in acid. Balance — balance produces complex wine.”

Balance became the perennial goal for Grgich, the defining element of his eponymous winery's style. “I never wanted to make Parker-style or *Wine Spectator*-style wines, because I knew they would change their style. Robert Parker never scored my wines well — he would describe the wine beautifully, but the score was always low. We believe his time is over. I think people are realizing it was a mistake to make unbalanced wine...There are good wines on the market; people are coming back from the extremes. They're coming back to the elegance of wine, not the power.”

Now, “As I'm gracefully maturing — not aging, maturing — I feel that my American dream has come true. After 30 years, we are changing our name to Grgich Hills Estate,” to signify that the winery now owns all the vineyards that provide it with grapes. “I have my own land, my own vines. We make the wines, we bottle them,

we ship them, we sell them. I have a second generation in place: my daughter Violet has taken over the winemaking, and my nephew Ivo is taking my job in the vineyard. Both of them have been with me for over 20 years. And I have made three wines which I know were above average: the '69 Robert Mondavi Cabernet, the '73 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay, and the first Chardonnay I made at Grgich Hills.” (There is a twinkle in his eye as he says “above average,” and it's not hard to guess way — all three wines were heavily lauded, and the '73 Montelena was the Chardonnay that beat out France's great White Burgundies in the famous Paris Tasting of '76.)

After decades of wine-sitting and vineyard-walking, Grgich is finally “free to go around and see the world” and to host the occasional harborside tasting. “I have accomplished much more than you can find in books,” he concludes. “I have accomplished that I am happy with what I have done, and I have made many other people happy, and I have made some good wines.” ■

## RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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*mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.*

## NORTH COASTAL

**Beach Grass Cafe** 159 South Coast Highway 101 (one block south of Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-509-0632. Formerly a branch of Parkhouse Eatery, Beach Grass has been bought by a mini-chain (with Swami's Cafe and Honey's), but still serves the original recipes. You could eat breakfast here daily and never get bored with the creative morning menu, which includes foamy, fresh orange juice and “Beach Benedict” with eggs and house-made hollandaise on a soft, lush crab cake. Oddly, though, the “maple” syrup and “butter” spread are both mass-market blends. Lunches and dinners feature multi-ethnic “coastal cuisine,” with the best results in seafood dishes like “Moroccan crabcakes” and the fish-n-yam chips (with fine house-made tartar sauce). Vegetable accompaniments are tasty and creative. Reservations essential for weekend breakfasts. Free parking in back via driveway to right of restaurant. Breakfast through dinner daily. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

**Besta Wan Pizza House** 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This is a North County restaurant that continues to be popular. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner; weekends open at 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Cafe Zinc** 132 South Cedros (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked egg-

plant “pizzette” (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**El Q'ero** 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepeszy offers personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Firefly** 251 North El Camino Real (at Mountain Vista), Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**La Especial Norte** 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Boulevard), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue

ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little “croutons” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Pacifica Del Mar** Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-appetizers, plus great baked oysters, seared scallops, mustard catfish, and house-cured rib eye. The award-winning wine list is half price Thursday nights, and the full bar specializes in creative martinis. “Pacifica Dine-In” offers call-in take-out for selected items. Lunch and dinner daily. Early-bird dinner discount. Pacifica Breeze Café (a level down) offers savory dishes for breakfast through late lunch daily. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Paradise Grille** Flower Hill Promenade, 2690 Via de la Valle (at I-5 off-ramp), Del Mar, 858-350-0808. There's a new blossom unfolding at the Flower Hill mall, as chef Justin Hoehn hones his mixture of Caribbean, Polynesian, and California coastal cuisines. Creative house-made flatbread serves as a canvas for a wide range of imaginative toppings. Appetizers are witty — grilled skewered shrimp are coated in Rice Krispies and calamari tempura misto includes batter-fried lemon slices, a surprise substitute for the standard lemon wedges. The pistachio-coated salmon entrée arrives precisely cooked to order. Other entrées include guava-glazed pork ribs, horseradish-seared ahi tuna, and short ribs braised in plum wine. The wine list is long and eclectic. Most desserts come from Opera Bakery, and

they're quite good for outsourced sweets. Weekend brunch menu is painfully tempting: Brioche French toast, flatbread with gravlax, crabcakes Benedict, even jerk chicken sandwiches. Open for lunch and dinner weekdays, brunch and dinner on weekends. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Potato Shack Cafe** 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “man-hole” pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Savory** 267 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager's approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Tom Giblin's Irish Pub** 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly “small-townish” saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish “peasant” potato pancakes,



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rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as “wraps” for corned beef and other dishes. Live music Tuesday through Sunday, 9 p.m. to midnight. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Tony's Jacal** 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the “La Colonia” combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And “Jacal”? It means “shack.” No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

NORTH INLAND

**Abbey's Real Texas BBQ** 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**El Bizcocho** Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive (at Rancho Bernardo Road), 858-675-8500. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant-goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury resort ambience. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Galeon (Escondido)** 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W.*

**Pho Hoa Hiep** 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an “extra large bowl” of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done

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brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is “French bread with beef juicy cube soup.” They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Rancho Valencia** 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Enjoy an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner; brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — *S.M.*

**Vincent's Sirino's** 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *N.W.*

LA JOLLA

**A.R. Valentien** The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and “bad carbs” than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the “chef tasting” dinner are also available solo. The setting (a “country inn” on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar with steeply priced wines, moderate-price cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Brockton Villa** 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is “Coast Toast,” served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**The Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. “The cheese trade is dead,” says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its “overstuffed” meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted

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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.*

**Harry's Coffee Shop** 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming

in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on 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.*

**Marrakesh** 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At this Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower

water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. You can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. 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.*

**Sadaf** 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken).

Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Trattoria Acqua** 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.*

**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.*

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**Aladdin's Cafe** 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. Both locations offer beer and wine. Hillcrest's owners offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

**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.*

**Dumpling Inn** 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork

dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant** 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *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 Or-



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tega 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.*

**Sunrise Buffet** 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. “Oysters are here!” It’s what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald’s eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess “heaven.” Like McDonald’s, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it’s not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. 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

**Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar** 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It’s not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you’re not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with “six types of pork and two kinds of beef,” offered Saturday and Sunday. If you don’t have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the “PF,” *prato feito* (“ready plate”). It’s beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**The French Gourmet** 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf’s liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet *tout de suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include lamb loin, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in-house. Bakery, breakfast, and lunch daily; no dinner Sunday or Monday. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M.*

**Gringo’s** 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you’d guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensi-

ble 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.*

**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.*

**The Surfside** 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it’s a “scene” here — for good reason. You’ll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and “California coastal cuisine,” i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it’ll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual “party rolls” too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there’s a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Sushi Ota** 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don’t come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio’s). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors’ choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas. Don’t miss the *ama ebi* with crisp shrimp heads, atypically 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

**La Fachada** 20 25th Street (near Commercial Street), Logan Heights, 619-236-8566. The thing about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. This restaurant near the trolley’s 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops’ Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great Caldo Siete Mares and Vuelva a la Vida, tasty soups laden

with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. (Friday and Saturday open 24 hours). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Los Reyes** 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you’ve ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It’s *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It’s also called *Vuelva a la vida*: “Return to life.” On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad’s paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You’re in a big glass palace here. It’s especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. “33” Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Trieu Chau Restaurant** 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you’ll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of “Kampuchea” decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for “*djak kvai coffay dok ko*” — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy (“*koitiow bahat sai kho*”). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Turf Supper Club** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, “re-established” in 1998), if your meat’s done wrong, it’s your own fault. Every night’s an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that’s the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat’s a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you’re an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you’d miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*



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## EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

**Barnes Bar-B-Que** 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Monday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Jimmy's** 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Los Michoacanos** 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot,

crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B.*

**The Omelette Factory** 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all nineteen of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American), to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location, outside Santee, from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## FAR EAST

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. ("With syrup" breakfast items, such as pancakes, stop at 2:30 p.m.) Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ** 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting

fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

**Adams Avenue Grill** 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — try the Rieslings. Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

**Asian Bistro** 414 University Avenue (just east of Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese "dive." Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef "Miss Songsri" (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss "Atomic Hog's Wings" (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named "Jumping Jarvis." The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — *N.W.*

**Bread and Cie** 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with

thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Cafe on Park** 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or Brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Three meals daily, with break 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Line at door on Sunday.) — *E.B.*

**Ichiban** 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open to 9:30 p.m., Sunday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad, with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Khyber Pass** 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *ashak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Marie's Cafe** 3016 University Avenue (near 30th), North Park, 619-220-0142. One of the last old-time diners in town. Marie and son Erik took over in 2002. It had already been operating for 50 years as Johnny's. They

kept the tradition but created a sparkling kitchen and a reputation for generous servings. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. And forget fries. Go for the "side" salad, a huge dish of romaine, with tomatoes, red onions, cheese, croutons, and bleu cheese dressing. Go ahead. Mess yourself up. Open 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday; from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday; till 8 p.m. Tuesday). Inexpensive. E.B. — *E.B.*

**Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice** 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

**Sushi Itto** 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Terra** 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

## DOWNTOWN

**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 *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakoptita* (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. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Bud's Louisiana Food Shoppe** 2034 Kettner Boulevard (at Grape, next to the Waterfront Bar), Little Italy, 619-239-4210. Bud Deslattes, a New Orleans native, was the original chef-owner of the late Bayou Bar and Grille and the inventor of the legendary white chocolate bread pudding served there. Now he's cooking it in this cute, casual eatery. A brief but choice menu features authentic Cajun-Creole specialties, to eat in or "to geaux." (If taking out, ask for your rice on the side.) Among the treats are a fine seafood bisque, crawfish étouffée, and a "cupa-cupa-cupa" sampling of gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For lunch, check out the roast beef po' boy. Some Louisiana grocery items intermittently available at retail (frozen andouille, tasso, crawfish, etc.). Parking's usually a pain but worth it. Beer and generic wine. Closed Sunday and Monday. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Edgewater Grill** 861 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very 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 triple 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.*

**Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant** 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the



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**Las Cuatro Milpas** 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge** 1352 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash), downtown, 619-515-2233 or 619-325-1900. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Ocean Room and Lounge** 630 Fifth Avenue (north of Market), Gaslamp, 619-501-6550. Sometimes you don't want a temple of haute cuisine, merely an easygoing place for folks to meet — especially if there are oysters involved. Ocean Room fills that bill handily, one of the few Gaslamp joints where you can enjoy a conversation without straining over the noise. The fare is mainly Mediterranean-style seafood, with a few nods at Cajun cuisine. Pleasant dishes include mussels *mariniere*, "Cajun" seafood pasta (with sub-Cajun spice levels), seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Valet parking, bar for single diners, casual feel. Dinner nightly. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood). — *N.W.*

**Pete's Quality Meats** 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Rama** 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fast-food made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria** 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount). — *N.W.*

**Sadaf** 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Sevilla** 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen** Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Coronado Boathouse** 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying main-

stream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days, moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Da Kine's Plate Lunches** 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchi. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Filipino Desserts Plus** 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — *E.B.*

**Island Wok** 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Parisi's Italian Restaurant** 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner daily. — *E.B.*

**Peohe's** The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

**Swaddee Thai** 1001 C Avenue (at 10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is de-

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**Cien Años** Calle José María Velasco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual “destination restaurant” serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcals worms, and you can try them too when they’re in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you’re also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W.

**La Costa** Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo’s seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, pol-

ished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked “Catalina” with mushroom cream sauce, or “Olivia,” stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are “Madraro” oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can’t go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled “Saran-deado” (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d’oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner’s charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B.

**La Fonda** Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 646-155-0307 and 646-155-0308, www.lafondabaja.com. It’s hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda (“The Inn”), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W.

**La Leña** Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña (“The Fire Log”) is its view. You come off noisy, fumeey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner

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**Manzanilla** Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very “Euro” bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering “new Mexican cuisine,” creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. Moderate. — N.W.

**Original Ortega’s** In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original “Lobster Village” restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega’s grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including “Viagra,” which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted “Kitchen Maid” margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W.

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**Ciantro Live!** 3807 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-325-1949. Also at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-585-0136. Look in Cristina Guzmán’s kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They’re life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What’s amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates tuna wraps using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté and burgers using flax seeds — both pretty credible and edible. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Lunch and dinner daily at Hillcrest branch. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Popeye’s Chicken & Biscuits** 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 4899 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye’s, you’ll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren’t bad, but it’s more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where’s the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**Ruby’s Diner** 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-7829. One thing about Ruby’s: You can build an appetite just getting there. It’s at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There’s a \$1 shuttle tram, too.) Ruby’s is part of a themed “forties diner” chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it’s still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, “Dewey-Warren” presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. Good-sized servings, too — try their omelets. Also in Carlsbad and Mission Valley. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Uno Chicago Bar and Grill** The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago’s better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Its expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak’n cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — E.B.



# Let's Get Serious

*There is no shadow of ambiguity in the characterization of the aghast suspect.*

**Y**ou can get a rough reading, if not an exact measure, of the unhappiness across the land simply by the upswing in axe-grinding documentaries (*Sicko*, *No End in Sight*, *The 11th Hour*, et al.) and by the influx of topical piety into screen dramas (*A Mighty Heart*, *Trade*, *The Kingdom*, *In the Valley of Elah*, *Into the Wild*, et al.). Documentaries, as I've often observed and sometimes gotten tired of remarking, tend to be judged *as films* on the basis of the imagined importance of their message, or more fundamentally, on the basis of their politics (and those of the reviewers and viewers). Dramas tend to be put to a sterner test, still forced to run the gauntlet of plot-character-performance even when their politics give them a head start. The piety, while bestowing no virtue, surely does no damage when, as in *In the Valley of Elah*, it doesn't get in the way of a good story. Whether it gets in the way or stays out of the way, however, it can't rescue a bad story, like *The Kingdom*, or a not very good story, like the new *Rendition*.

The title of the last-named alludes to the U.S. policy of "extraordinary rendition" (hatched under the Clin-

ton administration, we're informed, just to dirty the hands on both sides of the aisle, but not abused until the Bush administration), which allows for terror suspects to be whisked away in secrecy, without due process, to foreign prisons for intensive interrogation. Translation: torture. The suspect so whisked away in this particular drama is an Egyptian-American chemical engineer, a respected academic of long standing, who is unfortunate to be travelling back to Chicago from Cape Town (hometown of the director, *Tsotsi's* Gavin Hood) in the aftermath of a suicide bombing in an unnamed North African country (very credibly staged, this bombing, not overly prolonged nor gruesomely detailed), and unfortunate again to have received cellphone calls from a phone number once linked to one of the known terrorists. Hence, a hood is thrown over his head at O'Hare and only comes off, along with all his clothes, in a dungeon in North Africa.

The receipt of all those cellphone calls is never adequately explained, and is not even nurtured as an area of ambiguity. That might have inhibited the piety. Certainly there is no shadow

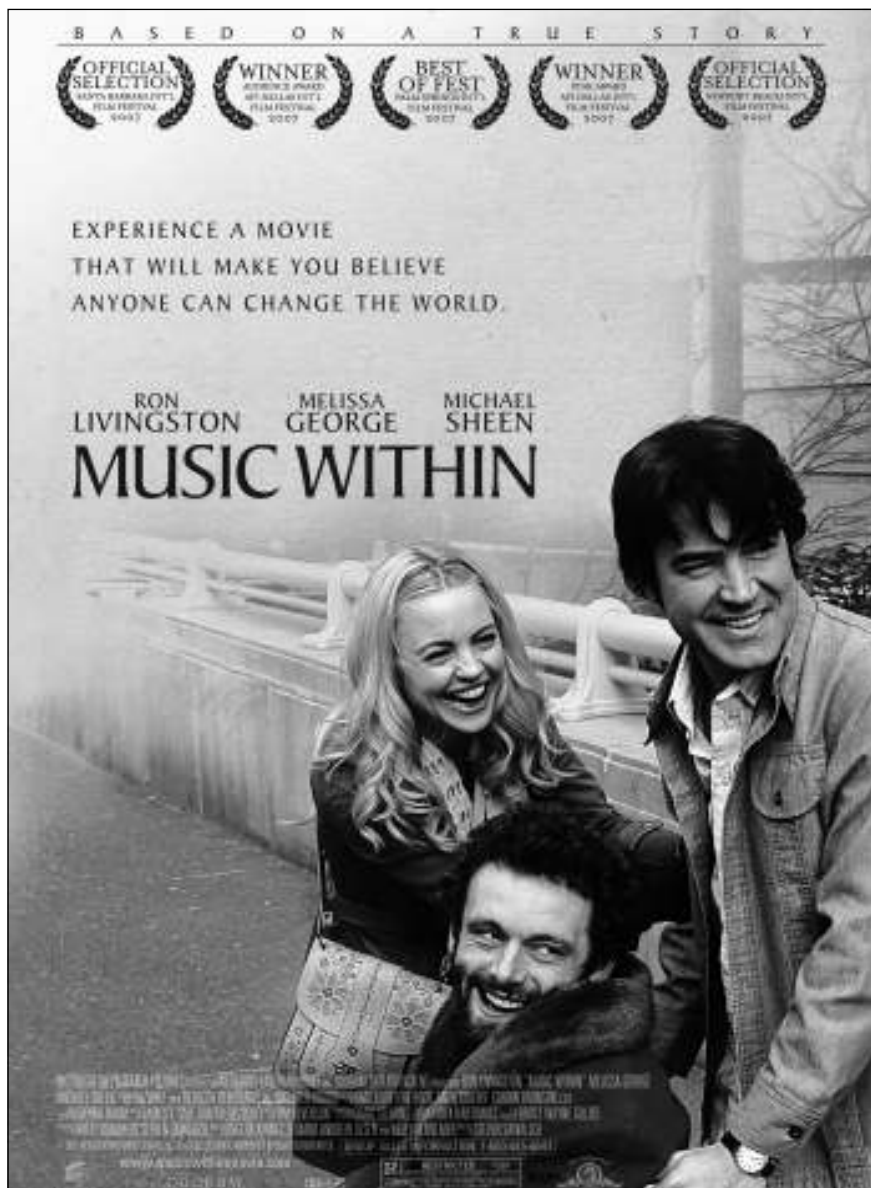


*Rendition*

of ambiguity in the characterization of the aghast suspect, Omar Metwally, nor in the characterization of his truth-seeking, boat-rocking wife back in the states, Reese Witherspoon, an all-American soccer mom with a soccer ball tucked under her shirts and sweaters, ready to pop. Peter Sarsgaard, whose voice seems stuck in perpetual pubescent change, is her old

college chum, and current congressional aide, who can vouch personally for the detainee, but only so far; and Alan Arkin is his boss, a U.S. Senator unwilling to take a stand if there's a chance he would be standing on the wrong side. Jake Gyllenhaal — really the pivotal figure, a junior CIA analyst ("Jesus, he looks like he's twelve years old") obliged to step in for the

field agent slain in the bombing, and to observe mutely the marathon interrogation — represents the awakening conscience, the rising consciousness, a guide and model for the sheltered spectator: "This is my first torture." And Meryl Streep, employing a soft Southern accent, just because *some* accent is expected of her, if not because she would also want to distance



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herself from the villainy of her character, is the CIA ice queen who approves the torture from the safety of Washington, D.C. And behind a big, meaty, unfamiliar face, Igal Naor is very imposing as the case-hardened torturer, the escaped target of the bomb, and, in addition, the tyrannical father of a runaway daughter in love unknowingly with a young Islamic jihadist.

The tangle of plot threads conceals a trick of time whereby we go through most of the movie, and well into the furiously cross-cutting climax, without realizing we have all along been straddling two distinct time zones. I don't mind giving away the trick to that extent because frankly it's a cheap trick. The movie ostensibly wants you to think deeply and yet it also wants to blow your mind, fake you out, wow you, in the way of the trendy one-upmanship potboiler. These two mind states do not sit comfortably together.

The going-through-the-motions surprise twist adds nothing in substance and adds a lot in frivolity.

*My Kid Could Paint That*, wrapping up its single week at Landmark's La Jolla Village this Thursday, is a fence-sitting documentary by Amir Bar-Lev, investigating the art-world mystery of whether or not four-year-old Marla Olmstead was the sole creator of the abstract paintings that have sold for tens of thousands of dollars. The fuzzily blown-up, sometimes horizontally striated image ought to debar the film from any position of authority in matters of art. But even if it does not solve the mystery, or perhaps *because* it does not solve the mystery, it can function as a useful reminder that a work of art (in any art form) is what you have in front of you, and that the behind-the-scenes story is not the work of art.

*Lars and the Real Girl*, directed by Craig Gillespie of the recent *Mr. Woodcock* (the title alone was enough to keep me away, even without the poster art of Billy Bob Thornton holding two basketballs at pelvis-level), indulges

the monkeyshines of Ryan Gosling in the part of an antisocial Minnesota Lutheran who seeks happiness in a chaste relationship with an anatomically correct life-size sex doll. Everyone in town loves him too much, for some unapparent reason, to burst his literal balloon. Pretty much one-note, and sour. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

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**Across the Universe** — Two-and-a-quarter-hour promo for the Beatles without ever mentioning them by name. A generous, even overgenerous sampler of their songs (thirty-three of them, by the count in the press notes, leaving aside the numberless others that are quoted from or alluded to) has been re-recorded, or "covered" as they say in the business, by a fictitious cast of characters plunked down against the billowing backdrop of the Sixties: the war, the draft, the protests, the drugs, the psychedelics, the Sexual Revolution, all that. To link the Beatles with the upheaval makes a certain sense. Unlike, say, the more enduring Rolling Stones or the going-

nowhere Dave Clark Five, the Beatles were a group that really did evolve (or, as some would prefer, devolve) swiftly and dramatically, making them a useful weathercock for the winds of change. You are here reminded afresh of their range and their riches; and in new mouths, you hear the songs with new ears. (The tremulous, down-tempo rendition, for example, of "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" by an Asian-American high-school cheerleader, T.V. Carpio, brings the song a new, a renewed feeling, all by itself almost worth the price of admission.) By the second half, however, the inspiration irreversibly runs out of steam en route to a spluttering climax of "All You Need Is Love." (Wearily, now: yeah, yeah, yeah.) Part of the problem is that, as the counterculture gains momentum in the sequence of events, there's a visible increase in music-video vulgarity, ornamental surrealism, Fellini-esque fantasy, all the elements that go into director Julie Taymor's fabled "vision." Another part of the problem may be that the later songs, even though the playlist in the film does not observe a strict chronology, tend to be more turgid. Part, too, may simply be that two-and-a-quarter hours are too long for a promo. With Evan Rachel Wood, Jim Sturgess, Joe Anderson, Dana Fuchs, Martin Luther McCoy, and cameos by Bono, Eddie Izzard, Joe Cocker, Salma Hayek. 2007.

★★★ (ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15;

SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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, backshooting, 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)

**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 completion he expired of a heart attack at age forty-seven. 2005.

★★★ (MISSION VALLEY 7, THROUGH 10/25)

**Bella** — Love in New York City, with Eduardo Verástegui, Tammy Blanchard, Manny Perez, and Ali Landry, directed by Alejandro Gomez Monteverde. (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; FROM 10/26)

**The Bourne Ultimatum** — The *Bourne* absurdum. It isn't just that Part III in the adventures of the amnesiac superspy adds more ridiculousness. It's that, at these lengths, the ridiculousness multiplies exponentially. More ridiculousness, that is, and more and more ridiculous. (The sentimental soft spots found in Parts I and II are here concentrated in a couple of female, motherly, protective, nurturing CIA agents who, alone among their heartless colleagues, are interested in keeping the hero alive.) Paul Greengrass's frantic visual style — a hand-held camera in the grips of delirium tremens — fosters irritation where it intended excitement. With Matt Damon, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles, David Strathairn, Scott Glenn, and Albert Finney. 2007.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

**The Brave One** — Distaff *Death Wish*, though it would not be strictly accurate to say that Jodie Foster is playing Charles Bronson. The emphasis is on her psychological wounds after her fiancé is beaten to death and she herself beaten to death's door — setting up a take-back-the-night feminist revenge story — and the whole thing is acted and directed (by Neil Jordan) with a high seriousness not borne out by the potboilerish plotting. The motif of ruptured relationships — the heroine, the cop, two congruent cases of uxoricide — implants some emotional backbone. Terrence Howard, Mary Steenburgen, Naveen Andrews. 2007.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Dan in Real Life** — Annual family gathering (parlor games, touch football, talent show), complicated by romantic rivalry: two brothers, a widower with three girls and a reformed womanizer, both smitten by a worldly Frenchwoman. A showcase for Steve Carell's self-consciousness, somewhat more sympathetic than Dane Cook's lugishness. Juliette Binoche looks as if she could do better. With John Mahoney, Dianna Wiest, and Emily Blunt; directed by Peter Hedges. 2007.

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to smoke, drink, break-dance, throw open the classic trenchcoat and expose themselves to females, and much, much worse. To find, or to imagine, the ideal customer for this concoction is a chore. The problem, in part, would be to find someone young enough not to be bothered by the cuteness and not to notice the total insincerity. (The horror element, much diluted by the two aforementioned qualities, would not be part of the problem for the indicated age group, though a number of presumably grown-up critics professed, or pretended, to be bothered by it.) Such restrictions, of course, would not leave anyone around who could appreciate the cinematic in-jokes, but those are inappreciable anyway. With Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, Hoyt Axton, and Frances Lee McCain; directed by Joe Dante. 1984.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 10/27 MIDNIGHT)

**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



The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford

written by Neil Simon) has been badly recast — Ben Stiller, Malin Akerman, Michelle Monaghan in place of Charles Grodin, Jeannie Berlin, Cybill Shepherd — and ruinously reconstructed, so that we now have an unwieldy, drawn-out first act, an interminable and repetitious middle act, and a hasty, slapdash last act. The Farrellys have given the groom a mountain of “motivation” to stray, and given him the Perfect Woman to stray to, thus taking the sting out of the joke and exposing themselves as a couple of consummate clods. 2007.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**In the Valley of Elah** — A more com-

mendable writing and directing effort from Paul Haggis (writer only on *Million Dollar Baby* and *Flags of Our Fathers*, among others) than his hokey Oscar-winner, *Crash*. More focussed, more concentrated, more self-contained, more consistent: an uncompromisingly 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're 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)

**Into the Wild** — Illustration, in a sketchy hand, of the Jon Krakauer nonfiction book on Christopher McCandless, a 1990 college graduate, on the doorstep of Harvard Law School, who gave away his tuition fund to Oxfam, obliterated his identity, renamed himself Alexander Supertramp, and swapped the evils of society for the purity of the northern wilderness (“No longer to be poisoned by civilization,” he carved into a wooden shingle at his encampment), where ultimately he starved to death in 1992. It may not sound like much of an idea for a film. It isn't. A Seventies-style road movie, redolent of Seventies-style disaffection, it has a strong element of travelogue, as our happy-go-lucky hobo rides his aging Datsun westward to South Dakota, abandons it at Lake Mead, kayaks down the Colorado River, drifts into Mexico, train-hops up to L.A., thumbs his way to the Salton Sea, Anza Borrego, and Alaska. In that final destination, the travelogue veers toward nature documentary. At nearly two and a half hours, the film feels very, very long, albeit short on relatable incident: the protagonist goes places, he meets people, and then he goes to a place where he won't meet people, where he will meet only his end, a martyr to something or other. Director Sean Penn unmistakably takes himself very seriously, and takes his protagonist almost reverently, painting him as something of a holy fool (a reader of Tolstoi, even though an eater of meat when he can get it), and offering up this speculative reenactment 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 conviction, 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER; 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)

**Lars and the Real Girl** — Reviewed this issue. With Ryan Gosling, Emily Mortimer, Paul Schneider, Kelli Garner, and Patricia Clarkson; directed by Craig Gillespie.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 10/26)

**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 quivering. 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** — The title figure 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.” And a three-billion-dollar class action suit against his firm's biggest client, United Northfield, or UNorth for short, makes a very big mess. Aside from being George Clooney, the hero doesn't look like much. Crushed under a mountain of debt, sworn off the gambling habit (notwithstanding a 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

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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. 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. Tilda Swinton, Tom Wilkinson, Sydney Pollack. 2007.

★★ (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** — Reviewed this issue. With Mark, Laura, and Marla Olmstead; directed by Amir Bar-Lev. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/25)

**Rendition** — Reviewed this issue. With Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon, Peter Sarsgaard, Omar Metwally, 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)

**Reservation Road** — The adaptation of 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 after *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 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. With Mira Sorvino, Elle Fanning. 2007. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**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. ● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Saw IV** — More horror, with Tobin Bell, Scott Patterson, and Costas Mandylor, di-

rected by Darren Lynn Bousman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/26)

**Sleepy Hollow** — A Tim Burton film, for certain, from start to finish and top to bottom. The reimagination of Washington Irving's urbane folktale as a turn-of-the-century murder mystery (that's the Eighteenth turning to the Nineteenth), with Ichabod Crane transformed from a superstitious country schoolteacher into a forward-thinking big-city detective sent to the hinterlands to solve an apparent case of the supernatural ("Their heads were not found severed. Their heads were not found *at all*"), allows our film-buff director to pay homage to the Hammer horrors of the Fifties and Sixties, much as he paid homage in *Edward Scissorhands* to the Universal horrors of the Thirties and Forties. (Small parts for Christopher Lee and Michael Gough establish a direct link to Hammer.) The battle lines between science and religion, reason and faith, are well drawn, and Johnny Depp as the self-assured rationalist does not — except when he spies a spider in his bedroom — give up his dignity as he is forced to give ground. The titular village and the Hansel-and-Gretel woods around it, depicted in the bleak brooding palette of a Caspar David Friedrich, lack only a vampire's castle. (The witch's cave will have to suffice.) The clothes, the faces, the wigs are pure storybook, and the innumerable beheadings are as clean and convincing as computer animation can manage. (Splendid effect when the midwife's rolling head finally comes to rest, its eyes staring through a crack in the floorboards at her tiny son cowering below.) In all matters tangible, you couldn't ask for more. You could maybe ask for less. In the end, it is simply too much of a good thing, too much of the same thing over and over again, too little of any other kind of thing. Burton's naughty-boy prankishness precludes any sustained intensity, and the Terminator-like (or if you prefer, Michael Myers-like) unstoppable of the Headless Horseman gets to be a bore. Danny Elfman's equally unstoppable music provides no remedy. It gets old in a hurry, if it was not old to begin with, and by the finish it has passed through the inevitable stages of death and putrefaction. Christina Ricci, Michael Gambon, Miranda Richardson, Christopher Walken. 1999. ★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 10/25 THROUGH 27, 8:30 P.M.)

**Sleuth** — Kenneth Branagh's remake of the Anthony Shaffer stage thriller, with Michael Caine (who appeared in the 1972 version in a different role) and Jude Law. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/26)

**Things We Lost in the Fire** — The loss of a spouse (post-fire), measured in a nonlinear 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. ● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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, spotches of red on a field of snow, an action painting in motion. With Josh Hartnett, Melissa



Texas Chainsaw Massacre

**PETE TOMBS**  
Producer, *Hell's Ground* and founder Mondo Macabro, [www.mondomacabrodvd.com](http://www.mondomacabrodvd.com)

To fully enjoy our movie and appreciate all the references we're making, you need to see *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*; that's the seminal horror movie. It's the kind of movie that came out of nowhere; it came out of regional Texas filmmaking, shot on no budget, and it started a genre. And our movie is in that genre.

*Friday the 13th* is good for the idea of the masked serial killer.

And then there's a very obscure film from the '80s called *Mother's Day* that had some input into this genre. It's that kind of backwards psycho, American gothic kind of thing. If you're familiar with those films, then you'll see the resonances and the echoes in our movie. At the very least it will make you laugh.

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George, Ben Foster, Danny Huston, and Mark Boone Junior; directed by David Slade. 2007. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**3:10 to Yuma** — Honest-to-gosh Western, a rare sight in the 21st Century, thick as fleas fifty years earlier, when the original *3:10* arrived. The remake is done in the decadent style of shades-of-brown realism, luxuriantly whiskered and shaggy-haired, yet preening and grandiose, with amplified passions, topographical sprawl, and an overblown (and significantly altered) climax. Christian Bale, Russell Crowe, Ben Foster, Peter Fonda, Logan Lerman, and Gretchen Mol; directed by James Mangold. 2007. ★ (GASLAMP 15)



Psycho

**OMAR KHAN**  
Director, *Hell's Ground*

The three films that influenced me most in making *Hell's Ground* include Hitchcock's *Psycho*. There's a lot of *Psycho* going on in my film, a lot of it subconscious. When I was writing it, I wasn't thinking *Psycho*, but there's a deliberate homage to *Psycho* because it's the absolute number-one film of the genre.

*Texas Chainsaw Massacre* is literally a film I was traumatized by when I saw it. I was left in a state for days where I was just shell-shocked. I loved what it did for me.

And then, of course, John Carpenter's *Halloween*. I'll never forget the experience I felt watching this movie. And I'm sorry I'm going to give you a fourth movie, and it comes from France — *Haute Tension*, which I thought was absolutely thrilling. The director Alexandre Aja is the most exciting person to watch in horror movies at the moment.

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Sheitan

**ANDY STARK**  
Editor and co-producer, *Hell's Ground*

Films that define horror for me include 1932's *The Hounds of Zaroff*. It's the classic conceit of a guy who's bored with hunting animals so he kidnaps people. They wake up on his island and he hunts them.

Hitchcock's *Frenzy* — I liked the way the killer was portrayed — very shocking. I was amazed that Hitchcock made something so strong. It's an odd movie in his canon. It's still quite shocking. You wonder how on earth could he have made that film at a studio. It's unpleasant but superb.

France's *Sheitan* is one I enjoyed. It's very generic. We know what's going to happen, but it's done in a nice, interesting way. It took the genre but twisted it. It had this wonderful multicultural thing that France has got now. Vincent Cassel was superb as the idiot farmer.

**THE HOUNDS OF ZAROFF** (USA) 1932, Criterion Collection  
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**SHEITAN** (France) 2006, Tartan Video  
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**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 Elf-

man, 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)

**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 overstated, although a couple of big developments come sooner than might have been anticipated, and director James Gray (*The Yards*, also featuring Wahlberg, and *Little Odessa*, also featuring Russian mobsters) stages an exciting shootout on wheels in a low-visibility rainstorm. If this scene could be bodily transferred, let's say, to *The Godfather*, it would be celebrated as an immortal cine-

matic set piece. The Polish contemporary classical composer Wojciech Kilar, whenever there's a breather in the Eighties oldies, contributes some weighty, heavy-treading incidental music. With Eva Mendes, Alex Veadov, Antoni Corone, and Tony Musante. 2007.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON

PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 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)

# MOVIE SHOWTIMES

*Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.*

## CENTRAL

### CLAIREMONT

#### Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)  
**The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 4:40, 7:05, 9:25; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05) 4:35, 7:30, 10:05; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:25, 6:55, 9:30; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40, 10:05; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 7:10; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:15) 6:50, 10:00; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 6:45, 9:35; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:10; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:15; **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 9:50; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)  
**The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; **The Brave One** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:25) 5:15, 8:10; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:35) 4:55, 7:10, 9:45; **The Final Season** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 5:10, 8:05; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45; **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:40, 8:00; **In the Valley of Elah** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:20, 10:15; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; **The Ten Commandments** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 5:20, 8:15; **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; **3:10 to Yuma** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:25) 5:15, 8:10; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)  
**Across the Universe** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 4:00) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (12:50) 4:00, 7:05, 9:55; **Bella** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 6:55, 9:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 6:55, 9:10; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:35, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:35, 10:00; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 7:20; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 6:45, 9:30; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 7:30, 10:10; **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:25, 4:35) 6:55, 9:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:35, 6:55, 9:20; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:35) 6:20, 9:05; **Sarah Landon and the Paranormal Hour** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:35p.m.; **Saw IV** (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:35, 2:30, 3:10, 4:55, 5:25) 7:15, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 12:35, 2:30, 3:10) 4:55, 5:25, 7:15, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10 Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10; **Superbad** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 9:45; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 7:25, 10:05

### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)  
**Across the Universe** (PG-13); **The Comebacks** (PG-13); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **The Darjeeling Limited** (R); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Michael Clayton** (R); **Rendition** (R); **Saw IV** (R); **Things We Lost**

in the Fire (R); **30 Days of Night** (R)

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)  
**Gremlins** (PG-13) Sat. 11:55p.m.; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:40, 8:00; **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; **Lust, Caution** (NC-17) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:50, 8:15; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

### MIRA MESA

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)  
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### MISSION HILLS

#### Cinema Under the Stars

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)  
**Sleepy Hollow** (R)

### MISSION VALLEY

#### Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)  
**The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 3:20, 6:45, 10:05; **Bella** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35; **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25 Sun. 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35) 4:50, 10:15 Sun. (11:35) 4:50, 10:10; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:45; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:05, 3:50, 6:35, 9:30; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:25, 7:40, 10:30 Sun. 1:20, 4:25, 7:40, 10:25; **Good Luck Chuck** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:10, 4:35; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:40) 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:45 Sun. 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 10:05; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00,

7:45, 10:25 Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:50, 3:45, 6:40, 9:40; **Rendition** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 12:10, 2:00, 2:45, 4:45, 5:25, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:30) 12:10, 2:00, 2:45, 4:45, 5:25, 7:20, 8:00, 9:55, 10:25; **Things We Lost in the Fire** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:55, 7:15; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:50, 4:55, 7:50, 10:40 Sun. 1:50, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. 1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 10:15

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)  
**Between Two Worlds** (No Rating) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **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; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:15;

**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; **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.)

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)  
**Across the Universe** (PG-13); **The Comebacks** (PG-13); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Gone Baby Gone** (R); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13); **Michael Clayton** (R); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG); **Rendition** (R); **Resident Evil: Extinction** (R); **Saw IV** (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)  
**Finishing the Game** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:05, 7:15, 9:25 Sat.-Sun. 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25; **For the Bible Tells Me So** (Not Rated) Sun. 12:00p.m.

### UPTOWN

#### Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)  
**The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri. 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri. 4:15, 8:15 Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 4:15, 8:15; **Lust, Caution** (NC-17) Fri. 4:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 4:00, 8:00; **Reservation Road** (R) Fri. 1:30, 3:45, 6:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00; **Sl euth** (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)  
**Antartida** (NR) Fri. 7:00p.m.; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 6:00; **Dinosaurs 3D: Giants of Patagonia** (NR) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00; **Island of the Sharks** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure** (NR) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00

#### San Diego Natural History Museum

1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)  
**Ocean Oasis** (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10a.m.

## EAST COUNTY

### EL CAJON

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)  
**Bella** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:05, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:30, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:30, 9:50; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:15) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40) 9:55; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:55, 5:30) 8:05, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:25) 8:10, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:25, 8:10, 10:55; **The Heartbreak Kid** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:45, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:45, 10:30; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:50) 7:10, 10:35; **The Kingdom** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:05, 9:40; **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:00, 10:50; **Rendition** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:05) 7:20, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:20, 10:15; **Sarah Landon and the Paranormal Hour** (PG) Fri. (12:55, 3:10, 5:20) Sat.-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:20; **Saw IV** (R) Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:10, 2:40, 4:35, 5:05) 7:00, 7:30, 9:25, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 12:15,

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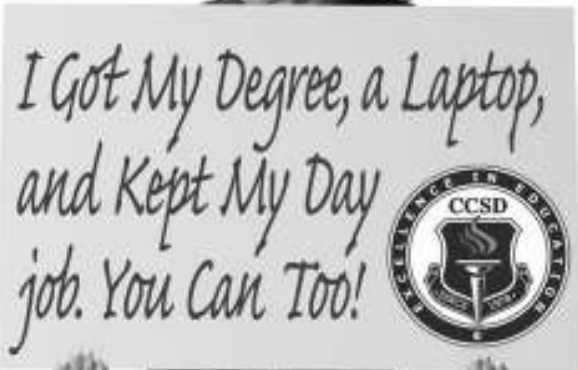
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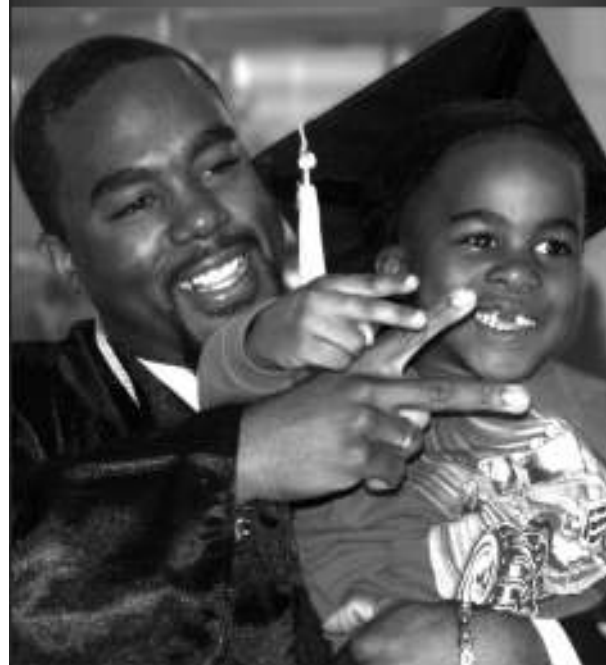
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### Across

- “Nonsense!”
- Gossipmonger's stuff
- Trisuit alternative
- Country that added over two million new members to its Communist Party in 2006
- Fairy tale start
- Skin cream ingredient
- Story printed over several issues of a Washington daily newspaper?
- Unappetizing food
- Subject of the 2006 film “The Last King of Scotland”
- 1865 assassin
- First mate's got a tickle in his throat in “Moby-Dick”?
- Lingo
- First African-American to imprint Grauman's Chinese Theater cement
- Opposed to
- Explores the seven seas
- LP successors
- Undergarment worn by the host of “Inside the Actors Studio”?
- 007, for one
- Monty Hall offerings
- Laundry
- Part of a science course
- Noggin
- Entertainer's pair in case she has a guest who needs one of the pair to come and go as he pleases?
- Done
- Ivy League school with a fight song written by Cole Porter
- Satisfy
- “Higher Ground” singer had children?
- Make \_\_\_\_ out of
- “Dies \_\_\_\_” (Latin hymn)
- 1993 Nirvana album “In \_\_\_\_”
- Some injections
- Minister (to)
- 60s sculptures

### Down

- Drug whose street name is angel dust
- “Weeds” airer, in TV guides
- Greetings
- Harvester \_\_\_\_
- Sushi side
- Like some columns
- How the confidant do crosswords
- Elvis's record label
- \_\_\_\_ Aviv
- Seasoned stew
- Senselessness

- Saber-\_\_\_\_ tiger
- Gentle breezes
- Ostrich cousins
- State capital that hosted the 2006 World Potato Congress
- Place to be pampered
- Sun-worshipper's goal
- Call letters?
- Vex
- Rotates
- Indianapolis pro
- Guesses
- IM provider
- Stayed put
- Pod occupants
- Jedi's furry friend
- Outlines
39. “Call!”
- Possible reply to “Will you take out the trash?”
- Picnic drink
- Underhanded
- “For \_\_\_\_ a jolly ...”
- Ital. volcano
- River through Sudan
- Narrow lead in baseball
- Drama critic Kenneth
- Got one's feet wet
- Repatee
- Mined find
- AC unit
- Like Saturn
- Bard's “before”
- Uno + uno

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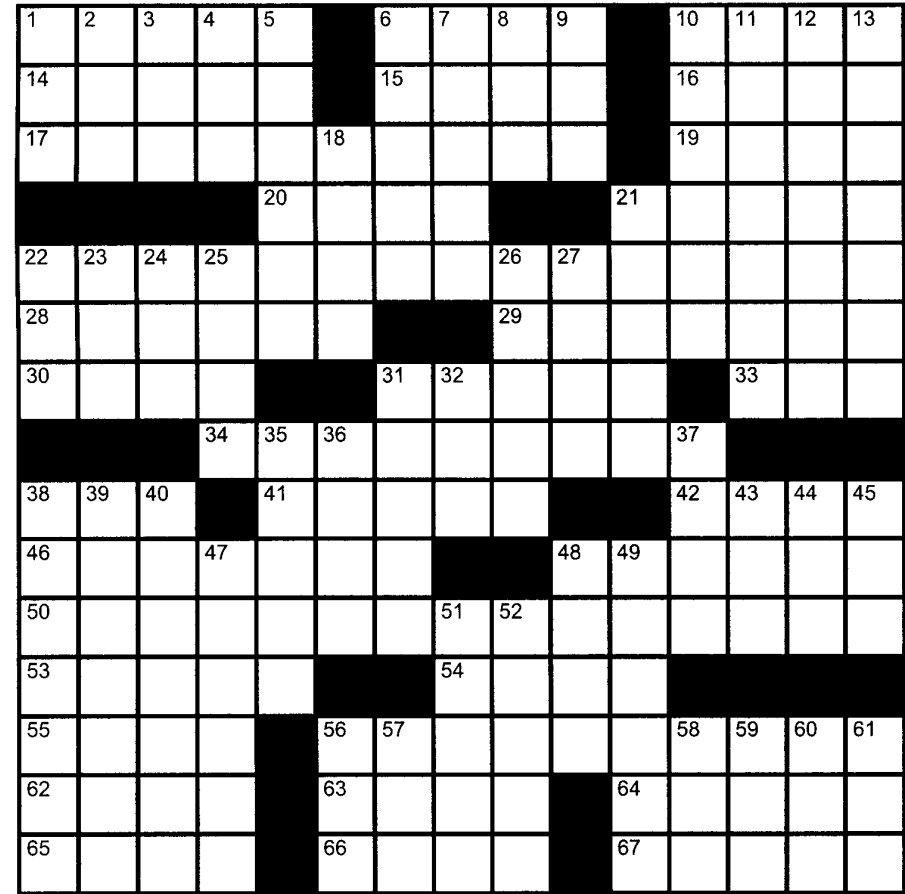
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Yearman has been surfing for three years, but he has had his share of notable experiences. Once, his friend Gino dragged him out to surf early in the morning after a night of heavy drinking.

"I was pretty hungover, to say the least," says Yearman, who grabbed his 9'8" Dick Brewer and headed out to La Jolla. After paddling out, Yearman wasn't focusing as much as he usually does when in the water. Suddenly, a wave that Yearman and Gino estimated to be about 15 feet swelled behind them,



and there was no time to get out of the way.

"It was, like, a wave the size of a building just appeared behind us," Yearman says. He was so scared he "talked to Jesus for a few seconds" and then just let

the wave hit him. The force of it pummeled him, but he escaped with no serious injuries. "I stayed out of the water for a few weeks after that."

Another time, he heard that the members of G Love

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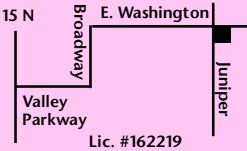
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I actually saw Journey and Glass Tiger at the Sports Arena. It was my first concert. I still kind of like Journey, though. Remember that "Separate Ways" video? It looked kind of cheesy, them playing the air guitars. Oh, Styx. I dug them. But now I think they're kind of cheesy.




Jim Souza

Lawyer

San Diego

I remember being turned on to the Violent Femmes. I played a tape of theirs for a girl. She hated it. Her mom was trying to be supportive, but she didn't care for it either. I still pretty much like everything I did as a kid, except for speed metal. My tastes were influenced by my mom; a lot of oldies and Elvis. I hate to admit that sometimes I see someone on *American Idol* I enjoy, like Chris Daughtry.




David Fugate

Publisher

Encinitas

Black Sabbath. I don't like them so much anymore. Kiss is another. I liked Wham! I didn't even know they were gay. I used to listen nonstop to the *Beverly Hills Cop* theme song. That keyboard thing. I don't even know who it's by. I loved Queen. But I still like them now.




Joan Sy

Registered Nurse

Mira Mesa

That song by the comedian. It sort of made her a one-hit wonder in music. Tracey Ullman, that's her name. I liked Oingo Boingo back then, and not as much anymore. Oh, Men at Work were my favorite group back then.




Dawn Smudz

Homemaker

Ramona

I liked Boy George and Culture Club. But, a lot of the stuff I liked as a kid I still do. I liked Madonna then, as well as now. I liked country. I loved all those musicals, like *Grease*. My kids watch *High School Musical* now and like it. I do too. It reminds me of *Grease* and those other musicals I liked.



Sebastian Hill

Software Engineer

Poway

I liked a few cheesy things as a kid. I would watch reruns of *The Monkees*. I love the Beatles now. It seems that is common with the Monkees; people liked them when they were kids. People that liked the Beatles as kids probably still do. I remember as a kid, I played the Beach Boys song "Surfin' Safari" over and over.

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— by Robert Mizrachi

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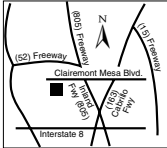
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**The Continuing Crisis**

— Spaniard Manuel Gozalo organizes bus trips of women from Madrid to isolated rural villages, which most of the native females have long since abandoned for cities, leaving lonely single men. His *caravanas de amor* (caravans of love) have made 32 day-trips since 1995, promising the ladies some fun and dancing (and possible romance) and the men perhaps a last chance at finding a companion. Gozalo told London’s *Independent* in July that his caravans have produced at least 40 marriages.

**Latest Religious Messages**

— Hindu officials persuaded the Indian gov-

ernment in September to withdraw a report on a construction project because it treated a prominent bridge as a natural stone formation instead of (as Hindus say) a bridge created by the god Ram and his army of monkeys. In another victory for Hindu sensibility, the government cracked down on the rustling of “sacred” cattle in August by issuing ID cards with photos of individual cows, to help guards at the Bangladesh border halt the illegal trade.

— God’s Will Be Done: (1) In August in Atlanta, televangelist Thomas Weeks was arrested for allegedly beating up and threatening to kill his estranged wife, televangelist Juanita Bynum, in a hotel parking lot before a bellman rescued her. Weeks blamed Satan for the incident. (2) Pastor Walter Steen pleaded guilty in Detroit in August to tax fraud and was sentenced to 15 months in prison. He had started the God Will Provide Tax Service in 2005, but prosecutors said 1573 out of the 1578 returns he prepared for clients claimed tax refunds.

**Questionable Judgments**

— Shoe designer Marc Jacobs recently crossed a frontier in fashion by introducing women’s

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— Questionable Menus: (1) Young adults in Japan seem drawn toward mayonnaise, and thus Koji Nakamura might have a shot at success with his Mayonnaise Kitchen restaurant in a Tokyo suburb, according to an August Reuters story. Included in his fare are several mayonnaise-flavored cocktails, including the “Mayogarita.” (2) Health officials in Rockland County, N.Y., issued two complaints against the Great China Buffet restaurant in September after an employee was seen preparing the day’s garlic in back of the building by stomping a large bowl of it with his boots on.

**Just Can’t Stop Myself**

— (1) A 19-year-old man was arrested in Darwin, Australia, in August after he shoplifted a pornographic magazine and retreated to a public restroom in the Karama Shopping Centre. A security guard trailed him, joined by a police officer, but they decided to wait until he was fin-

ished before apprehending him. (2) A 26-year-old man was convicted in September of masturbating in a University of Manitoba library in Winnipeg. He explained, “I was just sitting at a computer, downloading a few things, and I got a little horny.... I do it all the time.” According to the *Winnipeg Sun*, one of the conditions of his six-months’ probation is that he not masturbate “in a library or anywhere else.”

**Undignified Deaths**

— (1) A 27-year-old woman was killed in Melvindale, Mich., while setting off Fourth of July fireworks when she failed to move her head out of the way after launching a three-inch mortar bomb. (2) A 55-year-old man in Fall River County, S.D., was killed in August when he accidentally shot himself in the stomach. According to police, he was attempting to show friends that a key point in a recent *CSI* television show was wrong (that is, a victim could not physically have managed to shoot herself in the stomach).

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Another kitchen story: Finally, a night off from work, and I have an opportunity to make a nice dinner for myself. I preheat a pan on the stove, chop up some garlic and shallots, and get out the crushed red pepper. I'm going to make some killer sautéed veggies to go along with my roasted halibut. I'm excited. I reach for my 16-dollar-a-bottle olive oil to coat the pan...and it's missing. I tear the kitchen apart. Under the sink, on top of the fridge, next to the microwave...nowhere! Frustrated, I walk toward the bathroom to answer a call of nature and pass by my roommates' bedroom. From the corner of my eye I see, oh yes, my olive-oil cruet sitting on the nightstand. Apparently, KY wasn't readily available the night before so they had chosen to use my olive oil as a personal lubricant. I was nauseated. Do I go in and get it? Who knows what's on the outside of that bottle? The idea of my dinner went down the drain, as did the rest of that olive oil.

Shall we tour the rest of the apartment? Oh, the bathroom. A bathroom shared by three tends to get messy. We are all in our 20s, so we tend to go out and drink and party it up. But some of us can't hold our liquor. I come home late from a night at work needing to use the bathroom terribly. I turn on the light, unzip my jeans, lift the toilet seat, and almost fall back. Vomit is dripping down the side of the porcelain bowl onto my white Berber bath rugs. It's red, the vomit. Jack in the Box. In the liquid and chunks I see someone's past five-hour history.

My two roommates, a guy and girl, a couple, work in the theater business. The communal areas of the apartment have been turned into some God-awful costume shop. Props, wigs, mannequins, costumes, scripts, you name it, all about the living room, the dining

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As for the straw that breaks the camel's back, another bathroom tale. Again I come home from another night at work needing to use the bathroom. I lift the seat and see some wadded toilet paper in the bowl. No big deal. I finish doing what I have to do and proceed to flush. Tsunami 2007. The water rises almost to the rim. I scramble to find the plunger. I find it under the sink and go back to the flooding toilet. Squish squash, squish squash. I discover the cause. A tampon, swelled up like a balloon.

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**SURFBOARD**, 7', TS triple fin and leash, has small nose ding. \$100/best. Encinitas. Steve 760-942-6855.

**SURFBOARD.** Tom Curren Red Beauty custom shaped by Al Merrick, 6'11", auto-graphed during Switchfoot Concert at Moonlight Beach this summer. Custom fins/paint. \$710. 760-846-3344.

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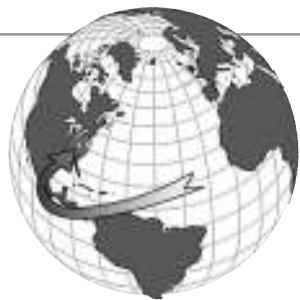
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My six-year-old son is autistic, and like many autistic people — children and adults — eating is difficult for him. My son has never eaten like a typical child. People who are trying to be understanding and kind-hearted will say, "Oh, I know just what you mean. My child is picky too!" Every time I hear those words, I feel like I'm watching myself in a scene from a movie: I stand looking up at the sky, sad and resigned, and as the camera pans out, I become a speck in the middle of a vast nothing. I'm alone and lost in the middle of an uncharted wasteland, and the person who "gets it" is comparing that to pulling over in the middle of Orlando to ask for directions to Disney World.

My son stopped eating anything new around the time he was one. At his first birthday party, he wouldn't touch the birthday cake I made for him from scratch; he wouldn't try any part of the little sandwiches on the platter we purchased, not even a bit of cheese or bread; he didn't want the ice cream; he wouldn't eat the fruit. (What kid refuses cake, ice cream, cookies, candy, sweets?) Since then, his diet has become more and more restricted — he eats three things and drinks milk. Newness is terrifying to my son; it paralyzes him into starvation.

Each food and beverage that he does consume has to be served the same way each time: in the same cup or bowl, with the same utensil. Change anything, and he won't eat. If a manufacturer changes the packaging design on a previously favored food, my son views it as equivalent to an entirely new

food, something he has never eaten before, and he will refuse to eat it. (Needless to say, this mama is not fond of marketing people and their relentless desire for change in the realm of food packaging.)

To those on the outside, there's an easy answer for this: I'm a bad and overly indulgent mama. The experts say that you choose what your child eats, and your child chooses when and how much. I tested this theory when my son was two, and now newness terrifies me too. Our doctor asked us to take our son off of dairy products for a few days (and at the time, that was all he was eating). So, for three days, at our doctor's recommendation, I chose new things: juice instead of milk, rice instead of cheesy pasta; and my child chose to eat and drink nothing, ever. We had to hold him down and put juice in his mouth with a syringe for three days so he wouldn't become dehydrated. He would stand at the kitchen door crying, hungry, but he absolutely refused to eat when pre-

sented with new (nondairy) food. So, instead of showing him who was boss of the food world, he showed us, showed us that he couldn't eat new things without a lot of help, without a lot of baby steps.

Now I introduce a new food by playing games with it, so my son won't be afraid to touch it. And then, with lots of positive reinforcement



from his favorite activities, I get him to touch it to his face, then his lips, then his tongue, then eventually put it in his mouth and take it out, then swallow. The whole process can take a year, but in the end, he'll be eating something new. Right now he will put a tiny fleck of bread in his mouth and wince and

take it out, so that's progress. Sometimes I can even blend the tiniest bit of bread into a favored food and get him to eat it. We may not ever get from this emptiness we're in to Orlando with the rest of the parents, but, honey, we are at least heading in the general direction of Florida.

Of course, every now and then I try to sneak us onto a direct flight. One day, while my son was distracted by the TV, I fed him a different variety of one of his favorite foods. He ate happily until he looked down and noticed that it was different. This was not Brand X strawberry yogurt, it was Brand Y strawberry yogurt.

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**PANDALIKE, I REMAIN UNINTERESTED IN MUCH** except rolling on my large furry back, grappling with my own feet, and gnawing on things.

There existed a time when I modeled productivity by the American standard. Worked a brutal labor job that battered my feet into clubs, came home to the ol' lady and the kid, watched some Simpsons, created dark wet rings on the thigh of my work jeans with a can of Miller Lite, woke up the next day and did it all over.

During the day I worked like a one-legged gypsy.

My knees ached and popped, my elbows and forearms eternally brandished red scratches, and my sight and hearing declined a little more daily, while the measurement of my waist soared. I would soon have been a blind, deaf, lump of rashy, bruised tissue, that appeared each morning at a warehouse and left each night to drive home by sense of smell; working the steering wheel and pedals with pinkish nubs.

"Well, you've got forty years left," my dad said. "Get used to it." My cringe was so drastic it was audible.

According to the small town work ethic, I was to show up every day, lift with my knees bent, burn my ears in the sun, show loyalty to an owner who would not share his wealth with me even as I made it for him, until such time as I retired or died. At retirement age I was to be too old to dive from cliffs into sparkling Hawaiian waters, bicycle across the European countryside, or climb the temple steps in Luang Prabang Laos.

"That's just the way it is, son," my dad told me, with a light beer in his hand, and The Simpsons bleating on the TV behind him.

When I told him I was saving my money so I could quit my job and travel, his eyes and tone of voice registered panic. "What will you do? You have to have a job, son. You have to. That's just the way it is."

He retires in a month. When asked about what he'll do when he doesn't have to get up to go to work he replies, "You know, do some stuff around the house until the afternoon. Then I'll have a beer and watch some TV."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 25**  
**SUPER WHY!**  
**PBS 9:00 A.M.**

What makes sugar stick together until it's a cube? Any liquid sticking agent would dissolve the sugar. You could use a rubbery adhesive perhaps, like the little lines of glue on the back of a TV Guide address label. But sugar doesn't come with those little lines of glue on them, that'd be weird, and besides, those gluey things taste funny. They look like clear gummi worms, but sister, they ain't.

**SESAME STREET**  
**PBS 10:00 A.M.**  
I'd love to get my hands on the Barney costume. I'll bet it smells like an old man's crotch on an August Sunday in Albuquerque. I could use it to trap the screaming kids in my neighborhood. All I'd need are some nachos for bait, then I could tie them up and hang them on a street

lamp. Ha ha! Kick and scream now, you little SOBs! I'll bet your noses are right in the butt of that thing.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 26**  
**FOOLED BY NATURE**  
**ANIMAL PLANET 7:00 P.M.**

I've covered everything in my house with a layer of Scotch tape. Everything. All the countertops, the coffee maker, the jackalope, all the furniture, GI Joes, Tonka trucks, dinosaurs, mirrors, floors, everything. I'm going to leave it like that until spring, when I cut everything out, and scatter the husks around my neighborhood so it looks like my possessions molted and crept off, having pupated all winter and grown too large for their old skins.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27**  
**BERMUDA TRIANGLE: LOST AT SEA**  
**TRAVEL CHANNEL 8:00 P.M.**

Next time I go to the beach I'm going to bring a wheelbarrow full of fake legs. Not mannequin legs, but the prosthetic kind that are the approximate color of no one's skin. I'm going to dump them in the surf and tell people that a pirate ship must've sunk and these are the only remains. When they ask why the legs aren't wooden pegs I'll say, "C'mon, you think pirates *really* have peg legs? Damn, you're gullible."

**DON'T LOOK UNDER THE BED**  
**DISNEY 9:00 P.M.**  
My girlfriend's dog is epileptic, nearsighted, and smells like week-old sheep cheese. I try to put the moves on the girl and the dog bumps into things around the house and the smell of it gets worse when it comes into the room and then it sees fit to have a seizure and the mood is wholly blown, because you can't make out when a stinky mutt is shaking and peeing itself right there in front of the TV. But even that's better than this show.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 28**  
**THE SALT 'N PEPA SHOW**  
**VH1 10:30 P.M.**  
Week Old Sheep Cheese is the name of my new theoretical band, by the way. We haven't had time to write any music, or for that matter, learn to play instruments. And really there's only one member, me. But I have the name of our first hit single, it's called "Momjean Waltz" from our album, *Doberman Pinschers and Heart Strings*. We're so Emo.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 29**  
**ANTHONY BOURDAIN: NO RESERVATIONS**  
**TRAVEL CHANNEL 10:00 P.M.**  
I don't understand soup. It's a perfectly good meal, only wet. I don't know why someone would look at a counter full of meat, pasta, and salad and say, "You know what'd really set this off? If it were cut up into little bits and submerged." Soup is stupid. Stupid soup.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 30**  
**GOOD MORNING AMERICA**  
**ABC 7:00 A.M.**



Good Eats

Vacuums make me sleepy. Even if I am the one operating the device. Cleaning my apartment is an exercise in controlling narcolepsy. I chewed through the power cord, so before I nod off I lick the exposed wiring and I get a little HI, HOW'S IT GOING! HOW ABOUT A SOCK IN THE LIPS? so I can finish the job.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31**  
**CSI: MIAMI**  
**A&E 7:00 P.M.**  
The show I'm waiting for is CSI: Smurf Village. Although because they are, I assume, bloodless and semenless creatures, I'm not sure how the offending criminals could be tracked down. Perhaps there is some other substance, let's call it "smurf," which could leave us clues. "Did you smurf the smurf spatter on that hallway mirror? You know what that means. This is a repeat smurfer. This one goes to Smurficide Division."

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 32 (YES, I KNOW IT'S NOVEMBER 1ST. I THINK THIS IS FUNNIER.)**  
**GOOD EATS**  
**FOOD 8:00 P.M.**  
There are a great many things in life I will never be able to do. Dunk a basketball is one. Just off the top of my head, which hovers around five feet and six inches. Number two is host a cooking show. My sixth grade sense of humor wouldn't allow me to make it through a show that required the repeating of the words, bone, meat, and pork. Heh. Pork.

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# T.G.I.F.

Alcoholism is a progressive, unstoppable disease that wants nothing more than to kill you.

By John Brizzolara

It is certainly tiresome to me to keep writing of the same thing. Some have said they enjoy the hell out of my descriptions of affliction. I refer, of course, to alcoholism. But it is a subject I am sick to death of.

One acquaintance said to me during a recent and fairly lengthy period of sobriety, "Why don't you get into heroin or something, liven things up? Your recent stuff leaves the rest of us nothing to relate to." He may have meant "feel superior to," but I don't know that for a fact; and I am constantly surprised at how many people are relatively sympathetic.

Equally, I am astonished, in 2007, how many people have Victorian ideas about the thing. Talk of willpower and moral failure still pervade. I am referring, at the moment, to a recent experience at a local hospital. A nurse, who should have known better, said to me, "Why don't you just stop? It's a waste of my time, our time, and everyone else's. I know lots of people who stopped. What's the matter with you?" What I wanted to say was that the trick is to stay stopped. I have had reasonably long periods of abstinence/sobriety — whatever you want to call it — only to relapse within the year.

Diabetes is a comparison that comes

up quite a bit, and it's not a bad one. But I've had cancer, heart failure, liver failure, bronchitis, emphysema, hypothyroidism, and pancreatitis. I'll take any of them over alcoholism.

Now there's no pity like self-pity — like no pity I know. (sung to you know what tune). And it is likely that is exactly what I'm indulging in. But I've been asked to write more about this, and though I am loathe to, I am obligated.

What can I say that hasn't been said in *Lost Weekend*, *Days of Wine and Roses*, *Leaving Las Vegas*, *Eight Million Ways to Die*, not to mention the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous? The incomprehensible, pitiful demoralization, the general ruination. Would you like to hear of me being refused service at a liquor store, only to seek out another one a mile away? With rent money? Pawning a friend's amplifier (hoping to retrieve it before it is too late), and a good friend he was, too. The amp belonged to his beloved and dead brother — who died of alcoholism.

Shall I tell you about a friend in the same profession who died of the same thing? In the hospital he lay, purple, yellow, bloated, begging me to kill him.

How about the millions out there who will never admit they have this problem — and the number, I am convinced, is far underestimated. You may be one, I don't know. That's up to you.

I'll tell you something that kills me: normal people (and of course we all know who and what they are) who will take a drink, begin to feel it, and find it unpleasant. Once they've imbibed a bit — and I mean a bit — and they begin to feel it, they sense a loss of control, which alarms them. With me and every other drunk, that is the starting gun.

Alcoholism is a progressive, unstoppable disease that wants nothing more than to kill you. Oh, it can be arrested, put in jail for a time, but it is well said that disease is doing push-ups in there every day, and one day it will be released. It is almost inevitable. Those are the odds, far and away. When it is out, it is stronger than ever, meaner than ever, and it wants its reckoning. It knows you and knows exactly what lies will be most convincing to you individually. To compare it to the devil may be absurd, but its presence is beautiful and comforting to those in its sway. It will convince you he/it does not even exist — or if so, is no threat.

It has been around since Dionysius and will go nowhere. It has been out-

lawed, and that was a laugh. Today, it is quite legal — until you open the bottle and take a drink. Then it poses a dozen legal problems that are ineluctable in California. Sooner or later, you will go to jail in this state if you partake. And you can tell yourself that at holidays, Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc., a few little nips won't hurt. And you may as well pick up a revolver with a single bullet in it, rotate the barrel, put it to your head, and pull the trigger. You might get an empty cylinder, and another, and another. But those are only half your odds.

Happy Holidays. May you feel a warmth inside that does not kill you or someone else.



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