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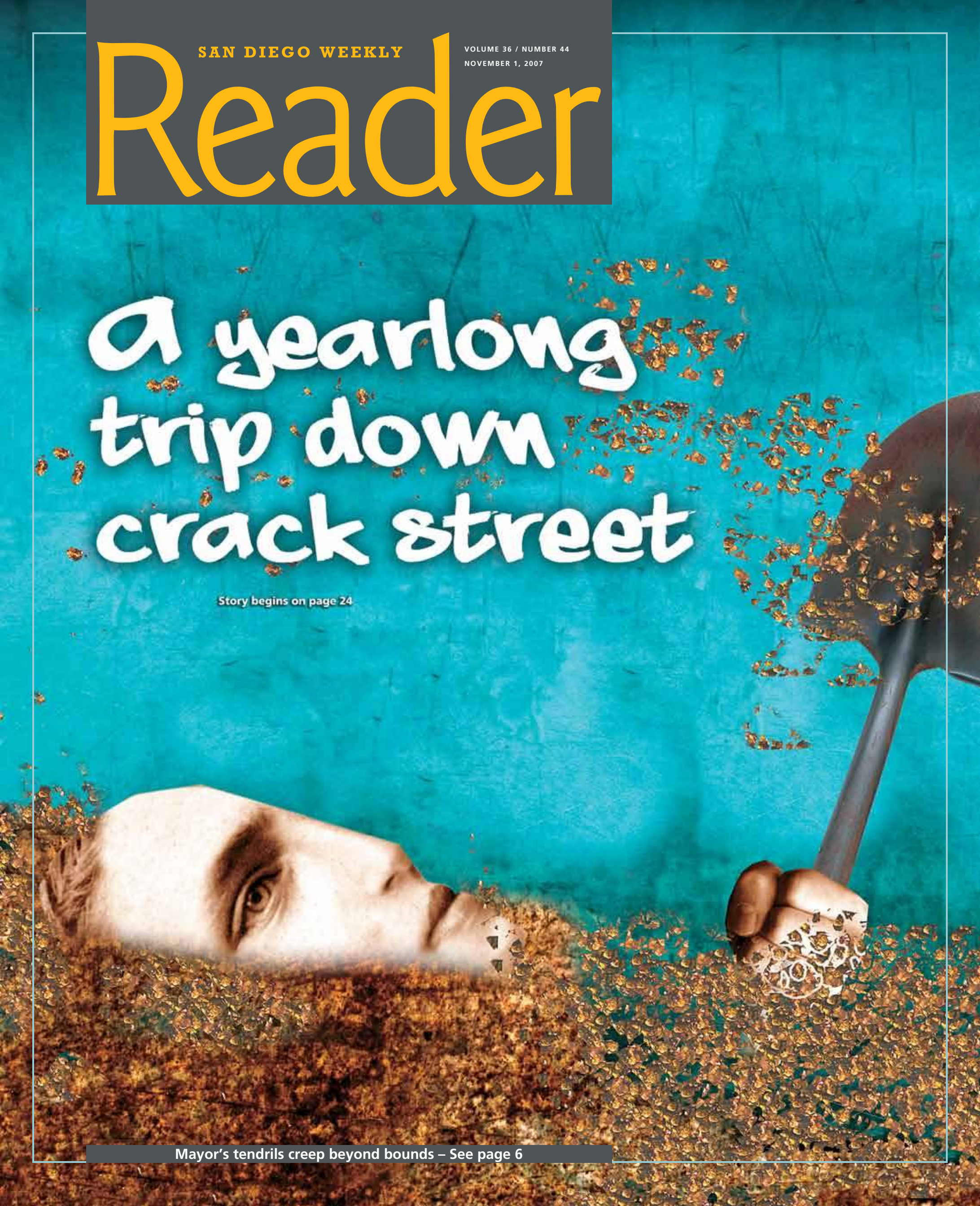

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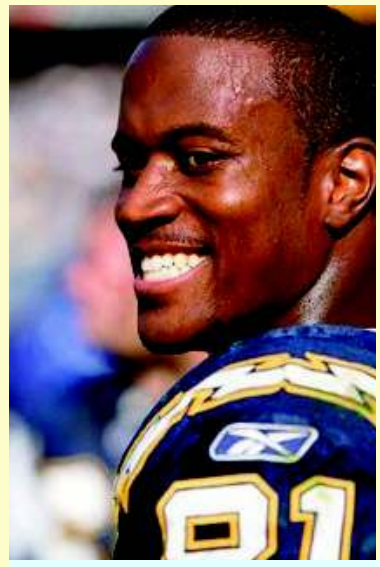

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Rummy's money Marine Captain **Duncan D. Hunter**, who's running in next year's GOP primary to replace his father **Duncan L. Hunter** in Congress, has picked up some heavyweight financial support from none other than **Donald Rumsfeld**, the former defense secretary forced from office after years of dismal news out of Iraq. Now working as a "business consultant" in Saint Michaels, Maryland, according to a campaign-disclosure filing, Rumsfeld gave the maximum $2300 contribution on September 30 to the younger Hunter, who is conducting a remote campaign from Afghanistan, where he is serving his third Middle East tour of duty. The elder Hunter was one of only a few Republicans to go on record against Rumsfeld's presidential dumping after Democrats seized control of both the House and Senate last November, saying, "It was a mistake for him to resign."

Duncan D. Hunter

Other national figures to contribute to the younger Hunter's campaign include **H. Ross Perot**, the Texas billionaire and onetime independent candidate for the presidency, who gave $2300 on September 25, and New York's **Caroline Hudson Firestone**, founder of the New Hudson Foundation, who also contributed $2300 the same day. … **Hillary Clinton**, the top Democratic presidential candidate, according to polls, continues to rack up campaign money from notable San Diegans. Third-quarter givers include two former U.S. attorneys here, airport board chairman **Alan Bersin** ($2300) and Seltzer Caplan attorney **Greg Vega**, who declined to prosecute Padres owner and fellow Democrat **John Moores** in the Valerie Stallings 2001 influence-peddling scandal ($1300). **Susan Atkins**, a biotech specialist at the Republican-leaning PR and lobbying firm Porter Novelli, kicked in $2300. Carlsbad-based self-improvement guru **Deepak Chopra** gave $4600. San Diego city councilwoman **Toni Atkins** was down for $500. **Nancy Chase**, the political and fund-raising consultant from Solana Beach whose causes over the years have included county supervisor **Ron Roberts**, the Gregory Canyon Landfill, and fallen mayor **Roger Hedgecock**, gave $1000.

On the run San Diego district attorney **Bonnie Dumanis** has been spending public money lobbying the legislature up in Sacramento. According to official filings with the secretary of state, her office spent a total of $35,680 during the second quarter of this year; most of the cash, $31,341, went to pay part of the salary of Dumanis's "Special Assistant, Legislation and Social Media," **Gail J. Stewart-Brockman**, a former reporter for KFMB-TV who used to be the office's public relations person. The rest of the money was used for travel on Southwest Airlines back and forth to Sacramento and five stays at the Hyatt Sacramento across from the capitol, at an average cost of $270. (No food or drink was claimed.) Among the issues being promoted by Stewart-Brockman, the filing says, were a bill to "increase Funding Support for Gang Abatement & Prevention Act of 2007" and Assembly Bill 1200, known as "Angie's Law," a bill sponsored by Assemblywoman **Lori Saldaña** to raise criminal penalties for chronic hit-and-run drivers. A spokesman for Saldaña said that Angie's Law died in committee due to prison-overcrowding and consequent budget concerns.

Bonnie Dumanis

Always grandiose, all the time Long a big financial backer of KPBS, the public broadcasting operation owned and operated by San Diego State University, the *Union-Tribune* seems to have switched horses. The newspaper currently has a push on to promote its in-house Internet radio station, called SignOn Radio. "No other radio station, public or otherwise, can come close to the kind of local coverage SignOn Radio can provide," brags the paper's website. "What other station can boast a half-dozen veteran radio personalities and nearly three hundred seasoned journalists?" The paper also promises to present "not only the newsmakers but the keen analysis of the journalists who cover them." Chief among the commentators is conservative editorial-page editor **Bob Kittle**, who for years has appeared regularly on KPBS-FM, dishing out the paper's party line on everything from public subsidies for sports stadiums to attacks on City Attorney **Mike Aguirre**. Kittle opens his call-in show with a burst of marshal music that sounds like a German anthem; his "premier edition" guest was **Steve Francis**, the former Rancho Santa Fe denizen and rent-a-nurse millionaire who is toying with running for San Diego mayor against incumbent **Jerry Sanders**, a fellow Republican. Besides Kittle, the *U-T* is also offering a challenge to KPBS-FM's *Car Talk* in the form of "Wheels" editor **Mark Maynard**, who is hosting a show called *Maynard's Garage*. With *U-T* circulation numbers continuing a relentless slide, it remains to be seen whether the paper's radio station can take a bite out of KPBS's audience — let alone that of KOGO's **Roger Hedgecock**, the newspaper's longtime nemesis — with its message to "turn off your old AM-FM and enjoy SignOn Radio — 'the music, the news and the talk of San Diego.' " … La Jolla's **Audrey Geisel**, widow of **Ted "Dr. Seuss" Geisel**, has cut a deal with the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee, to build an "interactive" ice sculpture of the Grinch, the Whos, and Whoville from almost two million pounds of ice, the *Wall Street Journal* reports. Tickets are $21 for adults and $14 for children on weekends through January 2.

The Grinch

— Matt Potter

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Rigged

By Don Bauder

Imagine what would have happened if our Founding Fathers had made the Cashocracy concept a part of the U.S. Constitution.

The number of ballots per voter would have been determined by wealth, and corporations would have been eligible to vote. Today, the *Forbes* 400 (billionaires all), the Standard & Poor's 500 (the largest companies), and Wall Street would have absolute control because they have almost all the money. The people couldn't do anything about it because they would never have the votes to get the Constitution amended.

Something like this is going on in San Diego. The real estate industry, which already has a mayor, bureaucracy, and council dancing on the end of puppet strings, wants to freeze this control in writing in the city charter. Mayor Jerry Sanders' rigged Charter Review Committee, packed with lawyers and lobbyists representing real estate and the downtown establishment, early this month made its final recommendation: a centralized government, ruled by a mayor, who in turn would be run by developers.

Jerry Sanders

This proposal, if enacted, would make it impossible for San Diego to get out of its current predicament: it can't take more residential development until the infrastructure is able to accommodate it. But the new homes and condos shoot up, while water, sewer, transportation, and other facilities remain aged and inadequate. Worst of all, the availability of water is now in question. This and other infrastructure questions are particularly critical as the city and county decide how to rebuild following the fires. There will be pressure from developers to reconstruct homes on dangerous sites. But that is often unsound policy.

The committee's recommendations now go to the council. It should unceremoniously toss most of the ideas in the wastepaper basket. If that doesn't happen, the recommendations will go on the ballot in June and November of next year and in later elections. Tons of money will be thrown into campaigns to get them passed. Don't be surprised if 50 to 100 times more money pours into ramming through these Cashocracy measures than goes into opposing them.

Consider, for example, one change recommended for a later ballot. It would "authorize the mayor to act as chief executive officer of *any* [italics mine] organization established by federal or state law for which the city council acts as the governing or legislative body." One major meaning of this power seizure: *"This would institutionalize the mayor's present position as executive director of the Redevelopment Agency"* (italics mine). Such a power seizure

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Door Closes on Hope

By Ernie Grimm

On September 28, the Salvation Army closed the doors to its Door of Hope Children's Learning Center day care in Kearny Mesa. The center had been in operation since 1983 and had cared for children from six weeks to 12 years old. Salvation Army divisional commander Lieutenant Colonel Doug O'Brien says the center has been dogged for years by declining attendance and that the "number of children in the program simply didn't pay the bills."

But there were other problems at the center. During the latter half of 2006 through March of this year, California Community Care Licensing Division, the state agency that monitors senior and child-care organizations, had levied heavy fines on the center for violations such as children being left outside unattended, substandard staff-to-children ratios, and teachers pinching and spanking the children.

Files on the Salvation Army facility kept at the Community Care Licensing's Mission Valley office contain a March 20, 2007 letter written by licensing program manager Dana Lovelace to Salvation Army administrator Bill Molina. "In the area of personal rights violations and care and supervision requirements," Lovelace wrote, "your facility has numerous deficiencies which continue to be cited each time licensing visits the facility. These violations where children were pinched, pushed, yelled at, and left alone on the playground or in the bathroom are extremely serious.

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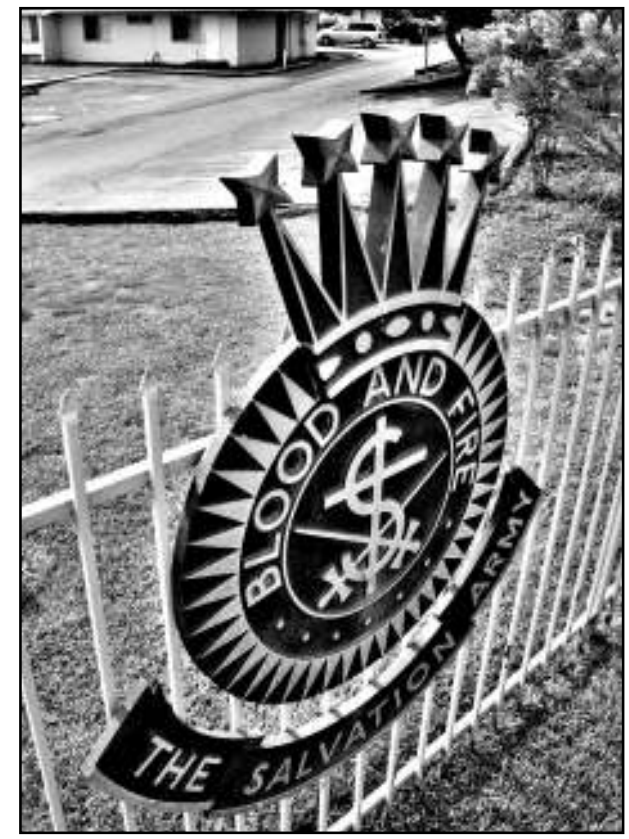
Lovelace went on to say that the Salvation Army day-care center had "several other areas of concern, most notably that the center lacks very basic program curriculum materials, which we have not yet addressed due to the priority of the safety violations."

It was into that situation at the Door of Hope day care that Alisa Oliver, a 17-year veteran of the child-care industry, was hired as center director in March of this year. She had been working at Children's Hospital day care as a teacher and had also worked for KinderCare corporate day care. Asked for her impressions of the center when she arrived, Oliver says, "It was terrible. It smelled bad, it looked really bad, it was in pretty bad condition. The average child-care center you walk into, you see science items, you see music instruments for the children to play with. A lot of different toys with all the different developmental areas that children need. At that facility, there were no toys. It was very cluttered, very dirty and dark, and it was real loud in there — a lot of teachers yelling at the children. The environment was very, very loud. It was a very chaotic environment."

Oliver says she wasn't aware that the center was under fire from Community Care Licensing until she started on the job. "They did not tell me all of that," she contends. "They did not tell me that they had numerous licensing issues, that children were being abused in the facility. The lady that hired me, she went on vacation for three days, so she left a packet of information for me to read through which was 50 pages long. It listed all the licensing issues."

Oliver continues, "Of the 16 teachers that were there, 14 of them hadn't had their background stuff done, no CPR, no physical — because each teacher is required by licensing to have a health screen on file. The opening and closing teachers have to have CPR and first aid. So my first day and the next day, I was calling around clinics in San Diego to see if I could get these teachers into clinics so that they could get their health screening done. So that was my first few days of challenges. And as I said, it was very chaotic. When you walk into a day care, it should look very structured — kids under supervision doing science, arts and crafts, not kids screaming, kids running down the hall, not disorder."



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Within her first week on the job, Oliver says, "Licensing called me. They wanted to meet me at their main office to tell me all the licensing issues. They didn't want the Salvation Army to tell me. I went down to the state building in Mission Valley, and I met with the head of licensing, who at that time was Dana Lovelace, and I met with Patricia Norstrom, who is a licensing analyst. I walk in, and they have two large tables with all these documents on them. They said, 'What we have here is all the child abuse that has happened at this facility over the last two years. And we don't want you coming into this center unaware of what has really gone on here.' So I sit down, and they are going over incident by incident with me of staff members, starting with the center director: the center director spanking children; staff members smoking in front of the children; falling asleep during nap time, when they were supposed to be supervising the children during nap; children having their skin pinched off; children walking away from the facility. And then they went staff member by staff member that allegedly did these things. I stayed at licensing for two hours. And I was shaking, because I have been in the field now for 17 years, and I had never…it was like I was in a horror movie."

Oliver admits to feeling daunted by the task of cleaning up the center but says she accepted the challenge because "those kids needed us and I wanted to make a difference. And I knew that with the right,

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would make a whore of the City's Housing Commission and many other entities. The director of the Housing Commission appeared before the committee and argued against the move.

"I don't think the mayor should be [chief executive] of the Redevelopment Agency. It scares me to death," says Barbara Cleves Anderson, a member of the committee. Because of the dominance of Sanders's handpicked real estate lawyers and lobbyists (some of whom do not live in San Diego), "I hated it [serving on the committee]." Whenever members handpicked by the mayor and developer-friendly councilmembers wanted something, "We knew we were going to lose."

"This is an unprecedented power grab," says John Gordon, a committee appointee who was not a member of the pro-development majority clique. "This mayor and certainly others will have enough power without trying to get their tendrils into the Housing Commission and redevelopment. We all know the risk in this town of campaign contributions."

There is a question whether this move would be legal under state law. "The Redevelopment Agency is a corporation established by state law," says committee member Marc Sorensen. "There is a role the mayor should play, but I think it should be studied. This is centralizing power; there is nothing wrong with that in some cases, but are checks and balances maintained?"

The development industry came to dominate the committee by sleight of hand. The mayor named seven of his buddies. Councilmember Scott Peters nominated Donna Jones, lobbyist for Sunroad. The mayor enthusiastically named Jones. That gave real estate interests the majority. Jones "voted with the mayor's representatives on every occasion," says Gordon. The mayor's crew voted as a bloc.

"The mayor wants to increase his power radically," says Jim Mills, former president pro tem of the California Senate. "He wants to be directly in charge of [Centre City Development Corporation] instead of the council. The developers feel they have a patsy for mayor, and they clearly do. They put him in office, want him to have more power to do what they want him to do." Mills agrees that the City should concentrate on rebuilding the infrastructure and curtail residential development.

There are other disturbing power seizures that will assist the developers in extracting subsidies from government. The committee wants the city attorney to represent the politicians and bureaucrats and not the people. The current city attorney, Mike Aguirre, has been trying to end the developers' financial bleeding of the City, and this is an attempt — accompanied by more media-coordinated smear campaigns — to let the corruption go unchecked.

"They intend to bury the emasculation of Mike Aguirre in so much other stuff that they think it won't be noticed, but I assume Mike will make it an issue," says Mills. "Some consider Mike a loose cannon, but he is shooting at all the right targets. This city council and this mayor are not in good odor, and the public will not like them putting a tight leash on the city attorney." The committee decided this time not to recommend that the city attorney be appointed rather than elected, although the lawyer/lobbyist lackeys appointed by Sanders clearly wanted that. There is a rumor that Councilmember Scott Peters, the pro-developer toady, will try the ploy anyway. It was Aguirre who forced into the open the City's concealment of its weak financial state in bond filings. Aguirre particularly fingered Peters for his role in this deceit.

The committee wants to expand council districts from 8 to 11. Overriding the mayor's veto would require 8 votes, or 73 percent. "That is really high," says Sorensen.

The stacked committee would have the mayor appoint the chief financial officer and the city auditor. Both jobs should be independent of the mayor. The mayor could also hire and fire the personnel director at will.

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The centralized controls "will weaken the council's ability to respond to community planning groups," says Norma Damashek, president of the League of Women Voters. The mayor is already "trying through the Planning Department and the Development Services Department to standardize development [rules] in communities throughout the City." The winners will be "the developers, the whole business establishment, whoever makes money off the City. This is the way the City has been traditionally, but now they are casting it in cement."

"Jerry Sanders is the darling of the development industry, and the committee's recommendations will strengthen the hand of the developers and keep the GOP juggernaut in power," says Steve Erie, professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego, and author of an upcoming book, *Paradise Plundered: Fiscal Crisis and Political Turmoil in San Diego.*

Throughout the committee meetings, the stacked majority feigned an interest in the people. "They said they cared about democracy, but if you look, the majority of votes came down for the unitary executive concept," says Gordon. On the federal level, the unitary executive theory argues for hamstringing Congress's ability to take power from the president. In San Diego, the words "unitary executive" are a polite way to describe a mayor-centered Cashocracy. ■

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properly trained staff coming over there that we could make a difference."

Low pay, Oliver believed, was at the root of the staffing problems at the Door of Hope Children's Learning Center. So she petitioned her bosses to offer higher salaries to attract new teachers. "They were only paying teacher's aides $7.50 an hour and teachers $9.00 an hour."

Her bosses, Oliver says, "agreed the new teachers coming in would get $13.75. So a lot of teachers I'd worked with over the years wanted to know about the program. So people started coming over, and they wanted to see the center, and I told them from A to Z what my plans were on turning this facility around and what it was going to take."

One of the new teachers Oliver hired was Felicia Sloan-Hackett, who had worked at Children's Hospital for ten and a half years. "I needed a change," says the 37-year-old Lemon Grove resident, now unemployed, "and [in the Salvation Army day care] I saw a school that needed help. I had worked with Alisa, and I believed in her as a director. As a professional person, she is dynamic. She gets things done. When she says she is going to do something, she does it. She went in there, and she said we are going to change this school around, we are going to make it better, not just for the children, but for the families. That is what her intentions were, and that is what she did."

The move from Children's to Salvation Army involved a

pay raise for Sloan-Hackett, from $11.72 an hour to $13.75. Mark Galindo, another former coworker of Oliver's, moved to Salvation Army from Children's, where he'd been for ten years. "When Alisa received the directorship over at the Salvation Army," Galindo recalls, "she called and said, 'Hey, would you be interested?' So I walked over, saw the program, saw the potential, and knew that it would make a huge difference with the families there and with the program. So myself and a few others went over."

Though this hiring was going on, Salvation Army officials weren't sure they wanted to keep the Children's Learning Center open. "Within weeks of her hiring," O'Brien recalls, "I told Alisa that I called licensing to close the program. We had a staffing problem, which generated some licensing fines. And before we could fix the problem, they would fine us again. And the fines were simply coming faster than we could solve the problem. And I called [Community Care Licensing] and said, 'Clearly you have no intention of having us fixing this problem. Your intent is to run us out of business. So we will close the center.' And I did that on a Friday afternoon. By Monday, Alisa was on the phone, 'Please don't close this center. I can turn this around,' she pleaded with me. 'I can hire staff that will do a quality program, and it will be a viable program.' I said, 'How long will it take you to do that?' She said, 'Give me four weeks.' Well, four weeks would have been the end of June, and the center stayed open through the end of September, and we simply didn't have the numbers of kids that made a viable center."

Oliver and some of the teachers she hired believe the Salvation Army delayed closing the Children's Learning Center because they wanted to let the new staff clean up the licensing mess at the center before closing it down. "Every time licensing would walk into that building prior to me coming on," Oliver says, "they were fined. But from March 17 all the way to my last day, they were never fined, not one more dollar. Because I made sure that we were all in ratio, I made sure that the children were being supervised, I made sure that there was adequate qualified staff in there. And we started having higher levels of quality care."

Center files at Community Care Licensing support her claim.

"In hindsight," says Galindo, who's still looking for another job, "I see that the Salvation Army needed to have our team go in there and clean it up for them — clean up the program and leave it on a good note, so when they reopen it, they'll have a clean bill of health. Otherwise, licensing might have withheld the license or the Salvation Army would have had a bruise on their record and [when they reopened] they would have to tell the new families, 'Well, this is our record.' "

O'Brien says the Salvation Army acted in good faith when it gave Oliver and her staff a chance to turn the place around. "We had no intention of closing the center," he says, "but it simply became unreasonable to maintain a center that required a significant subsidy in a facility that simply wasn't attractive to people. And so we made a decision [to close it], and that was a hard decision."

O'Brien continues, "The center was licensed for 120 kids. When I got here five years ago, we were averaging between 50 and 60 in attendance in the center. As the years progressed, the numbers kept shrinking. What might have been 62 became 55, and then it was down to 50. And when we decided to close the center, Alisa claimed that there were 46 or 47 enrolled in the center. Well, 10 of those kids were children of employees at the center and were getting a free ride.… So the truth of the matter is, she had 37 paying customers. And that is as low as, or lower than, any number that we have had since I have been here. I have to have income from 80 kids to pay the bills there." ■

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I Cover The Beachfront

Despite what your article ("All That's Left," Cover Story, October 25) might imply, Oceanside is also a city in San Diego County with oceanfront homes. At least one vacant beachfront lot exists today, and probably four or five existed a decade ago.

Joel West
via e-mail

General Plan, Generally Gone

Your article/cover story "Perfect Drought" (October 18) was okay, but someone needs to kick the pants off our moron representatives that are supposed to have a little intelligence.

All the freeways and surface streets are overloaded, and that is because of too many people.

I am a senior and a native San Diegan. The city and county used to have a general plan for growth. What happened to it?

Today, people are trapped on those roads because of the fires. Can't get in, can't get out of my city.

I can answer my own questions: it was erased with money and power.

Barry A. Treahy
Clairemont Mesa

Friend Of Bill

A sincere and enormous thank you for your outstanding cover story last week ("Perfect Drought," October 18) about our region's growing and increasingly complex environmental challenges.

Congratulations to Bill Manson for not only exploring the history and science of our drought but also several other stories regarding species migration and extinction, pollution, rain depletion, heat islands, population and land development, and the related synopses of research.

Uncanny and extremely prescient how an article published just last Thursday mentioned the threat of future extreme wildfires to our area — and a few short days later, I am typing this note to you during our numerous local and statewide massive wildfire explosions receiving global media attention.

Bill's work is an important supplement to all the great climate and environmental research already being generated here. We sent your story to every important contact we have in our files.

Please send it to every influential federal, state, city, county, and municipal official you can find, not to mention all other powerful business and industry leaders in our fair and significantly singed region.

We have to learn how to live more compatibly and in balance with Mother Nature or otherwise suffer her reactions resulting in our "shock and awe." May the entrepreneurs, technology developers, policymakers, and enlightened consumers merge and prevail with wise choices as we venture forth into this century and beyond.

Joe Vecchio
via e-mail

I Mean, Duh

In regards to "Best San Diego Jams" by Jay Allen Sanford (Cover Story, October 4), nice article, but since nobody noticed… how could anyone purporting to "know" music credit Dylan for R. Johnson's classic "Love in Vain"? I mean, *duh.*

J. Mason
via e-mail

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Comments from Reader Website

Breaking News, Fire Press Published October 24

Posted by Tony St. John on 10/24/07, 1:19 p.m.

Matt, the best case scenario news so far about the ongoing 2007 Firestorms is that many lives were saved by the new evacuation procedure that was tragically not used during the 2003 Firestorms which resulted in 17 deaths. The worst case scenario is that U-T political corruption took its toll again, because of hellaciously inadequate firefighting staff and resources again. Corrupt San Diego U-T establishment politicians have continuously refused to compensate fire and police heroes for risking their lives daily to protect us from the consequences of corruption, even placing them at totally unacceptable risk during prolonged periods of firefighting without sleep due to lack of support resources. (Cont'd on next page)

Posted by Tony St. John on 10/24/07, 1:20 p.m.

Former Chief Bowman and UCSD professor Erie were interviewed by the Steve Lopez "Ex-San Diego fire chief won't say 'I told you so…' " (www.latimes.com/news/columnists/la-me-lopez24oct24,1,5880052.column?coll=la-news-columns&ctrack=2&cset=true) in this mornings L.A. Times where they exposed the fact that "developers own most of the city councils" because the paramount fact of life in San Diego is that "developers run this town". The most hideous fact of life is that taxpayer monies are spent on subsidizing many, many $millions for members of the U-T establishment instead of funding necessary public safety staffing and resources. Bowman, who resigned as SD fire chief over staffing and resource issues and lives in Escondido, said "he'll only work for a city that wants to do it right, and that may never happen in the area where he lives now." Further, Erie summarized with what should represent the U-T establishment motto: "It's paradise plundered."

Posted by pissed off in San Diego on 10/25/07, 11:10 p.m.

Maybe if Fire Brass would stop spiking their retirement payments while sitting on their asses behind a desk, the real firefighters who were out risking their lives would be payed what they were worth.

Posted by Walter on 10/28/07, 12:23 a.m.

Matt, As an expatriated San Deign I have a few observations. First off the evacuations appear to have been done smoothly and effectively. I always feared that gridlock on the highways would doom the populace in a great emergency. Maybe this awareness will end the tsunami watch parties at the local beaches. Second, the elected republicans couldn't help themselves to praise the federal response as their federal equipment lie on the ground. Remember, "Catapult the Propaganda". SignonSan Diego-Radio was the worst. I shut it off after a very short time. Congrats to KUSI and it's streaming newscasts. Firefighters reaffirmed the dedication to their job. From the Cedar Fire: not enough lessons learned.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

A Set of Six

When I was six years old, my favorite sport was playing badminton with my mother. This was 1950s America, so she took care of her four kids, her husband, cooked the meals, cleaned the house, and, as a bonus, kept a full-time, 40-hour-a-week job.

With all that, it was unusual and therefore a big deal for us to play badminton. I loved running out to the back door of our West University, Texas, rented farmhouse, two badminton rackets and a couple shuttlecocks held tight in tiny, sweaty hands. Our games began after dinner chores. Crickets chirping, fireflies blinking, an old outdoor lamp and yellow bulb shining down on a badminton net strung between two pecan trees. I'd be jumping up and down, waiting out the last long minute until she arrived. Finally, the kitchen screen door opened and the world turned to magic and I was as happy as I'd ever be.

At 12, my sport was baseball. Summertime in Sandy Springs, Georgia, walking along Johnson Ferry Road to a bare dirt field for a pick-up game of baseball. The field was created that spring when, it was said, Sandy Springs appliance-store owner Luke Appling (Chicago White Sox Hall of Fame shortstop, 1930–1950) corralled a Little League franchise. Somebody cranked up the backhoe and scraped a baseball diamond in the dirt field behind the record store.

We were just getting to know hardball, and although we were all on Little League teams, they only played once, maybe twice a week. Just about every day that summer, sixth- and seventh-grade boys would gather on the red-clay field and choose up sides. Some days we'd have near a full team on each side; other days it was three boys against two with the catcher playing for both teams and no hitting to right field.

I could catch and hit. Average thrower. Usually played second base, but wanted to play first, always the hardest position to grab. The star that summer — the best pitcher and best hitter — was Danny, a tall, lanky kid who had a real fastball. He was caught lying about his age…turned out he was 15.

Six years on, I'm living in La Mesa. My sport was straight pool — not nine-ball, which I consider ostentatious, but straight pool, call pocket, first player to 100 wins. Money games. Etiquette required a late start, 10:00 p.m. driving around San Diego with three or four pals, coffee shop to pool hall to coffee shop to pool hall, the seedier the better. Good pool halls, particularly the downtown walk-up kind, had the feel of adult crime. The dream was buying your own Balabushka stick. With case.

At 24, sport was sex. Full time. At 30, sport was volleyball at the Howling Dog Saloon in Fox, Alaska. At 36, my sport was betting the NFL and elections. I had a cabin out in the desert southwest of Vegas. This was pre-Internet, and betting lines were easier to beat. Research consisted of what little was on the just-established ESPN, televised NFL games, and reading out-of-town newspapers in the library two or three mornings a week. A pleasant, genteel life.

At 42, I leased a house on the beach about a dozen miles south of Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz has a microclimate that is more like Southern California than Northern. Didn't rain that winter, 75 degrees and suntan in January. I started walking on the beach, then jogging, then running. Pretty soon running every day. Pretty soon running everywhere: Baja, Point Barrow, Martha's Vineyard, New Mexico. Running in snow, mud, rain, wind. Just get the run in and the rest of the day takes care of itself. Miss it still.

At 48, I was in thrall to domestication. One woman. One household. First time. Big job.

At 54 I began taking tai chi lessons. It's become one of the few good reasons to grow old.

And now BIRDING. That's right, pilgrim, birding, and wipe that smirk off your face.

Over the years, I've hunted and fished when friends invited me along. I've never been moved to take on either sport or its equipment. The best part of hunting-fishing world was planning the trip, packing for the trip, traveling to the trailhead, setting up camp, drinking whiskey, and telling stories around the campfire. The killing and catching part was uninteresting to me.

So, right off the bat, birding has a lot going for it, providing the best part of hunting-fishing world without the blood and heavy lifting. Now, you do need to find the right person to take you out in the beginning. You want to go with someone who knows everything about birds (there is more to birds than you can possibly guess), while keeping the wonderment of a beginner's mind.

Interested? Check out *sandiego-audubon.org/* for birding field trips and *fog.ccsf.cc.ca.us/~jmorlan/sd.htm* for San Diego birding links.

The Vegas Line

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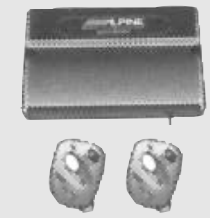

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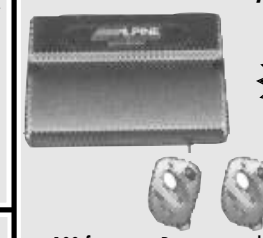

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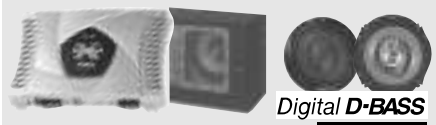

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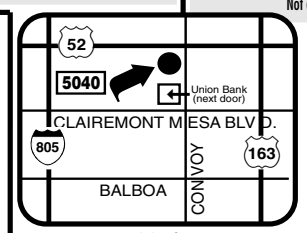

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Senior pastor: Steve Denney
Congregation size: 50
Staff size: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 5
Annual budget: n/a
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Website: *www.citywalkchurch.org*

October 28 marked Citywalk Church's entrance into the practice of weekly Sunday worship. Prior to that, communal worship events had been monthly; the weekly gatherings were smaller and held in people's homes downtown. Church member Jorge shared his story with me before the service. "I was a Catholic. I was really involved. I went to Catholic school, and I was an altar boy. But I lost interest. You went to church on Sunday, you left, you came back the next Sunday. Nobody really talked to each other." When he attended UCSD, he was attracted to the home-church-style gatherings in dorm rooms. "Instead of one person teaching everyone, we taught each other — singing, praying, interpreting the Bible, just talking about our lives. There was this dynamic." For Jorge, church became a community.

The service was held in the auditorium of Washington Elementary School — the church's display screen obscuring kiddie Halloween decorations around the stage. On the screen: "The worship event is a multisensory participatory experience for us to connect with God together. Music, art, words, and more all play a role in the mysterious transaction that happens between us and God when we worship. Through music, we visualize and vocalize things that are hard to express in word or action. Communion is a holy moment where, by sharing the symbols of bread and wine together, we remember who Jesus is, what His mission is, and how we are part of that hope."

The music matched the general feel of the service — low-key, emotive but not rousing; guitar, piano, bongo, and two-part harmony. "When I climb down the mountain/ And get back to my life/ I won't settle for ordinary things..."

That lyric expressed one of the five values emphasized by Citywalk: everyday sacredness — "Every day can be really consumed with following God," explained senior pastor Steve Denney. The others: pursuit of truth while at the same time accepting mystery; generosity in everything; traveling together on "this journey of following Jesus"; and valuing interruptions, looking "for blessing in the midst of them."

The weekly worship service, meanwhile, was a third component of "what Citywalk does to come together that we can call 'church.'" Personal transformation would be facilitated by the home church meetings; influence would come through interaction with the larger community; but the worship service would aid in establishing "a meaningful connection with God."

Denney showed a short film that opened with a man dialing phone directory services, trying without success to find a listing for God. Cut to a man conducting street interviews, asking people how they connect to God. Answers ranged from "I don't want to talk about it," to "I don't believe in God," to "In my heart and in my soul," to "Go to church," to "Practice yoga," to simply, "I don't." "If we're not connected to God," asked Denney, "what are we doing? This idea of reconnecting to God is probably our greatest need.... I think the story of the Bible, from the very beginning, can be told, in a way, as humanity losing its connection to God.... I think at one point in time, God said, 'I can't take [this]; I'm going to go to them.'" The world resisted, to the point of crucifying Christ, but the resultant church took up the movement. "I believe the role of the church is positioned perfectly to fulfill this longing that everybody has — to reconnect with and stay connected to God."

So what to do? Denney didn't have a formula but suggested being honest and making yourself vulnerable, confessing your dependence on the divine. "James says, 'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.' Maybe the next move is ours.... I want us to try to connect with God this morning.... Let's come into this moment expecting that connecting with God can actually happen, that it's a real thing."

There followed a solid 20 minutes of gentle singing, of spoken prayer, and of reading: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God..." People prayed or drifted back to the Communion table or sang quietly along. "Come and make my heart your home/ Come and be everything I am and all I know..."

What happens when we die?

"I believe in a heaven and a hell," said Denney. "Heaven is the ultimate connection to God, and hell is the ultimate exclusion. I believe that our acceptance of Christ or our rejection of Christ plays into the determination of that — though I'm not convinced that it's just a 'mind-belief statement.' But there certainly is this: 'Do I accept Christ, follow Him, trust Him, try to live with those things in mind?' I'm very much a 'Kingdom of God' person — eternal life doesn't start when we die; it's a different expression of it."

— *Matthew Lickona*

STEVE DENNEY

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delivery	★★½
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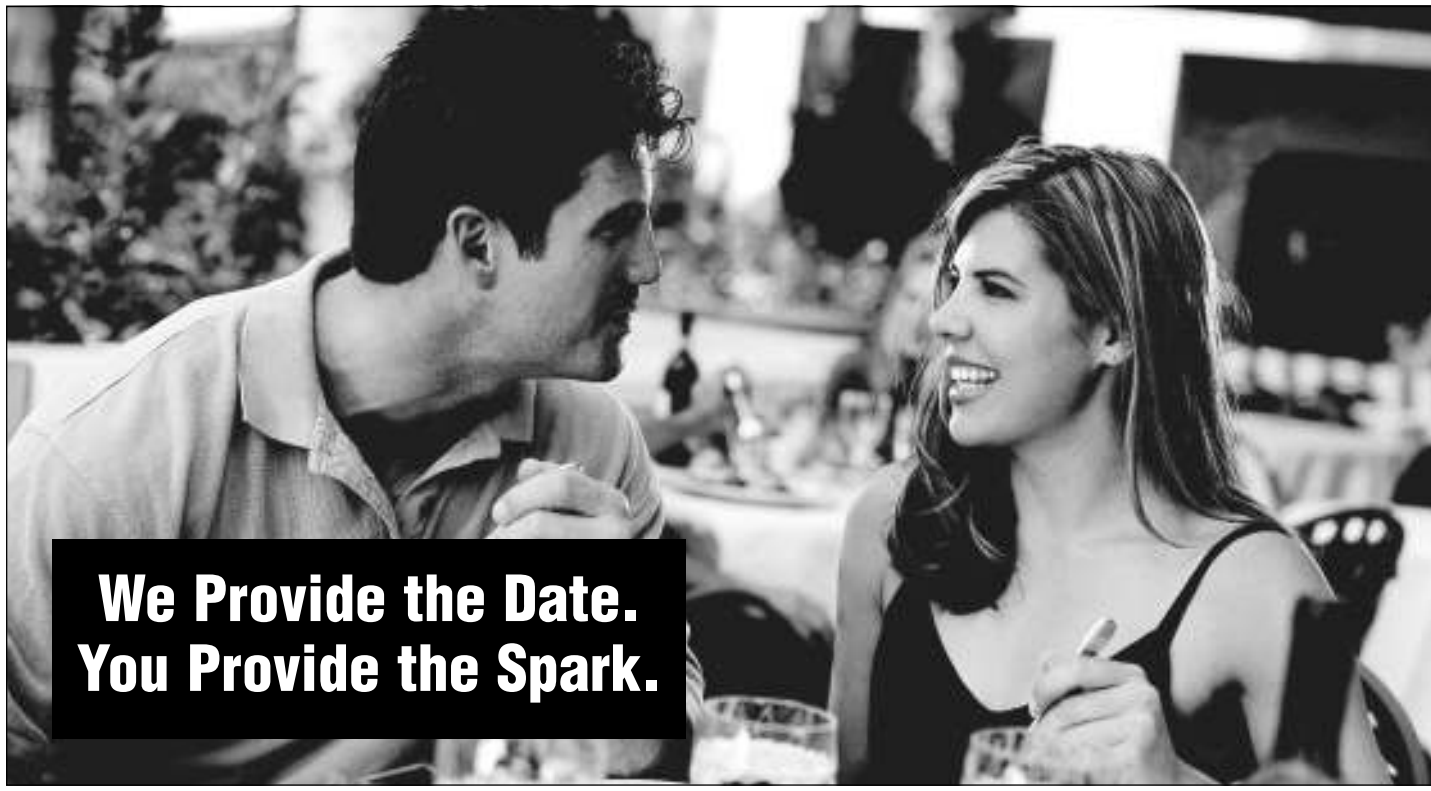

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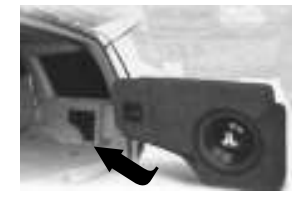

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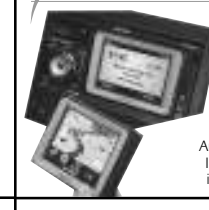

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Four Schwarzenegger Vetoes Worsened San Diego's Fire Defenses

Posted by Don Bauder on October 29, 2007

Arnold Schwarzenegger took bows during Sunday's football game and preened for TV cameras when Qualcomm was serving as a shelter. San Diegans and the local press cheered. But the press was not asking him about four vetoes of bills that would have made San Diego far more prepared to fight… Read more and add a comment.

Three RB Neighborhoods Didn't Get Warnings

Posted by Don Bauder on October 28, 2007

The Trails, Westwood, and Montelena neighborhoods of Rancho Bernardo lost about 200 homes in the fires. Residents say they got very little warning from the reverse 911 system. Also, Mayor Jerry Sanders went on TV Sunday evening at 11 and said the fire would be hitting San Pasqual in the… Read more and add a comment.

In June '07, Sanders Said San Diego Had An Anti-Fire Program "That Works"

Posted by Don Bauder on October 27, 2007

After the Pines Fire of 2002, a Wildland Fire Task Force issued a report saying that 80 percent of wildland areas in San Diego could burn explosively under typical periods of high fire danger. After the 2003 fires, there were three reports; all concluded that brush management was a key… Read more and add a comment.

Were Rancho Bernardo Residents Warned in Timely Way?

Posted by Don Bauder on October 26, 2007

I am learning of Rancho Bernardo residents whose homes, or neighborhoods, went up in flames without a prior warning from the highly-touted reverse 911 system or any other official method, other than friendly neighbors. Also, residents wonder why Mayor Jerry Sanders held a press conference at 11 p.m. Sunday and… Read more and add a comment.

"Reporters" Lobbing Softball Questions at FEMA Brass Were Actually FEMA Employees

Posted by Don Bauder on October 26, 2007

The Federal Emergency Management Agency hit a new low in journalism during the California fires, according to the Washington Post today (Fri., Oct. 26). While the fires raged Tuesday, the agency's deputy administrator held a news briefing. As the so-called "press" asked "tell me why you're wonderful" questions, the administrator… Read more and add a comment.

Watch for Fire Hoopla at Chargers Game Sunday

Posted by Don Bauder on October 25, 2007

There are a couple of things the city and county learned from the 2003 fires, but one stands out: media manipulation. It appears that the City is trying to empty Qualcomm stadium of refugees so that on Sunday, there can be a big public relations splash at the Chargers game… Read more and add a comment.

Aguirre on Emergency Committee; Governor Sought Advice

Posted by Don Bauder on October 24, 2007

When City Attorney Mike Aguirre wrote a memo suggesting that the City have a plan to evacuate if the air got dangerously bad, he was doing so as a member of a special City committee devoted to handling emergencies. Aguirre has taken FEMA training as part of his duties... Read more and add a comment.

U-T Uses Fire to Smear Aguirre – Inaccurately, As Always

Posted by Don Bauder on October 24, 2007

When the fires began Sunday morning, I asked my wife, "How long will it be before the U-T blames Aguirre for starting the fire?" It didn't take long for the U-T to use the fire to smear him. This morning (Wednesday, Oct. 24), the U-T has a grossly inaccurate story… Read more and add a comment.

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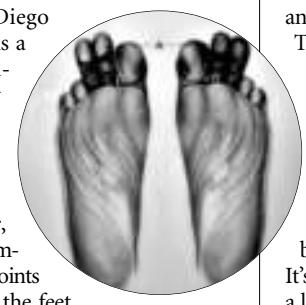
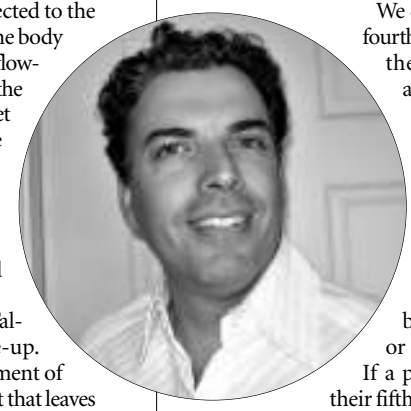
"I'm not just there to fix something — my work is a nurturing experience."

I got curious about reflexology after my sister-in-law convinced me to let a woman at a spa rub hot rocks against my feet for an hour. By the time she was finished, I felt more relaxed and refreshed than I could ever remember feeling. I wanted to know what made reflexology "work" for me.



Ariel Talmor of Sole-to-Soul in East San Diego (*sole-to-soul.com*) is a reflexology practitioner and faculty member at San Diego Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. Put simply, said Talmor, reflexology is "the stimulation of pressure points and other areas in the feet that stimulate points and other areas in the body. Everything I do is a result of my own studies and observations," and those observations have taught Talmor that "the body is a microcosm of the universe. The head is connected to the universe, the air. It is the opposite of the feet, which are connected to the earth. What I try to do is open the body to energy flow. A lot of energy is flowing through us at all times, from the top of our heads to the soles of feet and into the earth. Our feet, the lowest part, are heavy. Because they touch the ground, they are the last place in the body where energy flows before it goes into the ground. So feet can hold blocked energy."



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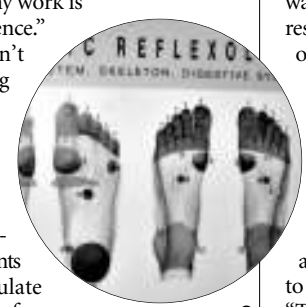
The typical client, said Talmor, "can expect a great tune-up. They will have an overall alignment of mind, body, emotions, and spirit that leaves them rejuvenated and refreshed [**$85** for first 50-minute session, **$125** for subsequent sessions]." Some say they feel more clarity, more integration, or more patience. If it sounds a touch mystical, Talmor is comfortable adopting more conventional language: "Reflexology opens up circulation to places where circulation is compromised — this has been proven with thermal photography. When you improve circulation, you allow all the organs to breathe and function better and to restore themselves. I can help with stress management, general sluggishness, and ailments like back pain and digestive problems. But I'm not just there to fix something — my work is a nurturing experience."



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Talmor doesn't call what he's doing "massage." "I'm manipulating the feet. I do thumb- or finger-walking, pushing it forward almost like a caterpillar. These movements are meant to stimulate and break crystalline formations. Sometimes, these are found with touch; other times, with intuition. Crystalline formations are the sign of a weak energy line that needs to be strengthened. The idea is that every organ that is in the body is connected through an energy line to the feet." If the organ is not functioning at maximum efficiency, "waste material, in very minute quantities, will form gently in the feet. I think that these formations are not the blockages themselves, but signs of the real blockage."

So it's not surprising that crystal crushing is not Talmor's ultimate goal. "What I do is optimize energy centers," starting with an application of the five elements of Chinese medicine. "In Chinese medicine, the five elements are metal, fire, water, earth, and wood. I've borrowed these principles and applied them to the toes as a part of advanced reflexology. We have five toes. Each toe has an energy line and represents an energy center. These represent organs, and they also go to who you are as a person. The big toe is metal, which corresponds to thinking and perception, and also with the lungs and colon. The second toe is fire — habits and charisma and also the heart and small intestine."

Talmor was giving me the short version; for the third toe, he got a touch more expansive: "The third toe is water — instinct, balance, and boundaries as well as the kidneys. It's also about fear. If someone was raised with a lot of fear, there will usually be a redness or abnormality — like a corn or a bump — on the middle toe of the left foot. [The left side is your past.] It could also be there because of kidney issues. And the kidney also corresponds to the middle of the foot," just a little further up the energy line.

We continued on to the fourth toe. "That's earth — the emotional center and also your liver, pancreas, and spleen. It's very powerful. The fifth is wood — creativity and the reproductive organs. If a lady is missing a toenail on her fifth toe, it could be a sign of menstrual or fertility conditions. If a person can't spread their fifth toe away from their fourth, "it's a sign that someone leads a very routine life. Sometimes, they're bored, or they feel stuck or afraid."

Determining whether blockages are brought on by conditions that are physical (fertility) or mental (boredom) is part of Talmor's tactile investigation. "I practice an openness to the impressions that come through me while I'm working. Sometimes I'm wrong, but I'd say 85 percent of the time I say things that hit home with the client."

Then East meets West: "I combine the elements of Chinese medicine with the four elements used in Western astrology — air, fire, water, and earth. In this model, all the toes correspond to the air, which is thinking. The ball of the foot is fire — passion and stamina. The arch is water — emotions and flow. The heel is earth — basic needs, your foundations. I work with the five elements and the four elements at the same time. If I work on the big toe, it corresponds to thinking from both the Chinese and Western elements. By working on the big toe, I can actually affect the way you think by opening you up to optimal energetic flow." But that's not all. "The big toe is also connected to the colon and large intestine. After two or three sessions, some clients will have a lot of bowel movements — this helps to remove toxins from the body. Or when I work on the fourth toe, which is the emotional center, people might have excessive dreaming."

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The Swede Life

by Barbarella

There is no such thing as a weird human being; it's just that some people require more understanding than others.

— Tom Robbins

I gazed out the rain-streaked window and watched a colorful collection of birds peck at the verdant grass in search of worms and fallen berries. I felt responsible for the weather, as if I had somehow enticed the clouds to follow me from Amsterdam. "I'm so sorry it's raining on your big day," I said, feeling guilty for telling a half-truth; I was sorry for my friends, but I was stoked for myself — I love the rain, especially when the emerald-green landscape pops against a backdrop of gray clouds. As beautiful as it may have been for me, the rain was bad news for the artists of Öland, Sweden.

The watercolor paintings were reminiscent of the kindergarten creations I have seen gracing the doors of my sisters' refrigerators.

Our friends Urs and Gudrun were participating in Skördefest, the annual harvest festival that draws a million people, even the king (and I don't mean Elvis), to the long narrow island off the southeastern coast of Sweden. David and I had timed our European vacation to correspond with the three-day event. During the festival, hundreds of artists throughout the island, including our friends, display their work in small, makeshift galleries erected in their own homes. The first and most celebrated day is called Konstnatten, or "Art Night." On this evening, art lovers drive around the island from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m., looking for the orange pumpkins that mark festival participants. Many of the artists engage in a certain amount of good-humored pumpkin one-upmanship, using the largest pumpkins they can find or arranging the harvest fruits in original ways. Rather than follow the tradition of this Swedish island community, Urs and Gudrun chose to mark their home gallery in a way that expressed their own creativity, passion for minimalism, and un-Swedishness (he is originally from Switzerland and she from Germany). In lieu of a grand pumpkin pageant, they opted to signal art-peepers with two giant orange weather balloons tethered at the end of the driveway.

Though our friends were disappointed by the meager turnout, they were not surprised. They had explained to David and I that, in their experience, Swedes do not consider photography to be art. Urs pointed to a spread in the local newspaper, an article featuring two artists with color photographs of their work. The watercolor paintings were reminiscent of the kindergarten creations I have seen gracing the doors of my sisters' refrigerators. Urs was presenting the story as proof of his theory that Swedes have unsophisticated taste. Behind his huge, circular red specs, Urs rolled his bright-blue eyes. "This is *scheisse*," he muttered. The word, which sounds like "shy-sah," is German for "shit." Urs says "*scheisse*" with greater frequency than my sister Heather says "actually."

To celebrate the festival's completion, Gudrun had made reservations for us at what she called one of the island's "fancier restaurants." I was optimistic about dinner — so far, everything Gudrun had cooked for us at home had been exceptional. I had attributed this to a combination of her kitchen prowess and the fine quality of her ingredients (grass-fed beef, locally grown produce, and water drawn from a crystalline aquifer).

"If the quality of food in Sweden was a person," Urs said while driving us to dinner, "then he would be short, just above toe level. It's *scheisse*." I got the feeling he was indulging me — like a four-year-old, I would repeat his foreign curse words each time he muttered them, relishing in the attention I received when I tested their fun-sounding naughtiness on my tongue. "Yeah, *shy-sah*," I said. "Like totally *merde*. But I don't believe that, Urs, not for a minute. And, anyway, I'm going to eat at a real-life smorgasbord!" I was tickled by the idea that I would be dining in the traditional Swedish style.

The restaurant was located in a hotel. Once inside, we waited as Gudrun spoke to the hostess in Swedish (Gudrun speaks German, English, Swedish, and French; Urs is fluent in Swiss-German, German, English, and Italian). I followed my party to the dining room, which was cavernous, like a small airplane hangar. We ordered a bottle of wine from our server, whose sing-song-y cadence reminded me of the Swedish Chef from the *Muppets*.

In America, "fine dining" is rarely used in the same sentence as "buffet." Apparently, getting all dressed up and going to a white-tablecloth-and-silverware version of Soup Plantation is akin to four-star din-

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ing in the Swedish backwoods. Though I frequent first-rate sit-down-and-serve-me-with-a-smile restaurants like Laurel, the Prado, and Bite, I am not incapable of appreciating a good Sizzler experience.

After making a toast to the orange balloons for holding up despite gale-force winds, I followed my posse into the small room by the lobby where all the food was kept. I grabbed a simple white plate and assessed my options. The room was set up like a church-lady potluck. Three of the 20-something dishes were available warm — the rest were casseroles, coleslaw, and potato and macaroni salads. A few of the cold dishes I had mistaken for ambrosia were actually mayonnaise-y fish dishes. I stabbed a medallion of pork from a hot tray and spooned up some of the potatoes au gratin to accompany it. So that I could enjoy the full smorgasbord experience, David, my trusted guide, led me through the jungle of fish and mayo, after which I selected forkfuls from three "safe" dishes.

To avoid hitting any of the other diners in the head, I held my dinner directly in front of me as I wound my way through the tightly packed tables and back to my seat. After taking the first few bites, I leaned back in delight, pleasantly surprised at the tastiness of the random fare I'd piled on my plate. It was then that I noticed something was not quite right about the space around me. High up on the walls were plaques, onto which stuffed animals — and not the plush kind — were attached. Reindeer heads, hawks in flight, owls perched, and on one high shelf, a light brown, squirrel-sized rodent posed on its hind legs with its little arms raised in the air like a charging bear. "The Swedes *love* birds," Urs said, following the line of my open-mouthed stare to the dead animals overhead.

Mimicking my friend Jen's response to all things peculiar, I let out a falsetto "Huh." "So what's with the walls, then?" I gestured to the smooth blond wood and Mexican-restaurant-colored tiles. Gudrun shrugged. "Okay, then, what about those disco balls?" I pointed to the five giant balls that spun and glittered above us.

"They have sometimes events here," Urs said. As if that explained everything. I was about to let the matter drop, but there was one more thing I needed to know. "Why is there all this plywood beneath us?"

Gudrun smiled. "Ah, so," she said, as if I'd finally touched on a subject that made sense to her. "That is because we are sitting on top of a pool."

I searched her face for any indication that this was some kind of German sarcasm. But she only smiled and gestured at the built-in lockers I hadn't noticed before, and the rectangular shape of the wood below.

I looked across the table at Urs and Gudrun, both of them sporting crooked, we-told-you-Swedes-were-strange smiles, to which all I could say was "Huh." ■

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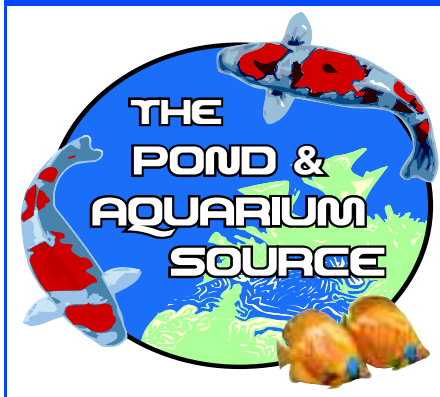

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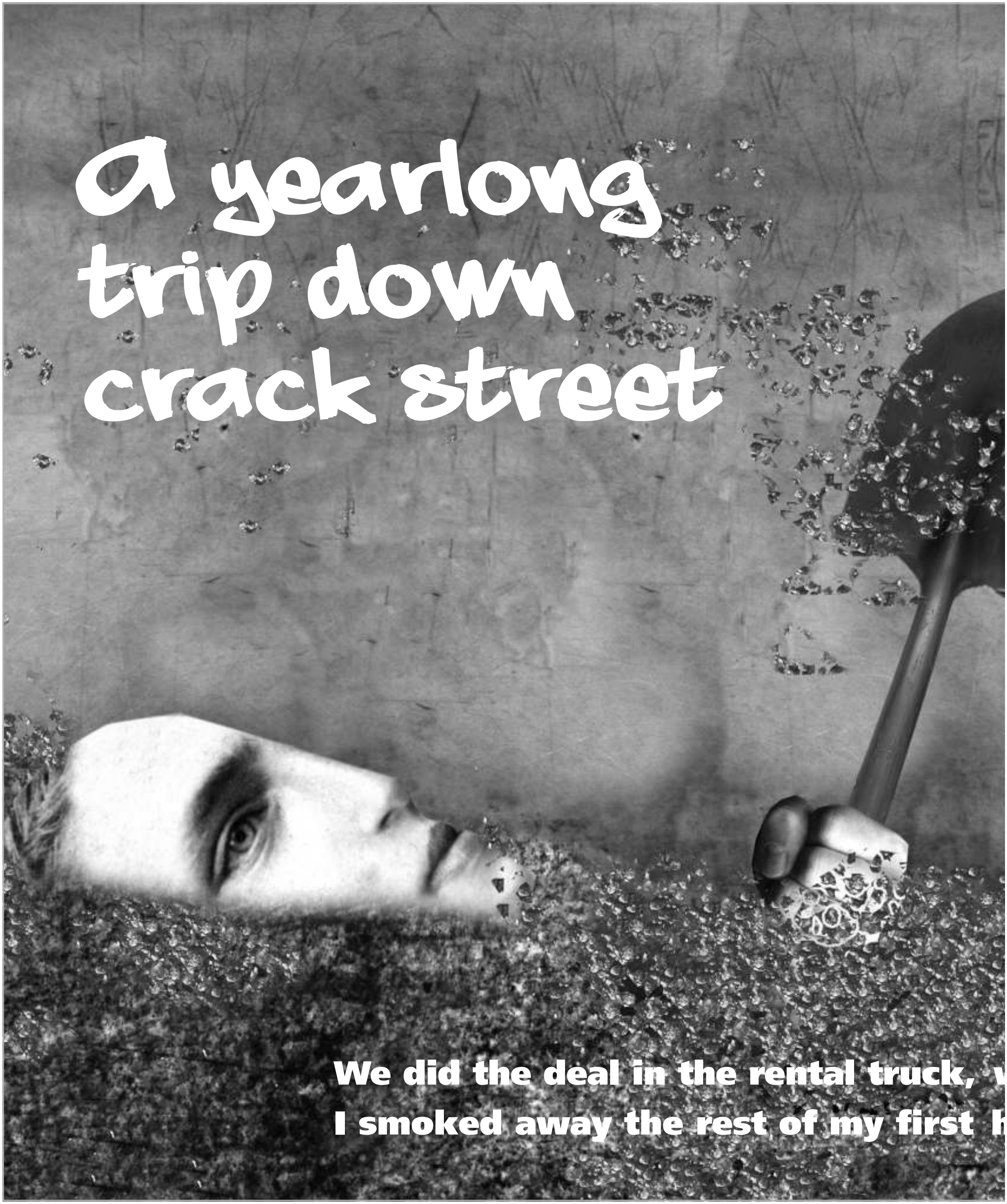

We did the deal in the rental truck, w
I smoked away the rest of my first h

I was homeless exactly one year, from March 2001 to March 2002. I'd known it was coming, and I even sort of welcomed the impending challenge(s), but I had no idea how long it would last, and how ill-prepared I was.

It had taken most of the previous year to chart my descent. I started New Year's Day 2000 debt free, owner of a thriving publishing company (Re-Visionary Press), in demand as a comic book creator, and with plenty of writing and art gigs from the *Reader* and elsewhere. My comic strip "Overheard in San Diego" had run weekly for around four years, I was renting a nice La Mesa house, driving a Le Baron convertible, and even found time for the occasional date. Sure, I was about to turn 40, and I'd been working six to seven days a week nonstop for nearly 20 years, but I enjoyed what I was doing and didn't really feel like I was missing out on anything.

Except maybe getting stoned. Sometimes, it seemed, the whole world was tripping the tab fantastic without me. Everyone was doing all these wild and exotic new drugs, and I was about the only guy I knew not going into or just getting out of rehab.

I had pretty well given up drugs and booze, other than periods of casual pot smoking, just before my 20th birthday. On February 7, 1980, wasted on massive doses of LSD and mescaline, I saw Pink Floyd debut their stage show for *The Wall* at the L.A. Sports Arena. If you can imagine what that was like, to be that epically wasted, at that tripped-out show, of all shows, you can probably understand why I came away thinking (once I could think clearly, maybe two days later), "No way am I ever gonna top *that!*"

My ensuing sobriety surely contributed to my relative success at getting things done over the next two decades, but meanwhile, most of my friends went in entirely different directions, including — especially — the guy who gave me all those drugs at Pink Floyd, my childhood buddy, whom we'll call "Timmy." I'd known him since junior high.

Five years older than me, Timmy had introduced me to pretty much every drug I did in my teens. Mescaline, hash, coke, quaaludes, black beauties, Thai sticks, LSD, THC, PCP, even laughing gas (wheee!), Timmy was always the guy bringing it, and I was always the guy perfectly willing to smoke it, pop it, cook it,

k, which I then parked nearby in a motel lot.
t homeless night in the back of the empty truck.

snort it, chew it, or rub it into my freakin' belly. I had nowhere important to go and nothing important to do, so I got just as messed up as anyone else back in those hazy dayz of Cheech and Chong, of Freakies and Pong.

After that night at the sports arena, I got busy. Timmy got stoned. He couldn't hold anything other than menial jobs, and then he got busted at his apartment near 40th and University for selling meth. He was sentenced to five years of federal prison time, upstate in Boron. I visited the prison a few times, but we'd already grown far apart. I hadn't even been to his apartment in a year or more; I was scared that his dealing, his druggie associates, or the piles of stolen property all over his place would result in a police raid. I tried to warn him about this, but he always insisted, "I only sell to friends." Famous last words.

Fast forward to New Year's Day, 2000, and I'm thinking, "My life is pretty good. This'll do."

As if to teach me a lesson for being so smug and self-satisfied, a few months into the new year, I became very ill, with multiple ailments. A routine checkup turned into a "surprise" colonoscope procedure. Doc Tapscott didn't like what he found just inside the old back door, and next thing I knew his assistant (disconcertingly, female) was giving me a towel to bite down on while the Doc boldly went where no man had gone before.

Those rectal issues were growing more problematic when I woke up one morning to find my left testicle distended down to what seemed like my kneecap. I drove to the emergency room and walked in (leaning a bit to the left), thinking, "Great, I'll lose half a night's work sitting here." It was almost a week before I got back to my La Mesa home. The testicular troubles — unrelated to my earlier problems — weren't resolved over my hospital stay, though I was out of immediate danger. Several follow-up medical procedures were required, but I was in too much pain to consider letting doctors tear at my body anymore, at least not for a while.

I once took bed sheets and built a tent over the couch, just to get some zzzzs for a change.

Just sitting hurt my groin like hell, and lying down in any position set off waves of sciatic nerve pain, the result of a botched operation that had nonetheless cost me $5000. I had let them cut me open after doctors told me I was hemorrhaging internally — an all-*new* health problem — and could die within hours. The true cause of the bleeding turned out to be a tear in my colon, non-life-threatening, and I now had a damaged nerve that caused shooting pains up and down one side of my body.

I rarely got much sleep, and I didn't want to take pain meds. My '70s spree notwithstanding, I hated pills. Even mild painkillers made me vomit and left my head feeling as if Timothy Leary was sticking his hands into my skull and finger painting on my brain.

I wasn't naïve about post-'70s street drugs. Just inexperienced.

A girl I was dating, Olivia, smoked rock cocaine (okay, crack, but crack smokers never call it that; it's "rock," which somehow seems to carry less stigma…and guilt). I didn't know this at first, but she went to the bathroom an awful lot and would come back glassy-eyed and smelling funny. I had once dated a heroin-addict porn star, so Olivia's particular problem wasn't hard to figure out. Nor was it necessarily a date-killer. I was sober, but I wasn't Wally Cleaver. She was very open when I finally asked her about it, but I guess my reaction surprised her. I was in constant pain at that point and had heard coke was quite the painkiller. I asked Olivia to let me try it.

She was *really* reluctant, but I eventually wore her down. I watched with fascination as she melted an off-white Pez-sized rock into the Chore Boy scouring-pad copper stuffed into her stem-shaped glass pipe, which she kept caked inside with visible brown residue (it was a while before I found out why). When I took that first hit and heard that crackling sizzle whence rock cocaine derives its nickname, all the pain that had been wracking the bottom third of my body suddenly — magically — vanished! The "buzz," though substantial and momentarily debilitat-

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ing (double-wheee!), was only a secondary thrill. The instant pain relief was, well, magical. No better word. And I was off and running….

At first, I preferred to sprinkle rock on marijuana, which tempered the intensity of coke's effects. Around early 2001, however, I bought my own glass pipe at a liquor store, ostensibly a vial for single-stem roses, very popular among dopers (the vial, not the rose), along with a package of Chore Boys. I smoked every second or third day, mindful of the potential for addiction, which was something I hadn't really experienced, never having even smoked cigarettes.

I was winding down my publishing business, gradually abdicating as managing editor to S.S. Crompton, a creator who'd been working with us since the early '90s. I had far fewer things to do than previously, but money was still coming in, and several months' worth of accounts receivable were due to arrive before my income would drop. For the first time in my adult life, I had lots of time to myself, plenty of cash coming in, and a growing addiction to feed…you don't need Dionne Warwick's psychic friends to figure out what happens next.

I never ran out of money. Especially once I decided to stop paying rent and let my landlord of nine years keep my two months' security deposit in lieu. All my work-at-home deadlines were still being met, and I was paying my other bills, but I consciously decided to strip down my life as much as possible. I figured I'd give up the house and crash with friends for a few weeks, maybe save up for a little studio apartment someplace where I could follow my increasingly smoky muse, wherever it might lead.

Either that, or I figured I'd die. Though now managing my pain, I did nothing about the underlying causes, and I was loathe to admit, even to myself, how sick I was. As long as I wasn't feeling it, I wasn't thinking about it.

Besides, if I was to die soon anyways, which seemed entirely possible, why not die with a stoned smile on my face? I'd been sober 20 years…for once, I told myself, convincingly, it was finally *my* turn to get messed up. I was tired of being the responsible one, the straight guy, the inveterate designated driver and sole voice of sober reason amidst a perpetually mind-altered mob.

I started packing my lifetime collection of debris for deep storage, had lawyers draft my will, and there was even this eulogy that I kept trying — and failing — to write for myself. It came as a surprise, though I suppose it shouldn't have, that I couldn't think of a single positive thing to say

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about myself or my life.

Up until that point, I'd always had my drugs delivered. All those dumbasses who get busted on *Cops*, they're usually spotted leaving crackhouses or tossing vials out the window when they get pulled over for a broken headlight. I was having $25–$50 worth of deliveries a day, sometimes more but rarely less, plus an extra $10 each time to cover cab fare, gas, and/or risk assessment.

Then, my main supplier's car broke down, and he asked me to come to him. The first time I found myself sitting in an actual crackhouse and "waiting for the man," as Lou Reed so aptly sang, I was in a Rolando apartment barren of furniture other than milk crates. Sheets and blankets were tacked over the windows, and an old TV set played hardcore porn with the sound off (or broken). I'd driven past the place a thousand times without ever once thinking "crackhouse." My guy wasn't there yet, though his name had gotten me in the door. I was by far the smallest and whitest guy among seven or eight disturbingly twitchy dudes.

They had a bit of rock and were passing the pipe around; when it got to me, I declined. I'd never smoked in front of anyone besides Olivia, and I frankly wasn't jonesing. I could still go days without smoking and not miss it — much — other than having to deal with the pain and spending an inordinate amount of time sleeping.

I learned that when you're in a crackhouse and you turn down crack, you're automatically assumed to be a narc. Later that day, several of the same guys jumped me alongside the 7-Eleven at 70th and El Cajon Boulevard, a block from my house on Amherst, dragging me behind a Dumpster. I have a missing back tooth from that beating. They stomped me so bad that I passed out through part of it. It hurt like hell, but not for long, because once I limped home, my elusive supplier finally arrived by cab. No hospital; I was so sick of doctors that nothing short of a severed limb could get me to see one.

Soon after the beating, I taped cardboard over several windows of my house, something my heroin-addict ex had also done, probably for much the same reason. Daylight, like everything else about the world outside, was scary, even painful, and definitely to be avoided. Not a good frame of mind for someone days away from becoming homeless. I found a more mobile supplier willing to make (now daily) deliveries to the house I was still packing up.

More and more, I dreaded venturing out. Ed McMahon could have been standing on my porch with a

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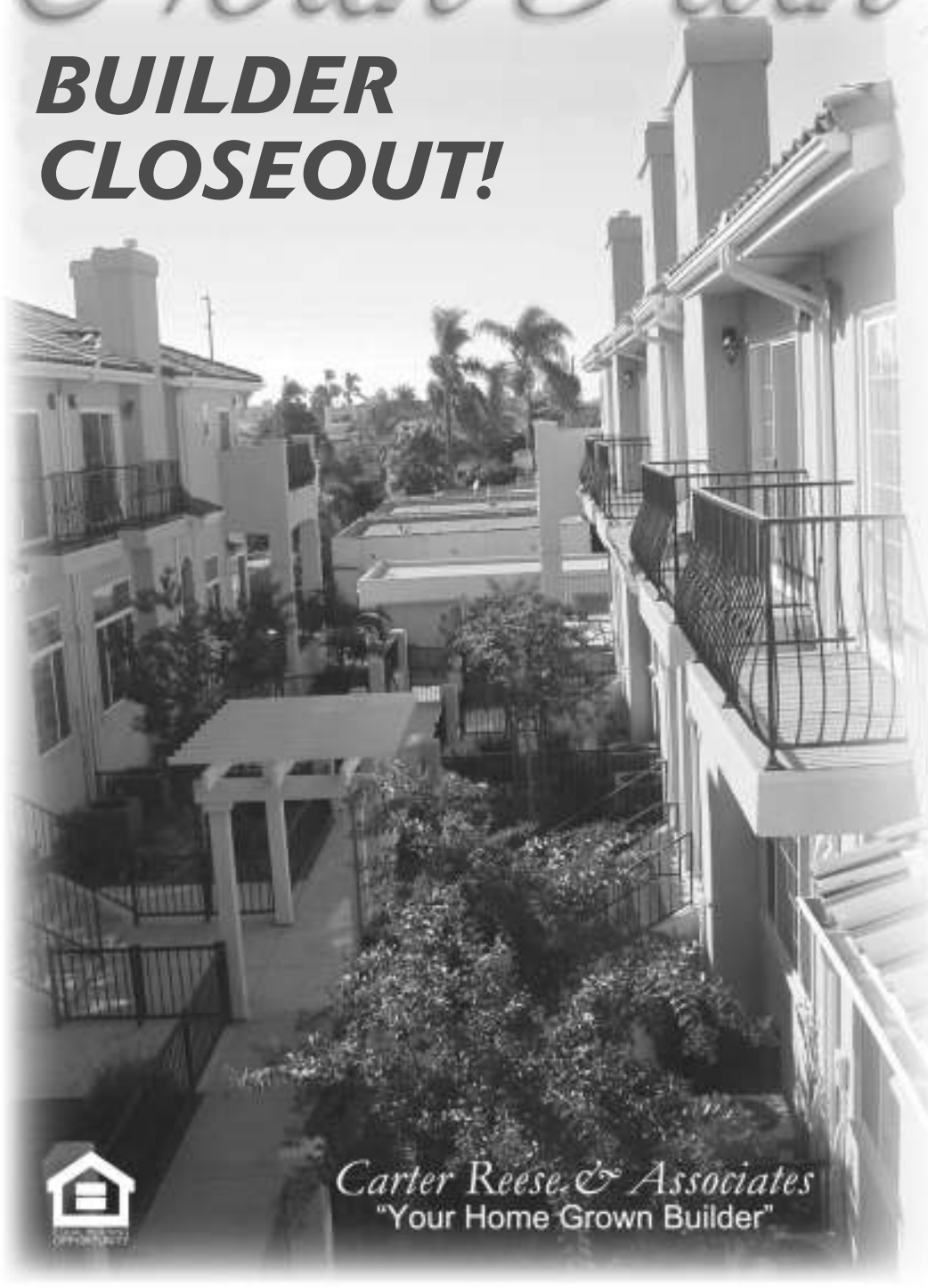

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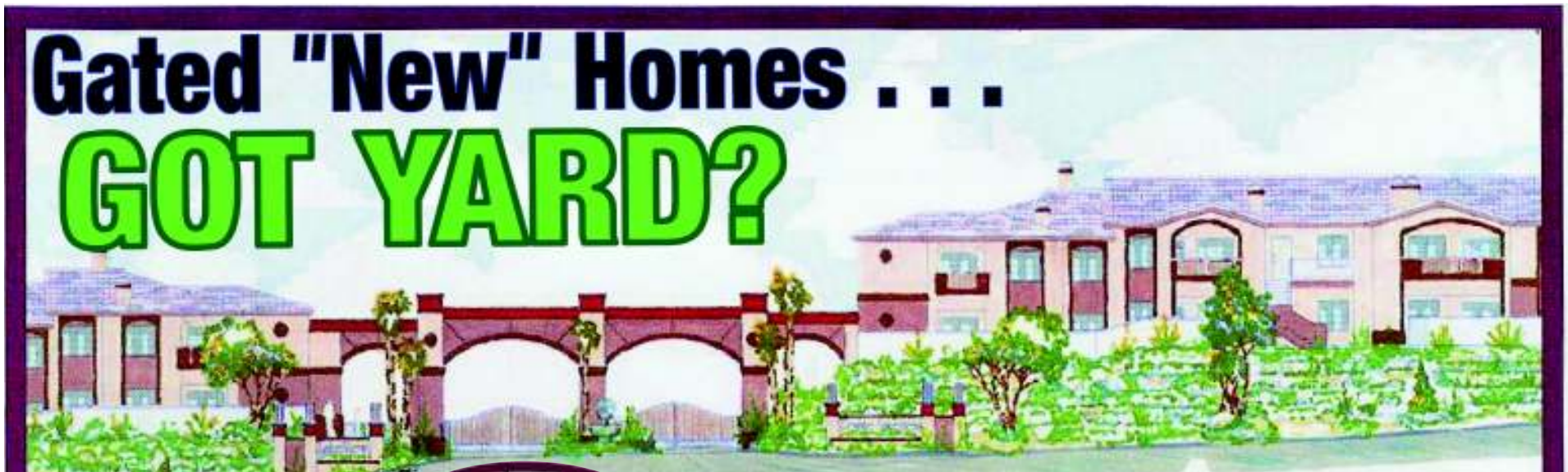

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morning to find it gone. I just stood there in the driveway, dangling the keys and scratching my head for a few minutes, trying to remember if I'd driven it to the corner store and forgotten. When it hit me that my beloved convertible was indeed missing in action and that I was sure to be evicted sometime over the next week or so, my loosely knit "plan" for temporary homelessness began to unravel.

It took two 24-foot rental trucks to get all my stuff into storage out in Spring Valley, at a gated place recommended by my old pal Timmy and a guy he occasionally worked with, buying and selling the contents of abandoned storage units. I paid two extra days for one truck, because I had no other way to get around. A few friends helped me empty the house, as marshals with eviction papers stood at my doorstep and my livid ex-landlord looked on from a nearby property.

Later that night, after midnight, I drove the truck back to the house to sneak inside and look around one final time. I had nowhere else to go.

After a long while of wandering aimlessly from room to empty room, in darkness for fear of alerting neighbors, I took out my cheapie pay-as-you-go cell phone and called my supplier to make one last house call. We did the deal in the rental truck, which I then parked in a nearby motel lot. I smoked away the rest of my first homeless night in the back of the empty truck, out of sight and, almost certainly, out of (my) mind.

The city's druggie underground was affected by 9/11. FedEx, UPS, and USPS planes were grounded, immediately halting countless drug shipments and money deliveries intended for drugs.

I spent the first couple of weeks crashing in a garage behind a house just off Morena Boulevard. This had been converted by my longtime friend Duane into a kind of guest house. Duane was one of the few people in my life who rarely drank or did drugs. He knew the same could no longer be said of me; then again, he saw that I was still working at my 'puter every night, completing multiple freelance gigs and drawing weekly paychecks. I must've appeared, on the surface at least, still in control. My mobile supplier met me once a day at a nearby KFC, even after my Le Baron was found.

A friend drove me up near Oceanside to pick up the car at an impound lot, though she had to leave before the paperwork was finished. Other than a cracked steering column, the car was in about the same shape as before, though the battery was dead. A couple of impound guys volunteered a jumpstart. They hooked my battery to a charging machine and signaled me to crank it up. Unexpectedly, all the dashboard indicators started going crazy, and there was a horrible noise, between a grind and a fizzle, and then a loud thump before the car stopped turning over altogether.

The impound guys laughed as they pulled the clamps off the battery and attached them to the opposite posts as before. They'd hooked it up backwards and apparently thought frying my car's operating systems was pretty damned funny. Once the car started, everything was going wonky before I even got it past the impound sentry booth. About four miles away, the Le Baron

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came to a smoking, shuddering halt. I used my cell to order a tow to the nearest repair shop. The phone battery held out just long enough to call Duane for a ride back to his guest garage.

Repairs weren't cheap, and I found myself borrowing money from Duane a few times to tide me over until paydays. This made me as uncomfortable as it seemed to make him, especially since, after I'd taken his cash, he was usually within earshot of the calls made to arrange another delivery at KFC. The computer I brought with me to work on was tying up his phone lines, and his wife seemed uneasy about the grubby, wild-eyed guy hiding out in their guest garage, tippity-tapping on a keyboard all night long.

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tubes. Seemed to have the same painkilling effect as rock, but with physical and emotional aftereffects that I preferred to avoid unless there was absolutely no way to get ahold of my preferred smokables, all rocked and ready to roll me.

As soon as my car was running again, I determined to get away from Duane's. I wanted to protect our much-cherished friendship and avoid placing him and his wife in any dangerous predicaments resulting from my actions or those of my shady "associates."

The only other friend I could think of who might provide a crash spot for me and my computer was Timmy, who was out of prison and living in a Normal Heights cottage. I knew he was still smoking and snorting meth, but my life and circumstances had changed so utterly that his rabid tweaking now seemed more recommendation than deterrent. He let me commandeer a small couch in a corner of his living room, but only after my temporary tenancy had been approved by his roommate and reputed girlfriend, who for this article we'll call "Jenny."

I once saw a visiting prostitute cooking crack within arm's length of an eight-month-old in a stroller.

Jenny was also a tweaker, albeit one with enough money in the bank from an old lawsuit to cover their rent *and* the $100 or so of meth they went through every couple of days. It seemed I heard them pull out their mirror and sniff every half hour or so, and there was a constant trail of smoke coming from the dusty garage behind the house, where Timmy preferred to smoke his meth alone.

He of course offered to let me try his favorite drug. I was just as willing as I'd been back when he was the recent high school graduate and I was the (perfectly compliant) eighth grader, i.e., nobody had to twist my arm. However, I discovered instantly that I hated doing meth. The effects felt like bees living in my head. I tried snorting it, with even more disappointing results. Not only was there no attendant pain relief, but meth caused me new pains, especially in my teeth and jaws.

It may sound silly, given that I was smoking crack and heroin, but it irritated me to see the two of them act like such idiot tweakers, running their mouths 24-7 without ever saying — or accomplishing — anything. They'd zoom days straight, while I'd try to get some sleep. I once took bedsheets and built a tent over the couch and hung a handmade sign outside my fabric fortress that read, "The sun never sets on Planet Tweak…leave me alone!"

I occasionally spent the night in an empty unlocked garage in the alley behind their house, lying across the cement floor on spread-out laundry. When a lock appeared on the garage, I slept in the back seat of my car, sometimes in broad daylight, under another

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One day, Jenny announced to me that Timmy hadn't touched her sexually in seven years of living together. I couldn't see why this would bother her, considering Timmy's lycanthropic body hair (everywhere except atop his head), rotting teeth, food-matted beard, and a nauseating, sweaty odor that befouled the air around him even moments after showering, so offensive that his bedsheets needed to be washed every day lest their bedroom be suspected by neighbors as a meth lab or toxic waste dump.

Even as Timmy and I grew further apart, Jenny and I grew closer, though she proved so sex-starved that she tried to climb on top of me anytime I stopped moving for more than two minutes. But she was easier to deal with than Timmy, perhaps because she only snorted meth, whereas he was deeply into smoking it. This made him act monstrous and abusive to her. One night, he was screaming about killing himself, threatening to "take out everyone else with me." Jenny went to her dad's

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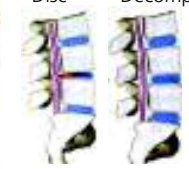

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house in Clairemont for a while to let Timmy cool off, but he showed up there screaming like a deranged stalker. He threw a jug of water at her car and dented its door as she tried to drive away. The fact that I was in the front seat clearly contributed to his rage.

I felt bad for Jenny, but I was in love with a girl doing time in prison (not Olivia, but the details are a long story, for another day). Jenny knew this and even let me take collect calls from my lover while I stayed at their house, though she sometimes threw temper tantrums after hearing me tell my girl "I love you" a bunch. I tried not to lead Jenny on. But…

She frequently bought my drugs. This endeared her to me in a manner I'd hitherto never known. I liked having a girl spend money on *me* for a change. At the same time, however, she spent less and less on drugs for Timmy.

I doubt Jenny knew what Timmy was up to when he pretended to lose the keys to my storage units one day (along with my car keys). He was helping my publishing successor S.S. Crompton load up comic book backstock for his Arizona warehouse. I wasn't feeling well and stayed at the house, only to have Timmy come back and announce, "I lost your keys, but I bought new padlocks for your storage units and here are the keys." No apologies, not even when I told him it would cost me $75 to get my car ignition rekeyed. He not only didn't act sorry, but he seemed to (barely) hold back laughter as he complained that I should be grateful he'd been nice enough to spend $8 on new padlocks. It didn't occur to me until far too late that padlocks usually come with two matching keys. Timmy only gave me one key for each lock.

Yeah, I knew Timmy had no conscience about stealing. Back in the '70s, he once suggested we break into the family home of our mutual friend Lenny to steal the collectible comics he'd left behind after moving to New York City. Even when he'd been a security guard, Timmy would steal the stuff he was supposed to be guarding, especially when he worked overnights at the Convention Center. Then there was his old apartment, which overflowed with stolen property obtained or planned for drug transactions. He even made his parents unwitting accomplices by giving them stolen property they assumed he'd purchased for them.

I should have done the math and realized that, at $50–$100 of meth per day, and with Jenny no longer footing his bills, that Timmy had to be getting [money] somewhere. It wasn't until my own storage units became unrecognizable that I realized he'd been going

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

Because these two disorders have tiredness and fatigue in common, people who suffer from both feel like they drag all day long. California Clinical Trials is conducting a research study of an approved medication to see its effects on individuals with both sleep apnea and depression. If you are 18-65 years of age and in stable health, using your prescribed CPAP regularly and taking antidepressant medications, you may qualify to participate in this research study. Every study conducted by California Clinical Trials is staffed by a team of skilled and experienced physicians and medical professionals trained to place your comfort and well-being first.

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out there and stealing stuff to sell. He'd come home and tell Jenny he'd won money playing bingo or at the casino slots. Even though I was by then a full-on addict, I was still unschooled about druggies, and I believed him.

Storage-locker employees told me they'd seen Timmy go into my own units before I fully believed and understood what he was up to (they knew him from his old job buying and selling abandoned storage). By then, I was out thousands of dollars of rare books, comics, toys, trading cards, and other pop-culture collectibles I've long bought, sold, and traded.

He was so blatant in his duplicity that I was finding my stuff all over his house and even came across his eBay auctions for *my* crap online. He was so epically addled by meth, and apparently stealing from storage units as well, that he'd lost track of what goods had come from where. I once opened one of my units to find a six-foot-wide, four-foot-tall gun rack I'd never seen in my life. Timmy must have forgotten which unit he'd stolen it from and, perhaps after failing to sell it, stashed it by mistake amongst my slowly dwindling storage.

Idiot tweakers. And idiot me, for not noticing sooner that he was cleaning me out. I'd consciously avoided going to the storage place too often, for fear of selling off my own stuff to stockpile drugs. Yet another dubious plan that had seemed logical in theory but in practice turned to shit.

My cashless periods grew longer and longer. Several times at fast-food places, I saw patrons about to throw away leftovers and asked if I could have the food on their tray.

Jenny stopped buying me drugs once it became clear I could never reciprocate the way she wanted. Even aside from my lover in prison, continuing testicular tribulations had left me with the sex drive — and likely abilities — of Mister Rogers. Not to mention that the left side of my scrotum was painful to the merest touch and looked like something squeezed out of a busted Play-Doh Fun Factory.

I split from Timmy's — as did Jenny, who moved to her dad's — and began sleeping on my supplier's floor in a fortified Kensington apartment. When I finally met up with Timmy, I confronted him over robbing me; he offered only halfhearted denials. Without admitting theft, he tried to turn things back on me by saying I'd stolen Jenny from him, as if this were justification for the thievery he denied.

The next time I saw Timmy, he threatened to kill me. The time after that, he hid in my car, waiting for me to come out of my supplier's house (which I rarely did…when there's an all-you-can-eat crack buffet on the table, there's not much incentive to get out and go). In retaliation, I later stole some things from Timmy. I now regret having sunk to his subterranean level. However, at the time, revenge tasted all sweet and not the least bit bitter.

I feel the opposite about taking advantage of Jenny, especially the way I callously hoovered cash from her and played on her inexplicable attraction to me. Saying I'm sorry,

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Research Study

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

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

If you are interested in participating in this study and would like more information, please call the number below:
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➜ Have a condition requiring daily non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) therapy for at least six months

➜ Are between the ages of 18 and 49 with a history of an uncomplicated ulcer within the last five years, or are over age 50 (history of ulcers not required)

Qualified participants will receive all study-related medical care and diagnostic testing at no cost, and may be compensated for their time and travel.

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ARE YOU SAD DUE TO BIPOLAR DISORDER?

Then there might be hope.

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

TO QUALIFY:

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

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE AT NO COST:

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- Medical and lab exams
- Study medication

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Avoiding the scale?

Are you:

- A non-diabetic?
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- Available for study-related visits for 24 weeks?

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

For more information about this study, please contact:

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Is waking up tonight affecting your tomorrow?

Do you or someone you know have trouble staying asleep? Is it affecting daytime activities? A study of an investigational medication is under way for people who have trouble staying asleep, characterized by waking up throughout the night (sleep maintenance insomnia).

To qualify for participation in this research study, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have trouble staying asleep through the night
- Be impacted in your daily life by your sleep problems

If you qualify and choose to participate in this study, you will receive an initial consultation, study-related examinations and laboratory evaluations, all follow-up visits, and you may receive study medication at no charge to you. Compensation for time and travel provided.

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Sadness, low energy, trouble sleeping, can't concentrate...

Depression – have your symptoms returned?

Clinical research study for adults with depression.

If you or someone you know is:

- 18-55 years of age
- Currently experiencing a depressive episode and have a history of recurrent depression

You may be eligible to participate in this clinical research study.

Qualified study participants will receive:

- A comprehensive medical evaluation as it relates to the study
- Supervised care by medical professionals during the study
- Study medication at no cost

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

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Is your Schizophrenia medication making you heavy?

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

You may qualify if you are:

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

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

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Do you constantly worry? Every day?

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

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ARE YOU A NIGHT OWL?

Do You Go To Bed At A Late Hour?

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

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS MUST:
- Be 18 and older
- Go to bed later than you would like

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To possibly qualify:
- Male or female, between 18 and 75 years of age
- Have a history of chronic constipation (fewer than 3 bowel movements per week) for at least 6 months
- No history of abdominal surgery or abnormal EKG

Participants may receive at **no cost**:
- Study-related exam and consultation with a board-certified specialist
- Study-related labs, EKG and study medications
- Compensation for your time and travel

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and that I'd never behave that way again, with anyone, isn't remotely sufficient. It's true but inadequate.

Sleeping on my supplier's floor was getting old, especially after I could no longer access the Internet there, which was important for my weekly work assignments. It got worse when my car was stolen — again — from the driveway out front, and this time it did not come "home." I've always thought my supplier had something to do with this, as she had borrowed the car the night before it was never seen again.

Then cops showed up and went through the place, looking for one of the hookers who occasionally slept there. She'd skipped out on a court date. My pipe sat under a towel inches from where one cop poked around, but luckily, whatever gods watch over fools like me were smiling — perhaps laughing — at me.

The next day was September 11, 2001.

Believe it or not, the city's druggie underground was affected. FedEx, UPS, and USPS planes were grounded, halting countless drug shipments and money deliveries intended for drugs. Businesses all over the city were closed, including banks and check-cashing places. There was a dearth of available cabs. You'd be amazed at how big a role cabs play in local drug distribution. Initially, I'd been shocked at how many cabbies turn a blind eye to deals done openly in the back seat. Often riders would duck and, out of darkened buildings, return or leave with their fists wadded and loosely holding drugs at the ready for tossing, if necessary. As I got to know more dealers, I found that several had their own licensed cabbies on a payroll of sorts, paying drivers in cash, drugs, or crack-whore favors in return for running them to and from drugs and druggies. Someone later suggested the cabbie shortage was because drivers were afraid of retaliation against anyone who might look Muslim. Sounds believable, but I think it's more likely that everyone just wanted to stay close to home. At least, those who had homes.

I left my supplier's place shortly after 9/11. Broke until payday, two days away, but with a toothbrush holder full of drugs and a box of Fig Newtons, I walked to a nearby park, close to Twiggs coffeehouse and overlooking Mission Valley. I had seen homeless people there often, relaxing in small groups on the grass and availing themselves of the dual Porta Potties. As it got dark, and when nobody was looking in my direction, I hopped over the short metal fence overlooking the valley and made my way down into the bushes. The steep and lushly overgrown hill-

Real crackheads always mocked me and told me how bad I was at being a crackhead.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Attn: Heavy Drinkers

The Scripps Research Institute is conducting 2 investigational studies associated with drinking:
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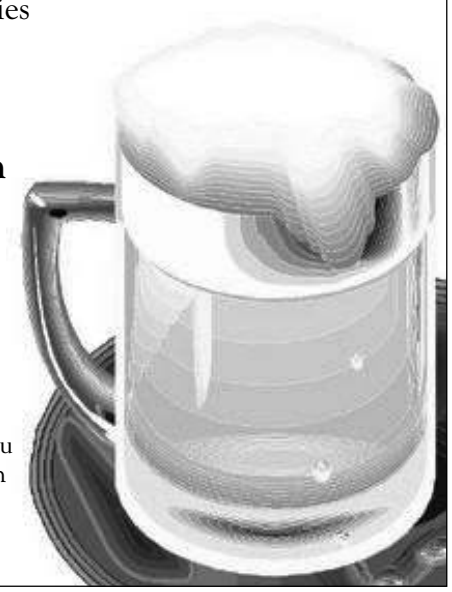

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(858) 784-7867 (STOP)

side, with no houses or buildings visible all the way down to I-8, seemed like a safe and private place to sleep. And, of course, to smoke. Safe, it was; private, not so much.

I'd heard of homeless "encampments," and that's what this was, though I had no way of telling how many people were marking territory in the vast overgrowth. Moving down the hill, I passed maybe a dozen people alone or in pairs, most settled down on spread-out blankets or cardboard, or simply parked on logs and large rocks. Everyone watched me warily but not threateningly as I passed. Most nodded in my direction, but no one spoke to me. Many eyes peered out from thick bushes that looked hollowed from within, terraformed into a sort of topiary tent.

There was a pipe and a small amount of rock in my bag, which I later smoked in the bus restroom before tossing the pipe into the toilet tank.

One trailer-sized bush had what looked like a cardboard door, with a doorknob drawn onto it, and hung from twine "hinges" tied to the branches. As I further navigated the hillside, my environs became so surreal that I half expected to come across a gingerbread house, an enchanted wardrobe, or a tree house full of cookie-addict elves.

It was getting very dark. I tried not to stare in people's directions, so at first I didn't see any bottles or drugs. I found a comfortable-looking spot under a squat but thickly foliaged tree and sat down to absorb my surroundings. A half-dozen individual "camps" were spaced equally apart and comprised only one or two people. Now, I could also see some drinking going on, and then there were flashes of lighters in the distance all around me. When I saw flashes repeatedly in the same spot, I figured they were

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you have small, red, rough spots on your face or scalp?

You may be suffering from Actinic Keratoses or pre-cancerous lesions. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may be eligible for a clinical research study.

You may qualify if you have: 4 or more red, rough and/or scaly spots or lesions on your face or scalp.

Please call University Clinical Trials at (619) 202-0173, to see if you qualify for this study.

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Medical insurance is not required for study participation.

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If your periods are too heavy, a research study is underway using 2 investigational products for women with heavy menstrual periods. If you are over 18 years of age with regular periods and struggle with this heavy flow, you may want to consider this research study.

To possibly qualify you must:

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

Participants may receive study-related:

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smoking drugs rather than cigarettes. It didn't take more than 15 minutes before I felt okay about taking out my own pipe and lighting up.

As my eyes adjusted, I saw sparks going off constantly, up and down the hillside, like earthbound stars or stationary fireflies. I briefly worried about someone starting a wildfire, but it didn't stop me from dozing off on a surprisingly comfortable pile of leaves and tree needles. If memory serves (which it doesn't always), I dreamt I was Tarzan.

I woke up the next morning smelling like Tarzan's monkey. My Fig Newtons were all eaten, and I still had 24 hours before I'd be able to grab my *Reader* paycheck at the office in Little Italy. My computer was still at my supplier's, so I could still work on it, though there was no Internet and I would have to hand-deliver my work to the paper. I went over there and tried to draw an "Overheard" comic strip that featured some of the things I'd heard my homeless neighbors talking about the night before.

There had been one fascinating philosophical conversation between two sober-seeming guys about what circumstances might justify stealing. They agreed that almost nothing short of saving a life could excuse theft, and I was awash with marvel that the bushes off Mission Valley seemed populated with citizens of higher moral caliber than most of the people I'd known at Timmy's — or at my supplier's, where I once saw a visiting prostitute cooking crack within arm's length of an eight-month-old in a stroller. I had taken the baby out for a walk. I'm still haunted with guilt and shame over not bringing the baby straight to the cops or a hospital. I wonder and agonize about that child's fate.

I had the damnedest time doing the comic that day. I'd never experienced a creative block before, but for some reason my hand wasn't in sync with my brain. I found myself overrendering spots that tore through the paper and having to redo figures and backgrounds that normally flowed from my pencil exactly as I pictured them in my mind. I grew so stumped that I cut bits and pieces from several older strips and pasted them together to cobble a new comic. Even my lettering was shaky.

It scared me to realize that my physical deterioration was now affecting my ability to work. Work was all that stood between me and oblivion.

That night, I slept in a parking lot stairwell near the *Reader* office so I could deliver the comic and grab my paycheck as soon as they opened the next day. Several other "Overheard" comics were

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Frankensteined together over the next few weeks, as my computer and I circulated among low-budget hotels around town, mostly along El Cajon Boulevard. At some, I could plug my computer into the phone line and access the Internet with my AOL account, but most had switchboards that kept me offline.

The Friendly Hotel in Hillcrest, which rented small rooms for $20, became a regular weekend haunt. I got a nasty case of athlete's foot there from the communal bathroom shower and was repeatedly hit on by gay male tenants, more than one of whom tried (and failed) to entice me with crack. However, there was a Jack in the Box next door and a nearby Kinko's where I could rent online computer time, so I liked the place.

Aside from "Overheard," I was writing for the *Reader* and landing occasional gigs in the comic-book biz, where I was surprised to find my talents — such as they were — still in demand. I couldn't save enough to get out of low-grade hotels, though, even after I teamed up on room rent with various prostitutes. I'd met some at my supplier's and others at the hotels.

It seems strange now to recall how casual I was about sharing a room with a woman who'd work the street for a few hours, buy supplies (condoms, Chore Boys, ciggies, snacks, perhaps a new unbroken pipe), and then join me to burn off the rest of our rental period with a Piezo (lighter). Some of my working roomies had their own cabbies-on-call. They usually paid for rides on their knees or backs, for which I occasionally had to

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One hooker talked me into busing up to L.A. with her while she shot a porno, offering to "invest" the proceeds in smokables for us both. We stopped getting along almost as soon as we arrived, so I took off on foot to find a crash spot. With less than $40 in my pocket, I ended up in the woods behind the Hollywood Bowl. I climbed onto the roof of a restroom building to sleep. Unfortunately, the roof was covered in gravel and uncomfortable, so I moved down to the bushes. Unfortunately, again, I didn't notice the sprinkler system until it went off in my face.

Later, I found a fire-escape ladder behind the famed Chinese Theater and climbed up to the roof. The view of all the freaks on the Strip was amazing. I saw one guy running full speed down the sidewalk…backwards. He held up a mirror as he ran, so he wouldn't bump into anyone. I have no idea why he did it, but wow! Another guy would approach people and offer them something from his pocket. Some appeared to sniff at what was held in his hand, then they'd fall back against a wall or post, stunned. Every single person who took him up on the sample sniff handed him money, received a little package, and walked away with a decidedly perky spring to their step.

I decided to climb down after I noticed a taller building nearby, where someone stood on a balcony looking directly at me and talking on a telephone. He even pointed in my direction. It made me wonder if he thought the person on the other end of the phone could see what he was point-

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ing at. I landed back on the sidewalk, took a bus into downtown L.A., and spent all but 50 cents of my remaining money to catch a late-night Greyhound back to San Diego.

My cashless periods grew longer and longer. Several times at fast-food restaurants, I saw patrons about to throw away leftovers and asked if I could have the food on their tray. Nobody ever said no, and some would want to talk with me a bit (I had little to say). I remember two women who looked at me with such concern and empathy. They offered to buy me anything on the menu, along with a drink. I said "Okay," and I said, "Thank you." If you're ever two days between meals and five days away from your next paycheck, see if you wouldn't do the same.

I never asked anyone for cash, though a guy once handed me $10. I didn't spend it on drugs. Most went to the cabbie who took me to a dude willing to front me a rock until payday. That was the first guy I ever saw pull a rock from inside his mouth, tightly wrapped in plastic. He handed it to me and explained that he carried his inventory that way in order to swallow the drugs if confronted by police. I was a little grossed out but took the rock nonetheless.

I told him I hoped it hadn't been hidden somewhere deeper and darker on his person, at which he grinned in a manner that still makes me shudder when I recall smoking every last crumb of that rock later. Though I only dimly realized it at the time, I had just about hit, er, rock bottom.

It's a marvel to me that I survived both my illnesses and my addic-

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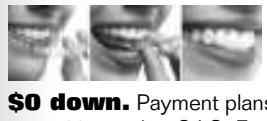

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tion, that I didn't end up in jail or dead, like most everyone else I knew then. I considered a lot of those people my friends, including the homeless and hotel-dwelling, including the most hard-core dealers, users, prostitutes, and pimps. I quickly learned to distinguish between real friends and the kind you get when you're the only guy with a lighter in a room full of crackheads.

I never did like the buzz. Real crackheads mocked me and told me how bad I was at being a crackhead. I would ask for the weakest stuff, and I hated smoking the pipe residue that most addicts consider the filet mignon of crack. It was too strong for me; I still had to work almost every day, and I couldn't with my brain melting out my eye sockets. I was very popular with fellow smokers, because I'd let my pipe get clogged with residue, whereas most users smoke the residue every day and never let it build up. I'd hand over a "dirty" pipe, with residue worth hundreds of dollars, and let them clean it out and smoke it up. I wanted nothing to do with the "pure" crack, which is what the residue is; the "cut" (usually baking powder) is burned off, and all that's left is unadulterated chemical buzzzz. Ah, the things I learned during my year in Hell.

My parents on the East Coast helped get me away from drugs and into recovery by asking me to help care for my ailing mom. As I stood in line to board a downtown bus at the beginning of the four-day trip, Timmy scared the crap out of me by suddenly appearing…I thought for sure my stalker was finally going to kill me. He instead handed me a greeting-card envelope and mumbled something I either ignored or have since forgotten. I tossed the card into my bag unopened. I may have shaken his hand, but all I remember is beating feet toward the bus and praying not to hear gunfire behind me. I can't recall ever opening the card to read it; I probably tossed it in the next available can.

There was a pipe and a small amount of rock in my bag, which I later smoked in the bus restroom before tossing the pipe, still filled with smokable residue, into the toilet tank. I only had a few dollars in my pocket and a box of Boo Berry cereal given by my friend Duane, the guy with the guest garage, for munchies on the road. The next day, my fitful sleeping and bright-blue lips (from the Boo Berry) had some passengers convinced I was overdos-

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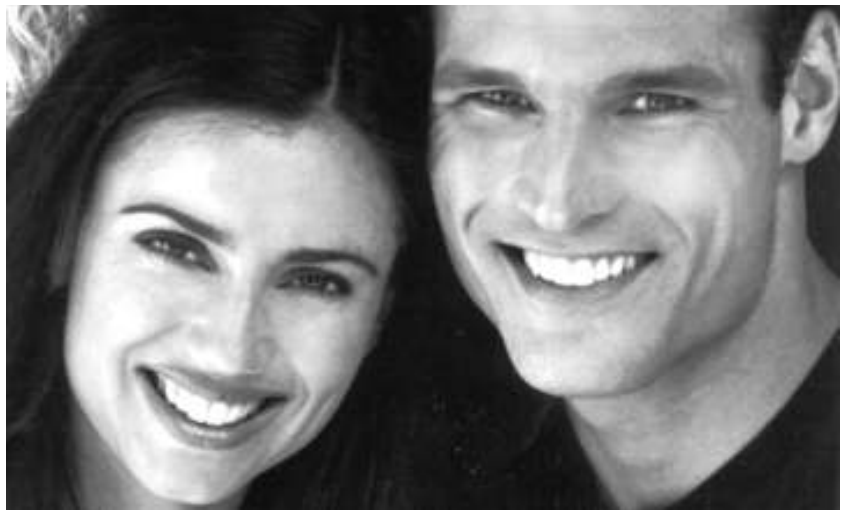

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ing. By the time I got out East, I was almost wishing I had.

During my subsequent recovery, I finally addressed both my health and my addiction problems. I only relapsed once, a few months after that bus trip, and had such a miserable experience that I can honestly say I haven't had the urge to relapse since. My mom passed away while I was out there, but she got to see me sober again, and we were able to spend those final moments together, as a family, for which I'll always be grateful.

I understand Jenny's money ran out not long after I left for my parents'. She let Timmy move into her dad's place with her. After her father died, they reportedly settled together in a trailer park. Perhaps they're both so crippled inside from long-term meth abuse — and from whatever drove them to it — that they can only stand when propped up by each other. Nowadays, I wish the best for both of them, though perhaps a bit more for one than the other.

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I guess I should be glad I was so bad at being a crackhead. ■

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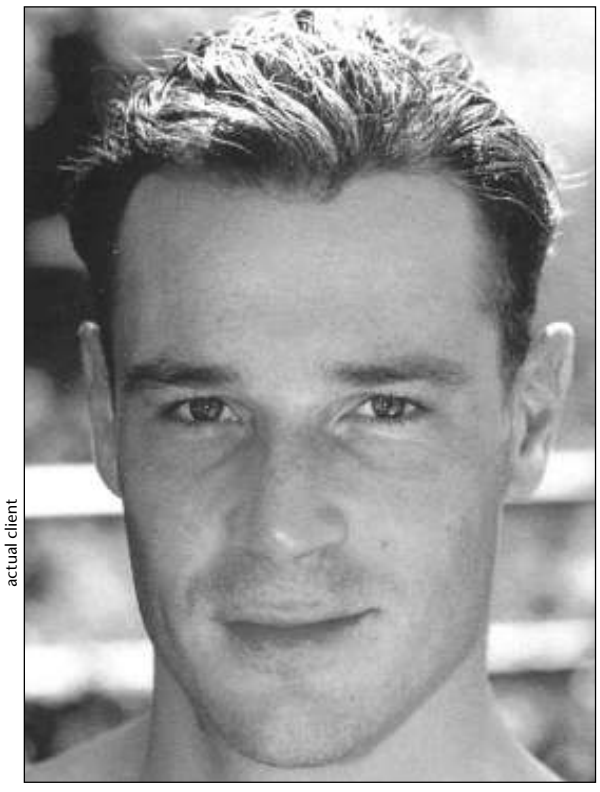

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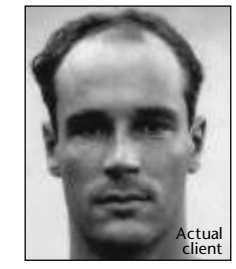

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As someone who heralds reality TV as the killer of written ingenuity on television, *Flavor of Love* should have been a shoo-in for my list of shows not to watch. But after I saw the orange-tinted contestant (aptly nicknamed "Pumkin") project saliva onto a fellow contestant after being eliminated, I realized that sometimes ingenuity can't be written.

I was hooked after that episode, and I proudly proclaim myself to be a devoted fan of *Flavor of Love* and all of its subsequent spin-off shows. While other reality shows like *Little People, Big World* and *Extreme Makeover* dramatize the real-life problems people have (heartbreak, disease, loss of a loved one, skin conditions — you name it), Flav's show is a sweet slice of un-reality.

One never hears of a contestant's rocky past or Flav's seven illegitimate children. Instead, one sees an "Ivy-league graduate" try to prepare fried chicken in a microwave for Flav and a contestant pass out on the first night after drinking too much champagne.

The situation, characters, and editing of the show make the whole course of events seem highly improbable to happen in real life. They act as a sort of escape from the crying chaos of other TV shows designed to market the dark face of *true* "reality." In this sense, *Flavor of Love* isn't so much a reality show as it is a circus. Although I love to criticize reality TV, the boundaries of this show are so limitless that it passes Prohibited Territory and comes full-circle into bona fide entertainment. Yes, it's low-brow, but I'm sure the Ringling Brothers would approve.

— Amanda Cormier

Although I barely have 18 years of life under my belt, I have experienced enough drama, stress, and anxiety to last me a while. Reality TV shows will benefit me in no way, considering they simply portray the superfluous drama of other people's lives. The catch is, though, if the channel lands on one of these shows, the viewer can easily be sucked in.

For example, recently I was flipping through the shows and came across a show named *One Week to Save Your Marriage*, in which unstable couples agree to have cameras installed in their houses while a mediator evaluates the footage. The first thing the show displayed was loud yelling and many heated arguments. Not even five minutes into the show, my mom asked if we had to watch something so unpleasant. I then snapped back into my own reality and realized that no good came out of watching couples argue on television. Just a few minutes of watching a married pair fight stressed me out, whether I knew it then or not.

Now, not all shows are so unpleasant, but let's face it, life sometimes is. So, when people record life's events and put them on the television, negative moments will undoubtedly be displayed. There exists no logic in watching the trials of life burden others when reality constantly knocks at our own door. Sure, it might seem entertaining for the moment, but reality TV shows do nothing for the growth and development of the brain.

The thing that disgusts me most about these programs remains the shameful profanity displayed on shows such as *The Gauntlet* and *Real World*. People have no humility and send out messages illustrating the acceptance of using cuss words. On top of that, no dress codes exist in reality shows, and people frequently take advantage of that. If our own real world is shaped by the drama-

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"And the winner will be…" The host pauses to build suspense, then after much ado, he continues, "announced after the break," a cliché utterance followed by a chain of groans. Yet this is a common routine on reality TV shows today such as *American Idol, Dancing with the Stars, Deal or No Deal*, and many other prime times. It goes way past the "fool me once, fool me twice" warning. You get so mad at the show for leaving you hanging, yet at the same time are throwing stupid vulgarities around in your head for being fooled by the same trick that has plagued so many reality television shows preceding it.

But that's how they get their money. By leaving you hanging, thirsting for the next air time, it encourages you to wait out the excessive commercials, their lifeline.

According to TV ratings, reality TV shows seem to be watched by most of America, even with their sneaky tactics. But who wouldn't? You have people eating morbid, disgusting entrées in *Fear Factor*, backstabbing in *Survivor*, and now television stations are starting to direct their ideas around hit movies.

A recent reality show called *Pirate Master* was inspired by the hit *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Sixteen modern-day pirates commence a journey around the Caribbean island of Dominica in search of a million-dollar treasure. With so much competition out there, producers are constantly looking for new innovative ideas to appeal to the rather attention-deficit audience.

What seems to yank my chain, though, is such shows as *American Idol* and *Survivor*. Don't misinterpret my views; they were good shows, that is, when they first came out. They had a good concept, but the repetitiveness of every season made me want to smack my head against a wall. There was no real change in the story line. It all became rather tedious to watch. It's an opinion I don't force on others, though. I can see some good aspects in the shows, but not enough for me to waste hours of my time on them. I'd rather be wasting it on MySpace while I wait for another show to come on.

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The Oak Lady

When Frances Ryan decided to nominate her favorite oak tree for membership in the Live Oak Society, she had no way of knowing if the nomination would be accepted. She was, however, pretty sure the tree had all the right qualifications. For one thing, it is an oak, and the Live Oak Society — as its name implies — accepts only oak trees as members. For another, her oak is more than 100 years old and has a circumference of 19 feet, four inches at a point four feet above the ground. As far as the society is concerned, only oak trees that are at least 100 years old and have a circumference of 17 feet can even be considered for membership. Last November Ryan pecked out the nominating letter on an old typewriter that is set up on a table in her study, next to the wood-burning stove. The letter ran to two pages and extensively documented such crucial information as her tree's age, size, and the Spanish-Indian origin of the name she had selected for it — Quella. Ryan mailed the nomination to the headquarters of the Live Oak Society in Metairie, Louisiana, and a few months later she received a certificate stating that Quella was now a society member in good standing, joining about 1200 other members around the nation. Ryan's oak is the only tree in San Diego County to belong.

Quella stands only a few feet from her back door. Its three trunks — which sprout from the same root system — arch gracefully upward to create a huge, spreading canopy about 40 feet high and more than 70 feet across. It is an Engelmann oak, a species that grows virtually nowhere outside of Southern California and is found primarily in the inland valleys of San Diego County. There are stands of the oaks in Riverside County and a few in Los Angeles, but none exist farther north than that; only a small number grow south of the Mexican border. Ryan was born in Escondido, and ever since childhood it has pained her to see the area's native trees gradually disappearing under a stupefying tide of housing projects and citrus and avocado groves. Fourteen years ago she learned that Engelmann oaks not only have a limited range but are actually becoming uncommon. To Ryan, it was time to act. She became the Oak Lady.

Since then she has planted some 1000 Engelmann oak trees in the North County and has talked to countless people about the need to preserve them. She has raised seedlings and collected acorns and passed them out to anyone expressing an interest. In 1972 her determined efforts to see that her property and the oak trees on it would be safe from future development led to a bitter three-year legal battle with her own broth-

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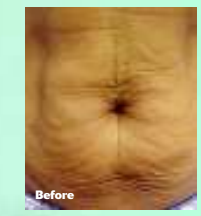

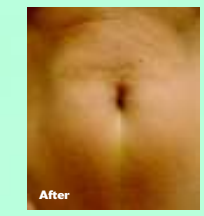

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ers and sisters. But Ryan eventually won that battle, and in 1975 she donated her property — 15 acres a few miles north of Escondido — to the University of California for the preservation and study of Engelmann oak trees. It is now known as the Ryan Oak Glen Reserve, and Boy Scout troops and botanical groups occasionally stop by to study the trees and see what the North County used to look like. Once in a while Ryan receives mail, addressed only to "The Oak Lady, Escondido, California" — fitting confirmation of her status as a defender and propagator of Engelmann oaks. In her refrigerator she even keeps a jar full of ground Engelmann oak acorns that she uses to make *weewish*, a gruel that once sustained the local Indians. "You can also make a drink out of the larger ground pieces," she said. "You boil up a few of them in water and add honey. It's pretty good. It's nutritious."

Frances Beven Ryan is 84 years old. The house she lives in is nearly 68 and was built by her parents — "kind of an heirloom," she noted as she welcomed me into her living room one gray, windy January afternoon not long ago. She is a tiny woman, with eyes as brown as acorns. Her long hair is braided and coiled neatly on top of her head, and though it is mostly gray it still shows streaks of bright, rusty red. One wall of her living room is nearly covered with paintings of trees, and here or there are albums full of clippings and certificates that commemorate her work with oaks.

> *"I was always kind of an independent cuss. They didn't pay us [teachers] much, but I was good at pinching pennies. I just wanted to see God's handiwork, that's why I went.*

Ryan immediately sat me down for a 15-minute slide show (complete with a taped narration) on Engelmann oaks. Her dogged devotion to oak trees struck me as both sensible and logical; oaks have captured the human imagination for centuries. Anyone who has seen Monet's painting *The Bodmer Oak* knows the feelings of strength and age these trees can project, and there is a crucial scene in Tolstoy's *War and Peace* in which Prince Andrew Bolkonski is able to transcend feelings of depression and gloom after

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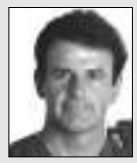

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seeing a gnarled old oak in full spring bloom. But Ryan told me that to her, oaks represent "what they did to the Indians — the staff of life. We can't live without trees. They're absolutely necessary for human beings to live. Trees add oxygen to the air and give us shade.... They're absolutely essential for the ecosystem. And besides that," she added with a little laugh, "they're beautiful."

For Ryan, Engelmann oaks also have a special, historic meaning. She is descended from one of the oldest families in San Diego County, and oak trees are intertwined with the history of her family like reeds in a basket. Promoting the conservation of the trees is only one facet of her efforts to bring the history of the Escondido area to public attention. For years she wrote a weekly column on local history for the *Escondido Times-Advocate*, and nearly every organization in the city, from the Kiwanis Club to the women's club to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, has invited her to speak on topics of historical interest. "I like to think I can contribute to keeping some of these historical things alive," she declared.

Ryan's great-uncle, Richard Thomas, first visited the Escondido valley in 1882. He had come from Kansas and was looking to buy land, but grape growers owned most of the property in the valley then and weren't interested in selling to newcomers. Thomas settled in San Diego, but when flooding in 1884 induced the grape growers to sell, he and 11 other investors, including three of his brothers, formed the Escondido Land and Town Company and bought 12,653.77 acres in the Escondido valley for about $105,000. The company then proceeded to lay out the town of Escondido, sell lots, and plant citrus trees. In 1887 Albert Beven, Thomas's nephew, arrived and worked as manager of his uncle's burgeoning orange and lemon groves.

At that time the Escondido valley also held an exceptional natural resource: a grove of some 400 ancient oak trees, located several miles to the north of present-day downtown Escondido. According to Ryan, the Spanish first stumbled across the grove in the 1770s and named it La Huerta — the orchard. It was a vital gathering place for local Indians, who came to the vast grove each summer to collect sweet acorns by the thousands. "Every Indian who lived in the area had the right to collect them," Ryan said. "It was like their food-stamp program." In the 1840s a German doctor named George Engelmann became the first person to recognize that the trees were different from other oaks growing in the area, and years later, when botanists formally described the species, they named it after him.

By 1889 La Huerta was owned by a man named Charlie Powers, who, like most of his fellow landowners in Escondido, believed his future lay in growing citrus, not oaks. "He hired my father, Albert Beven, to cut down the 400 La Huerta oaks and plant citrus trees," said Ryan. "My father always said that every time one of those big oaks fell, it hurt him inside. It hurt. But it was a job."

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form the 500-acre Eureka Ranch (located just north of the site where La Huerta formerly stood). Beven and his wife raised two sons and three daughters; Frances, their youngest daughter, was born May 30, 1901.

She enjoyed a kind of childhood that will never again be known in Southern California: gathering wild buckwheat for fresh pancakes; picking elderberries that grew near the house; riding a horse three miles to town. But by far the most influential event in her young life was the coming of Halley's comet in 1910. For months before the comet arrived, people were predicting it would bring about the end of the Earth, and in her eight-year-old girl's mind Ryan found the predictions entirely plausible. The night the comet finally came was unforgettable: She tossed and turned in her bed, waiting for the moon to turn blood red and Satan to begin pounding on his loathsome anvil, as the seers had promised. In the middle of the night her father woke her and led her and the other children downstairs and out onto the back porch. With a feeling of overwhelming relief, Ryan discovered that the infamous death star was the most beautiful thing she had ever seen. "It lit up the entire eastern part of the sky, from Devil's Anvil to Bottle Peak, and you could see stars shining through it.…" It was a

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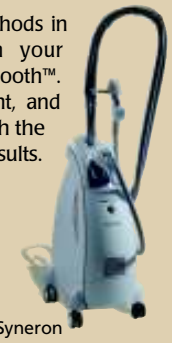

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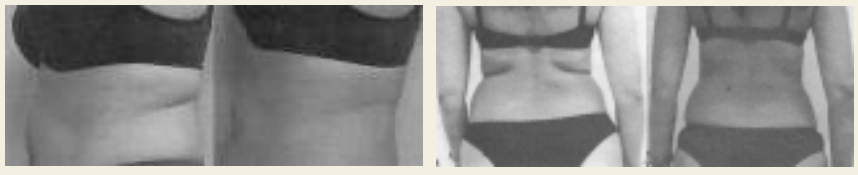

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sight Ryan has never forgotten and one that taught her forever the stunning beauty of the natural world.

One day when she and her father were sitting on a granite boulder beneath the spreading branches of an oak, she asked about the history of the valley. "From that point on he kept telling me about the history of this area," Ryan recalled. "I guess I had a nose for it, too. I quizzed him no end. We were very close. Anyway, that's how I first heard of La Huerta. When I was 17, the four owners of the Eureka Ranch divided up the property among themselves, and the house we were living in at the time became part of one of the other shares. So my parents built this house, and we moved into it, and I've lived in it ever since."

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Ryan led the way outside, where pale sunlight was beginning to show through the clouds. Her house stands a quarter mile from County Road 56, the main route to Valley Center, three miles or so north of downtown Escondido. Behind it rises a steep, rocky ridge, and at the foot of the ridge grow nearly 40 large Engelmann oaks. "They might well be descended from the La Huerta oaks, spread to this site naturally by birds and animals," Ryan pointed out.

We looked around in the chill air. Engelmann oaks drop some of their leaves every winter, and orange oak leaves lay scattered everywhere in Ryan's driveway. Unseen birds trilled in the bushes, and a cottontail burst into view and just as quickly disappeared back into the brush. "Most people think it's kind of pretty and quiet here, but it's not like it used to be. Look at all these houses around," Ryan fumed, gesturing at a couple of modern homes with Spanish-tile roofs less than 100 yards away. "This area used to be called Oak Glen, and then they changed it to Orange Glen. I guess it'll be House Glen next."

We got into my station wagon and drove down the long, narrow dirt driveway to S6. After waiting a few moments for the traffic to let up, we swung south on S6 and headed toward Orange Glen Elementary School, where the oaks of La Huerta stood nearly a century ago.

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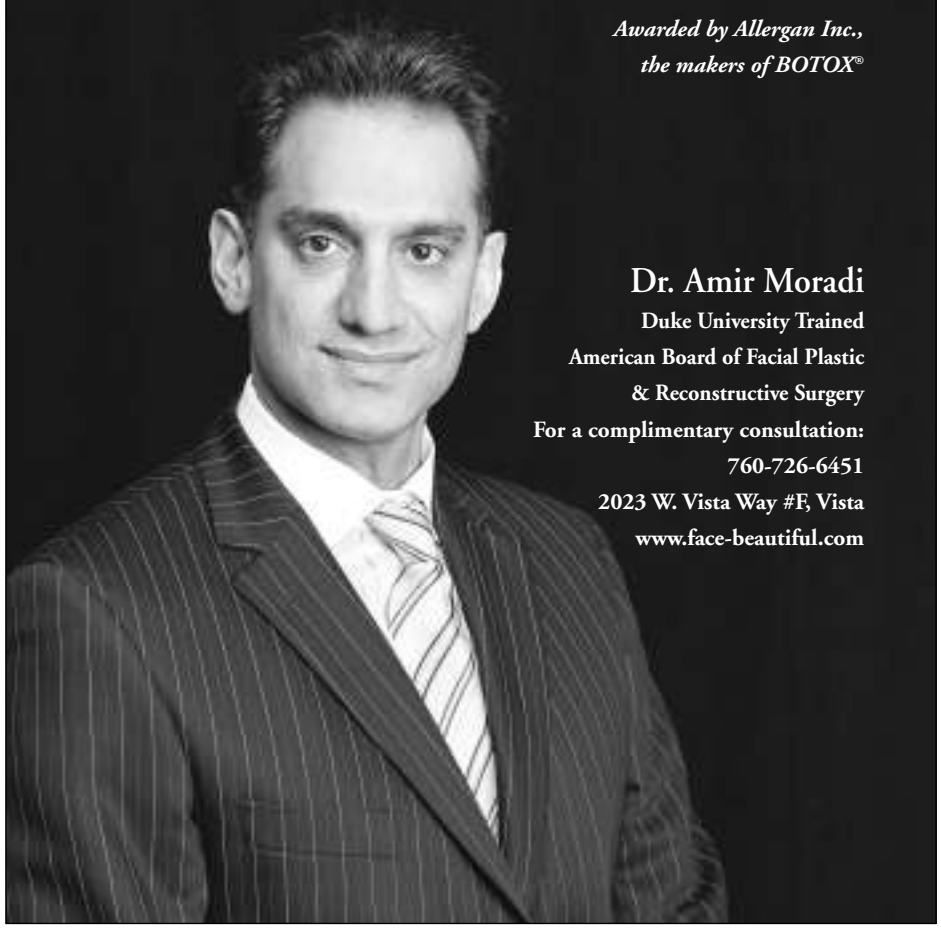

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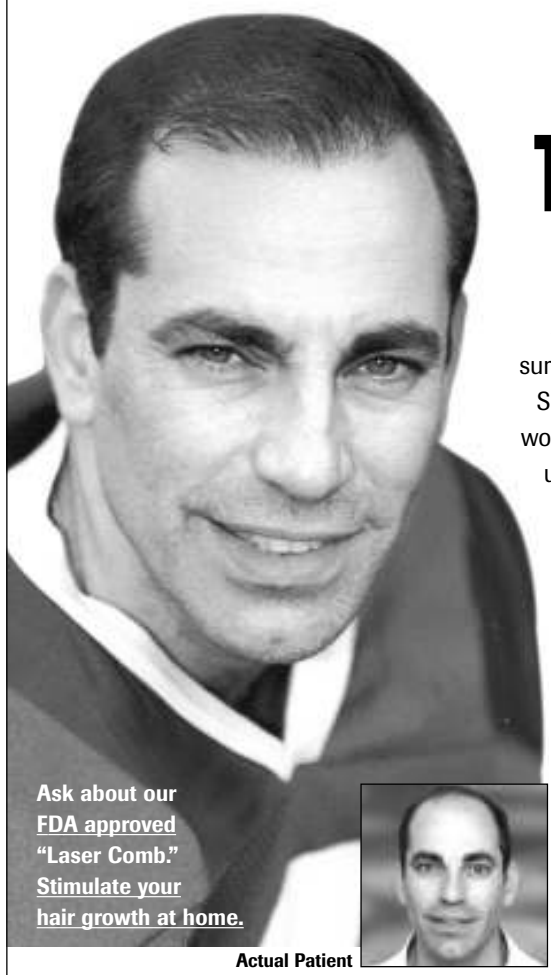

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On the way, Ryan told me that she worked as a home-economics teacher at Escondido High School from 1927 to 1959. She also traveled by freighter to South America in 1927 and again in 1929 and in 1935 temporarily quit her teaching job and traveled around the world alone. "I was always kind of an independent cuss. They didn't pay us [teachers] much, but I was good at pinching pennies. I just wanted to see God's handiwork, that's why I went. Oh, I looked at the government buildings and things — you can't miss 'em. But waterfalls, lakes, trees, caves — those are the things that have always been my guiding light. Anything that's natural."

In 1951, one month shy of her 50th birthday, she married Lewis Ryan, an artist. It was the first marriage for either of them, and together they traveled by freighter to places such as Indonesia, Portugal, and Africa. In between trips they lived in the house her parents built in 1918. The 125 acres of Beven land had been divided among Frances and her four brothers and sisters; but by the early 1970s, encroaching development on all sides had convinced Ryan that the only way her parcel would survive in its natural state would be to turn it into a park or preserve under the ownership of some conservation-minded organization. Her brothers and sisters argued that the land should remain in the family, but Ryan felt that above all things it should be preserved. Eventually she offered her property to the University of California as an educational reserve.

The university accepted her offer, and Ryan's relatives promptly sued to prevent the transaction from taking place. "I thought I had the best family in the world until my husband and I returned from a freighter trip one day and had the sheriff come up to our house and serve us with a notice to appear in court," Ryan told me as we neared Orange Glen Elementary. The ensuing court battle "was three years of hell. My relatives kept saying the property should stay in the family, but [they or their descendants] would have rented it or sold it. Three or four generations from now, no one will care about the land or what their

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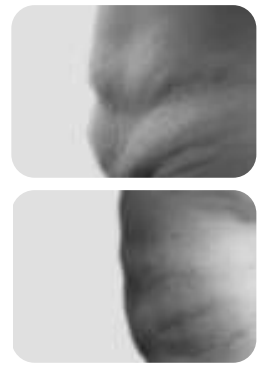

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Ryan and I parked in the elementary school's parking lot and walked to a small, grassy field nearby that was dotted with about 20 young oak trees. Some were reed-thin and only a few feet high; the largest was over ten feet and had sturdy branches jutting out in all directions. "This is where La Huerta was originally located," Ryan said. "When my father cut the oak trees down, he left two of them standing, right there where the road bends." She pointed to a curve in county road S6 a few hundred yards away. Fronting the road in that place now is a low brick wall, and behind it stretch

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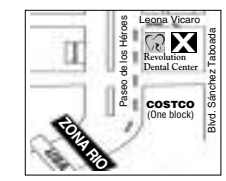

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rows of nearly identical houses. According to Ryan, developers took out the last two La Huerta oaks when the tract was built several years ago.

"We first planted these trees three years ago," she continued, gesturing at the young oaks in the school yard. "Some of them grow better than others. They're not the easiest things to grow. The university people say only one out of ten grows to maturity, and if we can get half of the acorns to sprout, we're doing pretty well. I come down here every two weeks or so to water and look after them. Sometimes I get one of the local kids to dig a trench around the trees, and I fill it with oak leaves. The leaves are high in tannic acid, and the trees really like acid. It will be nice when they're all grown and the acorns are dropping, won't it? This is where Escondido began. Right here."

Ryan noted that she has also planted Engelmann oaks at Guajome County Park in Oceanside and at Felicita County Park just west of Escondido, at the Wild Animal Park, the Palomar College arboretum, and at an Escondido city park next to

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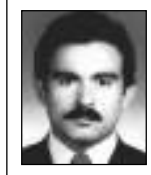

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Before we left, Ryan led me over to look at a small bronze bell that hangs from a wooden platform in a corner of the yard. Her father organized a group of local residents who purchased the bell for the school in 1907, and Ryan said she has heard it ring "almost every day of my life since I was in school. We used to set our clocks by the bell when it rang at 8:30 every morning. And when the armistice was signed [to end World War I], we rang it for 24 hours without stopping. We stood in line, and when our turn came we rang it as long as we could and then made way for the next person." In the 1930s Ryan discovered the old bell lying forgotten in a city storage room and had it refurbished and its clapper replaced. A local construction company built the platform to hang it. "They still ring it every Friday morning, and I still listen for it," she said. "I like to hear it. When I die — well, I don't believe in funerals. All I want them to do is ring that bell."

As we drove back to her house, we passed the house in which Ryan was born — it has been expanded and renovated and now stands at the edge of a huge avocado grove — and she pointed to it and to a tall oak tree where her parents exchanged their wedding vows in 1891. "Of course, it was just a tiny little thing back then," she said of the oak. We drove back up her long driveway, past a granite boulder with

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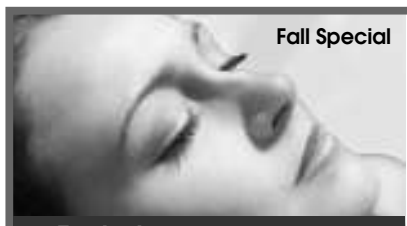

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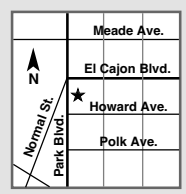

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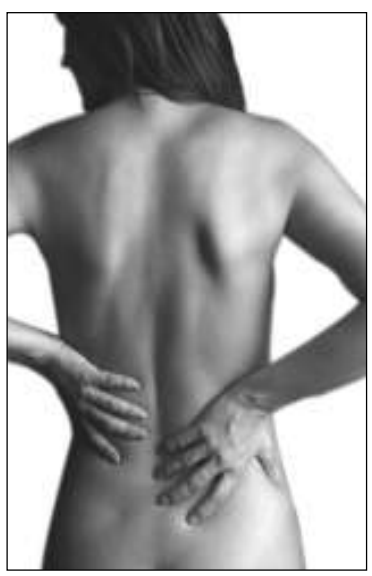

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After pulling up in front of her house, we got out to admire Quella. Ryan chose the name because, she says, it is a Spanish and Indian word for acorn. "It was fully grown when my father first came here in 1887, so it's well over 100 years old," she noted. Engelmann oaks are also known as blue oaks, and even in the fading afternoon light we could see the blue-green tinge of thousands of slender leaves over our heads.

This spring, when Quella is in full flower and humming with bees, Ryan plans to have a few people over for a ceremony to celebrate the tree's acceptance into the society. She has already made a wooden sign with the name "Quella" spelled out in twigs gathered from the tree, and as part of the ceremony the sign will be fastened to the oak's trunk. "We'll also drink a toast of rainwater, because that's what the tree drinks," said Ryan.

She paused for a moment and then added, "I don't know, maybe it's a silly thing to spend so much time fussing over oak trees. But they mean a lot to me. They have always been in my life." ■

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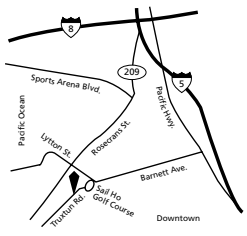

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Breaking News, Alan's Condo Stash
Published October 24

Posted by jonathan on 10/24/07, 1:12 p.m.

MATT: From the Los Angeles Times Any reason for the complicated arrangement that the Foster family has for its downtown properties i.e. one corp into another corp into a third? Is it for tax advantages or something more nefarious? You never know with these movers and shakers.

Posted by padreshitter on 10/24/07, 4:17 p.m.

MATT: There is a long-term, multi-generational — if somewhat fluid — plan to Bersin's political climb. I think you'll have some great research material available soon.…

Posted by Billy! Bob!! Henry!!! on 10/24/07, 9:09 p.m.

Bersin does not habe the brian power to be City Attorney. He is the basic political hack. Every single job the guy has ever had in his life has beenreceived thru connections and political juice. The LAST thing San Diego needs is another trust funder/insider to run pull strings for his family/buddies. I think good old Bersin would have a problem filling out a job application at Wal Mart on his own.

Posted by Fred Williams on 10/24/07, 11:35 p.m.

Former Fire Chief Bowman needed only $40 million…we gave $350 million to John Moores and his well-connected friends like the Bersins and Jack McGrory instead. Have we got "schools worthy of our children"? Has John Moores got ownership of 10% of downtown and 70% of local government? Aguirre later opposed the ballpark when Moores reneged and built tax eating condos instead of tax generating hotels and offices.

Posted by No Yalie on 10/27/07, 4:39 p.m.

Billy, you are sadly mistaken. (Are you the Billy who brought us Billy Beer?) Bersin is a Yalie — like Mr./Mrs. Clinton — and got his first SD job not because he married well, but because he was a 100% bonafide Friend of Bill. If you have heard him talk, he's plenty smart and clever, unless you count his tin ear for taking on the teachers' union which (predictably) led to their attempt to destroy him politically. As for not having the "brian power [brain power?] to be City Attorney," are you implying that Aguirre is smart? All I've ever heard is the mouth and the personality of a bull in a china shop. (A political posture going back 20 years). By comparison, Big Al would be sophistication, polish and finesse. Who knows, he might even do the job of City Attorney (i.e. representing the city in legal matters) rather than serve as gadfly-in-chief.

Breaking News, Bankrupt Tome
Published October 24

Posted by Inquiring Mind on 10/24/07, 3:22 p.m.

Do tell us what each of the new Moores' corporations intends to do: don't they have to have a mission statement? I am especially interested in the one called Dominus Nihil — doesn't that mean something like God of Nothingness? Maybe your publisher will translate for us.

Posted by Billy! Bob!! Henry!!! on 10/25/07, 12:33 p.m.

Roger Lowenstein hits the nail right smack on the head when he says that pensions are bankrupting San Diego, and every other local and state government in this country. Now someone needs to tell this to the village idtiots that run this City, San Diego County and California.

Cover Story
Published October 17

Posted by patty on 10/23/07, 1:20 a.m.

I read this article yesterday afternoon after reading an article with the same title in the New York Times magazine. Both are excellent articles but this article is much more centered around the problems we face here in San Diego. The information regarding the die off of our old oak trees, the stress of the natural vegetation and the changes in the populations of birds and animals due to the drought conditions are especially disturbing now, in the middle of Firestorm 2007. I hope this article wakes up a few more of us to the seriousness of the drought we face, the permanent changes that are happening and what we must do to continue living here. CONSERVE WATER NOW. Thanks for an informative article.

Blurt
Published October 17

Posted by nate davis on 10/26/07, 1:24 p.m.

I have to admit that for all the times blurt puts out a pissy story that seems like it's right out off of Jerry Springer, it generally is a must-read each week. But the Reader has GOT to look at its other sections. Who thinks anyone wants to read a long cover story about tomatoes? Please make them shorter and more interesting. And also, please do some polling about which feature gets read and which does not. I guarantee if you do, you will find that nobody cares about that Crasher waste of space. For Christ sake, the Reader is big enough to afford a marketing firm to tell you that some of your features are absolutely worthless. And I don't want to hear from Josh Board who sits around blogging himself all day. Note to the Reader management: please learn that there is something out there called market research.

Posted by shawn on 10/26/07, 4:24 p.m.

I would have to agree with Nate to some degree…The Reader does have a lot of really boring cover stories. I guess they are designed for old people, who generally don't mind reading boring stuff. Occasionally there will be a good cover story like the one Jay Allen Sanford did with the bootlegger guy, or the one he did about rock and roll in SD. I don't mind the crasher column. The guy does go to some really boring parties though. And his style is rather bland. It's like "I went to a party. There was a red car in the driveway. I ate chocolate cake. I talked to an African American man. The End" So yeah…Josh could probably benefit from a creative writing class or two.

Save the Sea

Live Fish, Theirs; Dead Fish, Ours

Fish cleanup at the Salton Sea

"The main thing we have to worry about is how to get phosphorous out of the water coming in," says Sherrie Nuyen, special project coordinator for the Desert Shores Improvement Association. Desert Shores is a community on the western shoreline of the Salton Sea, east of the Anza-Borrego Desert. "When [phosphorous] gets into the sea, it helps algae grow, and when algae grows, there's no oxygen in the algae, and fish go towards there thinking 'food,' but when they go in there, they can't breathe, and they die."

Nuyen has helped organize the second biannual "Salton Sea Fish Cleanup" taking place on Saturday, November 3. "The thing that bothers me is that the State of California claims that the fish belong to them when they're alive, and if the fishermen go out and hook them, they're still the State's fish — you can't net them if they're alive. But when the fish die, they don't belong to the State anymore, and it's our problem," says Nuyen. By "our," she means area residents.

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At the March cleanup, 85 volunteers filled three large Dumpsters with dead fish. "We've got a large population of tilapia in the sea...about the only thing other than pupfish," says Dan Cain, principal development specialist for the Salton Sea Authority. "At night, when the sun goes down, often the fish will have a hard time finding oxygen." As to the government's refusal to contribute to cleanup efforts, Cain says, "Nobody really wants to take the authority to go in and do something about getting [dead fish] off the beaches and reducing the smell and the flies. It's not a real pleasant atmosphere when you have thousands of dead fish."

"Around the sea, we have the highest amount of asthma in the State of California," says Nuyen. "I would say maybe five or six out of ten people have breathing problems here." She attributes this to the hydrogen sulfide sink located underneath the sea's north end. Hydrogen sulfide, a flammable gas that smells like rotten eggs, can result from decomposition of organic matter. According to the Agency of Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, hydrogen sulfide can cause irritation to the eyes, nose, or throat, as well as difficulty breathing. A high concentration can result in loss of consciousness and even death. Nuyen worries that if water is drawn from the sea to be transferred elsewhere that the area above the sink will become shallow or dry, causing health conditions to worsen, conditions that could reach as far as Palm Springs — "winds can lift [hydrogen sulfide] up and take it, along with dust and sand," Nuyen says. The sea is currently 35 miles by 15 miles at its widest and has a maximum depth of 51 feet.

The Salton Sea is 300 feet from Nuyen's front porch. "There are days when it's blue, days when it's green with blue around it, and days that it has been red. When it's red, you know you're having a major fish die-off." The red color is characteristic of blooming algae, indicating a shortage of oxygen in the water. When the fish die they float to the surface, and the smell can be unbearable. "About six months ago they pulled out these aerators, called SolarBees," says Nuyen. "They're solar-powered reservoir circulators that sit on top of the water. It helps alleviate the smell."

"The goal of the project was to see if we could reduce the odors coming from backwater areas where you don't get any oxygen," says Cain. "When the water goes stagnant in the summertime, the odors can be horrendous. But we didn't have any funding and had to rent the units. Nobody could really come up with the money to keep them in there, so they took them out." This in spite of the fact that, says Cain, "the people who lived down there claimed it worked."

Nuyen confirms that the aerators were successful. "We cannot afford them. We're looking at five units at maybe $475,000 [total]. When I first came down here, you would gag to go outside. But they put those [aerators] in there, and you could tell the difference; they really worked."

After the SolarBees were removed, the Salton Sea Authority initiated the fish cleanup. "The authority came and said, 'There are going to be little mini die-offs, but if we get the fish up off the shoreline, you're not going to have the smell or health problems,'" Nuyen says. "Die-offs can happen pretty much at any time, but we figured out it happens mostly in spring and right before winter." Some volunteers have added their names to an emergency-contact list in case there is a major die-off between the biannual fish cleanups. After the cleanup, fish carcasses are taken to the California Bio-Mass, Inc., an organics recycling company five miles away from the cleanup site.

— Barbarella

Salton Sea Fish Cleanup
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BAJA

"Bajo la Noche Tijuanense," poetry by Gilberto Licona showcased, Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"La Trova, Maxima Expresión," 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)

"Aventurera," the last season with Edith González, Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3, at 7 and 10:30 p.m., at Grand Hotel Tijuana (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

"Essencia y Evocación," Péndulo Cero Company presents contemporary dance, Friday, November 2, 7 and 9 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). $12 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

San Diego/Tijuana "Danceon-Film" Festival, promising "an international collection of experimental short dance film/videos," may be seen Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., in San Diego State University's Studio Theatre. Diverse ten-piece collection offers dance as "a tractor *pas de deux,* a secret peepshow, a diva's public melodrama, a heart-pounding tribal message from Africa, and in many other innovative ways." $10 general, $8 students.

Program repeats on Saturday November 3, 6 and 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 858-405-9555. (SDSU, TIJUANA)

Piano Concert by Raul di Blasio, Saturday, November 3, 7 p.m., at Cearte on Río Nuevo. 011-52-686-568-2001. (MEXICALI)

"Noche de los Muertos," Antonio Duarte faces Seth Dikin, among many other bouts, for Primal MMA fights, Saturday, November 3, 8 p.m., in El Foro at Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets: $10–$45. 858-412-4161 or 011-52-664-685-7181. (TIJUANA)

Maldita Vecindad rock concert, Saturday, November 3, 9 p.m., Caliente Race Track Arena (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-633-4000. (TIJUANA)

Floricienta — music for children performed Sunday, November 4, at 2 and 4 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Author and Philosopher Fernando Savater plans lecture for 50th anniversary celebrations at UABC's Mexicali campus, Monday, November 5, 6 p.m. 011-52-686-552-5921. (MEXICALI)

Violin and Guitar Duo of Thomas Yee and José Rodríguez perform Monday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez (Avenida Guadalupe, between Calles 2 and 4). $5. 011-52-646-176-3005 or 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

The Comedy *Como Envejecer Con Gracia* acted by Susana Alexander and Blanca Sánchez, Wednesday, November 7, 6 and 9:30 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). $35 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Cultura Popular y la Frontera," lecture by José Manuel Valenzuela, Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Hispanic-American Guitar Festival gets underway with Concierto de Aranjuez, Jaime Márquez, Martín Madrigal, and Roberto Limón of Mexico on Thursday, November 8, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). $20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

"BALLET ON FIRE," City Ballet of San Diego, Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4, Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre.

(SEE DANCE)

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OUTDOORS

Acorn Dropping reaches a crescendo early this month in the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar Mountains. Wiry scrub oaks, massive canyon live oaks, and the golden-leaved black oaks all contribute to the growing collection of acorns littering the ground. Acorn woodpeckers are busy stuffing acorns into the small holes they drill into the bark of pine trees. Beneath the trees, the browns of bracken fern and the reds of poison oak and squaw bush are among the last expressions of autumn color we'll see in the mountains this year.

"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)

The Taurid Meteor Shower, featuring about 10–15 visible events per hour — as seen under clear, dark skies — peaks this year on the weekend of November 2 and 3. Best times for viewing this year are approximately 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Individual meteors belonging to this shower are relatively slow-moving (they're caused by particles burning up when colliding with the Earth's atmosphere at a mere 18 miles per second). All Taurids seem to radiate from a fixed point in the direction of the constellation of Taurus, hence their name.

The Latest Sunrise of the entire year (around 7:08 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time) takes place Saturday morning, November 3. This event occurs one day before Daylight Time ends and Standard Time begins.

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)

San Marcos Trails Day celebrated with hike following trails not usually open to public, allowing views of South Lake, Double Peak, Valley of Discovery, Saturday, November 3. Meet group for this "Discover San Marcos" hike at south end of Santa Barbara Street; from Highway 78, take Twin Oaks Valley Road south; turn right on Craven Road, then left on Santa Barbara Street. Reservations: 760-744-9000 x3508. (SAN MARCOS)

Guided Trail Walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, November 3, 4, and 7, 9:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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California Native Plant Society Walk, Sunday, November 4, 9 a.m., Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

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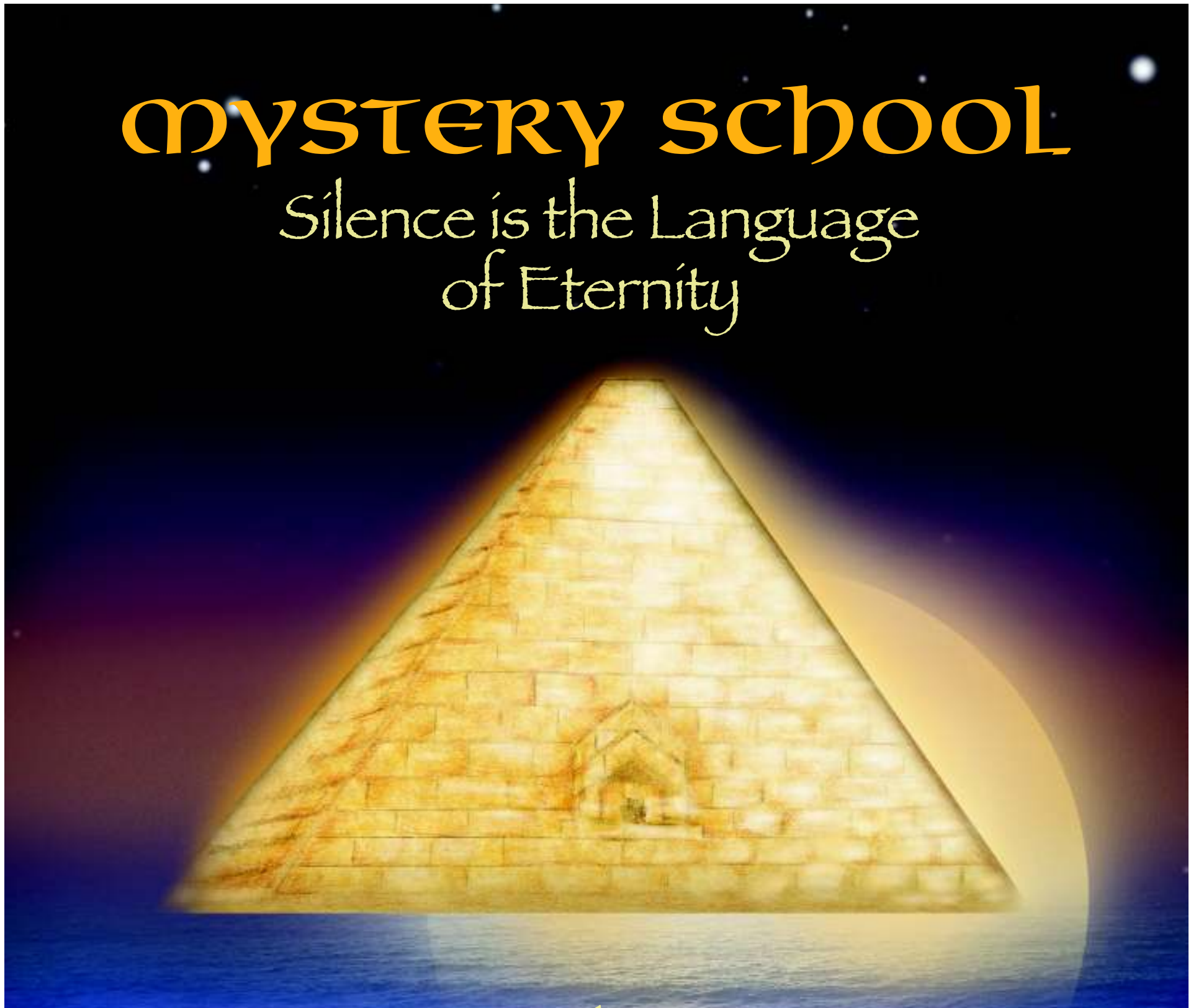

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57th Fiesta de la Cuadrilla Square Dance Festival hosted by San Diego Square Dance Association, November 2–4, in Balboa Park Gymnasium, Recital Hall, and Balboa Park Club. All square and round dancers are invited to participate — or just watch. Hours: 6:30–10 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.–11 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Sunday. Three-day fee: $36; single days available at door. 619-938-1548. (BALBOA PARK)

USA Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including November 3, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8–11 p.m. All ages, abilities. $7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

"Ballet on Fire," enjoy "Stravinsky Suites" and "The Firebird" by Igor Stravinsky when City Ballet of San Diego presents recitals November 3 and 4. Program includes *Flames of Paris pas de deux* and George Gershwin's *Who Cares?* Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at Salvation Army Kroc Center (6611 University Avenue). Tickets: $29, $39, $49. 858-272-8663. (ROLANDO)

The Community Band plays, Ellen and Chris call for English country dancing, Sunday, November 4, 6–9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. $6. 858-676-9731. (POWAY)

Dance Studio Hour presented by students in MiraCosta College's dance classes, Monday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 at San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Informal show promises dance in variety of styles, demonstration of Pilates mat work. Free. 760-795-6815. (CARDIFF)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Formerly remote Lower Otay County Park, perched on a hillside above the dam of Lower Otay Reservoir, is now only a few minutes' drive from tens of thousands of new South Bay residents in communities such as Eastlake and Otay Ranch. With the imminent opening of the Route 125 toll road through eastern Chula Vista, the park will soon be more quickly accessible to visitors from other parts of San Diego County.

Lower Otay Reservoir

To get to the park from either Interstate 805 or the new Route 125 toll road, exit at Olympic Parkway and drive east until Olympic Parkway ends at Wueste Road. Turn right and continue south to the end of Wueste Road, where you'll find the entrance to Lower Otay County Park. There's a small day-use fee charged for entry. The October 2007 Harris Fire did not affect Lower Otay County Park; however, you may want to check with the county parks department (858-694-3049) to learn of any possible changes in the park's operating schedule.

A recent renovation of the county park grounds has turned it into quite a scenic spot for picnicking, with a view south into Mexico. That view can be greatly improved if you care to climb eastward and 300 vertical feet higher to a more panoramic vantage point.

From the topmost parking lot inside the park, walk past a gate and go uphill on a service road, or else use a zigzagging foot trail that gets you to the same destination: a bench on a knoll overlooking the reservoir. Don't stop there; simply continue on the eroded road or firebreak that keeps going straight up the slope.

You'll end up on a rounded summit high enough for you to see the Pacific Ocean, the terrestrial ocean of rooftops covering eastern Chula Vista, and — when clear enough — the upper floors of downtown San Diego's skyscrapers. The most impressive vista, however, is north toward Lower Otay Reservoir, which spreads its waters far and wide, seemingly at your feet. To the east, the long ridge of Otay Mountain climbs steadily toward the mountain range's 3572-foot high point. This upward pitch, however, is interrupted by the Otay River gorge immediately below you, so the rounded summit you are standing on is as far as you can get on an easy hike. The Harris-Fire-blackened swath of landscape you will see in the distance, beyond the lake, promises to turn emerald green if and when soaking rains arrive this winter.

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

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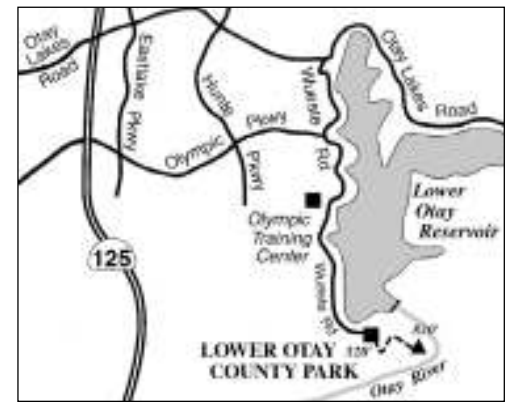

FILM

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 *Wild California* (6 p.m.) and *Yellowstone* (7 p.m.) on November 2. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego/Tijuana "Danceon-Film" Festival, promising "an international collection of experimental short dance film/videos," may be seen Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., in San Diego State University's Studio Theatre. Diverse ten-piece collection offers dance as "a tractor *pas de deux,* a secret peepshow, a diva's public melodrama, a heart-pounding tribal message from Africa, and in many other innovative ways." $10 general, $8 students.

Program repeats on Saturday, November 3, 6 and 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural Tijuana (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Free. 858-405-9555. (SDSU, TIJUANA)

"Latino Stories of World War II" this 2006 documentary offers stories of four soldiers. Mario Barrera's "portrait of courage" screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, November 5, 6:30 p.m. Director Barrera and Jorge Mariscal moderate following discussion. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Documentary *Libby, Montana* offers "corporate indictment" following asbestos contamination of this town. Catch the film on Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Enemies of Happiness" — film following "dangerous campaign trail of 27-year-old Malalai Joya as she runs for office in post-Taliban Afghanistan's first parliamentary elections in 35 years" may be seen during fall film series, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). $7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Jesus Camp" screens, followed by discussion, when Americans United for Separation of Church and State gather, Thursday,

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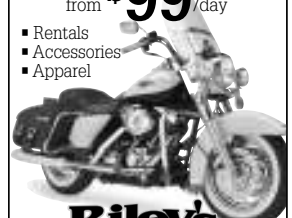
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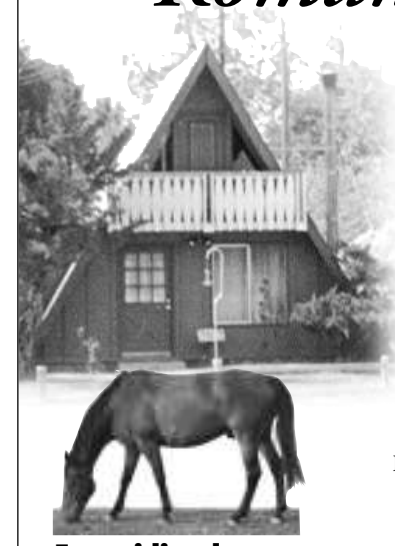

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November 8, 7 p.m., at University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). Free. 619-997-4375. (HILLCREST)

LECTURES

"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)

Recent Legislative Successes and plans for future discussed by State Senator Christine Kehoe for 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)

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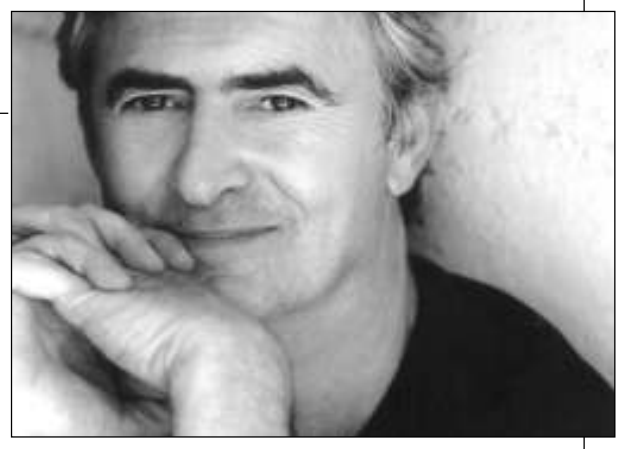

"Wars Without Protest," Mike Davis focuses on "U.S. Interventions across the Muslim World" during talk on Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., at City Heights Recreation Center (4380 Landis Street). "Davis argues that the antiwar movement must address the real scope of the so-called 'war on terror' and the 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)

"Day of the Dead and Mexican Art" is topic for UCSD art history professor Roberto Tejada during guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, November 2, 10 a.m. $12. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Funerary," multimedia group exhibit investigating "complex relationships between the living and the dead" continues through Thursday, November 8, at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Día de los Muertos event slated for Friday, November 2, 5 p.m. Fielding McGehee focuses on "Private vs. Public" and crossovers in-between; religious studies scholar Rebecca Moore examines "cross-cultural forms of memorialization"; Reiki master John Chandler presents "Contact with the Spirit World." Free. 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

"Raiders of the Lost Archives," learn to conduct basic historic research to determine if your home is a potential historic landmark or a contributor to a potential historic district during workshop sponsored by University Heights Historical Society on Saturday, November 3, 9 p.m.–noon, at Swedenborgian Church (4144 Campus Avenue). $15 general. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Animation: From the Avant-Garde to Popular Culture" is explored during symposium, Saturday, November 3. "Animating Cinema" explored during panel discussion led by Lesley Stern, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., in Calit2 Theater, Atkinson Hall, UCSD.

"Exhibiting Animation" with tribute to Jeremy Blake and panel discussion, 2:30–5:30 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. "SoCal Animations," 7 p.m. in MoPA, promises screening of animation by Southern California artists. Free. 619-232-7931. (LA JOLLA, BALBOA PARK)

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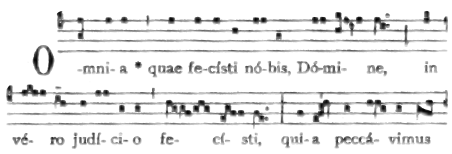

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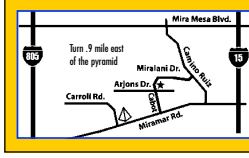

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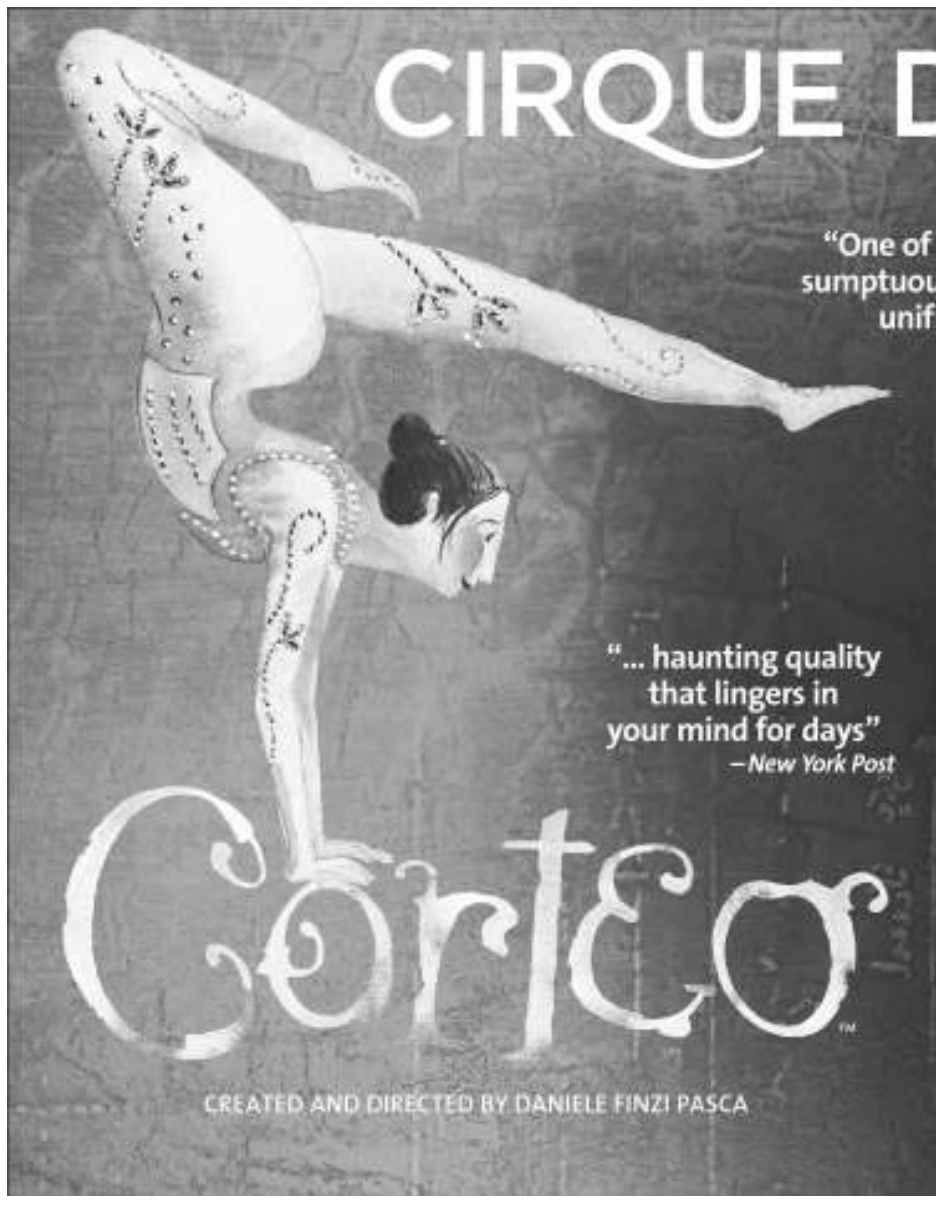

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BY SONIA ELIOT

What's That You're Reading?

NAME: CRYSTAL | **OCCUPATION:** TOURIST/FORMER RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT
NEIGHBORHOOD: LONDON, ENGLAND | **WHERE INTERVIEWED:** OUTSIDE THE SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

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

"*Three to Get Deadly* by Janet Evanovich — it's a series, and this is the third in the series. I'm on 308."

Tell me about the book.

"The series has been about the main character, called Stephanie Plum, and she's a bounty hunter. So she basically works for her cousin, and what happens is, they bail out people who are arrested for whatever reason. And if they skip out on the bail, she has to go and find them and then collect a percentage of the fee. So, each one of the books is that someone has gone missing, and she's got to try and find them. This one is about a candy-store owner who's wanted for carrying a concealed weapon and speeding. The plot is that he's linked to the murders of drug dealers in the local area. And she's trying to figure out how he's connected to the murders, why he's involved, and obviously bringing him back so she can get the money."

What do you make of it?

"The first thing I picked up when I left to go traveling was the last one in this series, and I hadn't realized it was a series. So I've read the 12th one, and the 11th one, and then the first and second and then this one. They're really good, and I'm staying with a Swedish girl and she reads them as well. Another Stephanie Plum fan!"

Any favorite characters?

"Stephanie's such a funny character. The first book is her beginning as a bounty hunter, and she's making rubbish. And she's quite accident-prone, kind of like your everyday kind of hero. Very likable, very funny. Great characters. In this one she's got two romantic leads, and it's, like, who's your favorite? And you're sitting there going, *who's she going to end up with?* It's very funny. There's also her crazy grandmother, who's a fan of guns. In every book, whenever there's a funeral or a viewing for someone, the grandmother's attempting to open up the casket if it's closed. She's completely over the top and crazy. Really such humorous characters. But Stephanie's definitely my favorite."

Any favorite passages?

"There's two scenes in here where she meets up with her ex-husband, who's a slimy lawyer. And in the first occasion she takes along with her an ex-hooker, who's kind of her crime-fighting buddy. The scene is basically Stephanie and her ex squaring off and trading insults. And it's really funny — she's great with insults. That single scene is brilliant."

What book was most life-changing for you?

"My favorite one — one that I'd always go back to read — is *After You'd Gone,* by Maggie O'Farrell. You're not quite sure what it is to begin with because the main character steps out into a road and gets hit by a bus. And you think she's tried to commit suicide but you're not quite sure what's happened. She's in a coma, and the book is her memory, going back over what's happened over the past two years. And it crosses over not just her life, but her mother's, her grandmother's, and you find out that she got married and her husband was killed by an IRA bombing. And it's so well written and so moving."

Who are your favorite authors?

"Maggie O'Farrell is one now. And Magnus Mills. He's a British author. *The Restraint of Beasts* was his first novel; he used to be a bus driver. It's the funniest thing — it's about these itinerant workers that go out and fix fences. And it seems like it's about nothing. If you read it at face value, you go, *Why am I reading a book about guys that fix fences?* But there's a seedy, almost murderous undercurrent. Kind of like people that accidentally keep murdering people, but it's written in such a way, like it had to be an accident — he didn't really mean to hit the guy over the head with a hammer. He's brilliant at writing things like that."

What magazines or newspapers do you read?

"I've been trying to read them while I've been over here, but mostly at home. I read the *Times* daily. And I prefer weekend newspapers, so I read *The Observer* and *The Independent*. I read *Glamour* and *In Style* magazines religiously; and, occasionally, trashy tabloid magazines."

Do you talk to your friends about reading?

"Yes. A lot of my close friends are big readers as well, and we trade and read, make recommendations, that kind of thing. Any other books we've read recently. And we'll buy each other books for birthday presents, Christmas."

world," Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. $33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"How I Found My German Ancestor" revealed by members of German Research Association when group gathers, Saturday, November 3, 10:30 a.m., at Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Individual research assistance provided. Free. 619-276-4660. (MISSION VALLEY)

Competing Health Proposals on the table discussed by Mary Crowley of League of Women Voters when Humanistic Jewish Congregation of San Diego meets, Sunday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m., at Woman's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Donation: $5. Buffet luncheon follows discussion. 858-549-3088. (CARLSBAD)

"The Adoptive Journey: From Birth to Adulthood" presented by Adoption Alliance, Sunday, November 4, 1–4 p.m., at Jewish Family Service — Turk Family Center (8804 Balboa Avenue). Workshops: "All You Need to Know About International Adoption," "After the Adoption: Creating an Everlasting Bond," and "A Journal through Identity: An Adult Adoptee Panel." Free. 858-637-3060. (KEARNY MESA)

"What to Do with Your Body After Death" is topic for meeting of Hemlock Society of San Diego, Sunday, November 4, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (at Vermont Street and Vermont Way). Traditional and alternate ways to dispose of your body. Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

"Living in the Desert as a Chalcolithic Farmer" — archaeologist Arlene Rosen speaks Sunday, November 4, 3 p.m., in conjunction with "Journey to the Copper Age" at San Diego Museum of Man. Tour of exhibit led by Rosen follows lecture. $25 general. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Craft: Content and Context," panel discussion led by curator Jo Lauria, Sunday, November 4, 4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. Panelists include artists with works in exhibition representing "diverse disciplines and backgrounds." $25 general. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x405. (BALBOA PARK)

"A History of the Schlappi Collection of Hord and Schlappi Ornaments" offered by Elizabeth Schlappi for 12 O'Clock Scholar program at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, November 5. These ornaments have graced Timken Museum's annual Christmas tree for past 20 years. $6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Finding Forest Birds" — see and learn firsthand about common woodland birds with Claude Edwards on Monday, November 5, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Field trip: Saturday, November 10, 8:30 a.m. $74 fee includes transportation. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Community of Dead Sea Scrolls and the First Christians" presented by James VanderKam, Hebrew scripture professor at University of Notre Dame, Monday, November 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. $25. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

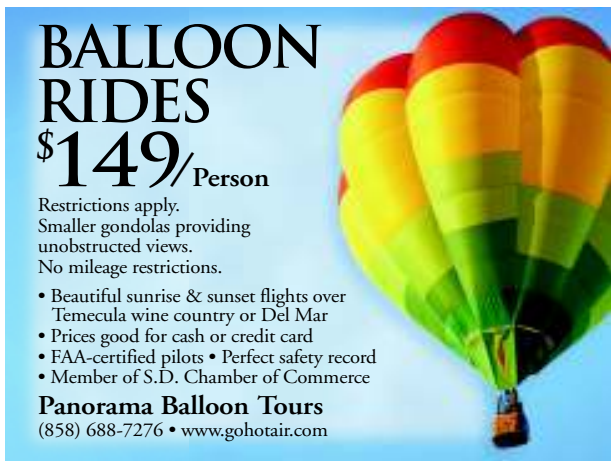
"Into High Places of Nepal and Tibet" with Kurt Wedberg, Monday, November 5, at Adventure 16 at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Wedberg repeats his tales on Tuesday, November 6, at A-16 located at Solana Beach (143 South Cedros Avenue, 858-755-7662) and Wednesday, November 7, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). Free programs begin at 7 p.m. (OCEANSIDE, SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

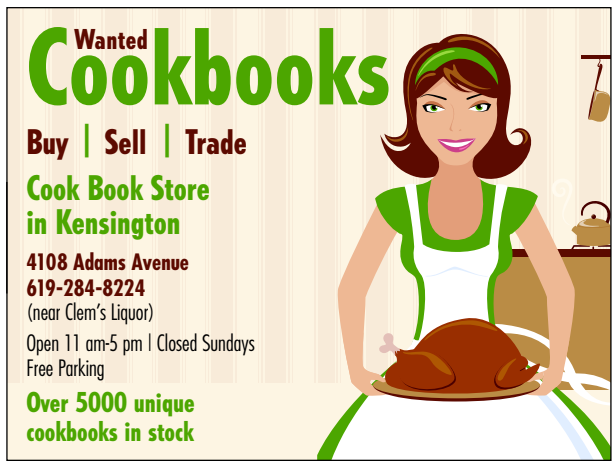
"Tron" Visual Effects Director Richard Taylor shares his experiences from computer imaging in its earliest days to now during lecture, Monday November 5. He'll discuss his work and present images and video via a high-resolution projection system, starting at 7 p.m. in Lyceum Theatre Gallery at Horton Plaza. Free. 858-793-0900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Managing a Multi-Dog Household Workshop," Tuesday, November 6, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Training secrets, tips for peaceful coexistence between your canine family members. $35. Required reservations: 619-299-7012 x2247. (LINDA VISTA)

Snow Camping Clinic, Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Gear, tips. Free. 858-279-4400 (KEARNY MESA)

"The Constellations of Fall and Winter" illuminated during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m. View real sky through telescopes (weather permitting) after





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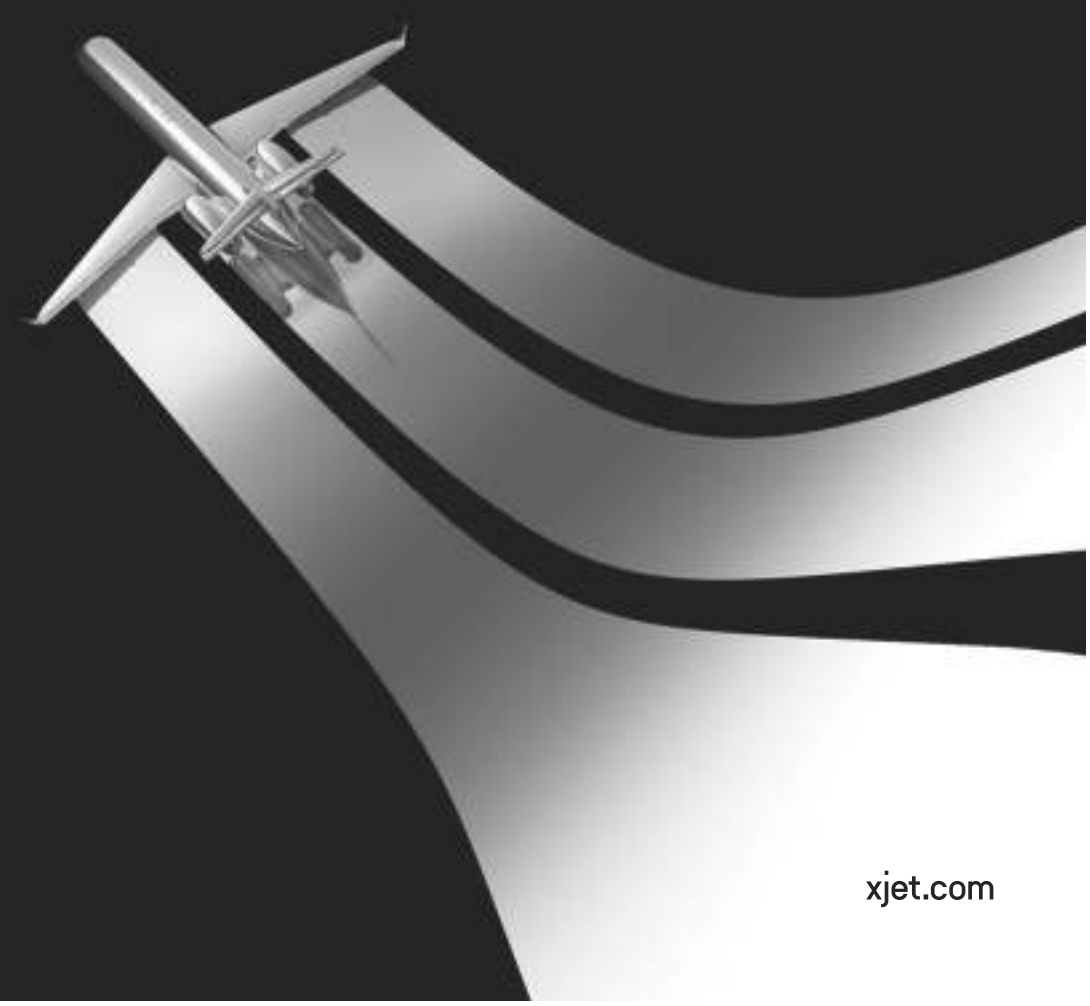

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show. $8.50 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Blue Collar in Violet: John Sloan's Italian Procession" provides focus for "Collection Spotlight" series on Thursday, November 8, 11 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Learn about the Ashcan School, more. $15 general. Reservations: 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Exhibiting Works on Paper: The Conservation Perspective" presented by Janet Ruggles for Art in the Afternoon lecture series at Timken Museum of Art on Thursday, November 8, 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548 x15. (BALBOA PARK)

"International Humanitarian Law, Foreign Policy, and the Limitations of Power" examined by Harvey Rishikof of National War College for "International Law Speaker Series," Thursday, November 8, 4 p.m., in Social Sciences Building (SSB) 104 at UCSD. "How does law or the rule of law interact with the war on terrorism and international norms?" Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"The Long War: Loss and Nostalgia in the Middle East" is topic when *Washington Post* journalist Anthony Shadid speaks Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Robinson Auditorium. Shadid will focus on implications of war in Iraq on Middle East. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

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)

OUT & ABOUT

"PROVOKED WITH HENRY ROLLINS"
4th & B, Thursday, November 8.

(SEE IN PERSON)

The Caribbean in the 1940s is setting when Poway High School thespians stage *Twelfth Night* with its misconceptions, disguises, madness, and complications of love, November 1–4. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday, in Poway High School's Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). $7. 858-748-0245. (POWAY)

"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)

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)

Folk Singer Carolyn Hester is joined by Amy and Karla Blume in concert, Friday, November 2, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Openers: Chris Clarke and Allen Singer. $13 at door. 619-594-4090. (SDSU)

Historical Mystery Author Carola Dunn discusses, signs her Daisy Dalymple mystery *The Bloody Tower,* Friday, November 2, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Traditional Irish Music may be heard when Gerry O'Beirne and Rosie Shipley take stage for World Music and Cultural Arts series, Friday, November 2, 7 p.m., in San Marcos Civic Center main hall (One Civic Center Drive). Free. 760-891-3000. (SAN MARCOS)

Troubadour, songwriter, poet Ellis Paul performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Sunday, November 4 ($15, $20). Paul's concert follows appearance by Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines on Friday, November 2 ($15, $20). Next up: Richie Havens on Tuesday, November 6 ($35, $60 dinner package). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Comic Joe Rogan plans benefit concert with Joey Diaz, Friday, November 2, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Rogan donates all earnings to Red Cross for wildfire aid in San Diego. Tickets: $20, $25, $35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 21 and up. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry and Prose Honoring the Dead on tap when Red CalacArts Collective presents "Redz Fifth Annual Día de los Muertos Commemoration" with readings by around 15 "literary talents," Friday, November 2, 8 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). $7 general, $5 students/seniors/patrons. 619-434-9036. (BALBOA PARK)

Tiger Lilies Misery Guts Tour — cult London three-piece band plays "twisted fusion of prewar Berlin cabaret and avant-garde music hall in deranged anarchic Gypsy style," Friday, November 2, 8 p.m., at San Diego Women's Club (2557 Third Avenue). $25. Reservations: 619-235-8466. 21 and older. (SAN DIEGO)

Global Warming for Kids, Lee Rathbone discusses *Clean Sky: The Global Warming Story,* Saturday, November 3, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Book seeks to offer "comprehensive explanation of global warming…on a level that children can visualize and understand." Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

SDSU Jazz Orchestra performs with pianist Geoffrey Keezer, Saturday, November 3, 2 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. $12. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

The Langston Hughes Poetry Circle convenes for readings "fighting racism, oppression, and injustice," Saturday, November 3, 3 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 760-285-9737. (ENCANTO)

A Tomboy Named Trouble, four-time surfing world champion Lisa Andersen visits Book Works to discuss and sign her biography, *Fearlessness: The Story of Lisa Andersen,* by Nick Carroll, on Saturday, November 3, 7 p.m. Find shop in Flower Hill Promenade, 2670 Via de la Valle; 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Judy Taylor in Concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, November 3, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). Taylor has opened shows for Doc Watson, Gary Morris, Bill Monroe. $15. 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Human Genome "Mapper" and scientist J. Craig Venter discusses and signs *A Life Decoded,* Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Seriously Funny, comic David Steinberg presents his new memoir *The Book of David* for San Diego Jewish Book Fair on Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Steinberg is second only to Bob Hope in *Tonight Show* guest appearances, was an early member of Second City. Booksigning follows. $15.50. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Poets Joe Milosch (*Poetic Matrix*) and Stephen McDonald (*Where There Was No Pattern*) read for Poets INC and Escondido Arts Partnership, Sunday, November 4, 1 p.m., at Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

Pulitzer Prize–Nominated Local Journalist Caitlin Rother debuts her first novel, *Naked Addic-*

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tion, Sunday, November 4, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (KEARNY MESA)

The Multiple Grammy Award-Winning vocal ensemble Chanticleer plans concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (743 Prospect Street). Repertoire includes chant, Renaissance polyphony, jazz and gospel standards, innovative contemporary fare. $25 general. 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

Traditional American Spirituals, marches, Gershwin, the Beatles, and other pieces may be heard when 70-member San Diego Concert Band performs Sunday, November 4, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

San Diego Jewish Book Fair continues with David Ben-Gurion biographer Michael Bar-Zohar, Sunday, November 4, who will discuss his latest work, *Shimon Peres: The Biography.* Clinical psychologist and parent educator Wendy Mogel discusses her new book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children,* Monday, November 5. Ambassador Dennis Ross, Middle East envoy for presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, presents his latest, *Statecraft and How to Restore America's Standing in the World,* on Thursday, November 8. Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Booksignings follow. $15.50 per talk. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

They Never Play the Same Show Twice! Yo La Tengo plans concert, Sunday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (743 Prospect Street). Band will play "an almost-acoustic set of songs from their entire catalog, with stories about their life as a band, and an encouraged back-and-forth with the audience." $25. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Sunday Seizure Comedy stand-up show featuring Jonny Loquasto, Kenny Klein, Sean Hetherington, Sam Saifer, Jason Bang, Sunday, November 4, 8:30 p.m., at Honey Bee Hive (1409 C Street). $5. 619-702-6010. For those 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

The Serenati Vocal Duet performs for mini-concert at noon, Monday, November 5, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Boasting Stints in Ministry, Public Image Ltd., and Killing Joke, drummer Martin Atkins visits Gelato Vero Caffe (3753 India Street) on Monday, November 5, 6 p.m., to discuss and sign *Tour:Smart (And Break the Band).* Free. 619-295-9269. (MIDDLETOWN)

Music of South India promised during world music series concerts on Monday, November 5, starting at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. $10. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Local Children's Author Kathleen Duey has written over 70 books, including "The Unicorn's Secret" series. She'll discuss her work, Tuesday, November 6. Duey visits Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive, 760-434-2897) at 3:30 p.m. and Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane, 760-602-2047) at 7 p.m. Free. (CARLSBAD, LA COSTA)

The Bayou Brothers play for music night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, November 6, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-489-0191. (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)

Wide Variety of Jazz Styles on offer when Joe Lovano Quartet takes stage for Athenaeum Jazz series, Tuesday, November 6, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). $29. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Blues and Rock on tap when singer-songwriter Anna Troy takes stage for Free First Wednesdays series, November 7, at 4 and 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Free. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Poetry Unlimited Art and Music honors memory of "Heart of San Diego" host Fred Lewis with poet Jean Klein, Wednesday, November 7, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Music by Dominique, Valerie Kim. Hosted by Jean Frank. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz in the Park series continues with concert by Roberta Piket Trio and guest Coral MacFarland Thuet, Wednesday, November 7, 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. $22. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Broken Government" — John Dean, legal counsel to President Richard Nixon during Watergate scandal, presents his eighth book, *Broken Government,* during event hosted by La Mesa-Foothills, East County, and Santee Democratic Clubs. Dean "takes the broadest and deepest view yet of the dysfunctional chaos and institutional damage that the Republican Party

and its core conservatives have inflicted on the federal government." Head to La Mesa Community Center (4975 Memorial Drive) on Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m. Donation: $10. Dean will sign books purchased at event. 619-820-5321. (LA MESA)

Running Grunion! Native American storyteller portrayed by Abel Silvas during concert for all ages, Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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

You Will Be Tested! Learn to identify your "top five passions and determine what really matters most to you" in *The Passion Test,* by Chris Attwood. Attwood signs, discusses his book, Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"First Wednesday Poet's Dance" hosted by Langston Hughes Poetry Circle; artistic collaboration in improvisation with music, dance, spoken word on Wednesday, November 7. Dancers from the Garage, Ryan Beck, and Kevin Jenkins, along with vocals, keyboard by Delores Fisher, others. Open mike follows for poetry readings "which dignify the dancers." Events start at 8 p.m. at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (6875 El Cajon Boulevard). $5 general, $2 students. 619-285-9737. (COLLEGE AREA)

Next Exit Ensemble plays "genre-busting" music for Concert Hour series, Thursday, November 8, 12:30 p.m. in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Literary Trunk Show! Book Works and W.W. Norton Publishers present literary evening, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m. Norton representative Joseph Murphy presents highlights of 2007 season and history of the house that published literary luminaries including e.e. cummings, Sigmund Freud, Simone de Beauvoir, many others. How are promising books coaxed from manuscript to bookstore? Find shop at 2670 Via de la Valle, 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

"Provoked with Henry Rollins," this "evening of quintessentially American opinionated editorializing and storytelling" by the loquacious Rollins hits stage on Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: $20, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 21 and up. (DOWNTOWN)

International Star Julio Iglesias performs his ballads, Wednesday, November 14, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: $63–$78. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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)

OUT & ABOUT

TROUBADOUR ELLIS PAUL
For AcousticMusicSanDiego, Sunday, November 4.

(SEE IN PERSON)

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)

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

Blowfish Surf Series competition, Saturday, November 3, 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m., at Oceanside Harbor south jetty. Free for spectators. 805-234-2563. (OCEANSIDE)

California Paddle 2007, extreme endurance athlete, environmental activist Tom Jones will be on the last leg of 1250-mile expedition down entire coast of California on 14-foot paddleboard when he reaches Ocean Beach Pier on Saturday, November 3. Paddle out to welcome Jones and take part in beach cleanup, part of Campaign for a Plastic-Free Ocean, starting at 9 a.m. at Veteran's Plaza at pier. Free. 619-758-7743. (OCEAN BEACH)

Pumpkin Patch 5K Run/Walk — raising funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County — is Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m., at Oma's Pumpkin Patch (14950 El Monte Road). Day-of registration at 8 a.m. 619-890-6067. (LAKESIDE)

"Walk Now for Autism" is Saturday, November 3, starting at 9:30 a.m. between Sixth Avenue and Balboa Drive. Registration for 5k is at 8 a.m., opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. (BALBOA PARK)

"WWE — Raw Live" hits San Diego Sports Arena on Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. Competitors include Triple H, John Cena, Randy Orton, King Booker, others. Tickets: $21–$51, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Hitman Paintball Challenge slated for Sunday November 4, 7 a.m.–2 p.m., at Velocity Paintball Park (1350 Warnock Drive). Expect "a themed game with scenarios pulled…from plotlines" in upcoming *Hitman* movie. Free. Bring your own paint or purchase at park. 619-871-8504. (RAMONA)

San Diego Chargers are in Minnesota for game against the Vikings on Sunday, November 4, 10 a.m. Game broadcast on CBS; listen on radio station KIOZ-FM, Rock 105.3. Tickets for future games: $54–$92, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Mixed Martial Arts Extreme Cage Fighting with fighters using variety of combat styles for Total Combat, Sunday, November 4, at Show Palace (1527 Mission Avenue). Tickets: $30, $40, $100. 619-392-4660. (OCEANSIDE)

2007 Oceanside Fallen Officer 5k memorial beach walk/run in honor of Officer Dan Bessant is Saturday, November 10, 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)

SPECIAL

"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)

18th-Century Topsail Schooner *Privateer Lynx* sails into San Diego Bay with cannons firing on Thursday, November 1, 3 p.m. *Lynx* and revenue cutter *Californian* plan cannon battles on bay on Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4 ($55 adults, $30 for those 12 and younger). Reservations: 866-446-5969.

Lynx will sail with *Star of India,* Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Viewing from areas around bay is free. 619-234-9153. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

"Relax and Heal," yoga class taught by Jaruska Solyova "specifically designed for fire victims and…firefighters" of all levels, sizes, ages, Thursday, November 1, 5 p.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). Free. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

Día de los Muertos festivities November 1–3 at Chicano Park (at César Chávez Parkway and Logan Avenue). Bring flowers and candles to Azteca ceremony and dance with potluck, Thursday, 6 p.m.–midnight. You're invited to bring food to cactus garden, Friday, noon–4 p.m. Azteca Dancers perform during Saturday's events, noon–5:30 p.m.; bring flowers, candles, potluck dishes. No alcohol. Free. 619-237-9745. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"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)

"Art Bakes No Bread," exhibition of paintings by Jeanne Dunn opens with reception on Friday, November 2, 5:30 p.m., at Bread & Cie Bakery and Cafe (350 University Avenue). Closes Thursday, November 29. 619-683-9322. (HILLCREST)

Brewers' Guild Benefit, handcrafted beers showcased, Friday, November 2, 7 p.m., at WorldBeat Cultural Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Around 20 breweries will

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Board Game Benefit for Heifer International, Friday, November 2, 8 p.m., at Tea N More (7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Play a variety of board games ranging from Sequence to Taboo. Donation: $10. 619-204-8834. (CLAIREMONT)

Gem Diego, annual show hosted by San Diego Mineral and Gem Society, November 3 and 4 at Al Bahr Shrine (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Forty exhibits, 16 vendors of handmade jewelry, fossils, display rocks, gems, minerals; demonstrations of silversmithing, rock-sphere making, gem cutting, other lapidary skills. Hours: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday. $3 general. 858-586-1637. (KEARNY MESA)

Cathy Carey Open Studio and garden tour, Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Enjoy reception in one-acre garden overlooking Lake Hodges, oil and watercolor paintings, Murano Bead jewelry by Carey. Find spot at 2048 Ridgecrest Place. Free. Directions: 760-489-9109. (ESCONDIDO)

Discover Downtown Day! Head to Park at Petco Park for "Downtown by Design" home tour, entertainment, seminars about urban décor, downsizing, pets in the city, downtown culture, more, Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. $15. 619-233-5008. (DOWNTOWN)

"Glenn Allison Memorial Sit-a-Thon" sponsored by Developmental Services Continuum, Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Liberty Station (2875 Dewey Road). Table, video games, yoga lessons, palm readings, videos, "demonstrations of exercises that can be incorporated into daily sitting routines." Donation: $25. Registration at 9 a.m. 619-460-7333. (POINT LOMA)

Home Tour and craft show, Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Sweetwater Women's Club (3855 Sweetwater Road). Tickets for touring three decorated homes: $10. Craft show only on Sunday, November 4, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. (free). 619-482-5617. (BONITA)

"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, November 3 and 4 (and November 10 and 11), 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)

52nd Massing of the Colors and "Service of Remembrance" hosted by the Military Order of the World Wars, Saturday, November 3, 10:30 a.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Honor military and American flag. Free. 760-494-0709. (BALBOA PARK)

Gregorian Chant Workshop planned during "Reform of the Reform: Now What?" conference, Saturday, November 3, 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Church (130 East 13th Avenue). "Where Do We Go from Here?" round-table discussion with Bishop Cordileone, Father Fessio, Helen Hitchcock, Father Jerry Pokorsky (2:30 p.m.). $15 per person, $25 per family. Registration: 800-526-2151 x413. (ESCONDIDO)

What Are You Made Of? Heard of the double helix? "DNA Day" at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Saturday, November 3, noon–3 p.m. See DNA, take some home. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

It's Ukulele Time! Head to Museum of Making Music for ukulele workshop, discussion, and concert on Saturday, November 3. "Strummin' with Jumpin' Jim" ukulele workshop by Jim Beloff and Lyle Ritz (1 p.m.).

"Tiptoeing Through the Tulips: The Surprising Story of the Ukulele in Modern Culture" presented during panel discussion with John King and Jim Tranquada, joined by Ritz and Beloff (3 p.m.). How did ukulele become "the national instrument of Hawaii"?

"The Ukulele Unusual" — concert by John King, Lyle Ritz, Jim and Liz Beloff (7 p.m.). Program includes familiar and unusual music including pop and Hawaiian standards, classical music, jazz.

Find museum at 5790 Armada Drive. $15 ticket covers all three events. Required reservations: 760-438-5996, x212. (CARLSBAD)

"Mankind Evolving" by Theodosius Dobzhansky is subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, November 3, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Newcomers welcome. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Chili Cook-Off and Western roundup with Barncats Band, dancing, comedy, Saturday, November 3, 6 p.m., at St. John of

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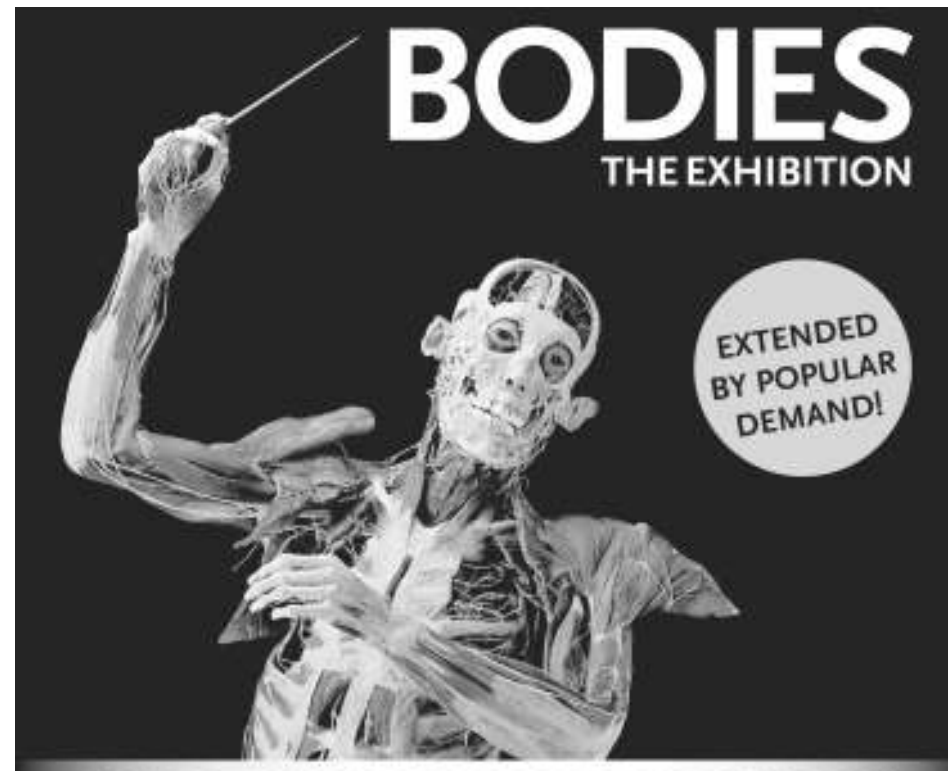

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San Diego Velodrome Fall Swap Meet, Sunday, November 4, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Buyer fee: $3 general, free for those 7 and younger. 619-573-4953. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Fertility Expo with reproductive endocrinologists, fertility acupuncture, experts on nutrition for fertility, fertility yoga, surrogacy, adoption is Sunday, November 4, noon–4 p.m., at Marina Village (1936 Quivira Way). Free. 619-265-0291. (MISSION BAY)

Veteran's Day Program planned at International Cottages on Sunday, November 4, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Wine and Food Festival benefiting City of Hope cancer research and treatment programs, Sunday, November 4, 3–6 p.m., at Del Mar Plaza (1555 Camino Del Mar). Variety of wines from regional vineyards, foods from area restaurants like Epazote's, Sbicca, Il Fornaio and Pacifica Del Mar. $65 at door. 858-452-6846. (DEL MAR)

Craft Club gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale in garden's gift shop, Monday, November 5, 10 a.m. $5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"Flags," exhibit of 15 photographs taken in last three years by *North County Times* photographer Waldo Nilo may be seen through December at Vista Library (700 Eucalyptus Avenue). Meet Nilo during opening reception, Monday, November 5, 6 p.m. Photographs depict various settings where flags are flying, including recent protests by students in North County, at sporting events, by soldiers leaving for war. Free. 760-643-5100. (VISTA)

"Mountains beyond Mountains" — Tracy Kidder's book about Dr. Paul Farmer and his quest to bring medical care to impoverished peoples — is subject for discussion led by SDSU emeritus professor Henry Janssen, Monday, November 5, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Farmer's philosophy is that "the only real nation is humanity." Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Tribute to Max Roach" planned by Nathan Hubbard and Jeanette Kangas percussion duet, Wednesday, November 7, noon, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

"In Land of Heart's Desire," exhibit of images by photographer Tony Gleaton opens with reception, Wednesday, November 7, 5 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). County library director José Aponte will speak, classical guitarist Magdalena Loza-Flores will play selections from Latin America. Free. 619-694-2415. Closes Saturday, December 8. (LEMON GROVE)

The Original 1923 "Hollywood" Sign has been purchased by relief sculptor Bill Mack, who has painted images of Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo, James Dean on panels of original letter, pieced them together to create "an artistic eight-foot-tall *H.*" Piece is on view Thursday–Sunday, November 8–11, 10 a.m.–9 p.m., at Seaport Village (849 West Harbor Drive). Free viewing. 619-235-40914. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by Chef Joey for demonstrations on Thursday, November 8, 1 and 6:30 p.m., at Bloomingdale's San Diego at Fashion Valley (7057 Friars Road). Free. 619-610-6400. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Constitution as a 'Living Document'" is topic for P&R Discussion Group, Thursday, November 8, 7 p.m., at Other Side Coffee House (4096 30th Street). Free. 619-370-1027. (NORTH PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER
School House Rock Live!
Through Sunday, November 11, San Diego Junior Theatre.

(SEE FOR KIDS)

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FOR KIDS

"Dr. Lackowitz vs. the Computer Virus" presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, November 4, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Big Foot: The Musical* by Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers, November 7–11.

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)

Knowledge Is Power, new season for San Diego Junior Theatre gets underway with *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* Production continues through 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)

The Musical *Bye, Bye Birdie* is being presented by Broadway High Children's Theatre Arts Academy, November 2–4, at Mission Theater (231 North Main Street). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2:30 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: $15 reserved, $12.50 general and students, $10 military, seniors, and children 12 and younger. 760-731-2278. (FALLBROOK)

Fall Back Festival, wear your cowboy hats and boots and head back in time when Gaslamp Quarter hosts events on Sunday, November 4, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., in front of William Heath Davis House (at Fourth Avenue and Island Street). Blacksmithing, pie- and ice-cream-eating contests, Wild West "shootouts," gold panning, sand art, soap-making and basket-weaving demonstrations, more. Tickets: $5, kids under 2 free. 619-233-4692 or 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

San Diego Jewish Book Fair Family Day is Sunday, November 4, 1–5 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Authors on hand: Amy Hest, Sylvia Rouss, Lisa Schulman, Fiona Rosenbloom; storytelling, craft activities, music by San Diego Children's Choir and Yale Strom, live performance of *Sammy Spider's First Haggadah,* more. Free. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"Color Suspension," explore Robert Irwin's *Who's Afraid of Red, Yellow, and Blue* and create a "gravity-defying masterpiece using a variety of colors, shapes, and textures" during family day, Sunday, November 4, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Jacobs Building (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Included in regular museum admission for adults ($6 general), free for those 25 and younger. 858-454-3541 x151. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success," Deepak Chopra's film, screens Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m., at Vision Center for Spiritual Living (11260 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 609-303-6609. (TIERRASANTA)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

See artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

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

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

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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

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

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

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

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Museum of San Diego History, "Place of Promise: Stories of San Diego" lets visitors "literally walk on San Diego"; a map of county extends from wall to wall across the floor. Also featured in ongoing exhibit are two large 1930s murals by artist Charles Reiffel and a 1910 San Diego streetcar. Stories of San Diego are interpreted through images, artifacts, oral histories from society's collection. The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUT & ABOUT

TOMBOY NAMED TROUBLE
Surfing champion Lisa Andersen, Saturday, November 3, Book Works.

(SEE IN PERSON)

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

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

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

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

San Diego Museum of Man, "Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land" tells story of profound changes metallurgy brought to human society: birth of Mediterranean farming, creation of first temples and cemeteries, emergence of complex societies. Exhibition chronicles development of humanity in present-day Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Highlights include photographs by *National Geographic* photographer Kenneth Garrett and collection of archaeological artifacts seen for first time on West Coast. Through January.

"Edward S. Curtis Refocused" offers Native American insight into Curtis's photo documentation of their lives. Curtis is famous for his photographs of recreated scenes of traditional life and ceremony, for portraits of tribe members wearing historic garments. Exhibition features prints of his photogravures taken in locations throughout U.S. and Canada and examines some controversial elements of Curtis's work, techniques he used.

"Art and Expression: The Legacy of Our Collections" highlights 17 key collections, relates stories of the collectors, how collections came to museum, their significance in preserving history of past generations. Objects include pottery, baskets, beadwork, jewelry, woodcarving, folk art, katsinas, bone and ivory implements, shields, textiles.

In "Artists Speak: Contemporary Art from Ghana and Zimbabwe," museum has partnered with artists from Ghana and Zimbabwe to showcase paintings and sculpture by accomplished African artists.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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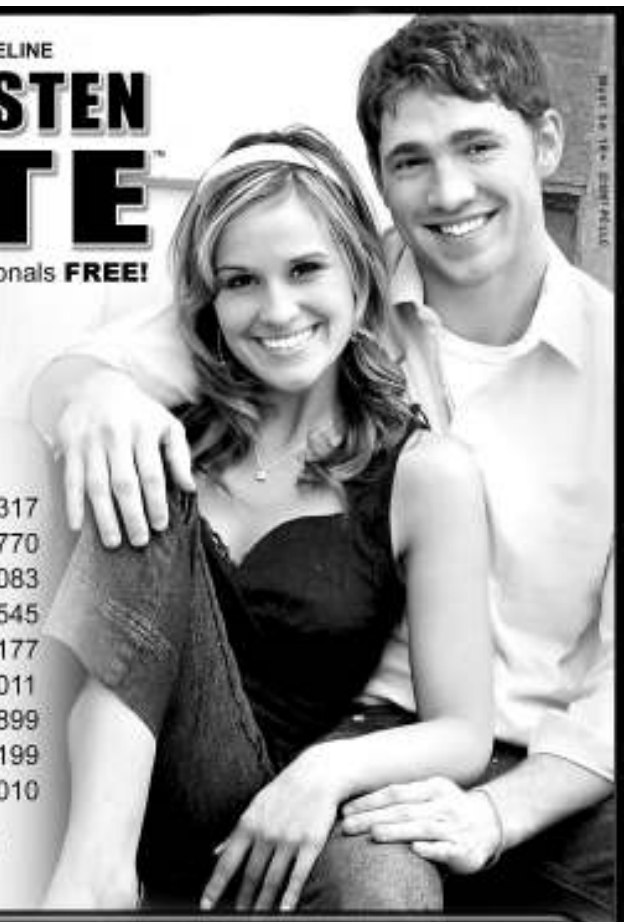

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CLASSICAL

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)

Cultural Events Series promises Kyle Coughlin (clarinet) in concert, Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). $15 general. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

Mahler's Symphonic Meditation on "nature, man, angels, God, and the love and hope that bind them all" offered in his "Symphony No. 3," showcased during "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts November 2–4 in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Symphony joined by Jane Irwin (mezzo-soprano), San Diego Master Chorale, and San Diego Children's Choir. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $20–$90. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Selections by Ponchielli, Schubert, Wagner, Sieczynski, Chopin, and Gershwin may be heard during "Special Guests Program," Saturday, November 3, at Californiae Foundation for International Global Arts (Galerie d'Art International, 320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Soprano Alla Markovich is joined by pianist Irina Bessonova. Tickets: $20 in advance, $23 at door. Reception at 5:30 p.m., concert at 6 p.m., cocktails at 7:15 p.m. Recommended reservations: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Faith, Hope, and Love" — Palomar Chamber Singers perform Paul Basler's "Songs of Faith" suite for piano, French horn, and choir on November 3 and 4. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). $5 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"Starting with Light," American premiere of "Cello Concerto" by Philip Glass promised when La Jolla Symphony and Chorus and cellist Wendy Sutter perform November 3 and 4. Glass plans to attend premiere as part of his 70th birthday year celebration. Program includes "The Light That Fills the World" by Alaskan composer John Luther Adam and Beethoven's "Fourth Symphony." Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. $36 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Guest Organist Jackson Borges plans organ concert on Sunday, November 4, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Trios by C.P.E. Bach, Louise Farrenc, and Robert Schumann may be heard when pianist Miho Gary and friends perform for fall concert series on Sunday, November 4, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

"An Organ Panorama" with music by Buxtehude, Bach, Messiaen, Paulus, Plummer, Utterback, Elmore, Langlais, and others may be heard when organist Robert Plimpton performs Sunday, November 4, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Faculty Clarinet Concert by Robert Zelickman, Monday, November 5, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall, UCSD. $10 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

Guest Artist Recital by violinist Päivikki Nykter and pianist Anna Savvas-Katkov, Tuesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2344. (POINT LOMA)

Saxophone and Piano Concert by Eliot Gattegno and Eric Wubbels, Tuesday, November 6, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Recital Hall, UCSD. $10 general. 858-534-3229. (LA JOLLA)

"A Tribute to Max Roach" planned by Nathan Hubbard and Jeanette Kangas percussion duet, Wednesday, November 7, noon, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Cecilia String Quartet in concert, Wednesday, November 7, noon, in Rhapsody Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

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GALLERIES

The Final Exhibition after 12 years in Studio Art Complex opens with Kettner Nights reception, Friday, November 2, 6 p.m., at C.J. Kuhl Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard #208). 858-696-7230. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Happy Apple Color Organ," this "interactive light installation…in celebration of Day of the Dead" by Wendell King opens with reception on Friday, November 2, 6 p.m., at Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue). Closes Sunday, November 11. 619-521-0676. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Seeing Red," exhibition of new assemblages by Joseph Bennett on display Friday, November 2, 6 p.m., at Ubiquitous Bee Gallery (2200 Kettner Boulevard). 619-871-6801. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Día de los Muertos" exhibition of altars and artworks by Anna and Matthew Rope, Chris Lindgren, Judy Parker, and David Thomas opens with reception, Friday, November 2, 7 p.m., at Playa Gallery (2938 Adams Avenue). 619-312-5638. (NORTH PARK)

"Nature Objectified," vintage art sale emphasizing "relationship between artist and materials from the natural world" hosted by Objects USA opens Friday, November 2, 7 p.m., at Ronis and Associates (1946 Broadway). Show and sale continues Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free admission. 619-232-1266. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Splendor in the Glass," 26th annual juried art glass show hosted by Art Glass Guild and Art Glass Association of Southern California opens with reception on Saturday, November 3, 6 p.m., in Studio 21 at Spanish Village. 858-205-8708. Through Monday, November 12. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Art of Dr. Seuss" opens with reception, Saturday, November 3, 7 p.m., at Fingerhut Gallery (205 Prospect Street); Dr. Seuss national curator Bill Dreyer will speak at reception. Show includes "previously unreleased artwork by Dr. Seuss," rare sold-out limited editions, complete "Unorthodox Taxidermy" sculpture collection. Reception reservations: 858-456-9900. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "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.

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

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

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Picturing Eden," continuing through Sunday, January 13, examines "many facets of paradise, from a place of contemplation and restoration to a site of loneliness and despair." Exhibition includes work by more than 30 artists, including Michael Kenna, Sally Mann, Han Nguyen, and Doug and Mike Starn.

"Public Privacy: Wendy Richmond's Surreptitious Cellphone" is said to explore "how 20th-Century Americans occupy personal spaces while going about their daily lives in the public eye." Richmond allows viewers to observe people in mundane routines by shooting tiny movies on her cellphone video camera. Closes Sunday, January 6.

Also on view through January 6, "New Light: Selections from MoPA's Education Programs," including photographic and multimedia pieces by more than 60 San Diego students.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

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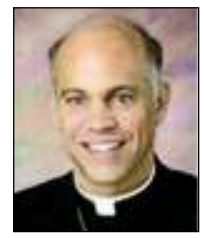
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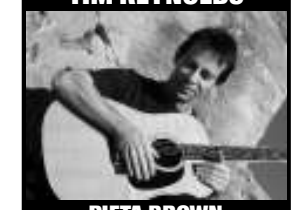
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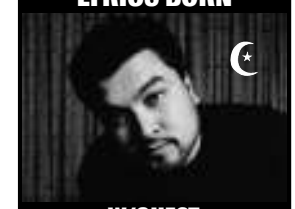
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Blowin' Up Richard Aguirre says he is serious about running for the 2010 gubernatorial seat. His new band is scheduled to play Humphrey's Backstage at his campaign kickoff on December 21.

The singer/guitarist has disbanded the Karl Marx Band after seven years.

"I think the reason for our mediocre success was the name," says Aguirre. "I think it was a thorn in the side of people who didn't understand." His new six-man band, Future Governor, is also a jam band.

Aguirre says his run has nothing to do with the fact that his uncle, city attorney Mike Aguirre, is one of San Diego's best-known politicos.

"I see him maybe once every six months."

Aguirre says his campaign *(aguirreforgovernor.com)* will be based on his "California Prosperity Plan," which calls for the State of California to take control of utility companies.

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AGUIRRE TO TARGET CORPORATIONS

"This is not socialistic; it's capitalistic at its best," says Aguirre. "We've been putting all our faith in corporations, and they've screwed us at every corner. The power companies stole our land from us in the first place."

Aguirre, who sees himself as "a cross between John F. Kennedy and Bruce Springsteen," says his public profile as a working-class person who surfs, fronts his own band, and has graduated from UC Berkeley will stimulate interest. "My friend says I'm a media explosion waiting to happen."

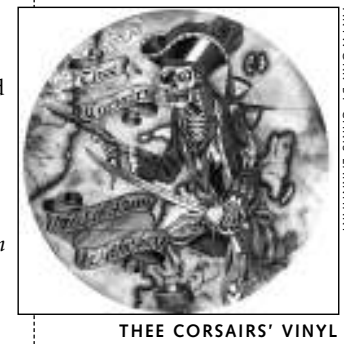
— Ken Leighton

Grooved Booty "Our deal [with U.K.-based Inka Records] started out as a CD," says Greaser, guitarist for garage/surf-rock trio Thee Corsairs. "We said we wanted vinyl. They came back and suggested a picture disc. They only made 500 copies [of *Tales of Rum and Whiskey*]….

"The A-side is a custom art piece with a pirate skeleton with rotting flesh and ripped clothes. He's holding a gun and a huge bloody sword. The B-side has our skull-and-crossbones logo….

"A lot of people used to shy away from picture discs because they had really bad audio quality. Picture discs nowadays sound really, really good.… Once you put out a CD, everyone can [copy] that same CD. It takes more effort to [digitally] copy vinyl."

Thee Corsairs provided a finished master recording that included 11 tracks recorded at Earthling Studios and 4 tracks recorded live at the Casbah. Inka covered the cost of pressing the vinyl (which was done at Pirates Press, a company based in San Francisco), kept 250 copies, and gave the band 250.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THEE CORSAIRS' VINYL

"Inka is selling them for, like, $30 including shipping. We are selling ours for $10."

Eight local fans can win a copy by finding a message in a bottle. The band posts clues on its website *(theecorsairs.com)*. The first winner figured out that the bottle could be found at the Live Wire on El Cajon Boulevard.

Greaser says his band settled on the Thee Corsairs name in 2001, "…long before there was a pirate bandwagon. I just always thought pirates were pretty rad. Corsairs sounded pretty menacing. We threw in 'Thee' to make it a little more noble."

Tales of Rum and Whiskey is also available through the band's website, Lou's Records in Encinitas, and Thirsty Moon in Hillcrest.

— Ken Leighton

Punk Definition #569 "I knew I wanted to move to California since the fifth grade," says singer/guitarist Jared Andrews. "It's the promised land of music. There is no real scene in Indiana."

Andrews says Sublime interested him in Southern California, but it was Slightly Stoopid that made him and bassist Tom Robertson move to San Diego last year; with drummer Stephan Silva, they call themselves Elephants in Mud.

"The first place we lived at was in City Heights," says Andrews. "We went straight to the ghetto. Our next-door neighbor was a meth dealer, but it was still better than Indiana. If you get pulled over with a joint, you get six months' probation and a weekend in jail."

What do they think of the local scene?

"There are a lot of 35-year-old booking agents who want to latch on to young bands. They are the leeches of the scene. Last summer we were getting ready to record our first record. We gave all our money to our manager, who took off to Florida… One thousand dollars may not

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"At Dream Street, they give you a stack of tickets. At the end of the night you have to show up with the money or the tickets. Because no one knew who the hell we were, we just gave out most of our tickets. We shot ourselves in the foot. We ended up paying $90 just to play our first show."

Andrews maintains his reggae/punk/hip-hop trio is one of the few local bands without musical boundaries.

"Name one real punk band in San Diego. Everybody is trying to fit into a certain formula. If bands think that you have to play the same Ramones or Sex Pistols riff, then it's not punk.… Punk rock was never about flogging a dead horse.… The Clash had no boundaries. That's what made them punk rock."

Elephants in Mud appear November 15 at 710 Beach Club.

— Ken Leighton

Leaving San Diego "We sold our house, all our furniture, and my wedding ring to make the move to Nashville," says San Diego singer/songwriter Erin McCarley. After three years of playing venues such as 'Canes, the Casbah, and Twiggs, McCarley moved with her husband last June to Nashville to put together an album.

"We had a few rough starts," she says as we sit in a trendy Nashville bar.

Before she moved to San Diego in 2003, McCarley spent two years in Nashville, recording several songs with a Nashville producer. Eventually, the two had a falling out.

"It was one of the hardest things I have ever gone through, knowing how much we had both invested with money and time into creating the five songs we did together. The project we did together is now just a memory…no product was ever published."

Upon her return to Nashville, McCarley found producer Jamie Kenney, who has spent the past several years writing, producing, programming, and playing keys for artists whose musical styles range from indie rock to Christian to country. (He worked as Carrie Underwood's keyboard player on her last tour.)

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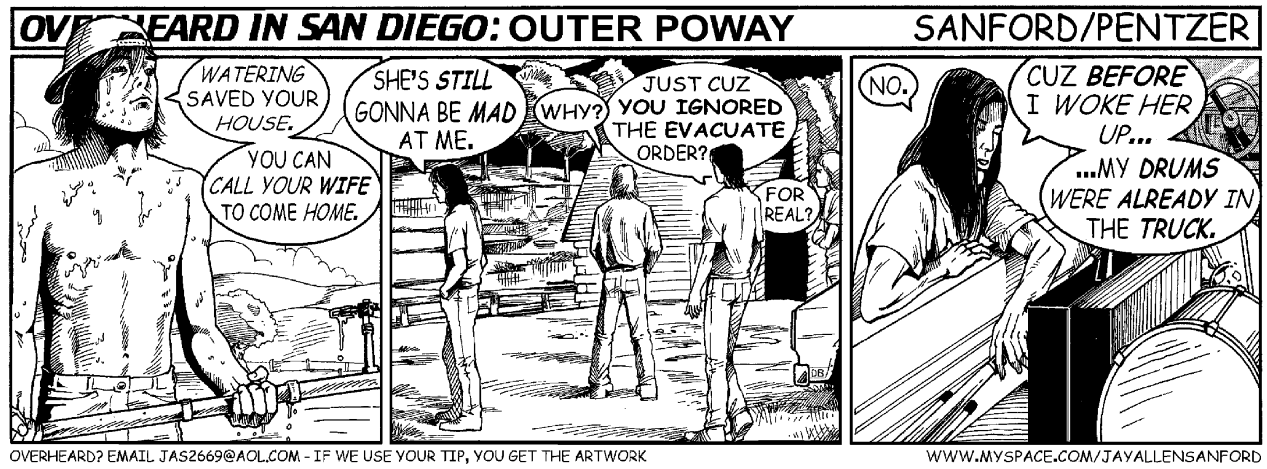
McCARLEY STARTS OVER

"Finding a good producer is like trying to find a husband.… With us, things just clicked. We cowrite songs, and we trust each other."

Kenney isn't being paid for his work; he won't be reimbursed if the album doesn't get picked up by a label. To make ends meet, McCarley paints friends' houses and works occasionally as a personal assistant.

— Daniel Ridge



Cooked Jazz Downtown's all-age jazz club at 344 Seventh Avenue, Dizzy's, was shut down in June for a city-mandated earthquake retrofit. Owner Chuck Perrin says the planned November reopening has been delayed until mid-2008.

In the interim, Perrin has found a new location at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive). The move five blocks west solves Perrin's previous biggest problem: scheduling conflicts with neighbor Petco Park on game days. On those occasions Dizzy's has gone dark, as huge Padres crowds kept the club's patrons away.

Though the combination 8000-square-foot wine bar and cooking school offers live jazz for its Thursday and Friday happy-hour crowds, Perrin's concerts will be the first to be held at the three-year-old facility. Unlike the Seventh Avenue location, alcohol sales will be permitted.

SDWCC owner John Alongee says he's thrilled to host a regular concert series, but don't expect to see hip-hop, rock, or country music pop up there.

"We're not a nightclub per se, so I don't think harder-edged music would work."

The grand opening takes place November 29, with a performance from guitar virtuosos Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda; on November 15, a preview show will feature the Nathan Hubbard Octet.

— Bart Mendoza

Good Fit Forty-three years ago today — 11/1/64 — the Rolling Stones played an evening show at Balboa Park Bowl after appearing that afternoon at Long Beach's Civic Auditorium. Tickets cost $3.50, and the show started at 5:00 p.m. Openers included local garage band the Misfits, which featured future Moby Grape singer/bassist Bob Mosley.

"We played a lot of places around town," he recalled in a 2005 interview, "but [the Stones show] was the biggest thing we'd done."

At the time, the Misfits were signed to Imperial Records, whose roster included Ricky Nelson and Fats Domino. Their single, "This Little Piggy," released just before the Stones show, was appearing in Top 30 surveys for radio station KDEO — which hosted the Stones concert — as well as at KCBQ and KGB.

A backstage photo of the Stones mingling with locals is reproduced here: (top row from left) Ron Armstrong, Bill Wyman, Keith Richards, Earl Steely, Mick Jagger, Joey Page, Charlie Watts, and Bob Mosley; (bottom row from left) Joel Scott Hill, an unidentified photographer, Harold Kirby, and Eddy Dunn. Misfits members depicted are drummer Armstrong, rhythm guitarist Steely, bassist Mosley, and lead guitarist Dunn. Hill and Kirby were with the local Joel Scott Band. Page was an area singer, and the photo was taken by Misfits manager (and swimming pool salesman) Bob Herrington.

The Misfits split in 1965, after guitarist Earl Steely married and refused to tour. Bob Mosley joined Moby Grape but hit on hard times after that band dissolved amidst years of lawsuits.

"I was living in the bushes alongside a San Diego freeway in 1996," he recalled in 2005, "when a friend picked me up and told me Judge Garcia in San Francisco had agreed to give the Moby Grape name back to the band, instead of the corporate suits." The partially reformed Grape occasionally performs and records today.

The day after the San Diego show, the Rolling Stones recorded at RCA Studios in Hollywood for the first time. They taped the songs "Pain in My Heart," "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love," "Hitch Hike," "Heart of Stone," and "Down Home Girl."

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THE MISFITS AND STONES, ON SAME PATH

— Jay Allen Sanford

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This Week In Music

Thursday 1

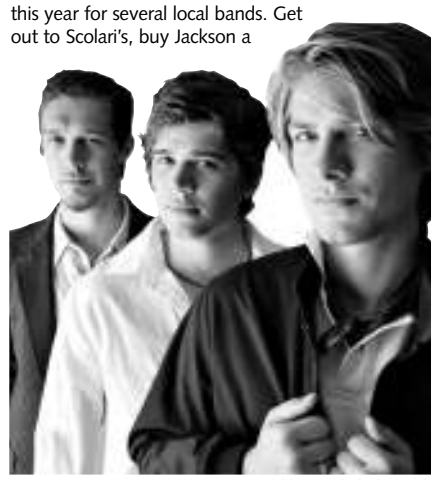
Rock choir **Polyphonic Spree** will populate Belly Up tonight. After the demise of Tim DeLaughter's alt-pop band Tripping Daisy ("I Got a Girl"), the singer had a vision — 25 dudes dressed in robes belting and playing orchestral rock propped by keys, horns, and percussionists. Eight years later, the robes have been replaced by black fatigues and the band has scored songs for film, TV, sports, and cars — all four food groups. This year, the Spree released their third full-length, *The Fragile Army*, and were taped for video series *Live from Austin, TX*. Apropos of nada, Tripping Daisy drummer Ben Curtis started power trio Secret Machines. That's some pedigree for the short-lived Dallas act. Skintight throwbacks **Rooney** and the **Redwalls** join the fray.... When I first heard L.A.-based quintet **Low vs. Diamond**, I thought I was listening to new Strokes — singer/guitarist Lucas Field has Casablancas's could-give-a-shit atonality. Further listening of the band's '07 debut *Heart Attack* uncovers LvD's hopeful, cinematic, decidedly un-Strokes-like scope. The band was signed by Warner after one set!? They'll play Casbah tonight with L.A. beats band **Something for Rockets**, whose Mark Hoppus–produced debut, *One Track Mind,* dropped last week. SfR's singer/guitarist is Rami Perlman...Itzhak's son. Trip.

Friday 2

Australian collective **Architecture in Helsinki** will lay designs on House of Blues' stage Friday night. Six multi-instrumentalists play avant indie pop that incorporates all manner of musical media — synths and samplers to tuba and trombone. The band signed to Polyvinyl for their fourth proper, this summer's *Places Like This*. They share the bill with **Glass Candy** and Brooklyn's rising punk-n-roll quartet **Panthers**.... Seattle five-piece **Minus the Bear** ambles into Soma 'longside Portland's **Helio Sequence**. Lotta electronic harmonics from both, though the Helios tend more to shoegaze. A sampling of the Bears' latest, *Planet of Ice*, should sum it up.... Multiethnic L.A. nine piece **Ozomatli** will perform a free early set for the first 200 to get to Casbah. The posting says it's a promo show for "MySpace en Español." Whatever. The Latin-flavored Grammy winners (Latin-rock category for 2005's *Street Signs*) "bring the funk to shake ya junk." 7p too early to shake ya junk?... South-rock soul singers **Mofro** get it on at Belly Up. These Jacksonville cats would've killed at Monterey Pop back in the day. In fact, yell out yer fave Otis Redding tune and they'll turn you on. Listen to eponymous debut *Blackwater* — country ghetto, indeed.... Local swag rockers **Dirty Sweet** and **Get Back Loretta** look and sound groomed. In a good way. They'll kick glam into their big brother's Stones collection at 'Canes.

Saturday 3

I wish I were the black-sheep **Hanson**. The Andy Gibb Hanson. The Latoya Jackson Hanson. Do you think the three sibs will ever live down "MMMBop"? Their then-13-year-old audience should be old enough to catch the Hanson boys' House of Blues set Saturday night. The Tulsa-based family act are shilling this summer's Three Car Garage release *The Walk*, a mature pop-and-rock set that has critics comparing their sound to Fountains of Wayne and *Squeeze*. Whu?... Another brother act: Jackson and Keith Milgaten front San Diego's indie-rock doomsdayers **Vision of a Dying World**, who'll preach odd pop harmonies at Scolari's Office. Jackson Milgaten announced last week on Blog San Diego that he'd be taking hiatus from his Action Jackson Presents bookings to focus on his own bands. Dude's booked over 30 shows this year for several local bands. Get out to Scolari's, buy Jackson a



HANSON AT HOUSE OF BLUES

drink, and check fresh talents **Lightning Bug Situation**, the **Antiques**, and **Ash Reiter**.... L.A. six-piece **Dengue Fever** deliver Eastern-flavored jams to Casbah. Cambodian Chhom Nimol sings in Khmer, sliding her voice between jazz beats, farfissa organ, and straight-up scuzz rock. Ron Fountenberry's (aka Moses Leroy) folktronica band **Soft.Lightes** set the stage, and **Red Pony Clock** will play Atari Lounge.... Out at Tower, **Cabron** and **Neverland** pound hardcore. Cabron screamer Chino Leo reminds me of Minor Threat–era Ian MacKaye, politically and polemically, and his band smacks convincing '80s punk.

Sunday 4

The Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla will host New Jersey trio **Yo La Tengo**. In 20 years, husband/wife duo Georgia Hubley and Ira Kaplan and friend James McNew have released 15 records of art-y fringe pop that's been at turns danceable and dangerous — see last year's hit disc *I Am Not Afraid of You and I Will Beat Your Ass*. The critic faves have skirted mainstream popularity but maintain a devoted fanbase, for which these

YO LA TENGO AT THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

"town hall" sets are dedicated. YLT will pull back the veil and invite you into the Hoboken garage where the unassuming suburbanites meet, write, and record. They will discuss band history, field questions from the audience, and pitch an unplugged set spanning its career. For fans, this is a hell of an opportunity; for the unadulterated, go get career collection *Prisoners of Love* and I'll see you at the wine bar.... I'll be missing **Enon** at Casbah with **Love of Diagrams**.... **Bob Schneider** at the Belly Up.... And, ah, **Mad Juana** and **New York Station** at Beauty Bar.

Monday 5

Weens Gene and Dean are back on the bubble with last week's release *La Cucaracha*. Over two decades, the indie-rock novelty act has taken it light but played it heavy, burning through humorous riffs on sex and drugs over skronky rock and roll. Ween will ring-and-run House of Blues Monday night.... Broken Social Scene off-shoots **Do Make Say Think** will join Casbah's Anti-Monday League. DMST are another one of them large Canadian groups importing windy post-rock. The instrumental outfit will be joined by fellow Toronto scenester Andrew Whiteman and his Broken Social sidebar band **Apostle of Hustle**. Guitarist Whiteman plays Latin-flavored folk rock, influenced by his hiatus in Cuba. The Canadian acts are touring in support of '07 releases.... Surf dawg fave **Mason Jennings** will settle onto Belly Up's stage for a night of strummy sing-alongs. The Minneapolis native tours a folksy four-piece that'll swoon the Solana Beach room.

Tuesday 6

Sixty-six-year-old **Richie Havens** came up in Greenwich Village with Joan Baez and Bob Dylan; he opened Woodstock. The singer/player is not known for his own compositions but for his guitar tuning and style, which he uses to reinterpret hippie hits and standards — most notably, George Harrison's "Here Comes the Sun." Tuesday night, Havens and his beard will play AcousticMusicSanDiego.... Round the corner at Bar Pink Elephant, it's Tiki Tuesday with uke group **Cheap Leis** plucking traditional Polynesian fare while you sip and swirl your 'tinis.... And up in North County, L.A. hip-hop trio **Dilated Peoples** rock the mic at Belly Up. This summer, the Peeps dropped feature film *The Release Party* on DVD — y'know, if you want to see what you're in for.

Wednesday 7

Gov't Mule was supposed to be an Allman Brothers side project. Twelve years and twelve records later, these old Allmans are still bringing Southern jams to a hall near you. With an affinity for '60s power trios such as Jimi Hendrix Experience and Cream, head Mule Warren Haynes built a like-minded beast with Southern accents. Catch these raggedy road warriors at 4th&B with Vermont's rock-n-soul flower

WEEN AT HOUSE OF BLUES

Grace Potter and the Nocturnals.... **Gin Blossoms**. Remember them? "Hey Jealousy"? They'll, uh, try bloom again for ya at House of Blues. L.A. power popper **Ari Shine** opens.... Heady NYC trio **Robbers on High Street** tout 2007 New Line disc *Grand Animals* for Casbah crowd. Robbers share the bill with **Great Northern**, an L.A. boy-girl band rooted in piano pop and swooning harmonies. Debut *Trading Twilight for Daylight* is available via iTunes for a downloadable dose.

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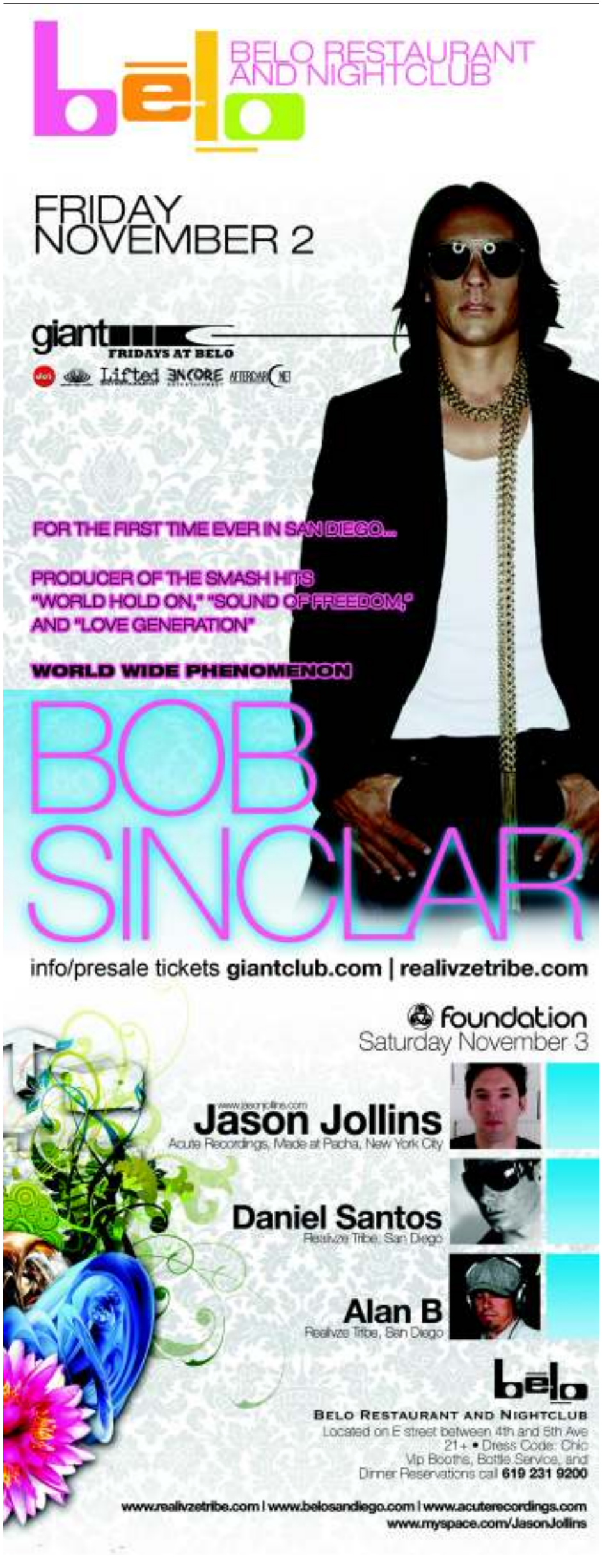
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SCENEMAKERS
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Mike Stax moved from the U.K. to San Diego in 1981 to join his favorite band, the Crawdaddys. Two years later Stax launched *Ugly Things* magazine. "We cover underground garage bands, many of them obscure and most from the '60s," he says.

Stax specializes in searching for long-lost recording artists, unreleased tracks, and untold tales — sometimes he just wants to know if one of his unheralded heroes is still alive. "The way I usually track these guys down is by going through [Internet] phone directories from all over the country — just finding people with the same last name and making phone calls to everyone in hopes of finding my guy directly or maybe a family member who can put me on the right path…"

"Not all of these guys have pleasant memories to share. A lot of them went through some real painful stuff, some serious tragedies. For the second issue I tracked down Sean Bonniwell from the Music Machine. They had a top-ten hit in 1966, but nobody had ever talked to him about those days…I tracked him down through a contact I had at Rhino Records as they were considering [releasing] some reissues [of Music Machine recordings]."

Two decades past his band's glory days, Bonniwell ended up living in a garage with no running water on a horse ranch in Porterville, California, north of Bakersfield. At the time, he was waging war in court against the Music Machine's former label, Original Sound, to recoup songwriting royalties.

Bonniwell's memories of the '60s aren't rosy. "We'd play almost anywhere, anytime, but our resources were never coordinated at all," he told Stax. "That and the fact that we rarely got paid. You couldn't take a check from a promoter back then because it would bounce. So I'd have a big brown shopping bag and take the cash from the door."

Stax says many long-lost rockers seem bewildered by his efforts to find them. "Most are completely baffled as to why. They're a bit skeptical or suspicious of what my motives might be. But once we start talking about their music and naming songs and specific details, they realize that I really do appreciate what they did. Then they start remembering things as we talk, and they're getting recognition that perhaps they never got before, even while they were still recording. Many of these guys have been out of the music business for 30 years or more, and all the remnants of their careers are packed up in boxes in the attic and just sort of forgotten. They've gone on to so-called 'respectable lives,' and their own children may have no idea about their dad's wild rock and roll life!"

He says one of the most satisfying hunts was tracking down the Monks, five American GIs who formed a band while stationed in Germany in 1966. "Since they couldn't grow their hair long like most rock and rollers, they shaved their heads like monks, dressed in black robes with a rope around their necks, and actually got signed by Polydor Records. They had a minimalist, stripped-down sound, with tribal drumbeats, feedback, an electric banjo they used as kind of a percussion instrument — very ahead of their time. This was before anyone had ever heard of the Velvet Underground or Jimi Hendrix. They all had common names so I was having no luck finding them through phone books. Then, quite by accident, it turned out that a friend of a friend's uncle was Eddie Shaw from the Monks. Once I got a hold of Eddie by phone, I drove all the way out to Carson City, Nevada, to meet with him. We spent a weekend going through all his scrapbooks and photos, his original clothes, even his bass guitar. It was quite amazing, this long-lost time capsule he dusted off for us."

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The Loons (Mike Stax, foreground)

A lot of persistence and detective work went into finding Sid Herring from the Mississippi band the Gants. "Since the '60s he'd been sort of wandering the country, working in radio sometimes and just becoming kind of a lost soul. He was still writing songs, but he never did find an audience for what he did and was just doing some anonymous jobs like aluminum siding or something. He ended up getting the Gants back together a couple of years ago. They've played New York City a few times and some huge Mississippi State ball game of some sort."

When Stax caught up with pop Svengali Kim Fowley, who in the '70s put together the all-girl band the Runaways (remembered mainly for launching the career of then-teenaged Joan Jett), the loquacious producer provided several hours of insider insight. "He made quite a lot of sexual references and offensive remarks about women being dirty bitches, as you would expect from Kim," says Stax. "He claims to have seen P.J. Proby [1965's "Rockin' Pneumonia"] and actress Diana Dors making it in the back of Diana's Lincoln Continental."

Since 1995 Stax has played with local mod-masters the Loons. His old band the Tell-Tale Hearts reunited in November 2004 for a set at the Ken Club and again in September 2007 for shows at the Casbah and the Adams Avenue Street Fair. ■

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Terri Hendrix: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Friday, November 2, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Sugarland: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Julio Iglesias: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 2, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

SATURDAY

Hanson: House of Blues, Saturday, November 3, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

Ween: House of Blues, Monday, November 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

TUESDAY

Richie Havens: AcousticMusicSanDiego, Tuesday, November 6, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Dilated Peoples: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

NOVEMBER

The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Brand New and **Thrice:** Soma, Wednesday, November 7, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Gov't Mule: 4th & B, Wednesday, November 7, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Hanna Montana and **Miley Cyrus:** San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, November 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

She Wants Revenge: House of Blues, Thursday, November 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

The Hold Steady: 'Canes, Thursday, November 8, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Brand New and **Thrice:** Soma, Thursday, November 8, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Maroon 5: Cox Arena, Friday, November 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Junior Reid: 'Canes, Friday, November 9, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Tierney Sutton: Anthology, Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Little Brother: 'Canes, Saturday, November 10, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Dave Mason and **John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers:** House of Blues, Sunday, November 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Jake Shimabukuro: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, November 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Sergio Mendes: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, November 11, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400.

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.

The Mims: 'Canes, Wednesday, November 14, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Melvin Seals and JGB: 'Canes, Thursday, November 15, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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.

(hed) pe: 'Canes, Friday, November 16, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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 and the Innocent Criminals: San Diego Civic Theatre, Sunday, November 18, Third Avenue and B Street, 619-570-1100.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Monday, November 19, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Queen Latifah: California Center for the Arts, Monday, November 19, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

Down: House of Blues, Tuesday, November 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ozzy Osbourne and **Rob Zombie:** San Diego Sports Arena, Tuesday, November 20, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Alejandro Sanz: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

New Found Glory and **Senses Fail:** House of Blues, Saturday, November 24, and Sunday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Guttermouth: 'Canes, Saturday, November 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Van Halen: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 25, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0429.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: House of Blues, Sunday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

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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.

Blues Traveler: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Social Distortion: House of Blues, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583.

Ahmad Jamal: Anthology, Thursday, December 6, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Juliette and the Licks: The Casbah, Thursday, December 6, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Shonen Knife: The Casbah, Friday, December 7, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-232-4355.

Ahmad Jamal: Anthology, Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300.

Avenged Sevenfold: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, December 7, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

Marc Cohn and **Amy Correia:** 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.

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.

Cowboy Mouth: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 12, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Mannheim Steamroller: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, December 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, 619-224-4171.

The Knitters: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, December 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

The Young Dubliners: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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Peter White: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, December 22, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500.

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday and Monday, December 23 and 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

K.C. and the Sunshine Band: 4th & B, Saturday, December 29, 345 B Street, San Diego. 619-231-4343.

Pato Banton: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, December 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

Cracker and **Camper Van Beethoven:** Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140.

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.

Queensrÿche 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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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, raggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley. 619-843-7400.@bold:The Flame: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, *Sabbat,* gothic, industrial, and dark '80s with DJs Robin Roth and Adam Atom. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest. 619-295-4163.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins Top 40, techno, and '80s. 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m., high school students and up. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Kadan: First Saturday of the month, *BrokenBeat Night,* live electronic, crunk, and glitch hop. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

The Kava Lounge: Saturdays, *Ascension,* underground dance music with DJs Robin Roth and Tom King. Wednesdays, *Mixtape Sessions,* hip-hop, downtempo, and breakbeat with DJs Mada and Ricky Wrecks. No cover. 2812 Kettner Boulevard, Middletown. 619-543-0933.

Mission Valley Resort: Thursdays (18 and up) and Fridays (21 and up), *La Maraca,* merengue, cumbia, and reggaeton. 9 p.m. 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. 619-298-8281.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *What's Good* with DJs Enigma and Cisco. Hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

Shooterz: Wednesdays, *Funk It Up,* elektro, indie, and nu-rave with DJ Flyxfx and guest. Thursdays, *Club '80s,* new wave, punk, and synth-pop with DJs Bryan Pollard, Sickboy, and Stern. First, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, *Therapy,* industrial, gothic, and elektronica. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Static Lounge: First Friday of the month, *West Coast Mash Up,* drum 'n' bass, jungle, and ragga. Fourth Friday of the month, *Club Pop Noir,* electro, '80s, and indie with DJ Groundfloor and Edgartronic. 634 Broadway (between Sixth and Seventh Avenue), downtown. 619-544-1609.

Tio Leo's: Thursdays, zydeco dance with DJ Gator Boy. 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. 5302 Napa Street, Morena District. 619-542-1462.

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OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

In the early 1960s SDSU Professor Emeritus Joel Henderson stayed for a while in Boston. "I was probably living the life," he says, "that Jack Kerouac wrote about." He took a room over the Golden Vanity, a coffee shop where he worked for room and board before he shipped off to Tangier. "You have to realize, in the '60s having a coffee shop was considered radical," he says. The Vanity was a haven for both the counterculture and folk music. "Joan Baez came in on Wednesday nights, barefoot, and she sang folk songs. I remember it well. We showed *The Wild One* every Wednesday, and it drew a motorcycle crowd."

Folk singer **Carolyn Hester** also remembers the Golden Vanity. She performed there, sometimes with Baez. "Joan was only 16 then," says Hester. When she left her native Texas for Greenwich Village in the '60s, Hester landed smack in the epicenter of the growing folk movement. Some say that she was denied major commercial success because she stayed traditional, but there is no denying her rightful place in the pantheon of folk. A World Folk Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Hester was there from the beginning. She turned down an offer to join a trio that ultimately became Peter, Paul, and Mary. Buddy Holly helped her land her first record deal. She hired an unknown 19-year-old named Bob Dylan to play harmonica on her third album. And in May of 1964, Hester became the face of the folk music generation when she was pictured on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post* for a feature story titled "Folk Music Fad."

CAROLYN HESTER

"She was one of the originals," says Henderson, who now produces what he calls "concerts to make a positive change in the world." "She agreed to just come," he says. "There's no guarantee she's gonna make a penny on this. She liked the idea. She said, 'Let's just see how it goes.' "

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Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind,* global jazz. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *John Cain,* international/jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

Blue Parrot, 4993 Niagara Avenue, Suite 103, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1722. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m., *John Tafolla and Friends,* guitar and vocals.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live rock/blues/jazz nightly. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind,* global jazz.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music this week is rock/alternative rock. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Staring at Strange, Broke on Friday, Every Thirteen Days,* and *Feeling of Hate.* Friday, *the Dirty Sweet, Get Back Loretta, Crash Encore,* and *Silent Comedy.* Saturday, 9 p.m., *Tainted Love,* rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Kavena, Silence Betrayed, Mad Martigan,* and *Gone to Oblivion.*

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 4 p.m., *Muzzle, Staring at Strange, Dive Bomber, the Handsome Devils, Acoustic Booze and Blowski,* and *Alyssa Jacey,* rock/acoustic/folk. Friday, 4 p.m., *Ten Foot Tongue, the Tijuana Marauders, Rag Doll City, the Rhythm Writers,* and *Random Play,* alternative rock. Saturday, 4 p.m., DJ event. Wednesday, 4 p.m., *Body and Soul,* dance.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Friday, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Pacific Ocean Bluegrass.* Saturday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *Melissa Vaughan,* 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Steve Ybarra,* acoustic/folk.

Kaito, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-634-2746. Live music.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band.* Saturday, *the Blues Brokers.* Tuesday, *Sticky Situation,* rock. Wednesday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors,* blues.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., *Rick Ross,* piano/jazz.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Portugalia, 4839 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-7678. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Human Revolution,* pop/rockabilly/rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., open mike hosted by *Jeffrey Gottlieb.*

710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Tim and the 23's,* rock. Friday, *Stranger,* reggae. Saturday, *Still Ill,* rock.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain,* international jazz/blues/Latin/pop/standards.

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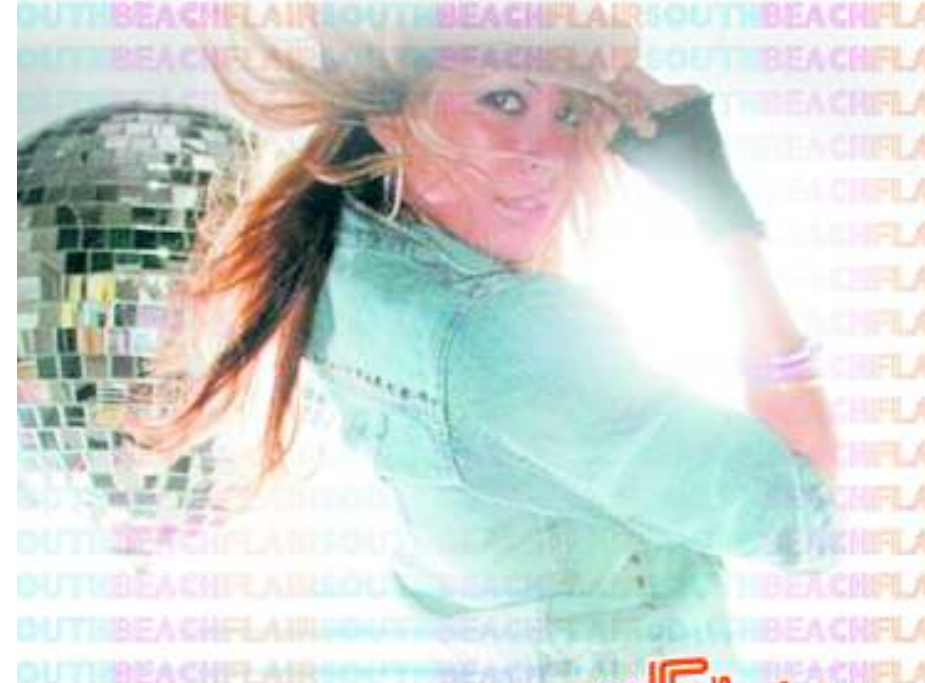

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *DB3,* rock. Friday, *Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations,* reggae. Saturday, *the Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey.* Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* classic rock. Tuesday, reggae. Wednesday, call club for information.

DOWNTOWN

Anthology, 1337 India Street, San Diego. 619-595-0300. Friday, 10 p.m., *the Detroit Underground,* Motown. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Gregory Page,* alternative, 10 p.m., *the Eve Selis Band,* roadhouse rock. Sunday, *Jesse Davis.* Tuesday, 7 p.m., *Patrick Yandall,* jazz. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Ruby and the Red Hots,* blues.

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., *Franki Love,* folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is rock/indie/alternative rock/punk. Thursday, *Low vs. Diamond, Something for Rockets, Steve Goldberg and the Archenemys.* Friday, *MC Flow,* rap, *the Kneehighs,* and *Bad Credit.* Saturday, *Dengue Fever, the Soft Lightes, War and Cinema,* and *the Red Pony Clock.* Sunday, *Enon, the Love of Diagrams,* and *the Deadly Finns.* Monday, *Do Make Say Think* and *the Apostle of Hustle.* Tuesday, *the Lawrence Arms, American Steel, the Falcon,* and *Sundowner.* Wednesday, *Robbers on High Street, Great Northern,* and *the Jealous Girlfriends.*

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dave Patrone.* Friday, *Yavez.* Saturday, *Primo.* Sunday, *the Archtones.* Monday, *Dave Scott.* Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet.* Wednesday, *Fuzzy and the Bluesmen* or *Sue Palmer.*

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, contemporary piano.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live rock/blues. Tuesday, Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Dregs of Sada,* rock. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Private Domain,* rock.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Raggle-Taggle,* Celtic/Irish folk.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Wednesday, *Gov't Mule,* rock/blues.

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 Stilettos,* rockabilly. Wednesday, *Lady Dottie and the Diamonds,* blues.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, *Architecture in Helsinki, Glass Candy,* and *the Panthers.* Saturday, *Hanson.* Sunday, call club for information. Monday, *Ween.* Tuesday, *Suffocation, Immolation,* and *Skinless.* Wednesday, *the Gin Blossoms* and *Ari Shine.*

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Masterpiece,* jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *the Reaganomics,* '80s dance. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the M-80's,* '80s dance. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique,* jazz/R&B. Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Soul Revue,* dance/Top 40.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues/soul unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Ayanna and the Exiles.* Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *the Big Mo Band,* 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band.* Saturday, *Soul Diego.* Sunday, *Ronnie Lane.* Monday, *Chet Cannon and the Committee.* Tuesday, *Len Rainey and the Midnight Players.* Wednesday, *the Bayou Brothers.*

Pierre's Place, 1404 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-727-4700. Friday, live music.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock/disco/dance.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday and Tuesday, live salsa.

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.*

SAN DIEGO

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Tuesday through Saturday, *David Timothy Smith,* piano bar.

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Oaks, the Homeless Sexuals,* and *Firethorne,* rock/hard rock.

! OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

New York band **Robbers on High Street** gets a lot of comparison to Spoon (for Robbers drummer-singer **Benjamin Trokan**'s raspy voice and the band's taut rhythms) and the Kinks (for Trokan's smart, detail-rich lyrics) and the Strokes (for…the New York address, maybe?). I think the Robbers sound more like a more listenable version of the Walkmen or a more traditional rock 'n' roll version of Okkervil River. If the Robbers sometimes sound a little too much like other bands…well, they are called the Robbers. The bottom line: They sound great.

After their first album, *Tree City,* the band went from a quartet to a three-piece, but this year's follow-up, *Grand Animals,* sounds like a much bigger and better band. The credits list half a dozen guests playing synths, mandolins, archaic keyboards like the clavinet and the optigan — there's even a choir. (A couple of touring members flesh out the sound in concert.) Fortunately, all this doesn't come across like the overkill it could have been — although at times the vintage keyboards really do hit you over the head with the comparison to the Kinks' *Village Green Preservation Society.* Producer Daniele Luppi, known for his work with Gnarls Barkley and John Legend, keeps things restrained and lovely.

ROBBERS ON HIGH STREET

That's important when you've got a song like "Married Young." I wouldn't say it's the best song on the album, but it has one really great line: "We started playing house too soon it seems/ Our Swedish furniture is splintering." You don't want a detail like that to get lost in the mix.

ROBBERS ON HIGH STREET, The Casbah, Wednesday, November 7, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. $12.

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., *Winterhawk,* original acoustic.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Friday, *Astra Kelly, Lee Coulter, Barbara Nesbitt,* and *Blizzard,* rock. Saturday, *Road Noise, the Rhythm Stompers,* and *the Handsome Devils,* rockabilly. Tuesday, *Witchcraft, Saviours, Danava,* and *Earthless,* alternative rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/alternative rock. Saturday, *State Radio* and *the Beautiful Girls.*

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, *Sweet Deal,* Top 40/covers.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jim Bianco.* Friday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Rising Star,* disco/dance. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., *Dennis Jones,* blues guitar. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Bill MacPherson,* smooth jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Keith Jacobsen and Trina,* jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *a 5th of Blues.* Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jesse Davis,* jazz vocalist. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sheila Sondergard,* acoustic guitar.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon,* pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635.

J Six Restaurant, 436 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-819-9700. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Elliott Lawrence Quartet,* jazz/blues guitar.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is indie/punk/electronica. Friday, *the Dissimilars* and *the Pets.* Saturday, *the Verso, Starcrossed,* and *the Predicates.*

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *the F3W.* Friday, *Isaac Cheong, Jackson Price,* and *the Miggs.* Friday, *Cydney Robinson, Heather Waters, Mario Escovedo,* and *Shane Piasecki.* Sunday, *the Bryan McConnell Quintet.* Wednesday, *Kyle Van Band, Sacha Sacket,* and *Shannon Curtis.*

Martini's Above Fourth, 3940 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. 619-293-0232. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Vintage Vegas,* jazz.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 9 p.m., *D.P.I., the Gizzards,* and *CDM,* punk/hardcore. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., *the Rebel Soul Band, the Ziggens, the B-Foundation, High Tide, Ras 1, Third Alley, Josh Fischel, Sex Rat,* and *Midnight Surfers,* reggae/rock. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Mystic Roots, Warsaw, the Poland Brothers, Six Inch Man, Gadfly, Lungbutter, Hayes Field, Wendy Darling, Jahrootsalem,* and *Bristol Memory,* reggae/rock. Monday, 8 p.m., *Mystery Train,* blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Ricksha, Hell Yeah,* and *Kris Towne,* rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Chip Conrad and Concrete Feat,* country/indie/rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live music. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Padre Gold, 7245 Linda Vista Road, San Diego. 858-277-8681. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jazz Project Big Band,* big-band swing.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Moon Dance,* classic rock/swing.

Redfox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *the Ed Repisi Duo.* Monday and Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Shawline Expression.*

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Live indie/rock/alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise,* classic rock.

Sogno Di Vino, 1607 India Street, San Diego. 619-531-8887. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz/Latin guitar.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/metal/alternative/punk unless otherwise noted. Friday, 7 p.m., *Minus the Bear, Helio Sequence,* and *Grand Archive.* Saturday, 6:30 p.m., *Ciodos, Emery, Scary Kids Scaring Kids, the Devil Wears Prada,* and *Underminded.* Sunday, 6:30 p.m., *Circa Survive, Ours, the Dear Hunter,* and *Fear Before the March of Flames.* Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Brand New, Thrice,* and *Mewithoutyou.*

South Park Bar and Grill, 1946 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-696-0096. Thursday, *J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam.* Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Amelia Browning* and *the John Kopecky Trio.* Saturday, *Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta,* R&B/Top 40/jazz. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Tim Ninnink* and *Doug Walker,* modern jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, blues. Friday, *the Rhythm Stompers,* rockabilly. Saturday, *the Farmers,* rock. Wednesday, *the High Society Jazz Band.*

The Tower Bar, 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Music is hard rock/alternative rock. Friday, *Secret Apollo, Swim Party,* and *Drowning Men.* Saturday, *Cabrón, the Neverland Ranchhands,* and *Zeroxx.*

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Amy Obenski,* jazz/folk/rock.

NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers,* dance.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, *Donnie Finnell and Company East,* standards and light jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson,* blues.

Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad), 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Derrick Boess,* folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Sharon Hazel Township,* acoustic/folk/alternative.

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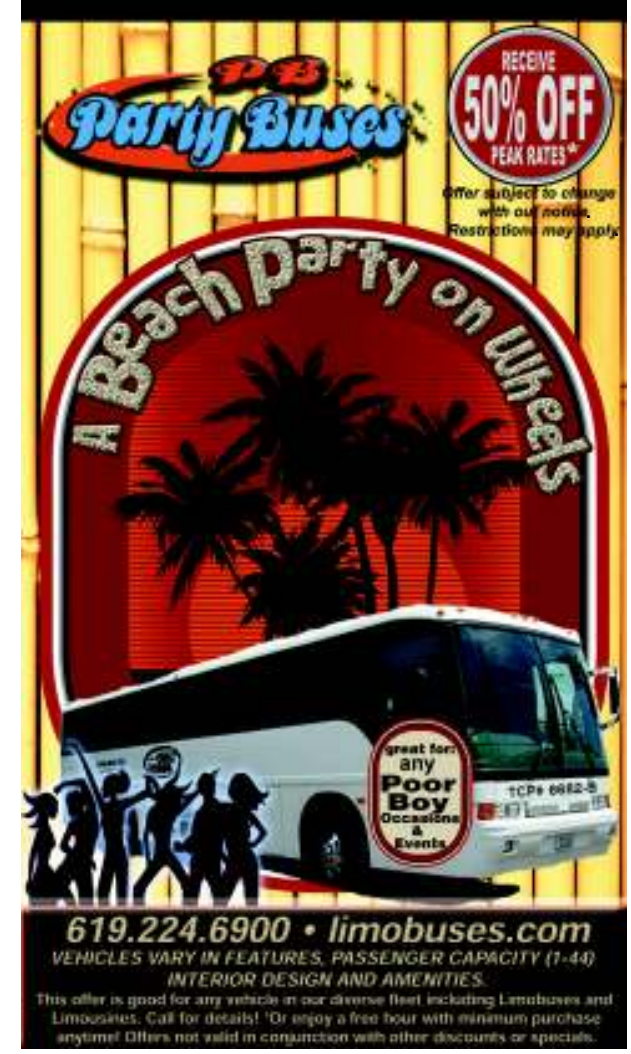

Calendar
CLUBS

NORTH COUNTY
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acoustic. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Simeon Flick,* folk/jazz/alternative.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk,* classic rock.

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. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Marc Logan,* jazz.

The Cow Shed, 502 East Mission Road, San Marcos. 760-471-4579. Friday, 9 p.m., *Ruckus* and *Free Minds,* rap metal/hardcore rap.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Citizen Band,* rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Big Rig Deluxe,* rockabilly. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *C.C. and David,* original acoustic, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Sons of Bordertown,* rock/blues/folk. Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies,* classic rock, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time,* jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues.*

Cuvee Restaurant, 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar. 858-259-5878. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sambajazz,* Brazilian and American jazz.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Z-Bop,* jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band,* folk/rock. Friday, *the Hype,* rock. Saturday, *Idle Train,* classic rock.

Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill, 805 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-672-8305. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Joe Wood and the Lonely Ones,* blues/rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick,* jazz/variety piano.

J.J. Lander's Irish Pub, 125 Main Street, Fallbrook. 760-731-0839. Thursday, 9 p.m., live reggae. Friday, 9 p.m., live rock/folk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Brehon Law,* Irish folk. Monday, 9 p.m., *All Points West,* rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Tim Lee,* acoustic rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Bleeding Irish,* Irish folk/rock.

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-793-6460. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind,* global jazz.

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.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Monsters of 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.

R. O'Sullivan's, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Joe Wood and the Lonely Ones,* acoustic rock/blues. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *Nate Donnis,* folk/rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band,* acoustic folk/rock.

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.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Friday, 9 p.m., *Brehon Law,* Irish folk. Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Clachan Brothers,* Irish folk. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band,* acoustic folk/rock.

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 and Saturday, live music. Wednesday, 10 p.m., *Diablo Dimes,* blues.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *the Fall Guys,* acoustic. Friday, *4-Way Street,* classic rock. Saturday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly/blues. Sunday, *Jim Moore,* acoustic. Monday through Wednesday, live acoustic/folk.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music (El Cajon), 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 p.m., *Franki Love,* folk. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Lighthouse,* bluegrass.

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, *Silver Streak,* rock.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *the Ranch Rockers,* country.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 6019-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *6one9,* 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.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Saturday, 5 p.m. to midnight, "Rock for a Cause" breast cancer benefit with *Kavena, FM Revolver, Outlett, October Burning, Authentic Sellout, A.I.M., Dave the Butcher,* and *Jonathan Red Corn,* rock.

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BY OLLIE

Album: *Magic Cats and Dogs* (2007)
Artist: DarZana
Label: self-released
Where available/price: At live shows for $15. Online at *myspace.com/darzana* for $20.
Songs: 1) Climb the Mountain 2) If My Eyes Were Greener 3) Magic Cats and Dogs 4) Tug Boat 5) Miracle 6) Drip 7) Love Will Win 8) Meant to Be 9) I Believe in Love 10) Metamorphosis 11) Be Here Now
Band: Christy Gilardi (vocals, guitar), Mike Dillon (guitar, vocals), Tim Salas (bass, vocals), John Sheppard (drums, percussion)
Website: *www.darzana.net*

DarZana is a band content to leave the gearbox in "just about." They're just about to rock hard. Gilardi's voice is just about to move from "old Grace Slick" to "Johnette Napolitano." Dillon's guitar is just about to shed its cocoon and shine to brilliance.

The band is composed of talented individuals, but the sum of the whole is less than its parts. I would rather hear jazz from Dillon or Gilardi sing a cappella. Drums and bass play only support roles to the back-and-forth between Gilardi's almost Joplinesque vocals and Dillon's mean guitar solos.

I like DarZana. They're a journeyman-level band that's putting it together with what they have, and what they have is solid. Their subject matter – spirituality, peace, love, hope, redemption, etc. – is tailored to jam-band crowds at Winstons in Ocean Beach. Given inspiration, time, and enough practice, I think DarZana will get out of "just about" and into "kicking ass."

DarZana

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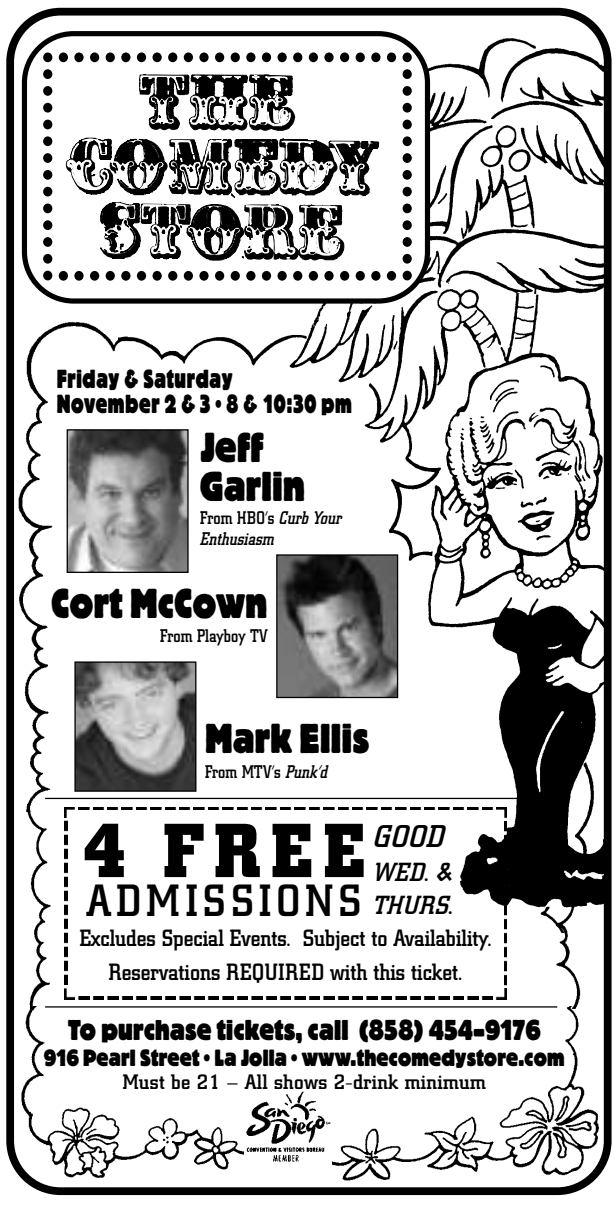

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American Steel: The Casbah
The Apostle of Hustle: The Casbah
Architecture in Helsinki: House of Blues
Ari Shine: House of Blues
The Beautiful Girls: Epicentre
Brand New: Soma
Bristol Memory: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Cabrón: Tower Bar
Chiodos: Soma
Circa Survive: Soma
Danava: Brick By Brick
The Deadly Finns: The Casbah
The Dear Hunter: Soma
Dengue Fever: The Casbah
The Devil Wears Prada: Soma
The Dissimilars: The Kensington Club
Do Make Think Say: The Casbah
The Drowning Men: Tower Bar
Earthless: Brick By Brick
Enon: The Casbah
The Falcon: The Casbah
Fear Before the March of Flames: Soma
Get Back Loretta: 'Canes
The Gin Blossoms: House of Blues
Glass Candy: House of Blues
Steve Goldberg and the Archenemys: The Casbah
Gone to Oblivion: 'Canes
Grand Archive: Soma
Great Northern: The Casbah
Helio Sequence: Soma
Immolation: House of Blues
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Tuesday, November 6
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ALTERNATIVE
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The Neverland Ranchhands: Tower Bar

Ours: Soma

Gregory Page: Anthology

The Panthers: House of Blues

The Pets: The Kensington Club

The Predicates: The Kensington Club

The Red Pony Clock: The Casbah

Robbers on High Street: The Casbah

Saviours: Brick By Brick

Scary Kids Scaring Kids: Soma

Secret Apollo: Tower Bar

Silence Betrayed: 'Canes

The Silent Comedy: 'Canes

Skinless: House of Blues

The Soft Lightes: The Casbah

Something for Rockets: The Casbah

Starcrossed: The Kensington Club

State Radio: Epicentre

Suffocation: House of Blues

Sundowner: The Casbah

Swim Party: Tower Bar

Thrice: Soma

Underminded: Soma

The Verso: The Kensington Club

War and Cinema: The Casbah

Warsaw: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Ween: House of Blues

Wendy Darling: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Witchcraft: Brick By Brick

Zeroxx: Tower Bar

The Ziggens: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

ROCK

A.I.M.: Viejas Casino

All Points West: J.J. Lander's Irish Pub

Authentic Sellout: Viejas Casino

Bad Credit: The Casbah

Blizzard: Brick By Brick

Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Broke on Friday: 'Canes

CDM: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Citizen Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

Crash Encore: 'Canes

Dave the Butcher: Viejas Casino

DB3: Winstons

The Detroit Underground: Anthology

The Dirty Sweet: 'Canes

Dive Bomber: Dreamstreet

Nate Donnis: R. O'Sullivan's

D.P.I.: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Dregs of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Every Thirteen Days: 'Canes

The Fabulous Woodies: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Farmers: Tio Leo's Lounge

Feeling of Hate: 'Canes

Firethorne: The Alibi

Fleetwood Max!: McCabe's Beach Club

FM Revolver: Viejas Casino

Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina

The Gizzards: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Good Times: Henry's Pub

Gov't Mule: 4th & B

Hanson: House of Blues

The Homeless Sexuals: The Alibi

The Hype: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Idle Train: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Jealous Girlfriends: The Casbah

Kavena: Viejas Casino

Lungbutter: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Mad Martigan: 'Canes

The Monsters of Rock: Molly Malone's

Moon Dance: Pal Joey's

Muzzle: Dreamstreet

Nite Hawk: Carvers

Oaks: The Alibi

October Burning: Viejas Casino

Outlett: Viejas Casino

The Poland Brothers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Private Domain: Dick's Last Resort

Rag Doll City: Dreamstreet

Random Play: Dreamstreet

Jonathan Red Corn: Viejas Casino

The Rhythm Writers: Dreamstreet

The Eve Selis Band: Anthology

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Silver Streak: Don's Cocktail Lounge

6one9: Second Wind (Santee)

The Sons of Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill

Staring at Strange: 'Canes, Dreamstreet

Sticky Situation: The Kraken

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Still Ill: 710 Beach Club

Tainted Love: 'Canes

Ten Foot Tongue: Dreamstreet

Third Alley: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Tijuana Marauders: Dreamstreet

Tim and the 23's: 710 Beach Club

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Body and Soul: Dreamstreet

The Flock of 80's: Henry's Pub

The Human Revolution: Portugalia

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The M-80's: Jimmy Love's

Rising Star: Humphrey's

David Timothy Smith: Albie's Beef Inn

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stepping Feet: Whiskey Girl

Sweet Deal: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

Jim Bianco: Humphrey's

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning: South Park Bar and Grill

Jesse Davis: Anthology, Buon Giorno Restaurant, Humphrey's

Donnie Finnell and Company East: Bistro 221

The Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey: Winstons

Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Insight: Jimmy Love's

Keith Jacobsen and Trina: Humphrey's

The Jazz Project Big Band: Padre Gold

The John Kopecky Trio: South Park Bar and Grill

Fran Laskota: The Westgate Hotel

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

The Elliott Lawrence Quartet: J Six Restaurant

J.J. Lim's Jazz Jam: South Park Bar and Grill

Marc Logan: Chin's Palace

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Bryan McConnell Quintet: Lestat's Coffee House

Kevin McCully: The Westgate Hotel

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Mikan and Friends: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: Sogno Di Vino, La Costa Resort and Spa, The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind: The Calypso Cafe, L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa, Bahia Resort Hotel

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Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Cuvee Restaurant

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Reggie Smith and Pressed for Time: Coyote Bar and Grill

Stage 4: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Tokeli Jazz Trio: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Vintage Vegas: Martini's Above Fourth

Doug Walker: South Park Bar and Grill

Willovealot: American Legion Post 310

Patrick Yandall: Anthology

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

Z-Bop: The Flying Bridge

Franco Z.: Tommy's Italian Restaurant

REGGAE / SKA

The B-Foundation: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations: Winstons

Gadfly: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

High Tide: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Jahrootsalem: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Mystic Roots: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Ras 1: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Rebel Soul Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Six Inch Man: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Stranger: 710 Beach Club

COUNTRY

Big Rig Deluxe: Coyote Bar and Grill

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

The Handsome Devils: Dreamstreet, Brick By Brick

as i hear it
BY BRIAN CARVER

SAN DIEGO SONGS TAKE THE STREET TEST

Artist: **The Bankhead Press**
Song: **"Shame"** (from their self-titled EP)
Heard By: **Aaron Witherell,** Golden Hill

Aaron

They've got the Ray Charles thing going on with the keyboards like that — and the blues. It's got that Greyboy [Allstars]/Price of Dope beach-music vibe. It's definitely the type of music you'd want to bring your lady to for dancing. His voice was smooth. The guy could sing, and the band could play. People want to call it "jammy" music, but it's real music when they're playing together and they can extend that song by ten minutes if they want. Sounds like they all get pretty high…or at least feel pretty high, of course. It makes you feel like you're smokin' herb, but that's pretty genuine, jam/beach music.

Artist: **Blaac Box**
Song: **"Pink Cadillac"** (from their self-titled EP)
Heard By: **Angela Teixeira,** Golden Hill

Angela

It's rather nostalgic for me to hear that. They're a total jam/rock/garage band from like when I was in high school. I don't know who I'd compare them to…early Soundgarden, maybe. There wasn't a whole lot of vocals — mostly just guitar and drums. There was a lot of screaming. I wouldn't say the vocals or lyrics were good because I really couldn't understand them, and they were very few and far between. The guitar was pretty good. It's pretty repetitive; the same thing throughout. [I could see that song] maybe in a Budweiser or Coors Light commercial where that band is playing a dive bar and a fight breaks out and one of them turns into Satan or something.

Artist: **Married by Elvis**
Song: **"My In-laws Should Be Outlawed"** (from the CD *Better Late than Never)*
Heard By: **Glen Romett,** Golden Hill

Glen

It was okay. It was a simple country song. It reminded me of the Dixie Chicks, I guess. The lyrics were about her in-laws and how she needed to get rid of them. I listen to Hank Williams, Sr., and he wrote simple things about a girl breaking his heart and [that song] was along those lines. It wasn't completely corny. I liked the mandolin in it. They played pretty well, and she has a good voice, too. It sounds more along the lines of a "hit" than something you would hear through your friends. I think that has to do with the production of the song: it sounds studio-driven. [That would be a good song for] drinking away your worries…but having a party and not worrying too much.

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The Ranch Rockers: Renegade Inn

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Acoustic Booze and Blowski: Dreamstreet

The Bleeding Irish: J.J. Lander's Irish Pub

Derrick Boess: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Tom Boyer: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

C.C. and David: Coyote Bar and Grill

Isaac Cheong: Lestat's Coffee House

The Clachan Brothers: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

The Clay Colton Band: R. O'Sullivan's, Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant

Lee Coulter: Brick By Brick

Shannon Curtis: Lestat's Coffee House

Mario Escovedo: Lestat's Coffee House

The Fall Guys: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Hayes Field: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Josh Fischel: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Simeon Flick: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The F3W: Lestat's Coffee House

Gonzo Gonzales: Hotel del Coronado

Harold and Gabe: Blarney Stone Pub

Alyssa Jacey: Dreamstreet

Astra Kelly: Brick By Brick

Kyle Van Band: Lestat's Coffee House

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Skelpin: Blarney Stone Pub

Sheila Sondergard: Humphrey's

Melissa Vaughan: E Street Cafe

Heather Waters: Lestat's Coffee House

Winterhawk: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

Steve Ybarra: E Street Cafe

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers: Patrick's II

The Big Mo Band: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

Chet Cannon and the Committee: Patrick's II

Diablo Dimes: Island Sports and Spirits

A 5th of Blues: Humphrey's

Fuzzy and the Bluesmen: Croce's Jazz Bar

Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and Grill

Dennis Jones: Humphrey's

Mia Jones and the Ko Trifecta: South Park Bar and Grill

Lady Dottie and the Diamonds: Henry's Pub

Ronnie Lane: Patrick's II

The Bill Magee Blues Band: The Kraken

Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors: The Kraken

The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band: Patrick's II

The Post 310 Blues Band: American Legion Post 310

Len Rainey and the Midnight Players: Patrick's II

Ruby and the Redhots: Anthology

Soul Diego: Patrick's II

Billy Watson: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Joe Wood and the Lonely Ones: Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill, R. O'Sullivan's

RAP / HIP-HOP

MC Flow: The Casbah

EVERYTHING ELSE

Tom Barabas: G5-Georges on Fifth

John Cain: Shooters Bar and Grill, Bahia Resort Hotel

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate Hotel

Free Minds: The Cow Shed

Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

The Ed Repisi Duo: Redfox Steakhouse

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Shawline Expression: Redfox Steakhouse

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TIKI TIME

by Josh Board

One sunny day a few months ago I went to a tiki party in Escondido. The back yard had several tiki statues and thatch huts. There were tikis holding up the patio, which had a view of a canyon full of eucalyptus trees.

There was a pool that had a slide built from fake boulders. I mentioned to someone how impressive the rock slide was, and he told me that the same company that built this one also built them at SeaWorld.

Kids were jumping off the rocks into the pool. I told Chris, the homeowner, that if I were a kid, I'd live in his back yard. He said, "There's a baseball team next door that came over earlier just to use the pool. All of them were doing back flips." I was about to ask him if he was worried that someone might get hurt when he yelled, "Hey, nice back flip!" I guessed not.

One kid jumped from the rocks onto an inflatable jet ski and then slid into the pool in pain. Another kid kept jumping off the rocks with different items — a snorkel in his mouth, an inner tube around his waist.

One guy walked into the party with three cases of wine. Someone said, "He owns the Orfila Winery in Escondido. He's great about bringing wine to parties. He just asks that we give him back anything we don't use." (Note to self: become friends with a wine maker.)

Bottom left: Skulls created by Tiki Dan; *Bottom right:* Tiki tattoos

Someone told me that the pool had salt water in it, which is better for the skin than chlorinated fresh water. He explained to me how bacteria grows, but when the explanation got long-winded, I excused myself and headed to the outdoor bar to grab some dip. Chris was in the process of making salsa with guacamole in it, and a crowd was waiting for him to finish. It reminded me of people crowding around the free samples at Costco.

> "Nobody under 40 can touch the stereo."

There were a couple food tables where guests could drop off what they brought. One woman had made two kinds of wraps. My date said, "Wow, I've never seen peanut butter and jelly wraps." She ate four.

There were several interesting characters at the party. One guy called himself "Tiki Dan." He had long hair and a surfer vibe. He pointed out a surfboard tiki that he had carved into one of Chris's palm trees. He told me it takes them two or three years to dry out and that they're 80 percent lighter when they're dried. He invited me out front to his truck where he showed me more of his woodwork, such as the danger signs with skulls that he sells for $20. "I'll make you something if you want," he said as he grabbed his tools. I thought he was going to start right then and there. I thanked him and said I didn't need anything. A neighbor Tiki Dan had done work for pulled up and handed him a beer and money that he owed him.

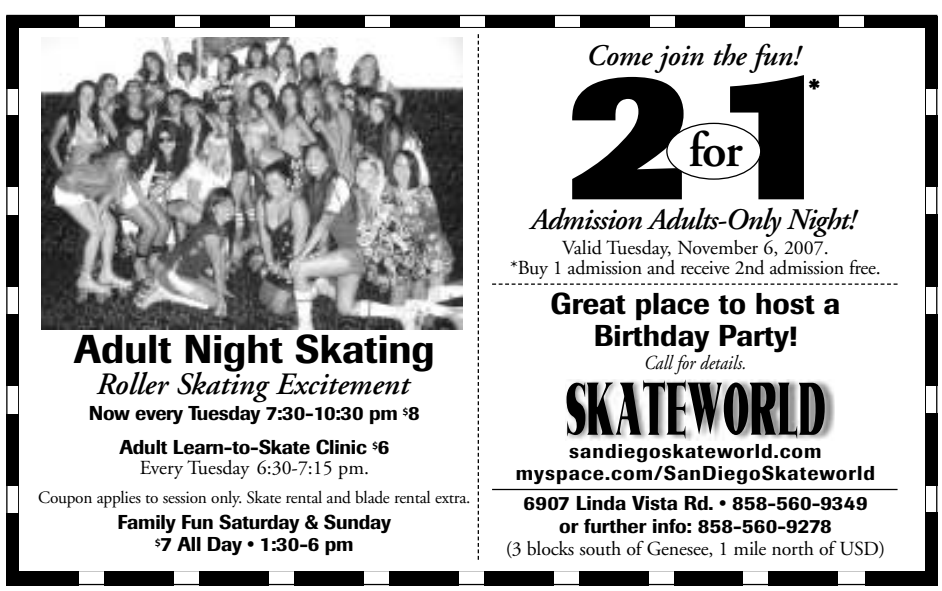
I then met a guy named John who wore a Negro League baseball cap. I asked him if he knew anything about players Josh Gibson and Satchel Paige, and we talked about the history of the Negro Leagues. He told me that he got interested in the teams when he found out his uncle played on one. John's wife is a retired cop, and I asked her for a few crazy stories. She said there were too many.

John went to college on a football scholarship. He told me that when he wasn't getting playing time, he ran track. We talked basketball, and he told me a story about playing with Bill Walton in the late '60s at Balboa Park. "He was always so respectful of everyone. And he just loved the sport. I saw him recently. I hadn't seen him since he was playing back in high school. He looked up as he was signing an autograph and said, 'Oh, hi John.' I couldn't believe he remembered me."

A bunch of guys who obviously work out were walking around shirtless. "There's no way in hell my shirt is coming off in this crowd," I said to my date. Just then, a big guy named Danny came up and said in an exaggerated Italian accent, "Yo, man, listen. I love your column. You got lots of good write-ups. But the one you write about this party better be good. I don't wanna have to come pay a visit to your wife or hurt anyone. Ya know what I mean?"

I found a chair in a thatch hut where I petted a big dog and talked with a couple until Chris called me over to try his dip. I told him I didn't eat avocado and took a plate of plain salsa.

When a guy reached over to turn off the stereo, Chris asked him why. "It's playing Clapton's 'Cocaine.' I don't want the kids hearing that." I told him that I was a kid when that song came out and that it didn't influence



me to do cocaine or other drugs. He said, "Well, I don't want to contribute to it. I'd rather the kids just don't hear songs like this."

He pressed skip and the disc went to the next song, which was hardcore rap with worse lyrics...

When a kid came up to the stereo 15 minutes later, someone said, "Nobody under 40 can touch the stereo," which explained all the Jimmy Buffet and Beach Boys.

Chris told me that he used to work for Fineline Entertainment in Colorado and got to meet a lot of bands. I asked him if that's how he got the guitar signed by the Eagles. "No. I bought that on eBay for $400." He told me he didn't get autographs backstage because he didn't want to bug the bands. He told me how he once got John Elway's autograph for a friend's son. He said, "I had it, but I lost it." I said, "You lost it before you even gave it to the kid?" He replied, "Uh, no. He had it. But he died."

In the silence that followed, I heard Tiki Dan talking about his craft. I noticed Dan was wearing work boots with shorts. With his handlebar mustache and the crazed look in his eyes, I thought he might go to town carving up the back-yard fence.

A band called the Hype started setting up. I said to a woman wearing a "Believe the Hype" shirt that it was cool she had shirts made. "Oh, I didn't. We saw these at Old Navy and bought 'em all."

The singer reminded me of Jim Belushi when he started playing harmonica. He said, "This is like playing a cruise." As I left, I heard him say, "I've never had a host tell me to turn it up before... Cool!" ■

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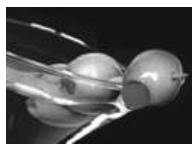

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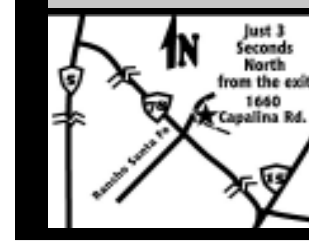

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The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)
The Reduced Shakespeare Company, which speed-read the Bard's works, and the Great Books, sprints through the Good Book ("the greatest story ever accepted as fact") in two hours. Dominic Conti, Michael Falkner, and Jerry Kernion begin wearing fig leaves and sing "In the Beginning Blues." They conclude with "Revelation: The Musical," singing "That's Armageddon." In between — including a lengthy audience-participation bit less funny than the other material — they pay irreverent homage to Old and New Testament figures. Moses, for example, talks Yahweh from 20 commandments down to 10 (the bad news: "Adultery's still one of them"). One of the rejected commandments: "Thou shalt not fire a head coach after a 14-2 season." Topical references like this spice the show. Also, the trio's adept at ad libs (a word to the dilatory: don't be late or they'll salvo you with one-liners and, at one point, a water pistol). Backed by a drop showing Michelangelo's extended Sistine index fingers, they perform in pajamas, sandals, and props (Abraham wears a stovepipe hat; Pontius Pilate wears a pilot's goggles; a hatchet becomes the "ax of the Apostles"). The show's often quite funny, though not without groaners and goofy wordplay, as in "No way!" "Yah…way!"And "Many are cold, but few are frozen."
Worth a try.
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.

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 *Carmen*ized), *Affair* is built from the inside and grounded on emotional truth. Throughout, the quality cast performs under-the-top, at a human speed, with nary a bell nor a whistle. Compared to most musicals *Affair* feels humble (maybe even too humble for Broadway). It's 1953 in the Bronx. Janey and Ralph are getting married. When they choose a cheap City Hall wedding, the practical "I do" ripples into strained friendships and bottom-line revelations, and then deeper ones. The astonishing Faith Prince heads the quality cast as the mother who fights for something special for her daughter (and for herself). Everything, from David Gallo's brownstone tenement sets, with sliding walls, to Ann Hould-Ward's boxy '50s costumes, to John Bucchino's score serves the story. And director John Doyle does the most valuable service, paring away inessentials, creating moments of breathtaking stillness, and making emotions hyper-real (it's one of the, if not the, year's best directorial jobs and hard to imagine the play in other hands). At first, Fierstein plays himself, which creates crossed-purposes: will the play be a star vehicle or an ensemble piece? As the play proceeds he pulls back and in the end sings "Coney Island," a wisdom song about how to take a leap of faith, unforgettably.
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, 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.

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The Frogs
The Theatre, Inc., a new classical theater company, stages Aristophanes' comedy. Dionysus and sidekick Xanthais journey to hell to find the perfect playwright. Douglas Lay and Melissa Hamilton directed.
THE ARK THEATRE, 899 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-216-3016.

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 *Arcadia* function as sidetexts, 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.

An Ideal Husband
Oscar Wilde built his comedy on an inversion: instead of a man putting a woman on a pedestal, Lady Gertrude Chiltern holds her husband, Sir Robert, to the highest standard, not knowing he has a past and lives each minute in fear of public exposure (as Wilde penned the play, he was headed for three court trials that would do everything to him that Sir Robert feared). The comedy has several Dorian Grays, including Sir Robert and Mrs. Cheveley, who blackmails him and who, when her mask comes off, is "dreadful to look at." Lamb's Players production could be funnier (epigrammatic one-liners get thrown away) with higher stakes but is enjoyable and elegant looking: Jeanne Reith's costumes, embroidered silks and hats with enough feathers for an aviary; Mike Buckley's minimalist set with tall flowers like sculptures. Deborah Gilmour Smyth plays Mrs. Cheveley believable with an apt smidgen of melodramatic villainy. Robert Smyth's Chiltern is one of his best performances in years. When Cheveley blackmails him, he doesn't collapse. But his mask, which up to now we didn't know he wore, begins to show. Wilde wrote himself into the "flawless dandy" Lord Goring (some say an idealized portrait). Rick D. Meads matches the playwright's sculpted lines with well-spoken deliveries and delights in having — possibly one of Wilde's most autobiographical utterances — "one of those terribly weak natures that are not susceptible to influence."
Worth a try.
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
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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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AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, THROUGH NOVEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Medea
6th@Penn Theatre stages Euripides' tragedy, translated by Marianne McDonald, about ultimate revenge. Ruff Yeager directed.
6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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National Comedy Theatre
Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if gone competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests while grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improve. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. Using suggestions from the audience, they play "Emotional Sympathy," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners get booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It makes for a lively, often funny evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
Worth a try.
MARQUIS 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.

Night of the Iguana
OnStage Playhouse presents Tennessee Williams's drama about a defrocked Episcopal priest battling demons without and within. David Meredith directed.
ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, THROUGH NOVEMBER 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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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 situ-

ation (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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

Punks

Ion Theatre stages a reinvention of *The Maids* by Jean Genet. Set in present-day New York, the piece raises questions about "class struggle, the stigma of prostitution, and our destructive fascination with youth, vanity, and celebrity culture." Glenn Paris directed.

ION THEATRE, ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, EAST MISSION VALLEY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, THROUGH DECEMBER 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-374-6894.

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

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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.

San Diego Theatresports: The Funhouse

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud,* The Funhouse combines improv with competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but the "game show," on Fridays, is a kick. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The winner gets a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (improve is tough: I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group has more hits than misses, and their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've read about making theater. They put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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

A Screw Askew

Write Out Loud, a group "committed to inspire, challenge, and entertain by reading short stories aloud for a live audience," reads stories at Cygnet Theatre "in the spirit of Henry James's *Turn of the Screw.*"

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-297-8953.

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

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

Side by Side by Sondheim

Coronado Playhouse and Greene Music present the revue of Stephen Sondheim's early music Daniel Logan directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, THROUGH NOVEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Songs for a New World

The White Dog Theatre presents a musical about "hitting the wall and having to make a choice, or take a stand, or turn around and go back."

CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE, 2822 STATE STREET, CARLSBAD, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-405-3212.

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Welk Resorts Theatre stages the 2002 Tony Award-winner. It's 1922. It's New York. And Millie Dillmount's looking for a new life.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 4; THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-349-3448.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternut's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. The story line's straight from *Forever Plaid.* There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio's so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show.

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, THROUGH FEBRUARY 17; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Turn of the Screw

Henry James said the best way to write a ghost story is to conjure the ones in readers' minds. Jeffrey Hatcher's stage adaptation of James' creepy, densely atmospheric novella doesn't do that. James said the story's apparitions are real (not ghosts, he wrote, but "goblins, imps, demons"). Hatcher's version stresses the mind of the Governess, called the Woman, and whether the evil specters are real to her. This makes for more psychological than white-knuckle theater. Cygnet Theatre's production, part of a story theater showcase with Conor McPherson's *St. Nicholas,* closes the ghost-gap with Eric Lotze's excellent lighting: degrees of darkness and shrouded faces with moving shadows, as if demonic possession were underway. Amy Biedel gives the Woman a beautifully spoken, musical voice choked by atonal fears (which, Biedel deftly suggests, could be all in her head). David Tierney, too long from a local stage, plays several characters, and British accents, all to good effect. 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.

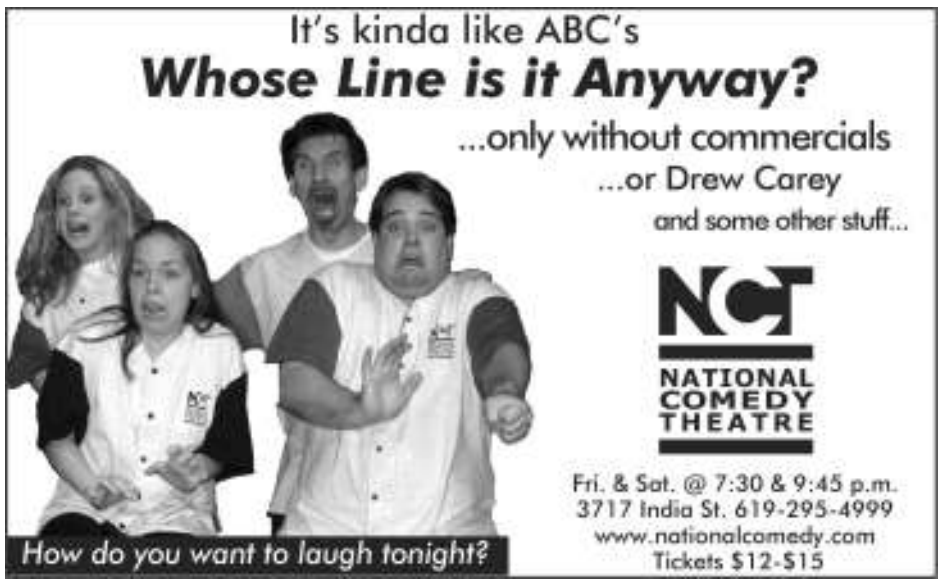
Worth a try.

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.

Where There's a Will... There's a Wake

Mystery Café Dinner Theatre presents James Pascarella and Will Roberson's interactive comedy, set in a 1920s speakeasy where suspicion shrouds every "gangster, game, and dame." Pascarella directed.

MYSTERY CAFE, IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, MIDTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.



Six Hundred Quarters

Is Quarter Kitchen the proverbial riddle wrapped in an enigma? The glam new high-end restaurant at the Ivy Hotel has been getting loads of "buzz" — but the buzz-tones range from the happy murmur of honeybees in clover to the snarls of angry wasps. With a menu that's all over the map and prices that range into painful territory, it was bound to generate controversy. You can eat there without breaking the bank (in fact, that's one way to taste some of the best dishes), but a full three-course feast runs about the same as an equivalent dinner at El Bizcocho or A.R. Valentien — around $150 per person, 600-odd quarters, even without indulging in Caspian caviar.

Is it worth it? Depends very much on what you order and whether or not you're attached to having an entrée rather than a whirl of appetizers. The huge restaurant has a few little high-style annoyances, enough to tip the rating a quarter-star downward (the food averaged 3.25), and some dishes went thud. But the good ones were very good indeed — and the best were splendid. (Later, I'll propose a flexible plan for a light, sexy dinner to yield maximum pleasure for a relatively gentle price.)

We headed out on a Thursday night to avoid the weekend Gaslamp zoo — the Lynnester, Fred, and a new Bay Area transplant whom I'll call Kent as his *nom de restaurant.* The crowd that evening was sparser and less swanky than I'd been led to believe. The only people in long, backless gowns were the hostesses. Nobody else was dressed to the nines, although some young women on dates, true to Gaslamp fashion, wore frocks starting low on the bosom and ending high on the thighs. ("You could say they're dressed to the threes," said Fred. "One-third dressed.")

The decor is spacious, chic, and comfortable; many tables afford a view of the bright, glassed-in open kitchen where you can watch cooks sweating over a hot stove. The ambient lighting is considerably dimmer, so it can be difficult to read the menu. The tables, slightly too cozy in size, are preset with "chargers" consisting of square, shallow wire baskets the size of dinner plates. Chargers generally strike me as pompous remnants of the Gilded Age, and these, especially, hindered reading the menu and wine list, while sadistically enforcing the ancient rule, "Mabel, Mabel, strong and able/ Keep your elbows off the table." You have to wonder whether restaurant designers ever try eating at tables furnished with their brilliant concepts.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

The chef is British-born hotshot Damon Gordon, an alumnus of the English and American kitchens of legendary French chefs Michel Roux, Alain Ducasse, and Claude Troisgros, arriving here fresh from a stint at New York restaurateur Jeffrey Chodorow's splashy Japanese-oid Ono. (Reviewing the last in the *New York Times,* Frank Bruni awarded it one star for "good," noting that it seemed like a theme park where "gimmickry trumps gastronomy" and complaining that the menu ran off in too many directions at once. I do wish, though, that Gordon had transplanted Ono's fabled "parfait" of foie gras mousse, sea urchin roe, and plum wine gelée to San Diego.)

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

Dinner began with good breads (including plain and seeded baguette slices) and ice-cold unspreadable butter squares (small annoyance #3 or #4, I lose count). The "amuse" was a tasty, warming demitasse of potato-horseradish soup. Then the killer appetizer arrived in a bent wrought-iron sculptural stand, cradling five caviar "tacos" — but not tacos as you know them from the 'Bertos. These had shells of supernal delicacy, made of wafer-thin slices of potato (slow-baked, then flash-fried) curving around a lush filling of American paddlefish caviar, robed in crème fraîche amended with horseradish, red onion, and chives. (You can opt for endangered Caspian caviar, but the lower-priced spread was glorious as well as virtuous. It's from Tsar Nicoulai, probably the most expensive and highest-quality brand of paddlefish roe.) A mouth-filling combination with light, sensual textures, this was food for the gods, and I'm sure Poseidon and Yemanjá would be tickled blue by it. Lynne and I each wanted a whole portion to ourselves and would come back to Quarter Kitchen for that alone.

Salmon tartare is potentially a delight, despite an artsy-fartsy presentation that sacrifices flavor for visual flash. Three narrow, legless parfait-glass "vases," suspended in an armature, display ingredients layered from top to bottom: crème fraîche scattered with golden tobiko, raw chopped salmon and chives, and mashed avocado. In a tray at the bottom of the device are toasted baguette slices to spread the mixture on. The problem? Diving in from the top, your first two spoonfuls are nearly all crème fraîche, the next several spoonfuls are all salmon, and you don't hit the

Quarter Kitchen
★★★ (Very Good)

Ivy Hotel, 600 F Street at Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-814-2000, fax 619-531-7955, *www.quarterkitchen.com.*

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nouveau-guacamole until nearly all the fish is gone. If the elements were layered on a flat plate instead, you could taste this engaging combination of flavors simultaneously. Next time, I'll scoop the contents onto a bread plate, making heaps of each major ingredient to commingle at will.

A spicy crab soup is rich, rewarding, and decidedly pungent with hot chile oil in a thin coconut-milk broth flavored with Kaffir lime and laced generously with fresh-tasting crab hunks. Alongside are a pile of miniature spring rolls the size of lipsticks, stuffed with spicy crab, yet oddly dry and dull.

The revisionist Caesar salad disappointed us. Replacing the raw or coddled egg of the classic dressing is a whole, allegedly soft-boiled egg. But our refrigerator-cold egg was medium-cooked to solidity, yielding no sploosh of warm yolk. There were plenty of anchovies, though — not the standard pink slivers but thick, pickled white ones from Spain. Instead of bite-sized croutons, there were long, toasted baguette slices, which I guess you're supposed to break up yourself if you want them mixed with the greenery and dressing. The Parmesan played a cameo role — maybe we got shorted on it. We wished we'd ordered the manic-sounding "Kitchen Sink" salad of lettuce, shrimp, artichokes, "crispy" Brie, pancetta, etc., instead, or the Caprese with fried green tomatoes as well as red heirlooms. Another salad's sly anthropological title, "The Raw and the Cooked," tickled us but didn't tempt us as much. (Will we see a "Triste Tropiques" mango-and-durian combo on next summer's menu?)

The menu is divided into multiple mini-sections (sounds like Ono, no?), and one of them is devoted to Japanese Kobe beef, the most marbled, tender meat you can imagine. I've read raves about the restaurant's Kobe sirloin slices, cooked by diners on a hot stone at the table. It costs $18 an ounce, minimum four ounces. That's beyond my budget, given that four of us would probably want eight ounces ($144), so we ordered Kobe carpaccio instead ($28). As some anonymous food savant has observed, "Raw is the true rare." The paper-thin slices were buried under a heap of baby arugula, shallots, and Parmesan cream. My friends complained about the garnishes obliterating the meat, and so when the plate finally reached me, I pushed the greenery to the side to eat alternately with bites of straight-up beef. The meat was soft as room-temperature butter, the (now-separate) garnishes tasty. You don't get a lot of beef, but I was glad to taste Kobe raw to finally experience its essence. (There's also a Kobe tataki, lightly seared, for $26.)

Yet another appetizer group, labeled "Enough to Share," highlights upscale pub grub. Along with popcorn shrimp and BBQ lamb ribs, it includes two publicity-grabbers to lure young scenesters: One is a quartet of sliders — two miniature Wagyu (American Kobe) beefburgers and two mini-lamburgers. The other is a 20-inch Kobe beef hot dog at $1 per inch (made especially for the restaurant by their meat company). We weighed these possibilities, quietly chorusing the old R&B hit "Big Ten Inch" (halving the hot dog). Ultimately, though, we passed in favor of appetizers that would show off more cooking creativity than media-grabbing skills.

As at so many other restaurants, the mains are minor compared to the starters. A lobster pot pie was far better than other local versions I've suffered, loaded with succulent hunks of real lobster meat (not trash "knuckle meat") in a tarragon-spiked lobster-cream sauce under a light, well-made crust. It somewhat resembled a crusted lobster thermidor, minus the sherry. Its root vegetables (parsnips, pearl onions) were toothsome, although softer species (e.g., asparagus) sogged out. But we all felt that the sauce's near-slutty richness called for a touch of one more darker flavor to focus it and balance out all the cream — Hoisin? Soy? Maybe even thermidor's retro sherry? (But I'm not the chef; it's his job to come up with some smart solution.)

"Blackened" hamachi was gorgeously done to a tender, pearly opalescence — a rarity around the Gaslamp, where even fishhouses often end up defaulting to Zonie preferences for fish cooked "through" (and through). The sweet-hot red miso glazing sauce divided our table between the spice-heads and the mildies. Fred and I loved it, while Lynne and Kent thought it overwhelmed the delicacy of the yellowtail filet, which was plated over a heap of wok-fried vegetables that pleased us all sufficiently, if none ecstatically.

Having just enjoyed El Comal's $8 chicken mole, we decided to pass on the deluxe version for $28, no matter how much research and talent the chef brought to it. But after the summer, when heavy fowls like duck tend to vanish from menus, the honey-glazed roasted half duck with local orange marmalade sounded attractive. The marmalade was earthy and interesting, but the Muscovy duck, normally a fine little bird (if not so fatty as the Long Island Pekin), failed us. It arrived in two pieces — one of them dry, tough, and overcooked, the other medium-rare but still dry and excessively chewy (possibly a result of roasting too fast at high heat). Along with a tiny patch of spinach, the duck came with an abominable little potato cake that tasted as if it had flunked the quality-control patrol for a frozen Salisbury steak dinner. Bad dish, bad! Heel!

Since steakhouses are rampant locally, we didn't really want to order a steak, but we did, because a large menu section is devoted to them and we wanted to cover the bases. "The Prime New York strip is the chef's favorite," said the waitress. (Had the menu mentioned that all its steaks are genuinely dry-aged, I'd have said "the heck with the chef" and chosen the rib-eye for its deeper, gamier flavor.) The strip was fine, tender, rare to order, with a pleasant, thick deglazing sauce. Better yet, we ordered a side of truffled fries for it. They arrived slim, soignée, and piping hot — the irresistible highlight of our entrée chapter. "It says something — and not something good — when a steak is the best entrée," Kent reflected. "Steak tells you nothing about a chef's skills. Anybody can buy a good piece of Prime, and unless they're an idiot and overcook it, it'll always come out good."

Negotiating the thick wine list was a chore — lots of exorbitant boutique bottlings I've only vaguely heard of and very little that was affordable (i.e., under $50). I lucked into a terrific New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, Sacred Hill's "Sauvage" ($37). It was typically crisp and very dry, with a fresh-grass aroma, but a richer fruit undertone than usual for the Marborough region, which normally runs straight to grapefruit. For the entrées, we wanted a Pinot Noir, and a California winery called Lynmar furnished a well-balanced bottle for $56. (It even went with the hamachi.) But the best strategy, considering those interfering wire chargers, is to pore over the wine list on the website before you go. Deep into its pages, there's a group of undervalued whites from the Loire region (Muscadets, Vouvrays, etc.) and another group of reasonable reds among the Côtes de Rhones (which oddly enough, cost less than California and Aussie Syrahs and Petite Syrahs of the same general taste profile).

All desserts are made in-house, and under the influence of owner Mike Kelly the list is rife with kiddie treats — warm donuts, s'mores, cotton candy cones with bubble gum ice cream, frozen PB&J ice-cream sandwiches coated with Rice Krispies. Bypassing the baby food, we chose a cherry cheesecake on a chocolate crust. It was rich and dense, good if you like heavy cheesecake. A baked Alaska flamed at the table with Malibu coconut rum had mango ice cream coated in coconut cake and shredded-coconut meringue that tasted oddly like that commercial marshmallow goop in a jar. The best ending was my strong, slightly bitter, very Italian-tasting decaf espresso, and Kent liked his decaf cappuccino so well, he decided to skip his customary sugar. Compliments to the skilled barista — he keeps his *machinetta* very clean.

Quarter Kitchen is clearly a restaurant aiming to be everything to every taste. That's why the buzz is so dissonant. At its core, there's some really good stuff when you wipe away the cobwebs of glitz. So — what would I order here for an affordable light dinner for two (or perhaps a ménage à trois)? I'd start with two portions of caviar tacos ($48, worth every cent). Next, I'd choose any two of the following: East Coast–West Coast raw oysters (six for $16), a shared bowl of spicy crab soup ($16), Kitchen Sink salad ($18) and/or salmon tartare ($18). Finally, a filler-upper of the mini-burger quartet ($24) along with those luscious truffled fries ($10). That comes to about $116 for a couple or a threesome (before wine, tip, and tax). Feeling a little more flush, substitute four ounces of the legendary stone-cooked Kobe ($72) for the sliders, for a total food bill of $164, or split the hamachi ($38 or so), if you like spice. You wouldn't need a big, pricey red for any version of this menu; a Vouvray, Muscadet, or New Zealand Sauvignon would do the job. You'd eat remarkably well for much less than we spent and dance out lightly. If you choose the lavish over the large, Quarter Kitchen can richly reward you.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Executive chef Damon Gordon grew up in Ipswich, a medium-sized town (about the size of Escondido) near London. His chef aspirations started early. "It's a bit of cliché, but I always remember my mom baking," he says. "She was a very good cook, I remember watching her do that, and that's where the love affair started. I wanted to be a professional soccer player, which most kids do when they're growing up in England, but I wasn't good enough, so I turned my attention to cooking. I went to a local cooking school, did two years there, worked in a couple of local restaurants, and once I graduated, I moved to London, which is where it's happening, of course."

Early in his career, the chef he was working under recommended Gordon for a position at chef Michel Roux's famed three-star (Michelin) restaurant in Bray, the Waterside Inn. "I spent three days in a *stage*, a trial period, and they offered me the job," Damon says. "Obviously that was the real turning point in my career. Once you go to work in a three-star, you learn something new every day. Use the best ingredients, the best techniques, the 100 percent dedication every day when you work in a place like that.

"After that, I moved back to London, spent a little time working for Marco Pierre White, then I…got to work for Alain Ducasse at Spoon in London. I got transferred to the U.S., and I went to Miami first, Claude Troisgros's Blue Door at the Delano Hotel, and then the hotel management company transferred me to the Royalton Hotel in New York City in July 2001, just before 9/11. I consider New York my home. New York either pushes you away, or you want to be there forever…I was there for about 18 months, until a close friend asked me to go back to the Delano to fill in, and I went back for just over a year — you always learn there — but I still wanted to come back to New York City. I came back to run Mix in New York for Mr. Ducasse for a year, and after that I spent 18 months running the Gansevoort Hotel [Ono]. I learned a lot about contemporary Japanese cuisine. Always loved Japanese cuisine, I finally learned about the cooking side of it. It was a real eye-opener.

"But all this time I'd been under the same management company, called China Grill Management. I thought it was time to look and see what else was out there. I met a head-hunter working for a search firm in Beverly Hills, and a week later he called and told me about the project at the Ivy. After several meetings in various cities, I had a fantastic meeting with the owner, Michael Kelly. His passion, his vision for the property — I was pretty much offered the job on the spot. I came to San Diego for a weekend, and it was one of the best decisions I ever made.

"We want to give people a broad scope — of simplicity, of sophistication. We don't have everything and anything on the menu, but if someone wants to have a Caesar salad and a grilled steak, we have that. Or if you want to go more decadent and have caviar, we have that. For people that are health-conscious, we offer a sashimi of the day. We wanted to bring something new to San Diego. That was the whole plan of it."

Damon is not one of those executive hotel chefs who hides in an office writing menus. He's still out on the line nearly every night. "I'm a cook first. Me and my executive sous-chef plate everything. We touch everything before it goes out." His philosophy of food? "I like simple things — I don't like nine, ten ingredients on a plate. I don't like to mask things. I like to accentuate the ingredients we have on hand. I like tradition, but to execute things in a little more contemporary way." ■

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"They've been fighting fires all day. What da heck have we done?"

TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

'Gimme four cases of beef jerky, two cases of Cracker Jacks, servings for 200 of cheesecake individual, eight splits of Reese's peanut butter cups…"

Here at Gillespie Field, Rick Buffington is king. The king of supplies, anyway. Hank and I are standing beside his little electric wagon in the Thursday evening gloom. The guy reels off order after order into a cell phone. The landlines are down. Somewhere behind him, you hear *fwop fwop fwop:* two Huey choppers coming in to land. Here, cops, sheriffs, state forest flight crew, mud-spattered firefighters, and lines of prisoners in orange tunics all criss-cross between us and the chow tent.

"…a case of Tapatio individual, ten cases of cranberry juice, ten cases of V8 Splash, ten cases of OJ…"

I'm waiting to see if it's cool for Hank and me to grab a bite here. Even though we're not fighting fires. This was late last week, and Hank had to bring video equipment to a firefighting buddy of his. I came along for the ride. Here we are in Base Camp, an instant tent city, population maybe 1000. The place is filled with rows of sandy-colored square tents, laundry trucks, phone-bank trucks, red fire-crew trucks, and fire engines.

"Food?" says Rick. "No problem. This crew here is the best. The only female forest service kitchen in the state."

We head off for the CDF chow trailer. "California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection," says the sign above the lit windows. "Emergency Operations Support Kitchen." I spot a chalkboard. Ah — the menu. "Roasted Chicken Halves, Asian Veggies, Rice Pilaf. Or Vegetarian Upon Request. Enjoy Your Dinner."

"Don't know if we should…" says Hank. "You order for both of us."

"One chicken, one vegetarian," I say to a gal in an orange jumpsuit behind the tiny window. The veg, of course, is for Hank.

We carry our trays across to another tent, where bright lights shine down on salads and desserts. Three orange-jumpsuited girls keep the food replenished. Guys ahead of us pile on the lettuce and tomatoes and mushrooms and add a plate for desserts — lots of fresh fruit, including pineapple, grapes, strawberries, melons, and peaches. And. Ooh yeah, baby: Creamstyle cheesecake. It's a brand. Individual slices in plastic wrap. I decide to come back for this-all later.

"We shouldn't be eating their food," Hank says again. "They've been fighting fires all day. What da heck have *we* done?"

"Seems to be plenty," I say. "And look at it this way. We get to meet all these guys and gals who put their lives on the line. Probably had plenty of their own company by now, day and night, strangers in town, some of them, stuck out here in their own bubble."

We pick up a couple of Gatorades from ice coolers out in the dark on the grass and head for a huge, brightly lit, open-sided tent with rows and rows of tables. "Wow," I say. "They could fit 600 people in here." Straw has been laid over the dirt floor. Maybe a couple hundred people are chowing down. You hear talk in everything from English to Spanish to Somali. We find two seats.

"You take the vegetarian," says Hank. "Not up to all that pasta. Carbs." He's already ripping the breast meat off the half-chicken stretched out on his plate. "Oh, yes," he says. "Has to be garlic in there. Those ladies know good cookin'."

I cut into "my" pasta. Inside these pasta shells — oh, yeah — ricotta. Savory, quite delish. Sure helps the steamed broccoli and beans and rice pilaf go down.

Hank finishes his chicken in three giant gulps. He heads out to find his buddy and hand off equipment. When my plate is clean, I head back to the dessert/salad tent. The three orange-jumpsuited girls are having fun making up pizza boxes. They tell me working for state forestry should reduce the time they serve by up to a third, but there are other reasons they love it. "We're actually helping out. It feels good," says one gal who gives her name as only "E." I get a paper bowl and fill it with grapes, pineapple, peach slices, melon, a couple of strawberries, and a chunk of that cheesecake.

When I get back to the table, CCC kids — the California Conservation Corps, also here helping — have already cleared away the entrée plates. I chomp into the fruit. All of it's nice and fresh, or freshly thawed. And the cheesecake? Yes, it's commercial, but sweet, tender, not cloying.

I get to talking with a group of guys who've come down from Lassen-Modoc, close to the state's northern border. They're finishing up their chicken. "As fire food, I'd score it a six and a half," says David. He and two of the other guys, Aaron and Jesse, are CDF captains. They direct helicopters on their fire runs, either on board or from the ground. The fourth guy, Bob, is a pilot. Flies Hueys. Has since 1970. Vietnam. "Our Huey is a 1969 model," says David. "But their payload's still bigger than the other single-rotor choppers," says Bob. We talk about flying through smoke, knowing where the fire is, where the other choppers are, where the mountains are. Scary stuff.

"Got to get this guy to bed," says David. He's talking about Bob. Rules say pilots must have ten hours' rest between operations. Preflight's at 7:00 a.m. They all head off to their sleep tents.

Rick

Me, I wander through to — *ulp.* Half a dozen prone bodies in a shadowy tent next door. Fully clothed, of course. Women work over them, kneading their shoulders, heads, backs, legs. A deep moan comes from one guy. Another, lying face down, talks quietly about home. "Massage by Patricia and Friends" says the sign on the tent flap. When Patricia sees me looking, she says, "It's just something I thought I could do." She's cool, cute, and a licensed masseuse. "Some of these guys have been out there for three days, no rest," she says. "They come in tense and tight. In their heads, they're still facing that wall of fire. After we've worked on them, at least they can sleep." ■

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"I was an English major as an undergrad," says Courtney Cochran, a young woman on a quest to brand herself as wine's ambassador to the Millennials (those who have turned 21 since the turn of the Millennium). "I liked to express myself in words, and I was frustrated that there was this thing I loved that was so multidimensional — wine — and I didn't necessarily know how to talk about it. I really wanted a vocabulary, a tool kit for explaining what was in the glass. And I knew there were people called sommeliers who could do that. So after I was out of college, I started taking wine classes as a hobby with the International Sommeliers' Guild."

The love she mentions took root at home in Visalia, growing up in a house where Dad was a fan of California Pinot Noir. It grew during a school-days' summer in the south of France: "You can drink wine there when you are younger, which is convenient," she notes. "And I enjoyed the way food and wine are such an integral part of the culture." And it bloomed over the course of a collegiate semester at the Sorbonne. "I was a French minor, and I wanted to live in Paris like probably every 20-year-old woman does. On the weekends, a lot of my friends would to go Oktoberfest, or to Amsterdam — more of the sort of party trips. I was going to Champagne, the Loire Valley, and Burgundy."

After college (UCLA), Cochran landed a job as a marketing manager for Universal Music Group. But, she says, "I knew I hadn't found my passion yet." Further, "I didn't see a logical career path for myself. There were meetings I wasn't invited to — I didn't have the skills that my boss had; I had come away from school with very few core business fundamentals. I'd never seen a balance sheet before, never learned business strategy." Her boss had an MBA and encouraged her to get one, too. So Cochran headed back to the academy: UCLA's Anderson School of Management.

It was there that wine and business began to mix: "There was a club fair at orientation — Women in Business, the consulting club, the marketing club. I walked straight up to the wine club, which was huge. There's a strong belief that wine and business go hand in hand — when you're entertaining, when you're ordering from a wine list, and so forth. We would bring in winemakers. Jack Cakebread has an executive MBA from Stanford, and he loves going to business schools and talking about the business of wine. I wound up being president of the club, leading a lot of tastings and events. That was more interesting to me than accounting and economics." As she entered her second year, she decided to pursue certification as a sommelier.

She found she had a knack for the work. "People gave me wonderful feedback. They already saw me as a peer, because I was a classmate, so I was accessible and nonthreatening. And they said, 'I love that you know a lot about wine, but you can talk about it in a way that we'll remember it.' And these were smart, sophisticated people, people with spending power who were buying wine. They didn't want to be dumbed down, but they also wanted to have fun."

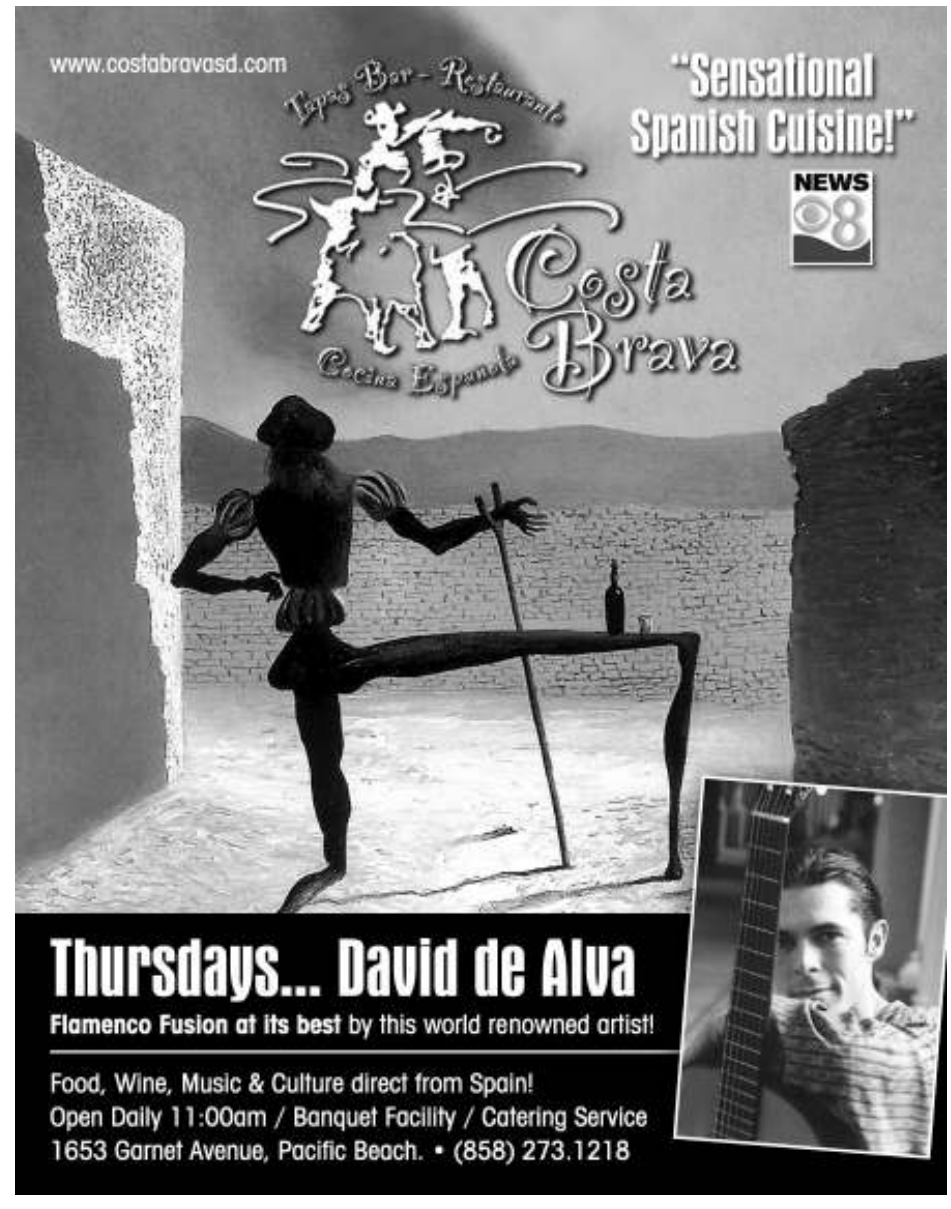
They were, in a word, Millennials. "I think they take themselves less seriously, perhaps, than earlier generations when it comes to wine. There's nothing wrong with the earlier generations; it's just that there was no precedent. The Boomers' parents weren't drinking wine, so it had all these connotations — 'this hifalutin' thing.'" But the Boomers are these kids' parents: "The Boomers drank wine; so we grew up drinking wine. I'm just thrilled that I know what goes into it now and that I can talk a little bit more about it." Nobody had to put on airs, because wine was just part of life.

(Gen X, it may be recalled, was not so sanguine about the Boomers. Gen X produced the backlash against the dreaded "wine snob" and complained that it was overlooked as a market; that the industry, with its precious wine scores and gilded auctions and varietal-specific stemware, just didn't get it. "That whole Generation X is very countercultural," observes Cochran. "This generation just doesn't have that idiosyncrasy, I guess." What's more, "This generation is buying more wine, at a higher price point, than any generation before them at their age. Our parents raised us on the higher-end stuff, so when we go out to buy wine, we're ready to step it up a little bit.")

Through her grad-school wine events, Cochran knew that "there was this segment of the wine market that was very exciting — and that it did not have a voice. There really wasn't a person — a wine critic or book author" — who was speaking to these people peer-to-peer. Business school had taught Cochran that she loved marketing, "but I didn't necessarily want to market anyone else's products. I realized that I wanted to do marketing and branding, but I wanted to do it for myself. I thought, 'Maybe I could fill that niche, become the voice of that generation.' "

Courtney Cochran

Curiously enough, for someone willing to tackle an MBA program and a sommelier certification course at the same time, Cochran's first step toward filling that niche came out of a stalling tactic. "The sommelier exam was practically at the same time as my midterms, and I needed to buy myself some time. So I decided to do an independent study. I said,



'Hey, why don't I create a website where I market myself as a wine personality?' " The sort of person who can help with (quoting here from her website) "tasting and speaking engagements, cellar development and management, and wine list consulting." The title, "Your Personal Sommelier," came to her in the night. The husband of one of her sommelier course classmates turned out to be a Web designer, and Cochran was off and running. She got her certification just as she was getting her MBA, and in 2005, she headed to San Francisco. *CourtneyCochran.com* was already up and running; by early 2006, she was ready to launch Hip Tastes, her events company.

"I've always wanted to live in San Francisco," she says. "The wine business there is incredible — it really is the nucleus of activity. And I knew that the twentysomething demographic was not being served with wine events that really made them feel comfortable. I thought, 'What if I could bring the wine into an environment where they go anyway?' I found hot spots around town that were already popular with the demographic and held events on Friday nights — which is a pretty atypical night. But it actually worked out swimmingly — I went to nightclubs where there was no line out the door until 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. anyways and held my events from 7:00–10:00 p.m. The owners were thrilled to have bodies inside, and it became a way for people to kick off their night."

Timing isn't everything, of course — the event itself has to do the heavy lifting. "I did a lot of themes that weren't being done anywhere else; I tried really hard to appeal to this group for reasons besides just the wine. I did a tasting called Old School, where I paired wine with mac 'n' cheese, tater tots, PB&J, and gooey chocolate cake. I did it in a venue called Butter, in the south end of the Market District. It's outfitted to look a little bit like a trailer park. They have half an Airstream trailer sticking out of the back, and that's their kitchen. The food I chose was the sort of food they serve anyway, and the bar has a lot of cachet. I was able to benefit from the fact that people already knew about the venue and were already excited about it." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary, but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals daily. Live music and belly dancer Friday and Saturday night. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.*

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ing that appeals as much to the mind as to the senses. He's imported a major Mina strategem — showcasing an individual ingredient by presenting it in several different incarnations within the same dish, like musical variations on a theme. Blanca's menu lists each item's pedigree and primary garnishes, but those details don't begin to describe the behind-the-scenes enhancements of marinades, brines, rubs, soaks, and infusions that play subtle roles in the multilayered flavors that come to the table. Appetizers are especially adventurous, the wine list is exceptional (if mainly very pricey), and the restaurant's decor is as modern and polished as the food. Dinner only. Reservations required. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. This restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday to Thursday (to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Joey's Smokin' B-B-Q 6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-929-1396. Also Torrey Hills Center, 4645 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Valley, 858-350-1317. Joey Maggiore doesn't produce Southern "Q" so much as So-Cal "Q" — more an homage to Memphis than anything you'd find in Memphis itself — but the tables include paper towel dispensers instead of napkins, a clear signal to go ahead and get messy. All the meats are smoked, not grilled, in true "Q" fashion. Pulled pork offers reasonably credible Memphis-style flavor and tender-chewy texture. Baby back ribs come in three versions: sweet ribs glazed with the "suh-weet" sauce, wet ribs glazed with the mild-spicy sauce, and dry-rubbed ribs sprinkled with spice rub. Sweet or wet are the best. Chicken plates come in a variety of sizes and parts. House-made hot links are well seasoned in the Louisiana manner, but extremely salty. The list of sides is long and varied. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria,* where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita.* Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Open daily, three meals, until midnight. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei,* hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!,* so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It's got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-Cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101's vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open for breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin.* Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Friday only. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms and bar here boast airy, stylish decor and ocean views, and the SRO umbrella-shaded patio is right at water's edge. Lunches run to sandwiches, burgers, and fried seafood of ordinary competence and uneven preparation: wonderfully coconutty fried shrimp, for example, share a sampler plate with deadly-dry salmon croquettes. Dinner dishes are modern Cal cuisine — that is, a mix-and-match of Pacific Rim-Mediterranean-Mexican flavors, with some emphasis on seafood. But the view's the thing here. Full bar. Open daily, lunch and dinner; breakfast on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flour tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.*

Fiore's Harrah's Rincon Casino, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This is where Valley Center goes to celebrate special occasions. An island of serenity in the cacophonous casino, the restaurant offers fine certified-Angus grilled steaks and chops of various species. For a starter, the shrimp margarita is delicious. Choices include numerous seafood entrées, and for lighter eating there's an Oyster Bar attached. The best attraction is the long, adventurous wine list, offering international bottles at bargain prices with by-the-glass choices galore. Half the fun is matching wines to foods. The beer list is sophisticated, too, as are well-priced cognacs and aged ports. Business-casual dress code. Kids allowed in casino restaurants, not in gambling area. Reservations advised for weekends. Open for dinner daily. Moderate at Oystar Bar; upper moderate to very expensive in restaurant. — *N.W.*

The Grill 10920 Roselle Street, Suite 104, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-7940. Sorrento Valley is where you commute to work, not to live, so forget warm neighborhood eateries. At first glance, the Grill is what you'd expect — standard strip mall, bare-bones furnishings, office-lunch oriented. But the Greek owners give it character with generous but cheap breakfast dishes like the Mediterranean omelet and lunch specials such as the luscious Philly cheese steak. And they're flexible. Want bacon, sausage, *and* ham in your breakfast pita? They'll do all three, same price as with a single meat. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Five vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients. Recipes of the 24 loaves are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday,

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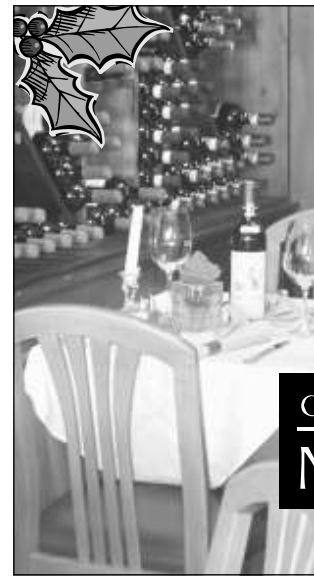
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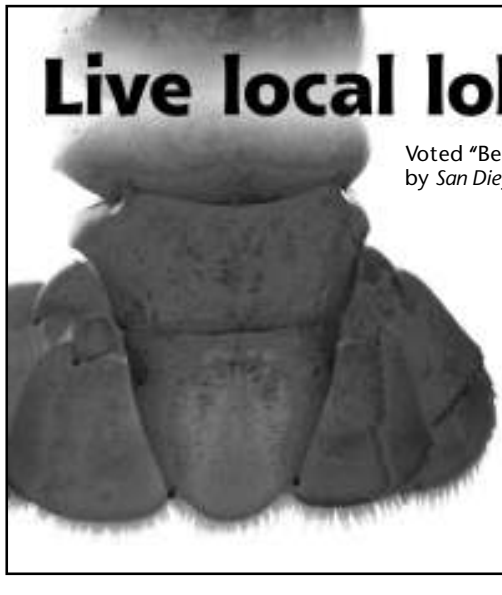
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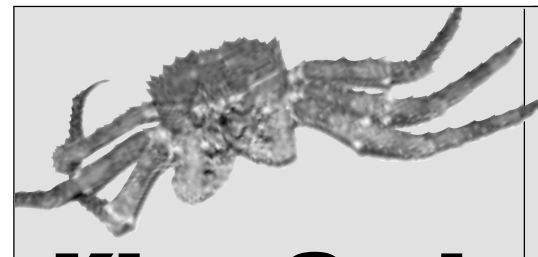
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LA JOLLA

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise, and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Monday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

George's at the Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. At George's dressy, comfortable downstairs fine-dining restaurant, California Modern Restaurant, chef Trey Foshee's superb California cuisine is based on prime ingredients, emphasizing local seafood and produce and cooked to highlight rather than mask the natural flavors. The menu changes seasonally, so don't miss such treats as squash soup, table-smoked salmon, Sea of Cortez scallops, or wine-braised prime short ribs when available. A long and serious (but costly) wine list at fair prices offers plenty by the glass or half-bottle, including rare dessert wines. Leisurely pace, attentive service — make a special evening of it. Reservations necessary. An informal Café is one flight up, and on the rooftop is the wildly popular Terrace Bistro, with its fabulous seacoast views, sharing with the Café a more casual and affordable menu; reservations advised. Wheelchair-access by two elevators; front desk staff will guide you (if arriving alone, ask valet parkers to fetch a staffer). Men's restroom upstairs; disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's facilities. Downstairs dinner only; upstairs lunch and dinner daily. Downstairs expensive to very expensive; Café and Terrace moderate. — *N.W.*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon,* luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) weekdays, and dinner daily (including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" Sunday through Thursday). Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. Call ahead for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to exorbitant but mainly moderate. — *N.W.*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Seafood is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon) are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. Draft beer and wine available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. Lunch and dinner six days, closed Sunday. — *M.N.*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese, "run over" between two pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Lunch and dinner weekdays, three meals weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass lookalikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten,* chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to the kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner seven days. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.*

The Third Corner Wine Shop and Bistro 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700. Ed Moore's casual, loosey-goosey spot is first of all a wine shop selling most global bottlings for just 20% over wholesale. It's $5 to pop the cork there if you plunk down at a table among the racks to enjoy casual bistro-style food designed to go with wine. You can snack on goat cheese salad, smoked duck salad, a cheese plate or a pâté plate, or get serious with braised short ribs or duck confit surprisingly paired with spicy Nawlins red beans and rice. No reservations accepted, so best to go at off-hours or you'll wait for a table. Comfortable lounge with fireplace for sipping. Full bar. No corkage charge after 11 p.m., when restaurant staffers drop in for after-work noshing. Lunch and dinner until 1 a.m.; closed Monday. Low-moderate. — *N.W.*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi,* rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie available Mondays — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Krakatoa 1128 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-230-0272. This used to be an abandoned property. Now the swamp-green clapboard house is the coolest, if (reportedly) ghost-ridden, coffee-eatery hang-outery in Golden Hill. Its garden is lush and tropical, and on its wooden deck laptops unfold, essays get written, relationships get worked out. The menu is light, the names heavy: the breakfast sandwich (scrambled eggs, cheese, fruit) is the Wonchi (an Ethiopian caldera); the roast turkey sandwich with ham, cream cheese, and cranberry sauce is the Ubehebe (a dormant volcano in Death Valley); the Amboy (a Mojave Desert volcano) is a peanut butter, honey, banana, cinnamon, and bacon sandwich. Open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sundays till 6 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

La Dona 1784 Newton (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-233-4939. This café is steeped in Mexican history, especially Barrio Logan history. You half expect to see several L.A. Zoot-suitors drift in as you inspect the black-and-white shots of the late actress Maria Felix (Mexico's Marilyn Monroe) or the great photos of the Mexican Revolution that include Zapata and Pancho Villa. The place has been here for 63 years, and old-timers say it reminds them of long-ago cafés in Los Angeles, Modesto, or Madera. The food is home cooking, Mexican style, with meals like scrambled eggs and chorizo with rice and refried beans. Watch out for the pot o' salsa — it's a real jaw-slammer. Other dishes to sample include *chicharrones, menudo,* and *pozole.* Seven days, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Linkery 3386 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-255-8778. The artisanal "slow food" cuisine here features local ingredients and made-from-scratch preparations. Despite the name, there's a full menu that includes tasty grilled vegetable appetizers and some fine entrées. But the focus is on the side dishes of fresh sausages made daily on-premises. These vary not only in composition but in palatability. Good ones include chicken curry, *linguisa,* Polynesian pork. Venturesome international wine list at low markups, plus international beers and Mexican Coca-Cola (better tasting than U.S. made). Small parking lot (enter by alley on Upas just east of Jack in the Box). Noisy even when nearly empty. No reservations. Dinner daily, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.*

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Geno's Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. The original owner, Geno, was a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He was a surfer, but serious. He'd won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he said nobody else had. Today, a new owner has continued the tradition. Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung,* the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman,* labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum,* the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

FAR EAST

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M.*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), midtown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day. Good choice of beers; a few affordable wines; $5 corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka,* and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi.* For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas.* And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B.*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discrete admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan

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moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche,* ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks at least 1700 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (*machaca, chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco and the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M.*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturday, roast lamb or pot roast Sunday. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B.*

Izakaya Masa 928 Fort Stockton Drive, Suite #109, Mission Hills, 619-542-1354. An *izakaya* is the Japanese equivalent of a tapas bar. The menu here includes 12 cold appetizers and 19 hot ones, along with 12 deep-fried mini-kebabs and a host of more standard dishes, plus sushi. Find adventure with the little dishes. *Chuka kurage,* superb cold jellyfish salad, is crunchy and spicy but lightly sauced, with no greasy chili-oil residue. Fried oysters (*kaki*), ethereal fried tofu in broth, and *kara-age* (spicy fried chicken) stand out among the hot appetizers. *Kushi-age,* a variety of deep-fried kebabs on bamboo skewers, are inexpensive and delicious; try the Japanese sausage. *Maguro yamakake,* a cold appetizer of raw tuna with glutinous grated mountain yam, is an advanced course in Japanese cuisine — a strenuous challenge to a Western palate. Sushi rolls are a bit creative, but not the restaurant's forte. Go for the tapas and enjoy yourself. Lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday. Dinner six nights. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:20 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal,* and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo.* Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Avenue, Suite 110 (downstairs below street level), Hillcrest, 619-295-5560. This could be the ideal neighborhood restaurant — if you love exploring Middle Eastern cuisines. The Moroccan specialties at Kous Kous are delicious, authentic, and healthful, and the witty, entertaining staff treat you like guests at an informal dinner party. Unlike most Moroccan restaurants in the U.S., the menu is à la carte rather than prix fixe, and seating is at normal chairs and tables, not floor cushions, so you can focus on the food and not some *Arabian Nights* fantasy. Start with a lively Chutney Sampler appetizer plate of *mezze,* Moroccan style, and if *b'stila* is on the menu, don't pass up this treat of minced chicken in a cinnamon-dusted filo crust. Entrée highlights include Lamb Tagine, slow-braised, greaseless fall-apart shanks with prunes, almonds, Moroccan seasonings and a touch of honey; and Chicken Mu'hammer, a tenderly braised half-chicken with quartered green olives and slivers of salty preserved lemons. All entrées come with lively, flawless couscous. Kebabs (filet mignon, shrimp, etc.) also come with a mixed green salad served with refreshing, lemony dressing. For dessert, housemade choices include refreshing fresh berries with orange liqueur and rosewater and a creamy crème brulée, plus pastries from Bread & Cie. Dinner nightly. Reservations urged for weekends. Restaurant is below street level, elevator is left of the staircase to Martini's. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with rich English beer, say, a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Breakfast weekends, lunch weekdays, and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

DOWNTOWN

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini.* You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Cafe Chloe 721 Ninth Avenue (at G Street), East Village, 619-232-3242. How did we ever manage before this indispensable bistro opened? In a bright and beautiful setting with small tables, bar-seating, and a patio, you'll find light and lovely Parisian-style bistro fare with substantial breakfasts, svelte lunches and dinners, and sophisticated bar-nibbles. Don't miss breakfast's poached eggs with sage-truffle *beurre blanc.* Nightly specials keep the menu interesting, and desserts are worth every calorie. Beverages include divine lavender lemonade, root beer choices, and an intelligent wine list at modest markups, most available by the glass. Metered street-parking daytime. No reservations except large groups. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Here you'll find a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around the restaurant. Diners can choose an adventurous meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W.*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday; dinner only on Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

Galileo 101 West Tower, Harbor Club, 201 J Street (at Second Avenue), downtown. Also 10 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown, 619-702-7101. When new, Galileo 101 offered "avant-garde Italian" food that has gradually evolved into adventurous Euro-Cal cuisine, its dishes influenced by modern French cooking with a few Pacific Rim touches. Chef Joe Craig is putting all his talent and imagination into the seasonal menu, with generally splendid results. Moist, tender sea bass is served with rarely seen Hawaiian ubi — huge yams with rich-flavored deep-purple flesh. Flat-iron steak and short ribs are both made with ultra-tender, flavorful Kobe beef, accompanied by zesty sides. The nightly specials are worth serious consideration — they're where the chef fully stretches out and has some fun on the job. Creative appetizers may include scallops with *osso buco* and a wild boar tamale. Solid international wine list. Dinner six nights, closed Sunday. Reservations advised. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W.*

Gourmet India 810 Fourth Avenue (south of F Street), Gaslamp, 619-702-7967. Most local Indian restaurants share nearly identical pan-regional menus (yawn). Gourmet India, in contrast, serves authentic regional delicacies you won't find at the clones. Don't miss the distinctive appetizers, especially the crunchy *sev poori* (wheat wafers with a vibrant, spicy fresh topping), the *bel poori* (India's favorite railway snack), or southern India's *uttapam,* pancakes (made of cream of wheat) resembling soft, exotic mini-pizzas, accompanied by a coconutty fresh chutney. *Peshawari naan* is a spectacular tandoor-cooked bread stuffed with cashews, raisins, and fresh cheese, and tandoori chicken wings are tender and savory with their lively green dipping sauce. Entrées include the rarely seen *mirchi tikka,* tender boneless chicken from the tandoor, steeped in a bright, spicy, lime-juice marinade. Madrasi Fish in coconut milk is a delicious Southern-style coconut milk curry, and the house specialty, Bombay Chicken, is a salty and oddly homey-tasting stew. Interesting and appropriate wine list; numerous Indian and international beers. You can eat royally on a prosperous peasant's budget. Lunch and dinner daily. (Parking not validated at Horton.) Moderate. — *N.W.*

Grant Grill U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway (between Third and Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-232-3121. The hotel has reopened after its $52 million renovation, and it's looking magnificent. The Grant Grill, too, is changed and freshened. In days of yore, the bill of fare combined French haute cuisine with British hotel-grill staples. Now it's thoroughly Southern Californian (although they did resurrect the fabled mock turtle soup in response to diner pleas) with nods to the "Slow Food" movement. Well-raised meats, local produce, and artisanal products include housemade *burrata* mozzarella and herbed bread. Entrées are large, rather salty, and have fine side items, but there's still a basic conservatism at work. Nothing here to scare the horses. Appetizers and amuse-bouches are more engaging than entrées, while desserts are in the "needs more work" stage. Serving pace, especially on busy evenings, is slow. But the town's movers and shakers are back at their old favorite haunt. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Harbor House 831 West Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, downtown, 619-232-1141. This two-story Midwesterner-friendly eatery caters mainly to tourist families and conventioneers, but the upstairs Oyster Bar is a pretty spot to chill out and watch the sailboats over a good margarita and a plateful of iced bivalves. Upstairs preparations tend toward simple American coastal dishes; the menu includes more appetizers and the drinks include artisan beers. The downstairs main dining room features more old-fashioned "haute" preparations and has a longer wine list but no view. All foods and drinks from both venues are available by request on both floors (but not all servers know this). Parking free with validation for two hours. Reservations strongly advised for after 6:15 p.m. any evening. Accessible via elevator from main dining room, with entrance on the park (south) side of the building. Lunch and dinner daily upstairs; dinner only downstairs. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

House of Blues 1055 Fifth Avenue (north of Broadway), downtown, 619-299-2583. HOB's dining rooms (filled with vibrant folk art) are separate from the nightclub, so you don't have to attend a performance to eat there. Highlight of the week is the prix-fixe Sunday "Gospel Brunch" in the basement (with near-hidden elevator access), a generous buffet of mainly tasty mainstream and Southern goodies, including extraordinary smoked roast beef. Upstairs, the regular menu mingles soul and Cajun dishes with pub grub. The gumbo is surprisingly successful (if not exactly personal or eccentric) and the jambalaya is real. Oddly bittersweet Voodoo Shrimp (aka "BBQ Shrimp") comes with irresistible rosemary cornbread. A sampler of grilled Louisiana sausages is a hit. But some dishes denature regional flavors — the amiable, Tennessee-style baby back ribs are more Nashville suburb than downtown Memphis, while the humongous Cajun meatloaf and the bronzed catfish boast all the right Cajun spices but no Cajun flavor. Entrées come with vegetables, but consider amending them with tasty, inexpensive sides like superb sweet potato fries with housemade ketchup. Wine list is pitiful; have a Hurricane. Lunch and dinner nightly until 2 a.m. (except Sunday until midnight). "Lightning Lunch" prix fixe weekdays. Call for Gospel Brunch tickets. Dinner reservations essential; dinner packages available with access to shows. Moderate. — *N.W.*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open six days 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. — *E.B.*

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W.*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very good, including the excellent grilled calamari. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.*

The Oceanaire Seafood Room 400 J Street (at Fourth Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-858-2277. Oceanaire serves all manner of fresh seafood, including some rare species, from simple preparations to complex dishes with international influences (France, Italy, Asia, Louisiana, fusion). Fusion-y appetizers range from crab cakes (among the best in town) and lively El Diablo fried squid to disappointing oysters "Gatesafellar" and laughable "Cajun-rubbed" prawns. ("Eh, Soileau! C'mere, let me rub these prawns on you!") Of a menu comprising some 30 entrées, the best dishes tend to be the least ambitious choices from the Simply Grilled and Broiled section. Or you can gamble on more elaborate but risky composed entrées — e.g., fire-roasted Mano de León scallops in an Asian-style treatment are earthy and delicious, but spiny lobster is buried under an overwhelming, incoherent sauce. Let K.I.S.S. be your guideline. Vegetables and side dishes, served family size at extra charge, aren't wonderful. Housemade desserts are pretty good and sized for groups. The Oyster Bar is a pleasant separate area for snacking or seasonal special dinners; in season, the Kumamotos are

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Puerto la Boca 2060 India Street (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-234-4900. Argentines love their beef and they love it lean and wholesome — free-range and grass fed. That's what you'll find at this uncompromisingly authentic outpost of Buenos Aires cuisine. The great national entrée is the mixed grill (*parrillada*) for two or more — a massive meatarama featuring numerous grilled cuts of marinated beef, chicken, and sausages. Start with luscious beef or corn empanadas or, if you're feeling hungry and adventurous, *matambre* (rolled beef galantine). Not a steak lover? Try the shrimp "la boca." Don't eat meat? There are vegetarian pastas and pizzas. Gnocchi are served only on the 29th of each month. International, affordable choice of wines, plus Latin and U.S. beers. Full bar. Patio dining. Daily lunch and dinner hours, with dinner menu all day Friday and Saturday. — *N.W.*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The jambalaya is tasty, too, even with the substitute for andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations. Breakfast to dinner (closes 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday). Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even a chocolate fountain for large parties, available upon request. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Open Sunday from 9:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in Parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wines (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions,

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Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W.*

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. Mootime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere! Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones and pizza by the slice. (Pizza-by-slice portions stop at 6 p.m.) Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

BAJA

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El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Vegetarian on request. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

La Espadaña Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. Vegetarian on request. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadanas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, Mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada,* slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado…it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas,* from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Vegetarian on request. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente (just before El Toreo de Tijuana), 686-1560. Maybe the only smoke-free restaurant in Tijuana, this vegetarian haven was started in 1996 by health-conscious Doctor Georgina Vallarta de Alcántar. They make their own yogurt, soy hash, breads, rolls, salsas — and "meats" like a veal from their own wheat gluten — daily. You sit at wood tables and chairs next to blue-framed yellow walls splattered with Talavera ceramic suns. At breakfast, try the *tartaleta vallarta,* a mix of eggs, spinach, mushrooms, onions, and chile. For lunch (and it's usually busiest around three), their excellent soup, *caldo tlalpeno,* packed with cheese, rice, avocado, and chile, will fill you nicely. The soy *hamburguesa* is good, but go for the *torta,* which has that gluten *milanesa* along with cheese, avocado, and jalapeño. Good organic coffee. Wonderful juices, especially the cactus — if you need cleaning out. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371; and Eastlake Village Center South, 2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900; both in Chula Vista. This chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now it has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. Moderate. — *E.B.*

La Costa Azul Mariscos 1037 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-691-9812. Great family-run hangout for traditional seafood from Sinaloa and Nayarit, Mexico's crackling-hot desert/coastal states. Their ancient Sinaloa dish *aguachile* (shrimp in spicy brine) is simple, mouth-sizzlingly effective, *langostinos* are lush, but maybe most satisfying are whole-fish dishes like *pescado Veracruzano.*Truly traditional offerings come in giant three-legged *molcajetes.* Even their less-traditional signature dish, *Camarones Costa Azul* (crab and cheese-stuffed, bacon-wrapped shrimp) arrives in a burning hot *molcajete.* Also delicious: the sizzle-plate fajitas *mixtas,* with shrimp, beef, chicken. Many customers come around sunset, just to sit with a cool drink under palm fronds on the patio. Even if you're actually on Chula Vista's Broadway, it feels strangely like Cabo. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's…San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W.*

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade nicoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini.* Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 West Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824. — *N.W.*

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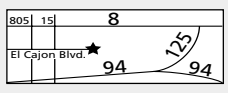

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Big Crooks and Little

Even if he knew any shortcuts, he wouldn't take them.

REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

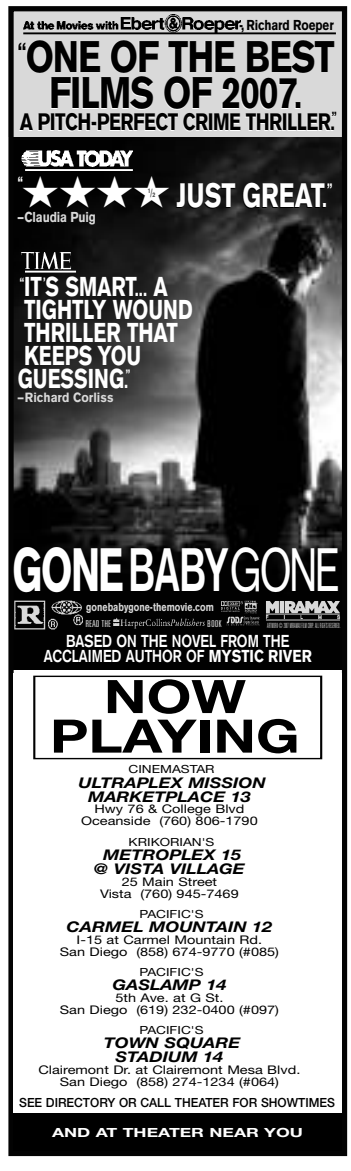
Two ways to start a movie with a bang:

In *American Gangster*, Denzel Washington lets us know right off the bat that he's a bad, bad, bad dude by dousing an already beaten-bloody Latino with gasoline, setting him afire, and then shooting him in the head. Bang. In *Before the Devil Knows You're Dead*, a stark-naked Philip Seymour Hoffman, not in the fittest of trim, is captured by the camera *in flagrante delicto*, pumping away doggy-style behind a matchingly starkers Marisa Tomei. A different kind of bang. (And by the way, those of us who have always found Marisa Tomei attractive will find her there, and thereafter, to be more extensively attractive than ever before.) Both movies do grab your attention, and in unequal degrees they hold it.

The first one, "based on a true story," is a formula underworld drama poured into an epic template. Like Jiffy-brand waffle batter spread over an iron the size of a billiard table. It traces, in separate intertwined storylines, the converging upward paths of criminal and cop: the former, the bad, bad, bad Washington, starting out as the servile driver and bodyguard for the legendary Bumpy Johnson, a big fish in the small pond of Harlem into the late Sixties; and the latter, Russell Crowe, working his way up as an undercover narc in New Jersey, studying for the bar in his spare time. The bodyguard inherits the small pond upon his boss's death, and expands it into an ocean by negotiating first-hand a drug deal in the war zone of Southeast Asia, peddling a superior product for less money, modelling his empire on the Mafia, surrounding himself with family members he can trust. Ultimately he surpasses the official Mafia in market power, while staying below the police radar until he shows up at the first Ali-Frazier fight in a chinchilla coat, best seat in the house. The cop, all this time, conducts himself as an unfluctuating straight arrow (notwithstanding a Wambaugh-worthy personal life, with a hostile ex-wife, neglected child, messy custody battle) whose main claim to infamy comes from turning in a recovered cache of nearly a million dollars in unmarked bills, an act of honesty that forever alienates him from his comrades on the police force, and fits him only to head up an Untouchables-like independent narcotics squad, on a collision course with the Harlem kingpin.

American Gangster

Their eventual meeting comes, and drags on, as something of an anticlimax, after an excitingly staged drug raid from which the kingpin is lucky to be absent. The opposing paths up to that point are smoothly graded and well greased; and director Ridley Scott, the epitome of slick (*Alien, Blade Runner, Thelma and Louise, Gladiator, Black Hawk Down*, and so on), moves things along at a tolerable pace, although there's the distinct impression that even if he knew any shortcuts, he wouldn't take them. His goal is epic, and he would gladly drag his feet to get there. At two and a half hours plus, he indeed does get there. Washington, to pay him a backhanded compliment,



is never quite as credible as a through-and-through baddie, even though that seems to be the way to the Oscar (i.e., *Training Day)*. Crowe on the other hand is a perfectly credible crusader, overcoming no greater obstacles on the road to respectability than his buoyant white sneakers and his unflattering, inexpensive period haircut, framing his face with folded wings.

Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (a phrase that completes the Irish drinking toast of "May you be in heaven half an hour...") is several degrees more interesting, an attempt by the eighty-three-year-old Sidney Lumet to keep up with the Tarantinos, piloting a caper film of back-and-forth time jumps and alternating points of view. The caper itself, a jewelry store stickup, is strictly small-time. "We don't want Tiffany's," the mastermind, a drug-dependent real estate accountant (Hoffman), pitches the idea to his younger brother, a deadbeat dad (Ethan Hawke): "We want a mom-and-pop operation." More specifically, the operation of their own mom and pop (Rosemary Harris and Albert Finney), squeezed between Claire's and Footlocker in a cookie-cutter Westchester shopping mall.

The robbery goes very wrong very early, and the ensuing time scramble dispenses information and revelations on an unpredictable schedule. We meet "Grandma," for example, at a school play *after* we have seen her shot in the holdup and *before* we find out she was not supposed to be at work that day. And, if I am remembering it in the proper disorder, we find out that the recruited younger brother is having an affair with his sister-in-law, the mastermind's wife, *before* we even know that the mastermind has any part in the plan. The totally botched robbery, leaving no prospect of success and profit, quickly eliminates much of the standard suspense in this sort of thing (cueing instead a brooding *Fargo*-esque musical score from *Fargo*'s actual composer, Carter Burwell), and it permits the focus to shift to the deeply jaundiced view of family life — family discord, family disloyalty, family dysfunction. That view, while it lets in a fair share of malicious humor, is not to be taken lightly. Lumet, whose long list of credits runs along the lines of *Twelve Angry Men, Long Day's Journey into Night, Fail-Safe, The Pawnbroker, Serpico, Dog Day Afternoon, Network, The Verdict, Daniel*, and *Running on Empty*, is by nature banished from lightness.

American Gangster opens "wide" this Friday. *Before the Devil...* opens narrowly the next one. ■

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; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 11/2; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15)

American Gangster — Reviewed this issue. With Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Josh Brolin, and Lymari Nadal; directed by Ridley Scott.
★ (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; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/2)

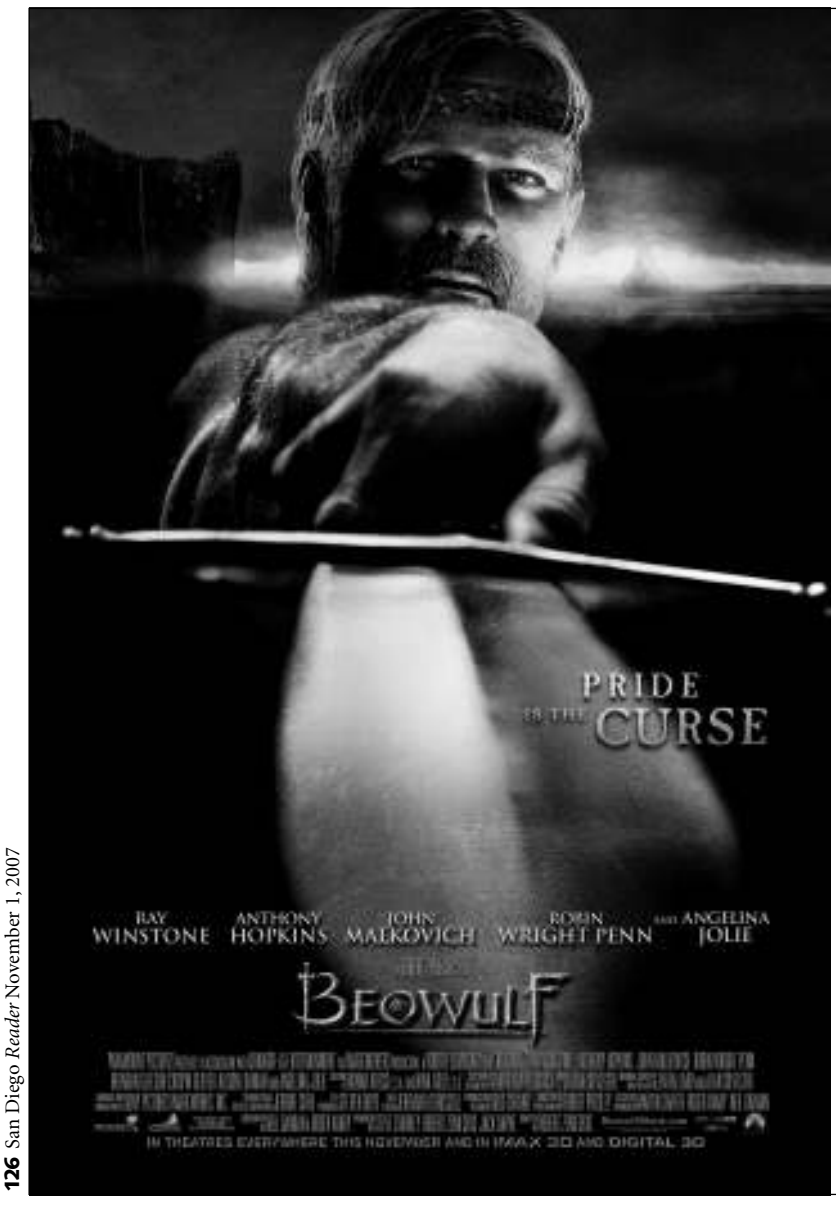
The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford — Rather tardy anti-Western (at least a couple of decades out of style), with a decidedly unheroic Jesse James, brutal, bullying, back-shooting, paranoid, and suicidal, and a slightly more sympathetic Bob Ford, conflicted in his feelings toward the legendary outlaw, idolizing yet inferior, intimidated, frightened, resentful, envious. There are some gripping scenes and some amusing moments, but on the whole (a two-hour-and-forty-minute whole), it is diffuse, rambling, short on action, almost aggressively dull. With Brad Pitt, Casey Affleck, Sam Rockwell, Sam Shepard, and Mary-Louise Parker; written and directed by Andrew Dominik. 2007.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Bee Movie — Computer cartoon with the voices of Jerry Seinfeld, Renée Zellweger, Matthew Broderick, and Chris Rock.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/2)

Bella — Love in New York City, with Eduardo Verástegui, Tammy Blanchard, Manny Perez, and Ali Landry, directed by Alejandro Gomez Monteverde.
(ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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)



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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 luggishness. Juliette Binoche looks as if she could do better. With John Mahoney, Dianne Wiest, and Emily Blunt; directed by Peter Hedges. 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 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)

The Darjeeling Limited — One thing to be said for a Wes Anderson film, and it's no small thing, is that it bears an individual stamp. A stamp as flat as a postage stamp, as emphatic as a rubber stamp. (Whap, whap.) A well-known commodity after *Bottle Rocket, Rushmore, The Royal Tennenbaums, The Life Aquatic of Steve Zissou*, Anderson favors fastidiously balanced, nailed-down compositions, the figures pinned to a shallow background like butterfly specimens. Stressing their separateness, he has no intention to hinge his shots together into a smooth and seamless line, but instead slots them into place as if on disconnected planes, setting up a clumping rhythm of starts and stops, glazing the screen with the deadest of deadpans, and erecting an invisible wall (invulnerable even to the occasional uncharacteristic zoom) between the filmmaker and his characters, freakishly feckless people, abject puppets manipulated by a man with little regard for human diversity and volition. The effect — the unhumanness of these humanoids — is often amusing and always distancing. The danger in the director's method is that it can be *too* distancing and therefore not amusing *enough*. (Since he always clamps a tasteful mute on the audience's merriment, the standard laugh-meter is an unreliable measure.) If this outing seems a cut above all previous ones, it may be the benefit of a real, a tangible, a substantial background against which to display his specimens: three, thirty-something brothers who have not spoken to one another in the year since their father's funeral, now heading out together on a "spiritual journey" in a first-class sleeper car across India, with the ultimate aim of tracking down their mother (a no-show at the funeral) in a convent at the foot of the Himalayas. In other words, a typical Wes Anderson operation, bringing about the insecure bonding of misaligned oddballs, but in an atypical exotic setting, the better to draw out their oddness. Owen Wilson, Adrien Brody, Jason Schwartzman, Amara Karan, Anjelica Huston, Bill Murray. 2007.
★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Elizabeth: The Golden Age — Cate Blanchett, or a bloodless marmoreal likeness of her, resumes her role from the nine-years-earlier *Elizabeth*, under the same director, Shekhar Kapur, for a collection of the Virgin Queen's greatest hits: Mary, Queen of Scots; Sir Walter Raleigh; and, in a madly cross-cutting climax, the Spanish Armada, dispatched by the subtitle-speaking Catholic fanatic, Philip II ("Elizabeth is darkness, I am light"). A histrionic history lesson and courtly soap opera (the pregnant handmaid, the secret wedding, the queen's cracked heart but not visage), ludicrous in its extravagance, good for a snicker but not for an education. With Clive Owen, Abbie Cornish, Samantha Morton, Rhys Ifans, and Geoffrey Rush. 2007.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Final Season — A square baseball movie, "based on a true story," about a small-town Iowa high school housing nineteen state baseball championships in its trophy case ("We grow ballplayers here like corn"), now facing consolidation into a larger school district, and entering its last year of independence under a wet-behind-the-ears rookie coach (and, for good measure, former girls' volleyball coach). They wouldn't be making a movie about it if they couldn't give you reason to cheer. They, and more specifically director David Mickey Evans, cannot quite give you reason to sweat, however. Sean Astin, who also executive-produced, plays the new coach with an air of classical composure. Powers Boothe, Rachael Leigh Cook, Michael Angarano, Tom Arnold. 2007.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Gone Baby Gone — Directing debut of Ben Affleck, who stays behind the camera and cedes the spotlight to his younger brother Casey, in the role of Patrick Kenzie, the Boston missing-persons private eye ("I find the people that started in the cracks and then fell through"), along with his "snooty" partner Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), featured in a series of detective novels by Dennis Lehane. The plot, starting

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The sparkling *Funny Face* offers a Fred Astaire–Audrey Hepburn musical set in Paris. Nobody was as good as Astaire as a film dancer. Miss Hepburn proves to be a formidable partner, calling on her former ballet training.

Meet Me in St. Louis was a tour de force for singer Judy Garland at her peak at 22. She was lovingly directed by Vincente Minnelli, who would later marry her. Filmed in an innocent time about an even more innocent time, 1903, the film was a bouquet to the American family and ideals.

The Alice Faye Collection has four of the great Fox musical star's best films*: On the Avenue, Lillian Russell, That Night in Rio,* and *The Gang' s All Here*. My favorites are the last two because they are brightened by the Brazilian bombshell Carmen Miranda. Miss Faye exuded the charm and innocence our boys were fighting for in World War II.

FUNNY FACE (USA) 1957,
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42 Story House

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Almost everything in *42 Story House* is hysterically funny. This gem of a DVD contains 42 unique comedy shorts illustrating filmmaker Todd Langen's deliciously wacky sense of humor. I love the way he uses everyday things like printers, wastebaskets, and breakfast cereals as props to make his comic points! Langen's sound effects still have me chuckling. Try making your voice sound like a depressed egg or a household appliance in heat and you'll see how difficult that must be.

In contrast, the very serious *In Search of Mozart* amazed me with its beautiful music and new revelations about the human being behind the music.

Finally, as a mockumentary fan, I had a great time watching *Dr. Ravi & Mr. Hyde*. It follows a real-life physician who tries to solve his midlife crisis by making a movie about being a doctor. Then he becomes obsessed with the filmmaking process. What fun!

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Hopalong Cassidy

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I love reviewing classic movies for my site. I not only get a taste of Hollywood history, but many are better than today's films. After watching the new, impressive *3:10 to Yuma* with Russell Crowe and Christian Bale, I watched the recently remastered DVD of the original. Glenn Ford and Van Heflin pull off this psychological and character-driven film that stands as one of the best westerns of the 1950s.

Another character-driven oldie I enjoy is *Morning Glory*, part of the 100th Anniversary *Katharine Hepburn Collection*. A young Hepburn plays a star-struck stage actress who impresses the right man (Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.) to make it to the top. Hepburn is so good as the naive young starlet. She never appears to be acting.

Classic TV fans will find that the new *Hopalong Cassidy* DVD set dramatically recaptures William Boyd's thrilling ride as an iconic cowboy in all 52 episodes.

3:10 TO YUMA (USA) 1957,
Sony Pictures
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THE KATHERINE HEPBURN COLLECTION (USA) 1933,
Warner Home Video
List price: $59.98 (six discs)

HOPALONG CASSIDY: THE COMPLETE TELEVISION COLLECTION (USA) 1952–54,
Infinity Entertainment
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sensibly enough with the vanished daughter of a drug-addicted and derelict single mom, proves in the long run to be preposterous. But Affleck, meaning Casey more than Ben, works wonders to humanize Lehane's rather embarrassing literary creation, partly just by his youthful delicacy and his chip-on-the-shoulder defensiveness about it. A singularly unprepossessing hero, he gains stature by holding his ground, however sullenly, against some highly showy performances (Ed Harris, Amy Madigan, Amy Ryan, Morgan Freeman, among them). And the other Affleck, Ben, does some nice impressionistic detailing of his native Bean Town, and some candid thumbnailing of assorted lowlifes, before he succumbs to a muddying plot and a gagging resolution. 2007.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix — Pot V, if you're counting. War with the Dark Lord, as you might recall from the end of Pot IV, approaches; and after another two-and-a-quarter hours of stretching and padding, it still approaches. At the rate Daniel Radcliffe is aging, Harry looks on course to be the World's Oldest Grad Student of Witchcraft and Wizardry by the time the war actually arrives. Just as Miranda Richardson enlivened the previous installment in the new role of a nosy reporter, Imelda Staunton enlivens this one as a Draconian educational reformer behind a false front of cold smiles and hot pinks. With Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Gary Oldman, Alan Rickman, Ralph Fiennes, and, a second enlivening newcomer, the fey, fifteen-year-old Evanna Lynch, in her screen debut; directed by David Yates. 2007.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Heartbreak Kid — The Farrelly brothers' remake, thirty-five years after the original, serves as a handy gauge of the decline of Western civilization. Apart from their substitution of bodily-function gags for social observation and verbal wit, the well-cast and well-constructed comedy about the man who strays on his honeymoon (as directed by Elaine May and as written by Neil Simon) has been badly recast — Ben Stiller, Malin Akerman, Michelle Monaghan in place of Charles Grodin, Jeannie Berlin, Cybill Shepherd — and ruinously reconstructed, so that we now have an unwieldy, drawn-out first act, an interminable and repetitious middle act, and a hasty, slapdash last act. The Farrellys have given the groom a mountain of "motivation" to stray, and given him the Perfect Woman to stray to, thus taking the sting out of the joke and exposing themselves as a couple of consummate clods. 2007.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

In the Valley of Elah — A more commendable writing and directing effort from Paul Haggis (writer only on *Million Dollar Baby* and *Flags of Our Fathers*, among others) than his hokey Oscar-winner, *Crash*. More focussed, more concentrated, more self-contained, more consistent: an 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've really been there, really seen it. (The mood lighting of nauseous green and blanched white is a case of whatever would be the opposite of gilding the lily — wilting the weed, possibly — and equally unnecessary.) Tommy Lee Jones, as the victim's father, a retired M. P. and current gravel hauler who presses the investigation forward when the military looks for an easy way out, has just the right amount of starch in his performance, touchingly repressed. Charlize Theron on the other hand, as the beleaguered civilian cop who eventually takes an interest, is perhaps more emotional than you want from a cop, but not more glamorous, with mannish attire, no makeup, and her hair parted in the middle and pulled back as severely as Emily Dickinson's. The rest of the cast has been carefully chosen down to the smallest role, with special mention reserved for Susan Sarandon, Jason Patric, James Franco, Jake McLaughlin, Wes Chatham, Josh Brolin, Barry Corbin, and, nonchalantly topless in her mid-fifties, Frances Fisher. 2007.
★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 re-enactment as nothing less than an endorsement. At the top, he sets the tone with a high-flown epigraph from Lord Byron: "I love not man the less, but Nature more" — that one. The kid sister periodically supplies some explanatory narration ("I understand what he was doing"), and Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder chimes in with a half-dozen or so acoustic songs in sympathy and support. Of the real protagonist's earnestness and 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.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; RIVER VILLAGE 6; 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; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Lars and the Real Girl — Director Craig Gillespie, of the mainstream *Mr. Woodcock*, 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. With Emily Mortimer, Paul Schneider, Kelli Garner, and Patricia Clarkson. 2007.
● (FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 20)

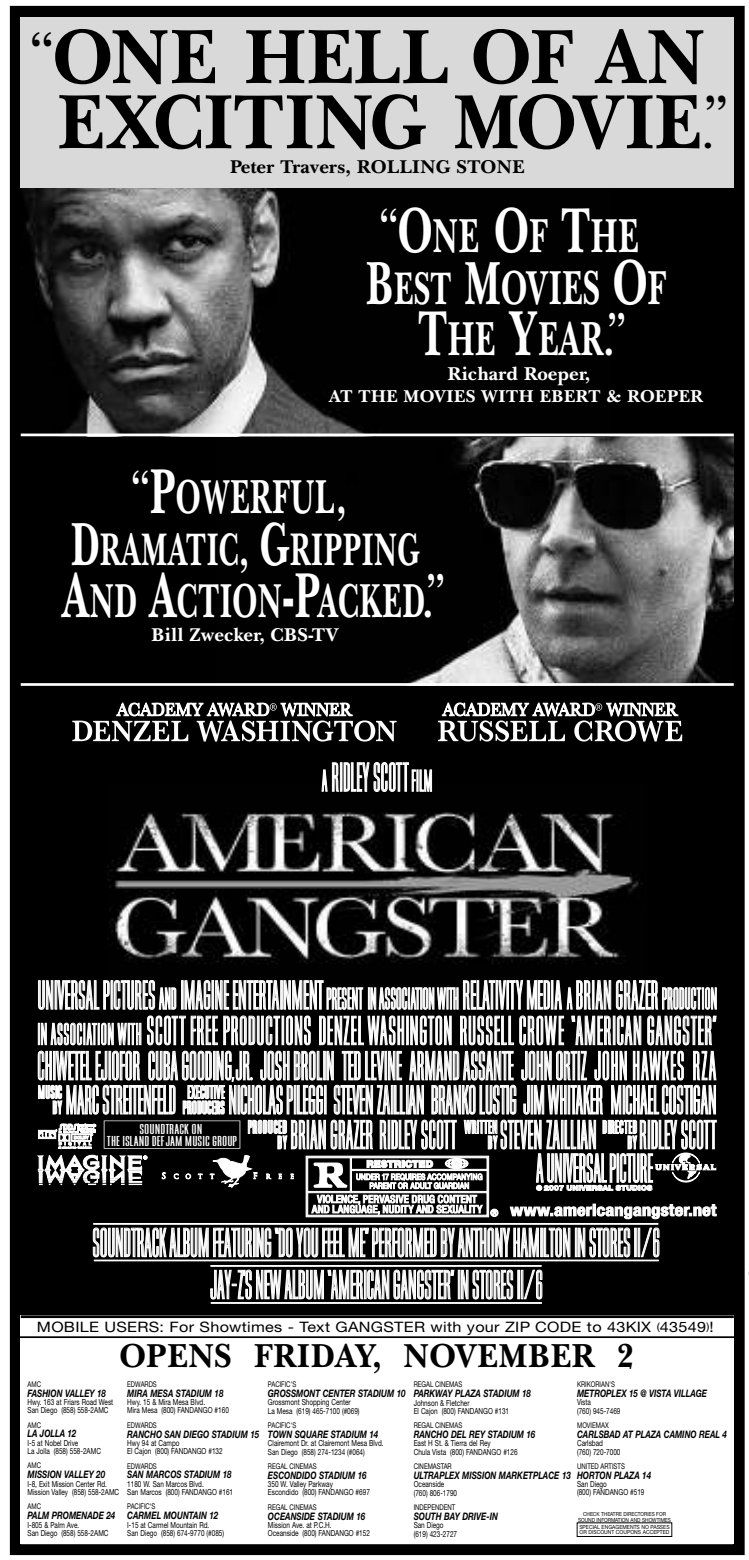
Lust, Caution — Under the rare "NC-17" rating, filmmaker Ang Lee shows his high-mindedness by keeping us waiting an hour and a half for the hot stuff (borderline hardcore action, laced with S&M, the doll-faced newcomer Tang Wei as an unprotesting sex toy), and another hour and ten minutes still to go. What we wait through, or wade through, is a stagnant spy drama about a resistance cell formed of zealous theater students in Second World War-time Shanghai, plotting the assassination of a "cautious" (but lustful) collaborator with the occupying Japanese. The director, straight off *Brokeback Mountain*, reportedly cut the film by some fifty minutes for the more puritanical Chinese market, while, in his own assessment, perfectly preserving the spirit of the thing. Inasmuch as there are scarcely fifty minutes of hot stuff, scarcely even five, we must suppose he has cut through some of the stagnancy as well. (And maybe, more regrettably, the very messily violent knife murder, as difficult and clumsy a killing as that of the gum-chewing KGB man in Hitchcock's *Torn Curtain*.) Frankly, it might have been preferable to see the shorter version over here. The entire course of the plot, the height or depth of passion it strives for, can be taken as a kind of tribute to the magnetism of Tony Leung, even in the role of a sadistic quisling. But although you can see at the end of it where it wanted to get to, you cannot see, from all that came before, how it ever expected to get there. 2007.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Martian Child — An adopted orphan (Bobby Coleman) believes he's from another planet; with John Cusack, Amanda Peet, Joan Cusack; directed by Menno Meyjes.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/2)

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-waggling smugness that so often chills his charm. In fact he has sunken into the part quite deeply and depressively. We keep waiting to see some sign of a miracle. And waiting. 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Rendition — The title alludes to the U.S. policy of "extraordinary rendition" (hatched under the Clinton 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 here is an Egyptian-American chemical engineer, a respected academic of long standing, who is unfortunate to be travelling back to Chicago from Cape Town (homeland 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 filmmakers' righteousness. Concealed in the tangle of plot threads is a trick of time whereby we go through most of the movie, and well into the furiously cross-cutting climax, without realizing we have been straddling two distinct time zones. (It's fair play to give 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. With Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon, Omar Metwally, Peter Sarsgaard, Alan Arkin, Meryl Streep, and Igal Naor. 2007.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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, fa-



ther 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, THROUGH 11/1)

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)

Saw IV — More horror, with Tobin Bell, Scott Patterson, and Costas Mandylor, directed by Darren Lynn Bousman.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Sharkwater — Documentary by shark advocate Rob Stewart, producer, director, writer, cinematographer, and editor.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/2)

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)

Dan in Real Life

Spaceballs — Mel Brooks does to space opera what he did in *Blazing Saddles* to horse opera, only a great deal worse. You can try to find sophistication in his self-conscious gags about the film itself, about the potential sequel to it, about the videocassette of it, about the merchandising of it; you can even feel free to employ the term "Pirandellian." But the surrounding juvenilism ("What's the matter, Colonel Sanders? Chicken?" — and so on) offers little help in your quest. One major hindrance is that Brooks's takeoffs on *Star Wars* (mostly), *Star Trek, Alien,* and *Planet of the Apes* do not take off *far enough*: he wants to be sure that all the jokes are at least *gotten*; any that are additionally *found funny* are gravy. With Bill Pullman, Daphne Zuniga, John Candy, Rick Moranis, and Brooks. 1987.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 11/3 MIDNIGHT)

Stardust — Facetious fairy tale located in a magical kingdom within Merry Old England, populated by an ardent suitor, a grasping inamorata, a humanoid heavenly body, a stray unicorn, a wicked witch, a power-mad prince, a gallery of ghosts, a gay flying pirate (putting the fairy in fairy tale?), among others. The plot thickens, the pot bubbles, and the possibilities seem greater than the eventualities. With Charlie Cox, Claire Danes, Sienna Miller, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robert De Niro, Jason Flemyng, Mark Strong, and Peter O'Toole; directed by Matthew Vaughn. 2007.
★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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.
● (GASLAMP 15)

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, splotches of red on a field of snow, an action painting in motion. With Josh Hartnett, Melissa George, Ben Foster, Danny Huston, and Mark Boone Junior; directed by David Slade. 2007.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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; 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)

Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick's *Tim Burton's The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber's extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood's besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody ("I don't believe what's happening to me,/ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!"). These

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
Bee Movie (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 12:45, 2:00, 3:05) 4:25, 5:25, 7:10, 7:45, 9:25, 10:05 Sun. (11:35, 12:45, 2:00, 3:05) 4:25, 5:25, 7:10, 7:45, 9:25, 9:50; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20 Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:00; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 4:55, 7:30, 9:50; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10) 5:05, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (12:10) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; **Into the Wild** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:10) 6:55, 10:15 Sun. (12:00, 3:10) 6:55, 9:55; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 3:00) 7:05, 9:50 Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 7:05, 9:45; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:00; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15) 4:15, 6:50, 9:30; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Call theater for program information

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Call theater for program information

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Across the Universe (PG-13); **American Gangster** (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **The Darjeeling Limited** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **Michael Clayton** (R); **Rendition** (R); **Saw IV** (R); **30 Days of Night** (R)

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Into the Wild (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:50, 8:10; **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13) Fri. 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **Lust, Caution** (NC-17) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:40, 8:00; **Sharkwater** (PG) Fri. 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; **Spaceballs** (PG) Sat. 11:55p.m.

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
American Gangster (R); **The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford** (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Bella** (PG-13); **The Bourne Ultimatum** (PG-13); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **Michael Clayton** (R); **Rendition** (R); **Saw IV** (R); **30 Days of Night** (R); **We Own the Night** (R); **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13)

Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)
American Gangster (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Gone Baby Gone** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **Michael Clayton** (R); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG)

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Across the Universe (PG-13); **American Gangster** (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **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); **Martian Child** (PG); **Michael Clayton** (R); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG); **Saw IV** (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)
Control (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; **For the Bible Tells Me So** (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. 12:00p.m.

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Darjeeling Limited (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **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; **Sleuth** (R) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Wristcutters: A Love Story** (R) Fri. 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00p.m. Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 6:00; **Dinosaurs Alive!** (NR) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun. 1:00, 4:00; **Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure** (No Rating) Fri. 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00 Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Wild California** (NR) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Yellowstone** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.

San Diego Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-232-3821)
Ocean Oasis (Not Rated) Fri. 10:10a.m.

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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 cinematic set piece. The Polish contemporary classical composer Wojciech Kilar, whenever there's a breather in the Eighties oldies, contributes some weighty, heavy-treading incidental music. With Eva Mendes, Alex Veadov, Antoni Corone, and Tony Musante. 2007.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

Wristcutters: A Love Story — Buddy movie, road movie, romance movie, set in a mundane afterlife exclusively for suicides, no smiling allowed: "Everything is the same here; it's just a little worse." A lifeless (literally, but also figuratively) fantasy, difficult to recognize or remember as fantasy. With Patrick Fugit (looking a bit like an undergraduate Harvey Keitel), Shannyn Sossamon, Shea Whigham, Leslie Bibb, and Tom Waits; written and directed by Goran Dukic. 2007.
● (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; FROM 11/2)

Bee Movie (PG) Fri. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50 Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50 Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05 Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 8:10, 10:25 Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 8:05, 10:15; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri. (2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 Sat. (2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00p.m.) Sat.-Sun. (11:55a.m.)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
American Gangster (R) Fri. (12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:15) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sat. (12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:45) 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45 Sun. (1:15, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45) 5:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 11:15, 11:45; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:00) 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 Sun. (1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:00) 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:0; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05 Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05 Sun. (1:05, 3:35) 6:05, 8:35, 11:05; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:05) 10:25 Sun. (4:05) 11:25; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50) 7:05 Sun. (1:50) 8:05; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:15) 6:55, 9:40 Sun. (1:35, 4:15) 7:55, 10:40; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri. (12:25, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10 Sat. (12:25) 4:20, 7:15, 10:10 Sun. (1:25) 5:20, 8:15, 11:10; **Saw IV** (R) Fri. (12:20, 1:15, 2:50, 4:25, 5:15) 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:35 Sat. (12:20, 1:15, 2:50) 4:25, 5:15, 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (1:20, 2:15, 3:50) 5:25, 6:15, 8:10, 8:50, 10:45, 11:35; **The Martian Child** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sun. (1:40, 4:20) 8:20, 11:20; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:25) 7:55, 10:40 Sun. (1:25, 4:25) 8:55, 11:40; **We Own the Night** (R) Fri. (4:10) 9:50 Sat. (4:10) 9:50 Sun. (5:10) 10:50; **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10) 7:25 Sun. (1:10) 8:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Bee Movie (PG); **Good Luck Chuck** (R); **Saw IV** (R); **Stardust** (PG-13)

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Chula Vista 10
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Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Across the Universe (PG-13); **American Gangster** (R); **The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford** (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Bella** (PG-13); **The Comebacks** (PG-13); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **The Darjeeling Limited** (R); **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Gone Baby Gone** (R); **The Heartbreak Kid** (R); **The Kingdom** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **Michael Clayton** (R); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG); **Rendition** (R); **Saw IV** (R); **30 Days of Night** (R); **We Own the Night** (R); **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13)

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2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Bee Movie (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15) 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 9:55 Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15) 5:00, 7:00, 7:30; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:35; **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50; **Elizabeth: The Golden Age** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55) 4:35, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (12:55) 4:35, 7:15; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40 Sun. (12:50) 4:30, 7:05; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35 Sun. (12:05, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (12:35) 4:55, 7:40; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:55, 10:10 Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:55

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
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FALLBROOK

River Village
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
American Gangster (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **Into the Wild** (R); **Martian Child** (PG)

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
American Gangster (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **The Comebacks** (PG-13); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Gone Baby Gone** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **Michael Clayton** (R); **The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG)

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
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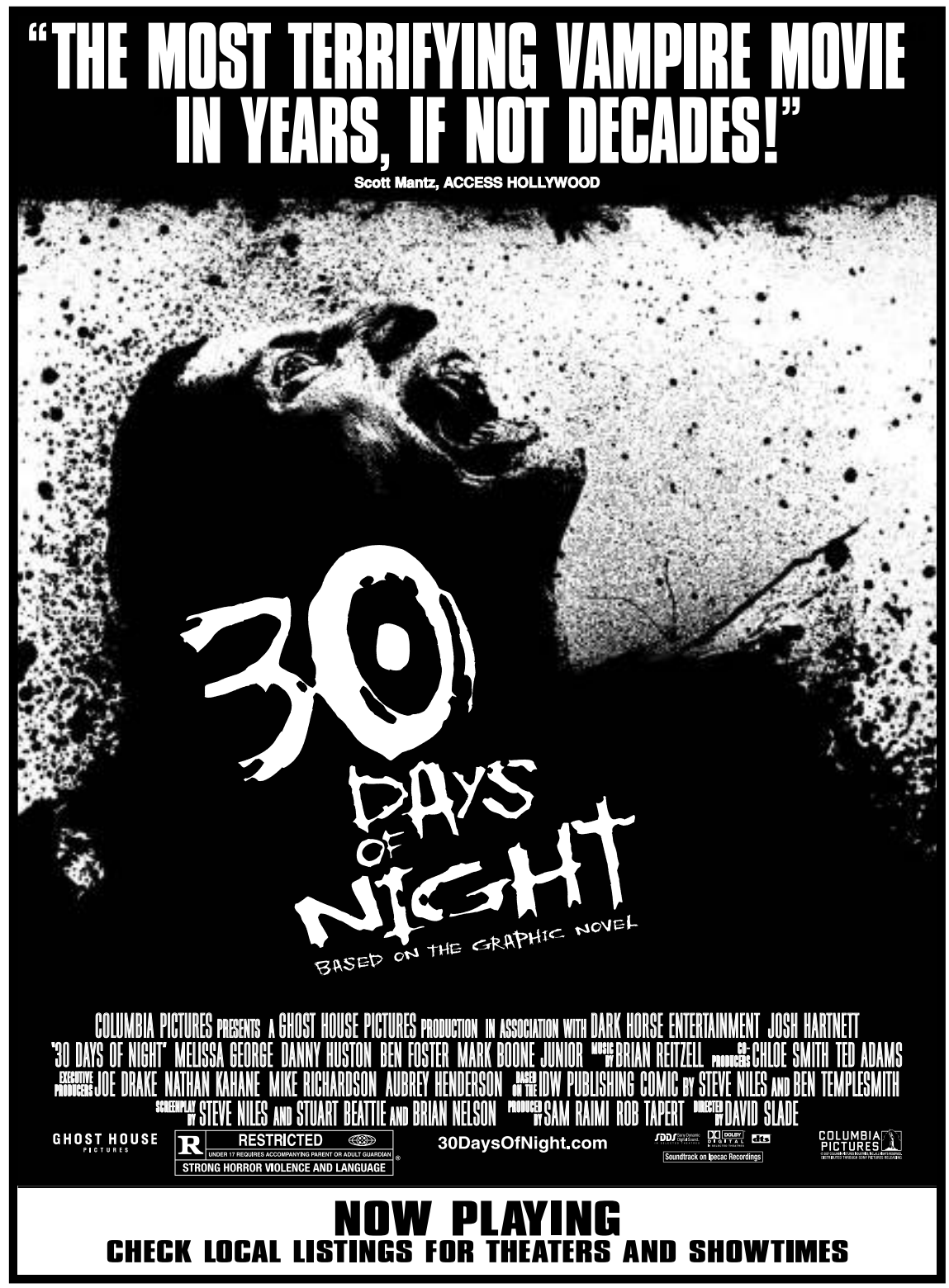

VISTA

Vista Village
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Across the Universe (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:50) 7:10, 10:10; **American Gangster** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 12:05, 12:50, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30) 6:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45, 11:20 Sun. (11:20, 12:05, 12:50, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30) 6:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **Bee Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 12:40, 1:25, 2:20, 3:00, 3:45, 4:40, 5:20) 6:15, 7:05, 7:50, 8:30, 9:30, 10:00; **The Comebacks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; **The Darjeeling Limited** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45p.m.; **The Game Plan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:35, 4:10) 6:45, 9:20; **Gone Baby Gone** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15; **Michael Clayton** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; **Saw IV** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:05, 4:45, 5:20) 7:00, 7:45, 9:20, 10:15; **The Martian Child** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25, 10:10; **30 Days of Night** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50, 5:25) 8:10, 10:45

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
American Gangster (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Gone Baby Gone** (R); **Martian Child** (PG); **Michael Clayton** (R)

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Darjeeling Limited (R); **Into the Wild** (R); **Lars and the Real Girl** (PG-13); **Wristcutters: A Love Story** (R)

ENCINITAS

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Across the Universe (PG-13)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
American Gangster (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Michael Clayton** (R)

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
American Gangster (R); **Bee Movie** (PG); **The Comebacks** (PG-13); **Dan in Real Life** (PG-13); **The Game Plan** (PG-13); **Martian Child** (PG); **Saw IV** (R); **We Own the Night** (R); **Why Did I Get Married?** (PG-13)

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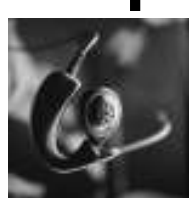

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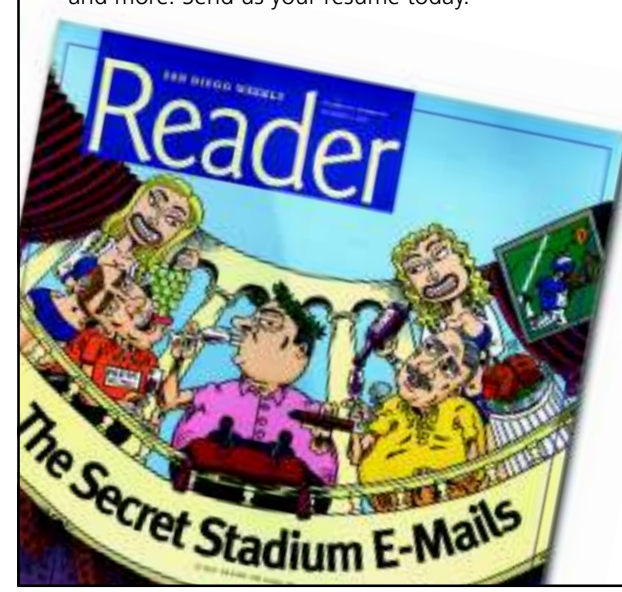

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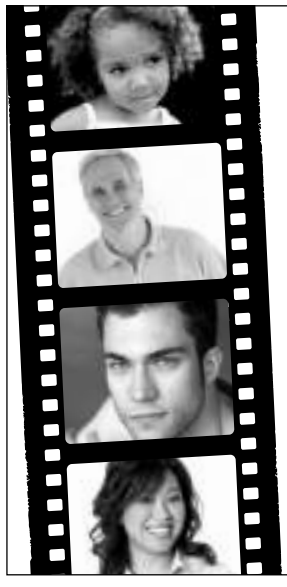

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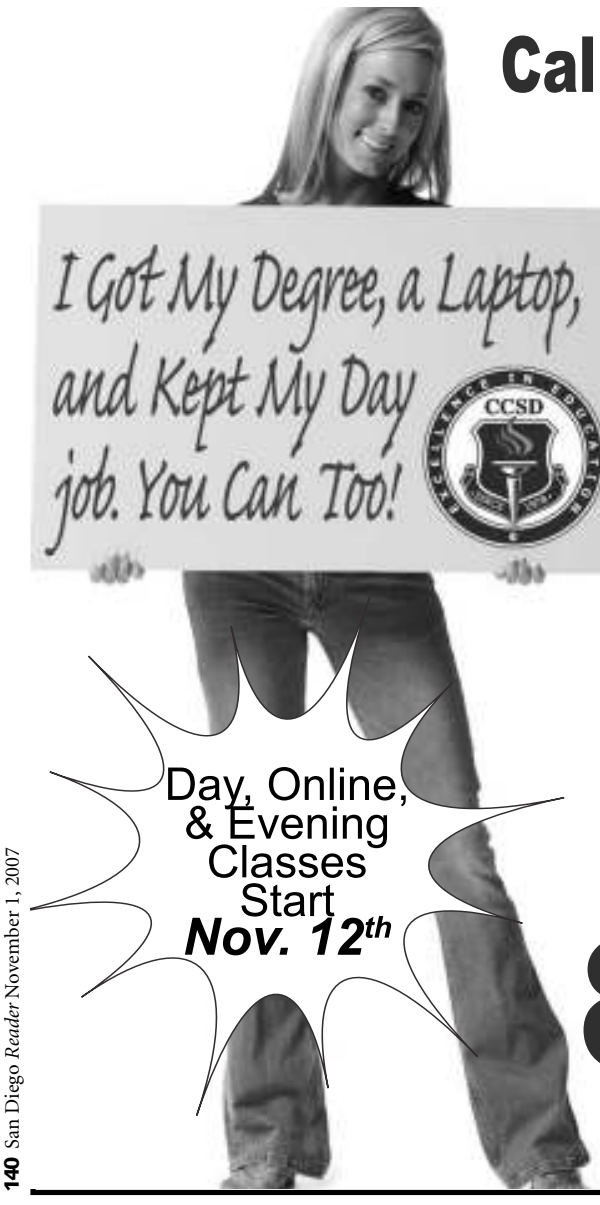

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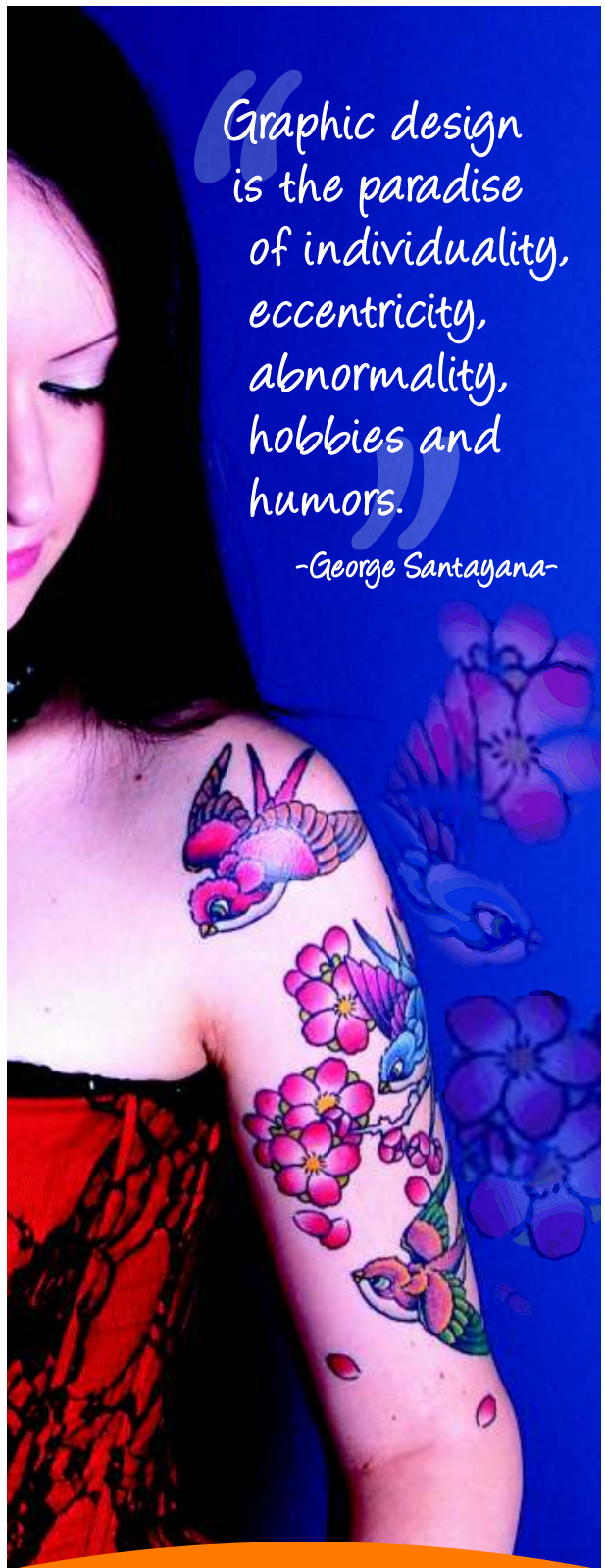

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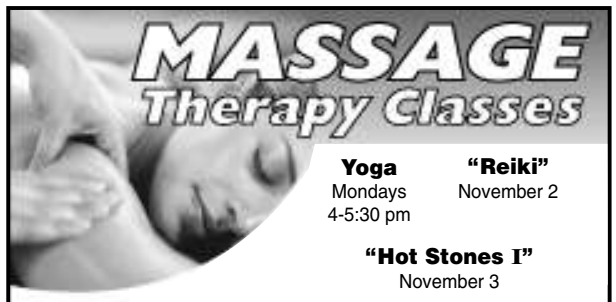

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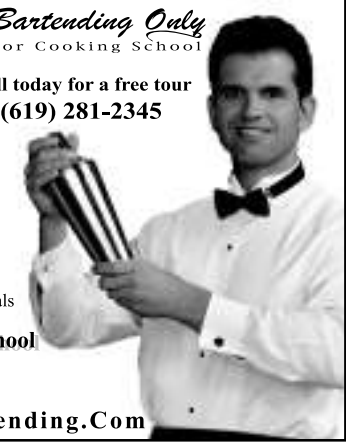

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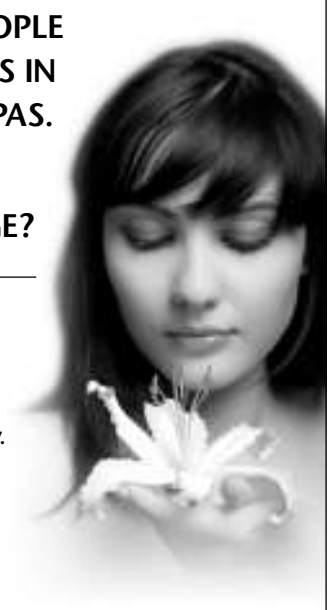

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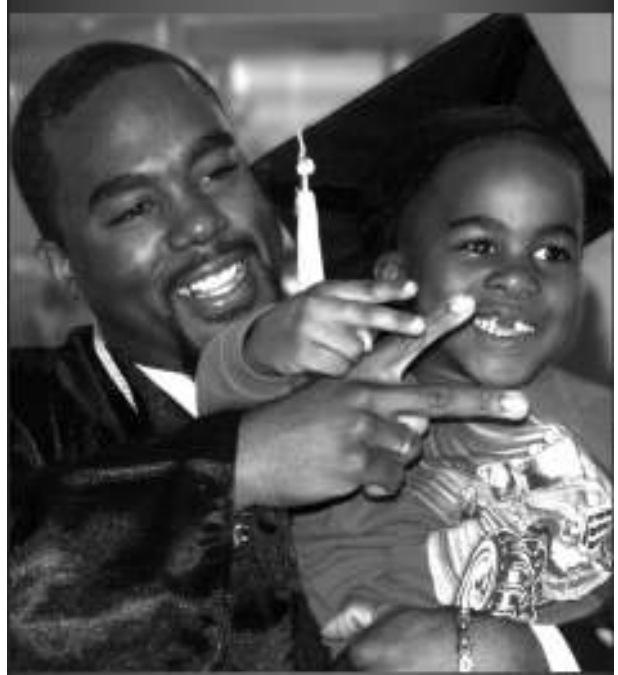

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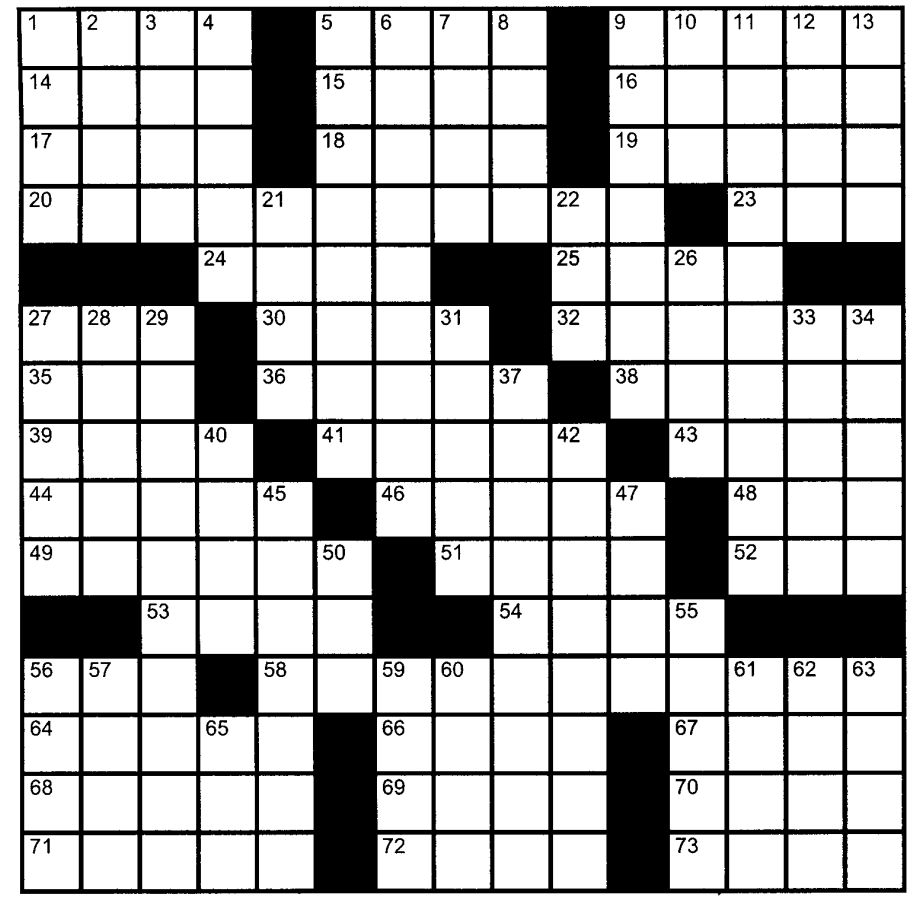
Across

1. Slaw or fries
5. Supermodel from Somalia
9. Off-limits
14. Elec., e.g.
15. ____ o'clock shadow
16. Incessantly
17. "Better sound through research" company
18. Pelvic bones
19. One-named New Age musician
20. Presidential candidate whose "s" keeps him from being a TV psychic?
23. Actor Pesci
24. Et ____ (and others)
25. The Supremes, e.g.
27. Easy toss
30. Rub-____
32. Beach headgear
35. Lux. locale
36. Goes for
38. Present day hero?
39. It may follow a def.
41. Isabella's "I love you"
43. Old Russian monarch
44. Diet guru Jenny
46. Blissful spots
48. Acapulco gold
49. Singer of the 1979 hit "Rainbow Connection"
51. Plethora
52. Small point
53. It's seen after the curtain goes up
54. Whopper maker
56. Cover
58. Pop singer whose "h" keeps him from being a Roman general?
64. Gulf State resident
66. Ilk
67. Kazan who directed the film debuts of James Dean and Warren Beatty
68. Caravan member
69. Defrost
70. Clock sound
71. "There, there"
72. "Do ____ others ..."
73. Stocking stuffers

Down

1. Biol. or alg.
2. Classic Langston Hughes poem
3. Satellite ____
4. Dementieva of women's tennis
5. 2007 O.J. Simpson memoir
6. Where "Happy Days" was set
7. Nike competitor
8. Close
9. Chain headquartered at One Geoffrey Way in Wayne, NJ
10. Mrs. Mitt Romney
11. Sprinter whose "h" keeps him from being a 17th-century British playwright?
12. ____ account
13. Drooling dog of comics
21. Carrier since 1948
22. Withdrawal problem
26. ____ the buzzer
27. Bloodsucker
28. Bizarre
29. Pop singer whose "b" keeps him from being, well, another pop singer?
31. Rosary pieces
33. It released Pole Position in 1982
34. Medium deck
37. Be suspicious
40. Catalogue abbr.
42. Good odds
45. Ad catchphrase since 1993
47. Hit hard
50. Long in Hollywood
55. Butler of Tara
56. Centers of activity
57. "____ my wit's end"
59. VW forerunners?
60. ESPN anchor Linda
61. Goulash
62. "Way to go!"
63. Shoots the breeze
65. Friend of Morpheus in "The Matrix"



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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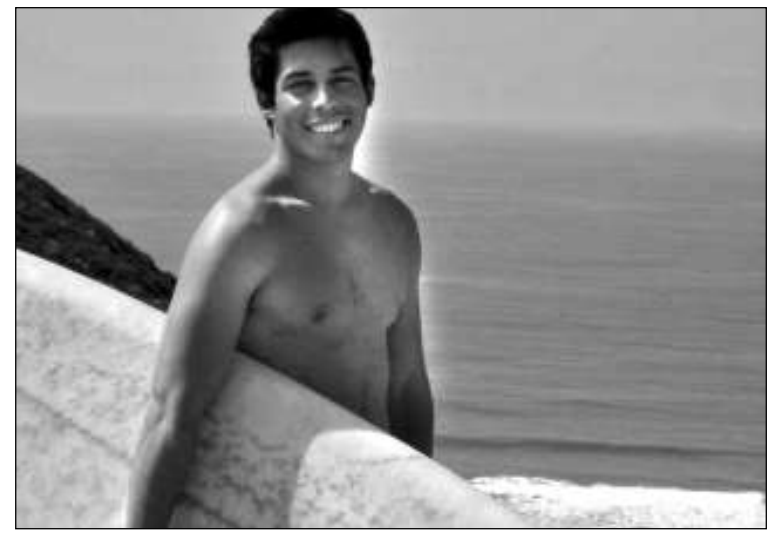

Erik Meza moved to San Diego two years ago to attend UCSD. He began surfing soon after and now rides his 7'8" Ebert board all over the county.

"It may be clichéd, but when I moved to San Diego, I figured everyone out here should definitely learn to surf. Plus, it's something I've always wanted to do."

When Meza first ventured into the water, he started at La Jolla Shores.

"I was that guy who couldn't even sit on the board," he says. After he became comfortable on his surfboard, he traveled to Manhattan Beach in L.A. Unbeknownst to Meza, there had been a storm in Baja that created huge swells. He caught a closeout and was taken down and tossed around.

"It was like I had been thrown in a washing machine," he says. After a few minutes of being pummeled, Meza made it out without any injuries. He says the experience reminded him of the "full power of the waves." Although at the time it felt "disheartening," Meza persevered; two seasons later, he had gained enough skill to graduate to Black's Beach.

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JACK, ERNIE, Humphrey's "not Hillcrest" 8/24. Hope you and yours are surviving the fires and aftermath all right. Alice, 4seasons1day@gmail.com.

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DEAR PEOPLE: Halloween, a celebration of Satan's power. He is real and wants to take your eternal soul to Hell. Accept Jesus and live forever!

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WE ARE NOT GOING To be outnumbered. We can't let it happen, we have to stick together and intertwine. Meshing is what's necessary. Let's go!

8/28: K. Western Metals Building at Petco. New England transplant and educator. I'm a Cubs fan. We chatted. Your beauty distracted me. Let's talk again.

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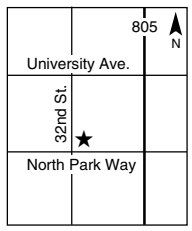

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How do you handle telemarketers?

Lindsay Gulliver
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It's always dinner. When they call I say, "I'm sorry, I just sat down for dinner." That usually works. It doesn't even matter if it's around dinner. I used to say, "Why don't you give me your number and I'll call you back when you're having dinner." Sometimes I'll simply say I'm not interested and hang up.

Anna Paul
Cake Decorator
La Jolla

Well, I just say, "No, thank you," and then hang up. I don't want to give them a chance to say their spiel. It seems it works better that way. Once they start talking, it's hard to break in. And then you feel like you are being rude. So, I try to cut them off early on in the conversation.

Dominique Andrews
Waitress
Mission Valley

I will yell and cuss at them. No, not really. I usually listen to them for a few minutes and then try to get them off the phone. Not that that always works. I probably shouldn't let them talk for a few minutes, because then it makes it hard to get them off the phone. It helps that I don't have a house phone now, only a cell phone.

Rhonda Ciardetti
Info Technology
San Carlos

I tell them I'm on the no-call list. Sometimes that works. Sometimes, they'll keep talking even after that. If they continue and won't stop, I tell them I'm going to have to report them. I might ask for the name of their supervisor or the company. At that point, they usually hang up. I think after five years, you have to put your name on that list again.

Doug Douglas
Probation Officer
South Bay

I will say that I'm not interested, but I do it in as polite a manner as possible. Usually that works. If it doesn't, I say it again and tell them I'm in a hurry. I picture someone at the other end, at some call center. And I realize they hate calling me as much as I hate listening. I keep that in mind, but at the same time, I don't want it to waste a lot of my time.

Isabella Chavez
Operator
Alpine

I will say that I'm sorry and tell them I'm not interested. I then hang up immediately. If you don't, they'll try to get their second spiel in. I put my phone number on that opt-out list, and that really helped a lot. Although I'm starting to get the calls again, and I'm not really sure why.

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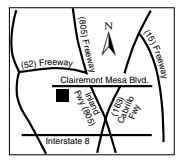

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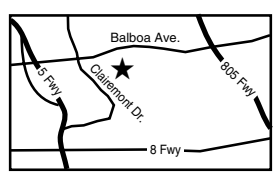

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NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, $1125. Gated, dishwasher, laundry facilities, parking. No pets. Close to Naval Hospital, shops, freeways. 3710 Alabama Street. 619-299-1699. www.melroyproperties.com.

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NORTH PARK. $695. Large studio, new appliances, carpet and paint. Remodeled and upgraded. Parking. No pets. 3754-1/2 Swift Avenue. 619-741-4378.

NORTH PARK. $1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, completely remodeled, new carpet/paint. New kitchen cabinets/appliances. Parking. Laundry hookups inside unit. 3730 Swift Avenue. 619-741-4378.

NORTH PARK. $1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus garage, upper unit, on-site laundry. 3746 Swift. 619-281-4698.

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OCEAN BEACH. $1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage style with fenced yard, hardwood floors. 4907 Longbranch Avenue. No pets. 858-967-0014, www.cal-prop.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $995. Large downstairs 1 bedroom. 1st block on beach! Laundry on site. New carpet. No pets! 5043 Santa Monica Avenue #14. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath attached cottage. Block to beach! No pets! 5069 1/2 Cape May Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment with hardwood floors! Blocks to beach. No pets! 4903 West Point Loma Boulevard. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

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OCEAN BEACH. $925. 1 bedroom with on-site laundry and parking. 4455 Mentone Street #2. 619-226-7368 or www.bkbinc.com.

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OCEAN BEACH. $1075. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. All amenities. Fireplace. Laundry facilities. Pool. Parking. No pets. $1,000 deposit. 4825 Del Mar Avenue, #2. 619-758-9565.

OCEAN BEACH. $825. Studio, 1 bath apartment, 3 blocks to the beach, cat OK, amazing location, paid utilities. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

OCEAN BEACH. $1500. 2 bedroom, 1.75 bath, new carpets, pool, mirrored closet doors, extra storage space. Fee. Free search at www.westsiderentals.com. 619-367-3333.

OCEAN BEACH. $945. Upper, 1 bedroom apartment. Newer carpet and paint. Quiet, clean. 1 block to the beach! Available immediately. 2178 Abbott Street #8. 619-222-9308.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedrooms from $1550. Gated community includes pool, spa, barbecue, bike room and recreation room with pool/ping-pong tables, kitchen with TV. Separate fitness center. On-site laundry, with 5 washers and dryers! Assigned off-street parking. Balconies. 4975 Del Monte. 619-221-8158. cocopalms.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. $1675. 2 bedroom, 1 bath oceanfront upstairs apartment. Garage space. Awesome view! Walk to beach! Small pet OK with $25 rent increase plus deposit. Available 11/10. 619-602-0500.

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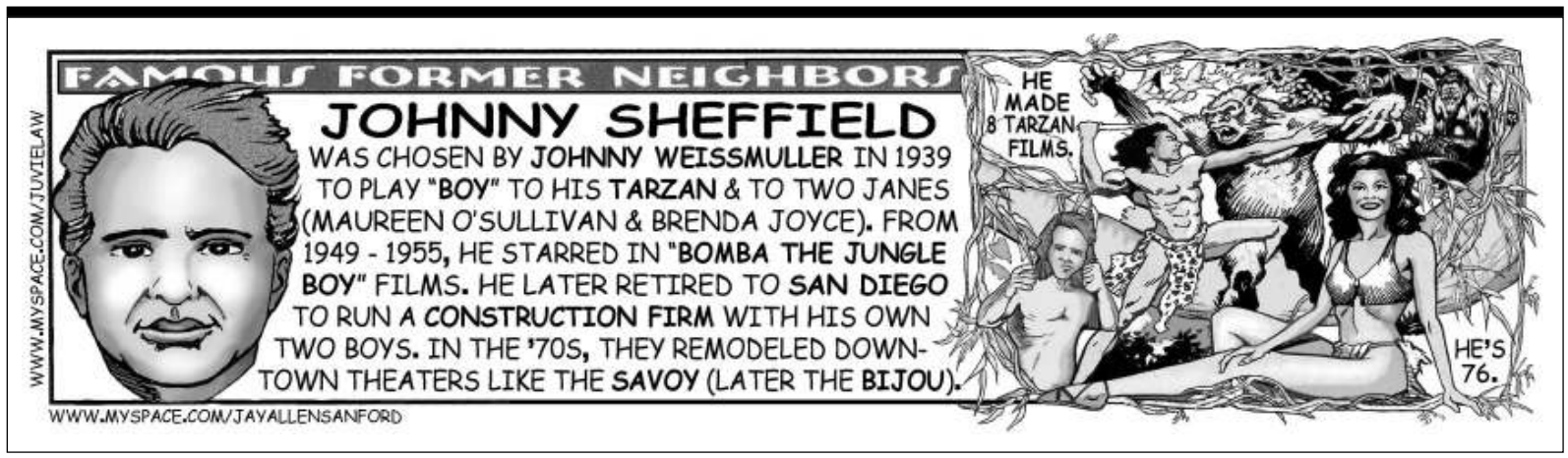

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Lacy and Lucifer

In a moment of weakness on a cloudy day in October I agreed to move in with Lacy, a fellow grad student in the teaching-credential program at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She was a strange duck — plain-faced, lank-haired, and always clad in turtleneck and jeans, no matter what the weather. I was a Southern California beach chick — tanned, athletic, and just coming down from a breakup with my boyfriend of five years. We were the female odd couple, with nothing in common except a lack of cash and a disdain for our fellow teaching students.

Lacy's apartment, a one-story unit on Trejo Road, sat before a crooked sidewalk three blocks from the beach in Isla Vista. If I had been in my right mind, I would never have agreed to share an apartment with only one bedroom, but in my state of grief I figured I wouldn't be having sex with anyone for a while, so it wouldn't matter.

We each had a twin bed in the tiny bedroom. There was a small closet, and the ceiling had coffee-stained watermarks from the leaky roof. The carpet was a beaten-down brown shag, the curtains were a brown-mushroom color, and the apartment furnishings — a battered couch and a scarred dining room table — were a dingy shade of mahogany. The place had a minuscule kitchen with a rattling '70s-style refrigerator and a broken dishwasher. The bathroom was so small that you had to put one leg into the bathtub to close the door.

Lacy had a boyfriend — a tall, skinny geek named Jeff who wore baggy jeans and always had a runny nose. He came by twice in the eight months that I lived with her, and he never slept over. She spent time at his apartment, but rarely overnight, which made me wonder if they had much of a sex life. It was hard to figure.

Lacy also had a cat named Lucifer — an aging, long-haired tabby with shabby gray fur and a sour disposition. She never let it out of the apartment, so it was always there when I came home, usually parked in the middle of my bed. Flea-ridden and incontinent, the cat left trails of black flea dirt and piles of runny poo all over the apartment. I was operating in a fog of relationship grief, so initially I ignored the mess, figuring that Lacy would decide that her cat had a problem and needed help. She never did.

I worked as a teaching assistant in the English Department and had an office on campus. After living a couple of months with Lacy, I began to spend more time there. Even though I wasn't often at the apartment, I started to notice Lacy's eating habits. She ate only one food — whole chicken, which she would buy uncooked from the store, rip out of the bag, and plunk into a Pyrex dish. After baking the bird for an hour she would pull it out of the oven, let it cool for a few minutes, and then rip into it with her fingers, eating the meat while standing at the kitchen sink, the juice dripping in a shiny trail down her wrist and forearm. I didn't think too much of her culinary persuasion; my own repertoire, which was limited in those days, consisted mainly of veggie omelets and ham-and-swiss sandwiches on wheatberry bread. But Lacy never deviated from the chicken diet.

After a few months I noticed that Lacy's skin was taking on a sallow color and her hair looked more greasy and lank than usual. She began to leave the apartment at odd hours of the night, muttering to herself and leaving the front door wide open, as if she were going to be returning right away. At one point, when she was gone for two days, I called Jeff, who claimed that she was fine and would be back at school the next day. She showed up, looking calm, as if nothing had happened. The one- and two-day disappearances continued. Lucifer's health worsened — he was now scratching himself until he bled and leaving bigger puddles of muddy brown poop all over the apartment floor.

On a gray afternoon in May, I ran into Lacy at our front door. She was just coming in, and I was leaving for class. I insisted that the cat needed veterinary care, and she agreed. The next day she took Lucifer to the vet and had him put down. She came home that evening a mess, her eyes and nose red and raw. That same night, when I told her that I had decided to move in with someone else, she stormed out of the apartment. I thought that would be the last time I ever saw her.

Two years later I was still living in Santa Barbara, taking classes in the master's program in English and working part-time as a desk clerk in the emergency room at Goleta Valley Hospital. Lacy came in to the ER early one morning when I was at the front counter. I didn't recognize her at first and asked her to please sign in. She handed me a lab slip with the acronym T.A.B., for terminal abortion, on it. At that moment her first name clicked in my mind, and I looked up from the desk and studied her. Her hair was the same, straight and uncombed, although it looked soft and clean now. Her face had aged a little, but the plain features were unchanged. She was wearing a light-blue turtleneck.

"Lacy, do you remember me?" I asked.

She stared at me for a minute. Her expression was blank at first and then suddenly shifted from neutral to guarded and distant. She reached over the counter and yanked the slip out of my hand, then pushed open the exit door and walked out. That was the last time I saw her.

I realized that she and Jeff probably were having sex while I lived with her. I felt sad, for some reason, that this was the way I figured that out.

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LEAD STORY

— Junior New York City hedge-fund trader Andrew Tong charged in October that his boss forced him to take female hormones to dampen his aggressiveness, which the supervisor said was leading him to make bad trades, according to a CNBC report. In his lawsuit against Mr. Ping Jiang (a big-time trader who reportedly earns $100 million a year) and employer SAC Capital (one of the biggest hedge-fund names on Wall Street), Tong claimed further that he was harassed and even sexually attacked, and had started wearing dresses.

Unclear on the Concept

— Israeli police announced in September that they had arrested a gang of eight young Israeli neo-Nazis from the city of Petah Tikva (near Tel Aviv), who had been attacking and harassing religious Jews (and also gays and foreigners), beating them, and videotaping the attacks. A police search turned up weapons and also Nazi materials such as uniforms, portraits of Adolf Hitler, and symbolic references to Hitler's Third Reich. Reportedly, the gang members hail from Russia and emigrated under Israel's policy of admitting anyone with at least one Jewish grandparent.

— Retired assistant school principal Nelson Winbush, 78, of Kissimmee, Fla., is an African-American who has become a passionate promoter and historian of the Confederate States of America, even though it was that entity's secession from the Union that sparked the Civil War. Winbush told the *St. Petersburg Times* for an October profile that his grandfather had fought for the South, not to retain slavery but because he thought the South was being overtaxed. Winbush became more aggressive in the 1990s, opposing campaigns to remove Confederate flags from government buildings in the South. He has declined to be drawn into the racial implications of the Confederacy, telling the *Times,* "Black is nothing other than a darker shade of rebel gray."

Crises in Men's Nipples

— (1) William R. Cohen filed a $1 million lawsuit in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in May against a family after their Jack Russell terrier bit his left nipple, causing him (according to the lawsuit) medical expenses, loss of income, pain, disfigurement, and "loss of sexual comfort and desire." (2) In June, Ronald Barrett, 68, a longtime school administrator in Bucks County, Pa., was suspended after he punched a 15-year-old student who had touched his chest. Barrett said there had been a long-running problem of boys at the school engaging in "titty-twisting," and Barrett said, "I didn't want anyone touching my nipple."

Smooth Reactions

— (1) Po Shiu-fong, 58, was sentenced in July to six months in jail in Hong Kong for stabbing her boyfriend, 49, in his eyes with a chopstick because she thought he was cheating on her. At the hearing, Po admitted that she had blinded him in the left eye six years earlier by poking him with her finger because of alleged cheating. (2) Allen Beckett, 53, was charged with assault in Oklahoma City because, in June, he had allegedly become enraged at a patron who had entered Henry Hudson's Pub wearing a University of Texas T-shirt. Eventually, the two men brawled, during which time Beckett grabbed the man's crotch and would not let go until he tore the scrotum, requiring more than 60 stitches.

Names in the News

— Convicted of murder in a home invasion, Mr. Andrew S. "Junebug" Warrior (the "S" stands for Sweetie) (Tucson, Ariz., June). Discouraged by school officials from attending a Catholic school because of his name, the five-year-old Max Hell (Melbourne, Australia, July). Arrested for stealing three rolls of toilet paper from a courthouse, Ms. Suzanne Marie Butts (Marshalltown, Iowa, June). Leading a fight in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (Alaska) Assembly to defeat a term-limit rule, Assemblyman Gary Superman (Soldotna, Alaska, September). Arrested on more than 30 counts of child pornography facilitated by peering through bedroom windows, Mr. Jeffrey Ogle (Vallejo, Calif., August).

Obsessions

— Australian Les Stewart holds what the website *Oddee.com* calls the "third most bizarre" of all Guinness Book world records: he typed out the written numbers "one" through "one million" over a period of 16 years from 1983 to 1998, according to an August story in the *Sunshine Coast Daily.* He said he typed for 20 minutes at the beginning of every waking hour during that time because he "wanted something to do."

— In May at Boston's Howard Yezerski Gallery, photographer Karl Baden displayed contact prints of the 7305 images he took of himself, one a day every day for more than 20 years, beginning Feb. 23, 1987. Baden admitted, though, that on Oct. 15, 1991, he was late for a class he was teaching at Rhode Island School of Design and promised to do the photo when he returned but then forgot. He says it's his only blemish, but in fact proves the humanness behind his art.

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Thirty Years Ago

This is not a mañana neighborhood. Its people are tillers of the soil, hard workers even unto the ripening of years. Grandpa Cruz worked in the fields until he was well into his 80s, and only a broken leg, occasioned by a fall from a tree he was trimming, stopped him.

Do not call them Chicanos; they dislike the word. They are Mexican Americans: the first, because their roots lie to the south; the second, because their sons and fathers have lived and died here.

—**"THE LAST HARVEST,"** *Karl Keating, November 3, 1977*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I was extremely disappointed and angry with Judith Moore's article "Captives of a Strange, Secret Obsession" (November 4). For all the factual research and personal interviews Ms. Moore did, she seems unable to empathize with our addiction, nor to refrain from capitalizing on the sensationalism of the disturbing daily routine bulimics lead.

I am bulimic. I've binged/purged throughout eight years, and they were hell! It is a living nightmare, and I want others to understand by anguish and self-loathing.

Ms. Moore made several relevant points, yet totally missed others. For example, she questions bulimia as an addiction. Bulimia totally controlled me.

My story was typical. I'd begun purging to lose weight, and I quickly lost control over eating.

—LETTERS: **"THE PRICE OF BULIMIA,"** *Name Withheld by Request, November 4, 1982*

Twenty Years Ago

As homes go, well, there are really only three types of middle-class homes, households, in America: squares, hipsters, and yuppies. My sis and her hubby are squaresville incarnate; *benign* squares but what can ya do? "Lenny, it's time to prune the azaleas" (but they don't vote for Reagan) — *that* sort of biz.

—**"TOWN & COUNTRY,"** *Richard Meltzer, November 5, 1987*

Fifteen Years Ago

I have to wear glasses to read the Prompter; not exactly what management originally had in mind. But now that Bryant Gumbel, Bob Costas, Harry Smith, Sally Jessey Raphael, Phil Donahue, and a host of other TV hosts all sport specs, the look has been validated in a modern context.

Besides, the thinking goes, a lot of late-afternoon viewers themselves probably wear glasses. I further minimize the issue by taking the glasses off during my ABWA ("Anchor By Walking Around") jaunts around the newsroom.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"THE MAKING OF A TALKING HEAD,"** *Gene Cubbison, October 29, 1992*

Ten Years Ago

I asked how Mr. Shawn was, for Kincaid, as an editor.

"I can just tell you little stories. This is how our conversation among writers in the office [at the *New Yorker*] would go. 'Did you finish your piece?' 'Yes.' 'What did Shawn say? What did Shawn think?' And then it was, 'Well, he said it was okay. He said it was good.' But then there were things he would say that you would just know he really liked it. Including the fact that you would get paid some astronomical amount of money that was out of the ordinary, and sometimes you'd think it was a mistake. You'd go say, 'You know, Mr. Shawn, I've already been paid.' And he would say, 'Oh, well.' As if it was a mistake that was all right. And it happened enough times that you knew he really meant to pay you more money."

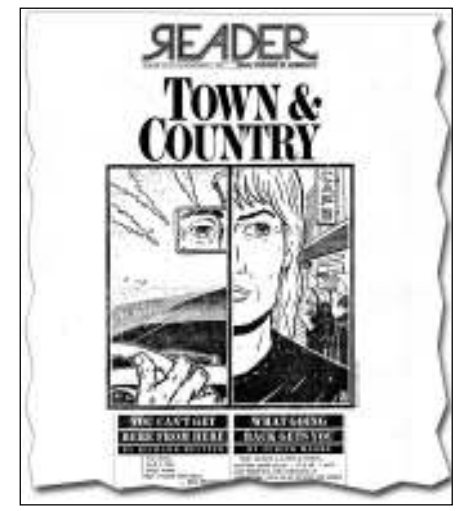
—READING: **"MY BROTHER,"** *Judith Moore, November 6, 1997*

Five Years Ago

North County record collector Ivan Torres founded and played guitar with one of the area's earliest dark metal groups, Bloodbat, from 1987 through the band's breakup in 1994.

"We used to play the old downtown Soma building," says Torres, "and we'd project black-and-white horror movies on the walls around us while we played. Like 8mm loops of giant spiders and *Night of the Living Dead* stuff, way before Rob Zombie or Marilyn Manson came along. We weren't playing for laughs…we were seriously into serial killers and building replicas of torture devices to use onstage."

—**"HUMAN LUNCHMEAT,"** *Jay Allen Sanford, October 31, 2002*



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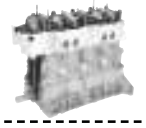

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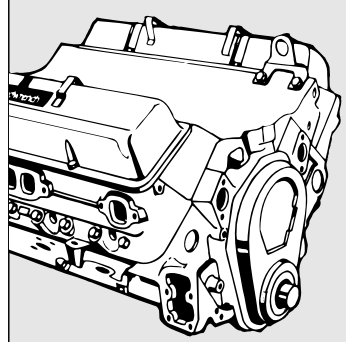

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POST DATE: September 10, 2007
POST TITLE: A 99-cent Chicken Sandwich, Justin

Now in an itinerant state of mind, I make overdue trips to Tennessee in the middle of Elvis Week for compulsive bathroom cleaning and a kind of quiet on long dark roads that takes some getting used to. The way back to Oak Ridge from Knoxville demands a choice between skirting a lake or graveyard, both equal in nighttime creepiness. Most people seem to choose the graveyard and its flickering blue-gray "eternity lights" that pay endless, expensive tribute to loved ones' decomposed, fossilized departed. If those loved ones could see the lights at 3 a.m., after a night of Amaretto Sours, shadow puppets, and flashing cops over pancakes at IHOP, they might reconsider. My legs are made of lightning and my eyes are solid gold.

Staying alive through the middle of a sultry summer requires man to cleave from his environment for months at a time, huddling in air-conditioned anything, enjoying nouveau Southern cuisine, like red velvet cake gelato and muffuletta panini. Talking golden Baby Jesus over iced sweet tea. Photo albums. Cicadas in every tree. Ambush familial discord... A quick storm partway through one hazy afternoon and it's jarring to realize, so many years in Southern California, that I'd forgotten the feel of rain on my skin, the smell of white-hot pavement slowly cooling.

POST DATE: June 7, 2007
POST TITLE: It's a Japanese Peace Lily

Coworker John rifles through my purse in search of some Orbit Mint Mojito gum, finds my Hello Kitty Band-Aids instead, says, "These are funny maxi pads."

"Parakeet genitals," I hiss. "Birdy cooch. It's an affliction, look it up."

He goes back to rooting and I drive us back to a postlunch office parking lot. It's my new kick, this gum. I [go through] at least four to five sticks over the course of a day in miniature fugue states, chewing hypnotically, having now replaced all my emotions with that semisugar smacking. Joy, shock, terror, belligerence, guava, scuba diving — every feeling I previously had — are now lost somewhere in delicious and platonic rubbery mastication. It's alright, but I imagine not anywhere near as cool as having a trampoline or laser eyes.

I think I've been visiting Sephora too much lately, even before a jaunt to *Bodies: The Exhibition* at UTC with Ganchu, swinging my dainty shopping bag past dissected nervous systems, withered smokers' lungs, polymer preserved gonads, and various other sectioned and leathery former people. Everyone there speaks in whispers, shuffling around, murmuring, "Aren't we just the most amazing creatures?" Nodding and bowing,

hands clenched around purse straps and brochures, like a creepy social with mood lighting. Meanwhile, giggling and mannerless, I point at still-hairy buttholes and the six plus men gathered around the naked dead lady. I learned: the largest muscles of your body reside in Buttville. We are born with innate preferences for sweet or salty. Babies are creepy even before they're expelled from their mothers. And: chopped up, we look a lot like the selections at Great Khan's Mongolian BBQ.

POST DATE: June 27, 2006
POST TITLE: Guava Fantastico!

I think sometimes about what it'll be like when I die, not fearfully, but I worry that it will hurt and I really hope that it will be fast or spectacular. Mostly, I'm sure that I'll get some freaky brain disease or winter-of-life dementia and shit myself all day long next to a Thomas Kinkade reprint of a lighthouse.

"I'd like to keep my dignity," I say. I am squatting in Ganchu's bathroom, slathering passionfruit shaving gel on to my pale hairy leg. The sink is filled with foggy water, miniature clouds, tiny spikes. That's what femininity looks like. Ganchu watches me and her cat sits in the hallway, watching her. Her Venus razor is alien technology and the 20 blades are hard to navigate. I nicked myself once on each leg, right at the ankle. I imagine this is where the process of infection and gangrene will have begun and, shitting myself in dementia next to the Thomas Kinkade lighthouse, rubbing globs of Eucerin into my poor stumps, I'll think, "I knew it!" But only for a moment.

POST DATE: January 25, 2006
POST TITLE: If Lj-Cut, then the Terrorists Will Truly Have Won

My life recently has been episode after episode of grisly tribulation:

Car scrape with Baby J, when her eggshell Ford Focus failed to slide past a Chevy Suburban. We were on our way back to the office from lunch, with a bag full of Togo's, and the satiation of my hunger was delayed for nearly *five minutes* while they exchanged pleasantries like, "Are you hurt?" and "My legs are gone!"

International dining with Ganchu and K-Dawg is sometimes a letdown: Russian-Georgian food (at Pomegranate in North Park) is pretty much just a pile of beets and consonants.

After some Internet research on Artemisia Gentileschi, her *Judith* painting, and Greek mythology, I found out that Medusa's humble beginnings were actually pretty fly. It wasn't until later that patriarchy made her monstrous, which symbolized the death of Female Knowledge at the hand of menz. To ensure that this mystical knowledge is not lost, I will share it with all of you: We bleach our mustaches! Sensitive nipples! Pantyhose! Clitoris!

Breakfast with my dad, laughing about Rosicrucians. Later, my dad said that "God made the stars, he isn't in them. You won't find your future by looking at cards or the lines in your hand." I showed him my palm, where I'd written "Bees are going to kill you" in Crayola marker. "Where is your God now, Daddy? Will God protect you from the BEES?"

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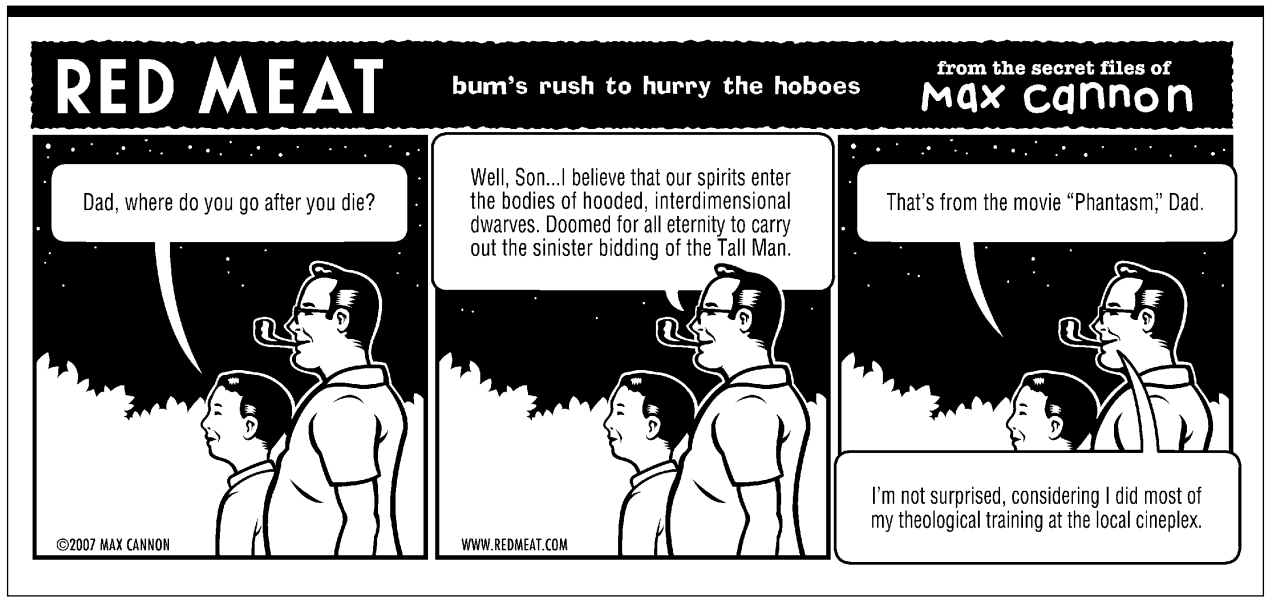

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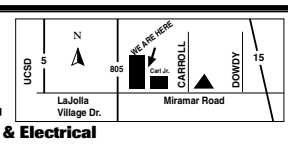

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THERE ARE FEW THINGS AS VILE AS A THRIFT-SHOP LADY. They're drawn to the mothball air like a mummy to its crypt, and they exist only to offer people a glimpse of what an evil future awaits us all.

There is an age a woman reaches when she cuts her hair into a no-nonsense sassy-boy cut that requires little maintenance and then she loses all politeness. With a number of winters of child-rearing behind her, she has lost any social grace with adults and therefore barks orders to anyone under her own age of 300 as though, if we're good, she'll give us a cookie and an apple juice.

"You there, boy," one such crone squawked from behind a heap of derelict second-hand items. "Lift this television," she commanded. "Go around behind it first. Stand behind it and lift."

"Yes, ma'am." I wrapped my hands under the thick black plastic encasement of the monitor and hoisted it a couple inches up. The television was built 25 years ago and weighed, roughly, 417 pounds. I thought there was a lace doily or a penny or a receipt she needed to retrieve.

"Higher," she directed.

"Yes, ma'am." I pulled it up a bit.

"Higher."

"Yes, ma'am." I bumped it up with a knee and got my forearms under its bottom and held it at my chest.

The old woman eyed the TV keenly, "I'm not sure," she muttered under her green, noxious breath, her wispy white mustache billowing. "You're tilting it to the right; hold it straight. You're a very dull boy, aren't you?"

"Must be, ma'am."

The woman sat in a duct-taped, green shag recliner and kicked its footrest out in front. She leaned her head back against the oil-stained cushion.

My arm muscles glowed like spark plugs and battery acid. The cable tendons in my neck strained against the skin.

I'm not kidding, she sat there wondering if that TV would look okay atop her bedroom dresser. "My dresser is higher; put it above your head, boy. And stop wobbling."

My god.

In payment for my services, she got out of the recliner, dropped a long, boisterous, thrift-shop lady gas bubble, and left me there with my arms supporting a television overhead to deal with her cloud of green swamp air that encircled my head like a diver's helmet.

"You're welcome, ma'am."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

STEPHEN KING'S KINGDOM HOSPITAL

SCI FI 8:00 A.M.

What I really want is a set of prosthetic fingernails. As a man, the only thing I do with my nails is cut them every two weeks and open the occasional beverage can. I want plastic replacements that need no trimming. I'd have my original nails surgically removed without anything left in their place, but that'd look really weird, and how would I scratch my exceedingly itchy armpits? God, my armpits itch eternally.

THE PLANET'S FUNNIEST ANIMALS

ANIMAL PLANET 3:00 P.M.

Hypnotizing chimpanzees is fun and profitable. If you do it right, you can use them like Home Depot parking lot immigrants and make them paint your bathroom. When they're done you can release them from their hypnotic spell and send them off into the wild. "Farewell, noble chimpanzees who painted my bathroom. Farewell!" It's the obvious answer to the immigration problem.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

DR. PHIL

CBS 3:00 P.M.

My favorite activity is talking to myself at the kitchen sink. Crumbs from my sandwich littering the counter and mayonnaise smudging my cheek, I'll ramble on about any damn thing to my attentive audience of zero. "Now, why the hell does garlic work to fight vampires, that's what I'd like to know." When I'm done, I always turn around to find my girlfriend, who's been standing behind me for the past three and a half minutes. Walking away and shaking her head, she mutters, "moron." That's a pretty good summation of our relationship.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

GOLD BLOWOUT

SHOPNBC 4:00 A.M.

Leprechauns are gay and that's just how it is. You can try to tell me that they're not and you can insist that leprechauns are totally straight — like Tom Cruise — and they have wives and all that, but look at the little things. Nobody can put together such a coordinated outfit and be so bold as to step outside in head-to-toe green. I'll bet there are little dance clubs for them where they can get drunk. I mean, they've got all that money and they are Irish, after all.

AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES

CSPAN 8:00 P.M.

Schoolhouse Rock should be brought up to date. "I'm Just a Bill" could be redrawn and called "I'm Just Public Funds that Have Been Awarded to Private Contractors and Then Kicked Back to the Awarding Senator in the Form of Bribery that Has Been Laundered." And "Conjunction Junction" could be remade into "Stop Using Chat Acronyms in Real Life, LOL Is Not a Damned Word, You Dumb Little Bastards."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

LIFE IS WILD

CW 8:00 P.M.

It's been a long time. I've developed a nervous tic in my trigger finger; I need to shoot something in the rear end with a BB gun. Many species have taken a brass ball bearing in the haunches from my hand. Raccoons? Right in the can. Cats? One per cheek if I can manage it. Humans? Ask my sixth-grade friend Pablo Romero. They're all justified, of course. (Especially that fink Pablo. He stuck me in the neck with a lawn dart. Fink.) I shoot things in the butt with a BB only for justice. Never doubt that. Never.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

STAR TREK: ENTERPRISE

SCI FI 7:00 P.M.

What I really want is one of those x-ray machines that look like a screen. I'm not sure if they exist outside of Bugs Bunny cartoons, but I want to walk around with one in front of me, my ribcage and internal organs outlined in bright green so I can then eat things to show my friends. "Look! Look! That was a biscuit ten seconds ago."

Star Trek: Enterprise

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

THE BIGGEST LOSER

NBC 8:30 P.M.

A skunk has taken up residence under my apartment. Since it's a slum, the landlord has refused to trap it and I had to go under there myself. I cut eyeholes in a blue tarp and crinkled and crunched it over my body as protection to scare the stinking rodent out. I got in about a foot and a half before screaming out, covered from the waist down in skunk juice, cobwebs, and ants. Oh, it's not funny. Stop smirking because that's really not funny. I hope you get a skunk under your apartment so I can laugh at you.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

BIONIC WOMAN

NBC 9:00 P.M.

You want to know the stupidest superhero? Plastic Man. His special power is the ability to stretch his limbs and torso. (A) His name should be Rubber Man, and (B) Who gives a damn that he can stretch out and look like a long wad of silly putty? Oh, that strikes fear. You look like a wet sock that I've worn around all day and lengthened to a yard beyond my toes. Bank robbers must tremble. Stupid Plastic Man.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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FSW 9:00 P.M.

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HONDA CIVIC LX, 2004, coupe, automatic, excellent condition, 35mpg, Fiji blue, nonsmoker, 18" chrome Baccarat rims, tinted, all records, must see, $13,500. David, 805-588-7853; 858-651-1606.

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TOYOTA TERCEL. 1989. 4 speed manual, factory AM/FM stereo, 126,000 original miles. Runs good, $970, 619-200-8575.

VW JETTA, 2003, beautiful black, 1.8T turbo, 61K+ miles, clean black interior, excellent condition, new tires, luggage/roof rack, new premium rims, cruise, $10,500. 858-273-7131.

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"I am not rich! Maybe comfortable, but..."

By John Brizzolara

A recent Friday night in San Marcos, at the Melrose apartment complex, indicated to me a whole new level of the living comatose. Toe tags should be issued by the score for those in these parts whose idea of life may be a game of *Warcraft* followed by a meal at Coco's or Denny's and then perhaps a McDonald's vanilla cone. But this is mainstream America, I believe. That is, from all evidence (including all, I mean all the rectangular states) this the good life pursuing life, liberty, and the pursuit of the occasional iPod and cell phone.

But what is it we are doing with what appears to be the vast majority of our wealth? The answer, like most of the country, can be found in San Marcos and Vista. Aside from building prisons to house minor drug offenders, we are eating fast food (or at least gorging at Home Town Buffet), and then, on a spree, going out for Ben & Jerry's and Starbucks.

For those who assume I am dumping on rural North County residents, perhaps I am and out of bitterness and envy. But that is not my point. I look around at the acres upon acres of unspoiled beauty and think, *one day this probably will be all condos.* Seriously, why on earth would the wealthy choose to live navel-to-asshole in identical houses with identical neighbors? All climbing hillsides, scattering wildlife into flights of useless panic and creating wastelands.

Meanwhile the single drivers, on their phones, in their $40,000 vehicles, choose to be unaware of what their collective, massive emissions are doing to the atmosphere. Whether you believe there is an ozone problem or not, you may well believe in oxygen and temperature and those things are becoming dangerous. You, however, can roll up the window, put on the AC, turn on the radio, and cruise like it's 1954 and the country is going through an unprecedented enjoyment of prosperity. To hell with everyone else, Jack. I got mine.

That is precisely the phenomenon we see every day. Oh, yes, and you know it, too. We walk by some schizophrenic, dysfunctional, drug-addicted, dehydrated, homeless alcoholic who asks for a dollar, and we shake our heads, careful not to meet their eyes. This (and I have done this as well) is the epitome of arrogance, and a particular kind of arrogance that is American. Not that it doesn't happen in other countries; but it is so institutionalized here, so ingrained a part of our capitalist society that it is not only overlooked but in a way silently applauded by our fellow self-made entrepreneurs. We pulled ourselves up by our bootstraps, you get a job.

But what has this to do with Vista or San Marcos or any other vast area of North County real estate where businessmen are huddled together as if for warmth, tucked away in camouflage gray or red tile? It is that these men know they have done something wrong, even if by omission. Behind every great fortune, it is said, is a crime; and indeed these men have fortunes compared to most of the world. I can hear the blustering now, "I am not rich! Maybe comfortable, but..." Still, the eye of a needle and a camel, you know.

I have felt incredibly lucky in my time: a great guitar, a few hundred dollars, and I've tried to share often. Too often failing to do so. I have often taken advantage — even stolen — but at least I think I'm aware of what I've done. Mostly (blackouts, etc., aside — though they count, oh, yes) I am aware of what I have not done. The men and women I refer to above are oblivious and choose to remain so. This strikes me as close to the sin of despair — and I have done that as well. Despair is, they say, the greatest, the unforgivable sin. Arrogance, greed, and disdain must be close runners-up.

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