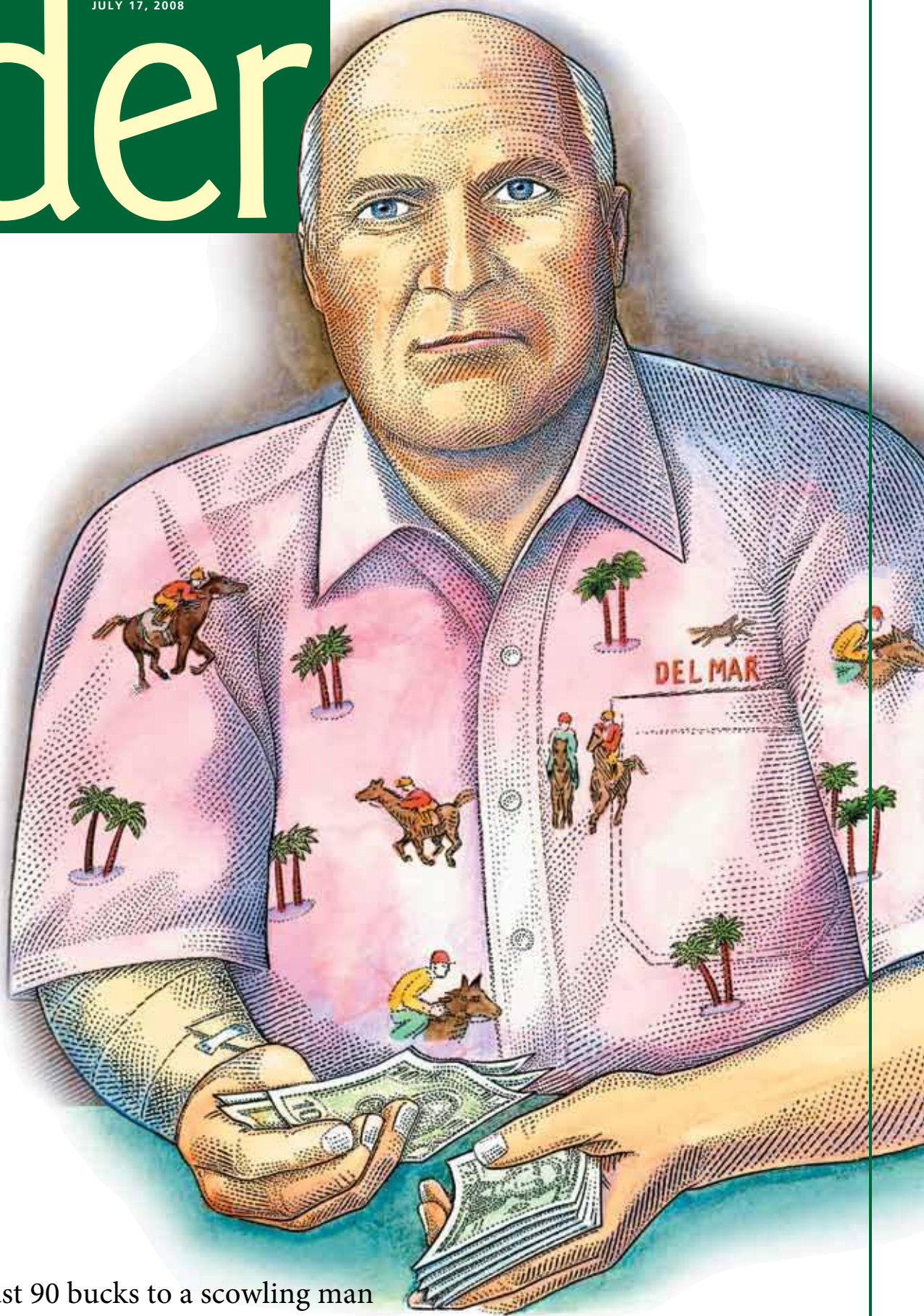


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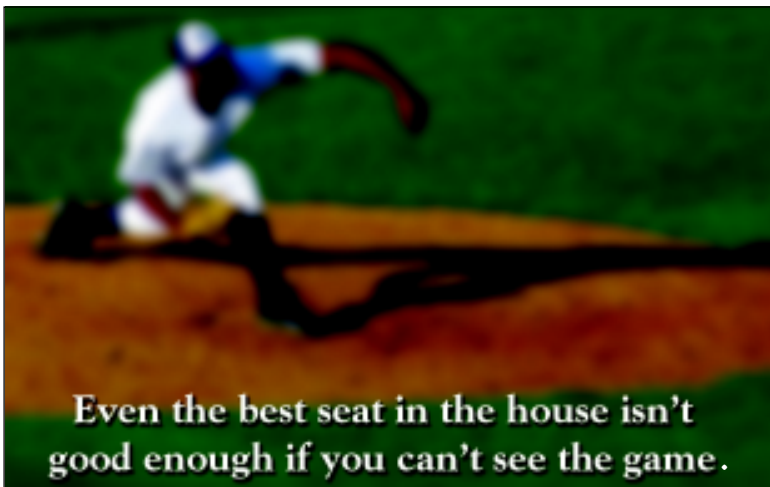
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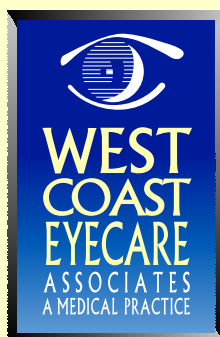
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BREAKING NEWS

Veteran's hang-up hell Patients experiencing interminable delays in scheduling appointments for care at the San Diego Veterans Administration hospital aren't just imagining things. So concludes a health-care inspection report released last month by the VA's inspector general. The investigation was



VA Hospital

launched after a desperate hospital outpatient wrote a letter to the chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee relating repeated failed attempts to get in to see a doctor. "The complainant is a veteran in his mid 20's with diagnoses of cancer and post-traumatic stress disorder," said the report, which went on to say that the man had been repeatedly stymied by the hospital's phone scheduling system. "Specifically, he experienced long holding times (as much as 45 minutes), hang-ups, and the inability to leave messages due to the voice message box being full. From October 2007 through February 2008, scheduling call center data showed a call abandonment rate of more than 30 percent, while the goal is less than 10 percent. The scheduling call center manager acknowledged the problems."

The hospital also suffered from inadequate staffing. "Several months ago, when the complainant was experiencing difficulties obtaining care, the primary care clinic's nurse case manager position was vacant. We discussed the complainant's situation with the attending physician, and a nurse case manager was assigned to him during our visit." According to the report, the call center issues are being taken care of.

Out and about A major figure in the dark saga of **Andrew Cunanan**, the gay serial killer from San Diego who made international headlines when he murdered fashion designer **Gianni Versace** in Miami in 1997, has turned up as a big donor to the campaign against Prop. 8, the proposed state constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in California.

Norm Blachford was a sixtysomething La Jolla investor and patron of the arts when he befriended Cunanan in 1994. Blachford, who had a mansion in Scottsdale, Arizona, reportedly provided Cunanan with use of a green Infiniti J30, a walletful of credit cards, and a \$2500-a-month allowance, and he accompanied him on European trips.



Andrew Cunanan

Blachford was said to have hosted two high-profile birthday parties for Cunanan, one at his La Jolla beach house and another at Laurel, a restaurant near Balboa Park, and introduced Cunanan, a 1987 Bishop's School graduate, to members of the secretive Gamma Mu, an exclusive national fraternity of wealthy gay men who cruised on private yachts and gathered in posh hotels around the country for parties and formal-attire dinners.

Cunanan split with Blachford around the

time he took up with **David Madson**, a 33-year-old architect he'd met in a Russian River bar. During his six-month coast-to-coast killing spree, Cunanan murdered Madson, along with four others, including Versace, before killing himself on a Miami houseboat. He was 27.

On June 16 of this year, Blachford, who has consistently declined interview requests regarding his relationship with Cunanan, contributed \$15,000 to the "No on 8 — Equality California" committee opposing the gay marriage ban. Another recent donor to the cause was **Jennifer LeSar**, longtime companion of San Diego city councilwoman **Toni Atkins**, though the two say they aren't registered domestic partners. On May 31, LeSar, a redevelopment consultant, gave \$2500 to the Center Advocacy Project Issues PAC, a San Diego-based group also opposing Prop. 8. **John LeSar** of Tampa, Florida, listed as retired, gave \$1000. ... More local money for the prospective gubernatorial campaign coffers of California attorney general **Jerry Brown**, who's been getting a big boost in the funding department of late from friends of San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**. This time it's the Sycuan tribe, which last month anted up \$30,000 for an independent campaign to get out the vote for the mayor's successful reelection bid. Brown did his bit for Sanders when he released a report just before the election saying the mayor had done no wrong during the Sunroad overheight building scandal. On June 30, Sycuan gave Brown a total of \$12,000.



Toni Atkins

Booze and electricity When Saint Louis-based brewing giant Anheuser-Busch, owner of SeaWorld, gets taken over by a Belgium-based beer maker, will state politicians be left out in the cold? The most recent lobbying disclosure form filed by Anheuser-Busch shows that on February 3 it gave admission tickets valued at \$390

to GOP assemblyman **George Plescia** for a game at the University of Phoenix stadium in Glendale, Arizona. And last October it handed out free SeaWorld admission tickets valued at \$228 to Democratic assemblyman **Charles Calderon**. ... San Diego-based Sempra Energy isn't the kind of company most people feel all that warm and cuddly about. Besides struggles over its San Onofre nuclear plant, allegations of price fixing during electricity shortages, and questions about how much of its power should be generated from renewable resources, Sempra is also pushing hard to build a controversial power line through the middle of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. But Sempra is a big donor to political campaigns, which may explain why the San Diego City Council unanimously voted to declare Tuesday, July 8, "Sempra Energy Day."

— Matt Potter

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No Dice

By Don Bauder

When folks run out of gas, they lose interest in sin. This does not apply just to the elderly. Ask Sin City — Las Vegas.

High fuel prices are walloping incoming air and auto traffic. Hotel occupancy and gambling revenue have taken a nosedive, and heavily leveraged casinos are worried. Sensing trouble, Sin City officialdom in late April sent sequined showgirls to five cities, including San Diego, on a "glitz blitz" to titillate interest in tourism.

But don't think San Diego will dance on Las Vegas's grave. San Diego's tourism is doing reasonably well but is expected to slow down in the fall. Very few travelers are expected to come to San Diego instead of Las Vegas. Local Indian casinos, which are generally hurting right now, are not likely to lure visitors from Los Angeles in any great numbers. San Diego tourists and Las Vegas tourists are a different breed. San Diego offers wholesome entertainment, such as Sea-

World and the zoo. Vegas's animalistic attractions are quite different.

The two tourist destinations do have similarities. For example, Las Vegas gets 25 percent of its visitors from Southern California. San Diego gets 34

percent from the region, according to the San Diego Institute for Policy Research. Las Vegas gets 39 million visitors a year; San Diego gets 32 million. Overseas visitors (not including Mexicans and Canadians) are 7.6 percent of Vegas's tourists and 3 percent of San Diego's.

But oh, those differences. The average San Diego tourist spends \$94 a day. The average Vegas visitor spends \$556 on gambling alone. Half of Vegas's visitors arrive by air. Only 26 percent of San Diego's do. San Diego has the nation's 23rd-largest convention center, ranked by size of exhibit space. Since Las Vegas has its

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Dogs Bite City

By Ernie Grimm

The City of San Diego's foundering financial ship has struck another shoal in the form of a lawsuit filed in 2005 by officers of the San Diego Police Department's canine unit. The dog cops maintained that the extra pay they receive for handling dogs ought to be counted in their base compensation when it came to figuring their pension pay. Though a document used by the City's own payroll department seemed to support the plaintiff officers, the city attorney's office rebuffed efforts to settle the case, took it to court, lost, appealed with the help of an expensive outside law firm, and lost again. The decisions to fight and appeal might have cost the City hundreds of thousands of dollars it could ill afford to lose.

"I was contacted in 2005 by some San Diego police officers who asked me if I would look into this issue," says Rancho Santa Fe attorney Mike

[in figuring pension pay], you have to look at these earnings code documents that the city payroll systems uses. For all the different types of pay the City has, each one has a certain code. The code for canine-care pay is listed in the included column."

Types of pay listed in what Conger calls "the included column" ought to be counted when city employees' pensions are figured. But in the case of canine police officers, their canine-care pay wasn't being counted, Conger explains. "So we filed a declaratory relief lawsuit, asking the court to take a look at this and determine who is right."

Police dogs are not left at the police station at the end of their handlers' shifts. They stay at the homes of their handlers, in four-by-ten-foot ken-



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Conger. "Their issue was the City was not including their canine-care pay in the retirement calculation, and the officers believed the City should be. Well, I did a little background and investigation, and I came to believe that the case had merit. So I offered to help them."

What Conger found to support the officers' contention was "the City's Municipal Code, which in this particular case is section 24.0103.... That code section says, to figure out whether something is included or not

nels. On May 21, 2006, officer Peter Mills, then a 31-year San Diego canine-unit cop and one of three officers who originally approached Conger, testified in court as to why the dogs go home with their handlers every night. "[It's] not only the bonding," Mills said, "but there's always training going on. He's not like a normal yard dog, where you open the kennel and go in the house and watch TV for an hour. You have to be with your dog [when he's out of the kennel]. That is our canine-unit policy because of the danger



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or the liability if someone came into your yard while the dog is loose [or] the dog gets out and gets hurt.... Even while you're watching them, you may be calling them to you — there is always some kind of training going on with this dog, because our biggest goal is to have the perfectly trained dog. If you think about it, you're releasing this dog on a person to take this person down. You have to be able to call them up.... Once the dog is on the bite, you have to take off the bite. You do this by building the bond and always being with that dog. If there's no bond, you'll have a lot less control."

Mills continued, "The whole time I had police dogs...none of my dogs ever interacted with my family members. I have another dog at home. They're completely separate."

Asked to explain what goes into canine care at home, another plaintiff, Detective Steven Sloan, a 21-year canine-unit veteran, testified, "My responsibility is basic 24-hour care for the dog. I feed him. I bathe him. I have to clean his kennel. I have to take him to and from the vet. I have to clean the vehicle that he rides in. It is somewhat like having a child, because 24 hours [a day] you have to pay attention to what the dog is doing.... I have to exercise the dog, throw the ball for him, especially on days off, when I'm not in a work environment. I have to

ensure the dog stays healthy."

Conger asked Sloan, "Approximately how much time do you spend on a weekly basis for your responsibilities in caring for the [dog]?"

"On a weekly basis," Sloan answered, "I would say between five and seven hours."

Officer Paul Hubka, the third plaintiff in the case against the City, estimated he spends six to seven hours a week. (Hubka, incidentally, is the officer whose police dog Forrest was found dead in the back of Hubka's patrol car on June 20 of this year. The car was parked in the driveway of Hubka's home in Alpine, where the temperature crested 100 degrees that day.) Mills placed his canine-care time at seven to ten hours a week. All of them get paid an extra half hour per day, or three and half hours per week. A lot was made in court over just how that pay is received and whether it differs from overtime pay, which, everyone agreed, is not included in the determination of retirement benefits. When Sloan testified, Conger, who wished to establish that canine-care pay is part of base compensation and not overtime, asked him, "When you work overtime...do you clock in and clock out or fill out a pay record?"

Sloan answered, "I have to fill out an overtime slip every time I work overtime."

Conger: "Do you do that for

the canine-care responsibilities?"

Sloan: "I do not."

Conger: "Would it be correct to say that your canine-care responsibilities are paid by the job as opposed to by the hour?"

Sloan: "Correct."

In his cross-examinations of the three plaintiffs, and in his closing argument, deputy city attorney Mark Stiffler — who no longer works for the city attorney's office — stressed that regardless of the fact that it is paid automatically, canine-care pay is 3.5 hours a week at the overtime rate. "Are you aware that overtime isn't included in retirement-based compensation to determine your retirement allowance?"

he asked Sloan, who answered, "I'm aware of that."

To settle the question of whether canine-care pay was overtime in the strictest, not-included-in-retirement sense, Conger called Kyle Elser, payroll manager for the City of San Diego's auditor's office, to the witness stand and had him explain the Earnings Codes Document referred to in the San Diego Municipal Code, section 24.0103. Conger looked at the document

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own centers as well as big spaces in hotels, it has the 3rd-, 9th-, 10th-, and 20th-largest convention locations in the United States, according to figures compiled by the policy research institute.

But now Vegas is hurting. Statistics from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority show that air traffic was down 4.7 percent in

May and down 2.4 percent thus far this year, compared with a year ago. Traffic at the I-15 Nevada/California border was down 5.6 percent in May and 5.0 percent for the year to date. Here's the shocker: gaming revenues were down 18 percent in May and 6.4 percent for the year. Hotel occupancy was down 2.4 percent in May and 1.9 percent for the year to date. Another shocker: hotel room nights

for conventions were down 9.0 percent in May and 9.7 percent for the first five months.

Attendance at the Las Vegas Convention Center dropped last year by 8.7 percent, says Heywood Sanders, professor and convention expert at the University of Texas at San Antonio. In 2002, the year after 9/11, the drop was only 3.1 percent. "That is pretty sobering," says Sanders. He thinks the drop this year will be larger,

and only partly because of construction activity there. In a soft or contracting economy, "What happens is that fewer people show up, and those that do show up spend fewer days."

One Las Vegas money manager read in a survey that 50 percent of Californians would forgo Las Vegas if the price of gas got to \$3.50 a gallon, and 80 percent would stay home at \$4.33. He scoffed at those

numbers, and since the price of gas has already passed those levels without making any such dent, his skepticism was proved on the money.

Airplane prices are headed up while flights are being cut. Result: "The prices go up, the hassle increases," says Sanders. Five airlines that had service to Vegas have filed for bankruptcy or ceased to operate since late last year. Larger carriers serving Sin City are

cutting back. So you have to suffer more pain in the wallet and the psyche to get fleeced at the gaming tables.

Meanwhile, San Diego tourism is doing fairly well—thus far. According to Smith Travel Research, San Diego room occupancy for the single month of May of this year rose to 71.8 percent from 70.2 percent in May of 2007. Only 6 of the top 25 cities showed improvement this May. The average of the top 25 markets was a drop from 70.1 percent to 68.5 percent.

For the first five months of the year, January through May, however, it's a different story. Room occupancy has dropped from 71 percent a year ago to 70.3 percent this year. The average room price has risen from \$135.80 a year ago to \$141.10, but that's only modestly above realistic inflation. Occupancy in all of California thus far this year has dropped slightly while average room rent rose modestly. Nevada, on the other hand, has had a 5.5 percent drop in occupancy for the year to date.

San Diego won't pick up Las Vegas customers "because the economy is the problem," says La Jolla hotel guru Jerry Morrison. "There is a certain point for people at which demand starts to drop because they are worried about prices, jobs, the economy," San Diego retail sales are down. People in San Diego and throughout the nation are cutting back on almost everything, and that includes gambling.

While San Diego has more Indian casinos than any other U.S. county, according to the institute, only 3 percent of tourists come here to go to those gaming dens. "People tell me that the Indian casinos are really hurting," says Bob Rauch, who teaches hospitality at San Diego State and owns two hotels in Torrey Hills. Another source who works closely with the Native American casinos confirms that the major ones are ailing now. "Remember, they are a long way away too—in far East County and North County. They are vulnerable to high gasoline prices and the economic downturn," says this source.

"San Diego is going to have an okay summer; it always does. But I am worried about fall bookings. People tell me they are down—conventions,

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groups, individuals," says Morrison.

"Vegas is down more than San Diego because it is more of a fly market," says Rauch. San Diego still has a certain cushion because most tourists drive here and, in a downturn or energy crisis, tend to cancel longer trips and come to San Diego. This year, "We will weather the downturn, but it will still be a downturn." San Diego will pick up a few Ange-

lenos who were going to gamble in Vegas, but that will be a small piece of the pie. Overall, this year "is turning out to be uneven. We are headed off the peak toward the trough, which will be in 2009." Next year is when the pain really hits.

San Diego will not gain from Las Vegas's woes, agrees Sanders. "Las Vegas is a bellwether for the larger economy." San Diego will hurt along with other convention/tourist destinations. ■

Dogs bite city

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as he said, "There is in bold caps at the beginning the explanation: 'The add-on earnings codes listed below are classified as "negotiated specialty add-ons" and are included in retirement based compensations because all employees performing that class of work during their ordinary work hours on a consistent basis earn them at the same rate of pay.' Do you see that?"

Elser: "Yes."

Conger: "If you go two more pages down... there's a list that says, '1K9A, canine-care pay,' correct?"

Elser: "Yes."

Conger: "Canine-care pay is actually in the... Earnings Codes Document explicitly listed as included in base retirement earnings compensation, correct?"

Elser: "Correct."

Conger went on to point out that the document had been signed by the City's per-

sonnel director, Rich Snapper, and the city manager, Lamont Ewell, and a handful of other city officials and ratified by the city council and that this had happened eight years running.

Stiffler, faced with this damning evidence, stuck to his argument that if it's paid at the overtime rate, it's overtime, and overtime is not included in retirement compensation. Therefore, it was an "error" that the code for canine care was on that list. He was backed in that conclusion by Elser, who said, "My plan is to remove [canine-care pay] altogether, because that code has never been used. So my plan is—I will note it in the memo that this code was entered in error, never been used."

Reached by phone recently, Conger says he argued that it couldn't be an error if "five different people over eight different years — so that is 40 different times — all made the same mistake [by signing the Earnings Codes Document]. That just doesn't seem logical."

Judge Judith Hayes found for the plaintiffs. "The court finds," she wrote in her decision, "that canine care pay is not overtime and should be included in the determination of final compensation. Canine care pay is not overtime pay in the classic sense. Each K-9 officer receives the same fixed pay for canine care, regardless of how many off duty hours are spent attending to the animal in question. This pay doesn't vary on the

basis of whether or not the officer is called in to work overtime with the K-9. This compensation is more akin to a part of the regular periodic compensation received by the officers for their work as K-9 handlers."

Instead of accepting defeat, the City appealed the ruling and hired international law firm Latham and Watkins to manage the appeal for them. "We didn't think the ruling was correct," City Attorney Mike Aguirre says. "And we've had a lot of success using Latham to handle appeals. We've also had a lot of success with them on the Police Officer's Association cases. We felt strongly that the City should not have to pay any judgment, and we didn't want to see this established as a precedent."

But the appeal was to no avail. The appellate ruling, which was filed January 29 of this year, declared the City's contention that canine-care pay never should have been included in retirement pay to be "based on a faulty reading of the ordinance. The second paragraph of section 24.0103 does not exclude all overtime payments from the definition of base compensation."

The appellate opinion continued, "The City next contends this court should reverse the judgment because *after the judgment* a City auditor prepared a revised earnings codes document that *now* expressly excludes canine care pay from Base Compensation, and provides that the prior inclusion

of canine care pay was a 'mistake.' The City requests that we take judicial notice of this Earnings Codes Document, which was created *after the June 28, 2006 judgment*, and expressly applies only to earnings *after July 1, 2006*. The City also requests that we take judicial notice of several documents entitled 'Acknowledgement of Earnings Code' signed by various City officials on January 25, 2007, four days before the City filed its opening appellate brief in this case. This evidence is not properly before us. It is a fundamental principle of appellate law that our review of the trial court's decision must be based on the evidence before the court at the time it rendered its decision" (italics theirs).

The appellate court's final word on the matter is that the City "will have to include canine care in base compensation for the purposes of calculating retirement benefits. This order applies only to canine care pay earned after July 1, 2000, and earned at a time when canine care pay was identified in an Earnings Codes Document within the definition of Base Compensation. As so modified, the judgment is affirmed. Appellant [the City] to bear respondents' [Sloan's, Mills's, and Hubka's] costs on appeal."

Conger says the pension money involved in the case amounts to "about a couple thousand dollars per officer per year. So if it's all completely added together, we are talking in the tens of thousands, or possibly \$100,000 for everybody."

The City could have settled, Conger believes, "for less money than they paid Latham and Watkins just to do the appeal."

And how much did the City pay Latham and Watkins? Aguirre declined to say. Conger says, "I've done a public records request for Latham's bills, and I can't get them. I've been after them for four months. But it's my belief that Latham has charged the City over \$300,000."

But the costs don't stop there. The San Diego Police Department's motorcycle officers, who receive extra pay for the at-home care of their bikes, filed suit to have their motorcycle-care pay included in their pension calculations. Mike Conger represented them. The case was settled. ■

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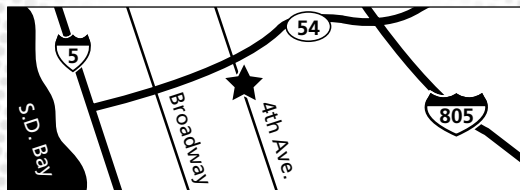
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Insider Thanks

I wanted to tell you what a terrific job Joe Deegan did on the Republican Party ("Troublemakers Unlisted," "City Lights," July 10). I am a member of the Central Committee, and everything that was written in there was the truth. And I want to say, thank you, number one, for printing it, and let's hear some more about the *Raw Story* and Tony Krvaric. Thank you very much for your excellent work and article in this week's paper.

Name Withheld

Yep

Re "The Jamul Incident" ("Unforgettable," July 10). Great story. So much detail. Very enjoyable.

Shirley Burke
via email

Set This Story Free

Kudos to Stephen Dobyns for writing such a fascinating and informative article about the "tricking of the brain" for amputees ("She Told Me My Arm Was Gone," Cover Story, July 10). This is an article that should be sent to newspapers all across America and be picked up by the wire services rather than just staying in a free but prestigious San Diego publication.

Name Withheld
via email

Cozy With Drag Queens

Your mention in "City Lights" of the departure of Jerry Sanders PR man Fred Sainz to take a well-paying position at the Denver, Colorado-based Gill Founda-

tion is intriguing ("Breaking News," July 10). While his abrasive style with our town's media was a factor in his exiting, it's also true that Sainz had been too cozy with a certain notorious drag queen and gossip columnist known for his militancy.

Last summer, for instance, Sainz's pal led a rowdy demonstration at the downtown Horton Plaza's unveiling of a statue of former San Diego mayor Pete Wilson. Their bullhorns and jeering got so loud, the melee drowned out the speeches given by Sanders and other prominent Republicans in honor of Wilson. Sainz's militant friend was there to protest the former mayor's "horrific" treatment of gays when Wilson was mayor — when the drag queen was getting busted for being a Balboa Park prostitute. Sainz was blamed for this and later denounced by various local talk radio hosts for not exercising proper crowd control.

In his latest column, the drag queen praises his fellow "Latino brother" and credits Sainz for taking "bullets" directed at his boss, Jerry Sanders, and calls Sainz the mayor's "No. 1 aide and friend." Sainz and his lover, Tiny Tim Tipton, apparently are off to Denver to fight for gay marriage in California.

John Primavera
via email

Quotables

The July 3 "Sporting Box" column had a lot of quotes on patriotism. But there are a lot more that could be considered sacrilegious. So here are a few.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel" — Samuel Johnson.

"Patriotism is a kind of religion; it is the egg from which wars are hatched" — Guy de Maupassant.

"Patriotism is the passion of fools and the most foolish of passions" — Arthur Schopenhauer.

"You'll never have a quiet world till you knock the patriotism out of the human race" — George Bernard Shaw.

"It is lamentable that to be a good patriot we must become the enemy of the rest of mankind" — Voltaire.

Melvin Shapiro
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Alec Baldwin Wannabes

It was refreshing to read in Barbarella's "Daddy's Girls" ("Diary of a Diva," July 3) that there are a few fathers left whose primary mission in life was a healthy parenting relationship with their children.

Nowadays, too many "prodigal fathers" spend their time trying, much later in the child's life, various forms of pandering to get back involved with them: i.e., alcohol, bribes, and bad-mouthing the ex-spouse (their mother).

These Alec Baldwin wan-

nabes like to loudly blame their defective parenting on the ex-wife, rather than the obsessive, hypercritical, philandering behavior that drove the child, mother, and previous spouse away in the first place.

Of course, the fact that, as the child was growing up, the prodigal father obsessed about the child's weight, dress, diet (just like he did Mom) and shared every tidbit of the divorce with them to try to tarnish the mother, that behavior had nothing to do with the child's subsequent psychological issues.

Now that the child is older, having trouble in school, self-medicating (using inhalants, smoking pot,

and drinking every day), the pandering takes the form of looking the other way and enabling the self-abuse.

For example, one prodigal father decided to show how much he thought of his teenage daughter's soccer play by taking her to a local restaurant, buying her a margarita, and because he had drunk three margaritas himself, had the underage, inebriated daughter chauffeur him home.

Name Withheld
via email

The Unruly Can Go

Can you please clear something up for me? If I was kicked out of an establishment such as Vons for bad

behavior (loud, drunk, obnoxious) and was told not to come back and did, then wouldn't I be violating a trespassing law? I see signs in many retail businesses that say, "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone." Isn't this the same thing as Barona kicking out patrons they don't wish to see anymore ("Get Out, Stay Out," "City Lights," July 3)? I understand you are linking this to the tribes limiting their sizes so as to increase dollars to members they deem worthy, but as far as unruly patrons go, I don't see a problem with it.

Matt
via email

this bit of history about the local ad industry...as I love the show myself, and am also involved in the biz in another somewhat connected aspect. Phillips-Ramsey, wow, that was the cat's meow in the decade before I got my first job out of college, but we all knew of the aura surrounding that name...and some of the stories.

It would be great to read more about San Diego growing up from the '60s in other aspects. Bring it on!

City Lights, by Joe Deegan Published July 9

Posted by iracomegetcha
on July 12, 3:29 p.m.

Thanks for this article Joe. You did a fine job.

One of the things that people keep missing about this is that these slates, or voter guides, if you will, are mailed to registered voters implying that they are endorsed by not only the local GOP but by other organizations. Most are simply PAC's. Political Action Committees designed to

launder money and promote causes under the slate law loopholes. One of the slates/voter guides, claimed to be by a republican women's group. It was not. It was a woman who is a consultant who formed a PAC in order to make money, and yes, she's a registered republican. good for her, except that this is designed to deceive the public.

it is advertising, just like any commercial one sees on television, or in newspapers/magazines. And yes, in those they clearly have to post: paid advertising. Which is what these PAC's should have to do.

another fallacy is that on some, they claimed to be associated with the CRP. The CRP is NOT allowed to endorse these candidates. Another said they were associated with CRA, well actual endorsed CRA candidates were not on the slates. again, deceit. But does the public know this? of course not.

Posted by cantstancha on
July 12, 3:41 p.m.

the chairman and his henchmen (executive board) also intimidated people into not running, and also told others they had to run. lies were spread by him in an effort to influence an election. I hardly think this can be construed as democracy, or honesty, or ethical.

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 Noons is the EliteXC Lightweight World Champion. He lives in Point Loma and trains at City Gym on Garnet Avenue.

I ask, “Which is harder, boxing or MMA [mixed martial arts]?”

“They both have their disciplines, but MMA is a lot harder because you have to train in so many different disciplines.”

Noons was born in Hawaii 25 years ago. Took up Kenpo Karate before he went to kindergarten, started boxing at the age of 10, kickboxing at 12, and Muay Thai kickboxing at the age of 15.

I ask, “You’ve been fighting as a pro for four or five years?”

“About that,” Noons says. “My MMA record is 6 and 1, with 6 knockouts. My pro boxing career is 8 and 1, with 6 knockouts, and my Muay Thai kickboxing pro record is 13 and 1, with 10 knockouts.”

Sounds champion-appropriate. “How about the crowds in boxing versus MMA?”

“Totally different. The crowds in MMA are used to knockouts and quick finishes [MMA has three five-minute rounds], so if there’s not immediate action, they’re ruthless. Boxing, it’s more a sweet science, breaking a person down.”

“And you’ve got 30 minutes to work with.”

“Exactly,” Noons says. “In MMA, you’ve got these small gloves. You could get hit with one punch.... For instance, my last fight [48-second first-round win over Yves Edwards], I punched him and rocked him. He landed on his butt and I had to follow through and knock him out. Whereas, in boxing, you can get caught, get knocked down on your butt, get your bell rung, get back up, and still win, in MMA, if you get caught, it’s over.”

I ask, “How many fights a year do you have in all disciplines?”

“I’ve pretty much made the transition to MMA,” Noons says. “I’ve eliminated kickboxing and Muay Thai. Now that I have a title to defend, I’ll defend it, probably, three times a year. So, there’s not too much time to box. But, I’m young in my boxing career. You have to have 15, 20 fights to get a shot or even a top-ten fight. I can squeeze those in anywhere, just to build my rank and, hopefully, win a boxing title.”

I want to know how he got to San Diego.

Noons says, “I grew up in Hawaii and moved to Houston with my family when I was 16. That was a culture shock. Night-and-day difference in the way people looked to the weather. After I graduated, I wanted to move to a city and a state that had a lot of fighters and had weather close to what I was used to growing up. San Diego was as close to Hawaii as you can get, so I moved here.

“I packed my stuff and jumped in my car with no job, no money, no nothing. On my way out I made a call to a friend who told me, ‘Call this guy Mark [Mark Dion, City Boxing owner], see if he can hook you up with a job.’

“I walked into City Boxing and Mark made me spar his guys for my job interview. I knocked three out of four guys down with body shots or head shots. I was hired that day. That’s how I built a relationship with City Boxing, got into MMA, boxing, and went



KJ Noons

from there.”

“What kind of money can you make in MMA?”

Noons says, “Depends how many people know you, how marketable you are, do people like you... It’s a new sport; someday you’ll make as much as the big names in boxing. It’s getting to that point.

“But it’s a tough sport, man. Just like boxing, there’s a lot of money, but you’ve got to be a household name. There are only a handful of guys who are. You’ve got to have that name, like a Pacman [Manny Pacquiao] or a De La Hoya, then you can make 40-, 60-million dollars. You can probably go up to a group of girls and they would know Oscar De La Hoya; that’s why he makes \$40-, \$60 million. Do you know who Randy Couture is?” (Couture is the only five-time champion in UFC history.)

“Do you think about injuries?” (He’s going to say “No.”)

“No. If you put in the time, you’re going to come out on top. Fighting, that’s the fun part. Not the eight weeks of training, dieting, running, having no life. When you see me on TV, that’s why I look so relaxed. I’ve put in all my time.”

Okay, wrapping up, “Anything else you want to say?”

“Check out *KJNoons.com*, and thanks to all the fans who come by City Boxing and say ‘What’s up?’ We train every day, Monday through Friday, at 1:30.”

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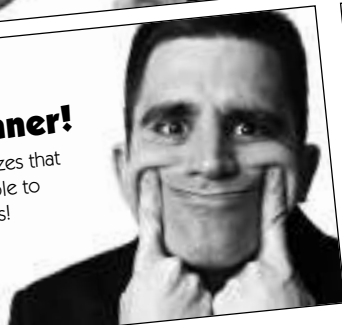
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Address: 2445 Fogg Street, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9079

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Senior pastor: Evan Lauer

Congregation size: 60

Staff size: 4

Sunday school enrollment: about 25

Annual budget: about \$100,000

Weekly giving: \$2000

Singles program: no

Dress: casual to semiformal

Diversity: mostly Caucasian

Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 20 minutes

Website: coastlandschurch.org

Toddlers sprawled quietly on the patch of thick carpet at the back of the dim auditorium, filling in their coloring books. Behind them stood a row of tables holding free Bibles, juice, sandwich bags filled with Froot Loops and Goldfish crackers, and various hats and T-shirts bearing the Coastlands logo accompanied by Christian slogans: "Body piercing saved my soul," "Tattoo your heart for eternity," "Covered by the Cross." That last one bore the image of a surfer; a bumper sticker gave the Greek for "Pray for waves." The sensibility seemed to fit the demographic — mostly younger, with flip-flops abounding.

Pastor Evan Lauer drummed on a speaker box as the worship leader strummed his guitar and crooned breathily. "Stir in me a fire that the world cannot explain/ Stir in my a passion that my heart cannot contain/ Hold me, break me, mold me, make me more and more like you/ I've come to worship you..." The congregation sang along, sleepily at first, but then with more feeling. Then they read from the psalm that promised "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways..." and the children's minister gave out a welcome:

"I've been traveling a lot this summer...and it's awesome to see the fellowship of the church.... No matter where you go, there is God's presence, and there are fellow believers.... If you don't have your Bible here today, there are Bibles in the back that you can borrow. Or, if you don't have a Bible at all, take one and keep it. It's our gift to you. We study the Bible here; the Bible is the core of our faith. And once you have it, read it — that's so important."

Lauer stood and announced, "We have a chance every summer to have a handful of Campus Crusade for Christ youth with us, and we're going to ask one of them to give us a couple of minutes about what God's been doing in her life this summer."

A young woman stepped to the front. "I'd never really shared my faith with any-

one.... It was just completely out of my comfort zone." But, she said, she had learned "that it's not just something we can do to bring joy to other people's lives; it's our duty." She recalled a line from Mark Cahill: "People in hell are yelling up at us to tell people about Christ.... I just realized how much the lost just want us to reach out to them.... Even if they kind of reject you sometimes, you have to just push through it." She had also seen evidence of "how different we are as Christians...the joy we have in our lives." Then her testimony became personal: "In eighth grade, I suffered from an eating disorder. I still kind of struggled with it, and I wanted to be able to say I was over it by the end of summer. As of probably a couple of weeks ago, I finally am at that point. I've realized that my identity is in Christ, and there is nothing better than knowing God." Applause followed.

"It's great to have you here after last Sunday's beach service!" continued Lauer. "We did

some baptisms, got to meet a lot of people in the community, and got to share Christ's love in a very public way. There was a family sitting to the right of us, and they just watched the entire service."

But today, it was back to exegesis: Paul's advice to Timothy about the care of widows. "It's nice, sometimes, to know where the Bible dials into something really specific," noted Lauer before making general observations on the Church as God's family and specific challenges regarding widows and the elderly. "Think about your family right now."

Lauer ended the service with a call to group prayer. "Prayer is a vital part of our church. I would love to see you break up into groups of three or four, and we'll do three or four minutes of prayer." He put up a slide suggesting prayers for the

church: "helping each other stay connected as the body of Christ"; for the community, asking God "to move on the hearts of those who are not Christian yet"; and for our country, with special regard for the upcoming election. Heads bowed and eyes closed as Gregorian chant murmured in the background.

What happens when we die?

"We emphasize the Bible here," said Lauer. "I believe the Bible teaches that if you've accepted Jesus as your savior — which means that you're a Christian — then you go to heaven. If you don't want a part of that, then I think that, as real and great as I think heaven is, hell is just as scary. A lot of churches don't like to mention heaven and hell, but they're in the Bible."

— Matthew Lickona



EVAN LAUER

Coastland Church Pacific Beach ★★

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delivery.....★★

Liturgy

.....★★½

Music

congregational.....★★
band.....★★

Snacks

.....★★

Architecture

.....★★½

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Poor to satisfactory.....(none)

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—EVE KELLY

When my husband was young and on a swim team, they didn't have goggles," recalled Regina Paradowski of Paradowski's Swim & Sports in Kearny Mesa (858-569-6946; paradowsskisswim.com). "They used to put milk in their eyes to stop the red-eye."

I hadn't heard about the milk before, but the red-eye, I knew about. After a day in a friend's pool, my kids arrived home red-rimmed and bloodshot, and I could almost feel the ache in their tired eyes. I remembered it well — the sting that came after a summer's day at the YMCA pool when I was growing up. I zipped to Wal-Mart and came back with Dolfino goggles for each. But on our next pool visit, I couldn't help noticing the kids ditching their protective eyewear after only a few minutes. "They leak!" I tightened them. "That hurts!"

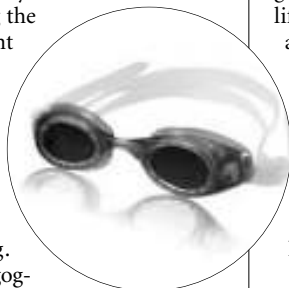
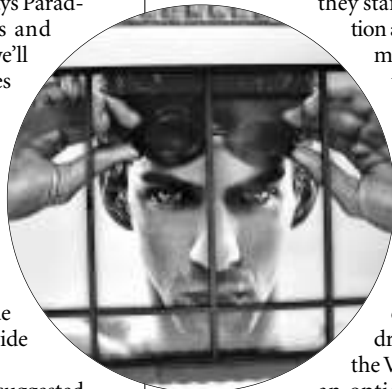
"When people come in," says Paradowski, "we look at their faces and make suggestions. Sometimes, we'll suggest five or six different styles that might work. Some Asian people that come in have hardly any nose bridge. We have goggles that accommodate them [SEAL, \$19.99–\$29.99]. Kids come in with tiny faces, their eyes very close together. We have goggles for them, too [Swim-ple, \$9.99]. And people with wide faces will need a goggle with a wide bridge."

For my kids, Paradowski suggested "Hydrospecs by Speedo [\$13.99–\$15.99]; that's one of our best sellers, and it comes in an adult size, a junior size, and a youth size — each one progressively smaller. They have silicone eyepieces instead of foam; I think that's better because the foam can carry bacteria. And they come with a split strap — that means that in back, the strap splits in two. A single strap will tend to slip up or down on the head. But with two, one goes up high and the other goes in the middle. It holds it on better. They really are the best for kids doing everyday swimming, and they come in either clear, tint, or mirror-finish."

Mirror finish? "If you're on your back doing the backstroke, you want something that will reflect the sun."

Of course, not everyone does the backstroke. "Choosing a goggle depends on the type of swimming you're doing. AquaSphere makes goggles and masks for use at the beach — the SEAL [\$29.99], the SEAL XP [\$23.99], and the Kaiman goggle [\$17.99]. They're really easy to adjust; you push the lever up and slide the strap, then push the lever down. The SEAL mask gives you 180-degree panoramic vision; people buy that when they're going to the Cove and they want to be able to see all the fish. You wouldn't really need that in a pool. The SEAL XP is a cross between a mask and a goggle, and the Kaiman is a regular goggle. They're available in adult and children's sizes."

Racers want a more low-profile goggle,



"If you're on your back doing the backstroke, you want something that will reflect the sun."

something that fits into the eye socket. "We have what is called the Socket Rocket by TYR [\$6.99–\$14.99]. It's like a Swedish goggle, but it has a bead of silicone around the lens to make it more comfortable. We also sell the Speedo Speed Socket [\$23.99–\$28.99]. Women racers seem to like the Vanquisher by Speedo [\$13.99–\$16.95]. That's a competitive, low-profile goggle with an adjustable bridge. It seems to fit people's faces really well." (Incidentally, I asked a friend of mine — a woman who works as a lifeguard — about her preferences, and she said that many of her fellow lifeguards loved the Vanquisher.)

I'm pretty much blind without my glasses, and I wondered about prescription goggles. "An actual pair of prescription goggles could cost up to \$300," said Paradowski. "But we have a nice alternative for basic swimming — for people who don't wear contacts and need to be able to see the pace clock during swim-team practice. They're optical goggles; they start at -2.0 magnification and increase by increments of .5 all the way up to 10. We can get a different strength for each eye — say, 3.5 for one and 5.5 for the other — and we can usually get pretty close to a prescription. And we have optical goggles for children and juniors; even the Vanquisher comes in an optical form. They run from \$17.99 to \$29.99."

The lifespan of a pair of goggles depends, of course, on use. "AquaSphere and Hydrospecs last a long time, but how long depends on how often you use them. You should rinse them in cold, clear water when you're done with each use. And while all of our goggles say they're scratch-resistant, they will get scratched if they're in your backpack with your shoes and other stuff — especially the ones with a mirror finish. Some goggles come with containers, and we do sell containers separately [\$7.99–\$9.99]. Also, most goggles come with an anti-fogging application, but it doesn't last the whole life of the goggle. Every manufacturer sells anti-fog drops or sprays [\$2.99–\$5]. You just add a drop to each eyepiece and wipe with a cloth."

Other places for goggles around town:

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by Barbarella

User, n. The word computer professionals use when they mean “idiot.”

— Dave Barry

The initial symptoms of a massive failure, such as a heart attack or stroke — a sore arm, a bit of vertigo — often appear benign. Catastrophe seems to happen so fast, but in retrospect, the discernible signs we’d initially ignored glare their condemnation. So it was when the response time of my keystrokes slowed to a crawl on my MacBook; I thought nothing of it. A reboot does for most computer issues what Tylenol does for headaches. I hit the power button and waited. A moment later, instead of the usual clear-sky blue of my laptop booting up, my display remained an inclement gray. No biggie, I thought, staring in wait for it to assume the appropriate hue.

It was taking an awfully long time. My brows furrowed at the uninspiring color. Just as I was about to give restarting another go, a symbol appeared — the image of a folder with a question mark in the center of the screen; it was blinking at me. As I watched the question mark blink in and out, without any indication of progress, a negligible bud of mild concern burgeoned into a bright red blossom of

Computer crashes, like car accidents or cancer, were not supposed to happen to me.

dread. Despite my trepidation, I was convinced the solution to the issue was merely a sequence of depressed keys away. Computer crashes, like car accidents or cancer, were not supposed to happen to me. There had to be some less terminal explanation.

Once apprised of my predicament, David sat beside me at his mother’s kitchen table, opened his laptop, and searched online tech forums for a solution. “Huh,” he made the mistake of saying.

“What’s that supposed to mean?”

David knows me well enough to remain reticent rather than utter worrisome words like “It appears as though your laptop has shit the bed.” But with me staring him down and demanding elucidation on the word “huh,” he really had no choice but to break

it to me. Faced with the news that my hard drive had crashed, added to the realization that I was 3000 miles away from my backup and had less than two days to submit polished versions of two articles I’d been working on, I did the only reasonable thing I could think of — I fell apart.

I was only vaguely aware of David making a phone call to determine if the local computer repair store (one of only two on the island where his parents live) was open. He ushered me toward his father’s circa ’80s Buick. As we sped to the computer hospital, I cradled the ailing one on my lap. Still under the impression that nothing really bad was happening — as if my freaking out was an automatic but unfounded response that David would later tell me had been for nothing before we laughed it off like all my other freak-outs — I plastered a nervous smile on my face and entered the store.

We stood at the counter for an eternity, despite the heads of teenaged employees that, like prairie dogs, were intermittently popping up from the triage room behind the register. Finally, a man in a Stephen Hawking–like wheelchair (with neck support and everything) rolled toward us. The man appeared fit; his hair was white, and he wore wire-rimmed glasses.

“It seems as though my hard drive has crashed,” I said.

“Not surprising, those SATA drives are

crap,” the man muttered. “You have a backup?”

“Well, yes, but not with me, it’s at home. I didn’t thin—”

“Right. You didn’t,” he snapped. Then, speaking the phrase islanders use to convey their disdain for the tourists they loathe but who they rely on to provide a year’s worth of sustenance in three months, Dr. Strangelove sneered at me and said, “Summer people, some ‘r’ not.”

David’s gasp was barely audible. Blowing off the man’s insult, I said, “Is there anything you can do?”

“Well, you should have had a backup,” he said. “I’m not sure I can recover anything; chances are slim, maybe 20 percent.”

I bit my lip and wiped away a tear and made sure to keep smiling. “Well, anything you can do, if you can try, that would be—”

“Do you know your right from your left?”

“What? I don’t...”

The permanently seated man sighed loudly in exasperation. “Your right. From your left. Do you know the difference?” When I stared at him in confusion, the man sighed again and said, “Look. This is where you’re supposed to open the laptop, from this indented area in the middle. You’re opening it wrong, from the left side; I can tell, because it’s off alignment about a millimeter toward the right.”

“Not true,” I said with the conviction

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"Anyway," said the guy I was beginning to hate. "We'll keep it overnight and freeze the hard drive and then see if we can recover anything. But I'm only going to do it once, and we might have only 20 minutes to retrieve information, if there's any to retrieve."

"It's like leaving my child or something," I joked.

"Well, if you don't want to leave it, you can go right in here," said the man, pointing to a jar, the side of which was engraved with the words, "Ashes of Problem Customers."

I held back my tears until we got into the car, and then I broke down, hyperventilating all the way back to my in-laws' place. When we got there, I marched straight upstairs to our room and collapsed on the bed. David, who'd never witnessed a panic attack quite this bad (apparently I was rocking back and forth and repeatedly tapping my collarbone) deliberated over whether or not to take me to the hospital. When the

sound of David's concern finally forged a hole through the blanket of stress that had been suffocating me, I sat up, suddenly sober. "Um, sorry about that," I said.

"Stress is not your best friend, but it certainly is a frequent companion," David said, smiling and stroking my hair.

"Stress is my frenemy," I smiled back, proof that I hadn't completely lost it, and said, "Let's go downstairs and help out with dinner."

Over the next three days, I heard one horror story after another from islanders about the jerk at the computer store. A man I met at a party said the consensus on the island was that the guy in the wheelchair, who was in the midst of a lawsuit over the car accident that put him there, didn't need to be in the thing at all (one high-profile doctor, upon seeing the guy's MRIs, said all he needed was physical therapy). An employee of the gallery that represents David said he'd made the mistake of stepping past the counter to look for help, only to be greeted by the seated man screaming expletives at him for crossing the invisible line. Our friend Jen brought her computer there and didn't get it back for 30 days, at which point it was worse

off than it was before (hers had never been broken, she just wanted a "professional" to perform a backup and ended up with her data being lost).

By the fourth day, I wanted my baby back, fixed or not. I called the store and told the kid who answered that I needed to collect my laptop that day because I was leaving the island. He said that wasn't possible, that their server was in the middle of retrieving data, and they never unplug at that time.

"Look, I don't care if it's broken," I snapped. "I'm leaving today, and I'm taking my laptop with me."

"We have your number in San Diego," said the kid.

I was apoplectic. "You won't be using that number because I am taking my computer. Today."

"No. We will not unplug it while it's recov-

ering data, and that's that," he said.

I practically threw the phone at David, snapping, "Can you talk to these assholes for me?"

By the time David put the receiver to his ear, the guy in the wheelchair had replaced the kid at the other end of the line.

David argued with the man for five minutes and then hung up the phone. "We pick it up at three. But he said he doesn't work for free," David said. I slapped myself in the head. I had been so distraught when I dropped off my machine, it hadn't occurred to me to square the price in advance.

At 3 p.m., we entered the store for the last time. I paid a ransom of \$142.68 and retrieved my broken laptop in exactly the same condition (except for the addition of a few new scratches on the case). No information had been

recovered. As I still had a week left on my computer's warranty when I got back to San Diego, I brought my baby to the Apple Store, and a new hard drive was installed at no cost. When I got home, my trusty backup drive (that will accompany me

on all trips from now on) restored everything to its rightful place, including my sanity. ■

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I just handed my last 90 bucks to a scowling man behind the counter, and if number five doesn't finish in the top three in this \$25,000 maiden claimer, I'll go home broke, with only an expensive beer buzz and a bad sunburn to show for the experience. The man behind the counter couldn't care less; he's just hoping like hell his drawer isn't short again at the end of the day.

Some guys will bet on anything — presidential elections, hog-calling contests, even junior high school girls' field hockey. I bet on horses, usually online. But when the Del Mar meet comes around each summer, a lot of my action is funneled through the hands of the folks known as pari-mutuel clerks.





*Most “racetrackers”
learned their skills
from parents, uncles,
older brothers.*

If you’ve been to Del Mar — or for that matter, to any Thoroughbred racetrack or offtrack betting joint — you’ve seen them. (For the record, you’ll also see them at places where quarter horses, Standardbreds, and other breeds race.) At Del Mar, pari-mutuel clerks are clad in pastel Hawaiian-style shirts with a tropical/equine motif. Although you may have seen them, perhaps exchanged a handicapping

insight or two with them, the odds are good — probably less than one to five — that you don’t know much about them other than they’re usually dour, occasionally surly, and not infrequently sporting wraps on their wrists and forearms.

Kentucky’s Churchill Downs notwithstanding, Southern California and New York are home to Thoroughbred racing’s most important tracks, the ovals

where the best horses run for the biggest purses. In Southern California, Del Mar — with its 43-day boutique meet — is one of three major venues, along with Santa Anita and Hollywood Park.

Of course, as most punters know, Thoroughbred racing isn’t limited to the majors, and neither is the work of the pari-mutuel clerk. Unless you bring a laptop computer or other device

to wager online or use a voucher kiosk, if you place a bet — and why the hell else would you go to the track? — you’ll need to deal with a pari-mutuel clerk, or teller. This holds true not only for the overdressed, underinformed tourists at opening-day Del Mar but for the hard-core players leaning on the rail at Los Alamitos, the guys who just blew their last 10 bucks on a \$5000 claiming race.

The word “pari-mutuel,” like many an arcane term of sport, is French and refers to the fact that in horse racing, one plays against other bettors rather than the house; roughly speaking, one’s chances of winning and the size of any potential payout depend on how the other players have wagered. Few horseplayers have heard of Pierre Oller, and fewer still have taken a whiff of his fragrances. But in the 1860s, Oller, a Parisian perfume-maker, devised the pari-mutuel wagering system used today by those who wager on horse racing, dog racing, and jai alai. However, it took the pari-mutuel machine, first seen in Australia in 1913 and introduced to the United States in 1933, to make Thoroughbred wagering practical on a large scale. Best known by the brand name Totalizer, the device enabled betting pools, odds, and proba-

ble payouts to be calculated rapidly. In recent years, advances in computer technology have goosed the speed even more; nowadays, the totalizer can instantly mix, stir, and blend wagering funds coming in from thousands of places and conduits — from online, from off-track betting facilities, and, of course, from the track — directing each dollar to the appropriate pool. But even after the advent of the totalizer, live human beings were needed to facilitate wagering and are needed today, albeit in diminished numbers; in this, the age of online wagering, most horseplayers remain familiar with the admonition “hold all tickets.”

Obviously, before you can hold your tickets (or, more likely, wad them up in disgust and hurl them), you’ve got to shell out cash to get them, and that’s where

the pari-mutuel clerk comes in; his (or, increasingly, her) job is to take your cash as quickly as possible, before you change your mind and decide to put that Benjamin toward the mortgage or your kid’s braces. In order to accomplish this sleight of hand, this transformation of Federal Reserve notes to usu-

The racetrack, as Barth puts it, “isn’t church.”

ally worthless slips of paper, the clerk must learn not only the menu of available wagers but — and this is often the madness-inducing part for the clerk — how to decipher the bets called out by the bettors. Notwithstanding the importance of rapidity, accuracy always trumps speed at the clerk’s window.

Say you love Del Mar, think you’d look groovy in one of those

official Hawaiian-style shirts or long to hear Trevor Denman’s lilting calls right from the loudspeaker, or maybe you just can’t shake the afterglow from the rush you got when your \$36 tri-fecta part wheel returned \$958.35. For whatever reason, you’ve decided to become a pari-mutuel clerk — often shortened

to “mutuel clerk” by insiders. It’s not enough that you enjoy hanging out at the track, although many clerks start with that mind-set.

Back in the 1950s or 1960s, it helped an aspiring mutuel clerk to have relatives in the business — Dad was a clerk, brother-in-law a hot walker, whatever. Nepotism was the fast track, sometimes the only track. Nowadays,

the way through the tunnel is more democratic, more straightforward. First off, you’ve got to get trained. No college offers a major in pari-mutuel clerking, and there is no *Idiot’s Guide* for self-learners. Instead, you must first go through a 12-hour training class in early July. After that, if your desire to descend to pari-mutuel purgatory persists, you’ll apply for a license from the California Horse Racing Board. Providing you’re not a capo in the Gotti organization or a member of the Manson clan, you’ll then get a license that — among other things — will entitle you to free admission to every wagering facility in the state.

Don Barth doesn’t scowl behind the window. Perhaps he’s atypical, but he loves the business. He’s been in it for over 40 years. When Barth started as a pari-mutuel clerk in 1967,

California tracks offered only three traditional wagers — win, place, and show; most of the exotic wagers that dominate today’s action were years, if not decades, away. As horseplayers from that era recall, even the most basic innovation, e.g., the daily double (which entails picking the winner in two consecutive races and at first offered only once per race card), was seen as revolutionary. As for the exacta — where one must pick the first two finishers of a given race in order — *that* was considered blasphemous by folks like Tom Ainslie, the legendary handicapping author who regarded the wager as gambling, not Thoroughbred handicapping.

Barth speaks of his early years with a tone of tolerant amusement; not only were the wagers different, so were the clerks. In those days, the folks behind the windows

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were mostly men and, not infrequently, indistinguishable from the carnies at the county fair. Over the course of decades and a million losing tickets fluttering in the wind, the face of the pari-mutuel clerk has changed; Barth describes the atmosphere these days as more “civilized.” But despite an influx of women and perhaps a class upgrade, other characteristics remain: now, as then, the archetypal pari-mutuel guy is a nomadic horseplayer who hates to get up any earlier than he has to in the morning.

I asked Barth what the appeal is; after all, pari-mutuel clerks don't make a lot of money, and the work can be not only spotty but suffused with pressure. He replied, “It's the unconstructed life.” He elaborated that for the pari-mutuel clerk, the flexibility of sched-

ules — and perhaps the opportunity to be at the track frequently — are paramount. He used the term “lifestyle,” seeming to imply that for some clerks hanging out at a place like Del Mar is more than a job; it's a calling, perhaps like the priesthood. Spiritual references aside — and what horseplayer hasn't prayed to one deity or

In California, just about everything pleasurable (cigars, booze, fast driving) is controlled, licensed, taxed, and micromanaged by the daddy state and its unelected bureaucrats. Horse racing is no different. If you want to run a horse (or for that matter, a mule) on a California track for a purse, the racing board, in its 225-page

racing dates around the calendar — the live meets that, along with their offtrack simulcast companions, constitute the office and office hours, if you will, of the clerk.

Del Mar's summer meet, which runs from mid-July to early September, is considered by many pari-mutuel clerks to be the best venue in California for selling tickets because that's where the bettors are. Although the clerks I interviewed noted the festive atmosphere and the potential for large tips from wealthy tourists, they told me that it's Del Mar's healthy ontrack attendance that makes it the place to man the windows. As anyone who's ever been to Santa Anita or Hollywood Park can attest, a huge, nearly empty grandstand, populated by a scattering of old people and the occa-

After bus fare, it works out to around eight bucks an hour.

another as his horse hit the stretch — the race-track, as Barth puts it, “isn't church.” As much as he loves horse racing, he admits that wherever a lot of cash is floating around there are bound to be a few “unsavory characters” afoot, which takes us straight to the California Horse Racing Board.

rule book, will tell you, in unstinting detail, what you must and mustn't do. Everything is covered, from the size of a jockey's whip to the rules for calculating a massive pick-six carryover. For the pari-mutuel clerk, perhaps the most important role of the racing board is its sanctioning of race-tracks and allocation of

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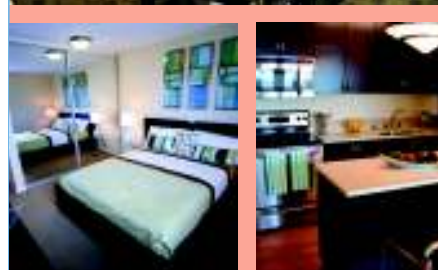
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sional inveterate horse-player burnout, is the norm at any weekday racing program. Fewer patrons mean fewer windows open, fewer hours for pari-mutuel clerks, especially those without seniority.

According to the racing board, there are approximately 1900 licensed clerks. Given the number of horse races Californians can wager on year-round (including numerous Thoroughbred and harness races in other states), one might think that pari-mutuel clerks are perpetually busy. In truth, the ascendancy of online wagering, handheld PDA devices, and voucher kiosks (the latter pushed by Del Mar management) has cut into the need for live tellers. Coupled with an overall decline in horse racing as a first-tier gaming option — courtesy of Indian casinos — tech-

nological advances have rendered the pari-mutuel clerk a dying subculture. And there's the seniority issue.

At Del Mar, and every other wagering facility in California, a pari-mutuel clerk — unless he's content to ply his trade only occasionally — will have to join the union, namely the Pari-Mutuel Employees Guild Local 280. Affiliated with the Service Employees International Union and part of the AFL-CIO, the Local 280 represents pari-mutuel workers in contract negotiations and sets out a passel of policies, practices, and procedures that govern every aspect of the clerk's workday. In order to make a career of it as Don Barth has — or merely take a stab at covering your weekly wagering habit — you'll not only need to join the union but also learn to play the game according

to its rules. To be fair, many of those rules are aimed at maximizing the income opportunities for clerks in an industry that's stagnant at best; to that end, union members are assigned seniority numbers — the higher the better.

A seniority number close to 2000 guarantees a choice of workdays; clerks with decades-plus

Drawer "shortages" are the bane of a pari-mutuel clerk's existence.

of experience can work as many days as they want, capped only by the limit set in the union's collective bargaining agreement. The old-timers also get first choice of locations, allowing them, for example, to work at a nearby offtrack betting facility if that's their preference. (Because Don Barth has a vested guild pension

and is considered semiretired, his workdays are limited.) At the other end of the continuum are the lowly nonunion permit holders. These clerks, licensed by the racing board but without numbers, are allowed to work only the busiest days. You'll find them on Saturdays and Sundays, including the day of the Pacific Classic (Del Mar's

richest race — the meet's crown jewel) as well as the insanely crowded opening day. Eventually, most pari-mutuel clerks join the union, shelling out an initiation fee of \$250 and yearly dues of \$526; it's a lot a money in a gig that pays \$80 to \$140 a day. It's evident that many clerks resent the compulsory membership and stiff dues. In

turn, the guild's officers respond defensively; in an online newsletter, the union's officers write that the pari-mutuel clerks should be filled with "gratitude" for their collective bargaining agreements.

When Don Barth started at age 20, there was nothing anachronistic about the term "guild" in horse racing; most racetrackers learned their skills from parents, uncles, older brothers, close family friends — folks some would term "mentors" nowadays. Whatever the skill — grooming a horse, fitting a horseshoe, or interpreting a horseplayer's requests at the window — it was always passed down, never formally taught. As Barth recalls, he felt strongly that, back in '67, he'd entered into an almost old-world tradition, just as his father had decades

before.

One of the first things Barth learned was the curious, old-fashioned argot — track speak, if you will — that delineates the functions of those who toil at the track. The most basic classification used by racetrack insiders is "frontside" versus "backside": the former consists of pari-mutuel clerks, concession workers, front-office types — people most likely to be seen by and interact with patrons; the latter includes trainers, grooms, valets, exercise riders, hot walkers, veterinarians, and perhaps jockeys.

In the horse-racing industry, it is common to find people who've worn many hats during their equine-related careers — sometimes simultaneously. Although you're not likely to see Thoroughbred superstars like jockey Garrett Gomez or

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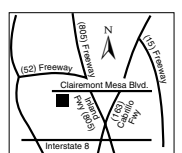
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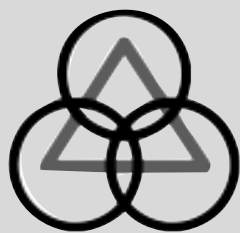
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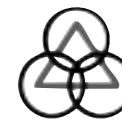
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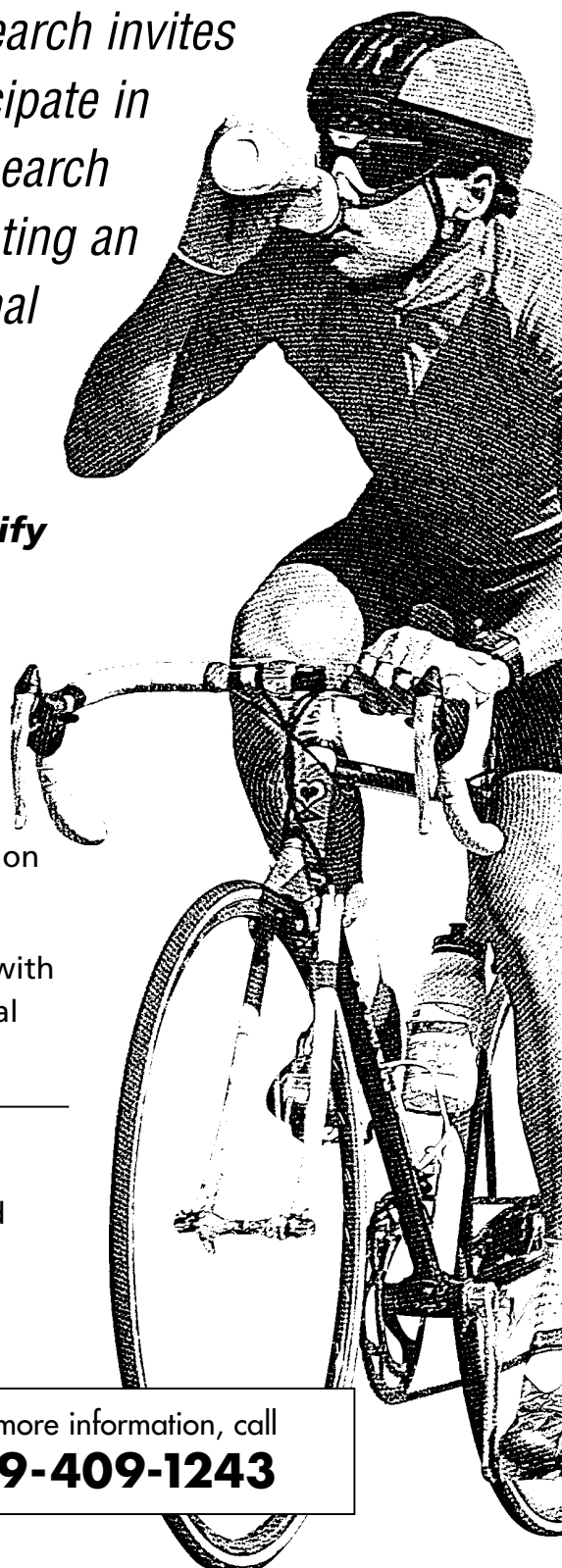
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- A non-smoker for at least 1 yr.
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trainer Bobby Frankel punching \$2 win tickets at Del Mar, you may run across those who work as hot walkers or exercise riders in the early morning and hang out to man the windows in the afternoon. They need the money. This is the glamorous side of horse racing, the side you won't notice — and track management hopes you won't think about — as matrons from La Jolla and Rancho Santa Fe show off their \$1000 bonnets on opening day and their husbands, sporting Zegna suits and Rolex Presidential watches, swagger into the Turf Club and other places where commoners are as welcome as a cannon bone fracture in a Derby prospect.

For every high roller at the large-transaction window, every Ferrari in the valet parking lot, there are dozens of

anonymous workers, some of whom sit for six hours, cranking out tickets behind those windows. If at times they appear ill-tempered, a bit curt, well, they have every right to be, goddammit. But much of what passes for a surly mug is no more than a "game face." That's how Don Barth explains it. To begin with, at least in the

swampy, subtropical air imported from Mexico doesn't render the place a bit sultry. And there are the patrons pressing forward to the windows as the clerks — behind gray masks of stoicism — keep pushing buttons, keep saying the perfunctory "good luck" after each little slip of hope is handed over. Perhaps it's hyperbole, but Barth

Show me a jockey who dances like a buffoon after winning.

grandstand and adjacent clubhouse, there's the noise, the roar of a boisterous crowd echoing across concrete floors, decibels rising as post time nears.

Then there's the heat and humidity. No chamber-of-commerce spin can persuade me that there aren't days during the Del Mar meet when

likens it to a beleaguered "Custer surrounded by the Indians." Nevertheless, despite a siege mentality, most of the clerks attempt to present an outward visage of, at least, neutrality. Some, like Don Barth, go further.

In a voice too measured, too sincere to invite scrutiny, Barth told me

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that he attempts to treat horseplayers at his window as he would want to be treated. Considering what Barth and the other pari-mutuel clerks endure, sullenness now and then might be justified. But the face you'll see on Barth and his like-minded colleagues isn't one of anger or even annoyance; it's just a way to tune out the tumult, defuse the pressure. I asked him about the pressure; I chided him, thinking, "Aren't you where the turf meets the surf?" I mean, "Isn't this the carefree, seaside haven where horseplayers flock to forget the winters at Aqueduct and the four-horse fields at Bay Meadows?" But whenever money is at stake,

there is pressure, never more than when you're trying to whittle down the line of a dozen horseplayers, all of them antsy, as the minutes to post dwindle and the odds of getting shut out rise.

Getting shut out is in some sense the nadir of a handicapper's day. Barring technical malfunction, there's scant risk of it happening when wagering online; unless a bettor cuts it too close, looking at last-minute odds changes, he'll get his wagers in. But things are dicier when a bettor is standing behind a line of people, some of whom are placing a large number of bets, including complex (to the novice, at least) intra-race, or vertical, wagers like tri-

fectas and superfectas or perhaps a long series of inter-race tickets in the pick four or pick six. Veteran pari-mutuel clerks know how to accurately punch out the various boxes, wheels, and other methods used by horseplayers; they're also adept at switching the computer screens at the terminals so that bettors can place wagers at other tracks. (For the uninitiated, boxes and wheels are two ways in which a bettor may construct a vertical wager in a single race; that is, a bet whose object is to pick the first finishers in order.)

Of course, even the best clerk has no control over who gets in his line. While some patrons call out their wagers quickly

and clearly, others simply don't know how to wager and need a microseminar of sorts, which invariably annoys the hell out of experienced players behind them. While we're at it, throw in bettors with nearly unintelligible foreign accents and those who are almost too drunk to stand, as well as folks who change their minds at the window. Now toss into the mix a few guys who start lobbing epithets at the players ahead of them for being "too slow."

The net result is a frazzled clerk who doesn't show it — and an enraged horseplayer who does; the shit-outta-luck guy, Mr. Shut-Out, is sure that the man

behind the window and the last tyro to wager have conspired to deny him the score of a lifetime. But if the clerk cares, he doesn't let on; as Don Barth explains, "The only customer who counts, the only one I see, is the one at my window now. I give that guy my full attention." Still, a pari-mutuel clerk will do his damndest to get every player in before the totalizer locks, preventing any more wagers. But it's not under his control. At a preset juncture, after Trevor Denman announces, in clipped South African tones, that the "horses have now reached the gate," but well before "and away they go," every terminal locks

automatically. No matter how lucrative they might've been, no matter how much handicapping sweat went into them, some wagers won't be made. The man behind the window doesn't care. Why should he?

There's a good chance that before a pari-mutuel clerk's days behind the windows are up, he'll file a workers' compensation claim. The repetitive motions of punching out wagers at the terminal, coupled with the non-ergonomic design of the chairs, lead to carpal tunnel syndrome as well as shoulder and neck injuries. Although Barth estimates that around 70 percent of the clerks will file claims by career's

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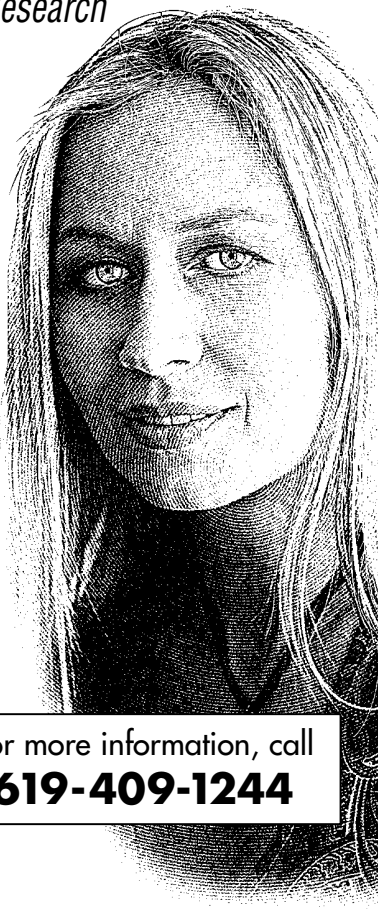
- Age 18 to 65, with Type 1 Diabetes
- A non-smoker for at least 6 months

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end, he's concluded that Del Mar management would rather pay the claims than make changes at the workstations; it's cheaper.

Ergonomics notwithstanding, Barth characterizes the folks who run Del Mar as being the "most enlightened" of racetrack employers. This is a sentiment echoed by most of the clerks with whom I spoke. Although many aspects of the clerk's job, including pay rates, are the same at every track, the consensus seems to be that the intangible

things — dignity, respect — are best realized at Del Mar. But no matter where one is, working the mutuels is a tough way to make a buck.

The 1987 introduction of offtrack betting in California reduced clerks' travel somewhat; however, for many pari-mutuel clerks, the day in the unconstructed life is a long one, bracketed on both ends by tedious commutes to the track and home again. At the end of a shift, after the diehards have trudged out to the parking lot

and only seagulls sit in the stands, the luckier pari-mutuelistas hit the 5 freeway, headed to a home somewhere in or about America's Finest. Few are as fortunate as Don Barth, who bought a house in Cardiff in the late '70s and whose union pension is vested. By contrast, the typical Del Mar pari-mutuel clerk can't afford to live anywhere near the San Dieguito Valley. Unlike the \$300,000 two-year-old colt purchased at the Keeneland auction in Kentucky, or even the five-year-old mare just

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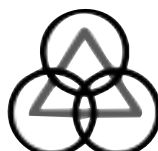
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claimed for \$40,000, the typical pari-mutuel clerk doesn't hit the hay in North County — he couldn't even dream of it. Instead, he lives in a place like Arcadia, Duarte, Pasadena, or Sierra Madre, where all roads lead to Santa Anita.

Not all pari-mutuel clerks live at the edge of subsistence; some are retirees from other fields, including teachers, engineers, even the odd attorney or two. But most live closer to other racetracks. Quite a few Southern California pari-mutuel clerks regard Santa Anita, in Arcadia, as a home office of sorts; with live racing late December through mid-April, as well as the month of October, Santa Anita offers the most daytime racing action. (Although Hollywood Park has a comparable number of dates — with meets mid-April to mid-July and November through late December — its Inglewood location, in the heart of L.A. gangsta land, dissuades clerks from living nearby.) For clerks who want summer work at the track but can't deal with the late nights at Los Alamitos (which operates Thursday through Sunday all year), the action is at Del Mar.

Del Mar is also where the short-term rental action is. A number of pari-mutuel clerks — along with jockeys, trainers, and well-heeled out-of-state owners and handicappers — live near the track, or as close as they can get, for the season. In the case of the top jocks, marquee conditioners, high rollers, and big-time owners, ocean-view lodging in Olde Del Mar is the way to go, often accompanied by (riders excepted) the lavish fare served up at places like Pamplemousse or Market.

In the case of the clerks and other low-paid

workers, the digs are more modest. For decades, a seasonal cottage industry has flourished in coastal North County, where spare bedrooms have housed racetrack nomads. At an

average rate of \$1200 for seven weeks, it's symbiotic: homeowners, many of whom are elderly women, supplement their income, while the clerks are spared the hellish commute at a price

that's just low enough to avoid rendering the whole exercise futile.

Dotte Bordin, whose strong, youthful voice belies her 77 years, is one of the cheerful widows who make the arrange-

ment possible. Working with Lisa Iaria of Horsemen's Services — a sort of in-house social service agency at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club — she places seasonal workers with

locals. For Bordin, a real estate broker and owner of a geriatric matchmaking service, the main motivator isn't money but the experience. "I've really enjoyed a lot of the people who've stayed

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- Weight loss or gain
- Lack of interest in activities
- No energy
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- Irritability
- Feelings of sadness without apparent cause

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with me over the years. Most of them are very pleasant." When I asked her if she had any preferences among boarders, she told me that she doesn't care whether they work frontside or back, handle tickets or hooves. She did admit gently, however, that the distaff clerks are harder to deal with than the men. "They're mostly divorcees," Bordin quipped, "so they tend to have issues — they're bitter. Also, they leave hair in my sink."

For those clerks who can't find a reasonably

priced room or who'd rather not deal with the angst of displacement for nearly two months, there's always the old Southern California standby, the freeway. I spoke with several clerks, men and women with 10 to 15 years in the Local 280. For them, it's a steady gig, typically four or five days of Del Mar's Wednesday-to-Monday race week; but there's no easy way of getting to Bing Crosby's old haunts from the San Gabriel Valley. Although first post at Del Mar isn't until 2:00 p.m. on most afternoons,

for those who commute, it's a 12-hour day, nearly half of it spent on a bus that picks up workers at Santa Anita and Los Alamitos in the morning and brings them back each night. At \$110 per day, \$95 after bus fare, a clerk's wages work out to around eight bucks an hour — unless it's a very good day or a very bad day. The very good days are infrequent, as hard to predict as a five-year-old maiden, an 0 for 25 ridgeling, who suddenly pops up at 30 to 1 to win his first race; the very bad days, well, they're as fre-

RESEARCH STUDIES

Seeking patients for a weight loss research study for type 2 diabetics



Are you a type 2 diabetic? In overall good health? Currently suffering from obesity? If you answered yes to all these questions and are available for study-related visits for a year, you may be eligible.

Dr. Sunder Mudaliar and his associates at UCSD are looking for overweight/obese men and women with type 2 diabetes as volunteers to take part in a research study to assess the safety and efficacy of Lorcaserin Hydrochloride.

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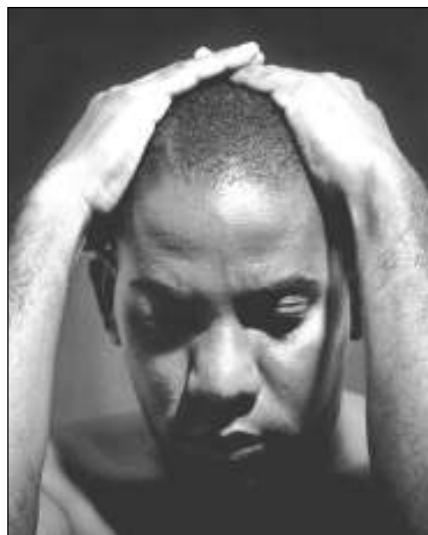
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quent as the guy who gives you a 50 but takes change for a 100 and runs off to the Cinch Bar for a Del Margarita.

Perhaps more than anything else, drawer shortages at the end of a pari-mutuel clerk's day are the bane of his existence; the money taken in at a given window must match the amount paid out. If he's short, the difference comes out of his pocket; in extreme cases, the hapless clerk has just worked for free, or worse. Occasionally, perhaps in 10 percent of drawer discrepancies, there's an overage, and if a bettor doesn't step forward to claim the funds within 30 days, the clerk will receive a check in the mail. But there aren't

many windfalls there.

There are no tip jars at the windows. While racing board rules don't expressly bar clerks from accepting tips, soliciting them is considered taboo. The underlying reason presumably has something to do with the prohibition against tout-ing by clerks; while a pari-mutuel clerk can tell you how to place a wager, he's not allowed to promote or tout a horse. But just because clerks can't, in effect, accept a tip for a "tip," that doesn't mean a gratuity is unwelcome. When, in a moment of supreme naïveté, I asked Don Barth whether clerks routinely accept tips at Del Mar, he replied in an astonished tone, "Wouldn't you?"

Indeed, there remains a certain level of expectation (or, at least, fervent hope) among many clerks that bettors who buy big winning tickets at their windows will share the lucre, and there are even some clerks who'll consider a "keep the change" tip, especially if it's coins-only, to be a serious insult.

To no one's surprise, pari-mutuel clerks are often horse-racing fans and handicappers; indeed, if clerks couldn't watch the races from their own monitors, it would be harder to attract them. At Del Mar, many not only watch but wager as well. When not otherwise occupied with "official" horseplayers, some clerks — as many as one in four — will place their own wagers during their shifts. It's against the rules, but, says Barth (who's never been tempted himself), there's no way to get caught. On the other hand, wagering by clerks who aren't on the clock is done openly and — much to the chagrin of union bosses — often via the voucher kiosks.

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ous and intrinsic to Thoroughbred racing: what equine fan wouldn't want to check out these impeccably groomed, well-bred horses as they emerge from the tunnel? Some are more subtle, e.g., the feel of the gentle sea breeze at Del Mar, the sight of snow-capped peaks behind Santa Anita on a smogless day. Still other benefits are social, opportunities to rub elbows with racing's royalty.

Unlike their counterparts in the NFL and NBA, the athletes of horse racing — excepting the occasional, ill-tempered four-legged ones — are famously accessible, humble, and down-to-earth. In contrast to the infantile, beligerent thugs of pro basketball and the steroid freaks of football, jockeys come across as nice, decent people, imbued with politeness. Hell, they don't even refer to themselves in the third person — and show me a jockey who dances like a buffoon after winning a Grade 1 stakes race with a \$500,000 purse. A number of the pari-mutuel workers I contacted spoke fondly of meeting top-tier jockeys, people like Eddie Delahoussaye, Laffit Pincay, and Gary Stevens — guys

at the top of their profession but free of arrogance, unaccompanied by crews, posers, entourages, groupies, or other hangers-on. To a person, the clerks told me that pleasant, albeit brief, interactions with the jockeys, as well as with the trainers, make their work bearable, help take the edge off the annoyance that comes from dealing with assholes.

Who are the assholes at the track? Well, it's subjective, but the clerks told me — the anonymous ones, that is — that the most obnoxious customers are typically in their 20s, overdressed and arrogant, people who don't know jack shit about horse racing but

who come out once or twice a season to be seen. They're easy to spot, I was told: just look for the plastic guys wearing shiny suits on a humid, 88-degree day, usually with gals who look like high-priced hookers. You'll see them, just as I did when I made the mistake of going to Del Mar on opening day one year.

As annoying as the self-anointed, self-appointed might be, they're only one part of (and I hate to use this term) a diverse group. From the clerk's perspective, there are the regulars — low-key, veteran horseplayers, people who can explain the difference, say, between an N1X allowance race at

one mile on the dirt and a \$50,000 claimer at six furlongs on the turf. "The track" (readers of Charles Bukowski need no elaboration) also draws the characters, some of whom may also be regulars. The characters — colorful, weird, bizarre, perhaps just eccentric — generate some of the best anecdotes and stories from behind the windows.

When I asked Don Barth about these life snippets, he said there was one patron he'd never forget — Suitcase

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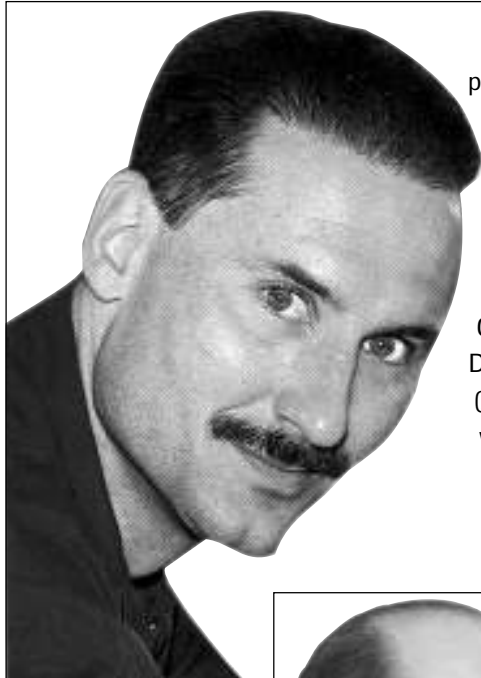
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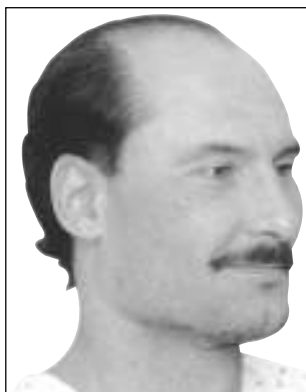
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Things are more prosaic now; there's less color, less mystery at the

track. Perhaps there are too many families, not enough grifters, too many cell phones and not enough cigars. Maybe there aren't enough horseplayers, period. Where are they? For all we know, they could be playing video poker online or at an Indian reservation; they might even be wagering, God forbid, on the outcome of some phony Ultimate Fighting Championship match in Vegas. For all the touches of archaic gentility and old-timey blue-collar grit and majestic horses, for all the humility of the jockeys and the stoicism of the clerks, the pastime of going to the track is largely passé and, in most places, a dying one. But for 43 days each summer, Del Mar is a bright exception, an escapist anachronism where, if nothing else, one should heed the advice: "Please hold all tickets." ■

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of them scrambling upward on the statue, others milling at the base.

It was the first week in August 1968, in Chicago’s Grant Park, across Michigan Avenue from the Hilton

Twenty more years, and Katie Couric or someone is telling us that 50 is the new 40 blah blah, and I know it’s b.s.

Hotel. In that hotel, presidential candidate and poet Eugene McCarthy had converted his temporary campaign headquarters into an emergency facility for those injured dur-

ing the “Police Riots” — as it was later and officially termed. I distinctly remember thinking, *what a stupid sign*. It trivializes this whole demonstration. It’s a line from a bad rock song in a worse movie. And it was. That movie was popular for maybe two weeks that summer and was called *Wild in the Streets*.

Beneath him and around him were maybe a couple thousand people chanting before the television cameras from every network, the local stations, and foreign news agencies: “The whole world’s watching! The whole world’s watching!”

The 52 percent figure was accu-



The author’s futuristic vision of himself, circa 1968

rate in a ballpark kind of way and referred to the country’s baby-boom population: those then under roughly 25 years of age. That summer, I was 17. I’d already graduated from high school and was attending the Art Institute of Chicago, a few blocks from Grant Park and also on Michigan Avenue. I worked at Rose’s Records, two blocks from the park, on Wabash, in the Loop of elevated train tracks. Upstairs from the record store was the Chicago Guitar Gallery, where the lead guitarist in my rock band, the horribly named Sounds of Silence, sold guitars to rock stars from all over the world. I met quite a few of

them there, during lunch breaks and after work. It is now 40 years later, and that kid by the statue, my old guitarist, and every one of those rock stars (those who have survived, that is) are old people, senior citizens, doddering codgers and crones. Naturally, I am among them.

If I could somehow reach back to touch the imagination of my 17-year-old self, to see how I might have pictured myself in the distantly future year of 2008, I think it might have gone something like this: I am standing on a balcony on some impossibly towering skyscraper, against a backdrop of whizzing air-cars (which we had

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been promised since 1958) that take off and land to and from expansive balconies just like the one on which I am ensconced. I am dressed in a kind of futuristic jumpsuit with an upturned Ming the Merciless collar of fluorescent violet. My completely gray hair hangs to my shoulders, but I am bald at the top, just like my father. My head, in fact, looks like Benjamin Franklin's, except for the cool ultraviolet eye shields I wear constantly — by 2008,

the sun is going nova. I have a paunch that the jumpsuit does nothing to conceal, and I allow for this because I believe it is as inevitable as a thoroughly extinct sex drive past the age of 40. Again, taking cues from Dad.

I was right about the sunglasses and the sex drive (with the age of libido failure adjusted upward to 50), but almost nothing else, though I do have patches of gray hair. I recommend this memory/imagination exer-

cise (a spot-check to see if either remains — good enough reason right there to do it) to anyone in my age group who may be feeling bad about the way one has "ended up." Chances are we may be doing better than we thought. In other ways, however — and I don't see how to dodge this — we are far more pathetic than we were even capable of supposing back then. Without thinking, just glancing up at the television and taking it off

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Mentioning, as I did, our kids, by the way, how would you grade us? As parents, I think, we’ve mostly been worse than our own. This explains allowing our children to think war was so many special effects and/or a video game. Who hired the

television as babysitter, nanny, guardian, schoolteacher, and PBS child psychologist, anyway? I include myself here absolutely. My own near-sociopathic impulse toward immediate gratification is, on a twisted level, a state only

attainable for those born into that particular corner of time and space — 1950s, ’60s, and ’70s America. I have a grown son with a severe mental-health disability, which I, after some years now, have come to consider as my kid’s


eminently sane response to the world my friends and I handed to him.

“I hope I die before I get old!” the Who sang in 1965 or ’66 (making me 14 or 15), and I shouted that line louder than anyone.

Twenty years later I was wincing a little, thinking, *It’s a figure of speech. A little rash there, maybe. We were kids, whaddya gonna do?* Twenty more years, and Katie Couric or someone is telling us that 50 is the new 40 *blah blah*,

and I know it’s bullshit. I’m thinking, *Damn right, Daltrey or Townshend. You guys were right the first time, because I’ve had bypass surgery and I’m packing a pacemaker, and I’m up six times a night because I’ve got a prostate the size of*


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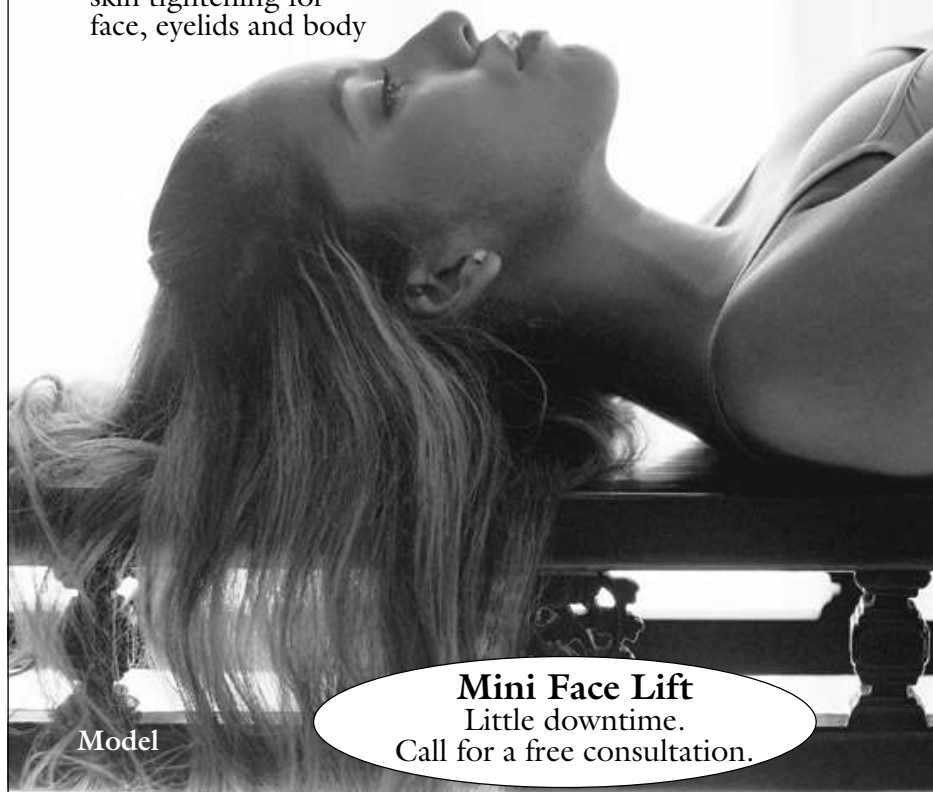
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ber him), June Allyson and Doris Day and the Lennon Sisters, we have Bono (I think we can be okay with that) and Sting, a crotchety Letterman and Steely Dan (was it Dennis Miller who said, "They [Fagan and Becker of Steely Dan] look like Ben & Jerry fresh out of rehab"?), Denis Leary with Alzheimer's, and Cher and Hillary. Oh, and Dennis Miller is singing in the shower these days to an old John Lennon and Yoko Ono tune: "All we are say-

ing, is give the surge a chance..."

I have the "Five Friends Package" on my cell phone. Two of them are CVS and the Rite Aid pharmacy, one is my cardiologist, the others my orthopedic guy and an editor. My grown son doesn't rate in terms of sheer minutes. As for girlfriends? Give me a break. I have a "lady friend" with whom I've kept company for ten years, but I forgot her phone number. Almost everything

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I don't hate our generation, and I don't feel sorry for us either. We've had our time; we just can't remember a lot of it. We still have Springsteen and Dylan, though (any day Bob's going to come out with a depressing-ass song and video like Johnny Cash doing "Hurt" — just wait), and Obama's going to show us that his "hope" was no big favor after all. I can see a remake of the series *All in the Family*, with our version of Archie and Edith (I see maybe Peter Coyote or John Mellencamp and Jane Fonda or Joni Mitchell) opening the show at the piano, singing "Those Were the Days" with revised lyrics, like, "...Brother, we could use a man like Abbie Hoffman again...."

Here in Southern California, in San Diego, in the shadow of the Beach Boys, Fabian and Annette, and the Mamas and the Papas, we will only see more of the people we've been seeing for ten years in Ocean Beach and PB; people springing up through cracks in the sidewalks from cracks in the system. I'm talking about those guys in gray ponytails on skateboards and bicycles with beef-jerky, whip-thin bodies like stretched shoe leather and weed-worn, 'shroom-sautéed, melanoma-riddled clusters of brain cells between wire headphones; batteries long dead but somehow still playing "Stairway to Heaven" on an endless refried loop of tired neurons. They'll be in the 7-Elevens buying Ensure with food stamps and Depends with their \$18-a-month Social Security checks. Their old ladies will be back at the assisted-living pad or the shelter, taking the rectal temperature of their 18 cats, boiling pinecones for next week's granola, listening to John Denver on the eight-track, and firing up *Love Story* on the Betamax.

Advantages to codgerhood, dotage, etc., are many and well known, but ours may be the first generation to create new ones. Who knows more about entitlement than we do? And spin? We invented it. Everyone has known for millennia that the elderly can get away with

much more in the way of "speaking one's mind" than youth or middle age. We have not only co-opted self-expression but truth itself — or whatever remains of that concept after Vietnam and then Iraq and Watergate and

then the 2004 election fraud. Truth, as we were quick to discover, is whatever works on camera, or whatever we need it to be at the moment. Ask any of us baby boomers to define truth, and don't bother staying for an answer.

What I'm saying is, we're already saying anything we damn well feel like, as long as we follow it with, for example, "I'm just being honest." We may have delivered the most unfounded and diabolically sadistic, devastat-

ing pronouncement on the most innocent of recipients, but if we shrug and claim honesty, we're home free, even admired (by ourselves). Same goes with the backlash to political correctness. We're doing this kind of thing

more all the time in the media, in Starbucks and in our wine-and-tapas bistros. We've found a way not only to continue but refine and render more deadly, hate-fueled fat jokes, fag jokes, race jokes, religious...in short, what-

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ever we want. The idea is to present some slur against, say, "dot-heads," "rag-heads," and "camel jockeys" as patriotism. It's easy enough. As for fat jokes or gay jokes or race jokes, we have created such a resentment against what has been termed politically correct — our invention, mind you — that now violating the heart and soul of human rights and tolerance with any semblance of humor comes as such a relief to the listener that we again come off as rebels, honest, and cutting edge.

As for me, I recently played the age card with an

old acquaintance who introduced me to his extremely attractive niece, a girl of 22 or so. As he left to get our coffee order at some Internet café (a collaborative invention with our kids — they contributed the concept of the \$4 cup of coffee), I proceeded to flirt shamelessly with the girl, drooling and pawing her knee. My friend returned and asked, chuckling, "You haven't been molesting my niece, have you?" I gummed the coffee, coughed tubercularly, then blinked in confusion. With my best, hoarsest, and most senile voice, I said, "I forgot,"

then quickly changed the subject. "Matlock's on!" I exclaimed. This brought a hearty round of good-natured laughter, though the young lady looked genuinely disconcerted, and crept out too.

Say what I will about yuppies growing old, I never related to them much and belong more in that cracks-in-the-system group mentioned above — though I can't afford to live near the beach. I was pretty much born a malcontent and curmudgeon and so consider myself perfectly poised to face the challenges ahead. As depressing as our prospects may be in the years left to us, we can continue to count on our generation's secret weapon: we will soon forget what we were depressed about.

I had intended to tell a little story in here about a boy I saw on a statue in Grant Park in Chicago in 1968 because it had something to do with what I was talking about, but it seems to have slipped my — Oh, I see it's there after all. I didn't forget.

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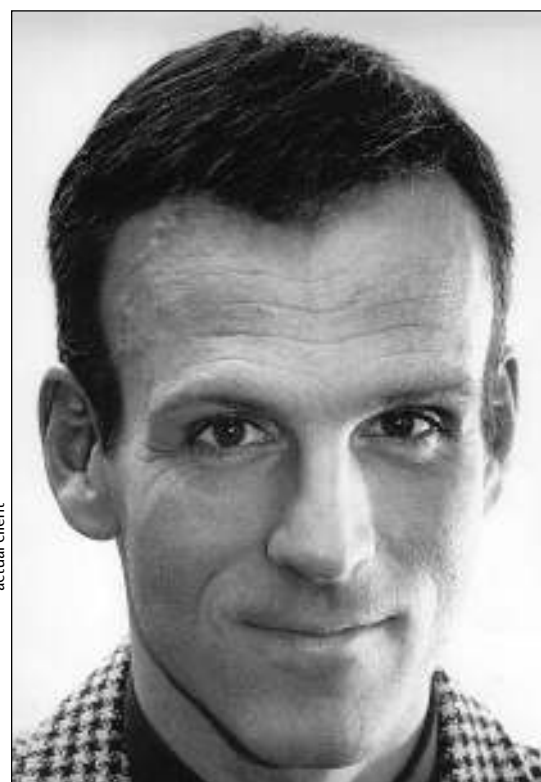
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Wrapped in a bedsheet to cover her nudity, open-eyed, yet blank to the world, María told Lorenzana her story. When María concluded, "She could neither speak nor cry." She'd been bled of tears.

Called *la beata* (the "blessed one") for her piety and caring, Lorenzana witnessed a "shattered" spirit. María "suffered the rest of her life," Lorenzana recalled 40 years later. "She never recovered...and finally succumbed to the burden of her sorrows.

"I heard that the Indians went to the Colorado River area," Lorenzana added, "and sold the girls." There are at least four other

versions of the sisters' fate — and each is a tale of woe.

After the burning of Rancho Jamul, since the nearest soldiers were stationed at San Luis Rey, San Diegans called upon Macedonio Gonzalez, an *alferez* (second lieutenant) from Baja California, to form an expedition and bring the girls home. A famous Indian fighter, Gonzalez came to be known — and feared — by his first name. Agustín Janssens, a Belgian who also went on the mission, called Macedonio "a man of great courage." Others labeled him "the Potentate of the Frontier," though many questioned his methods.

Macedonio "never bothered to prepare an indictment against delinquent Indians," writes Antonio María Osio, "since he did not know how. He would deliver only an oral judgment and sentence them to a flogging or capital punishment" on the spot. Instead of using a gun, to save cartridges "he would execute them himself with his sword." Macedonio called this treatment "justice."

The captured girls were his nieces. This gave him added incentive, says Vicente Romero, a saddler who, along with 17 regular soldiers and 30 Baja California Indians, formed the expedition. The party left Mission San Miguel la Nueva, south of Rosarito. At Rancho Tía Juana, settlers from San Diego joined them. Approxi-

mately 60 armed men on fresh horses, accompanied by supply wagons and a *remuda* of extra rides, headed east.

According to Macedonio's and Romero's accounts, not much happened. The group went through Tecate, up to Campo and Jacumba, then back to the Cuyamaca Valley, where Romero says they had a "fight through the whole day" and somehow lost their supplies and ammunition.

Romero says they never saw the young women. Macedonio says he saw his nieces at the foot of a mountain, crying to be rescued. But he "didn't dare shoot" for fear of killing them. He offered cattle and horses as ransom, but the captors refused. So the expedition headed home, after four months on the road.

Agustín Janssens gives a less reputation-saving account. When the expedition went through Tecate, word came that the Indians were in the mountains, camped at a narrow pass near the Cuyamaca Valley. Their chieftains — Cartucho, Martín, and Pedro Pablo — held three women captive.

The expedition reached Matadera ("murderess," today's 5700-foot Stonewall Peak). North of the white granite crown near Lake Cuyamaca, three young women sat on a pile of large rocks. They wore rabbit skins below the waist, their naked upper bodies and faces painted with white powder. Janssens recognized Tomasa and Ramona. The third, someone said, was the ex-wife of Cosmé Peña, a hard-drinking, abusive attorney. She'd escaped from him a year earlier with a musician named Arias. Colorado Indians captured her and later Cartucho and Martín took her



Stonewall Peak

from them.

When the young women called out from the rocks, Indians covered the women's mouths. To reach them, the expedition had to inch through a narrow defile into a natural amphitheater bounded by craggy walls and caves. Veteran soldiers sensed that the open area was a perfect kill zone. Indians could hide in the crevices or behind the live oak and Jeffrey pine dotting the hillsides. As the troops moved forward, the natives began flanking left and right of the girls. Some dropped back behind the crest of the range. How many others had already hidden was anyone's guess.

"It was an ambush from which we could not possibly withdraw," writes Janssens.

Macedonio shouted encouragement "and told us not to worry." The troops had round leather shields, made from three layers of stretched bull hide, to fend off rocks and arrows. "Among us were a few who knew how to manage the shields, but to those who didn't, they were a great nuisance."

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QUOTATIONS

1. George Harwood Phillips: "Even going only as far as the Valle de la Viejas, about 33 miles northeast of the Presidio, was considered dangerous, and the greatest caution was used by the soldiers."

2. Douglas Monroy: "Typical of retaliations against Indian raids throughout the Americas, it was the peace-

ful natives who especially suffered the wrath of the righteous avengers."

3. Juana Machaco: "Some years afterwards, when these same Indians were at peace, [Macedonio] again offered them ransom, but all his efforts were in vain."

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When most of the expedition came into the clearing area, a hundred arrows and stones swarmed overhead "from every direction" and

whistled down. Horses fell, and men. Arrows and rocks pelted the ground like hail.

War cries and whoops echoed across the rocky walls; soldiers tried to shield themselves and return fire. Horses shrieked and threw their riders. Some hunkered near

downed animals spiked with shafts; others mounted behind a fellow soldier. Some just ran blind through rising puffs of smoke.

"Soon we had several wounded," writes Janssens. "Among them was Macedonio, against whom most of

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the arrows were directed."

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Natives raced along a ridge to the entryway, where they began rolling boulders to close the narrow exit, which, according to Janssens, "they could have done with the greatest of ease."

Indians attacked and killed the rear guard. They took the expedition's supplies and extra horses and threatened to seal off the exit.

As the battlefield around them constricted, writes Janssens, "Repeatedly the cry was heard among us, [each was] to save himself before we should be cut off from retreat."

But then they heard another cry: "Jatinil!"

The feared Indian chief from northern Baja, a friend of Macedonio, had learned of the ambush from spies the day before. With 200 Indians, Jatinil rode all night up Valle de las Palmas, through Tecate, and on to Stonewall Peak.

"With the yell of 'Jatinil!' and the resistance of his men," writes Janssens, "we were

given the chance of getting out of the ambush. But for this, more than half of us, and perhaps more, would have fallen victims."

All were wounded, at least 20 by arrows and spears, the rest by rocks. "Jatinil, the pagan, after God, was our salvation."

Somewhere on the way home, Macedonio forgot what happened. When he later told the story, he always left out Jatinil (after he tried to bargain with the Indians, he told Juana Machado, they "then took the girls down from the rock and retreated"; no battle). Maybe the "Potentate of the Frontier" didn't want the word spread that a band of Indians had saved his life.

Jatinil didn't return to his village at Neji. Instead he moved his people to a mesa on the Baja coast, where they built a fortress to defend themselves against reprisals.

According to Janssens, the three chiefs took the young women to the Colorado River.

Accounts vary as to what happened after that. In one version, two of the chiefs,

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Father Zephyrin Engelhardt writes that "these unfortunates [Tomasa and Ramona] roused such jealousy in the Indian women

that the latter, choosing a time when the men of the tribe were on a hunt, fastened the two prisoners to trees and stoned them to death."

"It was my understanding," Apolinaria Lorenzana says in her memoir, "that the Indians who committed those hostile acts were from Tecate, the Colorado River, and other well-known places." But the "real leaders were the Indians from the rancho [Jamul] who encouraged the other Indians to participate."

Two years after the attack on Jamul, Lorenzana became an official *ranchera*. Governor Juan Bautista Alvarado granted her the 8881-acre Rancho Jamacha. The 47-year-old woman, who'd come to San Diego as an orphan, eventually owned Rancho la Cañada de los Coches ("the glen of the hogs") and Rancho San Juan de las Secuas as well. These had been mission lands used for growing cotton and grazing horses, sheep, cattle, and, at Los Coches, hogs. The San Diego friars, fearing secularization, deeded Lorenzana the grants

"to preserve what could be saved of the mission's property," writes Stephen Van Wormer.

Lorenzana was never wealthy. She represents, writes Lisbeth Haas, "the relatively poor landowners of the colonial and Mexican periods who worked with their hands and labored for others." Lorenzana may have regarded the ranchos more as something to protect for her beloved mission than possess. She had lived at Jamacha, off and on, for several years prior to owning it. Some suggest she abetted her health by drinking from its famous mineral spring, which Alfred H. Isham later claimed was the Fountain of Youth.

Lorenzana, who never married, renamed her ranchos for saints. Jamacha, for example, became "Santa Clara de Jamacha" (for St. Claire of Assisi). Two years after she took over the rancho, one of her servants, named Muñoz, decided to go to Sonora, Mexico. He took his wife and young son, whom Lorenzana had baptized.

Muñoz lived in Mexico

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“for quite some time.” When his wife died (possibly his son as well), he returned to San Diego on his only horse. His saddlebags held gifts for Lorenzana.

Somewhere along the way — he didn’t say where — Muñoz saw a woman sitting behind a house. She dressed like an Indian — cropped hair, rabbit skins, white powdered upper body — but spoke “excellent” Spanish.

After he greeted her, he asked who she was.

“I’m from San Diego,” she replied, adding that her name was Ramona Léiva and that Indians had abducted her from Rancho Jamul many years ago. She was Maria de los Angeles’s youngest daughter. “Take me home!” she pleaded.

“But I can’t,” Muñoz replied.

He’d come all the way from deep into Sonora on one horse. “It was already quite tired,” he told Lorenzana later. “If I took the girl with me, the horse would tire even more and the Indians would be able to catch up and kill us both.”

Muñoz made his apologies to Ramona Léiva and rode north.

Lorenzana: “I do not know if anything else was done to rescue those girls.” ■
 — Jeff Smith

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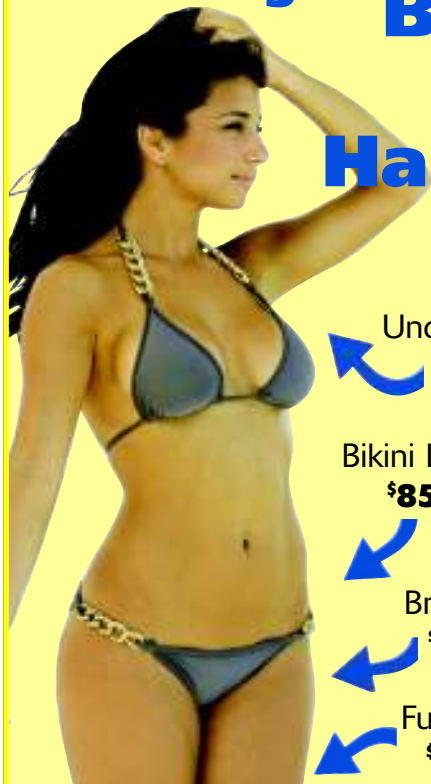
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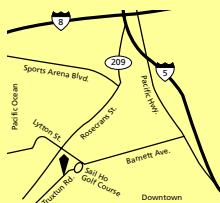
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It is a study in beauty and ugliness, as are most charismatic places. Sunrises are Technicolor bursts over its 11 hills, which, in some places, look as they did when Spanish conquistadors claimed them two centuries ago. Encanto's winding roads, leading 225 feet above sea level, are dotted with pepper trees, palms, toyon, avocado trees, eucalyptus, and prickly pear cactus. These vistas strikingly contrast with the orderly, grid-patterned streets and tract homes of Encanto's neighboring suburbs.

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sights in the area, and cast-aways — lawn chairs, mattresses, a soiled bag of clothes — can be found on many overgrown lots. Road-kill — which, on one Saturday morning, included two cats, a dog, and an animal of unidentifiable species — is a frequent hazard in an environ where pet owners let their animals run free.

Ask Encanto's citizens about its "charm," and many will attribute it to the people. According to the 1990 census, Encanto is a racially balanced place. Of a population of 15,000-plus, 32 percent are Hispanic, 29 percent black, 22 percent white, and 17 percent Asian. Nearly 39 percent of Encantans speak a language other than English in their homes. In some cities, "melting-pot demographics" cause discord. But the people who live within Encanto's borders stress that there are little tensions between the ethnicities.

"One of the things that's

different about Encanto is that it's not a community where the races are separate," says Carolyn Smith, president of San Diego's Southeastern Economic Development Company (SEDC). "You can see that everybody mixes together."

Adds Don Dauphin, owner of Don's Bait and Tackle, who's operated his store at 6407 Imperial for 21 years, "There's good people here. It doesn't matter if you're black or white, people treat you the same — nicely. There's no snooty people here."

Who are the Encantans? At the time of the last census (1990), 61 percent worked

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as administrative support staff, service personnel, and manufacturing laborers. Only 15 percent had college degrees but, despite this, the community managed to generate a median income of \$33,582. Eighteen percent of Encanto families lived below the poverty level, however, some in overcrowded housing.

Encanto has had its share of bad press, when it's been the site of shootings, drug busts, or, in March of 1998, emu abuse. Its residents protest that this is a bum rap. "It's actually very safe here," says Linda Churchill, an Encanto Heights resident. "I don't hear about problems like break-ins from any neighbors. It's the people I know who live in places like La Jolla who seem to have those types of concerns."

This may be because God lives in Encanto. Drive along Imperial Avenue, the city's somewhat austere main drag, and count His considerable real estate holdings: several run-down single-level stucco buildings with blank façades; a few tall, stately brick edifices with steeples and glinting crosses. Neon signs, wooden placards, marquees, and banners proclaim God's presence in Encanto and urge passersby to come in and be saved.

But the SEDC is actually the entity that's attempting to save Encanto. In 1993, the organization sank \$400,000 into a "Streetscape Art Project" designed to revitalize the avenue's median strip from 62nd to 69th Streets. The strip was repaved with pink concrete and landscaped with 35 trees and more than 1000 gaily colored plants. Local artist Eddie Edwards created 24 panels featuring scenes from Encanto's history and contemporary life, which were displayed on art-



Imperial Avenue

deco-inspired lightposts. A street fair was thrown on August 21, 1993, to commemorate the completion of the work, which attracted thousands. It has become an annual event.

Imperial Avenue is Encanto's "walking boulevard" — an anomaly in the

Southland. Women push baby strollers to the Trolley Shop Plaza as bright-red trolleys whiz by. On their way home from Marie Widman Park, white-shirted Latino youths amble past Chollas Creek, whose mile-long cement cradle sits beside the roadway.

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According to SEDC's Smith, Encanto's business district is in need of services other San Diego communities take for granted. "Right now, there's only one major grocery store in all of Southeast San Diego," she says. "We've been trying to encourage others to come into this neighborhood, but we've had difficulties. They say the median income is too low, but I tell them, 'All people have to eat.' A lot of people say the reason for their unwillingness is racism."

Despite Encanto's size, it has no library branch or post office within its boundaries. Its shopping district is rife with single-owner grocery stores, beauty parlors, thrift

shops, Laundromats, and liquor stores but is noticeably lacking in "one-stop shopping superstores." Last year, the SEDC purchased a 14-acre tract of land between Market Street and Imperial Avenue, east of 54th Street, to be the site of a 25,000-square-foot post office. The organization is also offering loans of between \$5000 and \$50,000 to locally owned small businesses that agree to spur further revitalization of Encanto.

Two hundred years ago, when Encanto was 11 hills of chaparral, it was part of a 58,875-acre Spanish farm holding called Rancho de la Misión San Diego de Alcalá, which extended from the

pueblo of El Cajon and National City to what is now Clairemont. On June 8, 1846, it was decided by California governor Pio Pico to one of his former employees, Santiago Arguello, "in consideration of past services." But the following month, Arguello received unexpected visitors who coveted his land. The USS *Cyane* had sailed into San Diego Bay carrying a battalion of volunteers who promptly "secured" the land for the United States. Among the group was John C. Fremont, who marveled at the "stream-side gardens" of the Spanish that overflowed with "pears, peaches, pomegranates, grapes, olives, and other

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In 1880, Abraham Klauber built a country cottage for his family on the "Klauber Park subdivision" of this land. The property later became known as "the Old Klauber Homestead." Although Klauber's primary residence was eight miles away in the downtown district, Klauber, his wife, and 12 children took frequent buggy rides to the new homestead. Views from the area at that time were spectacular; on a clear day, one could see Point Loma, Coronado, Spring Valley's flatlands, the San Miguel Mountains, and the Pacific Ocean. One of Klauber's daughters remarked that there was not much to do in the environs except look at the views and smell the sage and tar weed. But that, she said, was enough.

Klauber's oldest daughter, Ella, is the person who gave Encanto its name. Lore has it that she paged through a Spanish dictionary searching for an appropriate appellation. She finally settled upon "Encanto," which means "Enchantment."

On October 7, 1891, Abraham Klauber requested that a map of his property at Lot 7, tract 1385, be filed. Two years later, on May 6, 1893, he filed a second map for the subdivision of Lot 13, which comprised his cattle ranchland.

A group of adventurous Montanans next left their imprint upon the land, when, in 1907, they arrived in San Diego, hoping to profit from the booming California real estate market. They formed the Richland Realty Company to handle their land acquisitions and attempted to name their holdings "Richland" but found the name already had been taken. After platting their acreage, they subdivided the land into ten-acre lots and sold the parcels to other Montanans for \$200 an acre, before returning to their home state. Many of Encanto's streets are named for these turn-of-the-century speculators: Sullivan, Tyler, Robison, Wunderlin, Copeland, Tooley, Kendall, Tarbox, Gibson, Zeller, Williams, Hilger, Falon, Woodman, Medigar, Ferguson, Grant, Hunsaker, O'Neill, and Richey.

Abraham Klauber died at his Encanto cottage in 1911 but lived long enough to see his hillside wilderness evolve into a rural commu-

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Promoters flooded into Encanto during the early years of this century, praising the land as a "buyer's paradise." "Encanto Heights is showered with possibilities that no man can at present gauge, and now is the time to buy," one brochure raved. The eager salesmen were masters of hyperbole and gimmickry. Some initiated a "buried treasure" campaign and buried gold pieces of different denominations in the dirt of Encanto's unsold land parcels. "Bring your shovels!" they encouraged prospective buyers, and even dispensed free railway tickets to the area.

A few Encanto boosters even believed that, with an elaborate publicity campaign, they could transform Encanto into "Hollywood South." They feverishly courted the fledgling Hollywood community and even named two of their subdivisions "West Hollywood" and "Hollydale," but their efforts were for naught. The film community remained "intractable" in Los Angeles.

Cheap water was the impetus for Encanto's annexation to San Diego. The town's earliest property holders had made arrangements with the Southern California Mountain Company to furnish water to the area because its main ran through the district, from southeast to northwest. Several landholders formed the Encanto Mutual Water Company to build additional conduits and distribute water. But when their water fees tripled (one resident reported that it rose from \$.10 per thousand gallons to nearly \$.35 per thousand gallons), Encanto citizens reluctantly voted to become part of San Diego so that they could obtain their water at more reasonable prices.

Encanto formally annexed with San Diego on April 24, 1916, which, ironically, became a year of too much water. Terrible flooding caused a 5-foot-wide creek at what is now 64th Street to

overflow its banks and become a 100-foot-wide "lake." The creek had been a favorite play site for children, who would leap across it on their way to the two-room schoolhouse, which was located close to where

Encanto's Elementary School now stands (822 65th Street). The original school was later converted into Randall Hall, a community auditorium.

Then, in the 1920s, the automobile changed the face of Encanto, as it replaced

the streetcar as residents' primary mode of transportation. Winding roads were etched into the hillsides, and homes sprung up alongside them. Tracts were further subdivided, and, by 1931, Encanto boasted a popula-

tion of 1200 souls, as well as a school, church, and Encanto Improvement Society.

Lots in the community now ranged from one-half to ten acres in size and sold for \$100/acre, with terms of

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botanical ventures: "A distinctive feature of Encanto," said one San Diego guidebook published in 1937, "is the commercial cactus gardens."

By the mid-1930s, many Encanto residents earned their principal incomes raising fruits and vegetables. Some cultivated orange and lemon trees. Others specialized in growing grapefruit, olives, and berries. Orchards in Encanto sold for between \$500 and \$800 per acre. The most productive ones were valued at \$1000 to \$1800 per acre.

To lure more agrarian entrepreneurs to the area, promoters touted Encanto's soil as nonpareil. They described it as "rich and of unsurpassed fertility" and "soft and of fine quality" due to its "peculiar decayed mineral condition which makes the ground loose" and its "natural slope which carries off rain." Exaggeration aside, Encanto's fertile soil did nurture bumper crops for its residents.

Prior to World War II, Japanese immigrants had formed a thriving settlement in Encanto, raising flowers, tomatoes, beets, and carrots. They introduced asparagus and white celery to the region, and, until their banishment from the area when war broke out, earned the admiration of their non-Japanese neighbors for their harvests and diligent work ethics. Many Japanese families rose at midnight to work in their

fields until 4:00 am, before returning home, napping, then venturing back into the fields at dawn.

During the 1940s, however, Encanto's demographic profile changed. Many — perhaps most — of the Japanese families who had settled in the area prior to their internment and relocation did not (or could not) return to their lands once they were free to resettle along California's coastline. A massive influx of new residents descended upon Encanto, which spurred a bungalow-building frenzy. The area became more residential and less countrified, which was fine by the new Encantans. In 1940, for example, the residents demanded that San Diego officials force a dairy at 65th and Wunderlin to cease operation because "it was in the middle of a built-up section and they wanted it moved."

A whopping 980 homes (or 23.2 percent of all existing Encanto structures) were built during the 1950s. New highways were created, which criss-crossed the land nearby, further increasing Encanto's accessibility. Innovations in earth-moving techniques allowed developers to mow down physical barriers that threatened to preclude subdivision sales. Slopes were cut away, canyons were filled, and natural runoff channels were diverted.

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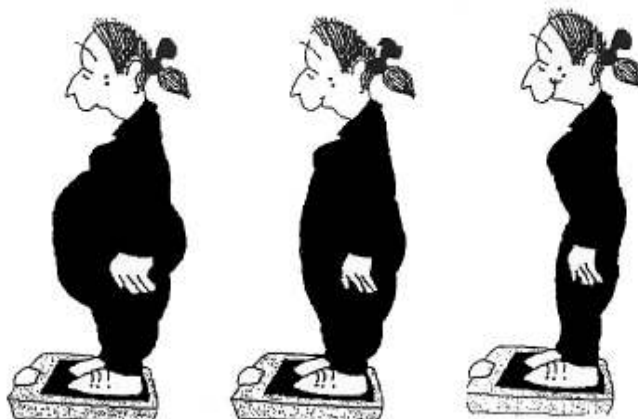
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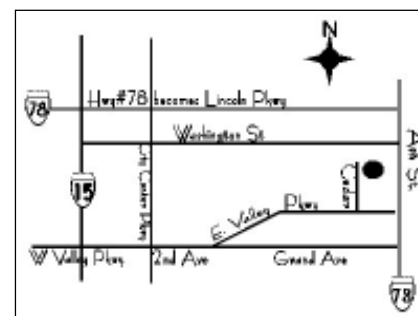
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the 1960s. Many moved from Logan Heights (Southeast San Diego). To them, Encanto was a welcomed change from their former haunts: "There is nothing particularly picturesque about this southern end of town," warned one San Diego visitors' guidebook about Logan Heights. "The buildings and houses are old and in need of repair, there is considerable poverty and little wealth; if any part of the city could be called a slum, this is it." Encanto offered many African-Americans their first opportunity to own homes.

Some racial tensions arose, and more than a few long-term white residents moved to more "exclusive" (segregated) sections of San Diego. But Encanto's "neighborliness" seemed to have developed during this decade. Community members launched activities designed to unite residents of all races: concerts in the park, a Christmas ceremony (with requisite tree), and a civic club for airing grievances and planning community affairs.

During the go-go '60s also came increased commercial development in Encanto. Warehouses, transportation terminals, building supply companies, frozen food distributors, freight forwarders, and other industrial concerns that utilized rail shipment established their squat, bland presences along Imperial Avenue. South of these buildings, new resi-

dences mushroomed, too, but the homes were somewhat more suburban-generic in design than their northerly counterparts.

A second housing boom struck Encanto in the 1970s when 866 homes (20.5 percent of all Encanto abodes) were built.

Today, the city's housing remains affordable for first-time buyers. Nearly 96 percent of Encanto's homes are valued at under \$200,000. The average price for a home in 1997 was \$123,000. Local organizations have initiated projects to build and restore low-priced homes for Encanto's residents. The San Diego Urban League has completed two rehab projects in Encanto (6164 and 6205 Wunderlin), according to the organization's president, John Johnson. And San Diego's Habitat for Humanity erected seven houses at 910 60th Street as part of Jimmy Carter's "Work Project" in 1991. At the site, Habitat also restored the home of San Diego's first mayor, Edward Capp, who served from 1899 to 1901 and again from 1915 to 1917.

The largest and probably most expensive residence in Encanto is a 6000-square-foot estate owned by Willie Morrow, at 6333 Tooley Street. Morrow, a former barber who grew wealthy from his Imperial Avenue-based California Curl beauty-products firm, built the giant structure in

Encanto to show his devotion to the community.

The Churchill Addition at 1267 Weaver is perhaps the most architecturally significant building in Encanto. Designed by award-winning architect Jeanne McCalum for a husband-and-wife muralizing team, the 1900-square-foot building is a pomo fantasy structure. It features an arched bridge at street level that leads to an eight-foot-square wood-and-glass entrance tower or "time machine" and then to a main tri-level living space.

As the 21st Century tolls, more buildings like the Churchill Addition may arise on the hills of Encanto, which is already attracting "artist-types" to its hills. Encantans may continue guarding their community's rural sensibilities, while urging the "yupification" of their main drag, which has defied beautification to date with its banal commercial strips. Plans are underway to give the buildings' depressing façades facelifts and decorate them with brick, glass, awnings, tasteful signage, and faux finishes. Already on the drawing board for the street are jazz and blues clubs, ice cream shops, candy stores, restaurants/café, and bookstores.

And an Encanto history museum. ■

— Susan Vaughn

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Bugs in My Brew

A Festival of Exotic Sour Beers

Before brewers became cognizant of microbiology and sanitation, I imagine there were a lot more sour beers," says Mitch Steele, head brewer for Stone Brewing Co. "It's not only bacteria but wild yeast as well that contributes a lot to the flavor and acidity of the beer. Belgian sours are done using primarily naturally occurring bacteria. German sour beer, or *berliner weisse*, is made by adding lactic-acid bacteria [*Lactobacillus delbrückii*]."

On Sunday, July 20, Stone will host its second annual Stone Sour Fest, during which people can taste an array of sour

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beers. At least 15 sour beers will be on tap, and over 30 will be available by bottle. "Natural bacteria and yeast are used in a lot of applications in both the beer business and the wine business," says Steele. "It's probably how beer was discovered in the first place — malted barley got wet, and something in the air just started fermenting it. Up until a couple hundred years ago people didn't understand it. It was Louis Pasteur in the mid-1800s who identified that yeast was a living organism. Carlsberg [the brewery J.C. Jacobsen founded in 1847 in Copenhagen, Denmark] was the first outfit to actually purify and isolate a single yeast strain and then culture that up for use in a brewery."

"*Brettanomyces* is a very aggressive yeast that will actually burrow down into wood," says Mike Palmer, art director for Stone Brewing Co. "A lot of wine makers

are superstitious about setting foot into a brewery that uses *Brettanomyces* because if they brought it back to the winery it could infect their entire operation — then there's no way to get rid of the yeast except getting rid of all of their wood. In other words, starting over from scratch."

When referring to this yeast, wine makers often use such negative terms as "fungal infection" or "spoilage organism." Words used to describe its effect on the flavor of wine include "barnyardy" and "horse blanket."

Unintentionally sour beers are spoiled beers, says Palmer. "There's a small difference between sour and vinegar to some people."

To brew sour beers alongside ales and stouts is a risky process. "If we were doing it here," says Steele of brewing sour beers, "I would use separate hoses and separate pumps and use lots of hot water and chemicals like sanitizing acids. If you come across a beer that's a pale ale or English or American style and it's sour, you've got a problem."

Steele says an unintentionally sour beer will have a "buttery character," which comes from diacetyl, a by-product of fermentation.

"Sometimes, if you get a bacterial infection in a beer that's not supposed to have one, you'll get a lot of diacetyl. It smells like buttered popcorn."

When making a sour beer, brewers will often compensate for the sourness by adding easily fermentable sugars.

"A sour beer will have different ingredients," explains Steele. "Sugars in a beer



Mitch Steele

that are not fermentable by brewer's yeast are often fermentable by bacteria or wild yeast. You can get something really sour if you start off with a sweet beer."

Fresh fruit (such as cherries, peaches, or raspberries) is added to the Belgian *gueuze* — a basic sour beer (like unflavored yogurt) known as lambic — to create sweet and sour beverages. The most well-known lambic producer is Lindemans, a Belgian-based brewery that has been producing lambic beer since 1811. Lambics are brewed in oak barrels and aged for up to two years before bottling. As has been the practice in Brussels and neighboring villages for hundreds of years, Belgian beers are "spontaneously fermented," which means wild yeast and other cultures enter the barrels of wort (the beer mixture before fermentation) through open factory windows. According to one account of this process, "The fermenting rooms are dark and filled with cobwebs, and brewers dare not clean their brewing cellars for fear of losing the natural yeasts."

Because of the laborious method of producing sour beers, they tend to cost more than other beer.

"Probably about double the cost," says

Steele. Though their popularity is on the rise and touted as the hot new trend by a handful of beer bloggers, sour beers aren't for everyone. "I like hoppy beers," says Steele. "Hops are used for bitterness and flavor, with citrusy, floral, and spicy-type aromas. Lambics and other sours typically have minimal hopping. If somebody's looking for a traditional beer flavor, they're not going to get it from sour beer."

Sour beer, Steele explains, has both yeasty and bacterial characters. "First off, you get that intense lactic sourness that makes you pucker up. You get some esters, or fruity characters — maybe some banana or some kind of tropical fruit. We call it 'the funk.'"

— Barbarella

Stone Sour Fest 2008

Sunday, July 20

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DANCE

"Café Balkana" Eastern Exposure performs some new repertoire for dancing, 8-11 p.m. Mary Marshall teaches an Yves Moreau dance, *satovcensko*, 7:30-8:15 p.m. 619-281-5656. Saturday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.; \$2-\$6. Folk Dance Center, 4569 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Battle of the Breaks Freestyle show and competition hosted by CNA clothing, "bringing together

all types of people through music, art, and fashion." Categories for round one of three: freestylers (rappers), freestyle dance (break-dancers, freestyle dancers and crews), DJ battle (old-skool-style spin-off and mix competition, vinyl). Advance registration required for competition (\$25 in advance, \$35 late registration). 858-750-9301 or 858-750-9302. Friday, July 18, 9 p.m.; \$20-\$25. Ages 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. (LINDA VISTA)

Belly-Dance Showcase Brandie, Estrella, Jessenia, and Rajiin perform to live music by John Bilezikjian, with percussionists Dave Dhillon and Frank Lazzaro. 619-688-9845. Thursday, July 17, 8 p.m.; \$5. Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing Judee calls for English country dancing. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. 858-676-9731. Sunday, July 20, 6 p.m.; \$6. Jean Hart Academy of Dance, 12227 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Honoring Departed Family and Friends Through Dance Dance lessons in preparation for upcoming Bon Odori: Gathering of Joy festivities (August 2) on offer. Practices last about two hours. "Some of the Japanese folk dances are reprised each year, but there are always interesting new dances to learn. Most are simple and

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ESSENTIALLY NONPOLITICAL
9 Star Hotel, San Diego Public Library, Sunday, July 20.

(SEE FILM)



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repetitive." Fans, towels, ribbon sticks provided. 619-239-0896. Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, July 23, 7 p.m.; Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

Salsa This Summer! Six-week session imparts basics of salsa dance technique. No previous experience or partner required. Registration: 619-299-6387. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; through Thursday, August 21, 2008, \$75. Ages 8 and up. Metro Dance, 5304 Metro Street, Suite B. (LINDA VISTA)

FILM

Bee Movie Jerry Seinfeld's animated feature screens for "Catch the Reading Bug"-themed ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. 760-602-2026. Wednesday, July 23, 6 p.m.; Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Fast Times at Ridgemont High Worth seeing for Spicoli alone! Terrific cast in Amy Heckerling's 1982 movie includes Sean Penn, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Judge Reinhold, Ray Walston, Forrest Whitaker. Film screens on 11.5-

foot-wide screen outdoors. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and "get comfy." 760-471-4999. Wednesday, July 23, 9 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

My Blueberry Nights Wong Kar Wai's debut English language feature (2007) stars singer Norah Jones, Jude Law, David Strathairn, Rachel Weisz, Natalie Portman. This "lovelorn mood poem" screens for Film Forum. 619-236-5800. Monday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Essentially Nonpolitical Israeli director Ido Haar focuses on "a group of young Palestinians who live and hide in the hills around the community they are helping to build in Israel...they hide from police at night while working on construction during the day." See 9 Star Hotel, in Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. Sunday, July 20, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Sunday Dive-In See *Daddy Day Care* as part of Splash Sunday fun; catch flick while floating in a tube or splashing in pool. 760-940-

WAVE. Sunday, July 20, 7 p.m.; \$6-\$8. Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

FOR KIDS

"Air" It's topic for family science day; kids and families have fun, learn about air pressure, wind resistance, more. Activities (for younger and older children) include parachute building, paper airplanes using ordinary household materials. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. Saturday, July 19, noon; \$6-\$8. Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Go Play, Get Fit Youth Day" Fourth annual event hosted by 14 agencies. Coronado's Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinix Drive, Coronado, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Go Play, Get Fit! educates children on the importance of nutrition and physical activity by introducing campers to concepts of health and wellness through recreational activities. Campers develop a basic understanding of how daily physical activity and nutrition are essential for growth and further reinforce the health and wellness guidelines as outlined by each participating agency. More than 1300 day campers will participate in a variety of fun activities such as sports challenges, jazzercise, gymnastics, karate, inflatable obstacle courses, a tug-of-war contest and the 10-minute playground presented by the San Diego Padres Pad Squad encouraging kids to play their way to a healthy mind and body. A nutritious lunch will be provided while participants listen to keynote speaker Carol LeBeau, KGTV 10 news anchor and health correspondent, talk about the importance of "Staying Healthy." Campers will leave with

a healthy goodie bag that includes a variety of parent resources, coupons, and activities to GO PLAY, GET FIT! For more information on Go Play, Get Fit! please contact Robert Rhoades at 726-1340 ext. 1501. Thursday, July 17, 10 a.m.; Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinix Drive. (CORONADO)

"Sharks: Living Legends" Discover how sharks have been able to survive on this planet for more than 400 million years. Hands-on family day activities, live shark encounters, interactions with Scripps scientists. Learn about sharks living in local waters, threats facing sharks in oceans of world. Included in regular admission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, July 19, 11 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Disney's Beauty and the Beast Production of Disney classic performed by youthful players of Young Actors Theatre of East County. "Take Tea with Belle" prior to each matinee. Tickets: 619-670-1627. Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, July 20, 2008, \$15-\$25. Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Ghost Kids Trilogy Linda Meckler signs her *Ghost Kids Trilogy*. Books available for sale from author. 619-463-3006. Thursday, July 17, 12:30 p.m.; Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Ahoy, Matey! You're invited to *Pirate Paul's Pirate Party* when Big Joe Productions perform through Sunday, July 20. Old Fashioned Kite Flying Puppeteers present *Big Foot, the Musical*, July 23-27. Curtain rises at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 619-544-9203. Thursday, July 17, 11 a.m.; Friday, July 18, 11 a.m.; Saturday,

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July 19, 11 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, July 23, 11 a.m.; \$3-\$5. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

Gypsy Belly-Dance Classes Leilainia leads summer intensive seven-week dance class for those 6-12 years old. Participants learn traditional Middle Eastern drum rhythms and tambourine Gypsy dance. Fee: \$68 for seven weeks. 619-295-2773. Wednesdays, noon; through Wednesday, August 13, 2008, \$68. Ages 6 and up. Studio in North Park, 3800 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Meet Some Sky Hunters Learn about and see amazing live birds of prey. 858-573-5007. Thursday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.; ages 5 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Origami, My Precious! Children 8-16 years old will create *Lord of the Rings* origami with instructor Lisa Koide Halverson. Required registration: 619-232-2780. Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.; \$8. Ages 8 and up. Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Rat Stew on the Menu! Hoist sails, sing sea chanteys, learn celestial navigation on world's oldest active sailing ship, the *Star of India*. "Rat stew" served at this sleepover event. Boat does not leave dock. 619-234-9153. Saturday, July 19, 3 p.m.; \$45-\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

"Authors and Art in the Park"

San Diego Art Institute and San Diego Writers Ink host this "official event of San Diego LGBT Pride," promising readings by local authors Frank DiPalermo, Abigail Padgett (author of essays, short stories, seven novels), Jeanne Peterson (*Falling to Heaven: A Novel of Tibet*), and Allan Wager. Reception. 619-236-0011. Sunday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.; \$5-\$10. San Diego Art Institute; Museum of the Living Artist, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Meet the Chocolatier" Meet "master chocolatier" Michael Antonorsi, who shares story of his local company Chuao "and the sweet chocolate life." 760-753-1350. Friday, July 18, 2 p.m.; Chuao Chocolatier Chocolate Café at Forum, 1935 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

"The Brain Is Wider Than the Sky" National University launches new series with reception, reading by acclaimed poet Jane Hirshfield, whose "poetry speaks to the central issues of human existence — desire and loss, impermanence and beauty, and the workings of both mind and heart." Question and answer, signing follow. Reservations required: 858-642-8095. Monday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.; Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas Stephen Ingram plans presentation on his new book. Signing follows. Included in regular admission. 760-436-3036. Monday, July 21, 2 p.m.; Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

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BATTLE OF THE BREAKS

Brick by Brick, Friday, July 18.

(SEE DANCE)



Madam President and the Admiral Carl Nelson discusses his fictional book about romance and geopolitical oil crisis. 619-236-5800. Wednesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

The Dangerous Alphabet Fiction, comics author Neil Gaiman signs his latest tale of adventure, piracy, danger, with illustrator Gris Grimly. 858-268-4747. Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Utopia Texas Betty Byrd signs her *Trinity's Daughter* sequel. 760-529-0106. Saturday, July 19, 4 p.m.; Barnes and Noble Bookstore Ocean-side, 2615 Vista Way. (OCEANSIDE)

Craving Chocolate? Meet "master chocolatier" Michael Antonorsi, on hand to share story behind (his local company) Chuao and "the sweet chocolate life." 760-635-1444. Wednesday, July 23, 2 p.m.;

Chuao Chocolatier Chocolate Café Encinitas, 937 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

History and Suspense! Local historical mystery author Ona Russell signs *The Natural Selection* at 2 p.m. Southern California suspense author Denise Hamilton visits shop at 4 p.m. to sign *The Last Embrace*. 858-268-4747. Saturday, July 19, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

La Paloma Summer Poetry Slam Full Moon Poets host events. Poets call at front door theater (6 p.m.); first 17 names pulled will perform. Poets need three of their original poems, no longer than three minutes each; no props or recorded music. Five judges will be chosen from audience for three elimination rounds. 760-944-6027. Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m.; La Paloma Theatre, 471 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Meet a Real Live Master Chocolatier! Michael Antonorsi shares story behind his local company Chuao and "the sweet chocolate life." 858-546-1463. Saturday, July 19, 2 p.m.; Chuao Chocolatier Chocolate Café UTC, 4465 La Jolla Village Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Standing Up for Boathouses Nick Hoff, Georgia Van C, Cate Gary, Bob Hansen, Ryan Mirvis, host Jason Bang perform to benefit preservation of Encinitas boathouses (excellent examples of "vernacular architecture"). Donations encouraged. 760-230-2038. Saturday, July 19, 8 p.m.; ages 14 and up. E Street Café, 128 E Street. (ENCINITAS)

Suspense Author James Scott Bell discusses his new Ty Buchanan novel, *Try Darkness*, and leads workshop on "How to Write a Novel They Can't Put Down." 858-268-4747. Friday, July 18, 7 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

Thrilling and Suspenseful! Thriller author Michelle Gagnon (*Boneyard*) and suspense writer Simon Wood (*We All Fall Down*) visit shop to sign, discuss their work. 858-268-4747. Sunday, July 20, 2 p.m.; Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302. (CLAIREMONT)

LECTURES

"Bye Bye Grass! Part One" Gardening expert Nan Sterman divulges methods for "extermination options" for removing lawn, ways to physically remove grass. Reservations: 619-660-0614. Wednes-

day, July 23, 6:30 p.m.; Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Cooking with Native Plants" Native plant expert Lisa Chaddock shows where to gather these plants growing wild in San Diego, how to use them to make tasty dishes at home. Get to know elderberry, fennel, and flat-top buckwheat. Fee for class includes Chaddock's cookbook, locator map for finding native edibles. Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.; \$12-\$15. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (CUYAMACA COLLEGE)

"Eleven Layers of Genealogical Research on the Internet" Noted genealogical author, lecturer Barbara Renick speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 760-630-5720. Tuesday, July 22, 10 a.m.; Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

"Gourd Art Workshop" Instructor Carol E. Lang gives instructions on how to clean, cut, pyro-engrave, color, embellish a one-of-a-kind gourd. Students may create a bowl, birdhouse, or covered container. Also planned: demonstration of use of basket-weaving techniques for decorating gourds. All levels of experience invited. Materials fee: \$10. Registration: 760-721-2787. Information, equipment list: 760-431-1645. Sunday, July 20, noon; \$55-\$80. Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art, 219 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

"Pet Dental Issues Lecture" Your pet's dental condition can affect its overall health. Learn about forms of oral disease including cavities, endodontic disease, cancer, orthodontics, trauma, effects of periodontal disease from Dr. Brook Niemiec, DVM. Professional and home maintenance of good oral health also covered. Class for people only. 619-243-3424. Thursday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.; \$10. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

"Searching the U.S. Census by Geographic Means When Name Indexes Fail" Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego celebrates 20th anniversary with talk by Joel Weintraub. Learn basics of federal census, why some people can't be found; see demonstration of geographic search techniques; more. 858-278-4519. Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m.; Robinson Auditorium complex at UCSD, off Pangea Drive. (LA JOLLA)

"World Travel 101" Hosting International USA provides tips and resources for independent travelers including packing tips, personal safety, budgeting, cultural awareness, more. 619-338-9981. Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m.; REI San Diego, 5556 Copley Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

"Your FICO Health" "How to understand your credit to increase and maintain a high FICO" is focus for consumer class hosted by Home Buying School.Org. Class includes credit and FICO score review, analysis of how credit works, how to achieve and maintain a high FICO score, long-term financial advantages to protecting your credit. Reservations: 800-499-3075. Tuesday, July 22, 6 p.m.; Rancho

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San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Canyon Campaign Update Campaign's conservation program manager Eric Bowlby focuses on news, developments, when Sierra Club gathers. 619-299-1743. Friday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.; Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Facial Sachet Scrubbies Nadine Spier leads class for students to make sachet "scrubbies," filled with variety of organic dried herbs, quality soap, gentle exfoliants. Materials fee: \$11. Advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Sunday, July 20, 1 p.m.; \$30-\$35. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Get Ready for Hiking Nathan Briner of Rancho La Puerta Fitness Resort and Spa presents hands-on clinic to "enhance your movement and restore the natural, balanced posture within your body." 619-283-2374. Wednesday, July 23, 7 p.m.; Adventure 16 Mission Valley, 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Images of PB in the '50s Photographs from the Taylor Collection presented during Pacific Beach Historical Society meeting. 858-272-6655. Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m.; Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Microbats? Megabats? Chiroptera? Learn "Everything You Wanted to Know About Bats" during program that may include meeting a live bat. 619-575-3613. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.; Tijuana Estuary Visitors' Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Monitoring Rare Fruit Trees Learn all about watering, fertilizing, soil conditioning, and soil ph when California Rare Fruit Growers host ongoing "Rare Fruit Introductory Class" in room 104. Classes offer opportunity to learn to grow fruit varieties including jujube, capulin cherry, raisin tree, pitahaya, longan, jaboticaba, tropical guava, passion fruit, wax jambu, ice cream bean. 619-261-3610. Wednesday, July 23, 6 p.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

UFO Book Talk Ed McBride, described as an ex-Air Force radar operator in New Mexico, focuses on *The Other Roswell: UFO Crash on the Texas-Mexico Border*, and presents "an analytical book review of an astounding UFO crash and what brought it down" for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). 760-753-2456. Sunday, July 20, 6 p.m.; Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Undersea Garden Solana Succulents owner Jeff Moore demonstrates how to create underwater landscapes. Materials provided. Advance registration required. 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m.; \$70-\$80. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Wood 'n' Clay Create an unusual pine needle basket, attached to a ceramic base, during class led by fiber artist Carol Lang. All levels welcome. Materials provided by instructor; \$15 materials fee charged. Required advance registration: 760-436-3036 x206. Friday, July 18, 10 a.m.; \$50-\$60. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

OUTDOORS

Cumulonimbus Clouds, or thunderheads, are most likely to form over San Diego County's deserts and mountains during the latter part of the summer season, beginning about late July. The clouds appear by midafternoon — often the result of moist, tropical air entering the county from the south or southeast. If intense, these cloud buildups are accompanied by enough rain to flood the desert washes and mountain drainages. When the weather pattern allows the movement of moist air beyond

the mountain barriers, even coastal San Diego County can experience the cool spatter of raindrops and spectacular evening lightning displays.

Elderberry, a common bush or small tree found from San Diego County's coastal canyons to the mountain slopes around Julian and Palomar, is in fruit this month. The branches carry myriads of tiny bluish fruits covered with a white powder. The fruits have traditionally been used for various drinks and preserves.

Orioles, the bright yellow or yellow-orange-and-black birds seen flitting among the palm trees, are

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summer residents of San Diego County's coastal areas. A century ago, the orioles preferred to nest in sycamore trees, which were then more common in our area's river bottoms. Today these birds are most likely to take up residence in the planted or volunteer palm trees, where they obtain fiber to build their nests from the easily shredded fronds.

The Full Moon rises impressively from the east horizon at around 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, very close to the time of sunset. Some folk names for the July full moon include "hay moon," "wort moon," "moon of blood" (in reference to mosquitoes), "fallow moon," and "thunder moon."

Archaeological Walk Norrie Robbins leads walk through Buchanan Canyon and describes recent pre-Clovis archaeological finds from canyon dating back to before 12,000 BC. Wear good shoes — some parts of canyon are steep. Meet at canyon rim just past the intersection. 619-297-2957. Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m.; Johnson Avenue, Johnson Avenue at Lincoln. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Compost Happens Master composters lead composting workshop with instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Park behind garden in cul-de-sac at Morning View Drive and Lincoln Avenue. 760-839-6216. Saturday, July 19, 8:30 a.m.; Escondido Community Garden, just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Get Outside! Trail repair work continues. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack; meet at Paso Picacho. Registration: 858-278-3280. Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m.; ages 16 and up. Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 40 miles east of San Diego. (JULIAN)

Help With Wildlife Monitoring San Diego Tracking Team hosts training. Learn to recognize tracks of native mammal species and join an experienced tracker on one or more wildlife surveys. Bring a sack lunch. 760-715-4102. Saturday, July 19, 9:15 a.m.; Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Hoots and Howls! Listen for sounds of night hunters — bats, owls, coyotes — on trail guide-led

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

Familiar to most people around Del Mar but unknown to many outsiders, the Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension conceals itself amid the coastal bluffs inland from Del Mar and just north of the main Torrey Pines State Reserve. The extension area offers some distinct advantages for hikers. Its narrow, seldom-trodden pathways offer a sense of peacefulness and isolation. The Torrey pines clinging to the stark, eroded sandstone bluffs here are larger and more robust



Sea dahlia and Torrey Pine, Torrey Pines Extension

than many of those that inhabit the main reserve. You'll find three kinds of sage (white sage, black sage, and coastal sagebrush), all exuding resinous fragrances that are the essence of wild San Diego. Bowers of wild cucumber vines affixed to the larger shrubs have set forth their spiny, heavy-hanging fruits. Bright yellow encelia and sea-dahlia bloomed a month or two ago but are fading now.

To get to the reserve extension, exit Interstate 5 at Carmel Valley Road. Drive 1.1 miles west to Del Mar Scenic Parkway on the right. Proceed to the end of that street, where curbside parking is available and where the trail system begins.

Straight ahead on the trail, there's a split. Take either the Margaret Fleming Nature Trail "A" to the right, which goes up a sage-filled basin sparsely dotted with Torrey pine trees, or the Trail "B" to the

left, leading straight to the Mar Scenic Trail and Mar Scenic Drive to the north. The latter route gives you access to the superb D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) Trail. It slants up and then along a linear ridge to the west. From the Torrey-pine-shaded south brow of this ridge, you can look across Los Peñasquitos Lagoon to the bluffs of the main reserve and out to the ocean horizon. West of this ridge, a spur trail descends into an intimate little hollow with picturesque sandstone walls and twisted Torrey pines.

If you climb upward toward the eastern side of the reserve extension, you'll eventually come to a sandstone ridge capped with reddish rock. This is part of the Linda Vista Formation, which is the common cap-rock of many of San Diego's coastal mesas.

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.

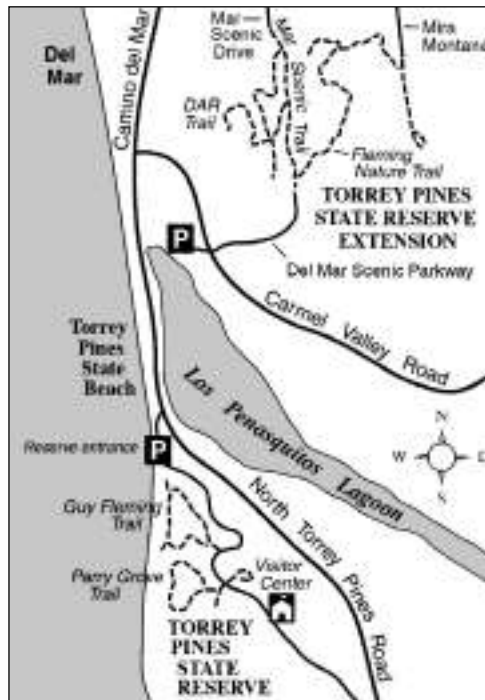
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Discover the obscure Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension in Del Mar.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 18 miles

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twilight walk. Reservations required: 619-668-2748. Saturday, July 19, 7:15 p.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Lazy Days of Summer Enjoy cooling shade of old oak trees during interpretive walks. 619-668-3281. Saturday, July 19, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, July 23, 9:30 a.m.; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Rediscover Old Escondido East Walking tour led by Escondido History Center, starting at southeast corner of Grand and Broadway. 760-743-8207. Tuesday, July 22, 6 p.m.; Draper's and Damon's, 101 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Tree Time Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlight-

ing various Balboa Park trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Twilight Nature Walks Listen for sounds of night hunters, see native plants in cool of evening on trail guide-led walks. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. Saturday, July 19, 7:15 p.m.; Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Mariposa Rosella Silvia Favaretto reads from her poetry. 011-52-664-687-9636. Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m.; Centro Cultural Ti-

juana, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street. (BAJA)

Alberto Vazquez In concert. Reservations: 011-52-664-104-7021. Friday, July 18, 9 p.m.; Grand Hotel Tijuana, Boulevard Agua Caliente 4500. (BAJA)

Mario Farina In concert. 011-52-664-688-3272. Saturday, July 19, 9 p.m.; Planeta Tijuana at Multikulti, at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street. (BAJA)

Put 78 Candles on the Cake Casa de la Cultura Tijuana celebrates 78th anniversary with music, food, photography exhibit, more. 011-52-664-687-2604. Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m.; Casa de la Cultura de Tijuana, Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira. (BAJA)

Rev It Up and Go! Enjoy "Extreme Tuning Car Show." 011-52-

664-633-7300. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.; Caliente Race Track, on Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

Singer Songwriter Multi-instrumentalist Julieta Venegas, raised in Tijuana, in concert. 619-734-2333. Saturday, July 19, 8 p.m.; El Foro, Seventh and Avenida Revolución, downtown. (BAJA)

Songwriter, Actress, Fashion Icon, Painter... Iconic Mexican pop-rock singer Gloria Trevi in concert. 011-52-664-608-4692. Saturday, July 19, 8 p.m.; Auditorio Municipal, Boulevard Agua Caliente. (BAJA)

¡Buen Procheo! Cheese, bread, and wine festival includes music and entertainment, along Avenida Revolución. 011-52-664-105-1215.

Saturday, July 19, 4 p.m.; Avenida Revolución. (BAJA)

SPECIAL

"California Grown" "Early Evening @ Mingei" series returns with invitation to "San Diego professionals to enjoy art, music, food, and wine — all local, all fresh." Enjoy exhibition "Forms in Wood and Fiber," live jazz by Guillermo Espinal, refreshments by purveyors including Karl Strauss Brewery and Falkner Winery. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x133. Friday, July 18, 5:30 p.m.; \$5-\$30. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

"Clausewitz: What Is War?" San Diego Great Books group gathers. Newcomers welcome. 619-440-5625. Saturday, July 19, 2 p.m.; San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

"Eye of the Thunderbird: Writing in Community — A Poetry Workshop" Join City Heights poet Jim Moreno with beginning or practiced poets to view the film *Invisible Children*, then write, read your poem. Poems will be published on Moreno's website. 619-285-9737. Saturday, July 19, 3 p.m.; \$2-\$5. Ages 12 and up. Urban Performing Arts and Creative Arts Center, 6875 El Cajon Boulevard. (COLLEGE AREA)

"Kindred Spirits" Exhibition of fine art by photographer George Friedman and painter Barbara Siegal, celebrating "the creativity of two people who have spent a lifetime together as artists and as husband and wife." See show through Friday, August 15 in Mission Trails Regional Park Art Gallery. 619-668-3280. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; Mondays, 9 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m.; through Friday, August 15, 2008, Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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“Mugs of the Mesas” Exhibit of prehistoric ceramics from David W. May American Indian Collection associated with ancestral Pueblo people of the Four Corners region of Southwestern United States. Photographs of Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado included. Exhibit was curated by USD anthropology professor Tim Gross, designed by Paul Johnson, with photographs by William Lile. Viewing continues in the May Gallery — located in Serra Hall 214 — through Tuesday, September 23. 619-260-4238. Fridays, 1:30 p.m.; Mondays, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.; through Tuesday, September 23, 2008, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

“NASCAR Up-Close” Cajon Classic Cruise season continues. Wednesdays through September 24. 619-401-8858. Wednesday, July 23, 5 p.m.; Prescott Promenade, 211½ East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

“What Can Science Tell Us About Morality?” North County Agnostics explore topic. 760-445-8112. Monday, July 21, 7 p.m.; Oceanside Mission Library, 3861-B Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

“Who Signed That? Signed and Inscribed Books” Rare book exhibit in Wangenheim Room showcases over 100 signed and inscribed books by various authors, book artists, illustrators, publishers, people associated with literary world. Among the famous: Samuel Clemens, Jack London and his wife Charmian London, Ray Bradbury, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Herbert C. Hoover. 619-

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Reader Neighborhood Meetup Is a new business changing the face of your neighborhood...for better or worse? Does your community need more bike racks? Is crime on the rise? Tired of all the graffiti? Have a neighborhood hero? We want to know about it! Come meet Reader writer Dorian Hargrove and get it off your chest! 619-519-2227. Monday, July 21, 7 p.m.; Claire de Lune, 2906 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Big Ray's Classic Car and Cycle Show San Diego Auto Swap features classics, hot rods, cycles, high-performance vehicles on display (in conjunction with Kobey's Swap Meet). Vehicles on display and for sale, along with “acres of parts and accessories.” 858-484-9342. Sunday, July 20, 7 a.m.; San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Coinorama! Seven local coin clubs sponsor 51st annual show. American and foreign coins, gold, currency, other numismatic materials, as well as books, supplies offered by 75 dealers. Coins for Kids table with contests, awards, free coins for kids. Coin auction conducted by Jim Hill, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Admission fee is for both days. 619-390-0047. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.; Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fiesta at Guajome The 28-room adobe is a national historic landmark dating back to 1850s. Fiesta showcases Native American and Hispanic traditions, life for early California settlers. Trick-roping performance, ballet folklorico dancing, Native American storytelling, blacksmith and basketweaving demonstrations, tortillamaking workshop. Children may

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Global Warming Campaign Kickoff Greenpeace's North County Global Warming Campaign gets underway with community event. Help make sure candidates for Congress know how much voters care about global warming! Expect “stations where you can take action.” Local speakers focus on impacts of global warming in North County. 216-470-7838. Saturday, July 19, 3 p.m.; Winston School, 215 9th Street. (DEL MAR)

Hours of Sours “Stone Sour Fest 2008” promises celebration of “often unexplored tradition of tart and tasty ales.” The \$30 “sour pass” includes ten taster tickets (some of the rarer sour beers will require two tickets), commemorative glass. 760-471-4999. Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m.; \$30. Ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Life Drawing and Painting Open studio offered; bring art materials to work with model. The first 1.5 hours consist of short poses; final 1.5 hours promise long pose. No formal instruction. 619-

231-3900. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 6 p.m.; through Wednesday, December 31, 2008, \$10. Art Academy of San Diego, 840 G Street. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Rededication Come hear newly upgraded organ. Concert by Dale Sorenson features music by Bach, Bruhns, Gerhardt. Sorenson and Sheldon Rosenbaum will play various piano/organ duets. Reception follows. Donation. 760-753-1026 x10. Sunday, July 20, 4 p.m.; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 925 Balour Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Rods and Woodies Classic Car Show Cruise night series continues with “eclectic mix of classic cars” displayed along Coast Highway 101. Music by Jerry “Hot Rod” Demink. 760-943-1950. Thursday, July 17, 5:30 p.m.; Encinitas Smog, 682 South Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Shark Week Surfaces! Explorations for all ages into world of mesmerizing, misunderstood ocean predators. Daily activities include encounters with live sharks, viewing of more than ten species of sharks and their relatives in marine life displays, “show and tell” with Scripps Oceanography shark scientist. “Shark focus” feeding shows: July 19 and 26, 2 p.m.; July 20, 22, and 24 at 10:30 a.m. Activities included in regular ad-

mission. 858-534-FISH. Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 9 a.m.; Monday, July 21, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, July 22, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, July 23, 9 a.m.; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Stamp-Collecting Show Stamp and cover dealers offer their wares. 619-218-7835. Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.; Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

Talkin' Tariffs Should American businesses be protected? Discuss with P&R Discussion Group. 619-370-1027. Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m.; Other Side Coffee House, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Taste Cake, Hear Music, See Gowns Bridal Bazaar with fashion shows (11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:45 p.m.), over 200 exhibitors offering their wares. 760-334-5500. Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.; \$10. San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

That Beatles Sound Event with Kevin Ryan and Brian Kehew, co-authors of comprehensive tome *Recording the Beatles*, in celebration of exhibition “That Beatles Sound: Recording @ Abbey Road,” highlighting the technology and equipment behind the Fab Four's music. Reservations: 438-5996 x212. Friday, July 18, 7 p.m.; Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive. (CARLSBAD)

The House of Colombia Lawn program with dance, music, cultural costumes at International Cottages. 619-234-0739. Sunday, July 20, 2 p.m.; House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Traditional Tea Ceremony Urasenke tea instructor assistants present demonstrations. Learn history of tea ceremony, learn how to serve tea in a traditional way. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; Japanese Friendship Garden, Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

Turtle and Tortoise Show Exhibition of turtles and tortoises, plants and baked goods for sale during show hosted by San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society Show in Casa del Prado room 101. Turtle and tortoise care, adoption information on offer. 619-738-8865. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 10 a.m.; Casa del Prado, El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

“Run and Stride with Pride” 5k run and walk in conjunction with San Diego LGBT Pride 2008, starts and finishes on University Avenue at Center Street. 619-835-9131. Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.; \$35. Park Boulevard Pharmacy, 3904 Park Boulevard. (HILLCREST)

Danger! Excitement! Action! “Bulls Only Rodeo X” planned, with bull riding, other rodeo events such as wild horse racing and “mutton busting.” 619-443-2447. Friday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.; \$8-\$15. Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Maplevue Street. (LAKESIDE)

Full-Moon Paddle on Mission Bay Gain introduction to kayaking and enjoy scenic nighttime tour of one of San Diego's most beautiful playgrounds. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Friday, July 18, 7 p.m.; \$20-\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

How About Lunch in Bonsall? San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders head out for 84-mile ride. Bring money for food. 619-473-8513. Sunday, July 20, 8:45 a.m.; Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Mexican Powerhouse Soccer! Club America (commonly known as the Augilas) take on Cruz Azul of the Mexican Primera division Mexican soccer league. Contest marks Cruz Azul and Club America's first match ever in San Diego. Ticketmaster: 619-220-8497. Sat-

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Old Town Revisited Join Knickerbiker bicyclists for 30- to 35-mile adventure in Old Town and surrounding areas. 619-787-7427. Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m.; Old Town Transit Center, 4005 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

Over-the-Line Time! The 55th annual Over-the-Line world championship competition hosted by Old Mission Beach Athletic Club continues through dusk each day. OTL is a form of softball played by three-person teams; almost 2400 games will be played over the two weekends. Free for spectators; tournament is filled, so no more team entries are being accepted. Saturday, July 19, 7:30 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 7:30 a.m.; Fiesta Island, Fiesta Island Road. (MISSION BEACH)

Showpark Racing Festival Horse Show 858-481-9085. Wednesday, July 23, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Showpark Summer Festival Horse Show 858-481-9085. Thursday, July 17, 8 a.m.; Friday, July 18, 8 a.m.; Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m.; Sunday, July 20, 8 a.m.; Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

Snorkel with Sharks! Adventures among harmless leopard sharks and smooth hound sharks during outing hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m.; \$30. Ages 10 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

Tennis Across America Celebrate the sport on six courts with

activities including fast serve, adult cardio clinic, "Little Tennis" for 4- to 7-year-olds, kids' clinic (for those 8 and older), adult clinics taught by USPTA professionals. Required RSVP: 760-942-9725. Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m.; ages 4 and up. San Dieguito Tennis Club, 1414 Tennis Club Drive. (ENCINITAS)

The Horses Are on the Track! Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meet runs July 16-September 3. Family fun day is Sunday, July 20, with attractions for family including the Rad Hatter, rock-climbing walls, carnival games, pony rides, magic shows, more. Racing slated every day except Tuesday. Post time is 2 p.m. except Four O'Clock Fridays (July 18 and 25, August 1 and 8 at 4 p.m.; August 15, 22, and 29 at 3:30 p.m.). Parking: \$8. 858-755-1141, 858-793-5533. Thursdays, 2 p.m.; Fridays, 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; Mondays, 2 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2 p.m.; through Wednesday, September 3, 2008, \$6-\$15. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

USPA Rossmore Cup Finals Polo matches hosted by San Diego Polo Club. Preliminary matches at 1:30 p.m., feature match at 3 p.m. Final matches before summer break; competition resumes August 10. Parking: \$5. 858-750-6841. Sunday, July 20, 1:30 p.m.; \$10-\$25. San Diego Polo Club, 14555 El Camino Real. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

MUSEUMS

Gemological Institute of America Museum Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and

history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required. 5345 Armada Drive, 800-421-7250. (CARLSBAD)

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

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. 2125 Park Boulevard, 619-234-0739. (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." 4233 Park Boulevard, 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park 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.). 6200 Flying Leo Carrillo 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. Witherby Street and Hancock Street, 619-524-6038. (DOWNTOWN)

Marston House Museum 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. 3525 Seventh Avenue, 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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, 1649 El Prado, 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center "Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits bringing out "your inner inventor" with pulleys, computer circuits, turntables, wind tunnels, more. In the "Tinkering Studio," kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectrometers, more. Closes June 7, 2009.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Origins in Space: Spin-Offs in Science and Technology," "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy," "Aging for All Ages," "Kid City" (for preschoolers), "TryScience!" "Escape from Dino Island" is theme for motion simulator ride. Films are shown daily in

the IMAX theater. 1875 El Prado, 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Air and Space Museum "Star Trek The Exhibition" is said to contain "the world's most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, re-creations, sets, costumes, and props" from five television series and ten films created for more than 40 years. Sit on a re-creation of the original USS *Enterprise* bridge, enjoy a motion simulator.

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

"P-51 Mustang" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the

Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

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

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area.

2001 Pan American Plaza, 619-234-8291. (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." 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum "Motocross America: The Early Years," continuing through Thursday, September 25, showcases history of motocross, traces evolution of the sport with memorabilia and over 60 off-road machines owned and raced by legends of the sport. A BMW R-1200 GS Adventure bike is on display in lobby. "Hall of Heroes" pays tribute to decades of American racing champions.

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. 2080 Pan American Plaza, 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

OUT & ABOUT

"THE BRAIN IS WIDER THAN THE SKY"

Jane Hirshfield poetry reading, Monday, July 21, Neurosciences Institute.

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San Diego Maritime Museum

"The War through Steichen's Eyes — Combat Photography in the Pacific 1943-45" features 50 photographs produced by Edward Steichen and photographers under his supervision; many famous images of World War II featured. Additional photographs, documents, artifacts chronicle the life of this accomplished photographer. Through July.

The photography exhibition "Portrait of Tall Ships" features more than 30 photographs by Thad Koza and Michael Berman. Exhibit includes chronicles of sailing adventures of the museum's ships. Through February.

"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 his-

tory 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, complete research library. 1306 North Harbor Drive, 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man

"People, Prints, and Politics: China 1920-1980" features work by Chinese artist and scholar Xian Rang Yong from Shandong Province. Yong utilizes Chinese art of wood-block printing to create compelling portraits, landscapes, depictions of cultural activities, political posters. Closes Sunday, October 19.

"Beyond Reasonable Drought," examines "ways in which culture and climate are intimately connected today as they always have been." Exhibition examines how water resources have affected populations, cultures.

"Gods and Gold: Ancient Treasures from Mexico to Peru" showcases museum's collections of Mexican, Central American, and South American archaeological objects. Rare gold and jewelry, exotic figurines, intricate stonework, and pottery from the ancient world are on display, as well as a crystal skull, on loan from a private collector.

"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)." 1350 El Prado, 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. Harbor Drive, 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. 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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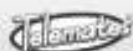
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CLASSICAL

“Motown Magic” Mary Wilson of the Supremes joins San Diego Symphony for summer pops concerts. Evenings conclude with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. (DOWNTOWN)

Guest Organist! Gary Toops takes the stage for concert. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, July 20. (BALBOA PARK)

“Ten Years, Seven Composers, One Pianist” Athenaeum Music and Arts Library hosts “Summer Festival 2008,” with pianist Gustavo Romero manning the piano on Sundays in July.

Program on July 20 includes Mozart’s “Piano Quartet in G Minor,” the “Trio in B Major” by Brahms, and Schumann’s “Piano Quintet.” Series concludes with Beethoven’s “Sonata in C Major No. 3,” four “Impromptus” by Schubert, Mozart’s “Sonata in A-Major,” Beethoven’s “Sonata in F Minor (Appassionata)” on July 27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 4 p.m., Sunday, July 20. (LA JOLLA)

The Look of Love Burt Bacharach conducts San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, featuring trio of guest vocalists singing his Grammy-winning tunes and new songs as well. Evening concludes with fireworks. 619-235-0804. Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way), 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 20. (DOWNTOWN)

Hailing from Paris, France Sophie-Veronique Cauchefier-Choplin, assistant organist at Saint-Sulpice Church in Paris, France, performs for International Summer Organ Festival. 619-702-8138. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 21. (BALBOA PARK)

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GALLERIES

“Offshore” Surf-related exhibition opens with reception for artists Amy Bird, Joshua Jensen-Nagle, and Alex Weinstein. Exhibition — which includes fine-art surfboards from various artists and surf photography by Tom Blake, Jeff Divine, Don James — closes Monday, September 14. 858-793-4442. Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue #160). 6 p.m., Thursday, July 17. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Nouveau Pop” Opening reception for Andre Couturier’s exhibition. “Playing with concepts of personal ecstasy you are taken through the vivid images of characters, environments, and emotions that live on the edge of technology and expression.” Reception includes music by DJ Travisty. Closing reception: Saturday August 1, 6 p.m. RSVP: 619-795-3704. Colosseum Fine Arts (2400 Kettner Boulevard, Suite F-109). 6 p.m., Friday, July 18; 6 p.m., Saturday, July 19; 6 p.m., Friday, August 1. (LITTLE ITALY)

Marine Art Show Reception for exhibition of work by maritime artists David Ainsley, Adam Koltz, Barbara McCroskey, Rich Buchwald, Rodger Heglar, Pierce Harrah. Exhibit closes Sunday, July 27. 858-459-1196. La Jolla Art Association Gallery (7734 Herschel Avenue, suite G). 5 p.m., Saturday, July 19. (LA JOLLA)

“Captivating California” Opening reception for exhibit of work by local California landscape painters. Closes Sunday, September 7. 760-795-6120. Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). 1 p.m., Saturday, July 19. (CARLSBAD)

California and Italy Landscapes Gallery owner Siamak celebrates 20th anniversary of Siamak Fine Art Gallery with exhibit and reception. 619-238-5335. Siamak Fine Art Gallery (562 Fifth Avenue). 5 p.m., Sunday, July 20. (DOWNTOWN)

“We Hang Together” Reception for exhibition of work by five local

artists. Display by d. goth, Rin Colabucci, Nadine Baurin, Julia C.R. Gray continues through July. 760-753-7376. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive). 2 p.m., Sunday, July 20. (ENCINITAS)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum Five new exhibitions of work by local artists. See “Active Duty” by Owen Mundy; “Contemporary Ruin: A Selection of Prints by the Los Angeles Printmaking Society”; “United and Severed: That Window of Time”; “Shannon McNeill: Little Drawings”; and “Warning Signs,” prints by R.H. Brownfield. Each “touches on issues relevant to contemporary life in America including motherhood, active duty military life, loss, and more.” Through November. 340 North Escondido Boulevard, 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum “Hungarian Folk Magic — The Art of Joseph Domjan” includes several of this master woodblock printer’s pieces, along with objects from other cultures of the folklore images Domjan often portrayed. “Exhibition is an expression of the power of art to endure war, politics, and disaster and to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes.” Closes Sunday, October 5.

“India Adorned,” features selections from museum’s Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit “reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family — objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation.” Closes Sunday, April 19, 2009.

“Forms in Wood and Fiber: Southern California New Work” features work of six distinguished San Diego wood artists and many California Fibers members. “Both fresh perspectives on traditional forms and cutting-edge contemporary expressions will be included in works of superior design and craftsmanship.” Participating artists include Wendy Maruyama, Russ Filbeck, Patrick Edwards, Del Cover, Brett Hesser, and Gene Blickenstaff. Closes Sunday, January 4, 2009.

“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 are ongoing. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum — North County More than 50 items are included in “Artful Armadillos,” on display through Sunday, September 7. The pieces are created from materials including wood, ceramics, metal, and shells, from collection of Katarina Real-Cate.

“Art of Play: Kinetic Toys of the World” — closing Sunday, September 14 — features objects that move when manipulated. See kites from many countries, pull-and push-toys, antique mechanical banks, puppets, wooden toys. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla “Elusive Signs: Bruce Nauman Works with Light” is said to focus “on Nauman’s neons and light-room installations created over the first two decades of his career (1965-1985).” On view through Sunday, August 31, exhibition presents provocative body of work in which artist grapples with questions of how perception is shaped by light and space. 700 Prospect Street, 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts “Flesh: The Portraiture of Gary Schneider,” continuing through Sunday, September 14, includes *John in Sixteen Parts*, a set of black-and-white fragments of Schneider’s partner’s face seen through time. Also included: *Genetic Self-Portrait*, an installation utilizing medical-imaging techniques to depict his own body from the inside out; and *Heads and Nudes*, where the South African artist uses exposures of up to three hours to explore and transform the flesh of friends and family.

“Picturing the Process: Landscape Through Time and Space” — continuing through Sunday, February 1 — includes selections from MoPA’s permanent collection, exploring ideas and issues related to landscape.

In “Humanitas: Images of India by Fredric Roberts,” the artist pictures people in India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Bhutan, Thailand, China as they go about their lives, selling water or herding camels. Through Sunday, September 7. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art “Ancient Marks: The Sacred Origins of Tattoos and Body Marking” features over 100 black and white photographs by documentary photographer Chris Rainier reflecting “humanity’s efforts to forge identity, beauty, storytelling, and sacred beliefs.” Closes Sunday, August 24.

“The Vibrant Edge: Paintings of Karl Benjamin from the 1960s, ’70s, and ’80s,” opening on Saturday, July 19, “illustrates how this West coast painting icon became known as one of the founding fa-

thers of Hard Edge.” Benjamin, whose oeuvre spans more than half a century, says “color is the subject matter of painting.” Closes Sunday, October 19. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art Touring exhibition “Georgia O’Keeffe and the Women of the Stieglitz Circle” boasts more than 80 pieces, including work by O’Keeffe, Gertrude Käsebier, Pamela Colman Smith, Anne Brigman, and Katharine Rhoades. These artists were “interested in redefining the identity of the modern woman and explored the changing themes of femininity in modernism.” On view through Sunday, September 28.

“Visible Places: Works by Women on Paper,” continuing through Wednesday, November 12, showcases works from SDMA’s collection. The early- to mid-20th century pieces offer historical framework allowing consideration of how artistic styles changed over time, reflect upon active participation of women in the social and political currents of the period. Artists included are Mary Cassatt, Käthe Kollwitz, Isabel Bishop, Barbara Hepworth, Leonora Carrington. Exhibit includes “Spatial Gestures,” focusing on abstract works by contemporary women artists acquired by museum between 2006 and present. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. Saint Bartholomew, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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Cool as Veggie Chili
 Founded in 1980 as an all-age vegetarian eatery and gathering place for those interested in radical politics,

Matthew Rothenberg, who first played the venue in 1983, created the site in February.

The Ché scene, says Rothenberg, "...did so much to shape us as people and performers but didn't leave much of a historical record."

The website's focus is on five bands that came together around the Ché Café in the

on bands that performed at the venue, filmed and recorded material done at other venues is included. Highlights include audio of the Morlocks live in San Francisco and a previously unseen video from the Mirrors.



EARLY CHÉ CAFÉ FLYER

Rothenberg has made attempts to inform the current Ché Café organizers about his website but has thus far been unsuccessful.

"I hope they're flattered," he says. "I've tried to contact them, but I'm a little confused about who at the co-op might take an interest. We're thinking of sending an

ambassador to their weekly veggie chili dinner."

Rothenberg, now a resident of Maplewood, N.J., says plans are under way for a reunion concert next summer, though it won't be held at the Ché Café.

"Everyone's over 21 and can have a drink now."
 — Bart Mendoza

Gong Showmanship

Comedy Central debuts its new version of *The Gong Show* tonight with host Dave Attell. In 1980, local band Four Eyes appeared on the original show, which was mostly known for the participants' lack of talent.

"I wasn't worried about ridicule," says singer Mark DeCerber, who currently fronts a reunited Four Eyes. "We thought it would be fun and good publicity. I had never seen a real band on there before..."

"They taped three shows in one day," he recalls. "Unfortunately, we were to be in the third and last show, so we had to hang around, relaxing on big piles of packing blankets from about seven in the morning until five in the afternoon."

The episode's celebrity judges were Jamie Farr

("Klinger" from *M*A*S*H*), comedian Freeman King, and show regular Jaye P. Morgan.

"We did 'Tutti Frutti' by Little Richard. While we played, Jamie Farr got up and had ahold of Morgan's feet and was gyrating them, while she was down on the floor [on her back] kicking them up in the air. King was throwing his hands over his head and boogying down. It was total mayhem, but it was over in one minute and 30 seconds."

Most *Gong Show* acts ended with celebs hitting a giant gong, ending the performance and eliminating the contestant.

"We did not get gonged," says DeCerber. "We got 26 out of 30 points. Jamie Farr gave us 8 points and quipped, 'Loved their Tutti, hated their Frutti.'" Despite the high score, "The winning act was a weak Holiday Inn performance of Boz Scaggs' 'We're All Alone' by a wedding-singer-type duo. It was wimpy and pathetic."

Other musical acts to appear on original *Gong*

Shows included Boxcar Willie, Green Jelly, RuPaul, and the Mystic Nights of the Oingo



GONG-DEFYING FOUR EYES, 1980

Boingo (who later shortened their name).

— Jay Allen Sanford

Keanu and Gerard and Ogre...

Several music-themed events will take place at downtown's Comic-Con International, beginning July 24.

Rapper Method Man will promote his upcoming eponymous comic book from the Hachette Book Group. The former Wu-Tang Clan member will do a Thursday autograph-signing as well as appear on "The Black Panel" alongside BET/Black Entertainment Television president (and comic-book writer) Reggie Hudlin.

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the inside track

the Ché Café at UCSD quickly became a haven for San Diego's underground music scene. Though touring bands eventually became a staple of the venue, early shows mostly featured local groups that played punk, garage, mod, and psychedelic sounds.

More than two decades later, the musicians involved in the Ché Café's early days are scattered around the world, but a new blog (*cheunderground.com*) is keeping their memories alive. Former Noise 292 guitarist

summer of 1983: the Answers, Hair Theatre, Noise 292, the Rockin' Dogs, and the Wallflowers. The site notes the regular performances by Ray Brandes (the Tell-Tale Hearts), Tom Ward (the Nashville Ramblers), and Ted Friedman (the Gravedigger V).

Built around reminiscences in postings from the musicians who frequented the venue, the site offers an insiders' view of the San Diego music scene of the era. Though the emphasis is

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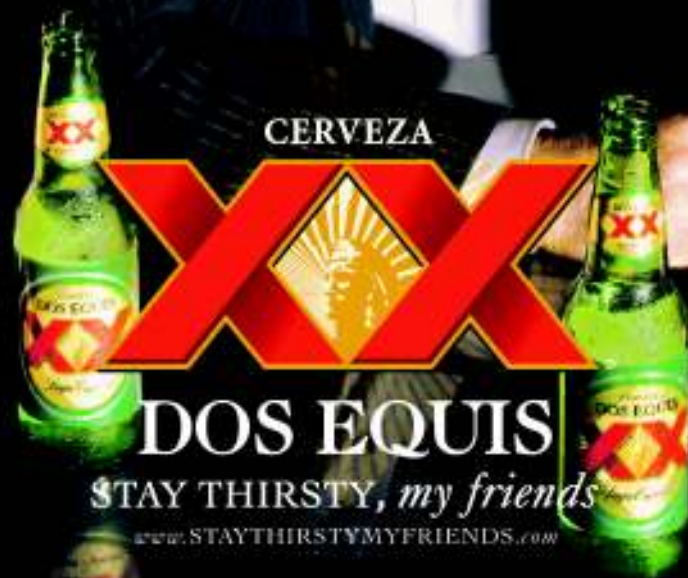
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The goth-rock musical *Repo! The Genetic Opera* will be the subject of a preview panel with *Saw* director Darren Lynn Bousman. Performers from the film will also appear, including Alexa Vega (*Spy Kids*) and Ogre, of the band Skinny Puppy (Thursday, 9:00 to 10:00 p.m., room 6B).

Also on Thursday, Madonna's (outgoing?) hubby



SPY KID NO MORE
(ALEXA VEGA)

Guy Ritchie will promote his upcoming film *RocknRolla*, scheduled for an October release.

Thursday afternoon, Keanu Reeves will appear on a panel promoting his upcoming remake of *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. Rumors are rife that Reeves will perform in the evening with several local musicians at a private party for a locally

connected comic publisher.

Tori Amos will discuss her graphic novel *Comic Book Tattoo*, published by locally based Image Comics (Saturday, 11:30 a.m.). Amos will also do an autograph-signing at 2:00 p.m., though only for 200 selected fans who purchase the comic at the Image booth (#2729).

Shocker Toys will introduce action figures from the cartoon heavy metal band Dethklok, from the Cartoon Network's *Metalocalypse*. Available only at the Shocker booth (#3948), the action figures are limited to 500 sets and priced at \$80 each. The company's vinyl action figures also include MC Chris, the band Gwar, and the central character from MTV's show *The Maxx*. Members of the Suicide Girls will also appear at the Shocker booth.

On Saturday, My Chemical Romance front man Gerard Way will plug his Dark Horse comic *The Umbrella Academy* on a panel named "Born under a Black Sun." At the Dark Horse booth, artist Stainboy Reinell will sign copies of his new book *Vicious Intent: The Rock 'N' Roll Art and Exploitation of Stainboy Reinell*.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Big in China (Cabinet)

Sandollar, together for two years, is a five-piece "beach rock" band that plays original reggae/jam music. Drummer Henry Ortiz works by day at a Trader Joe's and as a Spanish interpreter. At a house party near his Carlsbad home on June 6...

"We had been drinking most of the day," says Ortiz. "A friend of mine invited me over to her house.... We started drinking [tequila] shots.... You know how you get those weird feelings when you're at a place and you feel like you don't need to be there? It's like you have a sixth

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sense for caution. I just felt weird and like I had to leave right then."

Ortiz says a few skaters and musicians were at the house party.

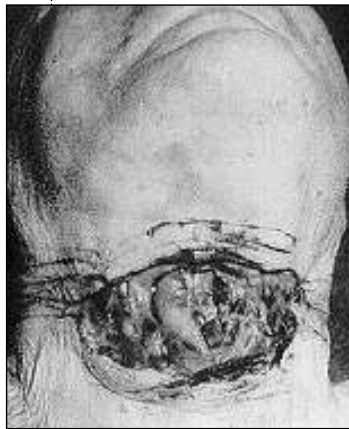
"I didn't know who they were. Once I got that feeling, I had to leave. There was a crowd in the hallway blocking the door.... As I tried to leave, there was this guy who said, 'Dude, you're not leaving.' He started grabbing me and holding me back. I automatically grabbed him by his shirt and told him that I just needed to get outside. He was still hanging on me. I pushed him against the wall. I said, 'I don't want to fight. I just want to get outside.'... I felt like I was having a panic attack."

Ortiz says the situation degenerated into "...drunken confusion. I tripped over people, and I fell face-first into the china cabinet.... I sliced my jugular, the right half of my vocal cords, my aorta, and one piece [of glass] went right through my neck, into my spine. Everything went silent after that. Everything was on pause like in a movie."

He says the paramedics who live across the street saved his life. After blood

transfusions, two operations, and ten days at Scripps La Jolla (seven in ICU), Ortiz was released.

"The doctors said I was not supposed to be alive. They had to completely immobilize



NOT ORTIZ'S THROAT
(LUCKY ORTIZ)

me to check my spine. There were two throat surgeons who put me back together. It was like putting together a puzzle. But they said the way I was cut was perfect [for healing]."

Sandollar canceled one advertised show (at the 710 Beach Club) due to the lack of their drummer. The band's next show is a July 26 house party.

— Ken Leighton

Throat Surgery Season

Village People policeman Victor Willis underwent surgery at a local hospital on July 7, reportedly to remove nodules from his vocal cords.

The former singer tried to launch a comeback last year with his first concert performances in over a decade and a planned autobiography. The surgery caused several dates of his Victor Willis Dance Tour to be canceled in Europe, the U.S., and Canada.

The 57-year-old Willis cowrote Village People hits such as "YMCA" and "In the Navy." He's claimed the band fired him in 1980 for being the lone heterosexual member.

"Victor Willis wrote about the YMCA and having fun there," his publicist said in a 2007 press release, "but the type of fun he was talking about was straight fun. When he says, 'Hang out with all the boys'...he's talking about the boys, the fellas, but it's one of those ambiguous songs that was taken that way because of the gay association with Village People."

Willis briefly reunited with the People between 1982 and 1984. He spent the next 20-plus years refusing to perform Village People songs and do interviews. During this period, he racked up eight

criminal convictions and was featured on a 2005 episode of *America's Most Wanted*.

While serving time in prison, he became engaged to a San Diego woman named



STILL NOT GAY (WILLIS)

Karen, with whom he shared a home in La Jolla for a time. In March 2007, she told police that Willis had assaulted and choked her, but city attorneys declined to press charges.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Donkeys in the Gig Rig

Hardest thing about performing live: "Maintaining that 'sweet spot' between sober and soused."

A brief mention in the May issue of *Spin* provided San Diego band the Donkeys with some national exposure, but the A&R reps at the major labels have not come a-knockin' just yet. The band recently completed a U.S. tour and is now taking a summer break.

While on tour, "For some reason I had dreams that I was on stage playing guitar with Iron Maiden," says guitarist Jessie. "All I remember is that I was really nervous." Anthony was plagued by different gig-related dreams: "Lions ate my hands, and my hands ate lions."

Antenna Farm recently released a seven-inch record with a few of the band's new songs. It is a split album with Casiotone for the Painfully Alone, Owen Ashworth's solo project, with whom the Donkeys toured last spring. The Internet-TV site *pacifnoise.com* devotes episode 112 to the Donkeys' performance at San Francisco's Make Out Room.

After two years in the studio, the band will release their second CD in August. The Donkeys will then jump in their gig rig and head out on the road to play clubs and bars and basements again across America.

From a *daytrotter.com* review of the Donkeys' debut CD: "I wonder how long it will be before everyone's throwing their name around as a just-discovered diamond in the rough." The Donkeys are Sam on drums and vocals, Tim on guitar and bass, Jessie on guitar, and Anthony on keys.

YOUR AXE?

Tim: "I am currently in full support of Fender-made guitars. I have a '96 American Strat and a

'79 P Bass. But my first love is my blond Gibson RD, also made in 1979."

Jessie: "1977 Gibson SG Special. It's my baby. I've traveled around with it since 2003."

SEXIEST LOCAL PERFORMER?

Tim: "Derek Papa. I have a thing for fathers-to-be."

Anthony: "Jessie Precious."

LISTS

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TOP THREE WORST JOBS YOU'VE HAD?

Jessie:

1. Sandwich maker
2. Janitor
3. Smoothie maker — "They told me I wasn't enthusiastic enough."

NUMBER-ONE HARDEST THING ABOUT PERFORMING LIVE?

Tim: "Maintaining that 'sweet spot' between sober and soused."

Jessie: "Being able to hear ourselves like we do at practice."

Anthony: "Trying to get people to go."

FAVORITE CD?

Tim: "Metallica's *And Justice for All*. God bless '90s metal."

Jessie: "Sunil Ganguly, *Swinging Hits*. He is one of my favorite steel-guitar players."

Anthony: "Listening to Nick Lowe now. *Pure Pop for Now People* is a Communist-island disc."

BEST/WORST GIG?

Tim: "Best, 2005 Halloween house party dressed as mummies, rockin' a sick cover set. Worst, a



The Donkeys

Whistle Stop show where a friend sitting in failed to maintain the aforementioned sweet spot."

Jessie: "Worst, Nashville. Awesome city, but not one person showed up to the show. The good news was that we were able to have a 25-minute freakout jam."

Anthony: "Lawrence, Kansas. Everyone should play there. The people are so nice. No 'worst' show. Just bad ones not to be talked about again."

EARLIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

Tim: "Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' video came on the TV at my uncle's house, and I hightailed it to the other room because it looked super scary. When I reentered the room, after being assured the coast was now clear, I looked at the TV, and what was looking back? A bunch of freaky zom-

bies. I cried for days."

Jessie: "Yoga camp!"

BEST SAN DIEGO HANGOUT?

Jessie: "Chula Vista."

Anthony: "Salazar's, downtown. Fifteenth and Market. Best jukebox and chips in the world."

Tim: "After being raised in Orange County I found I loved Southern California and hated Orange County. L.A. didn't seem any better, so San Diego it was. I couldn't have made a better choice. Favorite hangout is the I.B. drive-in theater. Drive in, swerve out."

BEST QUOTE?

Tim: "Try not. Do. Or do not. There is no 'try.'"
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710 Beach Club: 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844.
Thursday — Battle of the Bands. With the She Flies, Spud Davenport & the Messy Necessities, ThrillRazr, and more. Alternative rock/metal/garage.
Friday — Mystic Roots and Lambsbread. With Likewize. Reggae/hip-hop/rock.
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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.
Friday, 7:30 p.m., *Saturday*, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. — Rita Coolidge. Pop. \$32-\$36.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Skelpin. Irish folk jam band. \$15.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — Rachel Price. Contemporary jazz. \$10.

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library: 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. — The Frank Potenza Organ Trio. Los Angeles-based ensemble performs for Farrell Family Jazz series hosted by Athenaeum. \$19-\$24.

Beauty Bar: 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-516-4746.
Thursday — Moving Picture Show, Wendy Darling, Death on Mars. Rock/pop/folk. \$5.
Friday — The Sess and the Vision of a Dying World. With Christmas Island. Garage/punk/country. \$5.
Saturday — Fans of Jimmy Century and Jamuel Saxon. With Oughtnot. Electro/new wave/hip-hop. \$5.
Sunday — Pictures in Braille and Play Pretty for Baby. Indie/rock/punk. \$5.
Monday — Chikita Violenta and Summer Darling. Indie rock/pop. \$5.
Tuesday — Demonika & the Darklings and Igor Spectre. Gothic/rock/folk. \$5.
Wednesday — Lisa the Lush and Days No Different. Alternative rock/pop. \$5.

Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — The Night Marchers. With the Cheap Leis and the Creepy Creeps. Alternative/punk. \$12-\$14.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Rub-A-Dub Friday. Live reggae music. \$5.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — 40 Oz. to Freedom and Social Green. With Project: Out of Bounds. Punk/reggae/rock. \$10-\$12.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Leon Russell. With Olivia Pierson and Nathan James. Rock/blues/jazz. \$23-\$25.
Monday, 6 p.m. — Nukl Heads, the Back Yard Band, Sticky Situation. With the Hellbound Band and the Morning Riot.

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Tuesday, 9 p.m. — Warrior King and Reggae Angels. With Dash Eye (Tribe of Kings). Reggae. \$16-\$18.
Wednesday, 9 p.m. — The Muslims. With Meho Plaza and Wild Weekend. Alternative/pop/punk. \$7.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park.
Saturday, 5:30 p.m. — D.A. and the Hitmen. Rock and blues for summer concert series. 619-923-2979.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.
Thursday, 9 p.m. — Yesterday's Papers. Alternative rock.

Bodacious Living Yoga Studio and Boutique: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive #205, Carlsbad, 760-720-9642.
Sunday, 7 p.m. — Dave Stringer. Plus guests. Psychedelic/rock/world. \$20-\$25.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Lovers in Arms, Spero Lumina, London's Falling. Indie/rock/progressive. \$5.
Friday, 8 p.m. — Exit Theory. CNA fashion show with giveaways, dance performances, and more. \$10-\$20.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — FM Revolver, Kavena, My Elysian. With the Sammus Theory and Rabbit in Read. Alternative rock/metal. \$10.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Re-Form, Counter Launch, Candy Asylum. Punk/rock/alternative. \$10.

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Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Freedom Sessions. With Satori, Slow Drag, the Daysleepers, Buddy Akai, and Circa Now. Alternative/electro/rock. \$10-\$12.
Friday, 9 p.m. — Dazed & Confused. A Led Zeppelin tribute. With Monsters of Rock and Misdirection. \$8-\$10.
Saturday, 9 p.m. — Kingspade and Mower. With the Pricks. Hip-hop/hardcore/metal. \$15-\$17.
Sunday, 2 p.m. — T-Trie Dread. Reggae/funk/rock.
Sunday, 8 p.m. — Wolf Parade. Indie/experimental. \$18-\$20.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Tigersharks and One Lonely Robot. With Echo Revolution and Fuzz-Huzzi. Alternative/punk/rock. \$8.

Casa de Oro Cafe: 9809 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-460-4830.
Friday, 6:30 p.m. — The Paragon Dixie Swing Band. Dixie tunes.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.
Thursday, 8:30 p.m. — Earlimart and the Parson Red Heads. With Team Abraham. Indie/psychedelic/folk. \$10.
Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — Grand Ole Party. With Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects and Battlehooch. Alternative rock/funk. \$14.
Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Chuck Ragan and Josh Hanson. Indie/acoustic/rock. \$10.
Monday, 8:30 p.m. — Black Hondo, the Atoms, Mermai. Garage/pop/punk. \$5.
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. — Lucero and Jessica Lea Mayfield. With Glossary. Indie/folk/rock. \$15.
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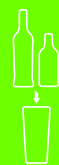
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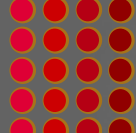
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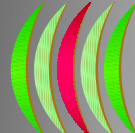
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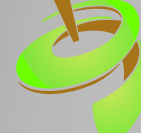
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Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1141. *Friday*, 7 p.m. — Gavin Rossdale. Alternative rock.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467. *Thursday*, 8 p.m. — Kristin Korb. Jazz vocalist with her trio. \$10-\$15. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — Dean Brown. With Cliff Almond, John Rekevics, Steve Steinberg, and Dave Curtis. Funk/jazz. \$15.

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The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511. *Friday*, 8 p.m. — The Christopher Dale Trio. Acoustic/pop/rock. *Sunday*, noon — Pool Party. With Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Blues/soul/rock. \$5. *Wednesday*, 5 p.m. — Christopher Dale and J.D. Boucharde. Acoustic/pop/rock.

Hennessey's Tavern - Gaslamp: 708 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-239-9994. *Sundays*, 3 p.m. — The Bill Shreeve Duo. *Jazz*.

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The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
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Friday, 8 p.m. — Pierced Arrows, the Wongs, Leaders. With Half Rats and Wild Weekend. Punk/garage/pop. \$12.
Saturday, 8 p.m. — The Spits, Tokyo Electron, Brimstone Howl. With Digital Leather and Atoms. Garage/blues/pop. \$12.

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Saturday — Allison Lonsdale. With Alyssa Jacey, Jason Diaz, and Jenn Grinels. Acoustic/pop/rock.
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Marston Point: Laurel Street at Sixth Avenue, Balboa Park.
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Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Taylor Harvey Band. Bluegrass/rock.

Molly Malone's: 1270 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-9050.
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Friday — The Fairfield Fats Band. Rock/metal.

Saturday — The Nards. Americana/pop/classic rock.

Tuesday — Trent Hancock. Acoustic/pop/indie.

Wednesday — Mick Overman. Americana/folk/roots.

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Trolley Barn Park: 1900 Adams Avenue at Florida Street, University Heights.

Friday, 6 p.m. — Swamp Critters. Cajun, zydeco, and Mardi Gras music for Summer in the Park concert series. 619-297-3166.

Turquoise Coffee: 841 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-4778.

Saturday, 10 a.m. — Inigo Figuracion and Ron Greitzer. Acoustic/covers/standards.

Valley Center Community Hall: 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center.

Friday, 6:30 p.m. — The Mar Dels. Covers/standards/rock.

Valley View Casino: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center, 866-843-9946.

Friday, 9 p.m. — Crush. Covers/standards.

Friday, 4 p.m. — Hot Rod Lincoln. Acoustic/roots/rockabilly.

Saturday, 4 p.m. — The Fabulous Pelicans. Covers/standards.

Saturday, 9 p.m. — Innovation. Covers/standards.

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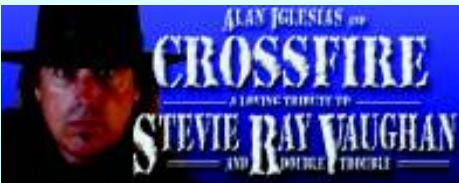
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Winstons: 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822. Thursday — The Fresh Committee. Hip-hop. Friday — Vegetation. CD-release show. Reggae/soul/rock. Saturday — Sprung Monkey. Alternative/pop/rock.

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Anthology: 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300. July 25 — Hot Rod Lincoln. July 25 — Lee Rocker. July 26 — Sophie Millman. July 30, July 31 — Arturo Sandoval. August 1 — Johnny Polanco. August 2 — Missing Persons. August 3 — Carrie Rodriguez. August 6 — Daby Toure. August 8 — Larry Carlton. August 12, August 13 — The Fabulous Thunderbirds. August 16 — Michael Ward. August 19 — Bridget Brigitte, Cynthia Hammond, Steven Ybarra. August 24 — Steve Forbert. August 26 — John Cruz. August 27 — Jay Nash, Meiko, Joe Purdy, Chris Seefried. August 29 — Jackie Greene. August 30 — Dave Mason.

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Belly Up Tavern: 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140. July 24 — Venice. July 25 — Rub-A-Dub Friday. July 26 — Dread Zeppelin. July 27 — Orquesta Primo. July 30 — Kut U Up and Get Your Death On. July 31 — Greg Laswell. August 1 — Rub-A-Dub Friday. August 2 — The English Beat. August 3 — Orquesta Primo. August 6 — The Iguanas and the Swingin' Kings. August 7 — Immortal Technique. August 8 — Rub-A-Dub Friday. August 9 — Steve Poltz & the Cynics. August 13 — Rob Corona and Laura Roppé. August 14 — Never So Few and the Tornados. August 15 — Rub-A-Dub Friday. August 16 — The B-Side Players. August 21 — Pato Banton and Mystic Roots. August 22 — Rub-A-Dub Friday. August 23 — Cash'd Out. August 24 — Joshua Radin. August 25 — Matthew Sweet. August 27 — The Desert Rose Band. August 28 — Patty Griffin. August 29 — Rub-A-Dub Friday. August 30 — Metal Snake. August 31 — The Dirty Dozen Brass Band. September 4 — Amos Lee. September 8 — Lee "Scratch" Perry. September 10 — Alejandro Escovedo. September 11 — J.J. Grey & Mofro. September 12 — The Pine Mountain Logs. September 17 — Aesop Rock and Rob Sonic. September 23 — Railroad Earth. September 24 — Okkervil River. September 25 — Bootsie Collins. September 28 — Greg Brown. September 30 — Johnny Winter. October 1 — The Dandy Warhols. October 4 — The Tommy Castro Band and Magic Dick. October 5 — John Brown's Body. October 6 — Nick Lowe. October 8 — Lotus. October 23 — The Presidents of the United States of America. October 24 — Stereolab and Monade. October 30 — Cowboy Mouth.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps: 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 858-534-FISH. August 20 — Shawn Mullins. September 17 — Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles.

Birch North Park Theatre: 2891 University Ave, North Park, 619-239-8836. August 2 — Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio. October 18 — Gaelic Storm.

Bird Park: 28th and Thorn Streets, North Park. August 2 — Gato Papacitos. August 16 — The Hayriders.

The Bitter End: 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300. July 27 — The Small Hours.

Brick by Brick: 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483. July 26 — Aizen, Death Pilot, MNYIC. July 30 — Likewise and Lighter Side of Being. July 31 — Mundo Girls and Los Pocos. August 2 — Mark Wood.

Calavera Hills Park: 2997 Glasgow Drive, Carlsbad. August 8 — Oliver Mtukudzi and Black Spirit. August 15 — Luna Llena. August 22 — Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido: 340 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253. October 22 — Amy Grant. December 31 — The City Limits Band.

Canes: 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780. July 24 — Freedom Sessions. July 25 — Junior Reid and the Reggae Angels. July 26 — Wild Child. July 27 — Kapakahi. July 30 — Mean Dinosaur, Irieside, Inhale. August 2 — Dead Man's Party. August 3 — Ooklah the Moc. August 3 — Split Finger. August 7 — Agent Orange and Critical Me. August 10 — Roots Vision. August 14 — Thumtack, JayWat, Anti Citizen. August 15 — Lights, Jumping Jack Flash, Springsteen. August 17 — Project: Out of Bounds. August 21 — Moontucky Risin and Rhythm & the Method. August 22 — Katchafire. August 23 — B-Side Players. August 24 — Tomorrow's Bad Seeds. August 28 — The Melvins and Big Business. August 29 — Stranger, Dirty Heads, High Tide. August 30 — Little Brother and Wylde Bunch. August 31 — Atomic Punks. September 5 — Guttermouth and Chaser. September 6 — Cash'd Out. September 20 — Tainted Love.

Casa de Oro Cafe: 9809 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-460-4830. July 25 — The Paragon Dixie Swing Band.

The Casbah: 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355. July 24 — Howlin Rain and Earthless. July 25 — Hercules & Love Affair. July 25 — The Life & Times. July 27 — Japanese Sunday, Syndicate, Fever Sleeves. July 28 — The Modlins, the Happy Hollows, Apes of Wrath. July 31 — Jay Reatard and Cheap Time. August 1 — The Hold Steady. August 2 — Buckfast Superbee. August 3 — Thao & the Get Down Stay Down. August 4 — Nomo. August 6 — Saviours, Titan, Earthless, John Biz. August 7 — Matt Curreri & the Exfriends and Paul Curreri. August 8 — Transfer and A.M. Vibe. August 8 — Joshua James and Cory Chisel. August 9 — Manic Hispanic. August 10 — The Silent Comedy and Or, the Whale. August 13 — Octopus Project. August 14 — Calico Horse, Colorstore, Swim Party. August 15 — Xiu Xiu and Carla Bozulich. August 16 — Ilya and Student Film. August 22 — Bob Log III and Scott H. Biram. August 23 — Beachwood Sparks. August 24 — El Vez. August 29 — Get Back Loretta. August 29 — Neil Halstead. August 30 — Polvo and Trans Am. August 31 — Manual Scan and the Amalgamated. September 1 — Southern Culture on the Skids. September 9 — Bodies of Water and Throw Me the Statue. September 17 — Dr. Dog, Delta Spirit, Hacienda. September 18 — The Wedding Present. September 20 — Cash'd Out. September 21 — Miles Hunt, Wayne Hussey, Lisa Dewey. September 23 — Silver Jews.

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October 10 — Bang Camaro.
October 17 — Born Ruffians.

Ché Café: 9500 Gilman Drive, B-0323C, La Jolla, 858-534-2311.
July 25 — Peter Walker.
July 26 — 7 Generations and This Time Tomorrow.
August 6 — La Quiete, Phoenix Bodies, Ghostlimb.
September 5 — Graf Orlock, Zann, Lewd Acts.

Claire de Lune: 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.
August 2 — Scott Wilson.

Copley Symphony Hall: 750 B Street, Downtown, 619-235-0804.
October 1 — Sigur Rós.

Cow Shed Bar and Grill: 502 East Mission Road, San Marcos, 760-471-2939.
July 25 — Angelic Dimension, Trips, Jason Getz.

Cox Arena: 550 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
September 12 — Alejandro Fernandez.
November 25 — New Kids on the Block.

Coyote Bar and Grill: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.
July 26 — The Robin Henkel Band.
August 24 — The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet.

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July 29 — John Mayer.
August 14 — Vans Warped Tour.
August 22 — The Dave Matthews Band.
August 27 — Radiohead.
August 30 — Jack Johnson.
September 13 — Counting Crows and Maroon 5.
September 21 — Luis Miguel.
September 27 — Third Day and Switchfoot.
September 30 — Carlos Santana.
October 16 — Jimmy Buffet.

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club: 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, 858-755-1141.
July 25 — Super Diamond.
July 26 — Gnarlz Barkley.
August 1 — Pinback.
August 8 — The Bravery.
August 9 — Ziggy Marley.
August 22 — Black Francis.
August 29 — Steel Pulse.
August 30 — Devo.
September 3 — The English Beat.

Dizzy's: 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.
July 24 — Catherine Russell.
July 31 — Toni Price.
August 7 — Bill Watrous.
August 10 — Allison Adams Tucker.
August 14 — Fran Hartshorn.
August 20 — The Mattson 2.

East Village: 13th & K Streets, Downtown.
September 19, September 20 — Street Scene.

Ellen Browning Scripps Park: 1133 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla.
July 27 — Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra.
August 3 — The Corvettes.
August 10 — The Westwind Brass.
August 17 — Benny Hollman's Big-Band Explosion.
August 24 — Yavaz.
August 31 — The Heroes.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When **Earlimart** started releasing records eight years ago, the Los Angeles band had quirky song structures and fuzzy guitars and garnered a lot of comparison to the Pixies. Later, the band's songs slowed down, **Aaron Espinoza** turned down the distortion on his guitar, he and co-singer **Ariana Murray** started singing in hushed, breathy voices, and Earlimart started to garner a lot of comparison to Grandaddy.

By the time of 2004's *Treble and Tremble* and 2007's *Mentor Tormentor*, it was almost too easy to identify the Earlimart sound: Most songs start out with a two-chord progression on guitar or keyboard with Elliott Smith-like

vocals singing to a former lover about the sad end of a romance. As the verses progress, the band adds more instrumentation — keyboards, strings, more guitars — and the song gets progressively more beautiful. When Murray sings "Happy Alone," she doesn't sound happy at all, but when the melody bounces along and touches of Mellotron-like keyboard or a bit of discordant guitar embellish the corners of the song, you may feel a shiver of happiness go up your spine. And when Espinoza sings about going to a "Cold Cold Heaven" underground, the choir of backup singers who come in about halfway through the song make you forget the cold and feel the heaven.

The new *Hymn and Her* finds Earlimart continuing to mine this fruitful vein, but somehow Espinosa and Murray (now the only



EARLIMART

remaining full-time members of the band) have outgrown most of the comparisons. There's still some Smith in there, still some Grandaddy, maybe even some Pixies, but more than anything Earlimart sounds like Earlimart.

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July 24 — "Video Games Live"
July 25, July 26 — "The Music of Billy Joel"
July 31 — "A Celtic Celebration"
August 1, August 2 — "Mancini at the Movies"
August 8, August 9 — "Baseball Goes Pops with Dave Winfield"
August 10 — "Pops Goes Classical"
August 15, August 16 — "Broadway Here and Now"
August 21 — "The Machine: A Pink Floyd Tribute"
August 22, August 23 — "Daydream Believer...Davy Jones"
August 29, August 30, August 31 — "1812 Tchaikovsky Spectaculars"

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July 24 — Japandi, the Vaginals, Braaiins.
July 25 — The School of Rock All-Stars.
July 26 — Barcelona and This World Fair.
August 3 — The Subways.
August 28 — Orangello.

Escondido Library: 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido.
August 7 — All-Girl Western!
September 4 — Cahill and Delene.
October 2 — T.K. Gardner.
December 4 — Peter Sprague.

The Handlery Hotel and Resort: 950 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley, 619-298-0511.
July 25 — Barbara Nesbitt.
July 27 — Pool Party.

July 30 — Christopher Dale and Friends.

House of Blues: 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.
July 24 — Who's Bad.
July 24 — Modern Day Moonshine.
July 25 — The Aquabats.
July 25 — West of Memphis.
July 26 — Missy Andersen.
July 27 — Bullet for My Valentine.
July 29 — Less Than Jake and Goldfinger.
July 31 — Chromeo.
July 31 — Modern Day Moonshine.
August 1 — The Cured.
August 2 — Richard Cheese.
August 3 — Cavalera Conspiracy.
August 8 — Me First & the Gimme Gimmes.
August 9 — Under a Blood Red

Sky.

August 10 — Nas and Talib Kweli.
August 12 — Passenger.
August 13 — Bow Wow.
August 17 — Matt Pryor and Chris Conley.
August 17 — Dramarama.
August 19 — Edwin McCain.
August 19 — Toots & the Maytals.
August 21 — Van Hunt.
August 22 — Sondre Lerche.
August 22 — Broken Social Scene.
August 23 — Eddy Grant.
August 27 — Toad the Wet Sprocket.
September 12 — Ratatat.
September 13 — Rebelution.
September 22 — Lila Downs.
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July 30 — Rockola.
July 31 — The Cash Kings.

Humphrey's by the Bay: 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma, 619-224-3577.
July 25 — Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.
July 27 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
July 28 — Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi.
July 31 — Emmylou Harris.
August 1 — Dolly Parton.
August 3 — Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo.
August 4 — Huey Lewis & the News.
August 6 — Boz Scaggs.
August 8 — Peter & Gordon.
August 9 — Jordin Sparks and Jesse McCartney.
August 10 — UB40.
August 11 — David Sanborn and Lee Ritenour.
August 12 — Paolo Nutini.
August 13 — Michael McDonald.
August 14 — Joe Cocker.
August 15 — Tower of Power.
August 18 — The Gipsy Kings.
August 19 — Steve Winwood.
August 20 — Hootie & the Blowfish.
September 4 — Lucinda Williams.
September 12 — The Alan Parsons Live Project.

September 13 — Air Supply and Christopher Cross.
September 16 — Lindsey Buckingham.
September 25 — Kenny G.
September 28 — Etta James & the Roots Band.
October 3 — America.
October 5 — Cecilio & Kapono.
October 19 — Gordon Lightfoot.

Island Sports and Spirits: 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-3456.
August 15 — Misty & the Mobys.

The Jumping Turtle: 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos, 760-741-7778.
August 21 — Angelic Dimension, Trips, Jason Getz.

The Kensington Club: 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington-Talmadge, 619-284-2848.
July 26 — Manganista, the Self-Made Men, Monkey.

The Kraken: 2531 South Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-436-6483.
July 24 — Frankie Dee & the Funk Natra Band.
July 30 — Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors.

Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center: 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla.
August 4 — “The Prince of Kosher Gospel Music”
August 4 — Joshua Nelson.

Lestat's Coffee House: 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-0437.
July 24 — Insomniac Folklore and Nutmeg.
August 3 — The Applebrown Jazz Ensemble.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280.
July 25 — The Offbeats.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Good Charlotte came to be during a time when rock was in post-grunge misery and feeling about for new direction. Dozens of bands emerged thereafter in the '90s — bands such as blink-182 and Lit — and it was clear from the outset that the new rock was neither punk, nor was it very hard. Instead, it was friendly. An audience could sing along. Music writers began calling it power pop. Adolescent themes and toilet comedy replaced violence and angst, and melody replaced random guitar-and-drum thrashing. For the most part, power pop was a goofy good listen that owed as much to boy bands and hardcore as it did Duran Duran.

Founded during the late 1990s by twin brothers **Joel** and **Benji Madden** in

Maryland, Good Charlotte appeared as a somewhat gloomy version of all the above. They had a clean and distinctive sound with raw teen emotions kept boiling at the same sonic pitch of their guitars. Years later they would craft fine, if psalm-ish prose for “The River”: “As I walk through the valley/ Of the shadow of L.A./ The footsteps that were next to me/ Have gone their separate ways.” Otherwise, most Good Charlotte lyric content in the first couple of releases carried about as much cerebral heft as your average light-beer commercial.

By 2002 they had a winner with the “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” single, runaway sales of which surely made the band members rich as well. “Lifestyles” was an attack on such social buffoonery as the O.J. Simpson trial and former Washington DC mayor Marion Barry's (alleged) drug issues. But at the heart of the song is a juicy commentary on power, money, and the enter-



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tainment industry's nouveau riche. Does life imitate art? You decide: Joel Madden lives in Glendale with actress Nicole Richie (the two have a child together), and earlier this year brother Benji began dating Richie's friend, Paris Hilton.

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GOOD CHARLOTTE, Viejas Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 20, 6 p.m. 619-445-5400. \$25.

July 27 — The Stilettoes.
July 30 — Steve Brewer.

Memorial Park Bowl: 373 Park Way, Chula Vista.
August 3 — Fattburger.
August 17 — The Scott Martin Band.

Moonlight Beach: 200 B Street, Encinitas.
August 3 — Lee Coulter.
August 17 — The Laurie Morvan Band.

Mulvaney's Wagon Wheel: 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, 619-448-8550.
July 26 — Joey & the Sting Rays.

The Musicians Union Hall: 1717 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-229-1610.
July 25 — The High Society Jazz Band.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub: 1130 Morena Boulevard, Linda Vista, 619-276-5637.
July 25 — The Scarry Garry Show & the Deity Girls.
July 26 — Deadline Friday and Astra Kelly & the 47's.
July 29 — The Gizzards and the Comrades.
July 30 — Love & Groove.

Ocean House: 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.
August 8 — Misty & the Mobys.

Open Air Theatre at 5500 Campanile Drive, College Area, 619-594-6947.
July 24 — Mercyme and Tenth Avenue North.
September 6 — Slightly Stoopid and Pepper.
September 24 — The Raconteurs.
September 25 — My Morning Jacket.
October 2 — The Mars Volta.

Pala Casino: 35008 Pala Temecula Road, Pala, 877-946-

7252.
July 25 — Platinum Groove.
July 29 — Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band.
July 31 — Engelbert Humperdinck.
August 5 — Steely Dan.
August 11 — UB40.
August 27 — John Fogerty.
August 28 — Poison.
September 21 — Ana Gabriel.
September 27 — Anita Baker.
October 8 — Smokey Robinson.

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by Josh Board

I went to a few different parties a while back that involved bands.

One was an afternoon affair near Viejas off the I-8. When I pulled up and saw three drum sets, I thought it would be a cool party. The set list near one of the drum sets looked promising: "Running Down a Dream," "Poor Poor Pitiful Me," and "Red House." Some Warren Zevon followed by Hendrix. Nice.

As one of the bands was tuning up with "Takin' Care of Business," I noticed that the house faced the mountains — no worries about noise complaints from neighbors.

There was a pool, spa, beer kegs, a big canopy, and plenty of food.

A blonde woman named Rhonda was playing bass. She sang the lead on a song called "Joey." Joey Bishop had just died, and I asked her if that's why she did that song. "No. I didn't even know that." That song was about her brother and his drug addiction. I asked if his name was Joey. "No. His



Bottom left: 911 operator with her husband J.R., the drummer;
Bottom right: Rhonda

name was Guido." I wondered how people could name their kids Guido. I thought it was just a name used in mob movies.

I asked her if Carole Kaye was her favorite female bassist (it was the only one I could think of). She said, "No, it's me." As she laughed, her friend J.R. said, "Uh, she's not

One guy said, "We never sound good playing that."

The next band was setting up, and I heard the drummer complaining about wanting his

ries. "I could, but we're not allowed to talk about other employees." She did tell me about the crank calls they get.

I was sitting next to a few guys who were in another band. I asked one of them what songs they were going to do. "We're going to do side one of Rush's 2112," he joked.

A guy named Dave was a guitarist missing a finger. I thought about the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia and Django Reinhardt, both players who had

"My wife hugged Eddie Money once."

joking."

She told me she's in her 40s and has been playing bass for 14 years.

After one band finished, I heard them disagreeing over why they did a certain song.

own cymbals. He was concerned about breaking someone else's gear.

J.R. and his wife have been together four years. She's a 911 operator. I asked her if she could tell me some crazy sto-

missing digits. I overheard two women talking, and one of them said, "Go ask him how he lost his finger. He won't mind talking about it. I think it might have been a firecracker on Fourth of July, but I'm not sure."

As Rhonda was putting her bass away, I heard her telling someone to try the chili she made.

As a sheriff was tuning his guitar, I noticed that he kept looking at the cell phone on his belt and heard him say, "It feels like it's ringing." I was tempted to go over and say, "Maybe because you're standing five feet from an amplifier."

As the singer checked the microphone, he said, "Testes...1, 2, 3. Am I too loud?" Someone in the back yelled, "There's no such thing!"

I sat next to a guy wearing a shirt that said Robot Death Company and asked him about it. He said that they make robots and explained how they had their top robots on a show on Comedy Central. The robots fought each other. He said, "I

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got a hug from Carmen Electra after I won a match. I asked her for a kiss, but

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I had a long drive to the next party in the North Park area.

The bass player and drummer from the band Transfer were there. They had a show later that night at the Belly Up Tavern and were trying to get me to go. I said, “I’ve already had my fill of music for the day. But I’ve seen you guys before. You’re great.”

I didn’t say that because they were standing right in front of me. I have no problem telling a band they suck. If a band is a bunch of nice guys that are young and don’t need the brutal truth, I can always find one thing I liked about the band. They may wonder later, *The only compliment that guy gave us was the drummer’s use of the high hat....*

Brandon, who was hosting this party, resembled Tom Cruise. He told me that he hears that a lot. When I heard that he had a motorcycle, I remembered that Cruise had one in *Top Gun*.

Brandon told me, “I was on a tram in Las Vegas. These old ladies insisted I was Tom Cruise. I had these aviator shades on. I was working it. But, I’m so much younger than Cruise. They were following me around everywhere. I’m not sure why they thought Tom Cruise would cruise around on a tram and not in a limo.”

I said, “You probably hated being short when you were young, but now it works because Cruise is short.”

Brandon said, “I think I’m actually taller than him.”

They were making some barbecue, and Brandon said, “This is my first attempt at jambalaya. It’s a nice comfort food. And, I don’t have to stand there

cutting anything.”

I went back over to the guys in Transfer. They were wearing cowboy shirts and boots. Jack Black of Tena-cious D says how important it is to dress the part when you’re in a band, even if that means waking up at noon and finding the perfect T-shirt. These guys looked hip.

I found out one of them is married to Hilary, a DJ at Star 94.1.

Brandon runs his business out of the front part of where he lives, and I asked him if the neighbors complain when he has parties. “Every time I have a party, the cops show up. It’s crazy because sometimes there will be homeless people out here doing crazy stuff...and the cops won’t show up if we call them. One person was going to the bathroom. It was disgusting. No cops, though. But if they hear any noise, they’ll show up.”

As Brandon was downing his jambalaya, we talked about the local bands we liked. He men-

tioned Anna Troy, and I told him about a song of hers I was looking for. He went inside and pulled out two CDs. They were all scratched up and he said they might skip, but he told me I could borrow them. He told me that he goes to most of her shows.

As I drove away from the party, I found the song about the paperboy that I was looking for. However, the rest of the CD skipped and was unlistenable.

I’ve seen Anna Troy perform a few times since, but I didn’t see Brandon the Tom Cruise look-alike there. I lost his number and still need to give him these CDs back. ■

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A recent issue of *Vogue* showcased a shot of Nicole Kidman in period costume, gazing aristocratically into the distance from atop a white dappled horse. The mare, ready for her close-up, looked right into the camera with a wise, friendly grin. I fell hard for that horse. (Better to fall *for* her than *off* her.) Similarly, I was charmed by Cowboy Star, a new restaurant so sweet and winsome I wanted to scratch its mane, rub noses with it, and feed it apples from my hand. More important, the food's mostly so good, I feel no need to apologize for this dumb metaphor.

There are plenty of upper-middle-price "theme park" restaurants in San Diego (you know their names), but only rarely does the food equal their ambiance. Perhaps the difference here is that Cowboy Star's veteran chef/co-owner is Victor Jimenez. You might have eaten his cooking at Gulf Coast eight years ago, at Thee Bungalow (when Ed Moore still owned it), at Gringo's (where he reshaped the menu to reflect Mexico's regional cuisines), or at JRDN, where he was opening chef. Then he vanished — nobody seemed to know where he went. The rumor was that he'd gone to India, destination of all Western runaways seeking enlightenment. In fact, he was merely lying low, right here in town, tending to his health and making plans for his new restaurant.

Cowboy Star, in which he's partnered with veteran food-biz duo Jon and Angie Weber, is a shrine to the joy of wild carnivorousness and to the era of shameless old-time meat-eating enshrined in Western movies of the '40s and '50s. (Think of *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, where the steaks were bigger than the plates: "That's *my* steak, Valance. Pick it up," rumbles John Wayne to Lee Marvin, and you know that the bully who deliberately tripped the waiter is a dead man walking.)

Outside is a small patio with iron chairs shaped like saddles and ashtrays affixed to the iron railing. Peek through the windows into the bar, you'll see cowhide armchairs in front and a wall of Stetsons to one side. To the other side of the entrance is a small butcher shop selling USDA prime beef, organic beef, bison steaks, venison sausage, free-range chicken, and more. None of it's cheap, but where else can you get these goodies so far south of Whole Foods and Jonathan's? When Victor and Jon looked around at the pricey new E-Ville condos, they saw a zillion balconies, each garnished with a Weber grill.



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Obviously, this neighborhood has a need that a serious butcher might fill.

The dining rooms are walled in red brick, with Western-motif decorations. Lynne, Sue, Yvette, and I (the dance-hall gals — naah, the schoolmarm) were led past a large open kitchen (where Victor was right up front, expediting) into another red-brick dining room, accompanied on our walk by Patsy Cline's "Walkin' After Midnight." Next was a Bob Wills western swing number, followed by Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, and Ralph Stanley. A soundtrack like this (put together by Victor, Jon, and Amber) deserves a good mane-scratch, a handful of sugar cubes, and a hug. Later, just when we got some noisy neighbors, the music switched for several numbers to loud, frantic film-noir jitterbug. (That hophead drummer with the tic in his eye — he's the murderer!) Eventually, it rolled back to Bob Wills's fat-boy food song, "Roly Poly," music to my ears.

The *amuse* was a two-ounce shot of spectacular chilled asparagus soup topped with crème fraîche, with a dark, exotic hint of toasted cumin. It left us

all vowing to buy some asparagus and try to re-create it at home.

Since it was "Restaurant Week," our foursome arrived with a plan: two \$40 discount meals, two from the regular menu — all shared around, of course. Looking over both menus, we discovered that if you're willing to skip the steaks, it's not so hard to cobble up a \$40 two-course dinner here of other good stuff. But if

you *do* want steakhouse fare, at least the meal comes with sides, and you don't have to dress up like a Master of the Universe. If Cowboy Star is a steakhouse of sorts, it's sort of the People's Steakhouse. (Well, no, it's not Black Angus or Claim Jumper. It's more the Middle Class Foodie-People's Steakhouse.)

There's also plenty of wild game on the menu. The dashed hopes I once held for the Tractor Room, with its all-alike game stews, were finally fulfilled at Cowboy Star, where each creature gets its own royal treatment. A starter of wild boar carpaccio featured ultra-thin slices of pink, tender pig meat drizzled with a honey jalapeño mustard sauce, alongside pickled yellow wax beans and micro greens that included chervil, contributing its fresh,

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anise-y notes. We loved it madly.

Buttermilk-fried sweetbreads were another winner. Long tall Sue, who's from Scotland, loves offal. (Of course: her national dish is haggis — lamb organs and oatmeal stewed in a lamb's stomach. Totally offal!) She was thrilled by the dish, and us Yanks were happy too — tender, earthy bits of meat in a dark, deep bourbon sauce, with a bright slaw of apple and Savoy cabbage and good crisp fries on the side to keep the Lynvester happy.

Braised lamb ribs were bathed in another dark, flavorful sauce, this one sweeter, based on whiskey and currants. Lynne and Yvette were somewhat put off by the fat on the ribs, but Scottish Sue and I loved them, along with their blimp of a potato dumpling. When the meat was gone, we swiped

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up all the sauce with the table bread. (The breads, from local Sadie Rose Bakery, are a fine choice, including baguette rolls, rosemary-thyme bread, and multigrain rolls.) But a roasted cauliflower soup with toasted caraway and truffle oil was a let-down, overthickened and leaving an identifiable aftertaste of flour from the roux.

An entrée of sarsaparilla quail was a hit, made with an old-time Southern soft drink that none of us had ever tasted. (It's related to root beer but made from a vine in the family called smilax, not from the sassafras tree that furnished the original root beer.) The quail had a magnetically rich gravy textured by ground hazelnuts, punctuated by figs and smoked cipollini onions. "It's rather a small portion," Sue complained. "It's a small bird, after all," said the Lynnester.

The steak on the Restaurant Week menu was a petite filet, grass-fed in Oregon. Normally, I'm unenthusiastic about filet, which is tender but wimpy-flavored, but the grass feed gave the cut more personality — a certain mineral undertone — than corn-fed cattle. It was beautifully rare, topped with herbed butter, and came with sauce béarnaise on the side, with Broccolini and potatoes. A béarnaise is always welcome. At home, I've often made a nonstandard, delicious but rather ugly pink version with the decanted dregs of the red dinner Bordeaux —

but for a normal white-wine version, this was fine.

Inspecting the meats in the restaurant's retail meat case, I'd fixated on a beautiful grass-fed bison rib-eye and happily found it on the menu in a huge 14-ounce portion. Sue, who grew up eating the plentiful game her dad shot, instantly "got it" — the bison proved almost as tender as cow steak but still had a touch of wildness in its flavor. (It's also a really healthy red meat — all "good" cholesterol, like seafood, just about no bad stuff.) When I tasted it, I let out that gentle, trebly Bob Wills signature sound: "Yee-haw!" Best bison I've eaten since my first taste of it in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and way more tender. (Too bad they can't grill it over a wood-fueled campfire here!)

If you're a serious beef-eater, the most expensive choice (\$43), and possibly well worth it, is a 20-ounce Meyer grass-fed strip steak that has been dry-aged 35 days. If you know what I'm talking about, then you know what I'm talking about. Just in case you don't because you missed last week's review of Ruth's Chris: Dry-aging deeply improves beef's flavor, not just its tenderness. But because it requires a lot of space and makes the meat shrink, dry-aging has become an extreme rarity. And 35 days is two weeks longer than most aging of any kind! Since the strip is an especially flavorful cut to start with, this really could be the tastiest piece of beef in San Diego. Wish I'd tried it. Got to find me a sugar daddy to take me back so I can do so someday.

For our final entrée, we wanted guinea hen, the delicious, ill-mannered bird that never stops whoopin' and hollerin'. (A perfect bird for a country-western music theme, no?) The kitchen was all out that night — perhaps they hadn't ordered much for Restaurant Week, since quail was on the discount menu. We substituted rosemary-grilled lamb loin in Syrah sauce with celeriac purée. The purée was oversalted, the lamb a bit tough, but the sauce was mowporthy. (What else is bread for?) If I had to do it again, I'd probably order the braised rabbit leg, so unusual on local menus. Farm-raised rabbit doesn't taste gamy or wild, by the way. It actually tastes like chicken but is even leaner. That's why I didn't order it.

The wine list is mainly Californian. Everything I really wanted was pretty steep, but in the under-\$40 class, the Beringer Cab was good enough. Our waiter, Jason, gave it full honors, decanting it to let it open up. (At first taste from the bottle, it was quite clenched.) Jason wasn't just waiter-smart: Hints of smart-smart kept leaking out in his comments during the meal — until, wise-guy that I am, I finally asked, "So what's your grad-school major?" Economics, he said.

Both Restaurant Week dessert choices were excellent. (The restaurant has a full-time pastry chef, Stephanie Tesnow.) Cowboy chocolate cake was an update of Chocolate Decadence with berries on the side and a mini-pouf of cardamom ice cream on top. I'd have liked lots more of the latter — cardamom

has been my favorite flavor ever since I ran away to India and achieved enlightenment about ice cream. The other choice (unfortunately going off-menu soon, as the fruit's season is nearly over) was a fabulous Meyer lemon pot au crème, the rich but light custard punctuated by paper-thin slices of candied lemon. Just got to say it again: "Yee-haw!" And double that, because you don't have to be an MBA on a corporate tab or a lawyer in a pinstriped suit to feel at home while you dig into your beautiful meat. Cowboy Star's for all the carnivores who just wanna have fun.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I grew up watching my grandmother cook," says Victor Jimenez. "We come from Mexican farmworkers, so the women in my family always had to cook for a lot of people. My grandmother started everything from scratch — roasting the coffee beans, grinding the corn. She had a wood-burning oven. It always mesmerized me when she was in the kitchen preparing food with the other ladies. I always tried to stay around the kitchen — my appreciation of good food started there."

"I started working under the supervision of Jim Hill [later the chef at Humphrey's], who passed away a few years ago. He was one of my first mentors at a little place in La Jolla, in 1985, '86. I was still attending high school, and I started as a pot-washer, working Friday and Saturday night after school. When summertime came I started to pick up more shifts. Being bilingual, the line cooks started to teach

me, and I started to learn all the products, all the different meats and fish, and I became a *chef tournant* for them, their helper bringing everything to the line. Chef Hill really tried to take me under his wing and help me to develop more passion for the industry."

"Right after that, I had the opportunity to work for chef Bernard Guillas when he was at the Grant Grill. Chef Bernard has been the great mentor in my career, my great inspiration."

Despite these awesome on-the-job teachers, Victor did eventually go to cooking school — but first came regular school. "Being from a Hispanic family, I had to finish my college education, so I graduated from San Diego State with a degree in economics. I was already involved in the restaurant industry, but this was more to fulfill that academic degree for my family than personally for me."

"Later on, I went to work for David and Lesley Cohn for over seven years, at Dakota and then Blue Point — a great learning experience. And right after that, there was a change in my life. Me being a chef, and my ex-wife graduated from the police academy...talk about a fork in the road! So we broke up, and I took some time off and went to the Cordon Bleu in Paris."

When he came back, he was chef at Gulf Coast for a few years, but at the end of opening day, his best friend and co-chef went home and committed suicide, so he doesn't like to remember that period. "After that, I got lucky to work for Ed Moore, when he was opening the Third Corner. I helped him revamp his

Thee Bungalow menu for a year and a half. Then an old friend of mine introduced me to Brad Miller, and we had this chemistry and he had this great energy. He gave me the opportunity to redirect Gringo's and then to open JRDN for him."

After more than five years working for Miller, Jimenez quit JRDN to take some time off to recover his health after all the years of nonstop work. "I needed to remove myself from everything and everybody and get healthy, because I was going through a lot of stuff in my life. I went into the basement and hibernated for a good amount of time. Then my friend Jon [Weber] got me out of the basement and got me involved in his dream of making this restaurant." I asked him whether he'd worked at Ruth's Chris in the interim, since their website shows his name as chef at the Harbor Drive branch, and one of the managers there told me it was the same Victor Jimenez who just opened Cowboy Star. Victor says they once tried to recruit him, but he never actually worked there. (Will the real Victor Jimenez please stand up?)

"I'm really happy and excited about what we've got," Jimenez says, "and the transformation of this area here. When I was thinking about this place, I thought over the theme of cowboy stars. I think of John Wayne and Clint Eastwood and Gene Autry. I was playing with the idea of the cowboy stars of the screen, fantasies of being a star, and it just gave me an outlet to start creating in that aspect. Perhaps those guys were really full vegetarians! But they all came across as steak guys." ■

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Hank should so be here. So many freebies, and all healthy. I’m lost in a swirl of customers, ranging up and down the lunchtime food counters, the sushi counter, the pizza counter, the salad counter, the hot-foods counter, the olive counter, ogling dishes like Painted Desert coleslaw and quinoa cakes.

I came in off University to — like, *kaboom!* — this mighty floor of food, grog, herbs, and more food. Kinda like a Vons, but greener, classier, and smellier, in a good way. Blue cheeses, Indian curries, that sort of thing. But I was here to check out something a guy on the #11 bus told me about.

“Whole Foods has a whole lotta freebies,” he said. “Even more on weekends.”

And the guy was right. First up: Vivien, in aisle three. She has a small table with samples of a spicy Italian sausage and mozzarella cheese. Mmm... Nice and spicy. Then a couple of aisles down, Elaine’s holding out little pots of Wallaby yogurt, “inspired by Australians,” whatever da heck that means. Maybe there’s more fruit Down Under — in the bottom of the pot. I slurp a strawberry, then vanilla, then pineapple-coconut.

It goes on like this till finally I grab a handful of Bear Naked granola and head for the main eat-in food court. And, guess what? They’re giving out samples here, too — a whole crew of guys, mostly, standing behind wildly stocked glass food displays with everything from cactus salad to chicken curry.

“Piece of Jim Lee’s wild mushroom pizza?” asks this guy. I nod. He roll-cuts a two-by-three-inch chunk. Oh, wow. This is absolutely scrumptious. “There are four different kinds of mushroom in it,” the guy says. “Pizza’s \$9.99 a pound.”

Huh. Pizza by weight. That’s new. Don’t know if I can tell the portobello from the shiitake, but

it’s a tasty black mess.

Then I let the feller twist my arm and I try the pesto-roasted tomato pizza (\$7.29 per pound) and oh, yes. That pesto. Can’t get enough of the grassy-green taste of it.

“We’ve got some nopales salad over here!” says this guy a little further along. “It’s our daily special.” Name’s Zack “Hamilton” Zuber. He hands me a little cup. Nopales, red onions, lumps of white feta cheese, red pepper. Pretty refreshing, with a tequila aftertaste to it.

Oh, what the heck. I’m feeling so good about this bounty, I start ordering a couple of things to actually buy and eat upstairs in the ground-level eating area (we’re half-underground here).

I start off with the nopales, a little plastic bucket of that combo in the display case. Then, next to it is a luscious-looking Sonoma chicken salad (chicken, celery, red grapes, and pecans in a mayomix), then I see a curry chicken salad giving me the come-on look. I get Hamilton to scoop me a spoonful (sold by weight) of that. Then, heck, big, wicked, and reminding me of the school cafeteria: potato pancakes. I get one. “Anything else?” says Hamilton. I shake my head. But then, just before I retreat, I can’t resist two small pieces of those pizzas, the mushroom and the pesto. Plus, on the way to the checkout, I get some (organic) coffee with, uh, honey, seeing as we’re all being PC ’round here.

Oh, Lord. The shock comes at the checkout. I’ve just spent \$18.43. Man! Those salads. Turns out my Sonoma was \$11.29 a pound — my half-pound cost \$5.53. The third-pound of nopales, at \$8.99 a pound, cost me \$3.42, and the third-pound of chicken curry cost \$3.25. Just seemed like one scoop. The organic coffee was \$1.99.

Sigh. Well, the eating area upstairs is nicely

decorated with orange-cushioned benches, maroon, orange, and mustard walls, cool hanging lights (with snaky, energy-efficient bulbs, natch), banners showing giant windmill generators, and a display of “team member art,” mostly surfing pix.

I’m kicking myself for spending like a drunken sailor, as they say, but manage to start in on the salads anyway. I realize two things: one, there’s way too much for me to eat (after all those freebies), and, two, I can take half back to Carla. So that halves the cost. In theory. And, three, they’re pretty delicious. ‘Specially the Sonoma, with its celery and pecans and grapes. And the curry, with its chicken and raisins. But still, I’m grinding my teeth at every chew.

“Next time, ask for them by dollar amount,” says Hamilton. He’s just got off his shift. He sits down a moment across from me in the booth. “That keeps your bill in control.” Turns out he is a retired French teacher. Works here part-time. Is 72. I can’t believe it. He looks 52.

“I eat right,” he says. “Salads from here. Just the best vegetables and fruit, and canned seafood, mainly. I didn’t always. I used to smoke and drink. Then my father died of heart failure. I knew it was smoking-related. That changed me. Now my diet gives me a positive outlook. I spark better.”

He says there’s only one downside. “I don’t enjoy going out with friends for big, meaty meals with rich desserts. It’s made me a bit of a recluse.”

“Ooh!” says this gal at the next table, Elysa, to her friend Karen. “Our plastic knives and forks, they’re biodegradable.”

Huh. I look at mine. “Tater Ware,” it says.

“Yes,” says Hamilton. “They’re made of potato. True. They degrade pretty quickly.”



Zack “Hamilton” Zuber

He gets up. “Off to the big meal of my day. A mesclun of baby lettuces, carrots, grape tomatoes, asparagus, shallots, fava beans, and fish. Or maybe lamb sausage. *Au revoir.*”

I shut the plastic salad boxes while there’s still enough for Carla. I’ve just gotta plunge back downstairs to the half-underground store floor one more time. There was something else I need to try. It was called “Y-Water.” The sample gal had four different flavors: muscle water, immune water, bone water, and brain water. The very areas where a man could do with help. Plus, hey, free helps, period. ■

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BEACHES

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is Coast Toast, served until noon — the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads, while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex restroom. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Monday. Moderate to expensive. *N.W.*

California Modern 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. With a new name and renovated for an even better ocean view, the former George's at the Cove continues to serve Chef Trey Foshee's ambitious, healthful California cuisine based on prime, seasonal ingredients and emphasizing sustainable wild seafood, local produce, naturally raised meats and poultry. The cooking style is a little lighter now, good for carb-counters, with only small amounts of starch on the entrées. The award-winning wine list offers few bottles under \$50, but many by the half-bottle or glass, including serious dessert wines. Full bar, creative "chef cocktails" with fresh fruit. Wheelchair elevator available but hidden (ask valet parkers); disabled can use neighbor Pasquale's mens' room on same floor. Vegetarians and vegans accommodated to order. Reserve well ahead. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

California Pizza Kitchen — La Jolla 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order Hawaiian pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. — *E.B.*

Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarls-

berg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery 7596 Shingle Lane, La Jolla, 858-456-1640. Pretend you're going to Tapenade, then veer off up Shingle Lane. You come to a sunny brick patio with mosaic tables, trees, plants, and a little Curiosity Shoppe-looking place. Ask for Joan, the Cookie Lady. Think Hermione Gingold ("There's no business like show..."). She's so bursting with life you'll almost forget to eat. Yes, this is soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half turkey sandwich (and it's real turkey, roasted here each morning) and Italian wedding soup will overstuff you. Best of all: your total here is about what you'd pay for the tip next door. Open daily except Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open lunch through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the lo-

cal Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The *chile verde*, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of P.B. party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Jack's La Jolla 7863 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-8111. This sprawling, glitzy restaurant has several venues serving steaks, seafood, sushi, and pub grub. In the Dining Room, the most formal and serious choice, Chef Tony De Salvio prepares a menu of refined, seasonal California-French cuisine featuring highly creative combinations of luxury ingredients and local products, full of

unexpected touches, e.g., a duck breast pairs delightfully with cocoa nibs. When you move on to sweets, dessert chef Jack Fisher is one of the town's best and boldest. An international wine list offers plenty by the glass, although bottles run high. Full bar. Vegetarians accommodated by request — ask and ye shall receive. Ask valet parkers for directions to wheelchair lift and elevators. Reservations urged. Dinners only in Dining Room, Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street, 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 housemade fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is housemade, 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.*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. If this is a chain, then tie me up, tie me down! Piatti started in the Bay Area and retains that foodie ethos, giving chefs at the local branches freedom to produce splendid, classic Italian menus including multiregional starters, interesting pastas, and thin-crust pizzas. The quality of ingredients and cooking is beyond suspicion. You are almost guaranteed a tasty meal. This is one of a few local eateries to offer sweetbreads to those who love them. Ravioli *all'imone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart are among the favorites. Californian-Italian wine list, full bar. Plenty for vegetarians, plus some vegan dishes (varying seasonally).

Reservations essential — beg for patio seating in good weather to avoid the indoor din. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Ranchos Cocina — Ocean Beach 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard #H, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619. At both locations of this delightful mini-chain you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. And sample something with the housemade mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try...anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and California coastal cuisine, i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight happy hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls" too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. At least four Japanese beers and more than a dozen sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the

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roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Look for Italian cooking styles ranging from Tuscan, which showcases pastas with simple fresh sauces, to meatballs and red sauce. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi is on special, just say "yes." Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Moderate. — N.W.

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — N.W.

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52 when calling Mexico.

El Arrecife Calle Colima 2293, Baja, 664-200-2585. Think of it as a Mexican take on an American institution, the burger joint. In this settled, upper-middle-class neighborhood, Daniel Ludim Gómez Vaca set up a hip little spot ("The Reef") where he specializes

in...octopus burgers. Actually, octopus, shrimp, beef, or chicken burgers. Or mixes. One of the best is octopus and shrimp with cheese and bacon. The children of Tijuana's elite come here to watch soccer, eat, and hang out, even though it's cramped and half underground. The menu has healthier alternatives, such as chicken salad or shrimp salad, but it's the octopus that has made him famous. Open noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B.

Cien Años Calle Jose Maria Velasco #1407, Baja, 664-634-3039. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all, a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, crocodile meat minitacos, posole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mescal worms, and you can try

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them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Vegetarian on request. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W.

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131, Baja, 664-685-8494. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrian Pedrin Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some

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seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for filleted sea bass — the baked Catalina with mushroom-cream sauce or the Olivia, stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are Madrazo oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less-expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled Sarandeado (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Vegetarian upon request. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.*

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, km. 59, Baja, 646-155-0307. It's hard to imag-

ine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Vegetarian upon request. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

La Leña Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Baja, 664-686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fummy, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...country-side! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mow-

ers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Señor Frog's Via Oriente 60 C6, L4, Zona Rio, Baja, 664-682-4962. Normally this is a moderately priced eatery, but Tequila Tuesdays promise as much food and drink as you can handle for one cover charge (\$15, last time we checked in). Food includes a buffet with good fish tacos, *birria* (stew, usually beef), pork, *chicharron*, carne asada, ceviche, on and on. House beers and Mexican liquors, including tequila, are in the deal, too. Refill your plate and glass as often as you want, truly. Only caution: if a sombrero-totin' *charro* comes up offering tequila shots from his bandolier, you'll pay. Free food and drink 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays only. Other days, inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

CENTRAL

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried

in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billings. As to treats, the generous, marvelous, lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M.*

Anthony's Fish Grotto — Downtown 1360 North Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-5103. If you don't want overcomplicated food, Anthony's obliges. Fish and chips is still the simplest and the best. Or Mama's Platter, cod combined with batter-fried calamari, shrimp, oysters, scallops, and clam strips. Anthony's has been up and running for six decades now, with the buying power to get the pick of the catch. The menu offers 18 different seasonal fish to choose from, plus — if you've got the bread — delicious lobster dishes (in season) like lobster thermidor with a creamy, winey sauce. No reservations. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Athens Market 109 West F Street, Downtown, 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white tablecloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakie*, owner Mary Pap-

pas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). Entrées come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch and dinner Monday through Friday, dinner only Saturday, closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

El Borrego Restaurant 4280 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-281-1355. This bright, über-cool eatery offers dishes from the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, where lamb eating is a tradition. In dishes like the Lamb Special (lamb taco, quesadilla, cactus salad, rice), the rich taste of lamb cooked in maguay leaves comes through beautifully. Lamb *mixiote* (a spicier, smokier variation, with the lamb cooked inside the thin maguay skin) is also a "must eat." Or, just to get hooked on the whole lamb thing, slurp their luscious broth (with lamb, garbanzo beans, rice). If you're feeling adventurous, try lamb *pancita* (lamb's organs cooked inside its own sewn-up stomach). Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least 20 breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black-olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily except Christmas, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Chipotle 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to be-

lieve: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises. It's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — *N.W.*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — 70 years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday menudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

East Village Tavern and Bowl 930 Market Street, Downtown, 619-677-2695. "Tavern" says it all. This is a big, rowdy but not brawly, street-open, multiscreen sports bar. Half drink, half food, half bowling alley. East Villagers are making it their local because the kitchen's open late, plus, on a date, rolling those balls helps break the ice. The food's surprisingly good. List topper: steak sliders. Imagine three New York strip steaks, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. A perfect strike. Then there's the pretty good Don't Mess With Texas burger, a *Panino Cubano*, and even chicken wings brined in salt, water, and herbs that have their own taste. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends, breakfast from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to graze on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.*

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about La Fachada is: You can have anything anytime. This restaurant near the trolley's 25th Street stop is Mexican but has Anglo food too — maybe because the cops' Central Division HQ sits across the road. Great not-quite-morning place for breakfast at, say, 3 a.m. They do a pretty good Western omelet breakfast with cheese, bell peppers, onions, and ham, bacon, or sausage. They also have great Caldo Siete Mares and Vuelva a la Vida, tasty soups laden with seafood. But the best fun is in the evening up to 11 p.m., when an outdoor kitchen operates, mostly serving tacos to eat under a big white garden canopy. Open 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. (Friday and Saturday open 24 hours). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway, Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, two vegan pastas, or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.*

Golden Dragon Asian Bistro 414 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-296-4119. The historic building has been freshly redecorated, keeping only the overhead sign that used to mark a one-time Chinese dive. Now the eclectic pan-Asian menu emphasizes Thai flavors — the owners and kitchen staff are Thai, including executive chef Miss Songsri (who put Celadon on the map), working in a more casual vein here. Don't miss Atomic Hog's Wings (small pork shanks) or the Louisiana fried buster crab dish named Jumping Jarvis. The beer and wine lists are international and affordable. Lunch and dinner, serving until 3 a.m. nightly. Lunches inexpensive, dinners moderate. — *N.W.*

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad, with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrees like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.*

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Kous Kous Moroccan Bistro 3940 Fourth Avenue, Suite 110, 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 Moroccan *Nights* fantasy. Start with a lively Chutney Sampler appetizer plate of *mezze*, Moroccan style, and if *b'stilla* is on the menu, don't pass up this treat of minced chicken in a cin-

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namon-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, house-made choices include refreshing fresh berries with orange liqueur and rosewater and a creamy crème brûlée, 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.*

Marie's Café 3016 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-0142. One of the last old-time diners in town. Marie and son Erik took over in 2002. It had already been operating for 50 years as Johnny's. They kept the tradition but created a sparkling kitchen and a reputation for generous servings. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If

Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. And forget fries. Go for the "side" salad, a huge dish of romaine, with tomatoes, red onions, cheese, croutons, and bleu cheese dressing. Go ahead. Mess yourself up. Open 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday; from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday; till 8 p.m. Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Mediterranean Cafe and Lounge 1352 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-515-2233. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Ocean Room and Lounge 630 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-501-6550. Sometimes you don't want a temple of haute cuisine, merely an easygoing place for folks to meet — especially if there are oysters involved. Ocean

Room fills that bill handily, one of the few Gaslamp joints where you can enjoy a conversation without straining over the noise. The fare is mainly Mediterranean-style seafood, with a few nods at Cajun cuisine. Pleasant dishes include mussels *mariniere*, Cajun seafood pasta (with sub-Cajun spice levels), seafood pan roast, and Fanny Bay oysters on the half-shell. Or try the oyster shooters. Valet parking, bar for single diners, casual feel. Dinner nightly. Expensive (but less than average for the neighborhood). — *N.W.*

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food, and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with

marinara sauce, sauteed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits — East San Diego 1737 Euclid Avenue, Southeast San Diego, 619-527-6565. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway, Southeast San Diego, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* —

pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sadaf — Downtown 828 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-0008. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. After the basket of complimentary bread, try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *al-balou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. 33 Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979. This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

St. Tropez — Downtown/Horton Plaza 926 Broadway Circle, Downtown, 619-696-8695. 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), crepes, 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 niçoise* 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. — *N.W.*

Sushi Itto 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (surimi), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puris-

tic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, reestablished in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cookout, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Week-days dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*

NORTH INLAND

El Bizcocho 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8500. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cuisine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury-resort ambience. Dinner nightly, Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet-and-gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green-chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient lo mein (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork bun, potstickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of

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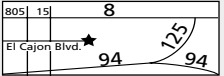
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Flavor Thai 4768 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3750. This opulent-feeling, great-value place (especially for lunch), is housed in an ex-Taco Bell restaurant, but you'd never know it. It has a small rose garden outside and ferns and plants inside. Nearly two dozen lunch specials include curries, soups, rice, and noodle dishes. Mock (or real) duck with green curry is great, as is the *massaman*, the potato curry. They set the spice heater-meter at low but respect heat requests. Check out the chef's specials — a couple of dollars more but usually interesting, like *ho mok* (shrimp, green-shell mussel, and calamari with veggies in red curry sauce). Open for lunch and dinner seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

El Galeón 503 West Mission, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W.*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Vietnamese beers including 33; just two generic wines. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W.*

Sunrise Buffet 3860 Convoy #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-McDonald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill — Escondido 890 West Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding.

Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Uno's expanded menu includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, and steak 'n' cheese burgers. Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660; 890 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-8667. — *E.B.*

NORTH COASTAL

Buca di Beppo — Carlsbad 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. People come here to celebrate, in party droves, by gobbling huge plates of "themed" Italian. Buca di Beppo ("Joe's Cellar") is a mighty national chain — but it works. Try the *penne arrabiata* with its spicy sausage or the popular chicken parmigiana. Standard stuff, but what the heck — you're having fun. Don't leave without conquering the mountainous, wicked Bella Festa, two huge balls of ice cream on double chocolate cakes running with sambuca sauce, caramel, and nuts on an 18-inch plate. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

Bully's 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The Petite Cut 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut (available in Mission Valley) — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the Bully Burger, French dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. — *E.B.*

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to restrooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

Firefly 251 North El Camino Real, Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

Il Fornaio — Del Mar 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feel-



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Pacifica Del Mar 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-792-1803. The chic crowd is drawn here by Pacific Rim/California-fusion cuisine centering on seafood and organic, locally grown produce. It's quality all the way, but some nights the restaurant is a victim of its own success. The riotous overflow crowds can challenge the kitchen's capacities, not to mention diners' tender ears. (Best strategy for pleasure: Reserve for early or late on a weeknight, and ask for patio seating or Room #2.) Fun list of low-priced mini-

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Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include an ultrarich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; groups larger than ten accommodated with manager's approval. High tea Saturday afternoon. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained-

glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, their daughters have continued the tradition, and everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." No lunch or dinner on Tuesday; no lunch Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

SOUTH BAY

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 386 East H Street, Suite 211, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. Also at 2260 Otay Lakes Road. 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 vegetable 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.*

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Diniguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — *E.B.*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food and plenty of it.

The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, kung pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Jimmy's — Chula Vista 1198 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned, American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast Eggs and Cakes (two eggs, three pancakes), the Touchdown (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the Monte Cristo hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *EB*

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.*

McP's Irish Pub and Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender,

thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

Parisi's Italian Restaurant 323 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-4490. This is an area where a lot of folks live in trailer parks on fixed incomes, and Parisi's has become their affordable, often daily treat. The good news is they don't just open cans. Nick and Rosemary Parisi, who opened here back in 1979, brought New Jersey traditions with them. Nick had been a butcher. His son Nick still makes his own delicious fennel-flavored sausage just as his dad taught him. Sons and daughters now run the place and still make their own spaghetti sauce, too. Other dishes include the eggplant or veal Parmesan sandwich and meatballs and sauce with garlic bread. This isn't the smart, spare Gaslamp Italian, it's the old-fashioned *Moonstruck* Italian. Lunch and dinner six days, late lunch and dinner Sundays. — *E.B.*

Spiro's Gyros 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 Californian), 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, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. Moontime Creamery owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: a cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangle-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 senioritas, 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.*

EAST COUNTY

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Jimmys — Mission Gorge 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

Los Michoacanos 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032. You get a lot for a little here. Order even one really cheap potato taco from Luis Gabriel, the owner, and you get the full treatment of tortilla chips and salsa beforehand. Then out comes this hot, crisp-shelled taco, bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. It may be way cheap, but it's no way mean. Other good Mexican dishes here include the chorizo torta or the grand garlic shrimp combo. Added bonus: The place is new, bright, red and yellow, and sports a terrace looking out across the valley. Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive — *E.B.*

The Omelette Factory 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686. The Factory sits in the kind of stand-alone building you expect to see in a country town: long, angled roof with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. It's a great sprawling place that's ideal to bring the kids for a big breakfast. You can't beat their omelets, all 19 of them, from the Just Say Cheese (with Swiss, Jack, Cheddar, or American) to the magnificent Factory Omelette (a build-your-own: up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). A Greek family has turned this location outside Santee from an abandoned social hall into a regular pit stop for half the community, it seems. For lunch, try the Factory Burger. It has two hamburger patties *plus* gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*



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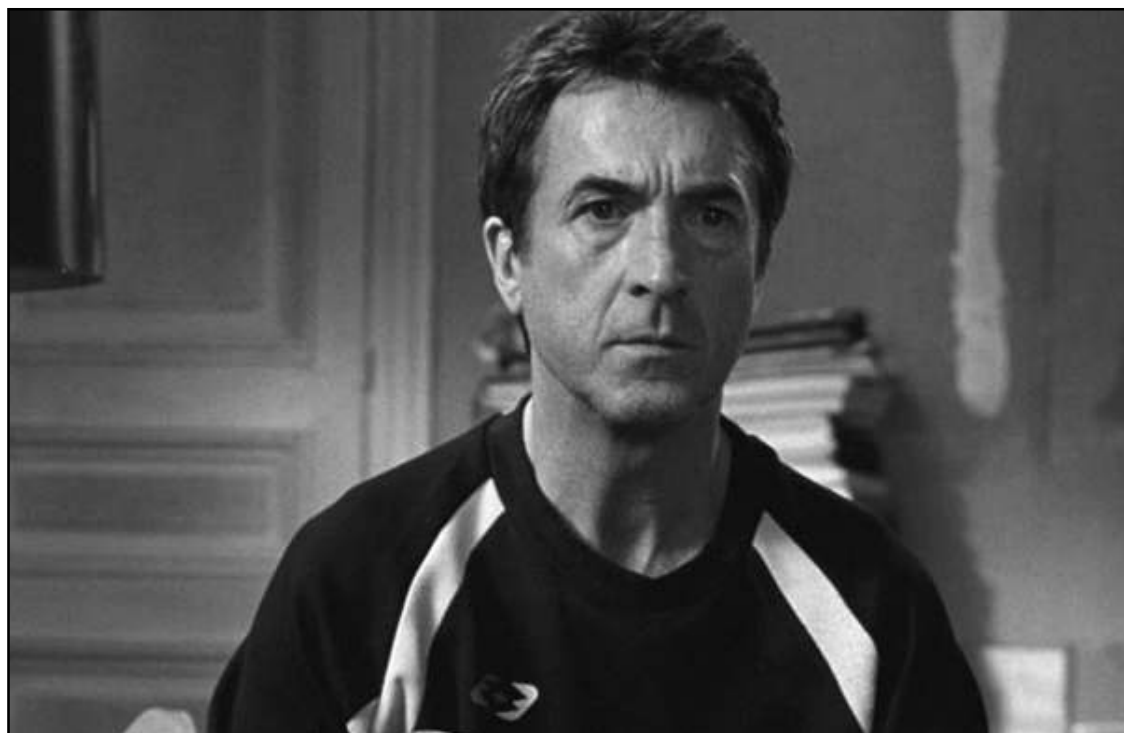
another. This adaptation by director and co-writer (and supporting actor) Guillaume Canet reminds me why. Convoluted and contorted beyond resemblance to organic life on Earth, concocted and cockamamie beyond the realm of all probability, it boasts the sort of plotting where an unassuming Parisian pediatrician, hounded by a remorseless hit squad, can call in a favor (i.e., troop support) from a grateful hoodlum with a hemophiliac infant. Or where a handy heroin addict will turn up dead at just the moment when you need a body in order to stage a *faux* murder, and you can count on no one noticing the discrepancies between the autopsy cadaver and the supposed victim. All

along the way the storytelling employs withholding and delaying tactics whose effect is more annoyance than suspense; and at the finish it features a long-winded verbal summation that, besides its bookishness, com-

presses the absurdities into an intolerably small space. In the middle, the over-

heated action, in the man-on-the-run vein, stretches out far past the stamina of the average pediatrician; and the loose, lurching camerawork strives here and there to create an illusion of action even when there's none.

All that aside, the film is perforce populated with Frenchmen (and bilingual Canadian and British women), who, true to form, work hard and selflessly to engage our interest: François Cluzet, the Gallic Dustin Hoffman, in looks at least, if not also in rodent intensity, as the doctor who believes he has lost his wife to a serial killer, and comes to find out, on the eighth anniversary of the event, that he may not have lost her for good; Marie-Josée Croze (the Canadian) as the absent



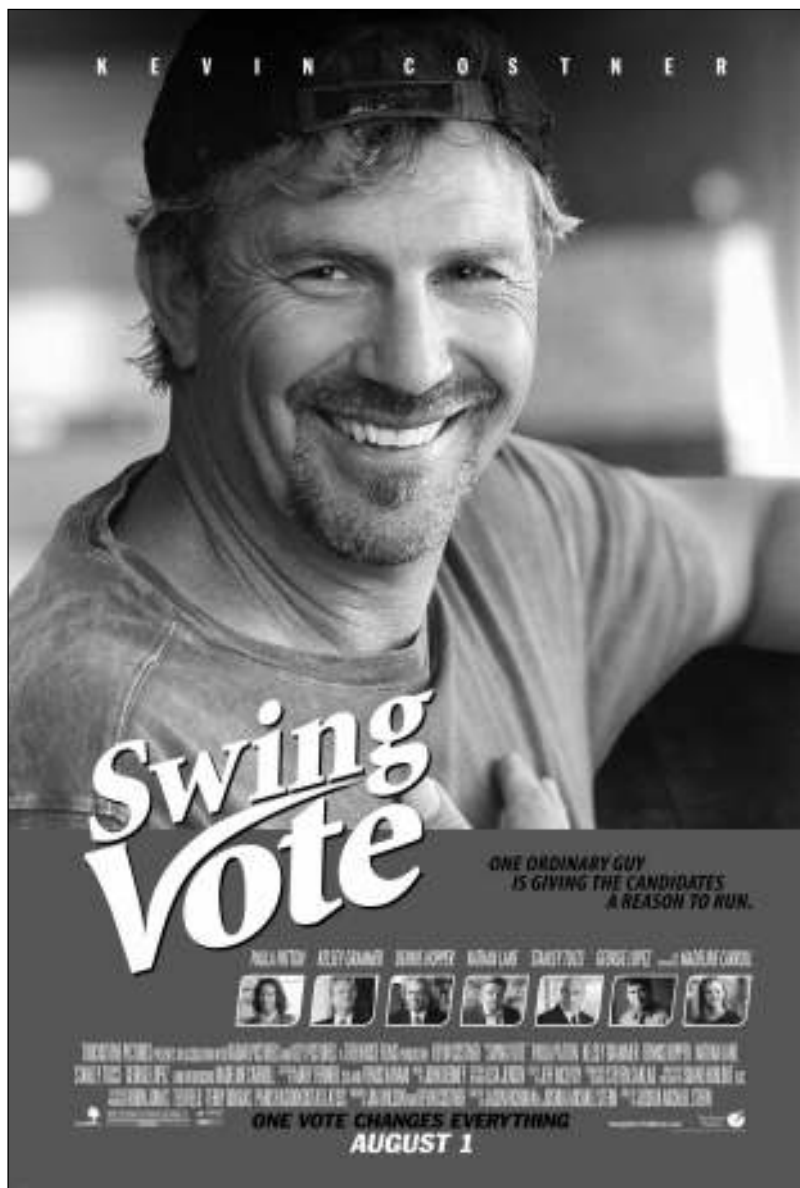
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wife; Kristin Scott-Thomas (the Brit) and Marina Hands (last year's *Lady Chatterley*) as a pair of uptown lesbians; the formidable Nathalie Baye as a high-priced and all-business attorney; François Berléand as the dogged, obsessive-compulsive cop on the case (exasperated, for example, at his underling's carelessness in differentiating between the trash bin and

the recycling bin); a tall, sinewy, hatchet-faced woman whose name I didn't get as an impassive assassin and torturer; and the venerable veterans Jean Rochefort and André Dussollier as separately grieving fathers. The latter, thanks in no small measure to his membership in the Alain Resnais repertory troupe, has evolved into one of the world's great actors, always a

pleasure and a privilege to watch. With supreme poise and not a hint of a knee-buckle, he shoulders the brunt of the absurdity.

Hellboy II: The Golden Army, although it might receive a free pass from fans of *Pan's Labyrinth*, amounts to a black mark on the record of director Guillermo del Toro, whose record, which started out so clean with



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Cronos in his native Mexico and *Mimic* in the Hollywood system, has begun to look a bit ink-stained: *Blade II*, the first *Hellboy*, now the second, and nothing else that comes close to those first two. If the panegyricized *Pan's Labyrinth* was itself overly clogged in its visuals, his new production has a lot more money, more graphic design, more CGI, more costumes, more makeup, etc., with which to be clogged. To try, amid the congestion, to pick out evidence of his personal obsessions with subterranean realms and creepy-crawly life forms has become a joyless, though not a fruitless, exercise. The pivotal scene in the movie, irksomely jokey already, is without doubt the drunken duet between the titular sunburned hero and his aquamarine sidekick, Abe, a lachrymose sing-along to Barry Manilow's "Can't Smile without You." (The red man is having troubles with his combustible new bride — "I would give my life for her, but she also wants me to do the dishes" — and the blue man has a crush on a flaxen-haired, powder-faced fairy princess, the sister of a netherworld insurrectionist scheming to overthrow humanity.) Some sorts of viewers — the immature, the tasteless, the silly — will possibly see this scene as the highlight, but the more seasoned are sure to feel it disqualifies the movie from its subsequent ponderings of the destruction of mankind, the eternal tug of war between self-interest and the commonweal, and the would-be wrenching death scene at the climax. They are likely to feel further that it disqualifies the movie from subsequent sequels.

Meet Dave, directed by Brian (Norbit) Robbins, is an Eddie Murphy vehicle that casts him in only two roles instead of his customary multiple, that of an anthropomorphic alien spaceship designed in the image of its captain, and that of the Lilliputian captain himself, sent to Earth from the dying planet Nil to retrieve a lime-sized orb that can drain the oceans for their needed salt, thereby saving Nil and dooming Earth. The ship's crew, meanwhile, come to be affected by Earth's atmosphere (the latent homosexual discovering Broadway show tunes, the latent romantic discovering décolletage), and come to understand that Earth is worth saving too. This strikes me as a science-fiction idea no less legitimate than that of *WALL-E*, and, in his guise as the spaceship-cum-robot, Murphy executes some amusing comedy of mockery in attempting to fit in with human society, grotesquely imitating the human smile, the human laugh, human small talk. But the manufacture of gags is plagued by inconsistency (why is the tiny captain so articulate while his man-sized simulacrum is so tongue-tied?) as well as by excessive demands and low standards.

Finding Amanda is a small comedy of larger-than-average ambition, sharp in flavor and in perception, centered around a middle-aged racetrack junkie and hack sitcom writer. Peter Tolan, the screenwriter and first-time director, has his own sitcom résumé, *Murphy Brown*, *Home Improvement*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, far from the pits, though his work here is not without traces of hackery mixed in with the honest effort. The protagonist, in his wife's doghouse for his gambling, seeks to redeem himself by taking on a mission of mercy to Vegas, ostensibly hoping to persuade his hooker niece to enter rehab, but more ur-

gently hoping to play the ponies in peace, backsliding on his drug and alcohol recoveries to boot. Matthew Broderick occupies the moral low ground with his perennial innocence intact, preventing the movie from sliding into the chasm of *Leaving Las Vegas*. Brittany Snow, less than half his age and perhaps less than half his innocence as well, does fine with the perky denial, but the cracks in the façade look like mere histrionics. This is one of those exclusives at the Gaslamp theater for which I've advised you to keep an eye out. Blink and it could be gone. ■

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The Big Clock — Near-perfect murder mystery, from a novel by the poet Kenneth Fearing, about a Big Town crime reporter, overdue for vacation, following a killer's trail that seems to lead straight to himself. Classically compressed in time and space (two of the three "unities"), and the action (the third) is ushered along swiftly and flowingly by the underrated director, John Farrow. The title object is both an imposing and useful item in itself and an unstrained symbol of bigger things. Remade in 1987 as *No Way Out*, far, far from perfect. With Ray Milland, Charles Laughton, George Macready, Maureen O'Sullivan (Mrs. Farrow), and Elsa Lanchester (Mrs. Laughton). 1948. ★★★★★ (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/17 AND 18, 8:30 P.M.)

Brick Lane — Glossy women's film, playing facilely on our sympathies: a Bangladeshi Muslim shipped off to London, at an early age, for an arranged marriage to an oppressive older fatso, eventually courted as she deserves by a hunky young political activist. Nine-Eleven comes along to broaden the horizons further. With Tannishtha Chatterjee, Satish Kaushik, and Christopher Simpson; directed by Sarah Gavron. 2007. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Dark Knight — Christopher Nolan's second Batman film, with Christian Bale again as the superhero and the late Heath Ledger as the villainous Joker. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY

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The Edge of Heaven — European immigrant drama written and directed by the Turkish-German filmmaker, Fatih Akin. (KEN, 7/18 THROUGH 24)

Elsa and Fred — December-December romance between a withdrawn new widower and his blithe and spirited neighbor, still nursing a lifelong dream to visit the Trevi Fountain and re-enact the *Dolce Vita* scene involving Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni. (She, an Argentine, lives in Madrid, a short enough hop to Rome.) Pretty mushy but not actually messy. With China Zorrilla and Manuel Alexandre; written and directed by Marcos Carnavale. 2007. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 7/18)

Encounters at the End of the World — In miles at least, Werner Herzog has never travelled farther in search of a lunatic fringe: the dwellers in Antarctica, the bottom of the globe. His wide-angled camera finds some interesting interview subjects, "dreamers," misfits, seekers, in addition to interesting nature footage: underwater beneath the ice, at the rim of an active volcano, on the trail of a maverick penguin. Herzog himself, a fringy lunatic in his own right, stays off screen but always in our ear: "We flew into the unknown, a seemingly endless void." In spite of statements such as that one, his characteristic attempts to hype up his topics are comparatively toned down. 2008. ★★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 7/18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 7/17)

Finding Amanda — Reviewed this issue. With Matthew Broderick, Brittany Snow, Maura Tierney, Peter Facinelli, and Steve Coogan; written and directed by Peter Tolan. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Get Smart — Big-screen reincarnation of the late-Sixties TV spy spoof, no longer a saboteur of a thriving genre, but just another copycat grave-robbler. Diligent homage is paid to the original ("Would you believe...," "Missed it by that much," etc.), and the jokes are cranked out industriously, and both Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway bring their own qualities to it (a transparent deadpan and a prissy irony, respectively), but mirth goes missing. With Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp, and James Caan; directed by Peter Segal. 2008. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson — The truth-bending journalist, doper, drinker, gun enthusiast, and suicide (1939-2005), in words and pictures, the latter ranging from a fuzzy video of the TV game show, *To Tell the Truth*, to big-screen impersonations of him in *Where the Buffalo Roam* and *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, and the former ranging from his own writings (recited by Johnny Depp) to talking-head testimonials from *Rolling Stone* editor Jann Wenner, fellow "New Journalist" Tom Wolfe, George McGovern, Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Buffett, Hell's Angel Sonny Barger, et al. A bumpy trip down Memory Lane, not without its points of interest, flooded the whole way with apropos pop songs. Directed by Alex Gibney. 2008. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Hancock — Two ideas prevail. The first may be summed up in the term "anti-superhero," or if you prefer it, "super-anti-hero." The hero, that is to say, possesses the full complement of comic-book superpowers, yet he boozes round the clock, goes days without shaving, dresses like a slob if not a bum (rejecting the conventional superhero's uniform as fit for a "homo"), is surly, rude, profane. Why he bestirs himself to pursue criminals is not apparent, but he never worries about collateral damage in the course of that pursuit, knocking down freeway signs, piling up cop cars, taking chunks out of skyscrapers, racking up a \$9 million repair bill in just the film's opening chase scene. The personality, in short, of an above-the-law pro athlete or rock star. The second idea, a late turn of plot, cannot be divulged. Then again, it is not really worth divulging. Nothing more, for that matter, is really worth divulging, if only because of the decision — the bad idea — the anti-idea — to sign up Peter Berg as the director, bringing to this juvenile fantasy the same *cinéma-vérité* affectations he brought to the ripped-from-the-headlines terrorist thriller, *The Kingdom*, or to the football docudrama, *Friday Night Lights*, the same jiggly, wavy, zoomy camerawork, the same pushy, tight, tunnel-vision closeups. To put a movie in his hands is to put it in very shaky hands indeed. Never mind a special-effects blockbuster, Peter Berg could not be entrusted to shoot a child's birthday party. Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron. 2008. ● (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; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Hellboy II: The Golden Army — Reviewed this issue. With Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Doug Jones, Luke Goss, and Anna Walton; written and directed by Guillermo del Toro. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Incredible Hulk — All right. Agreed. Ang Lee's heavily psychological *Hulk* was no world-beater. But did that mean, following in the footsteps of alternative versions of the *Batman* and *Superman* series, we wanted a new incarnation of this steroidal superhero, the unjolly green giant, a mere five years later? Action specialist (not master) Louis Leterrier presumes our familiarity with Dr. Bruce Banner, skips the biographical backstory, and plunges right into the thick of things, at a price, however, of some incoherence. And the film still takes almost half an hour to reach the first computer-generated manifestation of the title character, at that time hiding out in the slums of Rio, studying anger-management and seeking a permanent "cure." From

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there, rooted out by his jingoistic nemesis, Gen. Thaddeus “Thunderbolt” Ross, father of the hero’s devoted girlfriend, Betty (perilously close to Betsy) Ross, he pursues a programmed course — science vs. military — to the same climax attained, a step ahead, by his Marvel Comics stablemate, Iron Man, squaring off against an angrier, bigger, hulkier version of himself. Can the custodians of Marvel not think of any other plot pattern? (In the post-climax coda, Iron Man himself, Robert Downey, Jr., drops by to promise sequels.) Needless to say, Edward Norton vs. Tim Roth would not be anybody’s idea of a Battle of the Titans, so the slope-shouldered actors must bow out in favor of computer-cartoon figures, a titanic battle between jumbo wads of chewing gum. Lou Ferrigno, the Hulk from the late-Seventies TV series, enjoys a cameo as a campus security guard, a forlorn relic of the pre-CGI age. (The late Bill Bixby, the Bruce Banner alter ego on the series, pops up on a Brazilian TV screen in an episode of *The Courtship of Eddie’s Father*.) That show, likewise called *The Incredible Hulk*, was nothing to get nostalgic about, but neither will this show be. Liv Tyler, William Hurt, Tim Blake Nelson. 2008.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull — Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg rejoin forces, nineteen years later, for a fourth archaeological adventure. Ford, with his big-cat purr of a voice, remains an amiable fellow; and if he’s a bit jowlier beneath that crumpled face (like a wadded-up piece of paper retrieved from the wastebasket and mostly smoothed out again), and if he occasionally throws in a disarming grumble or groan in recognition of his advancing years, he nonetheless keeps pace with the physical action, or else his director cleverly covers for him during it, so that he shows no such signs of wear and tear as would demand any added suspension of disbelief beyond the several tons suspended already in the prior adventures. Spielberg, for his part, eager to show that *Munich* burned no bridges, any more than *Schindler’s List* or *Amistad* burned any, is still a superior technician. Superior, that is to say, to Michael Bay, Simon West, Brett Ratner, Roland Emmerich, Renny Harlin, John McTiernan, Jon Turteltaub, among other wannabes; and the relentless action scenes are always impressive in their engineering while never being in the least believable or involving. (A fencing bout conducted in side-by-side jeeps at top speed unfailingly focusses our attention on the filmmaker rather than on the fencers.) In the end — in the accumulation — the action grows more than a little tedious. Spielberg’s technique is superior not only to others’ technique but also to his own taste. A good long time, needless to stress, has

gone by since the previous Indy adventure, and the new one can’t be content to try to top just that one. It has to try to top, in addition, *The Da Vinci Code*, the *National Treasure* hunts, the Lara Croft adventures, et al. With a plot that links Roswell, New Mexico, to the Erich von Däniken theory of evolution, Spielberg keeps pace in that race as well. To say so is no great compliment. Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Iron Man — Marvel Comics superhero (vintage 1963) rerouted through present-day Afghanistan. Weapons manufacturer Tony Stark, alias “The Merchant of Death,” learns first-hand that his products sometimes land in the laps of America’s enemies, and to combat this he devises a personal suit of flying armor (a gold titanium alloy, actually, not iron), transforming himself into a sort of airborne Robocop to police the world. The current-events tie-in is fairly tasteless, given the conventional jokiness of the approach, aggravated by the couldn’t-give-a-shit affectation of Robert Downey, Jr., in the title role. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Terrence Howard, and Shaun Toub; directed by Jon Favreau. 2008.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Journey to the Center of the Earth — The Jules Verne novel serves as a factual guidebook for a week of uncle-

nephew bonding. The 3D effects can be a bit crude (twice we get spat in the face, once drooled in the face), and it takes a while to reach the fun stuff (the flying fish, the flesh-eating plants, the floating rocks, the lone dino), but at least the fun stuff is fun. With Brendan Fraser, Josh Hutcherson, and Anita Briem; directed by Eric Brevig. 2008.

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Kit Kittredge: An American Girl — Social consciousness for kids, an orgy of benevolence, generosity, trust, fellowship, and so on, among the needy in Depression-era Cincinnati, with a few not-very-nice party poopers thrown in as object lessons. The lachrymose Abigail Breslin, in the title role of a ten-year-old cub reporter, has plenty of opportunity to promote herself as the preteen Meryl Streep. With Julia Ormond, Chris O’Donnell, Max Thieriot, Glenne Headly, Joan Cusack, Stanley Tucci, Jane Krakowski, and Wallace Shawn; directed by Patricia Rozema. 2008.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;

FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Kung Fu Panda — Plump computer cartoon about a tubby panda (voice of Jack Black, tubby typecasting), an envious aficionado of the martial arts, dissatisfied with his lowborn “place” in the family noodle business. Wanting nothing more than to witness the anointment of the new Dragon Warrior, inheritor of the Secret of Limitless Power, he manages by dumb luck to get himself so anointed, in effect hitting the kung-fu lottery. With that, the filmmakers set about to purvey a dearly and widely held fantasy: the idea that the neophyte in any field, but especially the martial-arts field, can quickly close ground on the masters by means of a remedial crash course. No matter how low your opinion of kung fu or its film genre, you would be justified in finding this insulting, to both the specified martial art and your intelligence. And animation, despite its easy defiance of physical laws, does not much soften the insult. If the Furious Five — Tiger, Crane, Mantis, Monkey, and Viper — are together no match for the rogue snow leopard, Tai Lung, how can the Portly Panda compete? (As the Tiger rightly tells him, “If you have any respect for what we are and what we do, you will be gone in the morning.”) Apart from its featherweight reinforcement of the something-for-nothing ethic, there is probably no great harm in the movie. And in its own field it cuts no corners, leaves no stone un-

turned. It wouldn’t let a doodling neophyte anywhere near the drawing board. Or the keyboard. With the voices of Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, and Jackie Chan; directed by John Stevenson and Mark Osborne. 2008.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mamma Mia! — Musical romantic comedy with Meryl Streep, Amanda Seyfried, Pierce Brosnan, and Colin Firth, directed by Phyllida Lloyd.

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Meet Dave — Reviewed this issue. With Eddie Murphy, Elizabeth Banks, Gabrielle Union, and Scott Caan; directed by Brian Robbins.

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Mongol — Genghis Khan, the formative years. Whatever he later might have been guilty of, here are the extenuating circumstances: the poisoning of his father, the abduction of his wife, his sale into slavery, etc., not to forget the burdensome birthright of all Mongols. It makes for a tedious case, sometimes enlivened by nice countryside and nice riding across it, but never much by the splashy bloodshed. With Tadanobu Asano, Khulan Chuluun, Honglei Sun, and Amadu Mamadakov; directed by Sergei Bodrov. 2007.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Rushmore — Teen comedy for grownups, but not for squares, about an assortment of oddballs caroming off one another, never fitting together flush, at an exclusive private school called Rushmore Academy. The central oddball will not remain at the school for the duration, starting out on “sudden-death academic probation,” frittering away far too much of his time in extracurricular activities (president of the Calligraphy Club, founder of the Trap and Skeet Club, eponymous director of the Max Fischer Players, etc., etc.), and soon having to pursue his calling as a theatrical entrepreneur (an adaptation of *Serpico*, a Vietnam War re-enactment complete with ear plugs and

safety glasses under each seat) in the plebeian surroundings of Grover Cleveland High. There is always the danger, when pil-ing oddness upon oddness, of appearing to be doing it solely for effect, solely as a stunt, and director Wes Anderson (*Bottle Rocket*) does not always sidestep the danger. At the same time, he earns our respect for not trying to orchestrate fortissimo laughs in perfect unison, but instead drawing out widely dispersed dribbly little delayed-reaction titers. Every individual viewer must find his own fun. This is not, to reiterate, a teen comedy for teens; not a flattering likeness; not a pattern for imitation. Newcomer Jason Schwartzman, very earnest and joyless, vaguely Stanley Tucci-esque in his resemblance to a chisel, is a marvelous discovery as the hero, who, in addition to (or as part of) his extracurricular activities, develops a bit of a thing for a two-inches-taller, British-accented, widowed first-grade teacher (Olivia Williams), a thing that’s more than a mere crush but perhaps a little less than *l’amour fou*. Unhappily, the school’s leading benefactor (a restrained Bill Murray) develops a thing for her, too, and although no closer to her in age, even if closer in height, he gains the inside track as a full-fledged adult. When (or if) you catch yourself wishing the boy would notice the nice Asian girl his own age at Grover Cleveland, you will realize with mild amazement that these oddballs have come alive as human beings. Mason Gamble, Seymour Cas-sel, Brian Cox. 1998.
★★★ (KEN, 7/19 MIDNIGHT)

Sex and the City — The big-screen resuscitation of the defunct HBO series (1998-2004) runs, or better say sashays, two hours and twenty minutes. That’s a lot of clothes and accessories, a lot of accompanying pop songs, a lot of chatty first-person

narration, a lot of superficiality, a lot of vacuity. Maybe it would help if you had fol-lowed these four bosom buddies — the stringy Sarah Jessica Parker, the Amazonian Kim Cattrall, the pop-eyed Kristin Davis, the pinched Cynthia Nixon — throughout their six seasons of looking for love. To be sure, there’s not much looking anymore, and yet not much relating, either: the men, now that they’ve been landed, are little more than accessories themselves. Tempe-tuous developments do occur: one of the buddies neglects to wax her pubes, one of them poops her pants, one of them packs on a spare bicycle tire, and the remaining one dyes her hair. (Symptoms of bigger things, but even so.) Maybe, on the other hand, it would be better to follow these buddies no further. Written and directed by Michael Patrick King. 2008.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Singing Revolution — Documen-tary by James and Maureen Tusty on Estonia’s nonviolent struggle for independence. (GASLAMP 15)

Tell No One — Reviewed this issue. With François Cluzet, Marie-Josée Croze, Kristin Scott-Thomas, and André Dussollier; di-rected by Guillaume Canet.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 7/18)

The Thomas Crown Affair — Steve Mc-Queen, on the other side of the law from *Bullitt*, but not the other side of the “cool” spectrum, is an infinitely enviable thief who spends his time and his loot playing polo and piloting gliders and doing generally groovy things. Faye Dunaway is the insur-ance agent on his case, dressed up seem-ingly for the pages of *Vogue*. And Norman

Jewison directs with an unstanchable drool. 1968.
● (CINEMA UNDER THE STARS, 7/19 AND 20, 8:30 P.M.)

The Visitor — Deep absorption, at the start, in the enclosed world of a dour Con-necticut college professor, the classroom, the private office, the school cafeteria, the empty hours at home where, to fill the void left by his late wife, a concert pianist, he tries desultorily to master the instrument himself, late in life. Then a reluctant change of scene, when he is forced out of his orbit, under departmental orders, to attend a De-veloping Nations Conference in New York City, where he finds his unused apartment occupied by two squatters, a musician from Syria and a jewelry designer from Senegal, husband and wife, Muslims both. The ini-tial shock gives way to starchy hospitality (he never shows as much curiosity as the viewer might wish about the identity of the mysterious “Ivan” who rented out the apartment), and the walls of his world ex-pand little by little, exposing the touching and amusing spectacle of an introverted man opening up, taking a stab at warmth, attempting something new, discovering that the African drum (which gets his head moving like a bobblehead doll) is more his instrument than the classical piano. The film takes a dire turn before the halfway point with an illustration of Racial Profiling and the incarceration of the happy-go-lucky street musician in a detention center for illegals: a bit of hot topicality to give the story Relevance, Significance, Importance. That notwithstanding, it presents just one, small, personal story of the post-9/11 world, not a Big Sweeping Statement. For all its liberal sentimentality, it indulges in no outsized emoting. And it offers a meaty role to Richard Jenkins, an able character

actor, never the lead, who nibbles at the meat with proper restraint, hiding his avid-ness and gratitude. (With an eye on the most modest box-office, and with but a mi-nor cost to integrity, the role could have been offered to more of a household name, a Richard Gere, a Kevin Kline.) Haaz Sleiman as the blissfully ungarded drum-mer, Danaï Gurira as his fearfully guarded mate, and Hiam Abbass as his dignified and elegant mother, in from Michigan to stand vigil outside the austere United Correc-tional Corporation, complete the ensemble, a dissonant quartet, resolving into sweet-ness. All four of them in their separate ways are painfully affecting. The outcome, al-though far from happy, could more plausi-bly have been a lot farther from it. A state-ment is made after all, if only a quiet one. Written and directed by Tom McCarthy. 2008.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA)

The Wackness — Summer vacation after high school and before college: a romance blossoms between a teenage dope peddler and his classmate client, and a bond of friendship forms between the former and the latter’s father, a crazy mixed-up psychi-atrist. The action is set back in 1994, but that’s no excuse for the colors fading al-most to ashes. And while Olivia Thirlby is appealing as the girl, Josh Peck isn’t the most credible friendless virgin, a social pariah despite his superficial attractiveness (in a too-cool-for-school sort of way, sleepy-eyed, slack-jawed, froggy-throated) and despite his flourishing candy store. Ben Kingsley’s strangeness as the psychiatrist is more the strangeness of an actor than of a character, the strangeness of an affected, abstracted manner and a stifled, indefinite accent. With Famke Janssen, Jane Adams, Mary-Kate Olsen, and Method Man; writ-

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **The Incredible Hulk** (PG-13); **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G); **Kung Fu Panda** (PG); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Meet Dave** (PG); **Space Chimps** (G); **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R)

DOWNTOWN
Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Constantine's Sword (Not Rated); **Encoun-ters at the End of the World** (G); **Finding Amanda** (R); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G); **Sex and the City** (R); **The Singing Rev-olution** (Not Rated); **Space Chimps** (G); **WALL-E** (G)

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20, 11:50 Sat. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:50, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:10, 3:40) 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 6:45; **The Happening** (R) Fri. (12:15, 5:20) 7:35 Sat.-Sun. (12:15) 5:20, 7:35; **The Incredible Hulk** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 4:20) 7:05, 11:50 Sat. (11:30) 4:20, 7:05, 11:50 Sun. (11:30) 4:20, 7:05; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri. (9:20, 12:05, 2:50, 5:35) 8:20, 11:05 Sat. (9:20, 12:05, 2:50) 5:35, 8:20, 11:05 Sun. (9:20, 12:45) 4:05, 7:15, 10:00; **Iron Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:25, 2:30) 9:50; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (9:10, 11:40, 1:55, 4:20) 7:10, 9:25, 11:40 Sat. (9:10, 11:40, 1:55) 4:20, 7:10, 9:25, 11:40 Sun. (9:10, 11:40, 1:55) 4:20, 7:10, 9:25; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri. (9:40, 11:55, 2:10, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (9:40, 11:55, 2:10) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (9:15, 10:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:20, 10:30, 11:55 Sun. (9:15, 10:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30) 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30;

Meet Dave (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:05, 2:05) 9:40; **Wanted** (R) Fri. (9:35, 12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat.-Sun. (9:35, 12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **You Don't Mess with the Zohan** (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 12:30, 3:05, 5:40) 8:15, 10:55 Sat. (9:45, 12:30, 3:05) 5:40, 8:15, 10:55 Sun. (9:45) 12:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55

LA JOLLA
La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 12:15, 1:00, 3:45, 4:30, 7:15, 8:00, 10:50, 11:30 Sun. (10:00) 12:15, 1:00, 3:45, 4:30, 7:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45) 2:10, 4:35, 7:30, 10:00; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20) 2:20, 5:15, 8:10, 11:05 Sun. (11:20) 2:20, 5:10, 8:05, 11:00; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:30) 1:15, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00, 11:25 Sun. 1:25, 4:05, 6:35, 9:10; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:15a.m.); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 11:30) 1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:35 Sun. (11:30) 1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:35; **Meet Dave** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:45p.m.; **Sex and the City** (R) Fri.-Sun. 3:15p.m.; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri.-Sat. (11:15) 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:40; **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:05, 2:45, 5:30, 8:20, 11:00 Sun. 2:30, 5:15, 8:10, 10:55

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Brick Lane (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Elsa & Fred** (PG) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Mongol** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Tell No One** (NR) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

MIRA MESA
Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (800-326-3264)
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MISSION HILLS
Cinema Under the Stars
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
The Big Clock (Not Rated); **The Thomas Crown Affair** (R)

MISSION VALLEY
Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

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Mission Valley 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841)



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Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:00) 1:30, 5:00, 8:30, 12:00 Sun. (10:00) 1:30, 5:00, 8:30
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STATE UNIVERSITY
Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Rushmore (R) Sat. 11:55p.m.; **The Edge of Heaven** (NR) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

UPTOWN
Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sat.-Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Mongol** (R) Fri. 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Tell No One (Ne le dis a personne)** (NR) Fri. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00; **The Visitor** (PG-13) Fri. 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; **The Wackness** (R) Fri. 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00p.m.; **Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk** (NR) Fri. 11:00, 3:00 Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00; **Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs** (NR) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure** (No Rat-ing) Fri. 5:00, 9:00 Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 5:00; **Stormchasers** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00p.m.

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON
Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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LA MESA
Grossmont Center 10
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100)
The Dark Knight (PG-13); **Get Smart** (Pg-13); **Hancock** (PG-13); **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13); **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG); **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (G); **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13); **Meet Dave** (PG); **Space Chimps** (G); **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO
Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-326-3264)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20, 11:50 Sat. (9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 12:20, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 3:40) 4:10, 4:40,

5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 10:20, 10:50, 11; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri. (10:10, 1:40, 4:25) 7:55, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 1:40) 4:25, 7:55, 10:30; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri. (9:10, 10:25, 11:45, 1:45, 2:00, 4:30, 5:05) 7:20, 8:25, 9:50, 11:45 Sat.-Sun. (9:10, 10:25, 11:45, 1:45, 2:00) 4:30, 5:05, 7:20, 8:25, 9:50, 11:45; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) Fri. (9:20, 9:50, 12:30, 1:05, 3:25, 4:20) 7:10, 7:40, 9:55, 10:40 Sat.-Sun. (9:20, 9:50, 12:30, 1:05, 3:25) 4:20, 7:10, 7:40, 9:55, 10:40; **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 6:55; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 4:50) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:45) 4:50, 7:45, 10:15; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:15, 12:35, 3:55) 7:15, 10:35; **Meet Dave** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (9:40) 10:10; **Space Chimps** (G) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:40, 3:30) 6:45, 9:45; **WALL-E** (G); **Wanted** (R) Fri. (9:05, 12:25, 4:15) 7:35, 10:55 Sat.-Sun. (9:05, 12:25) 4:15, 7:35, 10:55

SANTEE
Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Dark Knight (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) Fri.-Sun.; **Hancock** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.; **WALL-E** (G)

SOUTH BAY

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



The Dark Knight (Pg-13) (10:00 11:00 1:15 2:15 3:45) 4:30 5:30 7:00 7:45 9:00 10:15 11:00; **Space Chimps** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:00 7:15 9:15; **Mamma Mia** (Pg-13) (12:00 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:45; **Get Smart** (Pg-13) (1:45) 7:15 9:45; **Hancock** (PG-13) (10:30 1:00 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (PG-13) (10:30 11:45 1:15 2:30 4:00) 5:15 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:00 10:30; **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) (11:30) 4:15; **Meet Dave** (PG) (11:15 1:30); **WALL-E** (G) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Wanted** (R) (12:00 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00

Otay Ranch 12
Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)

ten and directed by Jonathan Levine. 2008.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

WALL-E — Relentlessly sentimental science fiction about a cute anthropomorphized “male” robot — a rattletrap contraption of binoculars atop tank treads — programmed to pick up garbage on an evacuated Earth in the 28th Century (his name is an acronym of Waste Allocation Load Lifter, Earth-Class), all alone on the planet but for the company of an indestructible cockroach, until his world gets rocked by the arrival of a smooth white egg-shaped “fembot,” whom he follows up to a mother

ship of epicene, spineless, walrus-like humans. Rather remarkable for any movie are the long stretches of nonverbal narrative, reminiscent of the opening and closing stretches of *2001*. (Other allusions to the Kubrick classic — the musical snippet from *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, the unblinking red eye of HAL-9000 — suggest the emulation is entirely conscious.) No less remarkable, in the context of a Disney computer cartoon, are the distinctive whiffs of post-apocalyptic and dystopian melancholy. The happy ending pretty much ruins it. If the film wanted full credit for evoking those feelings, the best ending it could have held

out would be hopeful, not happy. With the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Gailin, and Sigourney Weaver; written and directed by Andrew Stanton. 2008.
★ (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; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Wanted — Nerd’s daydream of getting out from under one’s pencil-pushing job, one’s bossy boss, and one’s cheating girlfriend, finding out it’s in one’s genes to be an elite assassin, learning the tricks of the trade in nothing flat, e.g., guiding bullets telekinetically, intercepting enemy bullets in midair, and so on. (A daydream only imaginable in the video-game era.) In its loosey-goosey humor, over-the-top action, anything-goes fantasy, and gimmick-riddled visuals (the rough grain of the image would not count as one of the gimmicks), the movie drips with disdain for its material and its audience alike. With James

McAvoy, Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman, Terence Stamp, and Thomas Kretschmann; directed by Timur Bekmambetov. 2008.
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Sun. (9:25, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (9:20, 11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35

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Ancient Grudge

Pandarus calls their relationship a “bargain,” as if they bought it at Sears.

The Old Globe Theatre’s staging three of Shakespeare’s plays about love: star-crossed *Romeo and Juliet*, gender-crossed *All’s Well That Ends Well* (in which the woman gets to choose her husband), and double-crossed *Merry Wives of Windsor* (in which Falstaff undergoes a triple comeuppance). The latter two take place around Shakespeare’s time, and directors can relocate them anywhere without doing major damage. *Romeo and Juliet*, however, is set in Renaissance Italy and locked into its era.

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

Romeo and Juliet lived when the economy was based on land. The world was fixed: people had their stations (even a Great Chain of Being to remind them where they stood). In such a system, vows were eternal.

All’s Well and *Merry Wives* take place when a commercial economy (and a rising middle class) was edging out the land-based system. Money, bartering, and contractual agreements determined value. Things became relative, and vows lasted only as long as a contract stipulated. In money-based *Troilus and Cressida*, for example, Pandarus calls their relationship a “bargain,” as if they bought their love on sale at Sears.

Romeo and Juliet’s world is permanent. Social obligations such as marriage aren’t subject to debate. And their families’ “ancient grudge” could last forever. In this system, true love must be absolute or perish — which is why they’re as passionate for death as for each other. To quote Prospero, “ev-

ery third thought” of theirs, it seems, is “of the grave.”

For the Old Globe Theatre, director Richard Seer sets the play, wisely, in its time. Anna R. Oliver’s costumes include the slashed fronts and sleeves (with contrasting fabrics inside) of the period. Women wear bulk; men, tights (which a female friend of mine once called “the tackles and halfbacks look”). Iron gates and stained-glass windows dominate Ralph Funicello’s stained-wood set. And York Kennedy’s splendid lighting not only candle- and torch-lights scenes, it also finds that mystical source — from somewhere above and to the side — that illumines the works of Tintoretto and Caravaggio: amid darkness (“every third thought”), the lovers glow.

Stage pictures often resemble painting; the color scheme (reds and burnt oranges, dark greens and blues) recalls Brueghel. The director also employs repeated patterns. Juliet’s hand reaches down twice for Romeo, once alive, once dead.

But Seer breaks the picture frame, so to speak. Romeo and Juliet address their soliloquies to the house. If the choice is meant to endear them to us, they don’t need it. (I can’t think of anyone audiences could care about more than these two.) And including us in their private thoughts breaks their tragic isolation. They’re no longer just two kids alone.

The night I saw the show, Graham Hamilton settled in as Romeo about a third of the way through



Graham Hamilton, Heather Wood in Romeo and Juliet

Romeo and Juliet, by William Shakespeare
Old Globe Theatre, Lowell Davies Festival Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Richard Seer; cast: Heather Wood, Kandis Chappell, Celeste Ciulla, Graham Hamilton, Wynn Harmon, Charles Janasz, Jonathan McMurtry, James R. Winker, Sam Henderson, Owiso Odera, Deborah Taylor, Kern McFadden, John Keabler, Michael Kirby, Anthony von Halle; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Anna R. Oliver; lighting, York Kennedy; sound and original music, Christopher R. Walker; fight director, Steve Rankin; choreographer, Wesley Fata
Playing through September 28; note: Romeo and Juliet runs in repertory with The Merry Wives of Windsor and All’s Well That Ends Well. Call the theater for days and times of each. 619-232-5623.

(the entire production did, for that matter). At first, he dashed off his poetry as if it were prose. Later, he began to mean what Romeo meant. He hit his accents and improved considerably. That Heather

Wood’s Juliet is blonde shouldn’t upset spectators. (One of Italy’s most beloved women, St. Claire of Assisi, had straw-colored hair.) Wood not only expresses Juliet’s youth and intelligence; she has a

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naturally melodic voice that only rings false when, in her later speeches, she tries to add melody to it.

Actors playing Juliet's father usually give him a jovial mien. Wynn Harmon does too, until he explodes at his daughter and the generations of Montague/Capulet violence flare in his eyes. As Lady Capulet, Kandis Chappell reveals her rage without words, in grinding teeth and thousand-yard stares. Though he tends to rush his lines, James R. Winkler splits Friar Laurence in half, as if star-crossed by belief and human contradictions. Jonathan McMurry in several roles, Owiso Odera as a near-maniac Mercutio, and a game Deborah Taylor as the life-loving nurse make useful contributions.

The production offers strong visuals, and the story, as it does so often in Shakespeare, works on elemental levels (moving, for example, from brightly lit early scenes to the darkness of the

tomb). But the second half's a mite stately and restrained. It honors the Bard but could improve if it unleashed the tragedy's operalike impulses.

FIELD NOTES: In a way, the change from a land- to a money-based economy — from fixed to market value — resembles Major League Baseball before and after free agency. Up to the early '60s, players stayed on the same team: Henry Aaron was a Brave forever, Mickey Mantle a Yankee; loyalty was lifelong. After free agency, top players went to the highest bidder, often changing teams every few years. With exceptions such as Tony Gwynn — bless his line-drive-lacing heart — few players after free agency had monogamous baseball careers.

The shift also reflects our times in general, which have moved from modernist certitude to post- and post-postmodernist skepticism. Many of the tensions in Shakespeare, especially his fear

of a world turned upside-down — of what he calls “degree o’erthrown” — come from the clash between the emerging, money-based economy and the medieval, land-based system. ■

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her intended—rich, young Bertram—flat refuses enforced wedlock and would rather go to war than marry beneath his station? In effect, Shakespeare takes a social given of the time and dumps it on its ear. Helena persists; Bertram flees (and becomes a lying womanizer); then she *really* persists. At the Old Globe, director Darko Tresnjak relocates the play in Victorian times, which allows Linda Cho to dress the cast in cold, formal charcoals, the soldiers in bright red and black. Tresnjak counters the stiff-upper-lip surface with bawdy touches, including a frontal view of Michelangelo's Goliath-sized statue of *David* upstage (and upstaging all below). As Bertram and Helena, Graham Hamilton and Kimberly Parker Greene are adequate. The fun's in the secondary roles: Jim Winker's crotchety King ("wrapped in dismal thinkings"), Kandis Chappell, Charles Janasz, and music-voiced Celeste Ciulla. Bruce Turk is special

as Parolles who, like Helena, becomes a threat to the male-dominated social order. Over the years, audiences and critics have had a "problem" with the play. But I never have. It's perplexities are much more lifelike than most of the happy-enders (how many weddings have you attended where people whisper, "Give it six months" and are being optimistic?). All may be well that ends well, but at the ending of *All's Well*, Helena and Bertram have only just begun.

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for a whack job so Susan's brother
can use the insurance for graduate
work at Stanford. When Susan
mistakes Sam, a travel agent, for
Samm, complications unfold in a
briskly paced show (the pace
moves almost fast enough to blur
some flimsy causes, plus Samm's
cruelty to animals). Buckley's a
triple threat: he wrote the script, he
plays Sam, and he designed the
prop-rich set. At first sight, Susan's
antique shop looks too cramped.
But Buckley creates several playing

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Worth a try.
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Robert Dubac’s sequel to his play *The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?* promises “more truth, less” — actually it should be “fewer” — “lies.” Afflicted with too much male chauvinism, he tries to find a balance between his left brain (linear, rational) and his right (emotional). He labels the two hemispheres “male” and “female.” They aren’t, but anyway. In Act Two, having found his balance, he ventures behind the “door of truth” and gives us unvarnished, outside-the-box revelations (“there are no stars in *Dancing with the Stars*”). Although the tidy oppositions — women are this, men that — come from pop psychology (which has always been allergic to multi-polarities), and though Dubac upholds stereotypes as much as he warps them, the show’s often quite funny. Some of the best material comes when his characters, like grumpy Uncle Bob, say unexpected things.

His repertoire includes magic tricks (demolishing a newspaper, clumping it together, and unfolding the pristine original), a quasi-mystical blackboard with key words embedded, and, the highlight, a cigarette in each ear performing “Dueling Banjos” from *Deliverance*. On opening night Dubac blasted through the evening as if he had a plane to catch. His characters’ accents often blurred the jokes, the punch lines in particular. Unlike most stand-up comedians, Dubac wants his audience to think. His show would be even better if he gave them time to do it.

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Romeo and Juliet
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Yank!
Gays in the military — in World War II. David and Joseph Zellnik’s musical begins today, in San Francisco. A young man finds a battered diary kept by a soldier named Stu. Amid torn and missing pages, the diary’s heartfelt and sketchy. The young man wonders who Stu was and why he wrote some sections in code. In a flashback, the young man becomes Stu, and the musical moves from basic training, in WWII, to the Pacific front. Stu discovers his sexuality, falls for a soldier named Mitch, and faces extreme consequences. Unlike *Stars and Stripes*, which was mostly propaganda and puff pieces, *Yank!* was a magazine written “by the servicemen, for the servicemen” and boasted a more realistic account of the war. The musical unfolds from *Stars and Stripes* optimism in Act One to unvarnished *Yank!* themes

in Act Two. The book, especially the longish first act, could use a trim (it tries to cover so much ground that lulls result). But the tight, flashy, and moving Diverisary Theatre production is outstanding. Director Igor Goldin has staged the musical before, and it shows in the precision of scenes, in his choreography, and in the confidence of his ensemble cast. Accompanied by pianist Amy Dalton and percussionist Nathan Hubbard, they break into rousing WWII buddy numbers in Act One and more plaintive, torchlike songs in Act Two. The design’s so simple — screens, like upright trampolines, move and change locales — it’s eloquent. There are no weak links in the ensemble, but two performances stand way out. Tom Zohar shines as Stu; he sings and dances with pizzazz and combines vulnerability with a quietly fierce courage. Decked out in Jennifer Brawn Gitting’s stunning costumes and Missy Bradstreet’s voluminous wigs, Amy Biedel plays a dozen women, sings wondrously (especially the haunting “Blue Twilight”), and alone is worth twice the price of admission.

Critic’s pick.
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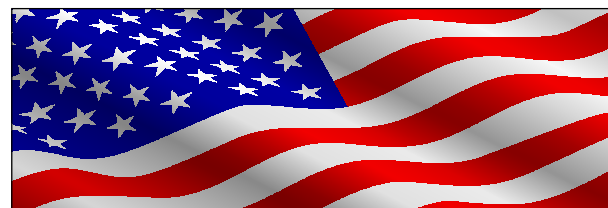
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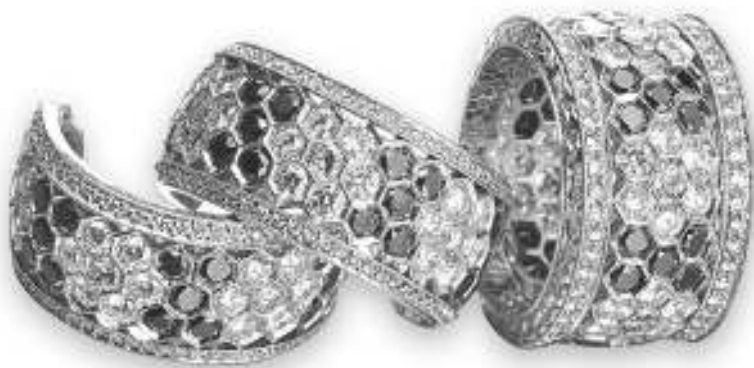
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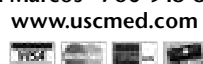
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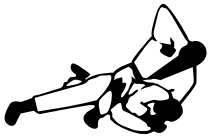
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1) Each week we're printing a list of EVERYONE who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzle. See this week's contenders below.
2) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great opportunity for you to give a shout out to your mom, or toot your own horn! Each time you submit a new puzzle, you may submit a new message.
3) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by the new puzzle deadline: 7:00 a.m., Monday.
4) Entries must be faxed to 619-231-0489 or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy.
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And now for the really small print:
1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
2) Entries that arrive after the deadline will not be considered.
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Across

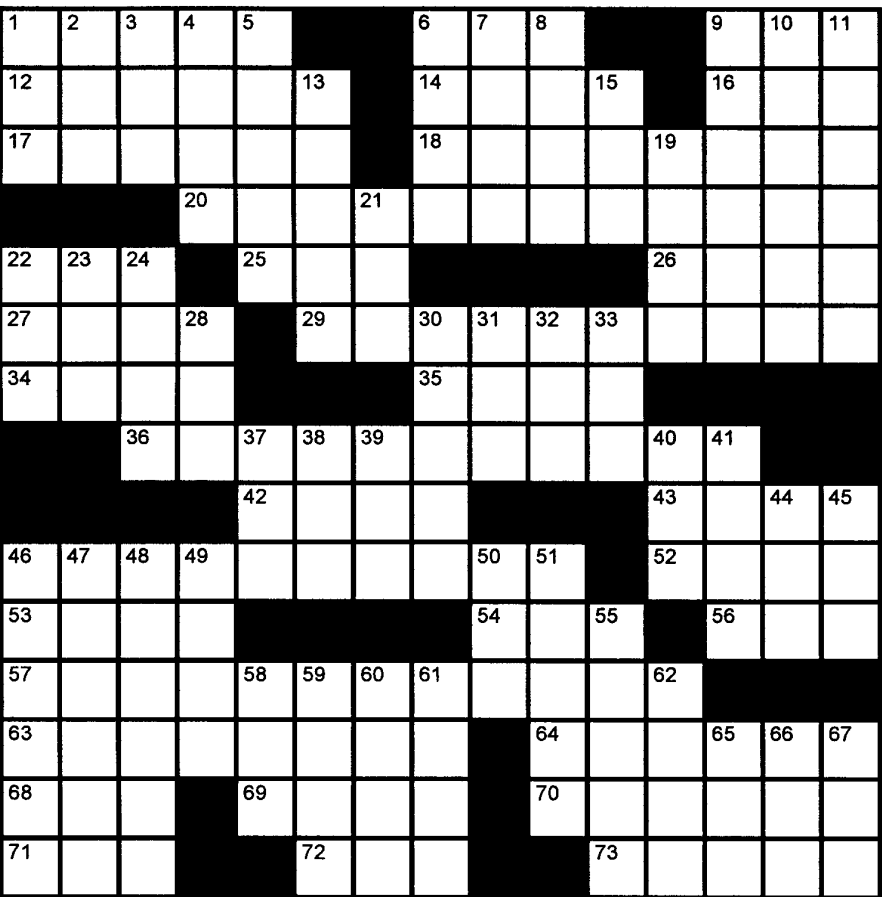
- Shredded sides
- Birds ____ feather
- "Shoot!"
- It may be deep
- It grows on trees
- "____ Hate Me" (2004 Spike Lee film)
- Jill's portrayal on "Charlie's Angels"
- Easy, as a loan
- Strong liking
- Flop
- Greenskeeper's supply
- Alma mater of 21-Down
- Where billions live

- Her "You and I" was Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign theme song
- Grace follower
- Take (out)
- Famed 11th-century explorer
- Joan of art
- Nourish
- Not hold a candle (to)
- Gratis
- Poet Lazarus
- Harry's pal at Hogwarts
- Birds do it
- "Electric Youth" singer
- ____ blue
- Prius, e.g.
- Jazz ____
- It takes its toll: Abbr.
- Drew back
- Beatty of film
- Part of a dollar sign
- Children's song refrain that appears in 20-, 29-, 36-, 46- and 57-Across

Down

- Coppertone abbr.
- Mauna ____
- Horiz.
- 1978-82 sitcom locale
- Wal-Mart rival
- All: Prefix
- Ignoramus
- Connors contemporary
- Home of St. Francis
- Violinist Mintz
- Wynn of "Dr. Strangelove"
- Fox series whose theme

- song was "California"
- Amniotic ____
 - Simple earring
 - "I Like Ike" monogram
 - Stop up
 - Application
 - Ivory alternative
 - Mug filler
 - Poet/playwright Jones
 - Uganda's ____ Amin
 - Suffix with beat or neat
 - UFO crew
 - World currency org.
 - "Fee, ____, fo, fum"
 - Make a typo, say
 - Clocked out
 - Big name in spongy toys
 - Sushi option
 - Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - Hospital item
 - Surface
 - Saturated
 - Arrests
 - Space ball?
 - They're typically sold by the dozen
 - When to see la luna
 - Suffix with sex
 - Mozart's "____ kleine Nachtmusik"
 - Breaks
 - Tattooist's stock
 - "Me neither"
 - Snooker need
 - Folk singer DiFranco
 - Early MGM rival



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Neighborhood/City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Message: _____

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner

Trinaise Abbott, Rancho Bernardo, 5. "Here's to the branch!"
Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 5. **Julie Osburn, North Park, 5.** "Welcome Logan River to this world 07/07/08. We love you."
John Rosenbach, Escondido, 5. **Pamela Swain, College Area, 5.** "The Reader rules!"
Lillian Wagner, Clairemont, 5. "Happy hunting Rick."
Clemencia Angus, Linda Vista, 4. "Kevin and Pepe, two cool guys. Peace."
Donna Cresta, Chula Vista, 4. "I hope I win."
Vince Cuseo, Vista, 4. "Is this the end of Rico?"
Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 4. **Karen Davies, San Carlos, 4.** "Letter-man's a jerk."
Greg Del Campo, Temecula, 4. "Hi Miss Piggy"
D Faulkner, University Heights, 4. "Mettle to the pedal!"
Iggie Guerrero, Bay Ho, 4. "Hi Vince, Lil Glenn, Neil and Nicole, my grandkids, too."
Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 4. "187 days and counting."
George Jackson, Oceanside, 4.

Bob Maxwell, Coronado, 4. "A waste of good asterisks."
Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 4. "Live, love, laugh"
Ron Meyer, Santee, 4. "Hi mom and dad!"
Susan Morfey, Little Italy, 4. "Soon we'll be in Vegas Noonie."
Jay Newington, Balboa Park, 4. "JG, I will always bring flowers and hold your hand."
Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 4. "Thank God for Dubya!"
Ric Witt, Clairemont, 4. "Go Chemo!"
Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 4. "Look out for the bus, Mr. Bill!"
Dennis Roth, Santee, 4. "Nogferatu is a great answer!"
Marc Rutter, University Heights, 4. "Hello fellow Reader fans from Kansas!"
Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 4. "With apologies from the Reader."
Paul Stanton, Canyon Hills, 4. "Adopt a homeless cat or dog today and neuter/spay"
Rudy E Stegmann, Santee, 4. "Ain't life grand?"

Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 4. "I'm taking it DLW stumped me with 21D. I'm wrong."
Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 3. "C is for Catching Colds."
Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 3. **Leslie Chase, Campo, 3.** "Tee number three?"
Joseph Ciprian, Little Italy, 3. "Gotta go do the Lord's work."
☛ **Amna Cornett, Mission Hills, 3.** "Fems forever"
William Cushing, RB, 3. "Hailie Rose loves her grammy."
Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 3. "Hi Freddie. Woof woof."
Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 3. "Great job at the fair Carol! Curve yer."
Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 3. "The shot out Hoods this Saturday at Winston's Ocean Beach."
Paul Hovey, Clairemont, 3. "Banana!"
John Mitchell, El Cajon, 3. "Gone parasailing."
C J Muellner, Spring Valley, 3. "Multiple answers for this puzzler?"
Marge Nelson, El Cajon, 3. "Heart-land Lions, We Serve."
Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 3. "Three-peat! Yippee! Last week fave: Dial M for Moron."
Jessica Romero, Chula Vista, 3. "Jess loves Godzuki."

Tom Seaman, Alpine, 3. **Tom Somich, Clairemont, 3.** "Don't tread on me."
Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 3. "Don't ever give up."
Marguerite Tate, Ocean Beach, 3. "Hi mom, love you."
☛ **Chuck Merritt, Spring Valley, 2.** **Marie Turock, North Park, 3.** "Hi mom!"
Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 3. **Laurence Altobelli III, Carmel Valley, 2.** "Shine on you crazy diamond. Ah, Rose, love you."
Shirley E Bolden, College Area, 2. "Baby Jovani is a true blessing to our home. Love you!"
Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 2. "Peace and love to all."
A T Certik, Bonita, 2. **Bill Stevens, Bay Park, 2.** "Illegitimi non carborundum"
Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 2. "That was fun!"
Harry Engel, La Jolla, 2. **Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 2.** "To be or not to be, that is the puzzle."
Arnold Holmes, San Carlos, 2. "Eat, drink, and beat Larry!"
Naomi Kashiwabara, Clairemont, 2. "I learn something each week."
Marc Lanotte, San Marcos, 2. "I'd rather have this bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy."

Ed Lester, La Jolla, 2. "Love you Evie."
Steve Levitt, Cardiff, 2. "Tantan no win"
Geoff Mao, Encinitas, 2. "Dirty, dirty, dirty."
Duane Mealey, University City, 2. "Hey Marla, we did it!"
Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 2. "Puzzle theme, The Reader, 20x20."
James C Nelson, El Cajon, 2. ☛ **Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 2.** "Welcome to So. Cal. Bonnie."
Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 2. "Kelley and Lisa rule!"
Joe Griffin, Crest, 2. "Get yer ya-yas out!"
Bill Griffin, Crest, 2. "Erin go braugh"
Tessa Patton, Pacific Beach, 2. "Pussywillow, that's a terrible thing to say, Pussywillow"
Marvin A Brown, Clairemont, 2. **Janet Goff, Cardiff, 2.** "Has Harry left?"
Ken Hanson, Clairemont, 2. "Hi Kevin and Elizabeth."
Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 2. "I go Pogo!"
Kevin Kolodziej, Mira Mesa, 2. "Anybody want a peanut?"
Kevin McNearney, Santee, 2. **Ivan Yanev, Santee, 2.** **Barbara Neill, Santee, 2.** **John Stead, Santee, 2.**

Jim Kozio, UTC, 2. "Hi Lukie!"
☛ **Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 2.** "D, D, D, glad you're back!"
Nathan Petty, Santee, 2. **Maureen Stern, La Jolla, 2.** "Second time around."
☛ **B McLaurin, Pacific Beach, 2.** "Hero, OK President? No way! Bring our heros home now."
Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 2. "Robin, the federal marshals need a bigger payment. Please fix."
Sheilah Doyle, Santee, 2. **Linda Huynh, Bay Park, 1.** "It only took 5 weeks. We're famous!"
Tim Clayton, Los Peñasquitos, 1. "Love you Sarah."
☛ **Claudia Nordquest, Carmel Mtn, 1.** "Happy 5th Anniversary honey."
☛ **Sarah Murphy, Ocean Beach, 1.** "Happy 30th Eddie Murphy. You're not stupid."
Patzy Da Silva, El Cajon, 1. "Bobby Sue, Ryle, Bob, Chris, Reid, Creed, Cole. Luv Grams"
Ken A, Ocean Beach, 1. "Down with the Catholic church"
Jared Bremseth, San Diego, 1. "Is that you MFC?"
Kim and Nate, La Mesa, 1. "Disciples of Chuck Norris"
Samantha Hovey, Clairemont, 1. "Another great day working at Sports Fever."



Rob Sepe

CPA

Vista

It’s a song by 50 Cent called “Just a Little Bit.” What happened was I had a new phone that broke. So, I had to go back and use my old phone. I laughed when I realized it was this song that I had had on this thing. My newer phone just had one of the stalk rings on it.



Amanda Hungerford

Investments

Vista

I’m kind of embarrassed. It has “Baby, where’d you get your body from” [“I Got It From My Mama”], by Will.i.am. I also have that 50 Cent/Justin Timberlake song “Ayo Technology” when my boyfriend calls. I only have three other different ring tones for the different people that call.



Mike Mettelka

Student

Vista

Well, my answer might disappoint you. It’s no crazy sounds or song. It’s just the sound of an old phone ringing. I didn’t want to have music or some loud, obnoxious thing. I went through all the options it had and I thought this one worked best.



Elise Bernier

Waitress

La Jolla

I have Thievery Conspiracy on there now. Don’t ask me what song it is, though. It’s been on there for about four months. Before that it was “Punk Rocker” by Iggy Pop and the Teddybears. I’m not sure what song I had before, though. That’s going too far back.



Jenny Bultema

Student

Pacific Beach

I have Death Cab for Cutie, “When Soul Meets Body.” It’s been on there for two months now. Before that it was the Killers. I get bored and have to switch every four or five months. It’s usually \$2.99 a song, which I don’t think is all that bad for a song you have and hear countless times during the day.



Alan Percival

Construction

San Diego

It always changes.... My wife never realizes it’s my cell phone. I’ve had our dog barking as the ring tone. She started looking towards the yard. For a few weeks, it was a fart sound. She hated that. Currently, it’s a sexy woman moaning. The other day she said if I don’t get rid of it, it’s going to be the only woman I hear.

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☞ indicates T-shirt winner

Anna Owen, North Park, 1. “I love you Susan, ever and always. Shorty. XOX”

Todd Gleed, Del Mar, 1. “Hey Mark, first to five, go!”

☞ **Rebecca Rothman, San Diego, 1.**

☞ **Ken Najbert, Mira Mesa, 1.**

Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 1.

Roger Hunt, Carlsbad, 1. “Ace rocks!”

Ben Cooper, Downtown, 1.

N’Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 1.

James Spetti, Pacific Beach, 1.

Ronald Long, San Diego, 1. “TCS for- ever.”

Sally Stockton, University City, 1.

Jennifer Slaughter, College area, 1.

“I am the sexiest woman in crosswords!”

Peter Woodbury, Chula Vista, 1.

“Do not tolerate intolerance.”

Bob Cain, Kensington, 1. “It’s Aunt Bea. Hi honey bunny.”

Kasun Chan, Del Mar, 1. “Team work!”

☞ **Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 2.** “Happy Birthday Mom!”

M Coda, Oceanside, 1. “Hi All!”

Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 1. “Hi Vivvers — I lullmoal!”

Dena Fenner, San Mateo, 1. “Nice visiting with you in Encinitas mom. Thanks for the food.”

Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 1. “Go Chargers!”

Shad Bee, South Park, 1. “Happy b-day Ginnell!”

Patrick Koegel, North Park, 1. “Love to Martha, Jazmyn, and Michael.”

Christian Schmelebeck, Normal Heights, 1. “Am I famous yet?”

Leonard Sciuto, Point Loma, 1. “Tio Leo’s: Home of the perfect taco.”

C Hayes, Downtown, 1. “Yea San Diego!”

Lynn Horton, College area, 1. “I finally finished the Reader puzzle.”

Tom Thefford, Lemon Grove, 1. “I only have 3 Reader T-shirts.”

Elenore Stephens, Campo, 1. “Stand up for the USA!”

Paul Pabich, College area, 1. “When are we getting the FSRs of Ari?”

Shannon Maguire, Ocean Beach, 1. “Hey babes, Ralphie and Todd!”

Rebecca Farmer, Los Angeles, 1. “Happy 27th birthday Naomi Rohatyn. You’re awesome. I love you.”

Erin Grimmer, Solana Beach, 1. “Rectum? Nearly killed him! Leno sucks.”

Pat McMann, Solana Beach, 1. “I don’t see your name Selena! Us-1; You-0”

Don Reclies, Carmel Valley, 1. “To infinity and beyond.”

Brian W Beadle, Clairemont, 1. “Just because you’re paranoid doesn’t mean they’re not after you!”

Connie Woog, Ocean Beach, 1. “Don’t worry Jan, you can finish my puzzle any day.”

Jan Salanet, Point Loma, 1. “The Egyptian gentleman strikes back!”

Adrian N John, San Diego, 1.



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— China continues to prepare for the Olympics: Officials have issued a standard chanting routine that all Chinese spectators should employ during competitions (translated as “Olympics! Add fuel!” with two claps and then both thumbs up, then “China! Add fuel!” with two more claps and raised fists, according to a June Reuters dispatch). (“Add fuel” is apparently a traditional motivational chant in China.) Also preparing was Dr. Wei Sheng, the Chinese man who holds the Guinness Book record of sticking 1790 needles in his head at one time. In June he stuck himself with 2008 pins in the Olympic design and colors.

Cultural Diversity
— Dozens of spas operate in Russia’s Caucasus Mountains region, exploiting the mineral springs in the area, and apparently colonic treatment is a specialty. In fact, in June, the Mashuk-Akva Term spa in Zheleznovodsk unveiled a large monument to the enema (an 800-pound brass syringe bulb held aloft by three angels). “Let’s beat constipation,” read one banner. Said the sculptor:

“This device is eternal; it will never change. We could promote this brand, turn it into a franchise with souvenirs and awards for medical doctors.”
— The reputation of the Japanese for being humble is falling to Western norms among primary-school parents, according to a June dispatch from Tokyo in *The Times* of London. “Across Japan, teachers are reporting an astonishing change in the character of parents” as they push for their children’s “rights.” In one school’s performance of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, there were 25 Snow Whites after “monster parents” bullied officials into admitting that it was not fair to have just one kid in the title role.

Questionable Judgments
— A bus service that shuttles gamblers from Colorado Springs to nearby mountain-town casinos has been awarded \$382,000 in Homeland Security anti-terrorism grants, according to a May report by the *Colorado Springs Gazette*. Federal officials said the grants were part of the Infrastructure Protection Activities program, with the money used for “vehicle security,” GPS

systems, and training drivers, which means, according to a bus-company official, teaching them “to be aware of their surroundings, of what’s unusual and the people onboard.”
— Officials in Chongqing, China, shut down the lifestyle magazine *New Travel Weekly* in May after it published a photo spread of sexy women in lingerie posing in the rubble at one of the country’s recent earthquake sites. The editorial staff was fired and the company ordered into “rectification,” which is apparently the process of self-examination of what in the world the company might have been thinking.

Fine Points of the Law
— “Everyone knows what an ankle is,” said an official of the association of Texas medical doctors. Not so, said a lawyer representing Texas podiatrists: “You don’t have an ankle. The foot actually includes the ankle.” A state appeals court in March sided with the medical doctors, but the podiatrists say it’s not over yet and that they may continue to treat ankles even though they are licensed to work only on feet.

— When the recent Midwest rains hit Wisconsin, Lake Delton overflowed and completely drained out into the lower-lying Wisconsin River, and the owner of a Lake Delton resort filed an insurance claim for “loss of income” since guests, realizing there was no “lake,” had canceled their plans. So far, the resort’s insurer has refused to pay.

Least Competent People
— Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) Police quickly made an arrest in Hughes, Ark. (pop. 1800) in May after a Pepsi machine was stolen from a liquor store. The dolly tracks led from the store to the man’s home, and he had left the machine in his front yard. (2) The armed robber of a Fifth Third Bank in Orlando, Fla., is still at large, but based on the surveillance video, a sheriff’s detective said the man was “probably not familiar with handguns” because he appeared to be pointing his at himself during the robbery.

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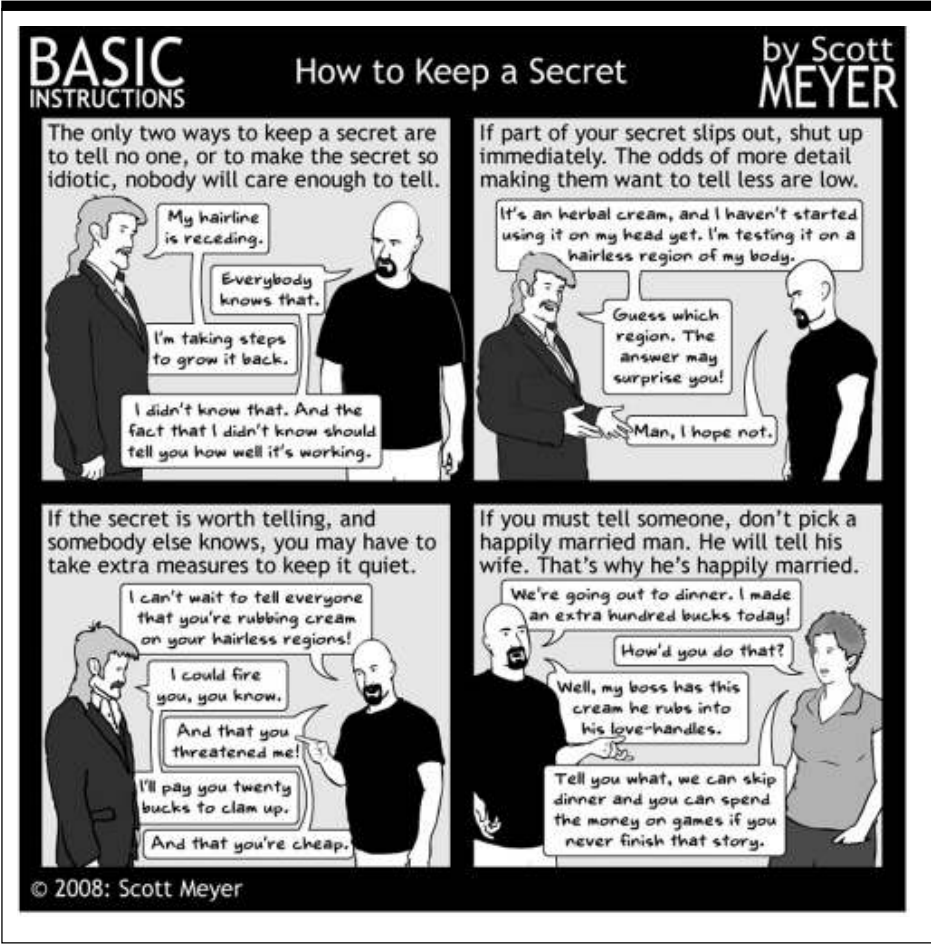
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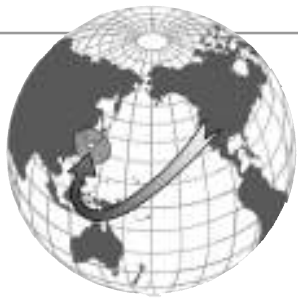
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Our Sunday usually starts with a big breakfast. When I

can get imported whole-wheat flour and butter, we have pancakes, but otherwise it's a traditional Japanese breakfast. Miso soup, a glycemic-index-busting bowlful of white rice, small chopped pickles, and fresh tofu from the tofu truck are standard fare. Even my son gets excited when he hears the strains of music from the small truck that sells tofu. People crowd around just as we did as kids in Canada around the ice cream truck.

Sometimes we add a grilled fish to this — most Japanese families will grill a

whole mackerel, but I have to admit this makes me queasy so I cut off the head. Grilling isn't done outside on a barbeque; it's done in the fish grill under our stove. The stove reminds me of the Bunsen burners we used in high school chemistry — just two rings (ever tried cooking a traditional Christmas dinner with just two burners?) on top of a small fish grill.

With a hearty breakfast in our tummies, we like to spend Sunday mornings in the water somewhere. Japan is long but not wide, so no

one is ever too far from the sea. We're only a 20-minute walk from the beach, and most summer Sundays will find us knee deep in sand under the watchful eye of our resident volcano, Sakurajima. We actually start going early in spring, when the little-necked clams are plentiful. There's nothing like eating miso soup with clams you dug up yourself during low tide earlier that day.

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that is something I could use to pad my résumé.) Of course, all that water builds up an appetite. One thing Japan does really well is lunch. Almost every restaurant has a lunch set, which comes with soup, salad, an entrée, rice or bread, and a dessert. Ten dollars is the average price for a lunch that would usually go for three times that price in the evening. Lunch comes with quick and attentive service, which luckily requires no tipping. Sunday lunch, with no dishes to wash, is my favorite time of the week. Whether home for a lie-in or out and about, most people in Japan stop what they are doing early Sunday

afternoon to watch the national pastime on TV. No, not baseball. Not sumo, either. What then? Karaoke, of course! Everyone loves *Nodojiman*, the show that travels around to different locales in Japan (and sometimes Asia) looking for the best singers. It's the original *American Idol*. Sunday afternoon is the time for driving. Tokyoites try to get out of the city, and suburbanites head in, making Sunday afternoon one of the heaviest times for traffic. My favorite destination is the Kirishima mountain range. From grass-boarding to glassblowing and everything in between, there is no shortage of nature or family activ-



ities. I especially like the Open Air Museum, which features a huge park in which you can find art that blends in with its surroundings — better than anything I've ever seen. There's an indoor museum for rainy days, featuring fatalistic modern art by Yoko Ono and an interactive exhibit of a set of furniture that can be played like

drums. No matter how much you stuff yourself on lunch, everyone is hungry by supertime. There's nothing quite so Japanese as going to an outdoor stall for ramen noodles or chicken on a stick. Finish it off with a nice glass of *shochu* (Japanese vodka) on the rocks, and there you have my perfect Sunday!

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Author Name: **Becky Troup**
Neighborhood: **North Island**
Age: **30**
Occupation: **Navy**

I stood in front of my rack, trying to keep from crying. Having just woken from a nap and ready to leave base for the weekend, I could not find my ID. It had been on my rack while I napped. Though I knew it had fallen out, there was no sign of it anywhere. I searched underneath everything, even pulled the mattress out and the sheets off, hoping it would show up. I checked trash cans — maybe someone had picked it up and thrown it out. I checked my lockers — maybe I had put it away and forgotten. Maybe this, maybe that. The only certainty was that it was gone. To think that I couldn't leave the base or even the barge all weekend made me so angry at the world I wanted to crawl right back into my rack and sleep it all away.

Trying to keep my wits together, I went downstairs to the security office and asked if anyone had turned in an ID. No one had, of course. I knew from my experiences that if it had been turned in, the security personnel would be boneheads about it, anyway. First, they would not know they had it until I made them look. *Look again. Look again.* "Oh, there it is!" Then they would try to ask me questions about how I lost it. They'd lean in to show their rank and ask whose responsibility is it to keep track of something so important as an ID. Then, if I tried to point out that I'm not an idiot — everyone misplaces their keys at some point — they would hold the ID in front



of me and say something like, "Maybe we should hold on to this until you can prove you'll not lose it again." Oh, it's fun to deal with this caliber of personnel. Give them a bit of power and your day can go downhill fast. The good news, though, is that the ID had not been recovered. Wait, how is that good news? Because I asked security questions such as "Do you have a rover that walks through the berthings? Who was last on watch?" These questions seemed to bother the guy working in there. For each of my inquiries he asked me a question about my situation that I had already explained. He was slow on the uptake, and it was obvious he simply didn't want to actually work. Then I asked him to imagine it was his ID — that it was he who may not leave base all weekend because it was gone. What questions would *he* ask? He didn't like this either. The girl in there understood and tried to help. I appreciated that. What it came down to, though, was that I could only fill

Editor's note: We received more than 50 entries for our first monthly neighborhood website essay contest. The winner of the \$250 second prize for June is printed below.

Next issue, July 24, we'll print the third-place June winner (\$100).

Next deadline for neighborhood essay entries is July 31, 12 midnight.

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out paperwork on a missing ID and wait until Monday to get a new one. This had to be done on the ship, which would mean someone would have to meet me on the ship or walk me over and verify I am who I am.

I went back to my rack and looked all over again. Maybe I was in such a frantic state of mind earlier that I had missed it? I traced my fingers along edges, used my flashlight to search crevices, dug through to the bottoms of the trash cans, checked yesterday's pockets. I said a prayer in hopes of clearing my mind and remembering where I had put it — some obscure hidden spot that I would never normally put it. No such luck.

Back down to security I went — this time with the intent of being brought onto the ship to fill out my paperwork. This time around only the guy was there. I asked if I could get an escort. Still he seemed disinterested. Something in the way he wheeled his chair to the other desk — ever so reluctantly — reached out to the phone, tried to figure out what to do with it...

He managed to contact the ship and request an escort

for me. While we waited for a response I realized that instead of having them walk way over here to walk me back, why not have them meet me at the quarterdeck, where they will be asking for my ID. It would save the trip of an escort, right? Well, the guy looked at me and asked what I wanted. I said I wanted what made the most sense for everyone. He said I should make up my mind.

This is when things got ugly. Being that each and every time any of my belongings have walked off (my chained bicycle on the pier, my iPod in the secured armory, my undergarments hanging to dry when laundry was shut down for a month, my uniform dress shoes that were placed with everyone else's, my uniform shirt labeled with someone else's name, the rocker from my uniform cut right out with the sleeve, my cover, my cover again) has been handled by only a shrugged shoulder, and then this guy had yet to do more for me than wait for me to leave.... I could sense the fighter in me rising, with clenched fists. I asked him if he really wanted to help me or not. He suddenly came alive. Blood rushed to his head. He stood

up, puffed his chest, towered over me, and told me to shut the door. I did.

Then began the screaming. First he accused me of having a bad attitude. I interrupted him to clarify that I was now frustrated and fed up and, yes, if there was an attitude it was right now, but the only thing I was guilty of previously was asking for help. He didn't like that so he yelled about it. I could see that he wasn't high ranking and obviously hadn't learned yet how to deal with people or how to buck up and do his job so that he didn't anger the people coming to him in the first place. He continued yelling at me and finally expressed his position of absolute power over me when he suggested I be brought back to the ship in handcuffs. *Oooh! Can I?* Now that would just about solve everything now, wouldn't it? Unfortunately, for him, I've already faced many Chuck Norris wannabes and was not intimidated by this. He could tell, I guess, or maybe he knew that he had no cause to put me in handcuffs, so he kicked me out of the office instead. I was so irritated that I decided to handle things on my own. Which is what I nearly always

end up doing anyway.

The requested escort met me halfway over, and though I had a walking companion and someone to identify me onto the ship, I felt alone in my ongoing battle for genuine assistance. All a person in distress (on any level) wants to hear is, "Yeah, I got your back."

I've made it a full 24 hours on the barge without crying myself to sleep or trying to prank security or anything else that would only cause me more misery. I had wanted to stand in front of the security window and just stare at them for a few hours, but someone talked me out of it. I really want to do anything that requires me to leave base: watch a finger-puppet show, watch grass bowling at Balboa, try to call other people's dogs — ya know, just anything that means I get away from base. I can't, though. I can't taste the richness of a Cold Stone ice cream or bask in the sun at Mission Beach (missed that volleyball game) or be generally thankful for time off and away.

In retrospect, it is my fault for having nothing fun to do this weekend. Maybe I can't leave base, but I was offered to spend time in handcuffs.

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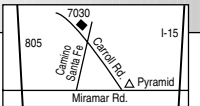
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Eleanor Widmer's article about Michael Copley was the most compelling reading to be seen in the *Reader* in many long months. My congratulations to her for taking a surprising (and apparently long overdue) break from the dining circuit. My only criticism of the story has to do with Ms. Widmer's evident love affair with Freudian analysis. Perhaps she'd have more luck dissecting the neurotic dreams of a badly prepared bouillabaisse.

—LETTERS: **"FREUD EGGS,"** Richard Steele, La Jolla, July 20, 1978

Twenty-Five Years Ago

How do you like your painters? Steady and straight like Norman Rockwell? Pretty and practical like Winslow Homer? Rich and reliable like LeRoy Neiman?

Or do you prefer them wig-flipped? Wacky? Helplessly and happily off-center? Van Gogh the ear butcher. Picasso and the cubes without clothes. Dali melting reality all over the canvas. Warhol. Pollack. Hockney.

—**"THROUGH THE FUN HOUSE,"** Stephen Heffner, July 21, 1983

Twenty Years Ago

On July 12, the *San Diego Daily Transcript* published a front-page article about M. Larry

Lawrence's unsuccessful attempt to purchase the Copley Press for \$1.2 billion. The article quoted the outspoken owner of the Hotel del Coronado as saying that had his bid been accepted and the deal gone through, the only change he would have made would have been to "get rid of the gossip columnists."

He was referring to Tom Blair of the *San Diego Union* and Neil Morgan of the *Tribune*, both of whom he accuses of maligning him in their respective city columns. "Any shot they can get, they will take, even if it means going out of their way to take it," says Lawrence.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"ITEM BY ITEM,"** Thomas K. Arnold, July 21, 1988

Fifteen Years Ago

I wrote a book about Tijuana, about the garbage-dump dwellers and the street kids. Incredibly, it was published by Anchor/Doubleday. In three months, my little book will go into three printings, shocking everybody at Doubleday, but mostly shocking me.

I'm on a book tour, and one of the stops on the journey is KMEX. I have just returned from Boulder, Miami, Chicago, San Antonio, San Francisco. I am about to go off to Denver, Tucson, D.C., Boston. Miami again, San Antonio again. Lafayette, El Paso, upstate New York. In San Francisco, I'm bunked in the

Four Seasons; my room has a small office attached in case I need to write, and the bathroom is appointed in gray and rose marble, with a phone beside the toilet. All of this on Doubleday's tab.

—**"A LIVING CLOUD,"** Luis Urrea, July 22, 1993

Ten Years Ago

[T]he so-called "Friendly Village" also houses the dangerous White Aryan Resistance, or WAR. Founded in 1983 by Tim Metzger, a former California Ku Klux Klan leader, WAR is a leading organization in the neo-Nazi skinhead movement in the United States.

The White Aryan Resistance's home page hails browsers with a cartoon drawing of a Mexican man surrounded by buzzing flies and holding a check from the United States Treasury; a caption above reads "Current U.S. immigration policy: 'Cross the border... Get a check.'"

—SIGHTSEER: **"MEAN BYTES,"** Justin Wolff, July 23, 1998

Five Years Ago

Last Wednesday evening I visited Praise Tabernacle in Sherman Heights. If I were to rank religions on a loudness scale, I'd place Quakers and Zen Buddhists and Roman Catholics at the bottom. At the very top, Mexican Pente-



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costals. No one else comes close. Not even white or African-American Pentecostals.

Praise Tabernacle sits atop a hill with a broad view of the Coronado bridge. The church is so simple that you'd never guess that since it was founded in 1950, it's generated 40 other Asamblea Apostolica congregations around the county, the largest of which, according to Reverend Santos, is in National City with 600 members.

—SHEEP AND GOATS, Abe Opincar, July 17, 2003

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Each morning I go to my kitchen, fill my coffeemaker with tap water (careful to skim off the green stuff — thankyouverymuch, San Diego water supply) and dump in a few scoops of ground Love Beans. Then I set my chin on my counter and wait. Moss covers my forehead, my beard grows to the floor, and finally all my teeth fall out and I lose 35 pounds. Tension drives my wall clock insane and it dives from its place above my stove, attempting suicide at its failed life. If an erne carried one grain of sand from Barcelona to Nepal, then returned for another single grain of sand, then another, by the time that bird had displaced all of Europe to the Himalayas, my coffeemaker would have bulged one drop of coffee from its spout...but the drop would not have fallen yet into the tiny carafe.

If I had any coffee in me I'd fling into a red rage, smashing the little percolator against the wall and I'd place one foot atop its carcass for a safari picture. I'd dance naked to the street, aim my truck at a local department store, buy another coffeemaker, and bring it home to fulfill its slave existence. I'd whip my new coffeemaker like a mad Eskimo driving a pack of huskies. But I have no coffee in me. No life's breath fills my withered husk. So I wait. For coffee.

When it finally brews half a cup, I steal it from the little pitcher. I stare at the sad black puddle in the mug. I look to the next bulging brown droplet of gritty life-swill, daring it to fall into the glass and warmer below. Eventually, I sit on my couch with my handful of despair and I turn on TV news to irritate me awake.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY JULY 17

GREATEST AMERICAN DOG

CBS 8:00 P.M.

Yes, more dogs, please. It's not enough that they're allowed in restaurants now; I want them in the kitchen wearing a little bandanna and a stained apron. If a dog is on one of my flights, I want it in first class, lapping champagne from a crystal bowl. I won't be happy until America has forced every one of its dogs on me and I have a pack of weimaraners playing Marco Polo in my bathtub. America, cram your dog down my throat (eww).

BATMAN AND ROBIN

TNT 10:00 P.M.

I don't have any jokes for this because

I don't need a joke for this. All I have is the truth and the truth is good enough. This next line is not a joke, it is a prominent feature of the film: George Clooney in rubber stunt nipples. TA-DAAA!

FRIDAY JULY 18

DUEL

ABC 10:00 P.M.

A glitzy game show with glamour models and some douche in a suit. Super. About as appealing as your septuagenarian neighbor jogging in those sweaty Dolfin shorts. Ah, old-man thigh on the move, like a bowl of heavy cream kicked across a cobblestone courtyard. Ripple. Ripple. Ripple.

SATURDAY JULY 19

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LEMON GROVE, July 19, July 20, 8am. Golden Avenue. Seventh Annual neighborhood block sale between Palm and Kemp.

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NEXT

MTV 7:00 P.M.

All right, I'm only going to say this once, so everyone even tangentially related to the music industry pull back your damn ears and close your flan hole for three seconds: ENOUGH GODDAMN COLD-PLAY. That whiny, wrist-whipping garbage needs to go to the curb, way out to the corner of Bite One and Stuff It.

SUNDAY JULY 20

GOLF

ABC 9:00 A.M.

Here's an idea: how about we stop kissing Tiger Woods's ass. All right, he plays golf with a torn ligament... he's a trooper. But let's stop pretending it's something other than golf. He's walking and then doing a little hip twist with a metal stick in his hands. To hear sportscasters tell it, he wore a vest of meat and gunpowder to fight Osama bin Laden in a pit of wolves. He plays golf, folks. Let's pull our panties back above the knee.

MONDAY JULY 21

THE MOLE

ABC 10:00 P.M.

Mensa declared this show the smartest program on television. Which sounds

nice and all, but that's sort of like being the tallest midget in an upper Scottsdale YMCA wrestling match.

TUESDAY JULY 22

CELEBRITY FAMILY FEUD

NBC 8:00 P.M.

Until O.J. Simpson's family takes on the Osmonds in a Thunderdome competition, I'm out. "MARIE, the chainsaw! Throw me the chainsa-a-a-a-augh! He was too fast! I can't compete with a former Heisman trophy winner and a hunting knife! GAH! Oh, whatever God Mormons believe in, I'm coming to you!"

WEDNESDAY JULY 23

BABY BORROWERS

NBC 8:00 P.M.

NBC's collecting bad shows like Angelina Jolie collects stretch marks.



Brooke Knows Best

(Twins, man. She is ruined. Ruined!)

THURSDAY JULY 24

SUPERNATURAL

CW 9:00 P.M.

CW, let go. Let go of the blankie. It

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T.G.I.F.

I'll pretty much dismiss Adam Sandler's entire body of work.

By John Brizzolara

The price of gas. I don't know how many times I've been asked, "When are you going to write something about the price of gas?" To which I have been answering for months now, "I believe I've seen something about that in the papers." Heavy sarcasm that is usually lost on those who, presumably, think I can do anything about it or even say something new. I don't drive. I can, but the DMV pulled my license after a "cardiac event" — not a heart attack, but a kind of seizure in April of 2003. I could appeal it, I suppose, but I notice that my daily level of stress is much reduced this way. Occasionally it's very inconvenient, and both taxis and buses bring the stress and financial pains neck-and-neck with the consequences of daily road rage, or in my case, road annoyance.

With weekend road trips becoming less of an option, I figure more of us are doing what I do almost every weekend, which is rent movies. I can hear the Specialist, my dear friend and frequent lovely assistant, groaning right now. "You're not going to write another column about you watching movies, are you?" Yeah. When I first began this column almost ten years ago and asked people how they spent their Friday nights and/or weekends, the most common answer I received was, "Renting videos." Far and away this was the number-one answer. I'm not terribly different, and besides, I haven't done one of these for years, I don't think.

Everyone is a critic, and again I'm no exception. When it comes to movies, this is especially true; and while I'm prob-

ably far too easily entertained if I'm determined to be so, I can, on occasion, be a disgruntled malcontent. Lacking the energy or inclination to precisely delineate why I don't like a movie, I'll pretty much dismiss Adam Sandler's entire body of work, for example, with the laser-like pinioning that, "It, you know, sucks."

I enjoy well-written literary criticism mostly, but secondly, film criticism, done well, is a real pleasure to read: Vincent Canby, Pauline Kael, Andrew Sarris are examples. These very pages host one of the country's better practitioners of it (and let's see if I'll be allowed that bit of auto applause). I've never done it personally, formally, but I've written critically on fiction and music and, like certain vital body parts, everyone has an opinion.

So, locked into a June heat wave and no escape from Hillcrest other than public transport, I'm watching more movies for the reason I did so many times during Chicago summers of childhood: air-conditioning. I've got it. A fleeting background gag on a *Simpsons* episode was a movie marquee that read only, "MOVIE with air-conditioning." So, have I seen anything good lately? You might well ask.

I walked over to the Hillcrest Landmark the other day and took a blind stab at a foreign film. Spanish? I think. The Taj Mahal was one location, but this was not a product of Bollywood. The movie was *The Fall*. Visually arresting! And here, with the voice of that baritone-flipping-to tenor guy who did so many voice-overs for trailers: *A stunning dreamscape of a motion picture! A depressive suicide and a little girl share an Arabian Nights-style adventure from a hospital bed in Los Angeles.*

Beautiful, yes, but it makes little narrative sense outside of the broadest strokes. Luckily, I had just come from a week at Mercy looped on morphine and so was able to appreciate much of the pretty non sequiturs parading by on the screen, many of them certainly meant to portray that very kind of opiate-induced and febrile fantasy. The suicidal narrator downs a bottle of morphine sulfate which...ah, but I've said too much. Still, if your priorities in movie-viewing include anything like tight plotting, you'll want to pass on this, I would think. The closest I could get to explaining the title to myself had to do with innocence and its end with the awareness of mortality. You may bring more to it than I did.

Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story, with John C. Reilly, a comedy about a rock star that embodies characteristics of every interchangeable bio-pic in the genre, is dumb and genuinely funny at regular enough intervals to keep watching. One could successfully have this on in the background during a party and it could actually be part of the festivities. Some of the funniest caps on Brian Wilson I've ever seen outside of Alec Baldwin doing him on *SNL* are here, as well as dumb Beatles gags (Jack Black is Paul McCartney), and a brief glimpse of Johnny Cash as a punk rocker. Consistently dumb but funny.



Finally, re-viewing *River's Edge* — with Crispin Glover as an uncanny recreation of one of my best high school friends and the keyboardist in one of my early rock bands — was rewarding. Not unlike so many women who found themselves watching the summer release of *Sex and the City: The Movie*, I found myself watching Keanu Reeves and company and saying to myself, "These are the people I grew up with. It's like a camera was following me around." A newly transplanted San Diegan, an old high school chum of mine, Jon Venn, said that very thing when he rented it for me. In turn, I almost had the gratifying pleasure of leaning across the counter at Kensington Video and smarmily telling one of the very cool employees there, "And I'll take care of the gentleman's *Happyness*." When I recommended that movie (with Philip Seymour Hoffman among other bankable names) to Dr. Venn, I was a little too slow on the draw with my wallet, though. *Happyness* comes highly recommended by me. The odds are even, however, that as many who might thank me for it are as likely to gag at certain bits and hit eject.

Two others, quickly. I thoroughly enjoyed 1980s releases *Drugstore Cowboy* and *My Own Private Idaho*. You may not.

There you have my summer observations to date. Join me, won't you, for the next installment of Summer Celluloid coming soon to a newsstand near you.

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